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### LEHITRAOT V'SHALOM

By Rabbi Micah Streiffer

There is a joke among rabbis that Rabbinical School takes five years because there are five letters in the word Rabbi. You receive one letter per year. So after your first year, you are an "R;" after three years you're a "RAB;" but it takes five years to become a "RABBI!"

As I look back over my time in Charlotte, I have to disagree. For all that I learned in my training, it was serving this congregation that truly made me a rabbi. Over the last four years, you have invited me into your lives. We have learned together, prayed together and taught one another. We have celebrated simchas and shared in times of sorrow. Rabbis have the unique honor of being allowed into people's lives at the most meaningful times, and I am eternally grateful to have known each of you.

The Hebrew word for scholar is Talmid Chacham, which means "learned student." In Judaism, to be a teacher is to be a perpetual student – always learning from those around you. I have had a multitude of people from whom to learn and on whom to lean in my time here. To Rabbi Schindler and the leadership team, the senior staff and my fellow clergy, to the incredible members of the TBE staff, to all of the committee chairs and lay-leaders with whom I have worked, to the board and executive committee, I give my deepest thanks. You are exemplary leaders; you care deeply about Judaism and the Jewish people, and you show it every day. There aren't nearly enough words on this page to thank each of you individually for what you do.

To the entire congregation, thank you for inviting my family and me to be part of your lives these last four years. Shoshana, Rami, Noam, Yair and I have loved being part of this extraordinary community. Temple Beth El is that rare synagogue that is not afraid to innovate, to be truly reflective, to build on its strengths and admit its weaknesses, and to try new things. The Beth El of today is not exactly like the Beth El that welcomed me in 2007, and the Beth El of next year will in turn be a somewhat different place, with new programs, new ideas and new clergy.

So, I pray that while my family and I are busy learning to sing O Canada (in English and French), and trying to decipher the difference between loonies and twoonies, you'll welcome Rabbi Freirich and Cantor Thomas with open arms and

### *Service of Confirmation*

#### *Shavuot*

With great pride

the parents and confirmands

of Temple Beth El invite you

to worship with us at the

**Confirmation Service on Shavuot**

**Tuesday, the seventh of June**

**two thousand eleven,**

**the sixth of Sivan 5771,**

**at seven o'clock in the evening**

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embrace them for the extraordinary teachers and leaders that they are. And I pray that as a community, you will continue to build on your love of Jewish learning, Tikkun Olam and good food – all the things that make Beth El unique!

In Hebrew, there is no word for Goodbye. We either say "shalom" (peace) or "lehitraot" (until we see each other again). So, as we take our leave of one another, I wish you peace and strength on the next leg of your journey, and I hope that our paths will cross again.

Shalom Y'all,  
Rabbi Micah



### “WE’VE GOT IT, CANTOR”

by Cantor Andrew Bernard

One of my favorite things is being told by my students that they can manage just fine without me, thank you very much. Whether we’re in b’nei mitzvah tutoring, getting ready for services, or in a classroom, my happiest moments are when I’m about to step in to get things organized and am instead waved off by a bunch of students proclaiming, “We’ve got it, Cantor.”

When I was a cantorial soloist in Seattle, a rabbi explained to me that our job as Jewish professionals is to put ourselves out of business. At the time, I assumed that meant giving our congregants the knowledge and tools to be self-sufficient in expanding their Jewish lives through observance, mitzvot and study. But with the youngest generation of Jews, there is an additional goal: empower them to teach and guide others; help them understand that the future of Judaism is in their hands.

I recently taught a class on chanting Haftarah trope. Because of scheduling, I was able to offer only two class sessions. The five students who showed up had gotten a good handle on biblical chant by taking the Torah trope class, and they wanted to expand their knowledge further. The first session was spent introducing the melodies and idiosyncrasies of chanting from the prophets. When beginning the second class, I assumed we would slog through a few verses of Isaiah phrase by phrase — my only real goal to present the basics and lay a foundation so they could master this skill later on if they so desired. I described the special passage I had chosen and then began to dissect the first phrase. The students were able to sing the opening words pretty quickly and then, to my surprise, just kept going. I had anticipated working through only a few verses rather laboriously, but the students couldn’t be stopped. I sat dumbfounded as they eagerly took over the class, leaving me only to confirm or correct their work. I finally had to push them out of the room because they were late for Hebrew High.

The b’nei mitzvah madrichim who have been with the program for a few years feel very comfortable with the routines. If I get stopped in the hallway on my way to tutoring, it is not unusual to walk into the room and find that, if I’m the only adult in charge that day, the older madrichim have already assigned students to tutors and everyone is working. More than once I’ve appeared at the door ready to get things moving, only to be told,

“We’ve got it, Cantor.” (But when I ask if I should stay or leave, they are always happy to have me hang around — as long as I don’t interfere. At that point, I’ve moved from leader to safety net — which fortunately makes me still feel useful!)

If I’m working intensely with one student who needs my full attention, I can count on my more seasoned tutors to take over the rest of the room and make sure that all the students get what they need before they leave. And as the hour ends, I will get the rundown on how the students (and sometimes the other tutors) are doing — especially when they have concerns about someone’s progress. Their initiative is not merely helpful on challenging days; I find it particularly satisfying that they take seriously the significance of our work helping 12-year-olds be successful in the daunting process of b’nei mitzvah. Looking around the room, I feel satisfied that the future of Judaism is quite secure.

#### WHAT’S NEW AT THE “U”?



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Summer programs aren’t just for youth. The URJ offers the Summer Learning Institute for all interested adult Jewish learners. Participants study with amazing scholars, find renewal for Jewish life, learn skills to enhance congregational programming and pray with a community from all over North America. For details, visit [www.urj.org/summer](http://www.urj.org/summer).

#### URJ SUMMER LEARNING INSTITUTE

July 6-10, 2011

Princeton Marriott Hotel & Conference Center  
Princeton, New Jersey

#### Three programs are available:

- *Kallah* - An intensive study experience on “Living a Reform Jewish Life.”
- *Had'rachah Seminar for Lay Leadership in Ritual* - A two-year program of study to enable graduates to facilitate Shabbat worship, conduct funerals, unveilings and minyan worship and teach Torah.
- *Schindler Fellows Program for Conversion Certification* - Learn how to work with clergy to counsel, support and welcome prospective Jews into the synagogue community.

## WHEN GOD CLOSSES ONE DOOR, GOD OPENS ANOTHER

Join Us As We Say Goodbye and Thank You to Rabbi Streiffer and As We Welcome Rabbi Freirich and Cantor Thomas



It is with sadness and gratitude that we will join together on June 3rd to honor and thank Rabbi Streiffer for all he has done for us over the past four years. He has inspired our young families; motivated our young adults; taught our children, youth and adults; travelled to Israel with our SPICE members; and counseled congregants

through good times and hard times. Though we will miss his sermons and classes, we will carry with us the Torah that he imparted and the warmth that he shared. We hope that you will join us on July 3rd for a special Shabbat 6:00 pm service and 7:15 pm dinner in his honor (RSVP to 704-749-3070 or [www.beth-el.com/rsvp](http://www.beth-el.com/rsvp)).

