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# TEMPLE BETH EL

Share our past Shape our future

December 2016

Chesvan – Tevet 5777

## Opportunities to Learn, Celebrate and Serve



Havdallah Social with Ron Bernstein of Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism

Saturday, December 10, 6:00pm

Home of Dr. Bill & Beverly Zimmern

623 Bay Cliff Rd, Gulf Breeze

Join Temple friends for a relaxing Havdallah Social and hear from Ron Bernstein of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (IMPJ). A member of Kibbutz Yahel, Ron leads the IMPJ's outreach initiatives to Jewish communities in the American South. Ron will speak on his work and the IMPJ's efforts to develop and support Reform Judaism in Israel. Please bring a side, salad, entree, or dessert to share. For more information or to RSVP please contact Kathy Smith, 438-3321.

### Shabbat Hanukkah Celebration

Friday, December 30, 6:00 pm

Grab your hanukiah and join us in the sanctuary for a music-filled Hanukkah Shabbat service, featuring participation by students from the School for Jewish Living.

Following worship, the fun continues in the Max L. Bear auditorium with dreidel, music, and a Hanukkah **themed potluck featuring latkes and sufganyot. The Men's club will be cooking up delicious latkes and a chicken entrée** will be provided by the Sisterhood. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share.

### Ronald McDonald House Day of Service

Please join the Pensacola Jewish Federation as we cook & serve brunch at the Ronald McDonald House!

December 25, 2016 at 8:30 am

The Ronald McDonald House is located at 5200 Bayou Blvd., Pensacola

This is the time of year that we reflect on our blessings and have a wonderful opportunity to give back to our community for those that need it the most! If you are not able to make this event, but would still like to help out, the Ronald McDonald House has wish lists available on their website. We hope you will be able to join us! Please RSVP to Cindy Gross at 850-449-2409 by December 21st.

## Worship and Torah Study

Friday, Dec. 2  
4:00 Azalea Trace  
6:00 Shabbat/Pot Luck

Friday, Dec. 9  
Service 7:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 16  
Service 7:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 23  
Service 7:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 30

Temple  
Hannukah  
service and  
party.

6:00 pm

### Torah Study

Saturday, Dec. 3  
9:30 am

Saturday, Dec. 17  
9:30 am

Bagel, schmear and  
coffee will be served.



## Understanding Shabbat Prayers

There has been an ongoing class learning to read Hebrew for the last several months led by Bill Kuhhirte. It is near completion and there was a desire to learn basic prayerbook Hebrew translation. Chuck Lisner will be teaching the next class which will start on Tuesday, December 20 at 10 AM. We will be using the book, Prayerbook HEBREW, The Easy Way (third edition) by EKS publishing. If you have a basic knowledge of Hebrew letters you will be able to participate. We will meet most Tuesdays at Temple Beth El starting at 10 AM for about an hour and a half. If you have any questions feel free to give Chuck a call at 850-380-5585.



Sisterhood Luncheon  
Wednesday, December 21  
11:30 am

Program:  
Games and Fun for All!!!  
Please Join Us

Lunch will be prepared  
in the TBE Kitchen!  
Choice of soup  
Cheeseburger or  
Vegetable Pasta Primavera  
Fruit Salad, Bread, Dessert  
\$15.00

Bring your Tzedakah Boxes!

RSVP to:  
Janet Levin  
850.994.9469  
or  
tbesisterhood@gmail.com



## Sisterhood News

Whee! 2016 is sure flying by quickly. It's December already. This month's meeting is at 11:30 am on December 21st. Special games and fun for all. Join us for this last Sisterhood luncheon prior to 2017! Let's play together! RSVP now.

The District Biennial has come and gone but Sisterhood will be discussing changes in WRJ, WRJ's Defensive Driving Resolution and Chai Mitzvah in the months to come. I promise that **there will be something for everyone. In this coming year, we will once again "Paint with a Twist", celebrate Sisterhood Shabbat with our fellow sisters from B'nai Israel and enjoy a paid up membership dinner.** It will be full speed ahead in 2017!

**Are you on Facebook? Well, so is Sisterhood. Just look for "sisterhood of the Pensacola".**

Hanukkah and the secular New Year is right around the corner. May December be a good, happy and healing month for all of us. See you at Sisterhood. Remember, without YOU, we are one woman short!

Alice

Mitzvah Caring Fund Donations  
**In memory of Steve Eilen's mother,**  
Adele Feinstein and  
Jeff Stricker, husband of Ruth Stricker  
from Terry and Cindy Gross

Mazel tov to Greta Rickoff who  
became a Great Grandmother for the  
5th time to another girl.



