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Join us in Mobile for Special Shabbat & Scholar in Residence

Congregation Sha'arai Shomayim of Mobile, in honor of its founding and its status as the oldest synagogue in the state of Alabama, cordially invites the congregation of Temple Beth El, Pensacola, Florida, to attend its annual Anniversary Service. Please join us on Saturday, January 13, at 11:00 am, for the celebration of Shabbat. The service will be jointly officiated by Rabbi Dana Kaplan and Rabbi Joel Fleekop. Following lunch, which will be provided in the social hall, our visiting Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi David Frankel, will describe for us "What Really Happened in the Garden of Eden." Professor Frankel is a professor of Bible at the Schechter Institutes of Jewish Studies (Masorti) in Jerusalem, Israel. For those willing to continue his/her afternoon in the Yellowhammer State, the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Mobile will convene in the Temple at 3:00 pm. Professor Frankel's address to this group will be: "Does the Hebrew Bible Foretell the Story of Jesus? Christian-Jewish Polemics in the Middle Ages." This topic should provoke stimulating questions and commentary. We look forward to greeting many Floridians on January 13, 2018, who will help make this a memorable Shabbaton.

Shabbat Worship & Torah Study

Friday, Dec. 1
4:00 pm Social at Azalea
Trace
4:30 pm Service at Azalea
Trace
6:00 pm Service and
covered dish dinner at
TBE

Sat., Dec. 2
Torah Study 9:30 am

Friday, Dec. 8
Service 7:00 pm
Friday, Dec. 15
Service & Dinner 6:00 pm
Sat., Dec. 16
Torah Study 9:30 am

Friday, Dec. 22
Service 7:00 pm
Friday, Dec. 29
Service 7:00 pm

Celebrate the Season

Latke Making Party

Sunday, December 10, 8:00 am -11am

Ray Engel and the Brotherhood invite you to join them in the Temple kitchen for a morning full of latke making fun. We will be preparing several hundred latkes for use at our Temple Hanukkah celebrations.

If you can help (even for just a few hours) please contact Ray Engel at 850-516-3495 or raymondengel@cox.net. Please also let Ray know if you can bring a food processor.

Shabbat Hanukkah Celebration

Friday, December 15, 6:00 pm

Grab your hanukkah and join us in the sanctuary for a music-filled Hanukkah Shabbat service. Worship will be led by Rabbi Joel, Sonia Yanovsky, Victoria Adamenko and will feature 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 sufganiyot. 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.



Chinese and a Movie

Sunday, December 24, 7:00 PM

Movie: TBA

Ronald McDonald House Day of Service

December 25, 2017, 8:30am, 5200 Bayou Blvd. Join the Pensacola Jewish Federation as we cook & serve brunch for the families at Ronald McDonald House! Please RSVP to Cindy Gross at 850-449-2409 by December 21.

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, <http://rmhc-nwfl.org/how-you-can-help/wish-list/>

We're on the web!
templebethelofpensacola.org

Sisterhood News



Sisterhood Meeting



Sisterhood Night Out

First City Art Center
 Join us as we make Shabbat
 Candle Holders
 Saturday, December 16th
 5:30-6:30pm
 1060 North Guillemard St.
 Please RSVP: Nichole at
 850-512-8348
 Cost \$15

This Event is limited to the
 first 18 people who RSVP

December and Hanukkah have arrived. Soon we will usher in the secular year, 2018. Time flies!

This month we will not have a luncheon meeting. Instead, 18 of us will go to the First City Art Center and make Shabbat candle holders. **IMPORTANT:** 18 is the number that First City can fit. The first 18 who RSVP will go. If you don't RSVP, please do not show up at First City. I don't want anyone to be turned away at the door. The date is Saturday, December 16 from 5:30 to 6:30pm and the cost is \$15. We will check the Sisterhood gmail but the best way to ensure you get a space is to call Nichole directly at: 850-512-8348.

