

Temple Beth-El's *Season of Music* continues

AUREA
THE ALCHEMY OF MUSIC & WORDS



SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH
4:00 PM

AUREA presents "Being Music", with baritone **Rene de la Garza**.

The program weaves readings, songs and chamber music, including works of Walt Whitman, Tennessee Williams, Rachmaninov

and Paul Bowles. Performers include **Charles Sherba**, violin;

Consuelo Sherba, viola; **Nigel Gore**, reader.

A Thomas H. Maren Foundation Concert

שבת וארא

SHABBAT VA'ERA

Exodus 6:2-9:35

Friday, December 31

5:45 PM Shabbat Service
PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME

Saturday, January 1

9:00 AM Shabbat Service
10:15 AM Torah Study

שבת בא

SHABBAT BO

Exodus 10:1-13:16

Haftarah – Jeremiah 46:13-28

Friday, January 7

7:00 PM Shabbat Service

SCOTT TURNER – “My Dreams for the Future”



For decades I have asked a distinguished member of our Congregation to speak on their dreams for the future on the first Shabbat of a new calendar year. I am delighted that Scott Turner has accepted my invitation. He is Director of Web Communications at Brown University and writes a weekly nature commentary for the Providence Journal. Scott is a former land manager, park ranger and science writer. He and his wife and two children are involved in a myriad of activities at Beth-El. Scott Turner is a modest, creative and insightful person. We look forward to his message.

Saturday, January 8

9:00 AM Shabbat Service
10:15 AM Torah Study
11:00 AM Bar Mitzvah – **Michael Matt**
Son of Judy & Andrew Matt

שבת בשלח

SHABBAT BESHALACH

Weekly Portion: Beshalah

Exodus 13:17-17:16

Haftarah – Judges 4:4-5:31

Friday, January 14

5:30 PM K'Tantan Shabbat
7:00 PM Shabbat Hallelu (*Abundant and filling hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30*)

Join us for an uplifting musical Shabbat featuring Temple Beth-El musicians and a brief word of Torah. On Shabbat Shira our music Shabbat will be enhanced by the performance of composer Ben Steinberg's "Z'mirot; Songs of Praise" for two voices, clarinet and keyboard. Cantor Seplowin will be joined by vocalist Kathrynne Jennings.

Saturday, January 15

9:00 AM Shabbat Service
10:15 AM Torah study
11:00 AM Bar Mitzvah – **Daniel Smith**
Son of Marjorie Lewis & Todd Smith

Friday, January 20

TU B'SHEVAT

Tu B'Shevat (the 15th day of the month of Shevat which this year falls on Thursday, January 20th) is a semi-holiday or minor holiday, but a very important one in the life of the Jewish People. Although there is no law which commands us to observe this holiday, we all gladly do so because of what it represents. *Tu B'Shevat* is the festival when nature in Israel is reborn. To the *Chalutzim* (Pioneers) in *Eretz Yisroel*, it was the time to buy land, sow seeds, plant trees and start work for the coming year. To the Jewish people everywhere, Tu B'Shevat is a symbol of Spring and hope, rebirth and joy in nature. It makes us realize how rich and beautiful is the world God has created, how grateful we should be for wonderful growing things, and how sacred and holy is every living thing. We learn from this holiday that we must treat with care and consideration not only the people who live around us, but also the trees, fruits, flowers, the fields and the orchards. Our Rabbis said, "It is forbidden to dwell in a town where there are no gardens," and "just as others planted for you, so shall you plant for the sake of your children."

שבת יתרו

SHABBAT YITRO

Exodus 18:1-20:23

Haftarah – Isaiah 6:1-7:6;9:5-6

Friday, January 21

7:00 PM Shabbat Service – Rabbi Sarah E. Mack will speak

Saturday, January 22

9:00 AM Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah – **Joseph Zurier**

Son of Lauren & Samuel Zurier

9:30 AM K'Tantan B'Yachad - Young Family Shabbat Together. A 45 minute lay led service designed especially for families with very young children. Songs, games and crafts to learn all about Shabbat.