Menachem Mendel of Kotzk taught that whenever God closes one door, God opens another. On July 1st, God will open two new doors as we welcome two talented and dynamic clergy into our congregation. Rabbi Jonathan Freirich will join Beth El as Associate Rabbi, and newly invested Cantor Mary Thomas will round out the clergy team beautifully.



Rabbi Freirich has served Temple Bat Yam, a Reform synagogue in South Lake Tahoe, for the past eight years. Prior to that, he worked with Hillel for four years in Tucson, Arizona, and Cleveland, Ohio. Those Beth El members who have met Rabbi Freirich describe him as learned, personable, outgoing, funny and

a great fit for our congregation. His passions include Jewish learning, combining fun activities with a Jewish flavor, and enthusiastic participation in community life. He loves to bike, ski and read science fiction and fantasy. His wife, Ginny, is a ketubah artist and his four year old son, Jude, cannot wait to play at the Levine JCC's Camp Katan and to learn in our Charlotte Jewish Preschool.

Rabbi Jonathan grew up as a Reform Jew at Central Synagogue in Manhattan and was ordained at the Re-

constructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. He and Ginny met as undergrads at Middlebury College in Vermont. Rabbi Jonathan has been a longtime member of both the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association.



Many in our community are already familiar with the talents of Cantor Mary Thomas, as she served Beth El for three years as a Cantorial Intern prior to attending Cantorial School. Cantor Thomas will be working part-time leading services, teaching B'nei Mitzvah with Cantor Bernard,

working with the Religious School, teaching adult education, creating family programming and sharing with all of us her shining personality, her inspirational vocal abilities and the depths of her Jewish wisdom.

Mary was at the top of her Cantorial class and was in great demand for employment. Her desire to settle here with her husband, Matt, who will transfer his job at GMAC Ally Bank from New York to Charlotte, and their joint desire to raise their now seven-month-old daughter, Johannah, in our Queen City, made her the ideal match for Beth El. Throughout her five years of Cantorial School, Charlotte and Beth El have been the home to where Mary regularly returned. Congregants rave about Mary's voice; students feel strong connections to her, and adults and children alike celebrate the wisdom she shares through her teaching.

Beth El is blessed to have a diverse and dynamic clergy team. We are confident that our community will find within our walls a clergy person with whom they can learn, seek counsel and fully connect.

**Join us on Friday night, July 1st, at our 6:00 pm Summer Service**, when we will warmly welcome both Rabbi Jonathan Freirich and Cantor Mary Thomas to our Temple family. We hope you will make efforts that night and throughout this summer to stop by and get to know them.

## INTERFAITH & OUTREACH

Save the Date - Friday, August 12, 7:00 pm  
 "How-To Shabbat"

Interfaith and Outreach/FIJI Potluck Shabbat Dinner

## NEW MEMBERS

Save the Date - Friday, August 26, 7:00 pm

New Member Potluck Shabbat Dinner

## ASK US!

**Q. If I need to arrive a little late for Services, is it OK to just walk in? Is there ever a time when I should wait at the door before proceeding inside?**

A. We understand hectic schedules compel some of our congregants to arrive a little late for services. Temple etiquette dictates if you arrive after the service has begun, as long as the congregation is seated, it is fine to quietly walk in and take a seat. But, if the congregation is standing, please remain quietly at the door, as this is considered a most sacred time for prayer. As soon as the prayer is over, and the congregation is re-seated, you are free to enter. The same etiquette should be exercised when you have a need to leave and return to the sanctuary.

**Q. Can you "Register" for Bar/Bat Mitzvah gifts at the Temple Gift Shop?**

A. Great question! Yes, we encourage it! Our Temple gift shop – Discovered Traditions – is located just inside the Archer Atrium, close to the Temple's main entrance. You will find a large selection of beautiful gifts appropriate for this age group. We invite our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students to register at the shop assuring they receive the gifts they like. This also makes it easier for their guests who might be unsure about what to purchase. It's a win - win for everyone! Discovered Traditions has beautiful gifts for all occasions. With the exception of a part-time Assistant Manager (Sue Klein), it is fully staffed by volunteers from the Women of Reform Judaism (Sisterhood). Proceeds from Discovered Traditions fund financial assistance for students in TBE's Religious School.

## TEMPLE FINANCES 101

Have you ever wondered about the synagogue budget? How money is allocated and spent? How the dues levels are set? Why dues are an annual commitment rather than a voluntary donation each week? Why members can't just pay for specific programs and services based on actual usage? Why high holiday tickets cost so much for non-members and guests?

If you are curious about the Temple's financial issues and the impact on your personal budget, please join us at our Town Hall style meetings on Wednesday, June 22nd at 7:00 pm or Sunday June 26th at 10:00 am. The Temple leadership will lead discussions and answer your questions and concerns. If you are unable to attend these meetings, look for more information in your renewal packets.

## REMINDER: SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Beginning Friday, May 27th, we will have 6:00 pm Summer Style Shabbat Worship services ONLY. Our preneg will begin at 5:20 pm. (Please Note: There will be no 8:00 pm services until after the high holy days!)

### SHALOM PARK FREEDOM SCHOOL SCHEDULED FOR SUMMER 2011

Eight Jewish agencies, including Temple Beth El, are partnering this summer to host a Freedom School at Shalom Park for 50 children from Sterling and Huntingtowne Farm Elementary schools. Each summer, Freedom Schools nationwide provide six-week, literacy based summer camps for children of poverty. Freedom School Partners, a local Charlotte non-profit agency, will staff and run the Freedom School, but we will need lots of volunteers to help give our scholars an outstanding summer experience! Afternoons at Freedom School are devoted to enrichment activities for the scholars, and we need adults and teens to share their hobbies, interests and skills. Go to [www.freedom-schoolpartners.org](http://www.freedom-schoolpartners.org) for general information on Freedom Schools in Charlotte. To volunteer for these activities, please contact Shirley Rosen at [shalomparkfreedom-school@yahoo.com](mailto:shalomparkfreedom-school@yahoo.com) or sign up online at [www.spfreedom-school.org](http://www.spfreedom-school.org).

- Afternoon adult and teen volunteers needed from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Share your skills, hobbies and talents by leading or assisting with an enrichment activity! (Middle school and older elementary aged children may participate with their parents.)
- Chaperone a field trip. (Most are in the afternoons.)
- Plan and serve lunch for scholars and parents at the Finale on July 29.
- Sign up to donate a day's snacks and drinks for the Freedom Scholars. (Please contact Nancy Tarbis at [nctarbis@carolina.rr.com](mailto:nctarbis@carolina.rr.com).)
- Organize a supply drive to collect supplies needed for the summer. (For a list of supplies, please contact Mary-Margaret Kantor at [mary-margaret@carolina.rr.com](mailto:mary-margaret@carolina.rr.com).)

