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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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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

February 1 st	4:45 P.M.
February 8 th	5:04 P.M.
February 15 th	5:14 P.M.
February 22 nd	5:23 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

SAVE THESE DATES

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Temple Beth El Cantor's Message

No doubt, you have seen a movie or read a book that starts out in a particular fashion and then, part-way through, takes a sharp and unforeseen turn and becomes a different kind of work entirely. That sudden switch is more than just a story-telling device. It serves to keep you interested and more engaged with what comes next.

The Torah does much the same thing right about this point in the year. From *Parshat B'rayshit* to *Yitro*, which we read on the last *Shabbat* of January, the Torah is primarily a narrative, with a few *mitzvot* thrown in. There are only three *mitzvot* in the entire book of Genesis, and only 22 in the book of Exodus before *Yitro* (and of those 22, 17 relate to Passover). Up to that point, then, we come across only four percent of all of *mitzvot*. The fact is, we barely notice their absence, as we are easily caught up in the stories of the creation, the flood, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekkah, Jacob, Leah, Rachel and their children, Moses and the story of the Exodus. These stories, in their flow, their subtlety and their deep knowledge of the human condition, have proved timeless over the millenia.

But here the Torah does a 180. With little warning, it changes to a book that is a book of laws, with some narrative thrown in. Yes, each of the last four books has at least one *parsha* with no *mitzvot*, but over 95 percent of the 613 *mitzvot*, the bedrock foundation upon which Jewish life is situated, are found in these books. These commandments cover all aspect of life, from whom to marry to how to conduct one's business, ritual to eating, child-raising, to rules of war.

Why the change? Especially since so many people do regard the Torah as a "storybook." Actually, the answer lies in Rashi's commentary on the first verse of Genesis. He quotes Rabbi Isaac saying that it does not seem necessary to start the Torah with the

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creation; one might expect it to begin in Exodus with the first commandments given to the Israelites as a people. The reason, continues Rashi, is to make clear that God created the world, and can therefore give portions of it to whoever He sees fit. Otherwise, the Israelites' claim on the Promised Land would have no validity.

We can see, though, that the first 15 *parshiyot* of the Torah provide more than validation of a land claim; they give us context. It isn't enough (although you would think it should be) that God gave us these commandments at Sinai after personally delivering us from Egypt. We need to know why God spoke to us. Out of all the nations of the earth, how did we merit this special consideration?

By reading Genesis, we come to understand the history and nature of our relationship with God. This is not to say simply that Abraham and his descendants believed in one god and that was it. Others posited a belief in a god. Rather, it was the truly revolutionary notion that this God wanted us to behave in a particular way. Our God has expectations. It is this idea, as well as our continuing efforts to meet those expectations, that are the necessary precursor to the body of law that the Torah provides. From this point on, the Torah mostly tells us what and how. The part we read up until now tells us why.

Cantor Socolof



Temple Beth El President's Message

Hello Everyone!

I would like to use my column this month to ask for assistance in Temple Beth El's Centennial Celebration. **The date of the 100th anniversary celebration has been changed to October 25-26th.** We will be sending out letters shortly with more information. In the meantime, we would like to gather as many addresses of past members and their families, children that have moved away and friends of Temple Beth El. Invitations will be extended to anyone wishing to join in the festivities. Please email tbeutica@gmail.com, fax 315-724-6883, call 315-724-4751 or snail mail Temple Beth EL, 2710 Genesee St, Utica NY 13502 the addresses of the people you know who would like to attend our Centennial Celebration. Thank you in advance for your help.

Save the date, March 20th for a Purim Supper and Megillah reading at temple. There will be more information in the next Temple Times.

Stay well. Stay warm and smile,
Marsha

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Thank you, Marsha

Temple Beth El Executive Director Message

Dear Friends,

I am taking this opportunity to use my space in the Temple Times this month to write about a very important and special event in the long life of Temple Beth El.

Temple Beth El will celebrate its 100th birthday on October 25th and 26th with a Friday night service and Oneg Shabbat, Saturday Shabbat services and a Kiddush and Saturday evening the Centennial Celebration.