Sisterhood sends out a big thank you to Rose Kuhhirte, our Ronald McDonald House chair, and all who have contributed pop tops. She reported at our last meeting that year-to-date, we have donated 17,904 pop tops. Way to go!

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Hanukkah and a safe, healthy and happy New Year. See you all soon!

Alice

Last call for directory photo sessions!

Remember both the photography sitting and an 8 X 10 photo are FREE and no one will pressure you into buying anything.

Sunday 12/3 is completely booked. There are mid-day openings on both Monday and Tuesday, along with a few late afternoon options on Monday 12/4. If Wednesday, Jan. 10th is a better option for you, there are openings between 1:30 and 3 PM. You may feel free to either book your own sitting online or simply call me and I will gladly handle it for you. If none of these dates work and you would still like to have your photo included in the directory, you may send it along to me with a \$10 handling fee. LifeTouch will enhance it to fit the directory format.

Questions? Please call me at [850 598-9718](tel:8505989718). (please dial the area code)

Thank you!
 Pat Braunstien

Shabbat Sponsors

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- 12/1 - covered dish dinner
- 12/8 - Robin Mertins and
Cindy Pinhas
- 12/15 - Chanukah service and
dinner
- 12/22 - Susan Pollak
- 12/29 - Marty Lisner

If you would like to place flowers on the bimah for Shabbat or other occasions, please contact the florist of your choice and Kathy Smith to make arrangements.

Thank you volunteers.....

Helping to "Fill the Mayflower" was time well spent doing a much needed Mitzvah. It was good meeting other community groups and working alongside them taking the donations for Manna.

Manna food bank truly appreciated the help of our Temple members for this event and what we do throughout the year and High Holy Days to support them.

I would like to thank Chuck Lisner, Liz and Megan Broder, Myrna Lane, Charles Kraselsky and Hannah Buchalter for helping with this special event.

Manna's move and getting settled in their new facility has taken longer than anticipated.

Keep a watchful eye out for another chance to help them in the new year. We plan on doing a Saturday Volunteer with them soon. I will let you know as soon as a date is set.

Have a happy Hanukkah.
 Shalom,

Deborah Buchalter



Torah on Tap

December 5
 5:30 pm
 Union Public House

**Topic: "Jewish at Christmas:
 Different Approaches to
 December"**

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



WE'RE COMING TO PENSACOLA!!!

Come meet Sarah Tucker at Religious School on December 10th to hear about all the fun Jacobs has to offer!! We'll play camp games, do fun experiments, get special Jacobs gifts, and watch the brand-new Camp video!!!

Brentwood Elementary Backpack Buddies

Many students at nearby Brentwood Elementary rely on school breakfast and lunch for the bulk of their nutrition. Temple Beth El is working to ensure they have enough to eat during weekends by collecting easily prepared food items that can be sent home on Fridays with the school's most needy students. Examples include: fruit cups, ramen noodles, peanut butter/crackers, granola bars, macaroni and cheese, Vienna sausage, Spaghetti O's, or any individual sized canned food.

These children need our help! This will be an ongoing project. Temple Beth El will have a box labeled "Backpack Buddies for Brentwood Elementary". Just put the items in the box and we will deliver to the school.

Chinese and a Movie
Sunday, December 24, 7:00 pm

The Brotherhood invites you to celebrate "Jewish traditions" at the annual Chinese and a Movie. The movie will be announced in the Rabbi's weekly blast.

A child friendly film will be screened simultaneously.

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

Welcome to Our
New Members

Ellen Deaver

Efrat Harari and Rami Mosbat and their three children,
Emma, Adele and Ethan Mosbat

ManTalk Recap and Upcoming Event

If you missed the November ManTalk, you missed out on learning ways to improve yourself mentally and physically. Dr. Bill Zimmern made us all aware of our responsibilities to ourselves and how simple it is to get and maintain control.

Don't miss the December 5th gathering at Temple Beth El at 7 PM. The pain you have in your hip, knee, ankles and back may emanate from a completely different place. Dr. Colby Maher is a well-known neurosurgeon, member of Baptist Hospital and serves on the executive board of Andrews Institute and will answer any questions during his informal discussion. I guarantee you will learn from the experience!

