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Temple Beth El Service Schedule



Services via ZOOM at
5:30 PM Friday
9:30 AM Saturday
By: Cantor Kalman Socolof
See your email for an
invitation.
If we don't have your email
please call the office or email
it to beauboxer@aol.com

Temple Beth El Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING – 5781

February 5, 2021	5:00 PM
February 12, 2021	5:10 PM
February 19, 2021	5:19 PM
February 26 2021	5:28 PM
March 5, 2021	5:37 PM

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Temple Beth El Cantor Message

With the focus on COVID-19 and politics in the news, you may not have seen the latest reports on the finds in the genizah of the old synagogue in Chelm. Three years ago, you read in this space of a selection from the lost Talmudic tractate of Baba Meisa. This year, the scholars of Chelm have unearthed more from this long forgotten piece of rabbinic treasure.

The first is an appendix to the *Pirkei Avot*, the Ethics of the Fathers:

There were 4 famous firsts in the Tanach: The first sport mentioned is baseball; as it is written, "in the big inning." Noah was the first financier; he floated his stock when everyone else was in liquidation. Joseph was the first to play tennis; he served in the courts of Pharaoh. Moses was the first to download data from the cloud onto his tablet.

The next fragment concerns a discussion of kashrut:

One may not eat milk and meat together, as it is written, 'You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.' (Exodus 23:19) Yet R. Yossi Ha-Gelili insisted that this did not apply to birds, since they have no mother's milk and in his town, it was customary to serve chicken parmesan (Shabbat 130 a). R. P'tui asked, "With red sauce or white sauce?" R. Nyok-Nyok, a disciple of R. Yossi, said, "With red sauce only. White might be confused with clam sauce (which is treyf)." R. P'tui responded, "What, and clams have mother's milk?" R. Nyok-Nyok said, "Clams are sea food without scales and fins. Try to keep up."

R. Chachum asked, "Couldn't a chicken cutlet be confused with a veal cutlet?" R. Ioli responded, "About as much as a piece of fried fish would be." R. Ennui said, "But there's veal schnitzel and chicken schnitzel. There is no fish schnitzel." R. O'Lution said,

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"Haven't you ever heard of a fish fry?" R. Ennui replied, "Those are served with fries. It is well established that a schnitzel isn't legit unless it's served with spaetzle."

The last segment was a discussion of challah on Shabbat:

In the *mishkan* there were two stacks of six loaves each, as it is written, "And you (will) place them in two stacks, six in each stack, on the pure table before the Lord." (Lev. 25:6) R. Nissan said, "Just as there were two stacks in the *mishkan*, so we have two loaves (of challah) on Shabbat." R. Aspen said, "My teacher, R. Innu said, "Two loaves on Shabbat for the double portion of manna." R. Boo-Boo ben Yogi said, "If a person was too poor for two loaves, two slices were sufficient." R. Gesundheit said, "What if they only had one slice?" R. Boo-Boo said, "Cut it in half and you now have two."

There was a man in Ashkelon who, on Shabbat, would put butter on his challah. His neighbors saw it and asked their rabbi if it is appropriate to put butter on challah (traditionally, the three meals of Shabbat were all *fleishig*). The rabbi said, it is fit, citing our father Abraham who greeted the visitors as it is written, "And I will take a piece of bread..." (Gen. 18:5) and "And he took cream and milk..." (Gen 18:8). If it had only mentioned either cream or milk, the rabbi explained, we would think it was just the drink. Since both are mentioned, we may deduce that butter was presented for the bread.

The neighbors then reported that the man had buttered his challah, but it had fallen onto the floor buttered side up. The people of Ashkelon were dumbfounded, as it is well known that bread always falls buttered side down. The rabbi said, "Obviously, he buttered the wrong side."

Cantor Socolof

Temple Beth El President's Message

Shalom Aleikhem,

I hope this finds everyone in good health and that you have received your vaccination or have an appointment lined up soon.

On Friday, February 5th, Rabbi Robert Leftkowitz will be conducting our Shabbat service at 5:30PM via Zoom. It would be wonderful to fill the screen with as many congregants as possible. Rabbi Leftkowitz is one of the applicants seeking the position of spiritual leader for Temple Beth El.

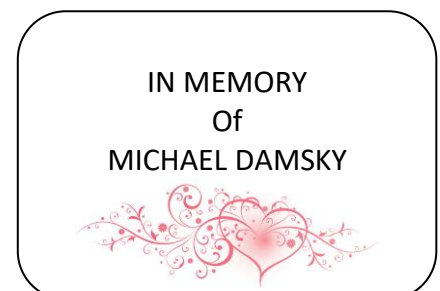
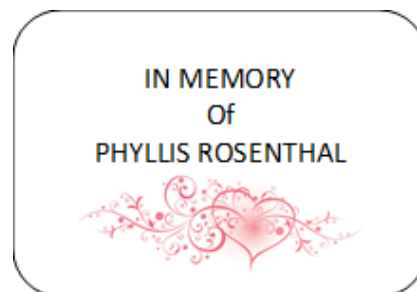
We will be missing our annual Purim supper this year and the Purim Spiel that has been so entertaining the past few years.