10:15 AM Torah Study

שבת משפטים

SHABBAT MISHPATIM

Exodus 21:1-24:18

Haftarah – Jeremiah 34:8-22;33:25-26

Friday, January 28

7:00 PM Shabbat Service – Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman will speak

Saturday, January 29

9:00 AM Shabbat Service

10:15 AM Torah Study

11:00 AM Bar Mitzvah – **Joshua Fradin**
Son of Jacqueline & Neil Fradin

שבת תרומה

SHABBAT TERUMAH

Exodus 25:1-27:19; Numbers 28:9-15

Haftarah – Isaiah 66:1-24;66:23

Friday, February 4

7:00 PM Family Shabbat
Children with January & February birthdays will be honored

Saturday, February 5

9:00 AM Shabbat Service

10:15 AM Torah Study

11:00 AM Bar Mitzvah – **Benjamin Goodman**
Son of Jodi & Matthew Goodman

שבת תצוה

SHABBAT TETZAVEH

Exodus 27:20-30:10

Haftarah – Ezekiel 43:10-27

Friday, February 11

5:30 PM K'Tantan Shabbat

7:00 PM Shabbat Service – Rabbi Sarah E. Mack will speak

Saturday, February 12

9:00 AM Shabbat Service

10:15 AM Torah Study

שבת כי תשא

SHABBAT KI TISSA

Exodus 30:11-34:35

Haftarah – I Kings 18:1-39

Friday, February 18

7:00 PM Shabbat Hallelu (Abundant & filling hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30)
Join us for an uplifting musical Shabbat featuring Temple Beth-El musicians and a brief word of Torah.

Saturday, February 19

9:00 AM Shabbat Service

10:15 AM Torah Study

שבת ויקהל

SHABBAT VAYAKHEL

Exodus 35:1-38:20

Haftarah – I Kings 7:40-50

Friday, February 25

7:00 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 26

9:00 AM Shabbat Service

9:30 AM K'Tantan B'Yachad - Young Family Shabbat Together. A 45 minute lay led service designed especially for families with very young children. Songs, games and crafts to learn all about Shabbat.

10:15 AM Torah Study

שבת פקודי

SHABBAT PEKUDEI

Exodus 38:21-40:38; Exodus 30:11-16
Haftarah – II Kings 12:1-17

Friday, March 4

7:00 PM Family Service
Children with March birthdays will be honored

Saturday, March 4

9:00 AM Shabbat Service
10:15 AM Torah Study



Faces OF TEMPLE BETH-EL

ADDAM & TAMMARA BRODSKY, with



their 1½ year-old daughter Vivienne, look forward to the birth of their second child in March. Addam was born in Brockton, graduated Brown and met Tammara, who grew up on the East Side, while working in Providence.

Please welcome these new Temple Beth-El members with open arms...



HINEINU

TEMPLE BETH-EL CARING COMMUNITY

Hineinu's Second Workshop with Kathleen Banchoff

Tuesday, January 25, 2011
7:00 pm

Kathleen Banchoff, Ph. D,
Workshop Facilitator for the MacMaster Centre
for Gerontological Studies

FINDING THE SMILE: ASKING FOR HELP THROUGH STORY, PART II

PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING A CAREGIVING FRIEND OR
FAMILY MEMBER. GUESTS ARE WELCOME.

For more information or to
RSVP by January 21, 2011
Tel: 401-331-6070
E-Mail: Hineinu@temple-beth-el.org
Refreshments will be served



AFTER THE VOTES WERE COUNTED, FOUR TEMPLE BETH-EL MEMBERS COUNT THEIR BLESSINGS



Congressman David Cicilline



Representative Steven Howitt



Councilman Seth Yurdin



Councilman Sam Zurier

By the time the votes are counted, everybody is usually happy the campaign process has ended, especially the winners! The local 2010 elections were no less interesting than the national brouhaha. When the polls closed, it was time for Temple Beth-El to kvell as four of its members crossed the finish line to victory. Rather than rehash the issues that drove the election, the Shofar asked each of the four leaders (*in alphabetical order!*) to share some of their more personal perspectives on their lives as Jewish politicians:

How long have you been a member of Temple Beth-El?

Cicilline: since 1993

Howitt: over 20 years but my and my wife's families (*Pam Tesler Howitt*) have been members for over 50 years.