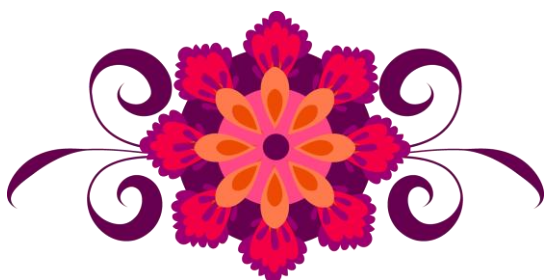
We want to make sure that all the congregations feel welcome and will join our happy occasion.

Many members of Temple Emanu-El have been Temple Beth El members, and many are members of both Temples. Our Jewish community is much smaller at this time, but we hope Temple Emanu-El, Congregation Zvi Jacob, Temple Beth Joseph and the JCC will feel very welcome to share this celebration in Utica's wonderful Jewish Community

The bulletin will keep you informed as well as E-mail, snail mail and surely word of mouth. Put us on your calendar now, October 25th and 26th, 2019. – an occasion to remember.

If you have any questions call me at 315 724 4751. I look forward to enjoying all the planning and hope to hear from everyone.

Shalom, Mundy



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CENTENNIEL CELEBRATION

We were so excited to receive another story for the 100th anniversary of Temple Beth El we thought we would share one more with you.

Submitted by "Cis" Rogers

I was born in Utica in 1922, which makes me 96 years old.

I lived in Utica during the beginning of a marvelous era for Temple Beth El. I remember Rabbis Kaufman and Jacobson. Our own Sara Freeman would tell us such great stories and put on such wonderful programs.

When the Temple was completed I remember walking with my dad and sister Vye from Melrose and Sunset Avenues each Shabbat morning for services, as we made our way down Genesee Street other children would join us and Dad's bag of candy would happily be given out during the trip.

Uncle Joe Sonneborn was the new Temple's building chairman and the dedication of the corner stone was a wonderful celebration.

My mom, Jeanette Sonneborn was a president of Sisterhood; they sure worked hard as did all the other presidents. They put on Bazaars, and a Thanksgiving Dance for us. The Men's Club did minstrels and Vaudeville shows, anything to make money and have a little fun and a few laughs.

My Uncle Joe went to Germany to the town of Breidenbach, where he retrieved a Torah and donated it to the Temple. What a joyous time that was.

I remember President Herman E. Kowalsky had the happy job of raising funds, from the members and those in the armed forces to burn the mortgage.

All these things and more were an integral part of my religious training and life for which I thank Temple Beth El.

"Cis" Frances Sonneborn Katzman Rogers

Temple Beth El
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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.

Temple Beth El Simcha Grams



March 2019

Happy Anniversary

MARCH BIRTHDAYS	Date	MARCH ANNIVERSARIES	Date
Melissa Kowalsky	3/2	Roz and Harry Fisher	3/9/61
Margo Zeidner	3/8	Dianne and Murray Kirshtein	3/9/58
Jane Brophy	3/10	Donna and Marc Jonas	3/9/72
Paul Franklin	3/11		
Diane Kall	3/17		
Gary Philipson	3/24		
David Orkin	3/17		
Donna Jonas	3/19		
Caroline Lampert	3/19		
Alex Rosenblum	3/20		
Kristina Berg	3/23		
Holly Nathan	3/25		
Ida Cohen	3/31		

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**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

Do you know who these members of Temple Beth El are from 1978?

Who can be first to get them all correct? We'll give you the answers in next month's bulletin.



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Your Name _____

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Feb. 2 to 8, 2019 - 27 Shevat to 3 Adar I 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 1, 2019

Richard Edward Arlen*	Rabbi Joseph Gerstein*	Anita Krohn*	Bertha Rabinowitz*
Cantor Martin Badanoff*	Gabriel Harris*	Minnie Krohn*	Col. Ilan Ramon*
Herman Berger*	Jennie Horowitz*	Hyman Mittleman*	Vilmos Reisner*
Morris Bonnett*	Anna Hymes*	Julius Manning*	Rubie H. Root*
Fannie Burger*	Idelle Herman*	Annette G. Mansky*	Jennie E. Rosen*
Morey Cummins	Nathan Jacobson*	Dorothy Nathan*	Edward Silverman*
Ann Fosberg Demell*	Dr. Sol E. Kantor*	Sydney Oberman*	Harry Weiss*
Anna Fink*	Reuben Kaplan*	Simon D. Parker*	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Feb. 9 to 15, 2019 - 4 to 10 Adar I 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 8, 2019

