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Temple Beth El Service Schedule



Services

Monday Morning	8:00 A.M.
Thursday Morning	9:00 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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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 - 5779

May 3 rd	7:46 P.M.
May 10 th	7:54 P.M.
May 17 th	8:02 P.M.
May 24 th	8:09 P.M.
May 31 st	8:15 P.M.

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

*Temple Beth El's
Centennial Celebration
October 25th and 26th 2019*

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Temple Beth El Cantor's Message

On April 9th, Israel held national elections. Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party edged Benny Gantz's Blue and White party to take 36 seats in the Knesset against Gantz's 35. The results reflect the fact that, like so many recent elections in democratic countries, the electorate is split. While many have talked and written about what these results portend for Israel, I would like to take this space to discuss the answer to an age-old question: Is it good for the Jews?

The answer is yes for some. Specifically, if you are an ultra-orthodox Jew this is very good news. For those of us who are not, and this represents the great majority of Jews in North America, the news isn't so good.

First, the good news. Netanyahu is a staunch defender of Israel and its borders. He is unlikely to accept any proposal that would in any way threaten Israel's security or existence. Those who attempt any action against Israel should expect to face swift and resolute retribution.

Now the bad news: like any politician, Netanyahu has made deals. In his case, he has thrown in with the ultra-Orthodox religious parties. As a result, they are likely to exert even more influence over questions of Jewish identity in Israel. Will this affect us here in America? Probably not directly, unless we or one of our children decide to move to Israel and then get married. Matters of family law in Israel (marriage, divorce) as well as the questions of who qualifies as a Jew under the Law of Return are under the jurisdiction of the rabbinate, and in Israel, that means Orthodox rabbinate.

To be sure, these matters have been hot topics of late. A Jew who chooses to make Aliyah is automatically accepted as a citizen of Israel. Since there is no civil marriage in Israel, you must be Jewish to be married by a Rabbi. But how do you prove that you are

Jewish? You must prove (with documentation, of course) that your mother and her mother are/were Jewish or produce witnesses amenable to the rabbinate to testify to this. How many of us could meet this standard, especially when non-Orthodox documentation is discounted?

Additionally, the outlook for groups such as Women of the Wall seems grim. Those who currently control the holy sites are not renowned for their inclusivity and they now have little incentive to go in that direction. Yes, the election was very close. One might conjecture that Likud and its partners would adopt a policy of unification. While possible, it would be counter to most recent history. It is reasonable to expect that the religious parties will take every opportunity to press their advantage with the government.

In short, some of us who have always thought of Israel as our other home may find that the door may not be quite as open as we had hoped. It is with no joy that I write this, and I pray that I may be wrong, but it seems that Israel will continue to be a difficult place to live fully as a practicing non-Orthodox Jew.

Cantor Socolof

◆————◆
Mazel Tov
to the
Karyagin Family



Temple Beth El President's Message

"Appreciation is a wonderful thing.

**It makes what is excellent in others
belong to us as well." Voltaire**

I am grateful for my fellow volunteers and employees of both congregations that give of their time and effort to maintain our programs and services. They work behind the scenes to ensure all goes smoothly and rarely are acknowledged. Thank you all!

I would like to extend congratulations to Rachel Silverman who will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah later this month.

A Mazel Tov to the Karyagin Family on the birth of their son, David.

Yiskor will be observed on **Saturday, April 27th** during the Shabbat Service. On the last day of Passover, join us to remember your loved ones.

The Helen and Leon Sperling Holocaust Lecture will be on **Thursday, May 2nd at 7:30**. Child survivor, Helen Levinson will share her remarkable story at the JCC.

The Walk for Israel will take place on **May 19th**. We will meet at temple at 4:00PM and finish with supper at the JCC. Why not make it a family affair and show your support for the Jewish Homeland?

We are still looking for family photos from your temple events to share during the Centennial Celebration on October 25th and 26th. We have received many ads and congratulatory messages for the program book. If you have not submitted yours, please mail, email or fax it to the office.

Shalom,
Marsha

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off at the JCC or Temple.**

Thank you, Marsha

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Temple Beth El Executive Director's Message



Dear Friends,

I hope Spring will really be here by the time you receive this bulletin, on the day I am writing this it is in the 30's.

We have just celebrated a lovely Seder with Temple Emanu-El. Rabbi Schaktman led a wonderful Seder this year and it was a pleasure to again enjoy the First Seder with Temple Emanu-El.

