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Temple Beth El Service Schedule

Services

Monday Morning	8:00 A.M.
Thursday Morning	8:00 A.M.
Friday Shabbat Evening	5:30 P.M.

Services and Kiddush Hosted by the Temple Beth El Sisterhood

Saturday Shabbat Morning	9:30 A.M.

Dear Friends,
To help make a minyan. Please join us.

Temple Beth El Office Hours
Monday - Thursday: 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING - 5778

January 5th	4:22 P.M.
January 12th	4:30 P.M.
January 19th	4:38 P.M.
January 29th	4:51 P.M.

Please notify Temple of any **ADDRESS CHANGES** you may have for the ***winter or summer months***, we need these address changes if we are to continue sending the bulletin – Thank You.

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Temple Beth El Cantor's Message

On the Shabbat of Chanukah, one of those attending services asked me a question about the haftarah. In one verse, Joshua the High Priest is standing before the angel of God, and *hasatan* is standing to his right, to accuse him. "*Hasatan*?" he asked, "Satan?"

I said that the Hebrew word *satan* means accuser, and that when it says *hasatan*, or The Accuser, it refers to the angel who served as the prosecutor in the Heavenly Court. In Judaism, then, Satan is an officer of the court, and by no means an independent agent.

Our other glimpse of Satan in the Tanach is in the Book of Job. God is showing Job off to Satan as a good man. Satan challenges God, suggesting that Job is so good because of how well God treats him. "Stretch forth your hand and touch all that he has," says Satan, "and will he not blaspheme you to your face?"

What is key here is that, every time Satan wants to do something to Job he first has to get God's ok. Again, he is <u>not</u> an independent agent and certainly not working at cross-purposes to God. This seems at odds with the popular conception of Satan as God's adversary. We can probably thank John Milton for that. This popular conception is not compatible with Jewish belief. How so?

Let us consider the *Shma*: Hear, O Israel – *Adonai* our God, *Adonai* is one! It is not just a declaration that we worship a single deity, although, of course, we do. It is a statement that God and <u>only</u> God is responsible for everything in the universe. This is no less a revolutionary viewpoint than that of there being only one God.

God is one. Consequently, everything that happens comes from God. This is hard to reconcile. As the Yiddish phrase

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acknowledges, "*Schver zu zein a Yid,"* It's tough to be a Jew.

We have seen various sporting events where an athlete successfully completes a play of some sort, and makes a gesture of thanks to heaven. Since God is responsible for everything, by rights the player should make the same gestures when she or he flubs a play or suffers a disappointment. If God is responsible for everything, then God is behind the letdowns just as much as the triumphs.

But how can God be responsible for bad things? If God is all-good, how can anything bad come of that? It was questions like this that led Rabbi Harold Kushner to write his well-known book, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People." Rabbi Kushner posits three attributes for God: all-knowing, all-powerful, all-caring. He then says that God can be any two of these three, but not all three.

As Chaim Potok's Reuven Malter says in "The Promise", I agree with his questions, but not his answers. If God is not all-powerful and all-knowing and all-caring then it seems to me that ours is not so much a great and awesome God. But we are still left to confront the dilemma Kushner presents: knowing what we know of the world, how can we profess that God has all three attributes?

Let us consider a parent and child who go to the pediatrician, where the child gets a shot. The child, in pain, might well wonder: doesn't my parent love me? If so, why would they allow me to suffer this pain? In fact, the parent arranges for the shot because of their love for the child, knowing that the child's pain is in order to forestall a greater discomfort. The child, through no fault of their own, simply lacks the perspective to understand this.

Perhaps our situation is similar. Events occur that make no sense to us. The evil prosper, the innocent suffer. "Doesn't God love us," we cry. "If so, why do the innocent suffer?" If we are willing to admit that we may not know as much as God, we must also allow for the possibility that what appears to us as an injustice is, in fact, not. It may be that we, through no fault of our own, simply lack the perspective to understand how such things are actually manifestations of God's love.

Let us think on the words that Gene Wilder says as Rabbi Avram Belinsky in "The Frisco Kid":

> He gives us strength when we're suffering. He gives us compassion when all that we feel is hatred. He gives us courage when we're searching around blindly like little mice in the darkness.

It is not given to us to know and understand everything, in spite of our best efforts. Where we fall short, we can call on God to supplement our knowledge with strength, compassion and courage. We may use these additional lenses to see the world, if not more clearly, then more fully.

