

# The Temple Times

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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.
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### SHAVUOT SERVICES

Sunday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 A.M.
Monday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 A.M.
Yiskor Service	

### CANDLE LIGHTING - 5778

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:47 P.M.
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:55 P.M.
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:03 P.M.
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:09 P.M.
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:16 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.

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!



**Temple Beth El Organization**

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**Temple Beth El Cantor's Message**

Not long ago a friend of mine shared an item on Facebook. It was a picture of a laminated card that is kept in the pews of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charleston, South Carolina. With the permission of the kind folks at that church, I am presenting it here in a slightly modified form:

**TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN MAY WE SUGGEST...**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Service and actions of the Cantor, gabayim, etc.

Sing and read with the rest of the congregation. Children learn how to behave in synagogue by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back.

Remember that the way we welcome children in Temple directly affects the way they respond to shul, to God and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

**TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION**

The presence of children is a gift to the Temple and a reminder that our congregation is growing.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

I am happy to note that the number of young children regularly attending our services has increased dramatically of late. As a rule,  
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## Temple Beth El Cantor's Message

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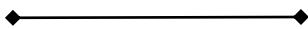
these children are quite well-behaved, and only the youngest seem to give their parents cause to temporarily take them out of the room. They sing along with the prayers and are very enthusiastic about having access to kiss the Torah during our hakafot. The members of our congregation are tolerant and encouraging of their junior fellow congregants.

In other words, our congregation does not seem to need to be told that which is on the laminated cards. The children who attend are learning, from their parents, grandparents and the rest of the attendees, how to behave in the synagogue. More importantly, they are learning to make synagogue attendance a part of their regular routine.

Many years ago, I was in a different synagogue when a small child started talking. Not crying or complaining, just talking. The parents tried to shush the child. The rabbi said, "Do not stop the child when he is praying!"

If you have not done so recently, I encourage you to attend one of our Shabbat morning services and see for yourself the energy that a dozen or so young ones bring to a congregation. You may find it refreshing and rejuvenating. I have.

Cantor Socolof



## Temple Beth El President's Message

Happy Spring,

The preparations for the Schwartz Kallah/Waldman Lecture have been underway for the last few months. Please mark your calendars for June 1-3 and plan to join your fellow congregants to reminisce. The

weekend is packed with many activities and opportunities to come together as a community. Check out the flyer in this issue for the Kallah/Waldman Lecture.

Our religious school students have created writings and pieces of art for a time capsule. When the capsule is opened, the future congregants will be able to see what it was like at temple in 2018.

Our religious school is in need of new teachers for the 2018-19 school year. Please contact me if you are interested or know someone that would like to teach.

Shavuot will be on May 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>. Yiskor will be observed on Monday morning during the 9:30 a.m. service. Please help us make a minyan for those wishing to remember their loved ones.

Congratulations to Logan Oster and Gleb Samoshuk on becoming Bar Mitzvahs in April.

Thank you to everyone involved in the Passover Seder. Many hours are needed to prepare for this dinner and those that attended reaped the benefits. Many thanks to Mundy for taking the lead on the dinner preparation, to Cantor Socolof for conducting an informative and conservative Seder and to Rita and Avlim for making everything seem so easy when we all know it is not.

If you would like to lead or present a short sermon during our summer services please call the office.

Here's to May flowers!

Shalom  
Marsha



## Temple Beth El Executive Director's Message



***“Go to the women first”***; Moses was told by God. Acquaint them with the principles of Judaism. The men will follow the women's acceptance of these principles and set the pattern of learning for her family.

Shavuot celebrates the birthday of our religion. Shavuot makes us keenly aware that it is in the home that the Ten Commandments are stressed. By the emphasis on honoring our parents, the observance of a day of rest and through the inculcation of the love of God, the woman sets the moral example throughout the home.

Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks is a serious and dignified holiday in late May or early June, it falls on the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> of Sivan; May 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> and has more than one name. Pentecost, the fiftieth day after the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Pesach, Hag Habikurim, Feast of the First Fruits and Zemen Matan Toratenu, Season of the Giving of the Torah, (The Ten Commandments).

We observe Shavuot in the Temple, Yizkor is observed the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, it is customary to serve dairy to suggest the agricultural nature of the festival. Shavuot is a lovely holiday in a lovely season, even in the Mohawk Valley.

Let's not forget to celebrate Mother's Day on May 13<sup>th</sup>, a happy day to all our lovely Mom's

Happy days to all,  
Mundy



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### CEMETERY FUND

**In Memory Of:** Goldie Sitrin, Gordon Manning and Sadie H. Nusbaum

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## Temple Beth El 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.

## Temple Beth El 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



## Temple Beth El Religious School

Teachers needed for the 2018-19 school year. Please call the office at 315-724-4751 if you would like to help our young students.

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### A note about the Blue Boxes that are a symbol of tzedakah in all our homes.

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You may purchase a beautiful Tzedakah Box from Hadassah for this purpose.

Please drop off your Blue Box at Temple or the JCC.