### KESHET

- Keshet invites you to join us June 27th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Silverman Social Hall, for our 2nd Annual Stonewall Commemoration: "Stonewall and Our Washington Wedding: Breaking Down Walls." We will commemorate Stonewall as the event that inspired and transformed the landscape of gay activism and share the experience of our Washington Wedding with the community. As an interfaith/intergroup event, we will continue to expand our circle of congregations, organizations and clergy who support dignity and equality for all. All are welcome to attend.
- Save the date, August 8, at 7:30 p.m., for our next Keshet Committee Meeting in the Jonathan M. Howard Board Room.
- August 19, 7:30 p.m. is our Pride Shabbat Dinner, co-sponsored by Keshet and Charlotte Pride.

*Keshet creates programming for the entire community in a GLBTQ context. The committee focuses on Jewish learning/education, community partnerships, and social events for GLBTQ members, their families, and allies. For more information, contact: Sera Callif, [srcallif@aol.com](mailto:srcallif@aol.com), or Y'honatan Gimbel, [ygimbel@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ygimbel@carolina.rr.com).*

### DOMESTIC ABUSE

How Healthy is Your Relationship? Do you feel controlled by your partner? Do you constantly experience insults, humiliation, threatening acts or gestures, bullying? Does your partner control the finances, isolate you from friends and family, treat you like a servant, make everything your fault. Is there violence? Up to 25% of all Jewish women, teens, and even some men are currently in abusive situations. ABUSE HAPPENS. COME TO US FOR HELP. [www.shalombayit-nc.org](http://www.shalombayit-nc.org).

### DONATE OLD CELL PHONES & SAVE LIVES

Our Temple, in conjunction with Shalom Bayit and United Family Services' Victim Assistance Program, is collecting cell phones for victims or potential victims of domestic violence. Unwanted cell phones will be reprogrammed to call 911 and used in the event of an emergency. Simply bring the cell phone and battery charger (in a bag or box, if possible) and bring it by the office for collection. For more information check [www.shalombayit-nc.org](http://www.shalombayit-nc.org).

### NOT MY KID

Evidence has shown that alcohol and drug use crosses all economic, religious and educational boundaries. In fact, in upper economic neighborhoods there is more youth alcohol and drug abuse. Talk to your kids about not starting to use. Contact Shelley Friedman at [Friedmans@preventionservices.org](mailto:Friedmans@preventionservices.org) or Marcia Lampert at [mblampert@gmail.com](mailto:mblampert@gmail.com) to become part of the NC Prevent Underage Drinking Initiative and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Drug Free Coalition.

### STERLING ELEMENTARY

Thanks to all of our wonderful Sterling Elementary volunteers for making the fourth year of Temple Beth El's Sterling partnership so successful! Together, we logged more than 1,000 volunteer hours in 20 classrooms, the media center, office, workroom and gym.

- This summer, please consider tutoring a Sterling student in math or reading. Nancy Guzman, the Sterling principal, has offered to let TBE volunteers use the school during the week to work with students in need of some extra help. Contact Lisa Garfinkle at [slgarfinkle@windstream.net](mailto:slgarfinkle@windstream.net) or 704-814-4652 if you would like to be a summer tutor.
- Contact your representatives on the Mecklenburg County School Board and County Commission in support of adequate funding for our public schools. Reductions in teaching staff and increases in class sizes, as well as elimination of the Bright Beginnings pre-kindergarten program will have a devastating effect at Sterling and other high poverty schools.
- In the fall, we plan to implement several new volunteer programs for Sterling Elementary, with the help of our new Sterling Co-Chair Linda Hindel. Watch for more information in the August VOICE on our 2011/2012 kick-off and exciting new ways you can get involved at the school or from home.

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SUE MYRICK ON  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND HOMEGROWN  
TERRORISM - SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2011, 10:00 AM**



**Temple Beth El Brotherhood and the Jewish Federation  
present U.S. Representative Sue Myrick:  
"Homeland Security and Homegrown Terrorism"**

Please join us for this very timely program on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 10:00 am at Temple Beth El. This event is FREE and open to the entire community. The Temple Beth El Brotherhood will sponsor an optional breakfast prior to the program beginning at 9:00 am, which will take place at Temple Beth El at a cost of \$10.00. Reservations for the breakfast can be made by going to the Temple website: [www.beth-el.com/rsvp](http://www.beth-el.com/rsvp).

The Brotherhood of Temple Beth El and the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte join together in welcoming U.S. Representative Sue Myrick to discuss the growing global threat of Hezbollah and Iran, and what the mainstream media won't tell you about the Muslim Brotherhood and the online jihad in our backyard.

In 2009, Sue Myrick was selected by House Leadership to serve on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The Intelligence Committee has jurisdiction over the Intelligence community, including intelligence-related activities of the CIA, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), the National Security Agency and other agencies of the Department of Defense (DOD), and the Departments of State, Justice and Treasury.

Recently, Rep. Sue Myrick was appointed chairwoman of a subcommittee on the full Intelligence Committee. Myrick, a Charlotte Republican, will take over as chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence. The role puts Myrick in the position of holding hearings and investigations, including a *chief concern of hers, homegrown terrorism.*

Representative Sue Myrick (NC-9) came to Congress in 1995 after building a successful advertising and public relations business, and serving two terms as mayor of Charlotte, the state's largest city and commercial hub. She is currently in her eighth term representing North Carolina's 9th district, which covers portions of Union, Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties.

Sue Myrick is also leading the charge nationally on issues related to terrorism. She is the founder of the Congressional Anti-Terrorism Caucus, which has more than 120 Members. This caucus meets with experts on terrorism and works to educate the public about the dangers we face from radical Islamists.

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**SEVENTH ANNUAL SCHLOSS SUMMER  
LECTURE AT TEMPLE BETH EL**

**Friday, July 29, 2011**

**"The Revolutions and Evolutions of the Middle East and Its Impact on Israel"**

6:00 pm Summer Shabbat Service

7:00 pm Dinner

7:30 - 8:30 pm Schloss Summer Lecture

This year's event will be co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and the Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council. Be sure to visit the Beth El and Federation websites to learn more about this year's scholars and experts who will enlighten us on the quickly changing landscape of the Middle East and its impact on our Holy Land.

This annual summer lecture was established seven years ago by Marc and Mattye Silverman in memory of Marc's uncle, Simeon Archibald "Happy" Schloss, Jr. Happy was a passionate, original founder of Temple Beth El, and a treasurer.

Reservations for dinner (\$10/person) can be made at 704-749-3070 or [www.beth-el.com/RSVP](http://www.beth-el.com/RSVP). For more information, please contact Sue Hummel at 704-749-3054 or [shummel@beth-el.com](mailto:shummel@beth-el.com).

## 2011 TBE FRAT PARTY

**Save the Date – Saturday, July 30th, 7:00 - 11:00 pm**

This is the summertime event you don't want to miss! All adults are welcome to attend our back-to-college fraternity party featuring the music of DJ Kevin, dinner and desserts catered by Jered.