Yurdin: 3 years

Zurier: I grew up as a Temple Beth-El member (*Sam is the son of Mel and Janet Zurier*) and renewed my ties when I returned to Providence in 1990.

Are you involved with any other Jewish organizations?

Cicilline: I was a former Sunday School teacher and Board member at Temple Beth-El. I was also a Board member of the RI Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Jewish Federation of RI. I am currently a member of the AIDS Task Force on the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and a member of the RI AIPAC Committee.

Howitt: I am a past member of the Temple Board and currently serve on the House Committee. I am currently a member of the Republican Jewish Coalition of Massachusetts, the Touro Fraternal Organization and on the Board of Camp JORI.

Zurier: I served on the Temple Board twice and as Secretary. I was on the Board, Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, Vice President, President and Honorary Board member of Jewish Family Service. I also served on the Board of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and was the proud recipient of the Federation's Hassenfeld Community Service Award in 1995.

When and why did you become politically active?

Cicilline: After graduating from law school, I became a public defender working with adolescents in Washington, D.C., which was a defining experience for me. I saw firsthand how much needed to be done to provide the education and opportunities necessary to prevent

these young people from ending up a statistic of the criminal justice system. By the time I was involved in their lives as their attorney, it was usually too late to have any positive influence on the choices they would make as adults. It became clear to me then that getting involved in the development of public policy was the best way for me to have an impact on the scale that I think is necessary. I moved back to Rhode Island to open a practice in civil rights law and criminal defense and served in the State Legislature representing Providence's East Side and a neighboring section of Pawtucket before becoming Mayor of Providence in 2003.

Howitt: My political aspirations were fueled by the example set by my father, Julius Howitt, who served the Town of Seekonk, MA in various capacities during his lifetime. He raised me with an understanding of the importance of public service and giving back to the community. I served my Town as an elected Selectman, Planning Board member and also served on various Town committees. I have run for the office of State Representative twice before.

Yurdin: As an attorney, I was active in a range of free speech and election issues, including supervising election lawyers in Florida in the 2004 Presidential Election. In Rhode Island, I was involved with a grass-roots group, Democracy for America, encouraging and supporting people to run for local office. In 2005, when a seat opened up on the Providence City Council, I decided to jump in.

Zurier: I became a candidate by accident. In May, I received a call from someone asking me to run against our current Councilman (*Cliff Wood*). I refused, because I thought he was doing a great job. When I called Cliff to advise him they were trying to find an opponent, he told me he was not seeking re-election, and asked me if I would run for his seat.

How has your Judaism inspired your political aspirations?

Cicilline: The concept of "*tikkun olam*" (repairing the world) has always been an inspiration to me in public service. I believe that we have an obligation to continually work to heal the world, no matter what our political point of view. This has certainly been a guiding principle in my life.

Howitt: My father raised me with an understanding of the importance of public service and giving back to the community.

Yurdin: Growing up, I was a member of a reform synagogue. Those experiences shaped who I am. I have always viewed public service as an opportunity for *Tikkun Olam* - participating in making the world a better place through our day-to-day actions. Those experiences keep me going on the days that are most frustrating.

Zurier: Our Temple's concept of Reform Judaism promotes the general value of public service, or *Tikkun Olam*. Public service can occur in any number of settings within and outside of the political world. In January, I will try my best to advance those values on the Providence City Council.

Do you have a message you would like to convey to your fellow congregants relative to your recent victory and upcoming public service?

Cicilline: Even though so much energy and effort is focused on the months of campaigning and the outcomes on Election Day, I believe the most important moment in the process is the day AFTER Election Day, when the real work begins for both elected officials and the citizens we represent. The hard part of the process is now, when so much is at stake in getting Rhode Islanders back to work and getting our economy on track again. I would encourage people to stay involved in the political process—pay attention to what your elected officials are doing and saying, and make sure they are providing you with a strong, effective voice in government.

Howitt: I congratulate my fellow congregants on their successful elections, and wish them all the best in the work ahead. I am looking forward to serving the citizens of the 4th Bristol District, Massachusetts as State Representative and appreciate the support shown to me by supporters, family and friends in my recent campaign. I am thankful for the candid advice and counsel offered by many friends in the congregation; those who have firsthand experience in public service, and all those who are recipients thereof. I'm taking all of this valuable collective wisdom with me to Beacon Hill to work for my District, and hope to make the people and the congregation proud of my service. I must add a caveat for those who knew my father-in-law, Marvin Tesler, who served the Temple proudly for nearly half a century as head-usher and Life Trustee and my father, Julius Howitt; I dedicate my win in this election in their honor and blessed memory.