December's talk is one to boggle your mind and just about every other nerve in your body. Anyone who misses this meeting, needs their head examined. See you there if you are a man over the age of 21 (& please feel free to bring friends).

Sid Braunstien
[850 598-9715](tel:850-598-9715)

"Get Registered!! Temple Beth El is Going to Israel" July 9-19, 2018

Join Rabbi Fleekop and Temple friends as we explore and celebrate Israel at 70!! The packed-full itinerary is designed with both first time visitors and experienced Israel travelers in mind.

Get itinerary, accommodation, and pricing details at: <http://www.arzaworld.com/Temple-Beth-El-of-Pensacola-Summer-Trip-to-Israel.aspx>

For more information or questions please contact Rabbi Joel Fleekop.

The Gift Shop is now open on Friday evening from 6:15pm to 6:50pm, Sunday after Sunday School and other appropriate occasions.

Stop by to see our beautiful merchandise. Special orders may be taken. See Ellen Deaver for any questions or comments.

From Avishay.....



Dear Community,

I'll start by saying thank you all again for coming to my second "Café Israel" and for **being so supportive. It's** means so much to me! Hope to see you again next Café Israel Dec, 11th.

Adult Hebrew classes season is already started, learning the fun way! Now on the

website too! Missed a class? Want to see what are we doing? All the classes are now online! Don't forget to call me for homework! Check it out **today! It's never too late to join us!**

Our Chai Discussion Group, facilitated by Marge Wein, continues to bring provocative issues to the table. Our topic in November was the Gap between Millennials and Israel. It was well attended. These lively discussions are held the 4th Tuesday of every month.

Last month I visited Creative Learning Academy. I had an amazing two hours on the Western Wall and Hanukkah with great kids. Thank you Melissa Sontag for the opportunity, looking forward for the next time! Special thanks to Chuck Lisner who keeps me involved with Kiwanis.

Please let me know if you would like me to visit or speak at your schools, civic organizations, or any churches. I really want to be there, to be involved and get to know the Pensacola community.

Last week I went to The International Festival in Mobile. Thousands of people visited with me and not a single one knew any but the basic facts. One of the kids actually asked me if Israel really exist. Glad that I had the opportunity to **expand their knowledge about Israel, and it's** just the beginning.

Please join us for our next event! Pensacola Jewish Federation invites you and your children to our PJ Library and PJ Our Way Havdalah. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends, and for your children to experience our Havdalah Celebration! We will have kosher hot **dogs and s'mores. There will be art projects** for the children. Please feel free to bring a side dish to share. More details on the website!

Hanukkah is coming up, please follow our website for more information!

If you are in high school, and you are searching for a meaningful volunteer place for your scholarship, get in touch with me. Federation offers volunteer hours! Important but fun guaranteed!

I have been working daily on our Facebook page and our website. Please check us out at pensacolajewishfederation.com. and Pensacola Jewish Federation on Facebook.

Besides Cafe Israel, Chai, and Hebrew lessons, I have some other events planned for this month. They include:

Israeli cooking

Door To Dor (generation) As a way for me to get to know you better and show you my cooking **skills (: I'm inviting you for a unique cooking experience** at your home, with a short presentation on a topic you choose. It will be tasty and interesting!

Taste of Memories cooking with a twist. **Taste and you won't forget, for a bigger impact I'm just** going to promise an unforgettable cooking session.

Blood drive

For the past six years I've been donating blood every three months in Israel, and I don't plan on stopping here. Honestly believing that "Saving one life is like saving the world"

Israeli music

Got a talent? love playing any kind of instrument? **Please reach out to me. I've been working on special project and I can't do it** alone. Call me for more details!



Donations

Temple Beth El General Fund:

In memory of Greta Rickoff from Patricia Freysinger

A donation has been made by David and Lillian Lavine

Matching Grant Fund:

A donation has been made by Ed Walborsky

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

A donation was made by Chuck and Marty Lisner

Better Ways to Make Charitable Donations

Did you know that certain IRA distributions can be donated to the Temple tax-free?