There will be a cash bar for keg beer and wine. Wear your favorite college T-shirt, baseball cap or even your Greek letters! Casual dress. Cost: \$20/adult member, \$25/adult non-member, \$25/at the door. **RSVP by Wednesday, July 27th, at [www.beth-el.com/rsvp](http://www.beth-el.com/rsvp) or 704-749-3070.**

Alma mater table sponsorships available, please contact Shari or Janie, Membership and Outreach Co-Directors, at [shackman@beth-el.com](mailto:shackman@beth-el.com), [jmeyers@beth-el.com](mailto:jmeyers@beth-el.com) or 704-749-3051.

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## SPICE

### Monday June 6th – SPICE OUT

Temple Beth El parking lot. Carpools will depart at 10:15 am. Visit the NASCAR Hall of Fame at 11:00 am. \$17.00 per person plus parking and lunch. RSVP is required by June 2nd.

### Monday, June 20th at 11:00 am

Sandra and Leon Levine Social Hall  
Rabbi Schindler will offer a tribute to Debbie Friedman: "The Jewish Roots of Debbie's Most Influential Prayers"  
Lunch: 12:00 pm, \$7 per person  
Program: Charlotte Symphony – String Quartet  
RSVP required by June 16th

### Friday, June 24th - Shabbat Pot Luck Dinner

Immediately following the 6:00 pm Shabbat Service  
Sandra and Leon Levine Social Hall

You **MUST** RSVP for LUNCH OR NO LUNCH with the date you wish to attend, as the final count is needed for the set up of chairs, tables, beverages and snacks, even if you bring your own lunch. You may RSVP online at [www.beth-el.com/rsvp](http://www.beth-el.com/rsvp). Online RSVP's require a one-time sign in on the website to set up a username and password. Reservations can be made online by credit card or by personal check, which you may mail in or bring to the event. You can also RSVP by calling 704-749-3070. You will be

billed if your reservation is not cancelled on or before the RSVP date above. Please email Sera Callif, [srcallif@aol.com](mailto:srcallif@aol.com), if your address, telephone number or email address has changed within the past six months. Questions? Contact Leon Rutman at 704-499-5919 or [l.rutman@earthlink.net](mailto:l.rutman@earthlink.net). SPICE will be adjourning for the summer and will be mailing a brochure during the summer announcing next fall's programming.

*SPICE programming is made possible through a generous grant from the BJH Foundation for Senior Services.*

## FROM RABBI MIRI GOLD KEHILAT BIRKAT SHALOM



By the time you read this, I will have had a short but probably delightful visit in Charlotte on May 15th. As I get ready to go to the U.S. I think about Israel's 63rd Independence Day celebration.

If Israel were to get a report card, there would be a range of grades, from A to E (or F). It's always more likely that

we'll dwell on the disturbing things even as we "qvell" from the positive accomplishments. If we put ourselves in the role of parent or teacher, we know that when we love our child/student, we double our efforts to help, encourage and lead our loved one to improvement, to insights, to new ways of tackling problem subjects.

If today we look at the state of religious pluralism in Israel, we find some encouraging developments and some areas of despair. The fact that the Orthodox rabbinate is given the keys to the kingdom on official Jewish policy doesn't stop the grassroots efforts to promote liberal Judaism as a viable and desirable alternative. More and more Israelis are pleasantly surprised at their positive encounter with the Reform congregations as well as with Conservative and non-affiliated groups that organize themselves for study, worship and celebration.

Likewise, a growing group of women (and men) worship at the Western Wall and at Robinson's Arch on Rosh Hodesh, slowly but surely finding a working solution to their deep-felt desire to pray at the Wall. While there are still those who heckle and disturb, the authorities—the police—are engaged in an ongoing dialogue with the women, and there is clearly a desire to achieve a golden mean.

Let us make a birthday wish for Israel, that it be healthy in body and spirit, that it embrace us all in dignity and acceptance.

## IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS AND HEBREW SCHOOL

Religious School registration and parent volunteer forms are included in the Temple Beth El Annual Commitment packet. Please return them as soon as possible so we can register your child/ren for the 2011-2012 school year, which begins on September 18th.

We are unable to register your child/ren if you do not return your Annual Commitment forms with your school registration. No classmate requests will be honored for forms received after the July 17th deadline. It may not be possible to assign your child/ren to the session time you request if forms are submitted after the July 17th deadline. You will receive notice if we cannot honor your session choice. If you have any questions, please send an email to [brappaport@beth-el.com](mailto:brappaport@beth-el.com) or call the school office at 704-749-3046.

## YOUTH

We had fantastic events this past year and are very happy that hundreds of children took advantage of the TBE Youth Program. We will have a few events for ALL FAMILIES and YOUTH to join together over the summer so all of you can connect and make new family friends. Be on the lookout for emails from Andy Harkavy and check out [www.beth-el.com/youth](http://www.beth-el.com/youth) for the latest information.

## THANK YOU TEMPLE BETH EL COMMUNITY!

Temple Beth El is so fortunate to have parents, clergy, lay-leaders and fellow congregants who are so supportive of LIBERTY and TBE Youth. It sends such a positive message to all of our youth! Without this tremendous support we would not have been able to come together to experience the holiness and magnificence of NFTY-SAR Spring Kallah. The theme of Spring Kallah was Superheroes, and all of TBE stepped up and became superheroes for the weekend.

Thank you to the LIBERTY Board for all of your hard work. Thank you to the Youth Activities Committee for all of your support. Thank you to host families who graciously opened their homes. Thank you to the countless volunteers who helped make sure that this weekend remained holy and successful. Thank you Brotherhood and Sisterhood for sponsoring meals. Thank you to EVERYONE who played a role in making this event a success - we could not have done it without you!

## LIBERTY

**LIBERTY Pizza Night Out (pre ice-cream party – includes rising 8th graders and outgoing Seniors!) Saturday, June 25 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Brixx Wood Fired Pizza, 7814 Fairview Road**

Fire it up at Brixx Pizza before cooling off at Ben & Jerry's. Come hang out with fellow LIBERTYites as we dine on delicious pizza. Relax, have fun and get out of the house so you spend time with your friends! RSVP required to [aharkavy@beth-el.com](mailto:aharkavy@beth-el.com) by Thursday, June 23rd. Cost: whatever you buy.

**All Youth Group Families (K-12) Ice Cream Party Open to all TBE Families, Members and Friends! Saturday, June 25, 7:00-10:00 pm Ben & Jerry's 7800 Fairview Road**

This event is open to all TBE members and their friends as *Ben & Jerry's will donate a portion of the proceeds to TBE Youth!* Come cool off during this hot summer and meet other TBE Families and children. This will be a great time to make friends and connections with other TBE families and is the perfect opportunity to get out of the house for a few hours! Cost: whatever you buy. Email [aharkavy@beth-el.com](mailto:aharkavy@beth-el.com) - no RSVPs required - just show up and support TBE Youth!

### Have a great summer!

Andy Harkavy and the TBE Youth Program wish everyone a fun, happy and safe summer! We hope to see you around over the summer at our June and August programs and Shabbat services. We look forward to seeing you in August as we open the new school year with some fun, new, exciting events planned just for YOU!