Yurdin: It's an honor to continue my work on behalf of the residents of Providence. As the city goes, so goes the state, so we'll work together to keep the city heading in the right direction: protecting and improving the quality of life and character of our neighborhoods; preserving the environment; and making sure our children receive a quality education.

Zurier: I would to ask my fellow Temple members for two kinds of help. First, if anyone has suggestions about how I can do a better job on the Providence City Council, please let me know. Second, if anyone observes me changing for the worse, losing my humility or forgetting where I come from, please grab me by the shoulders and straighten me out.

HISTORY OF JEWISH STATE LEADERSHIP IN RHODE ISLAND

*Mazel
Tov*

GOVERNORS

Frank Licht (1969-1973)
Bruce Sundlun* (1989-1993)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Richard Licht (1985-1989)

ATTORNEYS GENERAL

Richard Israel* (1971-1975)
Julius Michaelson* (1975-1979)
Jeffrey Pine* (1993-1999)

TREASURER

Nancy Mayer (1992-1998)

STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

J. Jerome Hahn* (1931-1935)
Alfred Joslin (1963-1979)
Victoria Lederberg* (1993-2002)

RI SUPERIOR COURT

Jacob Temkin (1953 – unknown)
Richard Israel* (unknown)

RI FAMILY COURT

William Goldberg* (1968-1987)

US DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Bruce Selya* (1982-1986); now senior **federal judge** on the **United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit** and chief judge of the **United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review**

***Temple Beth-El member**

Reference: Temple Beth-El member George Goodwin's "Our Yankee Cousins: An Overview of the Providence and Hartford Jewish Communities," "Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes."

Note: Any omissions or inaccuracies are purely unintentional

B'nei Mitzvah

Joshua Sholes

December 4, 2010



PARENTS

Laurie & David Sholes

GRADE

7th

SCHOOL

Providence Country Day School

HOBBIES

Hiking, Greek mythology, and listening to music

To Joshua becoming a Bar Mitzvah means, *"going through the passage of childhood to young adult, gaining more responsibilities in the Jewish community and having more privileges."* For his Mitzvah Mania Project, Joshua helped out at the Full Plate, the Rhode Island kosher food pantry. He also plans to write an article for their newsletter with a recipe using pantry staples. And he will conduct a cooking session at his grandfather's assisted living. During his lifetime, Joshua wants, *"To go to architecture school, build national monuments and write books."*

Michael Matt

January 8, 2011



PARENTS

Judy & Andy Matt

GRADE

7th

SCHOOL

Wheeler School

HOBBIES

Boy Scouts, cross country, skiing, fishing and the saxophone

To Michael, becoming a Bar Mitzvah means, *"I am becoming more responsible and mature."* For his Mitzvah Mania Project, Benjamin volunteered with TerraCycle, where they turned CapriSun and other wrappers into useful objects such as backpacks, pencil cases and pocketbooks. I also volunteered with Matter of Trust in which they took fur and hair and stuffed them into pantyhose which created a boom that soaked up oil. These booms were used to soak up the oil during the Gulf oil spill. During his lifetime, Michael would like to *"Work with animals."*

Daniel Smith

January 15, 2011



PARENTS

Marjorie Lewis & Todd Smith

GRADE

7th

SCHOOL

Wheeler School

HOBBIES

Playing guitar, baseball, basketball and bike riding

To Daniel, becoming a Bar Mitzvah means, *"Becoming an adult in the Jewish community."* For his Mitzvah Mania Project, Daniel collected toiletries that are essential for everyday life and donated them to Crossroads Rhode Island. During his lifetime, Daniel would like to *"Improve at playing guitar and have a career in the music industry."*