David Ben*	Mathis Feller*	Florence Levinson*	Tessa Simon*
Bessie Berkowitz*	Eva Goldberg*	Milton LeBlang*	Marion Saltzburg*
Gertrude Abelow Berson	Rose Greenburg*	Sam Levin*	Max Schechter*
Celia Plotka Block*	Martha R. Galinn*	Samuel J. Lindsey*	Sam Schmuckler*
Clara Cher*	Edithe Goldenson	Emanuel LaVine*	Sadie Silverman Singer*
Ryzel M. Cohn*	Albert Gordon*	Arthur Markson*	Jennie Slater*
Abe O. Cohen*	Isador Heiman*	Milton D. Nelson*	Louis M. Smith*
Harry Cone*	Benjamin P. Holstein*	Anne Perlmutter-Klein*	Lena Taylor*
Minnie Cominsky*	Katherine Rose Hahn*	Bella Perlman*	Sol B. Tannenbaum*
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Natalie Fuhrman*	Fannie Kowalsky*	Irving Jacob Schultz	Samuel Weinburgh*
Delmar Blaugrund Franklin*			

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Feb. 16 to 22, 2019 – 11 to 17 Adar I 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 15, 2019

Rose Bellis*	Rachel Davis*	Benjamin Levinthal*	Nettie S. Schwartz*
Pauline Bernstein*	Sarah Ferrucci*	Esta Landset*	David Sherman*
Charles Berger*	Anna Grossman*	Bernard Lichtman*	Hattie Cohen Smith*
Louis Berkowitz*	David Gersten	Dr. Jack Margolis	Hyman Tumposky*
Celia Liba Berlin*	Clara Galinn*	Florence Bloom Nathan*	Nathan Targer*
Abraham Bernstein*	Matilda Jacobson*	Miriam Goldstone Parker*	Dr. Jacob J. Wineburgh*
Hyman Berkowitz*	Benjamin H. Jacobson*	Samuel Rosen*	Samuel Wolf*
Walter Cramer*	Rose Fink Krohn*	Anna Solomon*	Max Weinberg*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Feb. 23 to March 1, 2019 - 18 to 24 Adar I 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 22, 2019

Nathan Alpert*	Samuel Caro*	Max Abraham Lyons*	Jacob Shatsky*
Mollie Alpert*	Celia Danner*	Mary Levine*	Etta G. Simons*
Joseph Abelow*	Max Friedlander*	Lena Levinson*	Shaia Sheiman*
Charles Bloom*	Lottie B. Grossman*	Harry Markson*	Harris Samuels*
David Bigelow*	Albert Greenburg*	Joseph L. Manning*	Victor Seidenberg*
James Arthur Benson*	Roslyn Leona Haven	Samuel Markson*	Lewis Snyder*
Rebecca Bonnett*	Edmond Harris*	Alfred Picker*	Rose F. Smith*
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3 TE Religious School 9:30 AM	4 TBE Minyan 8:00	5 TBE Board Meeting 7:00 PM	6 TE Religious School 4:00 PM	7 TBE Minyan 8:00 TBE Religious School 4:00 PM TE Mussar Va'ad 6:00 PM	8 TBE Service 5:30 TE Service 6:00	9 TBE Service 9:30 AM Bagels and Torah 10:00 AM
10 TE Religious School 9:30 AM	11 TBE Minyan 8:00	12 TE Adult Ed Meeting 7:00 PM	13 TE Religious School 4:00 PM JCC Dinner and Movie 6:00 PM	14 TBE Minyan 8:00 TBE Religious School 4:00 PM	15 TBE Service 5:30 TE Service 6:00	16 TBE Service 9:30 AM Bagels and Torah 10:00 AM
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24 TE Religious School 9:30 AM	25 TBE Minyan 8:00	26	27 TE Religious School 4:00 PM TE Board Meeting 7:30 PM	28 TBE Minyan 8:00 TBE Religious School 4:00 PM Teen/Adult Book Club 7:30 PM		