## HEBREW HIGH STUDENTS EXAMINE MEANING OF FREEDOM

At Hebrew High we encourage our teens to explore their Judaism and express themselves through many media. Just before Passover we had an inspiring T'fillah (service) led by members of Liberty, Temple Beth El's youth group. The rousing prayer service was artfully led by Ben Schine and Rachel Rappaport. With the theme of freedom as a guide, personal statements were read by several students. Below are excerpts from those statements:

### Freedom by Abbe Cohen

How would you describe freedom for Jewish people in the past? If it were not for our ancestors, we would not have the amount of freedom we have today. Without them, we would not know what our real place in the world would be. They fought in numerous ways, all of which took perseverance and courage. When I was in elementary school, a girl who was in my class came up to me and said, "Oh, you're Jewish...when you die, you're not going to heaven; you're going to hell." During the Holocaust, if a comment like that were said, you would not be able to stand up for yourself, and if you did, it would result in death. To this day, Jews are still fighting for religious freedom and all other types of freedoms. In the United States, we are lucky enough to have many rights that can't be taken away because of our religion or race or what we believe in. As one of our most popular American songs states, "Let Freedom Ring."

### Freedom by Caleb Seidler

It's about a week until Passover, and spring fever is sweeping the nation. It is amazing that we could get this many Jewish teens together to create such an awesome sanctuary. Three thousand years ago we would be in Egypt building some pyramids. Think about how lucky we are to be listening to this amazing music. Think about the freedom and liberty we have, when just 70 years ago we were being killed just for being Jewish. This country has provided us with homes and jobs some countries wouldn't. As we continue, think about the kids and teens our age who are still oppressed in central Africa; think about the rights we have that others don't.

### Freedom by Lexie Player

What does freedom mean? Freedom does not just have one definition. To some, freedom could mean staying out late or missing school. In our country, there are three guaranteed rights - life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We are also guaranteed the right to freedom of speech, press and especially religion. Religion is a huge debate throughout the world and not all other countries in the world offer the freedom of religion that is offered here in America. What does this freedom mean to our religion? It means that we have the freedom and the right to practice our religion free of persecution.

### Freedom by Debbie Rabinovich

Freedom has been fought over more than anything in the world. Sometimes we take it for granted, but in all seriousness, we shouldn't. As Jews, we have always been outsiders looking in; looking in as we were exiled from Spain, from England and even from our own homeland. We made our way to the Promised Land, our first taste of Zion, and of freedom. This country has made us, the Jewish people, insiders. I leave you with this: When you hear others make Jewish jokes or slurs, remind yourself that we are insiders just as much as anyone else. This country has given us freedom, and that is what freedom means. It means the right to stand up for what we believe in; the right to Zionism and the right to be Jews.

### Register your 8-12th graders for the 5772 school year!

Don't let your teens miss out on the opportunity to express their Judaism in an open, nurturing environment. At Hebrew High we study, learn and create together in a community of caring Jewish teens and adults. For more information about our program, or to register your 8th-12th grade student for the 5772 school year, call Roz at 704-944-6782 or email [rcooper@shalomcharlotte.org](mailto:rcooper@shalomcharlotte.org). Hebrew High is a joint venture of Temple Israel and Temple Beth El and is supported by The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte.



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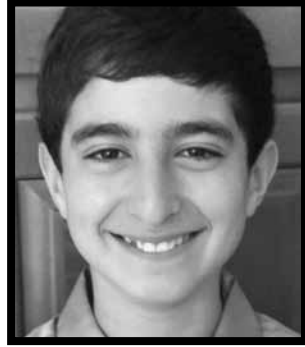
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**for their support of the Charlotte Jewish community for over 57 years.**

**SAMMY FRIEDMAN**

Parashat Naso  
June 4, 2011

Sammy is the son of Lisa and Steve Friedman. His grandparents are Myrna and Sheldon Friedman of Delray Beach, FL, and Beverly and Marvin Lieb of Lido Beach, NY. Sammy is the brother of Ricky, Emma and Sofia.

**LEE DANIEL**

Parashat Sh'lach L'cha  
June 18, 2011

Lee is the son of Beth and Phil Warshauer and Jamie Daniel and Beth MacDonald. His grandparents are Joe and Carol Dew of Monroe, GA; James and Susan Daniel of Danville, VA; Lauretta and Stu Warshauer of Pinehurst, NC; and Connie and John MacDonald of Frostburg, MD. Lee is the brother of Anna.

**DAVID SAFIR**

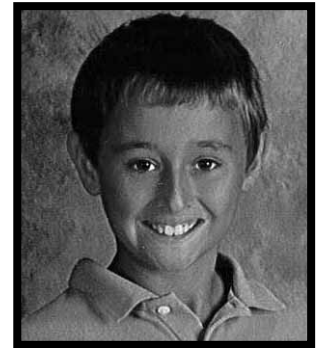
Parashat Naso  
June 4, 2011

David is the son of Amy and Jay Safir. His grandparents are Paul and Elaine Safir of Wyomissing, PA, and Warren and Jane Miller of Reading, PA. David is the brother of Lydia.

**HARRISON BROOKS**

Parashat Korach  
June 25, 2011

Harrison is the son of Dan and Karen Brooks. His grandparents are Barry and Elly Brooks of Winthrop, MA, and Bruce and Ruth Marshman of Scituate, MA. Harrison is the brother of Jonny and Robbie.

**DANIEL JOHNSON**

Parashat B'haalot'cha  
June 11, 2011

Daniel is the son of Patricia and Ted Johnson. His grandparents are Demetrio and Pricila Aguilar of Charlotte, NC, and the late Bernard and Edith Johnson of Long Beach, NY. Daniel is the brother of Emily.

**MICHAEL SILVER**

Parashat Korach  
June 25, 2011

Michael is the son of Karen and Milton Silver. His grandparents are Phyllis and Sidney Walker of Miami, FL, and Suzanne Silver and the late Edward Silver of High Point, NC. Michael is the brother of Marni and Karli.

**DANIEL ZIMMERMANN**

Parashat B'haalot'cha  
June 11, 2011

Daniel is the son of David and Sherri Zimmermann. His grandparents are Jack and Ilene Zimmermann of Houston, TX, and Jonnie Weido of Houston, TX, and the late Wayne Dudley. Daniel is the brother of Melanie.

**SOPHIE ROSE PESAKOFF**

Parashat Chukat  
July 2, 2011

Sophie is the daughter of Beth and Bobby Pesakoff. Her grandparents are Diggie and Lee Pesakoff of Charlotte, NC, and George Johnson of Charlotte, NC, and the late Julie G. Honey. Sophie is the sister of Lilly and Ruby.



**KATY SMITH**

Parashat Chukat  
July 2, 2011

Katy is the daughter of Tom and Ruth Ann Smith. Her grandparents are Raymond and Alice Smith of Newton, NJ, and Elaine Doolittle of Israel and the late Vernon Doolittle and Linda Doolittle of Myrtle Beach, SC. Katy is the sister of Allison.