Joseph Zurier

January 22, 2011



PARENTS

Lauren & Sam Zurier

GRADE

8th

SCHOOL

Nathanael Greene Middle School

HOBBIES

Baseball, computers, science fiction & playing soccer

To Joseph, becoming a Bar Mitzvah means, *"God views you as someone rational and an adult, rather than as a kid. God recognizes me as a Jew, and I should in turn be more of a Jew. I will start trying to keep milk/meat kosher and also keep the Sabbath, and I count in the Minyan."* For his Mitzvah Mania Project, Joseph helped out a local artist, Vera Leon with her computer and website as well as volunteered with special education children. During his lifetime, Joseph would like to *"Go to a good college, get a job in some profession and live happily."*

Benjamin Goodman

February 5, 2011



PARENTS

Jodi & Matthew Goodman

GRADE

7th

SCHOOL

Nathan Bishop School

HOBBIES

Soccer, being outdoors, reading and swimming

To Benjamin, becoming a Bar Mitzvah means, *"Responsibility. I am now a Jewish young man and can participate as a member of the Minyan. It also means opening a door to living a Jewish lifestyle of my choice."* For his Mitzvah Mania Project, Benjamin volunteered at the YMCA Mt. Hope Day Care Center and worked with 3 and 4 years old children. During his lifetime, Benjamin would like to *"Become a professional soccer player and go to Boston College."*

MINYAN STUDY SERIES

TORAH STUDY, including brunch, follows the 9AM Shabbat morning minyan service.

Join us for these special torah sessions with guest rabbis:

FEBRUARY 12th: Rabbi Jim Rosenberg

MARCH 12th: Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer



*"Golda" is
Retrospective for Some,
Introduction for Others*



Nearly 80-year-old Jane Fierstein's portrayal of former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir enlightened Temple Beth-El's religious school students, many of whom were hearing her story for the first time, and enchanted other congregants, including many representatives of the Beth-Elders. Fierstein wrote the one-woman play, *"Golda: A Woman Not to be Forgotten,"* or her Master's project.



Fierstein accepts kudos for her remarkable enactment of a woman whose life provides interesting parallels to hers. Meir didn't become Israeli prime minister until the age of 70. Fierstein, nearly 80, received her graduate degree this year and aspires to perform *"Golda"* at every synagogue or temple in Rhode Island. Both Fierstein and Meir continued to perform on their respective stages while suffering from lymphoma.

Good Appetite for
EIGHT
TO THE TABLE



*The Cranston
8 to the Table
group gathered
for their second
Shabbat dinner that
was pot luck,
including homemade
challah courtesy
of Paula Annenberg.
Welcoming the Shabbat
above are (left to right):*

*Steve Kahan,
Laura Lobosco,
Rebecca Eiss,
Rob Cutler,
Lori Kahan,
Paula Annenberg
and Dave Yopak.*



Temple Beth-El's
Sisterhood
FILM FESTIVAL

SUNDAYS at 2:00PM in MARCH

"BLENDING CULTURES"

Sisterhood invites you to attend our exciting film festival. Please join us for the films, coffee and refreshments, and discussion. Everyone is welcome. These free showings will be held in the Silverstein Meeting Hall of Temple Beth-El.

Sunday, MARCH 6th **"FACING ARTHUR"**

Introduction and discussion with Mike Fink, Professor of Film and Literature at the Rhode Island School of Design.

An elderly Holocaust survivor and a young German man find reconciliation through art & music.

Sunday, MARCH 13th **"LOVING LEAH"**

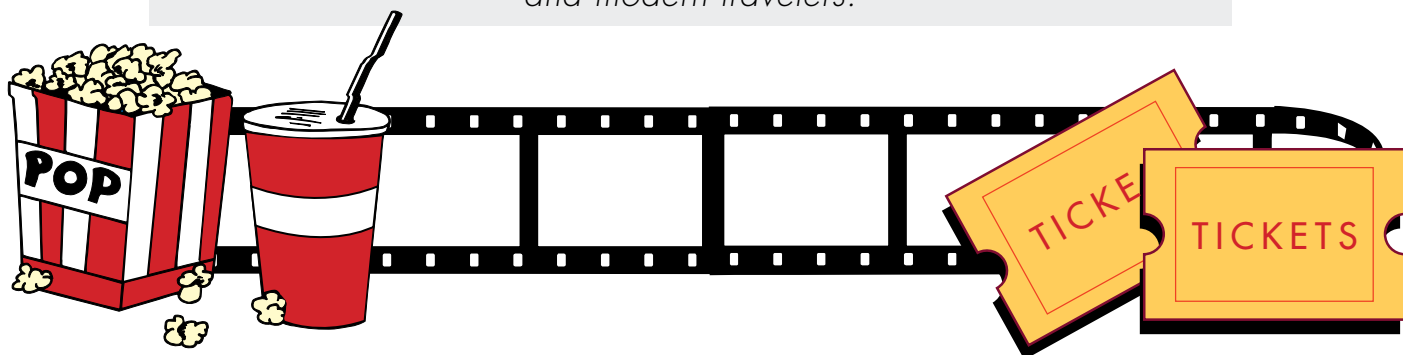
Introduction and discussion with Sarah E. Mack, Associate Rabbi of Temple Beth-El.