If you are age 70½ or older, you can make qualified charitable distributions (QCD) from an IRA, up to \$100,000 per year (\$200,000 for married couples who qualify), without having to pay federal income taxes on the distributions. These distributions are not tax deductible and must be made payable to a qualified charity, such as Temple Beth El, directly from your IRA custodian. You can use the qualified charitable distribution to meet all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year. One important caveat of using a QCD to satisfy an RMD obligation is that an RMD is presumed to be satisfied in the order of your distributions out of the IRA for the year. If you are over 59½ but under 70½, you can take a regular taxable distribution from your IRA and then make a tax-deductible charitable donation.

Did you know that you can avoid paying taxes on capital gains when you donate appreciated securities?

Regardless of your age, it can be beneficial to donate appreciated securities directly to a qualified charity. The fair value of the securities is a tax-deductible charitable donation. In this way, you avoid having to pay taxes on the capital gains.

Charities must deposit the payments before December 31st to be considered for the applicable year. Your financial and tax advisors can help you evaluate these strategies to determine whether it makes sense in your overall estate plan. Please consider taking advantage of these provisions to help sustain our Temple!

It is with a heavy heart that we share news of the passing of Temple member Joe **Khatena. The congregation extends its condolences to Joe's children, Moshe (Renee),** Al (Christine), Annette, Serena, and the entire family. Funeral services were held at the Temple Beth El Cemetery on Friday, November 3. **Zichrono L'vrachah** — May Joe's memory always be a source of comfort and blessing.

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With sadness we announce that former Temple and Sisterhood member, Delores Gelfand, passed away in Columbus, Ohio where she was living. Delores was Greta Rickoff's sister and Scott Rickoff's aunt. The congregation sends deep condolences to the entire Gelfand and Rickoff families during this difficult time. May her memory be for a blessing.

Yahrzeits

*To be read on December 1*

Nov 25 Solomon Mindell  
Janice Brewton  
26th Paul Landau  
Irving Levine  
Abbie Minsk  
Roger Samuel Storms  
Gilbert Elzweig  
27th Dr. Samuel Citroa  
Peisakh Alshuts  
Betty Prinz Rubin  
Murray A. Schwartz  
Eleazer Moses Joshua  
28th Hermina Ochs Silverman  
Michael Eilen  
29th Rachael Berlin  
Ethel I. Feig  
Pearl S. Rubel  
Nettie Wolkind  
Michael Schoen  
30th Rabbi William Ackerman  
Jack Perry  
Bertha F. Gilbert  
Max Wolff  
Dec 1 Hessie Schloss  
Murray Washor  
Jerold Babkoff  
Harold Stein

*To be read on December 8*

2nd Norman Needle  
Susan Watson  
3rd Abe Bodaness  
Diana Khatena Abraham  
Alan Siskind  
4th Jennie Mayer  
B.M. Stanton  
Frank Lambert  
Doris Moskowitz  
Sarah Soloway  
Gerson Israel  
Tillie Halpern  
Shirley K. Ziv  
5th Helen Belsky  
6th Sarah Washor  
Natalie Clarke

**To be read on December 8, con't.**

6th Marion Barnett  
Al Langnau  
Wyley Carroll Hixon  
Larry Woodruff  
7th Edward Parker  
Mollie Zimmerman  
Bessie Kronenberg Lisner  
Gloria Schwartz  
8th Nathan Citroa

*To be read on December 15*

9th Carrie Heinberg  
Harry Quest  
Sidney Silverman  
Honey Gallin  
Richard Cole  
10th Alex Friedman  
Harry Krentzman  
David Baron Liberman  
11th Elsie Wagenheim  
Sonya Burchette  
Lena Lipowicz Silver  
Amelia Copeloff  
Irene S. Klein  
12th Harry Goodman  
Jac A. Son  
Rabbi Martin Friedman  
Maurice Frenkel  
13th Leon Miller  
Gladys Babette Hirsch  
Samuel Eliasoff  
Katie Joshua  
Thelma Cohn  
Letty Simon  
14th Esther Gobel  
Jack Rubinstein  
15th Rosalie Rosenau  
Benjamin Goodman  
Rose Mary Kuhhirte  
Leslie Miller