On May 2nd we will observe Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day at the Leon and Helen Sperling Holocaust Lecture at the JCC. May 23rd is Lag Ba'omer the 33rd day of the Omer.

We are working to make our 100 year celebration special, watch your mail and the bulletin to remain informed. Spread the word to friends and family, send in photos and articles to add to the memories.

Sounds like we have happy, joyous days ahead. Join us for services, stop in and say hello.

The best to everyone,
Mundy

100th!

Deadline for your pictures, stories and ads is fast approaching. With summer vacations we don't want you to forget to send us your memories.

Deadline is August 10th.

In Memory of
Ida Cohen



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We are starting a fundraiser for the Temple Beth El Cemetery Corporation. The monies raised will be used to place benches in our five cemeteries.

Memorial benches with a plaque may be purchased for \$350.00 each.

Donations of any amount will be appreciated.



HELP US LOCATE FAMILIES

If you know anyone who has family buried in any of our cemeteries that have family members who have gravestones in disrepair please ask them to contact us or simply send us their address and we will contact them. This way when they come to visit their loved one they will be greeted with a clean well maintained monument.

Please continue to return your
list of family

and friends addresses for the
100th Centennial Celebration.

We have received quite a few and look forward to more.

100!



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

MORE STORIES AND PICTURES PLEASE

We have several boxes of old pictures from Temple Beth El but we would like some newer ones; for example your wedding picture, a photo you have from Israel, your children when they were little (or you) or a Bar/Bat Mitzvah etc. Those pictures are our history too and would mean so much.

Temple Beth El Simcha Grams



June 2019



JUNE BIRTHDAYS	Date	JUNE ANNIVERSARIES	Date
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		
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

Mail to:

**Rae Rosenfeld
3008 Oneida Street
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Due by the 15th of the month

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

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Please call the Temple Office 724-4751, if you wish to add any names to the list

Temple Beth El's



Purim Celebration



Please join us for the
**Annual Helen and Leon Sperling
Holocaust Memorial Lecture and
Yom HaShoah Holocaust Commemoration**

**Thursday, May 2, 2019
7:30 PM
at the Jewish Community Center**



**Meet the Speaker
Helen Levinson**

A child and teen during the Holocaust, Helen Levinson will be the speaker this year.

Helen was 10 years old when the Nazis invaded Poland. At 14, Helen was picked up by the Nazis on her way to school and sent to the concentration camp Majdanek. She spent several months of harrowing treatment. With help from someone who knew her, she was able to escape. Helen was reunited with her family for only a short time. As the horror and terror continually descended, her family decided to separate to ensure each member's safety. With an important, well thought out gift from her father, the early kindness of a few people and a keen sense of survival, Helen spent the remaining years of the war alone.

After the war, Helen was brought to the US through the sponsorship of a family friend. She lived in Rochester, NY with his sister, finished school there and graduated from the Eastman School of Music. Mrs. Levinson married, had a family and continues to live in Rochester.

*We invite you to carpool as parking is limited at the JCC
and next door at Georgian Courts.*



Please join the
Silverman family as
Rachel Maya

Daughter of Dan and Judy
Becomes a Bat Mitzvah
May 11, 2019 / 6th of Iyar 5779

*Friday Night
Service
May 10th at 5:30 PM*

*Oneg Shabbat
Hosted by
Rachel's Parents*

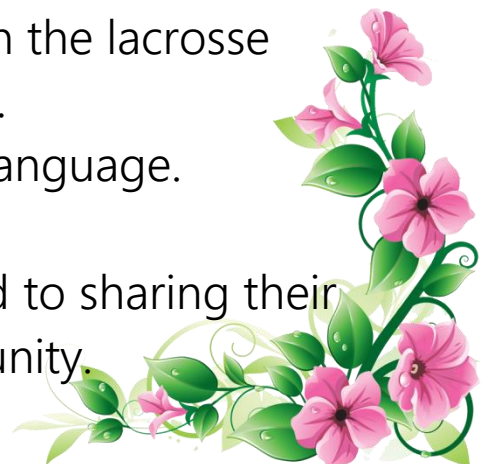


*Saturday Morning
Service
May 11th at 9:30 AM*

*Kiddush Luncheon
Hosted by
Rachel's Parents*

Rachel is a student at Whitesboro Middle School.
She plays tenor saxophone and is on the lacrosse
and field hockey teams.
She is learning American Sign Language.

