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January 2017

Tevet - Shevat 5777

Shabbaton This Month!!

Shabbaton of Fun

You choose your own
Shabbat Adventure!!

Please plan on joining us on January 21, 2017 for an exciting Shabbat experience filled with learning, cooking, dance, games and of course, food. Our Temple will be hosting the Springhill Avenue Temple in Mobile and other friends from near and far. With over 30 activities to **choose from you're bound to find a number of** activities that will appeal to you no matter what your age or interests.

The day starts with Bagels & Nosh at 10:00am and ends at 6:30pm for those who wish to stay for a catered dinner (reservations required). Come for an hour or stay the entire day.

Everyone mark your calendar for what should be a great event. Watch for more information in the mail and in emails.



Special thanks and sincere appreciation.....

~The Bear Family Foundation has made a generous donation for the creation of the Collections and Exhibitions Fund.

~Maria Goldberg has spent hours hanging artwork in the temple and attending to items needing re-matting and re-framing.

~Beverly and Bill Zimmern hosted the delightful Havdalah social with guest Ron Bernstein of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism.

~Deborah Buchalter organized a successful Holiday **Gift Drive for Children's Home Society.**

~Linda Armacost organized, once again, delivery of gifts for clients of the Council on Aging.

~Bill Kuhhirte earlier taught two levels of Read Hebrew America courses.

~Chuck Lisner is currently teaching Prayerbook Hebrew classes.

~Logan Schilling continues to teach Tai Chi each week.

~Ray Engel led Brotherhood and friends in preparing hundreds and hundreds of latkes for a variety of Hanukkah celebrations.

~Brotherhood coordinated another successful Chinese and a movie.

~Ray Engel is diligently leading the planning committee for the upcoming Shabbaton on January 21. (You won't want to miss this!)

Worship and Torah Study

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

Friday, Jan. 13
Service 7:00 pm
Sisterhood Shabbat

Friday, Jan. 20
Service 7:00 pm

Friday, Jan. 27
Service 7:00 pm

Torah Study
Saturday, Jan. 7
9:30 am

Bagel, schmear and coffee will be served.

Saturday, Jan. 21
No Torah Study
Shabbaton begins at 10:00 am
See information above.

Scanning the Heavens: A Survey of Jewish Theology

Thursdays, January 12, 19, 26, and February 2
When was the last time you talked about God? Ever **wonder if what you believe or don't believe is "Jewish."** Curious about how others understand the Divine? Join Rabbi Joel and Temple friends for **"Scanning the Heavens." Together we will explore** Jewish theology from biblical times to today. The class will include a variety of teaching modalities including activities, readings, presentation, and discussion. Participants will have the opportunity to share beliefs and questions. For more information or to RSVP please contact Rabbi Joel at 850-438-3321 or rabi@templebethelofpensacola.org.



Sisterhood News

Normally, I would write an upbeat note from Sisterhood for this column. And, elsewhere in this issue, you will find the information for our January luncheon meeting on January 18th. But I have something more important that I would like to address in this column this month.

While Sisterhood has had a good year...increased membership, successful Fundraiser... we have had a rough year personally. We've lost long time beloved members such as Jane Starr...and those who we know and love...Steve and Renee...have lost a son. It is at times like this that our own mortality comes into question. What can we do? What can we say?

Nothing can help but time itself. But we CAN do something very important. We can reach out to those who have lost someone; we can be there for them. We can hold their hand and give them a shoulder to cry on and an arm to hold them. We can stop with the pettiness of grudges and slights and reach out to both our friends and our so-called enemies in a gesture of love and respect.

So, as you enter this New Year, that is what my resolution will be...and I hope it will be yours also. I pledge to reach out everyday to those who are in need of a hug, a kiss or even just a smile. I pledge to never go to bed angry or let a day go by that I don't reach out to my loved ones and tell them how much they mean to me.

May this year be the year that we find love, peace and happiness. May we all heal and may the sun once again shine in all our lives.

Alice



Join Temple Beth El Sisterhood

as we welcome

Victoria Smolik,

RN Stroke Coordinator for

Baptist Health Care

She will discuss signs and symptoms of strokes.

How early recognition of signs can help with outcomes

following a stroke.