Cantor Socolof

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Temple Beth El President's Message

L'Chaim! To Life! Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2018!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new families from Siberia to the Temple Beth El Family. After four days of travel, Alexander and Natalya Suvorov and Stanislav and Tatiana Karyagin with their eleven children arrived in Utica at the end of November. They brought to temple friendly smiles and the hope of a new and exciting life in our country and our congregation.

At the end of 2017, Cantor Kal Socolof will step down from his teaching position at HCC after 38 ½ years. I would like to wish him all the best as he enters the coming years of retirement. He has touched many lives during his career and I am sure his presence at HCC will be missed. Congratulations, Kal!

On January 20th, Kal will be speaking at our Lunch and Learn. Please make your reservations for this Shabbat Luncheon.

Once again the students of the Religious School enjoyed a Chanukah Party at the Sitrin Home. There were games with prizes, art activities, wonderful desserts and of course latkes! We thank Sitrin for hosting us once again.

A "grate"ful thanks to the ladies of TBE that helped prepare the latkes for the Chanukah Dinner. Ann Siegel, Judy Finer, Ann Nathan, Mundy Shapiro, Rae Rosenfeld, Tanya Samoshuk, Natalia Samoshuk, Natalya Suvorov and Lisa Philipson. Thank you to Rita Davan for her assistance with all the details which were greatly appreciated. Thank you to Avlim for the hours of set up, clean up and the behind the scenes work. It was a joint effort by the TBE and TE Sisterhoods and I thank Caren, Rachel, Leslie, Dori and Leigh for their assistance. A generous donation was made by the JCC to purchase the brisket for this community event. Thank you!

L'Chaim,
Marsha

Star Bakery News

Star Bakery is still a Kosher bakery under the supervision of Rabbi Howard Matasar.

The bakery on Catherine Street in Utica closed to retail business.

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and
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Sunday

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Temple Beth El
Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

I printed this in the bulletin many years ago, I find it is still very meaningful so I thought it is a good message to start 2018. If any part of this touches our mind or heart it is worthwhile.

The following message was written by George Carlin, What interesting words from a man we think of in terms of humor.

I first saw this article in the bulletin from the Kresseth Israel Synagogue in Gloversville, NY.

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more convenience, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgement, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.

We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast food and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are the days of quick tips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when you can choose either to share this insight or just hit delete.

Remember, spend some time with loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember, to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there anymore.

Give time to love, give time to speak and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take away our breath away.

A very healthy, happy and good 2018 to all of you.

Mundy

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In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of our beloved member

Ruth Dresher Cohen

The Congregation extends their deepest sympathy

A Message From:

The Men's Club President

Utica College Hockey Night

What fun, look at all the smiles.
A great time was had by all

MEMORIAL BOARDS

The long hallway where Temple Beth El's sanctuary and office are located contains our Memorial Boards. If you have a family member that you would like to memorialize, and have a memorial light lit on the week of their yahrzeit year after year you may call the office. The cost of the plaque is $300.00.

For any questions or additional information to honor or memorialize a loved one call the office at 724 4751.

Mundy

SIMCHA BOARDS

Temple Beth El has Simcha Boards to celebrate birthdays, Bat and Bar Mitzvahs, anniversaries, graduations, weddings and honors.

If there is someone in your family or a friend you would like to recognize you do so by sending all the necessary details to the office. For $125.00 you can make someone proud and happy forever.

Best Wished from
Temple Beth El

Kalman Socolof

has Retired from

Herkimer
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We wish him and his family a wonderful retirement from Herkimer.

We will continue to enjoy Cantor Socolof's presence at Temple Beth El for a long time.

Temple Beth El Religious School Celebrated Chanukah at Sitrin

Joint Chanukah Dinner 2017

Join us as our

Lunch and Learn Series

Continues

Saturday, January 20th

12:00 PM at Temple

Cantor Socolof will present

Topic: *It's Your Move*

(Various physical movements made during traditional prayer services)

Please RSVP to either
Mundy at Temple Beth El 724-4751 or
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February 10th - Rabbi Bamberger

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Temple Beth El Simcha Grams

February 2018

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Marsey Rosenblum	07	Edward and Melissa Kowalsky	2/20/2007
Tara Jonas	08		
Adam Oster	08		
Charles Manning	13		
Victor Pearlman	16		
Susie Zeidner	16		
Elise Feiner	17		
Jerome Socolof	18		
Shona Rosenblum	19		
Norman Neslin	21		
Elaine Brown	22		
Abbe Nathan Gross	23		
Judy Nathan Schomer	23		
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Name: _____
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Please call the Temple Office 724-4751, if you wish to add any names to the list

