



### RABBINIC REFLECTIONS

#### Tamar's Garden

Every morning when I enter Temple Beth El, I am reminded of the many gifts our congregants bring to make our congregation literally blossom. The first beauty of Beth El I see is the spectacular garden that Tamar Myers continually nurtures. Bringing her gifts as a Master Gardener, she shops for the varied planters, changes out the seasonal plants and makes our Temple look loved and beautiful year round. I have been asked if a paid landscaper handles that garden. I know it wouldn't be as beautiful if that were the case. As a Beth El member, Tamar tends and tills our garden as one of her offerings.

When we, as Israelites in the book of Exodus, built our first sanctuary in the desert, God commanded every one of us whose heart moved us to do so, to bring gifts. From the very first Israelite building project until today, it is our offerings from the heart that make our synagogues shine.

There are so many ways in which you can brighten our congregation with your gifts. Some people choose to be Shabbat greeters and warmly welcome congregants and guests alike into our midst. Others choose to be shiva minyan leaders offering consolation to those who are grieving, or technology volunteers running our PowerPoints during worship.

From gardening to greeting, from baking for an oneg to bringing challahs to the homebound, from visiting the sick to volunteering in our gift shop, there is a role for you. Simply look for volunteer opportunities on our website or ask a staff member how you can play a meaningful role.

Judaism teaches us to bring gifts that our hearts move us to bring: willingly, with joy, with pride and with love. Just as the heart is the focus of our physical survival and many of us need to choose heart-healthy foods and do exercise to assure our wellbeing, so too is giving from the heart necessary for our spiritual survival.

Tamar's gardening is her prayer. May each of you find your divine and/or communal connection by bringing your gifts of the heart to our community. May each of you help Beth El to shine for our congregants, guests and the broader community.

*By Rabbi Judy Schindler*

### TEMPLE BETH EL'S MARTIN LUTHER KING SHABBAT PART OF LARGER EXCHANGE

January 13, 2012 at 7:00 pm

The Friday night of Martin Luther King weekend starts off Charlotte's third annual Sermon Exchange. Dozens of Charlotte congregational leaders will exchange pulpits in a program sponsored by Crossroads Charlotte and Mecklenburg Ministries.

Beth El's MLK Shabbat, on Friday, January 13th at 7:00 pm, will highlight one preacher, one pastor, one praise team and two meaningful exchanges. The first exchange is reflected in the Shalom Park Freedom School. Kevin Vandiver, who has been serving the Children's Defense Fund for four consecutive summers and was our Shalom Park Freedom School Site Coordinator, will be our featured speaker.

A gifted preacher and passionate leader, Kevin earned his Bachelor's degree from Winthrop University and is currently enrolled at Duke University Divinity School. He brings wisdom, learning, a commitment to social justice, and a familiarity with the Jewish community.

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**Kevin Vandiver, our Shalom Park Freedom School Coordinator, will speak at MLK Shabbat.**

### HELP SHAPE CHAZON BETH EL - THE VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

#### A Strategic Plan for Our Congregation

Congregational Discussion Groups

Sunday, January 8, 2012

Two sessions (choose one and confirm online, per below)

8:45 am – 10:15 am

11:15 am – 12:45 pm

In 2013, Beth El will celebrate the 70th anniversary of our founding. In seven decades, we have built up a remarkable congregation that has made a name for itself far beyond our community. In traditional Judaism, 70 represents a life cycle. Our role as Beth El congregants is to create the vision for our Jewish future. Please let us know which session you will be attending so we can ensure the proper amount of facilitators: [www.beth-el.com/rsvp](http://www.beth-el.com/rsvp).

**SAVE THE NEW DATE: MARCH 17, 2012**

For Temple Beth El's Fundraiser, An Evening in Vegas. The date was changed to respect the Federation's fundraising blackout period. We apologize for any confusion.

**JANUARY CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT - SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012**

Come to one component or stay for it all.