A nonobservant young doctor and an Orthodox woman fall in love—but only after they are married.

Sunday, MARCH 27th **"MINYAN in KAIFENG"**

Introduction and discussion with Mike Fink, Professor of Film and Literature at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Discovery of ancient Jewish artifacts leads to a meeting of current Chinese-Jewish descendents and modern travelers.



TEMPLE BETH-ELDERS



Invites you to

SHABBAT DINNER

5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011



Reservation

Deadline is

January 18, 2011



Temple Beth-Elders Shabbat Dinner, January 21, 2011

Name: _____

Phone: _____

of Adults (\$18 each): _____

Total Enclosed:\$ _____

Please let us know how many vegetarian meals are requested: _____

Your check will serve as an RSVP payable to Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Avenue, Providence, RI 02906



For more information call (401) 331-6070

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Save the Dates

2nd Annual SISTERHOOD TEA PARTY

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 23,
at 1:00PM



READING CIRCLE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7th,
at 7:30PM

Join us to review
**Jacob's Cane: A
Jewish Family's
Journey from the
Four Lands of
Lithuania to the Ports of
London and Baltimore**
by *Elisa New*.



*Check with Rona for details
and location.*

SISTERHOOD FILM FESTIVAL

SUNDAYS in
MARCH 2011
at 2:00PM



MARCH 6th
"Facing Arthur"

MARCH 13th
"Loving Leah"

MARCH 27th
"Minyan in Kaifeng"

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY SEDER

TUESDAY,
APRIL 5,
at 6:00PM



Two weeks before
Passover, the women of Tem-
ple Beth-El will join together
with women of other temples
and churches to celebrate a
Kosher style Women's Seder
in the Temple Beth-El Meeting
hall at 6PM. The Sisterhood
hopes you will join with the
community and come to this
special Seder. Look for the
registration form in the March
Shofar (\$25 per person, \$20
toward the meal and \$5 for
tzedakah).

PASSOVER RAFFLE

Be on the
lookout for the
fantastic Passover
Raffle mailing, a Kosher Pass-
over Seder for 10. No fuss,
no worry, just buy the raffle
and enjoy an effortless Pass-
over Seder for your family.
Drawing will be at the
MARCH 30, 2011
Sisterhood Annual Meeting.



Thank You

The Sisterhood thanks the
following **Harvest Bake Sale
Bakers** who provided us with a
delectable assortment of items
that were all hard to resist:

Gloria Jarcho,
Diane Glashow,
Diane Cerep,
Katherine Cowett,
Elaine Dickstein,
Debbie Barshay,
Rachel Woda,
Hanna Feibelman,
Laurie Sholes,
Karen Borger,
Nancy Kirsch,
Debbie Waldman,
Nancy Riffle,
Renate Sandgren,
Ellen Silverman,
Joanne Forman,
Janet Zurier, and
Helaine Schupack.

PAID UP EVENT *Really Hummed*



Debbie Waldman came dressed in the uniform worn by her Grandmother during WWII, when she helped out as a nurse. The poster she's holding has a photo of a WAC related to Elaine Dickstein.



The Meeting Hall decorated in a 1940's WWII theme



The entertainers known as The Hummingbirds looking at actual photos of servicemen at JCC dances in Providence during WWII. They performed ala The Andrews Sisters.