Thank you, Marsha



## Cemetery News

### Spring Cleaning

at

Temple Beth El Cemetery  
House of Israel Cemetery  
Shaarei Tefillah Cemetery  
Mason Road Cemetery  
Jonathan Lodge Cemetery

It is time to think about cleaning headstones and footstones at our cemeteries.

Last year we cut down trees, repaired some of the fencing (there is lots more to do), had stone work done at the front entrance, reset some stones that were tipping, and did extensive yard work beyond the usual mowing.

In the past 3 years we have cleaned more than 200 headstones and footstones and what a difference it made. Our cemeteries are beginning to look so beautiful and well cared for. We are so proud of the effort that many families made to beautify their cemetery plots. However there are many more stones that need our tender loving care.

#### **The cost is very reasonable:**

- Headstones \$50.00
- Footstones \$35.00

If you are planning to have your family plot cleaned send a note, send an email or give us a call and we will take care of the rest.

**Perhaps you could even send a little extra and have a headstone or footstone cleaned for someone who has no family left to care for their plot.**

## Future Planning Cemetery Plots

As many of you know we now own 5 cemeteries that we are responsible for. We do this to maintain the dignity and memories of our ancestors.

One of the results of this increase in responsibility is increased maintenance costs. In order to continue our policy of Perpetual Care we need to increase the cost of new graves and plots.

The new costs are as follows and apply to all Cemeteries owned by The Temple Beth El Cemetery Corporation.

### **Effective August 1, 2018**

One Grave Plot - \$600.00  
Two Grave Plots - \$1100.00  
Four Grave Plots - \$2000.00  
Eight Grave Plots - \$3800.00

In order to purchase a plot or grave in The Temple Beth El Cemetery, the purchaser must be a member in good standing of Temple Beth El.

If you are purchasing a new grave the deed will be issued after the full payment is made.



# Schwartz Kallah / Waldman Lecture

**Our Schwartz Kallah / Waldman Weekend is around the corner, on June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd!** There is so much history to share, and we hope as many people as possible will come to share their parts in it. After the opening refreshments, we're starting things off with brief remarks by a few long-time community members; we're only too aware of how many such venerable congregants could have been featured in that role and would gladly have taken up the assignment. As detailed at the bottom of the page, the Social Hall will be an exhibition space all weekend long; we hope as many people as possible will bring pictures speaking to the history of the community and will add significant events to the timeline. We hope, too, that throughout the weekend the Social Hall will also be a space for storytelling, pontificating, conversation, and re/connection. The weekend builds to a final session explicitly dedicated to the sharing of memories from both communities over the many decades of Utica Jewish history (we only have a video from Emanu-El so far, but would be thrilled to have complementary material on Beth El if anyone can provide it). If all goes according to plan, the remarks, the presentations, the activities, the photos, the news stories, and most importantly the people gathered will spark all manner of memories, thoughts, and new ambitions. We hope those will be shared most volubly, all weekend long and especially in the closing session.

## **Our provisional schedule:**

### **Friday, June 1st**

- 6:30 Preneg: wine, cheese, crudités, heavy hors-d'oeuvres
- 7:00 "Looking Back to Look Forward"--brief remarks by Dan Cohen, Andi & Rick Dinerstein and Roz Fisher, Linda Freedman, and David Goldbas
- 7:30 Joint Shabbat service embracing both communities

### **Saturday, June 2nd**

- 12:00 Cooking Workshop with Joe Silberlicht, dedicated to the Judaicizing of a traditional local dish. We're thinking right now of inventing Jew-tica Greens.
- 6:00 Potluck Dinner
- 7:00 "Utica and its Jews: A Microcosm of Modern Jewish History"--lecture by Hasia Diner, Paul and Sylvia Steinberg Professor of American Jewish History at NYU

### **Sunday, June 3rd**

- 1:00 Cemetery Tour
- 3:00 Screening of *In God's House*, a documentary film about religion and immigration in Utica in recent decades; plus Q & A with director Robert Knight and producer S. Brent Plate
- 3:00 (also) Children's Activities: half-moon frosting and decorating, creation of a time capsule to be opened by synagogue youth in 2068, and card-making for homebound elders
- 4:30 Screening of a short video about Emanu-El's founders, followed by reminiscences, dialogue, and noshing

We'll also have on display a variety of visual materials, including highlights from decades of JCC newsletters; selections from Rabbi Solomon Joshua Kohn's *The Jewish Community of Utica, New York, 1847-1948*; video greetings from Uticans afield; and photographs documenting and celebrating the history of the community. We hope everyone who can will bring along at least one photo (to be returned at the end of the weekend) for a collective montage commemorating the community's development, and we hope that all those with long family histories in town will be able to add salient events to the communal timeline. Both the photo montage and the timeline will be up, and growing, all weekend long. Thank you! (Questions: please contact Benjamin Widiss: [bwidiss@yahoo.com](mailto:bwidiss@yahoo.com))



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## Temple Beth El Simha Grams