**9:00 am - Shabbat morning experience choices:**

- Workshop with Guest Scholar Rabbi Howard Berman: "Liberty and Justice for All: Embracing our Heritage as American Jews"
- New Member program (starting at 9:15 am)
- Teen Band and Teen Vocal Ensemble with Cantor Bernard
- FIJI Conversion Class
- Sheva Seventh Grade Program
- The Farber Leadership Program will also meet at this time

**10:15 am - Shabbat morning brunch** - \$8/adults, \$6/children 12 and under. To RSVP: [www.beth-el.com/rsvp](http://www.beth-el.com/rsvp) or 704-749-3070.

**11:00 am - Congregational service**

This service is for and by you, our TBE family. This month, the D'var Torah will be presented by guest scholar Rabbi Howard Berman. Torah will be read by Howard Seidler, Tamar Meyers and Jason Andrews. The haftarah will be chanted by Danny Fishbeck. We will invite for separate aliyot new members to Beth El, Temple Beth El Board Members, and gift shop volunteers. Many opportunities for participation and honors exist; please just ask the clergy.

**CONTACT US: 704-366-1948****Temple Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 5:30 pm  
Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

*The office is closed on Saturday and Sunday.*

**Temple Officers**

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**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL COMPARATIVE RELIGION SERIES: JAN. 10 - FEB. 21, 2012**

**"One God? Yours or Mine: A Provocative Look at the Concept of God."**

Please join us for this exciting 15th year. Sessions will run from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on six successive Tuesdays, starting January 10th. (February 21 is reserved as a snow date.) The annual Series was established fifteen years ago with the intent to educate our community, promote understanding and respect of all faiths, and reveal the commonalities in our differences.

The 2012 schedule was planned by the Comparative Religion Committee and sponsored through partnership with the Temple Beth El Sisterhood. It kicks off as follows:

- **January 10:** Rabbi Judy Schindler, Temple Beth El – Welcome and Overview – Jewish perspective
  - **January 17:** Mr. John Barringer, Counselor to President Cheney of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – Mormon perspective
  - **January 24:** Imam John Ederer, Muslim American Society of Charlotte – Islamic perspective
- See [www.beth-el.com](http://www.beth-el.com) for the full schedule.

**MLK SHABBAT**

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The music of Beth El's MLK Shabbat service will be lifted by the Praise Team of Briar Creek Church. Pastor Dennis Hall will lead a prayer for peace. Pastor Hall is a strong servant leader who feels a passion for Israel, for lifting up those in need in Haiti, and most of all, for reaching out to support Charlotte families in need. As part of our second exchange, Beth El will host a Seder for Briar Creek Church (details forthcoming).

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The Temple Beth El Whisper is published on the first of alternating months by Temple Beth El, a Reform Congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism.

Due to its size, the Whisper will only include upcoming Temple programs and events, the monthly calendar, b'nei mitzvah for the month and limited other features. Community information will be included in the Voice on alternating months.

The Whisper is published 5 times a year.

**SPICE**

The SPICE group had a wonderful time at the Mummies exhibit (pictured right). Upcoming events include:

- **Monday, January 2nd, 11:00 am**, at TBE. Rabbi Judy will present "Soul Trilogy," a series of social justice documentaries produced by Rabbi Judy and Beth El, followed by a discussion. Lunch is at 12:00 pm catered by Jered, \$7/person, followed by the conclusion of Rabbi Judy's program. RSVPs are required by Tuesday, December 27th.
- **SPICE OUT – Wednesday, January 18th.** Carpools depart from the TBE parking lot at 11:00 am. If driving directly, meet at the Grand Asian Market in the "lunch area" at 11:30 am. Address: 4400 Potters Road, Stallings, NC, 704-821-0899. Lunch is on your own in the market. RSVPs required by Thursday, January 12th.
- **Monday, February 6th, 11:00 am**, at TBE. Rabbi Judy will discuss Holocaust poetry. Lunch is at 12:00 pm and costs \$7 per person, followed by Meg Whalen, music scholar and director of Violins of Hope, discussing the project. RSVPs required by Thursday, February 2nd.