We are having a **TEA PARTY**

Temple Beth-El Sisterhood
invites you to attend our Second Annual Tea Party

Sunday, January 23rd at one o'clock pm
70 Orchard Avenue Providence, RI

Cost* is \$10 - individual; \$18 for two; \$25 for 3 or more
*a portion of the proceeds will go to support
future Sisterhood events

Sandwiches, desserts, tea and apple cider will be served.

Entertainment provided by the Kelly Irish School of Dance.
www.kellyschoolofirishdance.com

Kindly respond to Rona Nachbar at (401) 331-6070

Dress: white gloves, hats and purses encouraged





Brotherhood NEWS

NOVEMBER 7th our first Brotherhood Breakfast with guest speaker **STEVE KASS** was held. A nice crowd enjoyed an informative and lively discussion about the current and future political situation in the State of Rhode Island.



Guest speaker Steve Kass



Steve Kass with Brother Harvey Michaels



Barry Schiff



Max Guarino, Andy Lamchick, Steve Kass, Roy Gessman, David Royall

Our next Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, FEBRUARY 6th**. Please look for more information coming soon.

Sunday, DECEMBER 5th the Brotherhood sponsored prepared and served the **Religious School Open House** breakfast.



Become a fan on Facebook

www.bethelbrotherhoodri.org

THURSDAY EVENINGS

The Temple Beth-El Bowling League competes weekly at Cranston Bowl on Thursday evening beginning at 8:30PM. It is not too late to join. Please contact Steve Kahan at 440-1931 if you are interested. No experience is necessary.

The Brotherhood is proud to give our time and resources to contribute to the Temple & Religious School. If you appreciate what we do, please show your support by becoming a member. Whether you choose to actively participate in Brotherhood activities or not, your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Dr. Joseph A. Chazan, past president of the congregation, and his family commissioned artist Jonathan Bonner to create an outdoor sculpture in honor of Rabbi Les Gutterman's 40th year as rabbi of Temple Beth-El and in memory of Dr. Chazan's wife Helene S. Chazan.

GAZIE Jonathan Bonner

Jonathan Bonner is a nationally recognized sculptor whose local outdoor sculptures can be seen at the RISD Museum and the Wheeler Farm. Below, Jonathan describes his sculpture and the process of fabrication.



"GAZE" is a 30' high, fabricated bronze tapered pillar whose horizontal cross section anywhere along its length is the Star of David. The only position from which one can see the full Star is from above the piece looking down. If one views it from the ground, one might not be aware of its cross section. It appears simply as a fluted spire. Once you know its cross section that becomes an essential part of the experience. The Star cross section also has structural importance in that it triangulates the column making it very strong. As mentioned above, the piece is made of fabricated bronze. Forty-two pieces of bronze plate were cut out and welded together to make the form. The surfaces were then ground and finished sanded. Then the patina color was applied followed by a coating of carnuba wax. The entire fabrication process was done with the piece in the horizontal position. When it was completed, it was crated and put on a flatbed truck and brought to the site. A crane picked up the piece and put in place where it was securely bolted the large reinforced concrete foundation. We are going to put bark mulch around the base. In the Spring, the mulch will be replaced with plantings of Elijah Blue Fescue ornamental grass.



A dedication of "Gaze" will be scheduled in the Spring when new outdoor landscaping will be complete.



BUILD A BASKET

High Holiday Food Drive A High Point For Social Action

Members of the Social Action Committee – and the organizations to which we donated goods after the High Holiday food drive – are grateful for Temple Beth-El congregants' extraordinary generosity this year, especially given the current tough economic challenges so many face.

This year, we donated bags of food and baby supplies to Blackstone Valley Community Action, Cathedral of St. John, Camp Street Ministries, Project Outreach, Pawtucket Soup Kitchen, Crossroads, Providence Head Start, Ronald McDonald House, Mt. Pleasant High School backpack program and the Louis and Goldie Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry. Each of these organizations received approximately 40 bags filled to overflowing with canned and boxed foodstuffs and, in many instances, diapers, baby wipes, formula and other infant care goods.

The words of thanks from the recipient organizations amply describe their gratitude. Consider

these excerpts from some of the agencies mentioned above:

"I wish we didn't need to provide food to hungry people, but the sad fact is that we do," wrote the outreach coordinator from the Cathedral of St. John. "The food that [Temple Beth-El] so generously provides gives us at least two weeks of food for our clients, making it much easier for us to continue this essential service."