*To be read on December 22*

16th Sam Rosenau  
Blanche Wolff  
John Segesser  
17th Jerry Herman Oslinker  
18th Kenneth Merritt, Sr.  
19th Harry Rickoff  
Maks Katsnelson  
Rose Ochser (Tevet1)  
Joseph Ochser (Tevet 1)  
20th Milton Levinson  
21st Mark B. Mayer  
22nd Leopold Mayer  
Miriam Cohn  
Fredika W. Lischkoff

*To be read on December 29*

23rd Debra Kreitman  
24th Pearl Greenhut  
David N. Henriques  
25th Alice Joseph  
Emanuel Levy  
Adler Rothschild  
Samuel Aronson  
Rebecca Tucker  
Shirley Chaet  
Gerald Lebowitz  
26th Daisy Martin  
Sylvia Kahn Kugelman  
Leila Siegel  
Zelda Siegel  
Dorothy Flude  
28th Rosa Levinson  
Emil Frenkel  
Siegbert Blumenthal  
Mayme Silverman  
Kathleen Sanders  
29th Gerald Kahn  
Gail Kahn  
Victor Schulein  
Isaac Cohen  
Fredrick Rank

*To be read on January 5*

30th Anne Rank  
31st Lena Falk



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Pensacola, FL 32501

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| December Calendar                                                 |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                    |           |                                                           |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                     |
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| Sunday                                                            | Monday                                                                        | Tuesday                                                                                                                            | Wednesday | Thursday                                                  | Friday                                                                                                                                | Saturday                                                                            |
|                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                    |           |                                                           | 1<br>Shabbat Service at Azalea Trace<br>4:00 Social<br>4:30 Service<br>TBE 6:00 followed by covered dish                              | 2<br>Torah Study 9:30 am<br><br>PJ Library 5-7pm<br>Home of Jeanne Boyle            |
| 3<br>SJL<br>9:00 am<br>Photographer<br>12:30-6:30                 | 4<br>Mahjong 12:30<br>Photographer<br>10:30-6:00                              | 5 Tai Chi 3:00 pm<br>Torah on Tap 5pm<br>Photographer<br>10:30-6:00<br>ManTalk 7:00 pm                                             | 6         | 7<br>Intro to Judaism<br>6:30 pm TBE<br>Newcomers welcome | 8<br>Shabbat Services<br>7:00 pm                                                                                                      | 9                                                                                   |
| 10<br>Latke Making 8:00<br><br>SJL<br>9:00 am<br>Jacobs Camp Info | 11<br>Mahjong 12:30<br><br>Café Israel<br>6:00 pm<br>Cactus Flower            | 12<br>Tai Chi<br>3:00 pm<br>Hanukkah Begins<br> | 13        | 14                                                        | 15<br>Hanukkah Service and Dinner<br>6:00 pm<br> | 16<br>Torah Study 9:30 am<br>Sisterhood at First City Arts<br>Registration required |
| 17<br>SJL<br>9:00 am<br>Wesley Haven<br>11:30 am                  | 18<br>Mahjong 12:30                                                           | 19<br>Tai Chi<br>3:00 pm                                                                                                           | 20        | 21                                                        | 22<br>Shabbat Services<br>7:00 pm                                                                                                     | 23                                                                                  |
| 24/31<br>NO SJL<br>Chinese and a Movie on Dec. 24<br>7:00 pm      | 25<br>Ronald McDonald House Volunteer Morning 8:30 am<br>Temple Office Closed | 26<br>Tai Chi<br>3:00 pm                                                                                                           | 27        | 28                                                        | 29                                                                                                                                    | 30                                                                                  |