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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.

Please join us to help make a minyan for services.

Temple Beth El Office Hours

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

Candle Lighting 5777

January 6 th	4:23 P.M.
January 13th	4:31 P.M.
January 20 th	4:39 P.M.
January 27 th	4:48 P.M.
Fenruary 3 rd	4:58 P.M.





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

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Message from Cantor Socolof

Among the gems of wisdom I gleaned from my mother was this: — The only constant is change." Everything is in motion, and we find that we often feel like Alice who is told by the Red Queen, Here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place." While we may not resist change per se, our default expectation seems to be that change is probably not going to be for the better. So as we encounter change we are wary. Intellectually, we tell ourselves that change is necessary, but other parts of the brain gear up for fight or flight.

This provides some context for considering Jacob in the book of Genesis, which we complete for the year in the month of Jacob's life is, by far, the most January. eventful of the patriarchs'. It calls to mind the ancient curse: may you live in interesting times. In fact, when Joseph presents Jacob to Pharaoh, Pharaoh asks Jacob: —bw many are the days of your life?" This is a rather odd, if not rude, thing to ask someone you are just meeting. What would prompt such a question? The sages suggest that Jacob, who was already 130, looked even older. As explanation, Jacob says, —€w and evil have been the days of my life." It wasn't so much the years as the mileage.

Consider: Jacob had to run away from home to avoid being killed by his brother. He worked seven years to earn the wherewithal to marry Rachel, only to wake up the next morning to find he had married Leah. He worked another seven years for the right girl, and six beyond that to build his fortune. Rachel dies on the way back to his homeland. His daughter Dinah was raped by a local prince, and in retaliation his sons Simeon and Levi killed all the men of that city. He believed his favorite son, Joseph, had died of an animal attack at 17. If he were alive today, Jacob might very well be offered his own reality show.

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Jacob's life circumstances were constantly changing, and usually not in a direction he would have desired. Yet he perseveres. He is given the name Israel because he has -...strggled with God and with people and has prevailed." Jacob starts as the tentdwelling youngster who uses cunning and deceit to usurp his brother's blessing from their father. Over the years, he develops into the person from who our people take its name. This didn't happen because he had an It happened because he was easy life. familiar with difficulties and was constantly finding ways to overcome them. As Samuel Smiles observed, -flthere were no difficulties, there would be no success: if there were nothing to struggle for, there would be nothing to be achieved." Or, as Ben Hei Hei says in the Pirke Avot, -Acording to the difficulty is the reward." The Aramaic word for difficulty is from the same root as the word tsuris, with which many of us are all too familiar.

Jacob's difficulties were necessary to his becoming the person he ultimately became. So, too, with us. As things change, we find ways to adapt to the change. This results in growth. Think of those who you respect or admire. Odds are good that these people have dealt with difficulties of various kinds throughout their lives. It is the struggle that has made them into people worth knowing and caring about.

Circumstances of change or difficulty are rife with stress. Those in them might be excused for not feeling grateful for the opportunity they represent. Nonetheless, we need to understand that change is both inevitable and necessary. All movement is relative. When it seems to us that everything is in motion, it may well be that we are the ones moving.

Cantor Socolof

Temple Beth El President's Message

I received this from a friend and would like to share it with you. I cannot find the author.

I dreamed that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received."

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them." I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally, at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section," my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed. "How is it that there is no work going on here?" I asked.

"So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.

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"Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Hashem."

"What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy, and if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day.

If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... You are ahead of 700 million people in the world.

If you can attend a temple without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world.

If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair.

"Ok," I said. "What now? How can I start?"

The Angel said, "If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you as very special and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all."

Have a good day, count your blessings, and if

you care to, pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.

Shalom, Marsha



Dear Friends,

After writing a bulletin article for more than 20 years, as I approach the new secular year 2017 I am finding it difficult to come up with something that is new and interesting.

I have given it much thought and decided to look through some books I have about Jewish wit and wisdom.

Following are a few of the many words of wit and wisdom that I enjoyed.



A Rabbi ordered his sexton to assemble ten men for a minyan to chant psalms for the recovery of a sick man. When they entered, a friend of the Rabbi complained that one of the men was a notorious thief. —Exellent," said the Rabbi;

-when all the Heavenly Gates of Mercy are closed, it requires an expert to open them."



As I'm sure in other words our parents surely said this to all of us. What so ever thy hand finds to do, do it with all our might" - *Ecclesiastes*. To this day it is a good rule to follow.