**JULIA GREENE**

Parashat Balak  
July 9, 2011

Julia is the daughter of Jeff Greene and Jean Greene. Her grandparents are June Greene and the late Joseph Greene of Matthews, NC, and John Haggerty and the late Jean Haggerty of Charlotte, NC. Julia is the sister of Jacob.

**JESSICA SOTO**

Parashat Balak  
July 9, 2011

Jessica is the daughter of Susan and Dan Soto. Her grandparents are Sally Zachary of Las Vegas, NV, and the late Dionicia Soto of Riverdale, NY. Jessica is the sister of Alyssa and Brandon.

**GABRIEL HANSEN**

Parashat Matot  
July 23, 2011

Gabriel is the son of Emily Chatham and David Hansen. His grandparents are the late Angelina and Arthur Hansen of Poughkeepsie, NY, and Betty Jean Chatham and the late Donald Chatham of Shelbyville, KY. Gabriel is the brother of Alexandra and Sophia.

**TEMPLE BETH EL TOTS****Tots Picnic in the Park**

June 5, 2011, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Please join us for our closing event of the year, June 5, 11:00 am -12:30 pm, at James Boyce Park. Cost for lunch is \$6 for adults and \$2 for kids. We'll have pizza and play in the sun! RSVP at [www.beth-el.com/rsvp](http://www.beth-el.com/rsvp). See you there!

**THANK YOU TO OUR  
TOT SPONSORS****APRIL**

**Deanne and Ross Goldberg**  
In honor of Violet's Birthday

**Martha and Brian Yesowitch**  
In honor of Asher's 5th Birthday

**MAY**

**Lisa and Barry Blau**  
In Honor of Ben and Kate Blau's  
Birthdays

**Martha and Brian Yesowitch**  
In Honor of the Streiffer Family

*Tot Shabbat is generously underwritten by the  
Temple Beth El Brotherhood.*

# PULL & POST CALENDAR

# JUNE 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			01 7:00 pm Confirmation Class Rehearsal	02	03 6:00 pm Summer Service Honoring Rabbi Micah Streiffer 7:00 pm Dinner Honoring Rabbi Micah Streiffer	04 9:30 am Taste of Judaism Tanach Study FJJI 11:00 am Sammy Friedman/ David Safir B'nei Mitzvah
05 11:00 am Tots Picnic in the Park 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring and Make- Up Session for 6/7	06 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring and Make- Up Session for 6/7	07 6:00 pm Confirmation Class Photos 7:00 pm Shavuot Festival Service & Confirmation	08 OFFICE CLOSED 11:00 am Shavuot Yizkor Service	09 6:30 pm Shalom Park Freedom School Teen Board Meeting	10 6:00 pm Summer Service	11 9:30 am Taste of Judaism Tanach Study FJJI 11:00 am Daniel Johnson/ Daniel Zimmermann B'nei Mitzvah
12 9:00 am Brotherhood Optional Pre- Program Breakfast	13 11:00 am SPICE Committee Meeting 5:00 pm	14 4:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring	15 4:30 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring	16	17 6:00 pm Summer Service	18 9:30 am Taste of Judaism Tanach Study FJJI

<p><b>10:00 am</b>          Brotherhood and the Jewish Federation present U.S. Representative Sue Myrick on Homeland Security and Homegrown Terrorism</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>Comparative Religion Committee  <b>7:00 pm</b>          Personnel Committee  <b>7:30 pm</b>          Youth Activities Committee</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>SHALOM PARK FREEDOM SCHOOL</b>  <b>8:00 am – 3:00 pm Monday-Friday</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am</b>          Sam Weisberg          Bar Mitzvah  <b>11:00 am</b>          SPICE Program  <b>6:30 pm</b>          Interfaith &amp; Outreach Committee          Brotherhood Board Meeting  <b>7:00 pm</b>          Sisterhood Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>4:00 pm</b>          B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring</p>	<p>21</p>	<p><b>7:30 pm</b>          Communications Committee Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b>          B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring  <b>7:00 pm</b>          Synagogue Finances 101 Meeting</p>	<p><b>11:00 am</b>          Bar Mitzvah Lee Daniel</p>	<p>23</p>	<p><b>6:00 pm</b>          Summer Service  <b>7:00 pm</b>          SPICE Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner  <b>7:15 pm</b>          Service of Healing &amp; Comfort</p>	<p>24</p>	<p><b>11:00 am</b>          Taste of Judaism          Tanach Study          Fiji  <b>11:00 am</b>          Harrison Brooks/          Michael Silver          B'nei Mitzvah  <b>5:00 pm</b>          LIBERTY Pizza          Night Out  <b>7:00 pm</b>          All Youth and TBE          Families Ice Cream Party &amp; Fundraiser</p>	<p>25</p>	<p><b>10:00 am</b>          Synagogue Finances 101 Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>SHALOM PARK FREEDOM SCHOOL</b>  <b>8:00 am – 3:00 pm Monday-Friday</b></p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b>          Stonewall Commemoration and Oneg</p>	<p><b>4:00 pm</b>          B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>SHALOM PARK FREEDOM SCHOOL</b>  <b>8:00 am – 3:00 pm Monday-Friday</b></p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b>          B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring  <b>6:00 pm</b>          Adult Education Committee</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
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**PULL & POST CALENDAR**

**JULY 2011**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
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**OFFICE CLOSED**

05

**8:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**SHALOM PARK**  
**FREEDOM**  
**SCHOOL**  
**Tuesday-Friday**

**4:00 pm**  
 B'nei Mitzvah  
 Tutoring

06

**4:30 pm**  
 B'nei Mitzvah  
 Tutoring

07

08

**6:00 pm**  
 Summer Service

09

**9:30 am**  
 Tanach Study  
 Contemplating  
 Conversion  
 Fiji

**11:00 am**  
 Julia Greene/Jessica  
 Soto B'not Mitzvah

01

**6:00 pm**  
 Summer Service  
 Welcoming Rabbi  
 Jonathan Freirich and  
 Cantor Mary Thomas

02

**9:30 am**  
 Tanach Study

**11:00 am**  
 Sophie Pesakoff/Katy  
 Smith B'not Mitzvah

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**6:00 pm**  
 Summer Service

07

**9:30 am**  
 Tanach Study  
 Contemplating  
 Conversion  
 Fiji

**11:00 am**  
 Julia Greene/Jessica  
 Soto B'not Mitzvah

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**8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**SHALOM PARK**  
**FREEDOM**  
**SCHOOL**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**11:00 am**  
 SPICE Committee  
 Meeting  
**5:00 pm**

11

**4:00 pm**  
 B'nei Mitzvah  
 Tutoring

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**4:30 pm**  
 B'nei Mitzvah  
 Tutoring