Rachel's family and friends look forward to sharing their
joyous day with our community.



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In a world filled with so many challenges, be a part of the solution!

Temple Beth El May Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of May 4 to 10, 2019, 29 Nisan to 5 Iyar 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday May 3, 2019

Janet Marjorie Abelson*	Israel L. Cramer*	Rosa K. Goldberg*	Roy Pollicove*
Dr. Edward Berman	Rose Cohen*	Maynard Jaffey*	Syra Sirk Philipson*
Jennie Bedzofsky*	Esther L. Cummins	Lillian Steinberg Kall*	A. Jacob Rothstein*
Sidney Boyer*	Anna Boff Copeland*	Dr. Arthur G. Kowalsky*	Bluma Siegel*
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Herman Blumberg*	Lester P. Eidelhoch*	Bettye P. Kaplan*	Dora Savett*
Alick Bartnick*	Moishe Friedman*	Herman E. Kowalsky*	Joseph Sherman*
Alex Bartnick*	Freda A. Grossman*	Gordon Manning*	Morris Tavrow*
Louis Bernstein*			Charles Trapnick*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of May 11 to 17, 2019, 6 to 12 Iyar 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday May 10, 2019

Ruth Arlen*	Temma Fialko*	Hyman C. Levine	Hyman Savlov*
Charles B. Bellis*	Julius I. Frankel*	Anna W. Miller*	Betty Sonne*
Isaac Cominsky*	Edward S. Freedman*	Alfred Melzer*	Clara Savett*
Helen Cramer*	Isadore E. Goldbas*	Doris Mettleman Meyer*	Evelyn M. Smith*
Rebecca Chazan*	Jacob Jacobson*	Harry Rockowitz*	Norman Abraham Tapper*
David Copeland*	William Kohn	Sam Sugarman*	Harry Tapper*
Harriet Ellis*	Mabel Levine*	Sally Samuels	Louis Wineberg*
Abraham Eidelhoch*			Lena Zeitlin*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of May 18 to 24, 2019, 13 to 19 Iyar 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday May 17, 2019

Samuel Alpert*	Samuel Frankman*	Samuel Kowalsky*	William Sugarman*
Geza Burger*	Miriam E. Fine*	Ida Kowalsky*	Adele Smith*
William Brooks*	Anna L. Finkelstein*	Benjamin Kurtzman*	Alexander S. Saltzburg*
Lynn Grossman Broehm*	Ethel F. Gray*	Felix Laine*	Lewis Savlov*
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Dora W. Dawson*	Paul Eugene Gusky*	Sarah Mallison Nelson*	George M. Silverman*
Samuel Fink*	Maryasha Horwitz*	Benjamin Y. Rosenblum*	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of May 25 to 31, 2019, 20 to 26 Iyar 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday May 24, 2019

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 Gusky*	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*	

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Temple Beth El May Yahrzeits

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The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of June 1 to 7, 2019, 27 Iyar to 4 Sivan 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday May 31, 2019

Joseph M. Abramson*	Morris Friedman*	Bella Gurno Kirschstein*	Rhoda Rosen*
Meyer Boff*	Ethel Finer	Arthur Levinson*	Evelyn S. Simons*
Harry Bonnett*	Joel M. Galinn*	Ethel Laine*	Samuel Smith*
Howard Blaugrund*	Anne H. Greene*	Jacob Lurie*	Sarah Tumposky Snyder*
Myron Berger*	Julius Greenburg*	Mollye H. Levy*	Israel Saltzburg*
Mildred Brooks	Anne Hoffman*	Rita Markson*	Samuel Stern*
Selma Bell*	Betty Illfelder*	Ruben Margolis*	Eleanor L. Savett*
Sarah Krohn Bernstein*	Julius B. Kay*	Harris G. Nathan*	Rae Sitrin*
Bertha G. Caplan*	Rose Krohngold*	Samuel Newman*	Cynthia Slavin
Edward Coleman	Ralph L. Krohn*	Anne Fine Pressler*	Martin Saltzman
Sarah Cynkus*	Rosalind Kaplan	Irving Picker*	Manuel Saltzburg*
Elizabeth Cominsky*	Herman B. Kowalsky*	Libby Picker*	Samuel Weinstein*
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