Manna Food Pantries  
Manna Food Pantries is a local nonprofit organization serving Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. It offers emergency food and food-related needs to vulnerable populations. Over the High Holy Days, members and friends of Temple Beth El donated 715 pounds of food. Please continue to bring in non-perishable food items throughout the year to help the fight against hunger.

### Thank You from Sisterhood


Sisterhood's Bingo and Pot Luck Dinner was a resounding success that managed to raise almost \$1800 for Sisterhood. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our tireless chair, Kym Lewis and our devoted callers, Martin Lewis and Sid Braunstien. A special thank you for all who donated prizes and silent auction items and a satisfying thank you for everyone who brought food. I don't want to forget anyone so I won't put in individual names, but you are all the best. I have to borrow from Steve...Sisterhood Rocks!! Thank you for being our Sisterhood family.

Alice 

### Thank You Shabbat Sponsors

Bimah Flowers  
12/2: Available  
12/9: Janet and Logan Schilling  
12/16: Available  
12/23: The Hecht Family  
12/30: Renee and Steve Eilen  
*Please note these corrections to previously published flower sponsors:*  
11/4: Penny and Dan Philips  
11/11: Cindy and Jim Montero  
11/25: Robin Mertins  
Contact Janet Schilling to reserve a date: 944-3349

Onegs  
12/2: Covered Dish  
12/9: Janet Schilling  
12/16: Wendy Rutland  
12/23: Renee Eilen  
12/30: Hanukkah Dinner  
Contact Hynda Rome to reserve a date: 479-2701

 We are pleased to welcome new members  
Penny and Melissa Featherstone  
to our congregation

Torah on Tap  
December 6, 2016, 5:00 pm

**Gulf Coast Brewery on Heinberg Street behind McGuire's  
Topic: "Debating Hanukkah and Its Myths"**

## Donations

### Temple Beth El General Fund:

In honor of Steve and Renee Eilen for the Holiday Lunch from Fred and Brenda Vigodsky  
 In memory of Rita Orenstein from Bill and Beverly Zimmern  
 In memory of Miriam Simmons from Bill and Beverly Zimmern  
 In memory of Adele Feinstein from Bill and Beverly Zimmern  
 In memory of Adele Feinstein from Lewis and Belle Bear  
 In memory of Arline Frankowski from Lewis and Belle Bear  
 In memory of Adele Feinstein from Fred and Brenda Vigodsky

### Sylvia Rosenbloum Cole Music Fund:

In memory of Adele Feinstein from Greta Rickoff

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

In honor of Dr. Steve and Renee Eilen from Lucille Foley  
 In memory of Adele Feinstein from Matt and Tammy Dannheisser  
 A donation was made to the Rabbi's fund by David and Lillian Lavine  
 A donation was made to the Rabbi's fund by Joshua and Kaydee Zimmern

### Peter Van Wezel Youth Fund:

In honor of Rodney Rich and Company for 42nd year in business from Dr. and Mrs. Greg Rich

### Senior Mitzvah Project 2016

Our congregation is once again partnering with the Council on Aging and we will be delivering gifts to seniors. Volunteers are needed so please contact Linda Armacost at 292-7354 if you can help. The gifts will be ready for pick up at the Council on Aging office between December 12th and 15th.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Shabbaton Planned for January

On Saturday, January 21, 2017 we will hold our first Shabbaton in our new facility. A Shabbaton is an event or program of education, and usually celebration, that is held on Shabbat.

We will have a variety of religious and secular activities (e.g. discussion groups, movies, music, sports, food, etc..for young and old). Please place this event on your calendar as we expect it to be another great TBE event!



### From Yael.....

Hello dear community!

This week we celebrated Thanksgiving, and even though we in Israel don't celebrate it, we have a special name for it and acknowledge the holiday (mostly by having black Friday).

A few fun facts: On Thanksgiving Day as you know, it is customary to eat a turkey dinner. The Hebrew word for turkey is "**Tar'negol**

**Hodu," literally an "Indian Rooster". It came by this name because turkeys are indigenous to North America which the first explorers thought was actually part of India. The country of India is called Hodu in Hebrew; it was mentioned in the Book of Esther when King Achashverosh is depicted as ruling a kingdom that stretched "me'hodu v'ad kush" from India to Ethiopia.**

One of the really weird coincidences is that there is another way to translate tar'negol hodu. Using the other meaning of the word "hodu"—thanks, a turkey in Hebrew actually means a "**rooster of thanks**". **And the holiday itself is called "Chag ha-Hodaya"** a holiday to be thankful!

