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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

April 5 th	7:14 P.M.
April 12 th	7:22 P.M.
April 19 th	7:30 P.M.
April 26 th	7:48 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

A few weeks ago, during the drash at a Friday night service, someone asked how much milk would make chicken soup *trayf*. I said that the Talmud sets 1/60 by volume as the limit. As soon as I said it, one of the congregants grimaced. I asked him why he made the face. He replied that he found such details bordered on the trivial.

In pretty much any organized system that involves people, a time comes when fine distinctions must be made. Especially to those who are not familiar with the system, where the lines are drawn can seem all but arbitrary; presenting, to the casual eye, as a series of thoughtless restrictions or requirements. To those familiar with the system, who have taken the time to study and fully understand it, the ostensible arbitrariness is replaced by a tapestry of subtlety and nuance, often reflecting changes to the system introduced to perfect it or to make it more accommodating to changing circumstances.

Perhaps it is analogous to how one might feel about molecular gastronomy: creation of food that requires a thorough and painstaking knowledge of the materials and of the sense of taste. Many might consider it a lot of bother. It is a lot of time and trouble spent on a typically small serving of food. For its adherents, it is the application of scientific knowledge to the preparation of foods, resulting in a system of cooking that often has surprising tastes and techniques.

The mitzvot are such a system (you likely figured I was headed in this direction). To a person not familiar with them they can seem onerous; a long litany of things we may not do or must do that easily devolve into a maelstrom of nit-picking trivialities. To those who see the mitzvot as God's commands, there is the understandable desire to fulfill those commands as completely and correctly

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as possible. They pursue the otherwise picayune details so that every aspect of their observance, no matter how minute, is done in accordance with His desire.

This divide is well presented in the Haggadah we will be using at our seders this month. When we read of the four different types of children, we are being given a guide to pedagogy. The first child asks specific, detailed questions. Clearly, s/he is fully engaged and "with the program." We are told to provide this child with the specific detail asked for. The other children are disengaged for reasons varying from active hostility to not knowing what to ask. I believe the proper way to address all of them is summed up in the prescribed approach to the child who can't even ask: *At p'tach lo*, you shall open for him.

If we have fellow Jews who are not fully engaged, then we are obligated to open the door for them. That said, we are not required to drag them, kicking and screaming, through the door. But when we follow the mitzvot with love and excitement, viewing them as an opportunity rather than as an obligation, we make our side of the threshold inviting and welcoming. As we prepare for Passover, let us try to be attentive to the details, and let us spend all eight days, not just the seders, in a spirit of joy and gladness, eager to fully observe the mitzvot.

Cantor Socolof

**You may drop your
Blue Box
off at the JCC or Temple.**

Thank you, Marsha

Temple Beth El President's Message

Just a reminder: The morning minyan on Thursday begins at 9:00AM.

As we put together the program book for the Centennial Celebration, we were wondering if anyone has photos from their weddings, Bar or Bat Mitzvahs or other events that happened at Temple Beth El over the years.

We also are looking for photos from the "walking of the Torahs" when we brought them to Temple Emanu-El.

Stories and photos are slowly coming in for the book and power point presentation. Please submit your memories to share with everyone.

Details for the joint Seder are in this issue of the bulletin. The Moveable Feast will be catering the dinner. Don't forget to make your reservations!

The Sperling Holocaust Lecture will be on May 2. Look for the write up in this issue of the Temple Times. We are very fortunate to be able to hear a survivor again this year.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Passover! I hope you are able to share it with family and friends.

Shalom,
Marsha

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Temple Beth El Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

It is sunny and very cold but we are thinking Passover, after we had a very nice Purim Dinner and Megillah reading, which means Spring cannot be far behind since we consider Passover the springtime festival. The Exodus from Egypt marked the birth of the Jewish people which is proclaimed not only at Passover, the "season of our freedom" but in the daily prayers and the Kiddish. The Torah says "Remember you were slaves in Egypt", and we have always remembered. This is what is recounted in the Haggadah, which means recital, which is read by one and all at the Seder all over the world.

A few more interesting Pesach facts – the holiday is considered agricultural as well as historical in origin – Spring was the time of the barley harvest in Palestine. The Seder belongs to the home rather than the Temple – yes we are having a joint first Seder at Temple! The Seder is often considered the most impressive family meal of the year, the table is beautifully set. Seder means "order", we follow the basic order of the meal as it has been set for many years.