You must RSVP for SPICE events even if you don't order a lunch at [www.beth-el.com/rsvp](http://www.beth-el.com/rsvp), by calling 704-749-3070, or by personal check (mail it in or bring it with you). You will be billed if you do not cancel within 48 hours of a program. *SPICE programming is made possible through a generous grant from the BJH Foundation for Senior Services.*

**TEMPLE BETH EL UNIVERSITY**

Wednesdays, February 1, 8 and 15, 2012

A place where adults can learn about Judaism and promote Jewish Literacy! Register at: [www.beth-el.com/rsvp](http://www.beth-el.com/rsvp).

- Jewish Thought Part II: Reconstructionist Judaism - Core Course, 7:00-9:00 pm, with Rabbi Jonathan Freirich
- How to Make This Night Different From All Other Nights (Elective One), 7:00-8:00 pm with Barbara Feld
- Elective Two - details forthcoming

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTION****Team Captains Needed for Mitzvah Day Projects**

Mitzvah Day is on May 12, 2012. Please contact Lisa Moreland at [lmorland@charlottelatin.org](mailto:lmorland@charlottelatin.org).

**Help Out at the Next Room in the Inn**

The next RITI dates are February 4-5, 2012. Many positions are needed. Please see [www.beth-el.com](http://www.beth-el.com) for details.

**Donating an old cell phone can save a life**

Donated phones brought to the TBE office will be reprogrammed to call 911 in the event of an emergency for victims (or potential victims) of domestic violence. Abuse Happens...Come to Us for Help. [www.shalombayit-nc.org](http://www.shalombayit-nc.org).

**Sterling Elementary Volunteers and Snacks are Needed**

We need nine more volunteers to have one in every classroom. Contact Linda Hindel at [lhindel@carolina.rr.com](mailto:lhindel@carolina.rr.com). Thank you for the recent donations of coats and more. Sterling teachers are now in need of non-perishable healthy snacks (pretzels, fruit snacks, dry cereal, gold fish, animal crackers, etc). Collection bins are in the Temple & Religious School Lobbies.

**Prepare & Serve Lunch at Urban Ministries Soup Kitchen**

Join us on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Contact Cissy Gottlieb at [gottliebsl@aol.com](mailto:gottliebsl@aol.com), 704-364-2880 or 704-576-6342.

**Not My Kid**

Contact Shelley Friedman, [Friedmans@preventionservices.org](mailto:Friedmans@preventionservices.org), or Marcia Lampert, [mblampert@gmail.com](mailto:mblampert@gmail.com), to be part of the "prevent underage drinking" campaign or for confidential resources for your child who may be drinking or using drugs.

**GET A TASTE OF JUDAISM THIS WINTER**

"Taste of Judaism" Winter Session at Temple Beth El Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. No charge! All are welcome. Jewish or not, member or not. Registration Required. Contact Shari Hackman or Janie Meyers: 704-749-3051 or [shackman@beth-el.com](mailto:shackman@beth-el.com) or [jmeyers@beth-el.com](mailto:jmeyers@beth-el.com). Are you curious? Join us to explore and learn the Jewish perspective on living in today's world. Discussions to include: spirituality, values, community and traditions. Seating is limited!

**TBE DIALOGUE - THIRD YEAR!**

"Afterlife in Judaism - Folktales and Skepticism"  
Sunday January 22, 5:00 pm, in Luski Hall at TBE

Intentionally kept intimate to encourage dialogue, a small group from our community meets with our Catholic friends from St. Peter Catholic Church and other nearby churches. Clergy, educators or volunteers make presentations, followed by small group discussion. Free and open to the public. Bring your favorite drink, salad or finger-food and RSVP to [AmaliaIma@ATT.net](mailto:AmaliaIma@ATT.net). On January 22nd, Rabbi Freirich will represent Beth El and offer an in-depth look at folktales about life after death that provide a greater focus on finding meaning during life.