And there you have it! Hope you all enjoyed your "rooster of thanks" and your time with your family! Love, Yael



Book Club to Review *Here I Am* by Jonathan Safran Foer  
December 8, 7:00 pm

**In the book of Genesis, when God calls out, "Abraham!" before ordering him to sacrifice his son, Isaac, Abraham responds, "Here I am." Later, when Isaac calls out, "My father!" before asking him why there is no animal to slaughter, Abraham responds, "Here I am."**

Unfolding over four tumultuous weeks in present-day Washington, D.C., *Here I Am* is the story of a fracturing family in a moment of crisis. As Jacob and Julia Bloch and their three sons are forced to confront the distances between the lives they think they want and the lives they are living, a catastrophic earthquake sets in motion a quickly escalating conflict in the Middle East. At stake is the meaning of home—and the fundamental question of how much aliveness one can bear. *Here I Am* is Foer's most searching, hard-hitting, and grandly entertaining novel yet.

## December Birthdays and Anniversaries

December Birthdays	21st	Spencer Segal	
1st	Cindy Gross	23rd	Adam Ostrich
	Courtney Loeb		Sandra Weston
2nd	Jamie Landa	24th	Lucille Foley
6th	Amanda Nissim		Jeffrey Ochs
7th	Suzi Gordon		Ziv Haims
8th	Julian Garrett McCulley	25th	Belle Bear
9th	Michael Ullman		Michael Stryer
	David Ullman	29th	Valerie Morgan Kryz
15th	Seth Friedland		Steve Nissim
16th	Steven Jurnovoy	31st	Rabbi William Schwartz
	Ed Siegel		
17th	Kyle Pearce	December Anniversaries	
18th	Michael Rayborn	7th	Myra and Nathan Kahn
19th	Kimberly Brown	17th	Elizabeth and Ziv Haims
20th	Linda Armacost	21st	Kate and Jeffrey Trattner
21st	Ciera Kass	27th	Annalisa and Michael Stryer
	David Rutland		

MAN TALK Gathering  
December 6, 2016 at 7 PM  
Temple Beth El

We have answers to just about every question you have re: personal health issues that involve men over the age of 21. Dr. David Bernstein will be the expert on hand to add to the discussion and stimulate thought. This is the opportunity for every man who receives this information to bring a friend and learn about himself. No women will be involved so that open, frank discussions can take place. Please RSVP: Sid Braunstien: 850 598-9718 or Fred Levin: 850 449-3490

### Help Keep Website Current!

We always want to ensure that the Temple Beth El website is attractive, up-to-date and interesting. Much praise goes to Webmaster Rich Cacace for his constant work to give TBE a great online image. However, he cannot do this alone. He needs YOUR help – and your photos. Please send Rich your photos of Temple life – weddings, services, meetings, Sunday school events and our wonderful new facility. The more photos, the better, so we can show everyone what a wonderful, vibrant life our congregation shares. Email: [rcacace@pensacolastate.edu](mailto:rcacace@pensacolastate.edu)

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Chinese and a Movie (& Latkes)  
Saturday, December 24, 7:00 pm



The Brotherhood invites you to celebrate “Jewish traditions” at the annual Chinese and a Movie. This year’s film is the comedy “This is Where I Leave You” starring Jason Bateman, Tina Fey, and Jane Fonda. Laugh along as an over-sharing and dysfunctional family spends the week of shiva under the same roof.

A child friendly film will be screened simultaneously.

Bring your menorah as together we will also mark the first night of Hanukkah.

The cost is \$10 per person and \$5 for kids. Please RSVP to [steveeilen30338@yahoo.com](mailto:steveeilen30338@yahoo.com) or to the Temple office so we can order the appropriate amount of food.

### Gift Drive for Children's Home Society

Temple Beth El is working with the Children's Home Society to make sure all of the children CHS serve receive a present at the holidays. We need your help in reaching TBE's goal of helping 75 kids. Please stop by the gift drive display in the Temple lobby and select a child to help. Information includes name, age, gender, and their personal "wish list." Guidelines and directions are also posted. All gifts (unwrapped please) are to be delivered to Temple by December 11. For more information and details please contact Deborah Buchalter at 850-526-6657 or email.



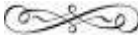
### “Noah’s Ark” at School for Jewish Living

In honor of reading the story of Noah, the School for Jewish Living welcomed some friendly reptiles.