Cantor Socolof will be reading the Megillah on Thursday, February 25th at 7:00PM. Please watch your email for the Zoom link. Costumes are encouraged for the holiday!

Here's to looking at the light at the end of the tunnel.

Please be safe and kind to one another.

Shalom,
Marsha



Temple Beth El Executive Director's Message

This is a very difficult time to write a message for the Temple Times for Temple Beth El.

Our world is in turmoil. I am praying as I write this from home that by the time you read this our government and our country are safe and functioning for the good of all.

As you read through this issue you will see we have lost so many wonderful longstanding members. Our hearts go out to the families and friends they left behind.

Please, may we all follow the rules of the Pandemic and stay safe and well. We offer our sympathy and wish good health and love to all.

Mundy



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Cemetery News

Cleaning Headstones and Footstones

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

We have had 15 headstones and over 20 footstones cleaned this fall. They look remarkable and make the cemetery look so loved and well cared for.

THINK SPRING

We will be taking orders in the spring for next year's cleaning. Our plan is to have all the requests in by the second week in August so we can schedule the cleanings before the High Holy Days.

The cost of cleaning is very reasonable:

- Headstones \$50.00
- Footstones \$35.00

So in the spring 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.

THIS WOULD BE A
MITZVAH FOR YOU!

Many of the family members buried at our cemeteries were members of the military. If you let us know we could add a flag to their grave.

We want to keep these cemeteries as beautiful as possible.

IN MEMORY
 Of
 BEN LANDSET



IN MEMORY
 Of
 RONALD GROSSMAN



IN MEMORY
 Of
 ELLEN CRAMER



The Cemetery Corporation received a wonderful gift from a person who remembers going to her uncle's funeral service when she was 14 years old, at Temple Beth El Cemetery. She does not live near here but a friend told her to go the TBE website and read about having the footstone cleaned.

She said she was so delighted with what we were offering that she sent money to have her uncles footstone cleaned and enough to have 2 other neglected stones of people who no longer have family or friends available to care for their plot.

Temple Beth El March Simcha Grams



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		

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
Sauquoit, NY 13456**

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 February Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of February 6 to 12, 2021 - 24 to 30 Shevet 5781
These names will be read on Friday February 5, 2021

Richard Edward Arlen*	Ruth Ben Kroll*	Bertha Birdye Rizika*	Benjamin Simon*
Abraham Block*	Milton P. Kayle*	Florence Sarah Rabinowitz	Jacob Moses Smith*
Cantor Martin Badanoff*	Saul Shepard Lasher*	Bertha Rabinowitz*	Lena Schmuckler*
Tema Cramer*	Hyman Mittleman*	Col. Ilan Ramon*	Minnie I. Smith*
Sarah Cohen*	Carrie Nedell*	Vilmos Reisner*	Edward Silverman*
Morey Cummins	Dorothy Nathan*	Max Stone*	Sora Blume Wineburgh*
Joseph Y. Freeman*	Rita H. Osber*	Theodore Stone*	James L. Wolfe*
Anna Fink*			

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of February 13 to 19, 2021 – 1 to 7 Adar 5781
These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 12, 2021

Sarah Adler*	Anna Hymes*	Milton LeBlang*	Jennie E. Rosen*
Herman Berger*	Benjamin P. Holstein*	Nathan Lewis	Rubie H. Root*
Fannie Burger*	Isador Heiman*	Florence Levinson*	Sarah Schneider*
Morris Bonnett*	Gabriel Harris*	Julius Manning*	Bernard and Brother Sahl*
David Ben*	Katherine Rose Hahn*	Joseph H. Mettelman*	Sam Schmuckler*
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Ryzel M. Cohn*	Idelle Herman*	Albert Merman*	Sadie Silverman Singer*
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Martha R. Galinn*	Reuben Kaplan*	Bella Perlman*	Peshe Hinda Vyner*
Eva Goldberg*	Sam Levin*	Anne Perlmutter-Klein*	Samuel Weinburgh*
Rose Greenburg*	Samuel J. Lindsey*	Rebecca Rothenberg*	Harry Weiss*
Natalie Gerstein*	Emanuel LaVine*	Harry Nathan Rosenthal*	Goldie Weitzman*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of February 20 to 26, 2021 – 8 to 14 Adar 5781
These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 19, 2021