As we rid our homes of chometz, do our cooking, set a beautiful table, prepare the Seder plate and look forward to our family and friends who share this special evening with us, let's think of the wonderful Seders of the past and feel blessed to again share another Seder and another memory.

Just a few reminders before we finish this message. We are very joyfully preparing for our 100th birthday celebration – Please send us addresses of family and friends, any photos or thoughts about your part of the last 100 years.

Please make your reservation for our joint Seder with Temple Emanu-El.

A very happy and joyous Passover to you all from Stan and me.

Shalom,
Mundy



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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 grave stones 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 ones they will be greeted with a clean well maintained monument.

In Memory of
Audrey Brooks





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.



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.



TEMPLE BETH EL

Temple Beth El Schedule of Passover Services 2019 / 5779

April 18	Evening	Search for Chametz
April 19	11:36 A.M. 6:00 P.M.	Fast of First Born Burn the Chametz before this time First Seder – Joint Temple Beth El and Temple Emanu El
April 20	9:30 A.M.	First Day of Pesach Shabbat Shacharit Service
April 22	8:00 A.M.	Third Day of Passover Shacharit Service
April 25	9:00 A.M.	Sixth Day of Passover Shacharit Service
April 26	5:30 P.M.	Seventh Day of Pesach Erev Shabbat Service
April 27	9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 8:42 P.M.	Eighth Day of Pesach Shacharit Service Yizkor Conclusion of Festival

Maot Chitim: Selling of the Chometz

I hereby authorize Cantor Kalman Socolof to act as my agent to sell the chometz that may be in my possession, wherever it may be; at home, place of business or elsewhere, in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish Law.

Please make checks payable to Kalman Socolof

Financial Help for Summer Fun

Camping activities, programs and travel with Jewish content can be monumental experiences for our children. With this in mind, the Gennis Incentive Program seeks all local children and young adults, ages 8 through 21, who will be attending a program with Jewish content. A bequest from the estate of the late Sidney Gennis has set up an “incentive and scholarship fund” designed to help offset the cost of these programs. The estate, through a foundation Gennis created to honor his parents, Celia and Jacob, has given the Jewish Community Federation of the Mohawk Valley a trust to be used to encourage youngsters to seek out Jewish experiences. To be eligible, you must be a Jewish child residing in the area, and your parents must be members of the Jewish Community Federation of the Mohawk Valley (have made a donation to the UJA). To apply for this incentive/scholarship for this summer, submit a letter explaining what program the award will be used for, as well as some information about the applicant: name, age, parents, address and telephone number. Please submit this letter to the Jewish Federation of the Mohawk Valley, 2310 Oneida St., Utica, NY 13501 before April 15, 2019. Applications for fall programs by July 1.



Sunday, April 14, 2019

2:00 p.m.

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F. Chopin - Preludes Op. 28 Nos. 1,2,3

J.S. Bach - Toccata and Fugue in C Minor BWV 911

F. Schubert - Moments Musicaux Op. 94 No. 4 in C-sharp Minor

Missy Mazzoli - A Map of Laughter

C. Debussy - Children's Corner

F. Chopin - Ballade No. 2 in F Major

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Tickets Now Available through Brown Paper Tickets

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or at the door

\$15 general admission; \$10 Seniors (60 and Over)

Reception to Follow

www.melodyfader.com

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.*

Temple Beth El Simcha Grams



May 2019

MAY BIRTHDAYS	Date	MAY ANNIVERSARIES	Date
Denise Goldberg	09	Stuart and JoAnne Hirshfield	5/28/1972
Irwin Rosen	29	Steven and Rhea Levine	5/3/1981
Lauren Finer	16		
Sherry Goldberg	16		
Courtney Lampert	16		
Rachel Philipson	18		
Ann Siegel	18		
Joyce The Voice	23		
Rebecca Socolof	25		
Esther Sherline	27		
Julia Neslin	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
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 April Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Mar 30 to Apr 5, 2019; 23 to 29 Adar II 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday March 29, 2019

Moses H. Berger*	Jack Freeman*	Ida Landset*	Dorothy Smith*
Celia Brown*	Louis M. Goldstone*	Clara Glick Rockowitz*	Libbie B. Singer*
Herman Cohen*	Samuel J. Grossman*	Irving Jacob Shoor*	Susie I. Sherman*
Minnie L. Cohen*	Anna Herman	Anne C. Smith*	Hyman R. Tapper*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of April 6 to 12, 2019, 1 to 7 Nisan 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday April 5, 2019