We are all aware of the Sabbath, I have

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always thought it felt different and special, but this is much more explicit. —Orthe Sabbath a man should always walk with an easy and leisurely gait. But to do a good deed, a man should always run, even on Sabbath" — Joshua ben Levi.

Where there is no bread, there is no education, if there is no education there is no bread", from Ethics of the Fathers. We must have food for thought, and use it to provide the bread, for a successful tomorrow.

We must all remember these words of Hillel— who does not increase knowledge, decreases it". I hope you enjoy these thoughts from our history. Let us all have a New Year of good health, happy, content days, and new learning. It will benefit us, our Temples and the future.

Shalom, Mundy

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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.

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 plague is \$300.00.

For any questions or additional information to honor or memorialize a loved one call the office at 724 4751.

Mundy







Think about Monument Cleaning in the Spring

This past year we cleaned many headstones and footstones. Our cemetery is beginning to look well cared for but has a long way to go. We plan to schedule our next cleaning as early as possible in the spring. There have been many requests since the last cleaning. Please schedule cleaning your family monuments.

COST

- Headstones \$50.00
- Footstones \$35.00

Please call the Temple office or simply mail or bring in a check and a note with the information about what you want cleaned.

Let us keep the Temple Beth El Cemetery looking beautiful.

The Cemetery Committee



A sample of a footstone that was badly in need of cleaning.

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Temple Beth El February Simcha Grams

Date	FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES	Date
03	Gary and Lisa Philipson	2/7/1987
07	Edward and Melissa Kowalsky	2/20/2007
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January 2017

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	Date 🔪	JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES	Date
Muriel Bartnick	4		
Ellen Orkin	5		
Vicki Socolof	9		
Alan Rosenblum	12	OOPS	
Joanne Hirshfeld	13		_
Logan Oster	14	we forgot January	I \Box
Vivian Berkowitz	15		
Kathy Smith	17		
Debbie Nathan	26		
Brian Jonas	31		

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Sisterhood of Temple Beth El for \$	for	(#) of	f Simcha Grai	ms

Mail to:		
	Rae Rosenfeld	
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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

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Temple Beth El January 2017/5777 Yahrzeit Records

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of January 7 to 13, 2017: 9 to 15 Tevet 5777

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday January 6, 2017

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Meir Abelove Family*	Joseph Galinsky*	Bertha Glick Krohngold*	Sol Schneider*
Reba Abelove*	Harriet Goldberg*	Israel Levinson*	Harry Schnier*
Augusta Abelove*	Mendel Golding	Hannah Leah Lyons*	Jeanette Weiss Schwartz*
Barney Abelson*	Abraham S. Goldman*	Robert Markson	Hyman B. Sitrin*
Max W. Caplan*	Stuart Greene*	Esther Myers	Dorothy E. Smith*
Samuel Cohen*	Minnie Gusoff*	Faye Norwalk*	Benjamin Targer*
Louis Cramer*	Edward F. Jacobson*	Max Nozik	Barnet Trolin*
Else Elias	Bella Kohn*	Eva Pollicove	Raymond L. Wolfe*
Robert Ellis*	Betty Kowalsky*	Morris Rothenburg*	Bertha Yetra*
Dorothy Friedlander*	Barney Krohn*	Enid Savett	Julia Yust*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of January 14 to 20, 2017: 16 to 22 Tevet 5777

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday January 13, 2017

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Harris Berger*	Rabbi A. H. Dolgoff*	Adrienne Gail Kroll*	Jacob Schneider*
Sarah Berger*	Hyman Fialko*	Pearl Kushner	Irving Seldin*
Barnet Berlin*	Minnie G. Frank*	Judson Leve*	Dorothy Movsh Smith
Joseph Berson	Hyman Freeman*	Pearl G. Nathan*	Sara Smith*
Hattie Bloom	Jacob A. Goldstone*	Sarah R. Nusbaum*	Bertha Thal
Arthur S. Bonnett*	Sara Greenburg	Esther R. Ornest*	Arline (Osna) Trapanick*
Jane Cohen	Nathan Hoffman	David M. Philipson*	Lawrence A. Tumposky*
Sarah Dantzig*	Rabbi S. Jacobs*	Max Reiser	Florence Weitzman*
Anna E. Demsky*	Edward W. Jacobson*	Morris Rockford	Ruth Weitzman*
Ida Dolgoff	Hyman L. Jacobson*	Philip Sanzel	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of January 21 to 27, 2017: 23 to 29 Tevet 5777