13

**4:30 pm**  
 B'nei Mitzvah  
 Tutoring

14

15

**6:00 pm**  
 Summer Service

16

**9:30 am**  
 Tanach Study  
 Contemplating Conver-  
 sion  
 Fiji

	<p>Comparative Religion Committee  <b>6:30 pm</b> Interfaith &amp; Outreach Committee  <b>7:00 pm</b> Personnel Committee Meeting</p>		<p><b>7:30 pm</b> Communications Meeting</p>			<p><b>11:00 am</b> Learner's Minyan Service</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18  <b>8:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b> SHALOM PARK FREEDOM SCHOOL Monday - Friday  <b>7:00 pm</b> Sisterhood Board Meeting</p>	<p>19  <b>4:00 pm</b> B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring</p>	<p>20  <b>4:30 pm</b> B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring  <b>7:00 pm</b> Member Services Committee Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22  <b>6:00 pm</b> Summer Service</p>	<p>23  <b>9:30 am</b> Tanach Study FJJJ  <b>11:00 am</b> Gabriel Hansen Bar Mitzvah</p>
<p>24  31</p>	<p>25  <b>8:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b> SHALOM PARK FREEDOM SCHOOL Monday-Friday  <b>7:30 pm</b> Adult Education Committee</p>	<p>26  <b>4:00 pm</b> B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring</p>	<p>27  <b>4:30 pm</b> B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29  <b>6:00 pm</b> Summer Service  <b>7:00 pm</b> Schloss Lecture and Dinner  <b>7:15 pm</b> Service of Healing &amp; Comfort</p>	<p>30  <b>9:30 am</b> Tanach Study FJJJ  <b>11:00 am</b> Learner's Minyan Service  <b>7:00 pm</b> 2011 TBE Frat Party</p>

**SHARING OUR LIVES****OUR CONDOLENCES ...**

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

... James Cook, uncle of Linda Spil  
 ... Allen Freiberg, brother of Joe Freiberg  
 ... Susan Herzog  
 ... Harry Holzberg, father of Richard Holzberg  
 ... Leslie Imholt, wife of Richard Imholt  
 ... Zelda Leibowitz, mother of Andrea Weisberg  
 ... Eleanore Littauer, mother of Mike Littauer  
 ... Melvyn Susi, father of Beth Susi

**MAZEL TOV to:****Engagement**

... Gloria and Bill Grifenhagen on the engagement of their daughter, Shara, to Eyal Ellenbogen. The wedding will be in Israel in January 2012.

**Birth**

... Hunter and Jacob Fuerstman on the birth of their son, Linus Hil Fuerstman, on April 20, 2011.  
 ... Harriet and Martin Hurlich on the birth of their grandson, Aiden Cole Sherrill, on May 11, 2011. Proud parents are Lisa and Todd Sherrill.  
 ... Ed and Jo Minchew on the birth of their grandson, Nathan Lewis, on May 20, 2011. Proud Parents are Matt and Summer Minchew.

**Awards and Honors**

... Claire Krusch, Director of Marketing and Human Resources for Krusch & Sellers, P. A., Attorneys at Family Law, who has been selected as one of Charlotte's 50 Most Influential Women of 2011 by *The Mecklenburg Times*.  
 ... Lee Daniel, son of Beth and Phil Warshauer, and his teammates on the Myer's Park High School Odyssey of the Mind White Team who competed in the World Competition Tournament held at the University of Maryland, May 27-30.

**MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES****JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

1  
 Anita Pepper  
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 Alan Levenson  
 Gary Starr  
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 Scott Boyar  
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 Joel Lutterman  
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 Judy Seldin-Cohen  
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 Peter Sherman  
 23  
 Ken Eisdorfer

Sarah Adin  
 24  
 Faye Miller  
 25  
 Steve Newmark  
 28  
 M.E. Hessberg

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

3  
 Leon Rutman  
 Michael Gordon  
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 Stephen Davis  
 Gwen Orland  
 7  
 Max Markel  
 9  
 Marvin Callif  
 10  
 Nancy Harrow  
 11  
 Rinky Cardoza  
 Stephen Coen  
 Y'honatan Gimbel  
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 Mindy Goldstein  
 Susan Schwartz  
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 James Stoner  
 23  
 Daniel Soto  
 28  
 Anna Valdman  
 29  
 Shirley Kramer  
 Judith Morganstein  
 31  
 Michael Epstein

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

55  
 David and Carol Wahlberg  
 40  
 Burton and Donna Greenspon  
 25  
 Gary and Karen Maniloff  
 20  
 Robert and Stacy Doline  
 Michael and Jennifer Newman  
 10  
 Eric and Linda Sherman  
 Ron and Melissa Zhiss  
 Craig and Teri Saurer  
 David and Darcy Alban

**JULY ANNIVERSARY**

50  
 Robert and Sandy Lewis  
 40  
 Larry and Shelley Leibman  
 30  
 Stuart and Erin Wernikoff  
 25  
 William and Kim Maguire  
 Paul and Gwen Orland

## Discovered Traditions, The Gift Shop

Since we moved back into Temple Beth El we have gotten bigger, better and more gorgeous than ever.

New items arrive weekly.



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*A Woman of Valor  
more Precious  
than Rubies*

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Give to people in your community. Your home away from home!***

## FUNDS

Contributions to funds shall be considered income to the Temple and shall be used on an as needed or annual basis for the purposes set forth in the creation of the fund. These funds may be considered income for budget purposes.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Angel Fund

Provides funds through the Social Action Committee to help mothers provide basic needs for their children.

#### In honor of:

Sophie Levinson  
*Liam Stokes & Betsy Rosen*

### Cojac-Mintz Summer Camp Fund

Provides scholarship assistance for youth attending Reform Jewish summer camps

#### In honor of:

Howard Epstein  
Brian Emery  
*Sid Cojac*  
Scott Alpert  
*Roni & Alan Mintz*

### Estelle Gold Children's Fund

Provides for miscellaneous needs of Temple youth programs

#### In memory of:

Ilse Weiss  
*Mike & Nancy Yaffe*

### Scott Katowitz Youth Scholarship Fund

Provides scholarships for NFTY activities and UAHC camps

#### In memory of:

George Barrell  
*Jon & Chris Schuller*

### Youth Activities Fund

Provides for Youth programs, activities and events

#### In memory of:

Myra Kanarek  
*Barbara Nachman*  
Ann Bennett  
*Fran Schwartz*

## EDUCATION

### Arthur Tirsun Education Shabbat & Religious School Fund

Provides for the Annual Education Shabbat and other Religious School programs

#### In honor of:

Susan Jacobs  
*Bob & Inta Lidz*  
*Jill Blumenthal*  
*Shirley Fytelson*  
Jamey Hightower  
*Benjamin & Susan Aizenman*

#### In memory of:

Ilse Weiss  
*Bob & Inta Lidz*  
*Susan Spatz*  
*Scott & Jennifer Greenwald*  
*Lee & Alan Blumenthal*  
*Carol Ritter*  
Joseph Stier  
*The Lepow Family*

### Bregman-Wallace Book Fund

Provides for the purchase of books and education materials

#### In Memory of:

Fay Lampert  
*Marcia Lampert*

### Confirmation Class Scholarship Fund

### Interfaith & Outreach Fund

Provides for programs for interfaith families and education for individuals on the path to conversion.