Dora Brill Alderman*	Harriet C. Friedman*	Arno M. Lewus*	Yerac Samuels*
Martin Abelow*	Shaina Gordon*	Mae Mitchell*	Jacob H. Samuels*
Arthur Berkowitz	Theresa Guttman*	Alan N. Nathan*	Lew Stare*
Ethel Beckwith*	Robert J. Goodman*	Lena G Oppenheim*	Helen Schor*
Sarah Slakter Ben*	Herbert H. Galinn*	Albert Prybutock*	Yetta Schneider*
Ethel Blaustein*	Hattie Jacobson*	Bianca D. Rosenblum*	Jane Gerston Stone*
Isadore Brooks*	Bernard Stuart Kamin*	Allen I. Rockford*	Bessie Sitrin*
Morton L. Cominsky	Charles T. Klein*	Meyer A. Rebeck*	Dr. Milton A. Savett*
David W. Cone*	Hyman Katzman*	Louis Rosenthal*	Israel Taylor*
Anita Cramer*	Lena Kopel*	Rose Saltzman	Anna Trapanick*
Anna Amelia Fink*	Janice Goldstone Lipman	Bernard Sherman*	Andrew Wineburgh*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of April 13 to 19, 2019, 8 to 14 Nisan 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday April 12, 2019

Herman J. Abrams	Moses B. Goldstone*	Isidore Landset*	John D. Rubin*
Dorothy Bernstein*	Rosalyn Horowitz*	Saul L. Meyers*	Chester Sitrin*
Max Berkowitz*	Mitchell A. Harris*	Joseph Meyer*	Herman Sherman*
Norman Baker*	Fannie Heiman*	Hyman Mettleman*	Sara M. Silverman*
Joseph Cohen*	Wolf Kowalsky*	Frances Oberman*	Gordon F. Seely*
Nathan Cynkus*	Harry S. Kowalsky*	Leba Bauer Philipson*	Jack Stern*
Jennie Damsky*	Arthur J. Kirshtein*	Harry Popick*	Samuel Small*
Bertha Dumain*	Wolfe Kowalsky*	H. Robert Rosenblum*	Arnold Speiller*
Flora Feldman*	Eleanor J. Kowalsky*	Joel Irving Rudolph*	Jacob N. Sitirin*
Max Goldberg*	Bert Lowen	Philip Rodin*	Miriam G. Tapper*
Jacob J. Gordon*			Rose Zeidner*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of April 20 to 26, 2019, 15 to 21 Nisan 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday April 19, 2019

Rose Abelow*	Belle Cominsky*	Anna Kay*	Jacob Rothchild*
Sadye Vyner Allen*	Sigmund Dumain*	Hattie Krohn*	Gerald S. Smith*
Louis Abelson*	Leona Firstenberg*	Rosalyn Lichtman*	Louis Snyder*
Ida Brooks*	Robert Feldman*	Sisel Levinson*	Morris Solomon*
Harry Bartnick*	Rose Berlin Gordon*	Bertha Lichtman*	Charles Saltzman
Mac Berger*	Eva Goldstein*	Joseph Landset*	Regina L. Schott*
Charles Brenner*	Jacob P. Golding*	Anne A. Perlman*	Frances F. Smith*
May Bernstein	Edward N. Grossman*	Sarah Ribyat*	Mark Simons*
Sarah Brown*	Jacob H. Galinn*	Myron Rothschild*	Anna Smith Silverman*
Mollye Brill Case*	Herman Hoffman*	Yetta Rossky*	Fannie Zavotsky

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of April 27 to May 3, 2019, 22 to 28 Nisan 5779

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday April 26, 2019

Harold D. Antovil*	Sophie Jimnefsky*	Anne B. Parker*	Harris Spears*
Max Antovil*	Sylvia B. Jacobson*	Roy Pollicove*	Goldie Sitrin*
Leah Berger*	Harry Kopel*	Toby Sue Rosenblum*	Mollie Shapass*
Goldie Berger*	Anna Kaletsky*	Jacob Rizika*	Otto Sonne*
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Israel L. Cramer*	Ida Morgan*	Charles Sitrin*	Bluma Siegel*
Samuel J. Demsey*	Samuel Marans*	Victor S. Solomon*	Burrel Samuels
Fanny Greenberg*	Avis Meyers*	Moses Aaron Shapiro*	Michael Wineburg*
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