And from the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen, which serves approximately 30,000 meals each year to homeless and needy individuals, an administrator wrote, "This summer has been especially challenging as we have been seeing increasing number of folks needing our help. We would never be able to accomplish all we do without your help."

And, perhaps most poignant of all is a letter from Children's Friend, a 176-year-old organization serving Rhode Island's most vulnerable children and families. Their letter said, in part, "When your congrega-

tion's donation arrived at our office, it was nothing short of amazing! News of the donation spread quickly through our office as staff came upstairs to witness the line of shopping bags and cases of diapers you all donated. Our drop-in center advocate walked down the hall with tears in her eyes. In the weeks leading up to your donation – we had run out of everything. And just the other week, a young mom walked in with three kids under 4 years of age and only one diaper left. We were able to connect her with some other resources...she left the office that day with diapers for the kids." So, if you ever think, "My donation doesn't count" or "I can only give a little bit – so no one will miss my small contribution," think again! Each little – and large – contribution adds up to make a difference in the life of someone in need.

The Social Action Committee can't do what we do without the support and generosity of Temple Beth-El members. *Thank you.*

*A Blessing On Your Head
Mazal Tov, Mazal Tov*

Francey Nathan & Frimette Roberts on the birth of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Talia Bree Rankin, daughter of Tara Nathan and Machiste Rankin

Michael & Paige Roberts, Martha & Maurice Roberts and Rosalie Fain & the late Norman Fain on the birth of their daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Sophia Elle Roberts

IN OUR FAMILY

Murray Friedman, was honored by the Cancer Society Board for 50 years of service.

Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman was the co-chairman of an interfaith prayer breakfast proceeding the inauguration of Providence Mayor Angel Taveras. He also delivered prayers at the inauguration ceremony for Warwick Mayor, Scott Avedisian and Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court, Chief Judge Haiganush Bedrosian.

IN MEMORIAM

The congregation notes with sorrow the passing of:

Jeanne Kramer,
mother of Tammara Brodsky

Lloyd Rosenbaum,
brother of Elwin Rosenbaum

George Rubine, father of Allen Rubine

Helen Nacheman,
mother of Elinor Nacheman



YIZKOR ELOHIM

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of:

MARTIN TEMKIN

27 Kislev 5771
4 December 2010

STEVEN SORIN

3 Tevet 5771
9 December 2010

JEFFREY FEINSTEIN

3 Tevet 5771
9 December 2010



**HONOR THY
NAME PLAQUES**

Honor thy Name Plaques continue to provide members with an opportunity to remember a loved one or to honor someone dear. Inscribed plaques are affixed to a seat of your choice in either the Rosalie and Norman Fain Sanctuary or the Herman L. Bennett Chapel. Donations to establish a plaque enhance the Temple's Endowment.

The Temple is grateful to:

Pat & Mel Blake who have inscribed a plaque honoring the Bat Mitzvah of Haley C. Horton

**NOVEMBER 1, 2010
TO
NOVEMBER 30, 2010**

*"...who donates much to charity
becomes the richer for it..."*

Zohar, iii, 110b

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In Appreciation

Gary Frishman & Meredith Curren

In Memory of

Sarah Forrester HAROLD MICHAEL LIPSITZ

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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Gary Frishman & Meredith Curren

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year at Temple Beth-El
Eleanor Radin Cantor Judith Seplowin's 10th
year at Temple Beth-El
Lee & Bob Krasner Cantor Judith Seplowin's 10th
year at Temple Beth-El
Lee & Bob Krasner HENRY FRISHMAN
becoming a Bar Mitzvah

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Enhances the Temple cemetery's landscaping

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For the Annual Religious School Passover program

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Helps to establish financial security for the Temple

In Appreciation

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In Appreciation

Penny Benatovich

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For the purchase and maintenance of fine art and Judaica

In Memory of

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Gail & Jim Galkin NOAH TEMKIN
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Enhances program opportunities for very young families (K'Tantan)

In Honor of

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50 years of service

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Enhances programs & worship services through music

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It may be winter,
but summer will be here soon enough.

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Ledgemont Country Club

MONDAY

JULY 18, 2011