Temple Beth El January 2018/5778 Yahrzeit Records

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of January 6 to 12, 2018
19 to 25 Tevet 5778
These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday January 5, 2018

Barnet Berlin*	Robert Ellis*	Pearl Kushner	Moses Rosenthal*
Joseph Berson	Minnie G. Frank*	Betty Kamino Kowalsky*	Sara Smith*
Harris Berger*	Hyman Freeman*	Jennie Kamino*	Jacob Schneider*
Sarah Berger*	Jacob Goldstone*	Judson Leve*	Dorothy Movsh Smith
Zeld Berkowitz*	Sara Greenburg	Sara Reba Levinson	William T. Sitrin
Samuel L. Baker*	Flora Glick*	Roseleine Levine	Esther B. Sanzel
Bella Cramer	Anna Sarah Grossman*	Esther Levine	Ruth Weitzman*
Sara Ida Comins*	Edward W' Jacobson*	Leo Lenchner*	Charles Weinstein
Anna E. Demsky	Adrienne Gail Kroll*	Sarah R. Nusbaum*	Joseph A. Yetra*
Ella L. Eidelhoch*			

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of January 13 to 19, 2018
26 Tevet to 3 Shevat 5778
These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday January 12, 2018

David Arlen*	Sara Gennis*	Helen Levy	Samuel J. Smith*
Anna H. Bernstein*	Elaine Goldstone	Samuel M. Marmelstein*	Edward I. Shapiro*
Mary Sherline Blum	Emma Jacobson*	Joseph S. Mintzer*	Charles Sumberg*
David Berger*	Helen Kaminkowitz*	George Nusbaum*	Edward Smith*
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Jacob Coleman*	Bernard Kowalsky*	Sophie Rubin	Bernice Weiss*
Shaina Damsky*	Max Levine	Karen Silverman*	Yetta Wolfe*
Louis Freedman*	Philip A. Lewis*	Florence R. Sitrin*	Morris Woloshin*
Myron Leonard Goldstone*	Edith Lorig*	Jacob Sitrin*	Sarah Wolf*
Pincus Grossman			

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of January 20 to 26, 2018
4 to 10 Shevat 5778
These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday January 19, 2018

Anne Alderman*	Rachel Goldenson*	Milton M. Osber*	Anna E. Tumposky*
Max Brooks*	Anna Schneider Kossof*	Ethel G. Philipson*	Rose Taylor*
Max Benjamin*	Harry Kamino*	Max J. Philipson*	Meyer Taylor*
Ida Cramer*	Adelaide G. Lumberg*	Lena Rosenthal*	Anna L. Wolfe*
David L. Cohen*	Fanny Lindey*	Frances Katzman Revitch*	Louis Wineburgh*
Dorothy Dumain*	Sarah Levine*	Saria Singer*	Eliyucum Wineburgh*
Charles Finer	Mary Levenson*	Anna Schwartz*	Hyman Wertheim
Regina C. Friedlander*	Milton S. Manning*	Hinda Tumposky*	Samuel J. Wolfe*
Jewel Friedlander*	Ruth Movsh*	Elka Targer*	Rebecca Weinstein*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of January 27 to February 2, 2018
11 to 17 Shevat 5778
These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday January 26, 2018

Beretha Blumberg*	Anna Goldman*	Samuel Meyers*	Gertrude Frankel Stahl*
Frances Winnick Cohen*	Harvey Harris	Daniel Meyers	Solomon Simon*
Harvey Fink*	Herbert Kopel*	Bessie G. Manning*	Dr. Alfred Sumberg
Dora M. Freedman*	Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kirschstein*	Louis G. Payne	Samuel L. Simon*
Bessie N. Freeman*	Robert Kowalsky*	Ben Slater	Mollie Sherman*
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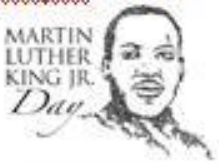
14 TE Religious School 9:30 AM Cohen Baby Naming 12:15PM	**15** Minyan 8:00 AM 	**16**	**17** TE Religious School 4:00 PM	**18** TBE Minyan 8:00 TBE Religious School 4:00 PM	**19** TBE Service 5:30 TE Service 7:00	**20** TBE Service 9:30 AM Lunch and Learn with Cantor Socolof 12:00 PM
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