# PULL & POST CALENDAR

# JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b>	02 <b>HEBREW SCHOOL</b> 11:00 am S.P.I.C.E. Program	03 4:15 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring 7:30 pm MLK Choir rehearsal	04 <b>HEBREW SCHOOL</b> 7:00 pm Hebrew High Improve Your Hebrew Skills Learn to Read Hebrew Taste of Judaism	05	06 9:00 am Torah Yoga 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00 pm Shabbat Worship Service	07 9:30 am Fiji Tanach Study 11:00 am Learner's Minyan 6:00 pm LIBERTY Dinner and a Comedy Show
08 <b>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring	09 <b>HEBREW SCHOOL</b> 11:00 am S.P.I.C.E. Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Comparative Religion Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting	10 5:15 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring 7:00 pm Comparative Religion Series Youth Activities Committee Meeting 7:30 pm MLK Choir rehearsal	11 <b>HEBREW SCHOOL</b> 7:00 pm Hebrew High Improve Your Hebrew Skills Learn to Read Hebrew Taste of Judaism	12	13 9:00 am Torah Yoga 7:00 pm MLK Jr. Shabbat	14 9:15 am Tot Shabbat Service 9:30 am Fiji Tanach Study Tot Shabbat Activity 11:00 am Zoe Gavia and Claire Goldstone B'not Mitzvah
15 <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b> 10:00 am Brotherhood Breakfast	16 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>NO HEBREW SCHOOL</b>	17 4:15 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring 6:15 pm Building Property and Grounds	18 <b>NO HEBREW SCHOOL</b> 11:00 am SPICE Program 6:00 pm	19	20 9:00 am Torah Yoga 5:15 pm Tot Shabbat and Potluck 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00 pm	21 9:00 am Sheva Fiji Robyn Farber Leadership Rabbi Berman's Workshop Teen Band Rehearsal

9:15 am New member Workshop  
 10:00 am Teen Vocal Ensemble I  
 10:15 am Congregational Shabbat Breakfast  
 11:00 am Congregational Shabbat Service (New Member information below)

Classical Reform Shabbat (See below for details)

Teen Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Hebrew High Improve Your Hebrew Skills  
 Learn to Read Hebrew Taste of Judaism

meeting  
 6:30 pm Brotherhood Board Meeting  
 7:00 pm Comparative Religion Series  
 7:30 pm Classical Reform Shabbat Ensemble Rehearsal

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**  
 8:30 am 6th Grade "Just Say Know" Parent Program  
 10:30 am B'nei Mitzvah in Israel Families Meeting  
 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring

**NO HEBREW SCHOOL**  
 12:00 pm Senior Sage Class  
 7:00 pm Sisterhood Outside Event

**NO HEBREW SCHOOL**  
 7:00 pm Hebrew High Improve Your Hebrew Skills  
 Learn to Read Hebrew Taste of Judaism

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 9:30 am Fiji Tanach Study  
 11:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Alexa Phillips

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 9:00 am Torah Yoga  
 6:00 pm Welcoming and Naming Shabbat  
 7:00 pm Third Grade Shabbat Dinner  
 7:15 pm Service of Healing and Comfort  
 8:00 pm Shabbat Worship and Naming Shabbat

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**NO HEBREW SCHOOL**  
 7:00 pm Hebrew High Improve Your Hebrew Skills  
 Learn to Read Hebrew Member Services Committee Meeting  
 Taste of Judaism

24  
 5:15 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring  
 7:00 pm Comparative Religion Series

23  
**HEBREW SCHOOL**  
 6:00 pm Executive Board Meeting  
 7:30 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting

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**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**  
 1:15 pm Religious School Committee Meeting  
 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring

**THE FEDERATION'S MAIN EVENT**  
 featuring Rabbi Brad Hirschfield, will be held on Thursday, Jan. 26th. See [www.jewishcharlotte.org](http://www.jewishcharlotte.org).