Pauline Bernstein*	Ludwig Eisen*	Arthur Markson*	Anna Solomon*
Abraham Bernstein*	Sarah Ferrucci*	Dr. Jack Margolis	Arline B. Schecter*
Charles Berger*	Mathis Feller*	Milton D. Nelson*	Betty W. Simon*
Celia Liba Berlin*	Anna Grossman*	Florence Bloom Nathan*	Nathan Targer*
Louis Berkowitz*	Edithe Goldenson	Toby Nathan*	Bernard Toffler*
Rose Bellis*	David Gersten	George L. Ornest*	Hyman Tumposky*
Hyman Berkowitz*	Elaine Brown Gould*	Miriam Goldstone Parker*	Lena Taylor*
Bessie Berkowitz*	Albert Gordon*	Celia Rebeck*	Sol B. Tannenbaum*
Gertrude Abelove Berson	Matilda Jacobson*	Nettie S. Schwartz*	Benny Woodoff*
Celia Plotka Block*	Fannie Kowalsky*	David Sherman*	Gertrude M. Williams*
Minnie Cominsky*	Harry Karstadt*	Jennie Slater*	Max Weinberg*
Abe O. Cohen*	Herbert Kall*	Hattie Cohen Smith*	Samuel Wolf*
Eli Cramer*	Benjamin Levinthal*	Miriam Simmons*	Ralph F. Wilcove*
Harry Cone*	Esta Landset*	Louis N. Singer*	Isaac Ihno Weinberg*
Rachel Davis*	Bernard Lichtman*	Louis M. Smith*	Janet G. Wineburgh*
Robert Danner MD			Dr. Jacob J. Wineburgh*

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The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of February 27 to March 5 2021 - 15 to 21 Adar 5781
These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 28, 2021

Joseph D. Abelson*	Walter Cramer*	Doris Katzman*	Alfred Picker*
Mollie Alpert*	Celia Danner*	Ida Kennedy*	Arthur C. Rosenberg*
Nathan Alpert*	Erwin Fischer	Jacob Kowalsky*	Samuel Rosen*
Charles Bloom*	Albert Greenburg*	Louis Kowalsky*	Etta G. Simons*
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Lena Benjamin Brody*	Roslyn Leona Haven	Harry Markson*	Victor Seidenberg*
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Hyman Cohen*	Bert Jacobs*	Samuel Markson*	Max Trapnick*

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.

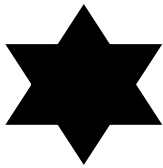
Temple Beth El Simcha Boards

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 may do so by sending all the necessary details to the office. For \$125.00, you can make someone proud and happy forever.

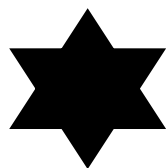
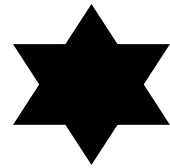


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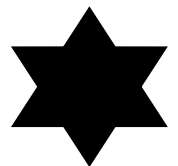


Please Join Temple Beth El

February 5th



Everyone is welcome



BDS and Antisemitism on the American College Campus

**Saturday, February 20th
7:00 PM**

We will have a short Havdalah first, followed by a 30 minutes (or so) presentation by Rachel and Jeffrey, and then a Q&A

The American university has become a focal point of debate surrounding the conflict in Israel/Palestine. In their research Rachel Shenhav-Goldberg and Jeffrey Kopstein investigate whether campuses are incubators of antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiments. To what extent does the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement overlap with antisemitic sentiments among college students? This question also coincides with a broader concern that that universities have become “liberal brain-washing factories.” Are these concerns justified? Based upon a new survey of students at a large US campus known for pro-Palestinian activism, our speakers address these questions. Their answers reveal a great deal about the state of debate about campus life.



Jeffrey Kopstein is Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Irvine. In his research, Professor Kopstein focuses on interethnic violence, voting patterns of minority groups, and anti-liberal tendencies in civil society, paying special attention to cases within European and Russian Jewish history. These interests are central topics in his latest book, *Intimate Violence: Anti-Jewish Pogroms on the Eve of the Holocaust* (Cornell University Press, 2018).

Rachel Shenhav- Goldberg is a researcher, writer, and group leader. After graduating with Ph.D. from Tel Aviv University she continued to a post-doctorate fellowship in University of Toronto. Her research focuses on racism in Israel and anti-Semitism in North America. In the past, she worked as a social worker, facilitated conflict groups, and taught Israeli teachers how to deal with racism in the classroom.

Today she lives in central New York with her family, runs a blog, and writes op-eds to different online magazines. She also conducts online groups. She is an activist for human rights and volunteering in her community. She is also an active member of Temple Emanu-El.





Cantor Socolof will ZOOM the
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February 25th
7:00 PM

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FEBRUARY 2021

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14	15 	16	17	18	19 TBE Service 5:30	20 TBE Service 9:30 AM
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