**SIMCHA GRAM**  
**June 2018**


<b>JUNE BIRTHDAYS</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>JUNE ANNIVERSARIES</b>	<b>Date</b>
Marian Freeman	04	Richard and Birdye Wolfe	6/10/1956
Rabbi Stanley Gerstein	05	Mel and Judy Oster	6/16/1974
Ellen Samuels	05	Paul and Lana Franklin	6/20/1970
Bob Cohen	07	Norman and Ann Siegel	6/21/1964
Roz Fisher	09	Norman and Ellie Neslin	6/22/1980
Steven Kowalsky	11		
Murray Kirshtein	22		
Ruth Berkowitz	28		
Norman Brown	28		
Dr. Steven Levine	28		
Marc Jonas	29		
Dianne Kirshtein	29		

Enclosed is \$1.50 per name that I have indicated. I have enclosed a check made out to the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (#) of Simcha Grams

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**Rae Rosenfeld**  
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I have printed my name and date as I wish it to appear on the Simcha Gram.

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 May 2018/5778 Yahrzeit Records

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of May 5 to 11, 2018  
20 to 26 Iyar 5778

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday May 4, 2018

Simon Arlen*	Jennie Edelstein*	Ray Kleiman*	Goldie Markson Rosen*
Gittel Antovil*	Dr. Howard Engel*	Maurice S. Levinson*	Reba Levee Ribyat*
Muriel Bonnett*	Joseph A. Grossman*	Harry Levin*	Eva Schnier*
Sarah Brenner*	Esther Gordon Gusk*	Ruth LeBlang*	Anne Leventhal Sonne*
Hattie Wineburgh Brill*	Harriet J. Goldstein*	Paul B. Levinson*	Leonard Singer*
Nathan Cohen*	David Goldstein	Sylvia Margolis*	William Tapper*
Israel Cohen*	Libbie R. Holstein*	Belle Rosenthal*	Mortimer H. Vyner*
Sheila Beth Danner*	Abe Meme Jacobson*	Ida Dvora Rosen*	Rachel Wineburgh Wallace*
Morris Dresher	Abraham Kowalsky*	Paul Rogow*	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of May 12 to 18, 2018  
27 Iyar to 4 Sivan 5778

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday May 11, 2018

Joseph M. Abramson*	Harry Dresher*	Ethel Laine*	Samuel Smith*
Meyer Boff*	Morris Friedman*	Jacob Lurie*	Sarah Tumposky Snyder*
Harry Bonnett*	Joel M. Galinn*	Mollye H. Levy*	Israel Saltzburg*
Howard Blaugrund*	Betty Ilfelder*	Rita Markson*	Samuel Stern*
Myron Berger*	Julius B. Kay*	Harris G. Nathan*	Eleanor L. Savett*
Mildred Brooks	Rose Krohngold*	Anne Fine Pressler*	Rae Sitrin*
Selma Bell*	Ralph L. Krohn*	Irving Picker*	Cynthia Slavin
Bertha G. Caplan*	Rosalind Kaplan	Rhoda Rosen*	Martin Saltzman
Edward Coleman	Arthur Levinson*	Evelyn S. Simons*	Samuel Weinstein*
Sarah Cynkus*			

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of May 19 to 25, 2018  
5 to 11 Sivan 5778

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday May 18, 2018

Sarah Krohn Bernstein*	Anne H. Greene*	Bella Gurno Kirschstein*	Libby Picker*
Rachel Bartnick*	Julius Greenburg*	Rochel Kay*	Elizabeth Rizika*
Edward Brooks*	Nettie S. Galinsky*	Gertrude R. Leventhal*	Rose Hymes Reisman*
Elizabeth Cominsky*	Gary S. Gilbert*	Rose Zier Landset*	Manuel Saltzburg*
Harry Cynkus*	Anne Hoffman*	Morris Levine	Eva L. Slater*
Louis Damsky*	Dora Newman Jacobson*	Ruben Margolis*	Meyer Joseph Smith*
Ethel Finer	Herman B. Kowalsky*	Samuel Newman*	Esther (Essie) Shapiro
Reba Starer Freeman*			Michael Yust*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of May 26 to June 1, 2018  
12 to 18 Sivan 5778

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday May 25, 2018

Isabelle Alpert*	Bessie Goldberg*	William Leve*	Manuel Rosen*
Harry A. Brill*	William Greene*	Frances Jacobson Lurie*	Asher B. Yoseph Rivlin*
Herman Berkowitz*	Elias H. Goldman*	Stanton Lacher	Florence Smith*
Dr. Marvin Berkowitz*	Bertha L. Harris*	Sally Lorig*	Marshall R. Starer*
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# MAY 2018

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<b>20 Shavuot</b> TBE Shavuot Service 9:30 AM TE Shavuot at Unitarian Church 10:30 AM followed by Lunch at TE 12:00 (See flyer)	<b>21</b> TBE Yiskor Service 9:30 AM TE Men's Club Lunch at Sammy's 12:30 PM	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> TE Finance Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>24</b> Minyan 8:00 AM TE Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>25</b> TBE Service 5:30 TE Service 6:00	<b>26</b> TBE Service 9:30 AM Bagels and Torah 9:30 AM
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