Yahrzeits

<i>To be read on December 2:</i>		6th	Marion Barnett	16th	Blanche Wolff	29th	Fredrick Rank
26th	Paul Landau		Al Langnau		John Segesser	30th	Anne Rank
	Irving Levine		Wyley Carroll Hixon				Rose Ochser,
	Abbie Minsk	7th	Edward Parker	<i>To be read on December 23:</i>			Tevet1
	Roger Samuel Storms		Mollie Zimmerman	17th	Jerry Herman Oslinker		Joseph Ochser,
27th	Dr. Samuel Cirola		Bessie Kronenberg Lisner	18th	Kenneth Merritt, Sr.		Tevet 1
	Peisakh Alshuts		Gloria Schwartz	19th	Harry Rickoff	<i>To be read on January 6:</i>	
	Betty Prinz Rubin	8th	Nathan Cirola		Maks Katsnelson	31st	Lena Falk
27th	Murray A. Schwartz	9th	Carrie Heinberg	20th	Milton Levinson		
	Eleazer Moses Joshua		Harry Quest	21st	Mark B. Mayer		
28th	Hermina Ochs Silverman		Sidney Silverman	22nd	Leopold Mayer		
29th	Rachael Berlin		Honey Gallin		Miriam Cohn		
	Ethel I. Feig		Richard Cole	23rd	Fredika W. Lischkoff		
	Pearl S. Rubel				Debra Kreitman		
	Nettie Volkind	<i>To be read on December 16:</i>		<i>To be read on December 30:</i>			
	Michael Schoen	10th	Alex Friedman	24th	Pearl Greenhut		
30th	Rabbi William Ackerman		Harry Krentzman		David N. Henriques		
	Jack Perry		David Baron Liberman	25th	Alice Joseph		
	Bertha F. Gilbert	11th	Elsie Wagenheim		Emanuel Levy		
	Max Wolff		Sonya Burchette		Adler Rothschild		
Dec.1st	Hessie Schloss		Lena Lipowicz Silver		Samuel Aronson		
	Murray Washor		Amelia Copeloff		Rebecca Tucker		
	Jerold Babkoff	12th	Irene S. Klein		Shirley Chaet		
	Harold Stein		Harry Goodman		Gerald Lebowitz		
2nd	Norman Needle		Jac A. Son	26th	Daisy Martin		
			Rabbi Martin Friedman		Sylvia Kahn Kugelman		
			Maurice Frenkel		Leila Siegel		
		13th	Leon Miller		Zelda Siegel		
			Gladys Babette Hirsch		Dorothy Flude		
			Samuel Eliasoff	28th	Rosa Levinson		
			Katie Joshua		Emil Frenkel		
			Thelma Cohn		Siegbert Blumenthal		
			Letty Simon		Mayme Silverman		
		14th	Esther Gobel		Kathleen Sanders		
			Jack Rubinstein	29th	Gerald Kahn		
		15th	Rosalie Rosenau		Gail Kahn		
			Benjamin Goodman		Victor Schulein		
			Rose Mary Kuhhirte		Isaac Cohen		
6th	Sarah Washor		Leslie Miller				
	Natalie Clarke	16th	Sam Rosenau				



With sadness we share the news of two long-time Temple Beth El members passing away; Rita Orenstein on Sunday, October 30 and Jane Starr Seligman on Saturday, November 19. We extend our deepest condolences to their family and friends.

Zichrona L'Vracha

*A woman of valor, who can find?  
Her worth is far above jewels.  
(Proverbs 31)*

Donation Form

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## December Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Azalea Trace 4:00 pm Service 5:00 Art Sale TBE 6:00 pm Shabbat Service/Covered Dish	3 Torah Study 9:30 am
4 SJL 9:00 am Sisterhood Arts and Crafts	5 Mah Jongg 12:30 pm	6 Tai Chi 3:00 pm Torah on Tap 5:00 Man Talk 7:00 TBE	7	8 Jewish Book Group 7:00 pm	9 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	10
11 SJL 9:00 am Visit from Jacobs Camp Director Pizza Party 12:15pm	12 Mah Jongg 12:30 pm Café Israel 6:00 pm Cactus Flower	13 Tai Chi 3:00 pm	14	15	16 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	17 Torah Study 9:30 am
18 SJL 9:00 am Wesley Haven Hanukkah Program 10:45 am	19 Mah Jongg 12:30 pm	20 Prayerbook Hebrew Level 2, 10:00 am  Tai Chi 3:00 pm	21 Sisterhood 11:30 am	22	23 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	24 Chinese and a Movie 7:00 pm First Night of Hanukkah 
25 NO SJL PJF Ronald McDon- ald House Day of Service 8:30 am 	26 Mah Jongg 12:30 pm  	27 Prayerbook Hebrew Level 2, 10:00 am  Tai Chi 3:00 pm 	28 	29 	30 Shabbat/Hanukkah Service and Cover- ed Dish Dinner 6:00 pm 	31  Last Night