**CLASSICAL REFORM SHABBAT**  
 On January 20th at 8:00 pm, Rabbi Howard Berman from the Society for Classical Reform Judaism will join the TBE clergy in leading Shabbat worship. The service will explore some historic liturgy and music of the Reform Movement within the context of our contemporary TBE service. Prepare to have your spirits lifted.

**NEW MEMBER SHABBAT**  
 Join us for Congregational Shabbat on Saturday, January 21, 2012. New Member program: 9:15 – 10:15 am. Brunch: 10:15 – 11:00 am (Complimentary for our New Members!) Shabbat Service and New Member Aliyah: 11:00 am. RSVPs required by 5:00 pm on Wed., January 18th at [www.beth-el.com/rsvp](http://www.beth-el.com/rsvp) or 704-749-3070. Sponsored by the Member Services Committee.  
*New Members are those who have joined within the past 2 years.*

**NAMING SHABBAT - JANUARY 27**  
 Do you have a child or are you a Jewish adult who never received a Hebrew name? On Shabbat Shemot, the Sabbath of Names, at our 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm Shabbat Services, we will have a group naming. For information, or if you need a Hebrew name, contact Debora Gluick at [dgluick@beth-el.com](mailto:dgluick@beth-el.com) or 704-749-3043.

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 4:15 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring  
 7:00 pm Comparative Religion Series

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**HEBREW SCHOOL**  
 6:00 pm Executive Board Meeting  
 7:30 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting

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**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**  
 1:15 pm Religious School Committee Meeting  
 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring

Religious School 704-749-3046

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Important Phone Numbers

## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM/SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE BETH EL - JANUARY EVENTS

A big thank you to all the volunteers who gave time, effort and action to help Discovered Traditions do amazingly well this Chanukah season.

### Upcoming Events in January 2012

- **Monday, January 23, 2012** - Join us at Dish It Out, Stonecrest Shopping Center, Rea Rd. and Ballantyne Commons Pkwy., 7:00-9:30 pm, as we create pottery and socialize. RSVP by Jan. 19 to Judy Morganstein at [judy\\_morganstein@yahoo.com](mailto:judy_morganstein@yahoo.com) or 704-366-0030.
- **Thursday, January 26, 2012** - Eat and Schmooze at Waldhorn Restaurant, 12101 Lancaster Highway, Pineville. RSVP by Jan. 24, 2012 to Caren Carr, 704-246-7921. Join us for fun, food and fellowship!

## BROTHERHOOD

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

### Membership Meetings

- January 15th – Civil War Program presented by a distinguished professor and author from UNC Charlotte who will discuss his book on the Civil War's 125th Anniversary.
- February 19th – "Social Security and Medicare... Things We All Need to Know." This program will be presented by experts in both of these fields.
- March 18th – Yom HaShoah Candle Packing Breakfast



### First Thursday Night Socials (locations TBA)

- January 5th, February 2nd and March 1st.
- Alan Gottheim, President, Temple Beth El Brotherhood  
Home: 980-235-9789, Cell: 704-363-3706.

## TORAHYOGA - JANUARY 6 - MARCH 9

Friday mornings in TBE's Beit Midrash, 9:00 - 10:00 am. For details and to register, go to [www.beth-el.com/rsvp](http://www.beth-el.com/rsvp).

## REFORM WORSHIP IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT - AN ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY WITH CANTOR MARY Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm

Come and study Reform Jewish worship with Cantor Mary. We will listen to music, examine our prayerbooks and discuss what makes or breaks prayer. We will study the changes in worship over time and explore the reasons for those changes. While there is no fee for this course, we welcome donations to offset expenses.