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday January 20, 2017

David Arlen*	Louis Freedman*	Bernard Kowalsky*	Moses Rosenthal*
Samuel L. Baker*	Flora Glick*	Nathan Kowalsky*	Bessie Samuelson
David Berger*	Myron Leonard Goldstone*	Jacob Krohngold*	Esther B. Sanzel
Zeld Berkowitz*	Pincus Grossman	Leo Lenchner*	Karen Silverman*
Anna H. Bernstein*	Anna Sarah Grossman*	Roseleine Levine	Jacob Sitrin*
Mary Sherline Blum	Emma Jacobson*	Esther Levine	William T. Sitrin*
Jacob Coleman*	Helen Kaminkowitz*	Max Levine	Florence R. Sitrin*
Sara Ida Comins*	Jennie Kamino*	Sara Reba Levinson*	Charles Weinstein
Bella Cramer	Joshua M. Kaplan	Samuel M. Marmelstein*	Bernice Weiss*
Rose Demsey	Barnet Kirshtein*	Charles Richards	Joseph A. Yetra*
Ella L. Eidelhoch*	Betty Kamino Kowalsky*	Milton Richards*	Samuel Zavotsky*
Robert Ellis*			

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of January 28 to February 3, 2017 1 to 7 Shevat 5777

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday January 27, 2017

Morris Baker*	Edith Lorig*	Sophie Rubin	Louis J. Toffler*
Leonard Bartnick*	Adelaide G. Lumberg*	Cheil Schecter	Samuel Tumposky*
Henry Berger*	Milton S. Manning*	Edward I. Shapiro*	Hinda Tumposky*
Max Brooks*	Joseph S. Mintzer*	Saria Singer*	Anna E. Tumposky*
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Shaina Damsky*	George Nusbaum*	Edward Smith*	Eliyucum Wineburgh*
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Douglas Haren Harris	Ethel G. Philipson*	Elka Targer*	Yetta Wolfe*
Emma Kohn	Herman Philipson*	Rose Taylor*	Anna L. Wolfe*
Philip A. Lewis*	Lena Rosenthal*	Rachel Toffler*	Morris Woloshin*
Fanny Lindey*			

The ENTIRE Jewish Community is invited to join us as we continue our **Lunch and Learn Series**

Saturday, January 21st 12:00 PM at Temple

Rick Werner will present

Levinas: The Moral Demand of the Face of the Stranger

Please RSVP to either Mundy at Temple Beth El 724-4751 or Rita at Temple Emanu-El 724-4177

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Lands' End \$25.00		\$	Electronics & Office		
Marshalls \$100.00		\$	Product	QTY	Total
Mashalls \$25.00		\$	Staples \$25.00		\$
Old Navy \$25.00		\$	Entertainment		
T.J. Maxx \$100.00		\$	Product	QTY	Total
T.J. Maxx \$25.00		\$	Barnes & Noble \$10.00		\$
Talbots \$25.00		\$	Barnes & Noble \$25.00		\$
Department Store			Gas & Auto		\$
Product	QTY	Total	Product		\$
Boscov's \$25.00		\$	Pep Boys \$20.00		\$
Boscov's \$50.00		\$	Home Décor		
jcpenney \$100.00		\$	Product	QTY	Total
jcpenney \$25.00		\$	Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00		\$
Kohl's \$100.00		\$	Crate and Barrel \$25.00		
Kohl's \$25.00		\$	Williams-Sonoma \$25.00		\$
Macy's \$100.00		\$	Home Improvement		\$
Macy's \$25.00		\$	Product	QTY	Total
Sears \$100.00		\$	Lowe's \$100.00		\$
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Dining - Casual			The Home Depot \$100.00		\$
Product	QTY	Total	The Home Depot \$25.00		\$
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Applebee's \$25.00		\$	Product	QTY	Total
Denny's \$10.00		\$	Amazon.com \$100.00		\$
IHOP \$25.00		\$	Amazon.com \$25.00		\$
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Panera Bread \$25.00		\$	PetSmart \$25.00		\$
Starbucks \$10.00		\$	Rite Aid \$25.00		\$
Starbucks \$25.00		\$	Sally Beauty Supply \$25.00		\$
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