### Judy Perlin Scholarship Fund

Provides scholarships to Religious School; administered by the Sisterhood

## RELIGIOUS & RITUAL

### Ann Seigel Bereavement Fund

Provides for the needs of the bereaved in our community

### Hand in Hand Fund

Provides large print Braille prayerbooks for the visually impaired or blind, provides sign language interpreters for the deaf, and enables us to make physical adaptations to the facility to better serve the physically disabled

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### High Holy Day Fund

Provides for High Holy Day expenses such as mailings and expenses incurred in moving books and supplies to the church

#### In memory of:

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Provides for the publication of Yizkor memorial books and maintenance of the Memorial Boards

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Provides for Temple music programs and the Temple Beth El Choir

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**Resnik-Gold Prayerbook Fund**

Provides for the purchase of prayerbooks for Temple Beth El

**Ritual Fund**

Provides for the purchase and maintenance of ritual objects

**In honor of:**

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**Solomon Schwartz Torah Fund**

Provides for repair of Temple Torahs

**Susan Kramer Healing Fund**

Provides materials for healing and spirituality

**In memory of:**

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**ADULTS****Peggy & Joe Grifenhagen Older Adult Services Fund**

Provides for older adults services

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**Robyn Farber Leadership Development Fund**

Provides for training and motivating future leaders of our temple

**Social Justice & Action Fund**

Provides for Social Justice & Action programs

**A donation by:**

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**GENERAL****Building Fund**

Provides for general building improvements

**In honor of:**

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**Capital Campaign Fund**

Contributions to our "It's Our Turn Capital & Endowment Campaign"

**Speedy recovery wishes to:**

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Provides for the Oneg on Shabbat evenings

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Provides money for ongoing financial security of Temple Beth El

**In memory of:**

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**Consolidated High School Scholarship Endowment Fund****David Cohen Family Social Justice & Action Endowment**

Support and implement social justice and action programs

**Donna S. & Norman Levin Family Endowment for Education****Fred & Vi Winton High Holy Day Music Endowment**

Provides music for the High Holy Days

**In memory of:**

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**Joe & Carol Voynow Building Maintenance Endowment**

Provides for capital improvements to the building

**Marian Segal Bennett Musical Arts Endowment**

Provides for special programs of Jewish Music

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Provides for youth programming

**In memory of:**

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**Michelle Miller Jewish Commitment Endowment**

Provides the Michelle Miller Award for Jewish Commitment of a Confirmation Student

**S.A. Schloss Special Book Endowment**

Provides Torah commentaries for Sanctuary

**Sadie W. Levin Scholar-in-Residence Endowment**

Provides for Scholar-in-Residence speakers and adult education

**Sisterhood Children's Fund**

Funds generated from this endowment fund will be used to aid and provide scholarships for temple-sponsored children's programs

**Sonny Melasky Nursery Endowment**

Provides babysitting service and nursery improvements

**DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

The rabbis and cantors act as agents of the synagogue in disbursing funds from their discretionary funds.

**Rabbis' Discretionary Funds**

Provides scholarships, Tzedakah contributions, direct assistance, books, materials and Temple programs

**In appreciation of:**

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**Cantor's Discretionary Fund**

Provides scholarships, Tzedakah contributions, direct assistance, books and materials and Temple programs

**In honor of:**

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Rachel, the Volunteer Coordinator for Thompson's Child and Family Focus, summed up the day perfectly when she said: "I like when your group from Beth El comes. You are all so ready to interact with the kids and actually spend time with each one of them. That is wonderful. Other groups come but don't know what to do, or stand around watching, not doing." Now that's what Mitzvah Day is all about! For more pictures, see [www.beth-el.com/mitzvahday2011](http://www.beth-el.com/mitzvahday2011).



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Rabbi Yossie Groner of Congregation Ohr Ha Torah says that when you go to visit your loved one at the cemetery, you should make sure you are talking to the soul and not to the bones. In doing so, you elevate the soul and validate the eternal relationship that all righteous souls have with God. By placing stones on your loved one's tombstone, which is an old Jewish custom, you leave your mark for the soul to embrace. By reciting Yizkor, you eternalize those memories and perpetuate the traditions of our ancestors.

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**  
 Summer Worship Service 6:00 pm

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**  
 Adult Tanach (Bible) Study 9:30 am  
 B'nei Mitzvah: Sammy Friedman, 11:00 am  
 Son of Steven and Lisa Friedman  
 David Safir, Son of Jay and Amy Safir

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7**  
 Shavuot Festival Service & Confirmation 7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8**  
 Shavuot Yizkor Service 11:00 am

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10**  
 Summer Worship Service 6:00 pm

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**  
 Adult Tanach (Bible) Study 9:30 am  
 B'nei Mitzvah: Daniel Johnon, Son of Ted and 11:00 am  
 Patricia Johnson  
 Daniel Zimmermann, Son of David and Sherri Zimmermann

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17**  
 Summer Worship Service 6:00 pm

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18**  
 Adult Tanach (Bible) Study 9:30 am  
 Bar Mitzvah: Lee Daniel, Son of Jamie Daniel 11:00 am  
 and Beth Warshauer

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24**  
 Summer Worship Service 6:00 pm  
 Service of Healing & Comfort 7:15 pm

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25**  
 Adult Tanach (Bible) Study 9:30 am  
 B'nei Mitzvah: Harrison Brooks, son of Daniel and 11:00 am  
 Karen Brooks  
 Michael Silver, son of Milton and Karen Silver

**FRIDAY, JULY 1**  
 Summer Worship Service 6:00 pm

**SATURDAY, JULY 2**  
 Adult Tanach (Bible) Study 9:30 am  
 B'not Mitzvah: Sophie Pesakoff 11:00 am  
 Daughter of Bobby and Beth Pesakoff  
 Katy Smith, Daughter of Thomas and Ruth Ann Smith

**FRIDAY, JULY 8**  
 Summer Worship Service 6:00 pm

**SATURDAY, JULY 9**  
 Adult Tanach (Bible) Study 9:30 am  
 B'not Mitzvah: Julia Greene, Daughter of 11:00 am  
 Jeffrey Greene and Jean Greene  
 Jessica Soto, Daughter of Daniel and Susan Soto

**FRIDAY, JULY 15**  
 Summer Worship Service 6:00 pm

**SATURDAY, JULY 16**  
 Adult Tanach (Bible) Study 9:30 am  
 Learner's Minyan Service 11:00 am

**FRIDAY, JULY 22**  
 Summer Worship Service 6:00 pm

**SATURDAY, JULY 23**  
 Adult Tanach (Bible) Study 9:30 am  
 Bar Mitzvah: Gabriel Hansen 11:00 am  
 Son of David Hansen and Emily Chatham

**FRIDAY, JULY 29**  
 Summer Worship Service 6:00 pm  
 Service of Healing & Comfort 7:15 pm

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