## ALL K-12 TBE YOUTH EVENT

**Dinner and a Comedy Show (Open to all TBE youth and families) Saturday, January 7th, 6:00-8:30 pm at TBE in the Silverman Social Hall.**

Ready for an entertaining night with delicious food, all while supporting Temple Beth El Youth? LIBERTY, our Senior Youth Group, is hosting a fabulous "Dinner and Comedy Show," featuring a scrumptious dinner accompanied by a hilarious comedy show for the entire family!

All TBE youth and families are welcome and encouraged to attend. All proceeds will benefit Temple Beth El Youth Scholarships and Camp Jenny, a NFTY-SAR\* sponsored event that gives underprivileged Atlanta youth a chance to attend camp. Please attend to support TBE Youth and Camp Jenny!

You must register online by Monday, January 2nd at [www.beth-el.com/rsvp](http://www.beth-el.com/rsvp). Contact Sydney Bloom at [libertycvp@gmail.com](mailto:libertycvp@gmail.com) with questions! Adults: \$8 (13 & up); Children (12 & under): \$6.

*NFTY-SAR\* - North American Federation of Temple Youth-Southern Area Region (LIBERTY is a local chapter in SAR)*

## CHARLOTTE JEWISH PRESCHOOL

The Charlotte Jewish Preschool is dedicated to providing young children with a secure and loving atmosphere so that they can develop a positive self-image and grow intellectually, emotionally and socially. Children of all religious affiliations are welcomed. Please contact Alyson Kalik, 704-944-6776 or [akalik@shalomcharlotte.org](mailto:akalik@shalomcharlotte.org).

## TEMPLE BETH EL TOTS

Temple Tots offers accessible, engaging services and activities for kids up to five years old, their parents and siblings. Music, art and more are all ways our Tot programs create vibrant Jewish life for the whole family.

### Upcoming events:

- Sat., January 14, 9:15 am - Tot Shabbat
- Fri., January 20, 5:15 pm - Tot Shabbat and Potluck
- Sat., February 11, 9:15 am - Tot Shabbat

For details about TBE Tots and how you can get involved, please contact [tots@beth-el.com](mailto:tots@beth-el.com) or 704-366-1948.

**B'NEI MITZVAH**



**ZOE GAVIA**  
Parashat Shemot  
January 14, 2012

Zoe is the daughter of Manny Gavia and Lorie Arthur. Her grandparents are Valerie Schwartz of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; Robert Arthur of Bridgeport, Conn; and Mazel and Jocov Gavia of Moshav Megadim, Israel. Zoe is the sister of Maya.



**CLAIRE GOLDSTONE**  
Parashat Shemot  
January 14, 2012

Claire is the daughter of Jeff and Kathy Goldstone. Her grandparents are Robert and Gigi Auston of Madison, FL; Janice Downey and the late Donal Downey of Turlock, CA; and the late Jodi McFarlan of Marin County, CA. Claire is the sister of Zoe and Emma.



**ALEXA GABRIELLE PHILLIPS**  
Parashat Bo  
January 28, 2012

Alexa is the daughter of Michael and Carol Phillips. Her grandparents are the late George and Eileen Goldberg of St. Augustine, FL; Helen Phillips of Charlotte, NC ; and Bob and Sara Phillips of Tega Cay, SC. Alexa is the sister of Jordan, Taylor and Brett.

**SHARING OUR LIVES**

**The Board of Directors of Temple Beth El and the entire congregation extend deepest sympathies to the families of**

- ... Sue Coben, wife of Matt Coben, mother of Josh, Carly and Allie
- ... Ron Cowan, father of Lisa Jervis
- ... Ella Dorbian, grandmother of Paul Hopmeier
- ... Maxine Goldman, wife of Marc Goldman, mother of Beverly Schutzman
- ... Joyce Goodman, mother of Avie Goodman, aunt of Betsy Klein, Richard Klein, Robert Klein, sister-in-law of Elizabeth and Walter Klein
- ... Shirley Kramer, mother of Amy Lamparello
- ... Claire Notrica, mother of Karen Eisner

**MAZEL TOV TO...**

**Births**

- ... Gloria and Bill Grifenhagen and Geri and Gene Zhiss on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Wolfe Zhiss, on October 27, 2011. Proud parents are Laura and Peter Zhiss.
- ... Amanda and Joel Kaplan on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Rose, on December 15, 2011. Proud grandparents are Rabbi Morton and Joan Kaplan.
- ... Linda Nore on the birth of her grandson, Emerson Walker Hough. Proud parents are Cami and Brandon Hough of Cary
- ... Laura Jo Reznick and Alex Zhu on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Laverne Zhu, on November 17, 2011. Brothers Kevin and Aaron are thrilled!

**MILESTONES**

**JANUARY MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS**

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 - Jeffrey Huberman   | 11- Cheryl Ross       |
| 3 - Don Fernbach       | Andrea Seidler        |
| Matthew Samarel        | 18 - Martha Yesowitch |
| 4 - Matti Ordan Reider | 20 - Paul Putterman   |
| 5 - Robert Schrader    | 23 - Anne Kahn        |
| Randi Eccleston        | 24 - Shannon Alpert   |
| 8 - Glenn Roberts      | 30 - Francine Kors    |
| Julie Shapiro          |                       |

**JANUARY MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES**

- 25TH** - Gary and Susan Bogarad  
Dean Fischbeck and Lisa Lust
- 20TH** - David and Jodi Bloom

**THANK YOU TO OUR DECEMBER TOT SHABBAT SPONSORS!**

**Marcie and Kurt Jacobs**  
In honor of Nana Anna Steindler

**Michelle and John Jaye**  
In honor of Frida Secrist's 3rd birthday

**Rubina and Sam Batt**  
In honor of Liam and Charlie

*Tot Shabbat is generously underwritten by the TBE Brotherhood.*

The clergy, board and staff of Beth El thank the following people for sponsoring onegs and prenegs in December:

**ELLEN AND TIM MARTIN**  
in honor of the wedding blessing of Meredith Martin and Aaron Denson.

**PHYLLIS AND JERRY MILLER, GENE RUTH POLER, CAROL AND MITCHELL TAPLITZ**  
in honor of Milt Poler's special birthday.

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**WORSHIP SERVICES - JANUARY 2012**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 pm
Shabbat Worship Service	8:00 pm

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

Adult Tanach (Bible) Study	9:30 am
Learner's Minyan Service	11:00 am

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**

Martin Luther King Shabbat	7:00 pm
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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

Adult Tanach (Bible) Study	9:00 am
B'not Mitzvah: Zoe Gavia	11:00 am
Daughter of Manny Gavia and Lorie Arthur	
Claire Goldstone	
Daughter of Jeff and Kathy Goldstone	

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**

Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 pm
Classical Reform Shabbat Worship Service	8:00 pm

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

Adult Tanach (Bible) Study	9:00 am
Congregational Shabbat Experiences	9:00 am
Congregational Shabbat Brunch	10:15 am
Congregational Shabbat Service	11:00 am



The Foundation for the Charlotte Jewish  
 Community Invites our Jewish Community to an

**OPEN HOUSE**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012**

**1:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Foundation For The Carolinas  
 Luski Gorelick Center for Philanthropy  
 220 North Tryon Street**

Come view the wonderful collection of art and the many  
 Jewish donors recognized in Foundation For The Carolinas'  
 New Headquarters Facility. For details, please contact  
 Phil Warshauer at 704-973-4544 or  
[pwarshauer@charlottejewishfoundation.org](mailto:pwarshauer@charlottejewishfoundation.org).

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**

Welcoming and Naming Shabbat	6:00 pm
Service of Healing & Comfort	7:15 pm
Naming Shabbat Worship Service	8:00 pm

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

Adult Tanach (Bible) Study	9:30 am
Bat Mitzvah: Alexa Phillips	11:00 am
Daughter of Michael and Carol Phillips	