January 18, 2017

11:30 am

Temple Beth El

800 N. Palafox Street

Catered by Carrabba's

Menu includes: House Salad,

Salmon Cetriolini, Cavatappi

Pomodoro, and Chocolate

Dream Fudge Brownie.

Please RSVP Janet Levin

850-994-9469 or email

tbesistehood@gmail.com

Please RSVP by

Sunday, January 15, 2017.

Help Honor Kathy Smith, our Temple Administrator!!



This month Kathy will have been with Temple Beth El for 15 years. She is a devoted and hard-working employee

who can answer just about any question one may have about our Temple. Please show your appreciation at the Shabbat service January 20th at 7:00 p.m. An Oneg Shabbat, sponsored by the Board of Directors, will be held in her honor, following the service.

Changes to Shabbat Flowers

Our long-time florist, Linda Finkelstein, has retired. We wish her well in her new endeavors. She has been very generous to the Temple and we will miss the style and beauty of her arrangements. We are going to try Sunshine Designs and we hope that we can form a long-term relationship with owner, Sara Seeley. Her price will be a bit higher, \$50.00 plus \$10.00 delivery for a standard arrangement. If you have already signed up, there is nothing to do. There are still vacancies on the calendar, so please call to reserve your Shabbat. You may also arrange your order on your own with your personal florist. The Sisterhood board has decided that when there is no sponsor for flowers, we will do without. Thank you for your generous sponsorship of bimah flowers.

Janet Schilling

Welcome, Welcome!!

Welcome new members Rhett and Cait Gross and their brand new baby, Grady Scott Gross. Rhett grew up attending Temple Beth El. He and Cait are the son and daughter-in-law of Terry and Cindy Gross.

Thank You Shabbat Sponsors

Bimah Flowers

1/6 Sisterhood

1/13 Deborah and Jeff

Buchalter

1/20 Janet and Chuck Kahn

1/27 Available

Contact Janet Schilling to

reserve a date: 944-3349

Onegs

1/6 Covered Dish

1/13 Sisterhood Shabbat

1/20 Temple Board

1/27 Rose Kuhhirte and

Lucille Foley

Contact Hynda Rome to

reserve a date: 479-2701



Torah on Tap
Tuesday, January 3, 2016
5:00 pm

Gulf Coast Brewery on
Heinberg Street behind
McGuire's

Topic: "Vows & Resolutions: Are They Really A Good Idea"



Donations

Fannie Frenkel Perpetual Care Fund:

In memory of Jane Starr Seligman from Claire Aedes

In memory of Miriam Simmons from Fran McMillan

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Jane Starr Seligman from Sandy and Myron Rosenthal

In memory of Jane Starr Seligman from Buddy and Brenda Pollak

In memory of Jane Starr Seligman from Beverly and Bill Zimmern

In memory of Jane Starr Seligman from Lucille Foley

In memory of Jane Starr Seligman from Bettie Kahn

In memory of Helen Belsky from Harry and Anita Kahn

In memory of Helen Belsky from Esther and Steve Kamenetsky

In memory of Michael Eilen from Judie and Robert Zitzewitz

In memory of Helen Belsky from Judie and Robert Zitzewitz

In memory of Jane Starr Seligman from Judie and Robert Zitzewitz

In memory of Adele Feinstein from Karol and George Mathews

In memory of Helen Belsky from Bill and Beverly Zimmern

In memory of Michael Eilen from Bill and Beverly Zimmern

In memory of Michael Eilen from Belle and Lewis Bear

In memory of Helen Belsky from Belle and Lewis Bear

A donation was made from Ross Orenstein

Sylvia Rosenbloum Cole Music Fund:

In memory of Jane Starr Seligman from Sydney McAbee

In memory of Jane Starr Seligman from Charles and Janet Kahn

In memory of Michael Eilen from Ray Aycock and Linda Dyess

In memory of Michael Eilen from Greta Rickoff

School for Jewish Living:

In memory of Adele Feinstein from Chip and Faye Merritt

In memory of Michael Eilen from Chip and Faye Merritt

In memory of Miriam Simmons from Chip and Faye Merritt

In memory of Rita Orenstein from Chip and Faye Merritt

In memory of D. H. Dannheisser from Charles and Shirley Kraselsky

In memory of Adele Feinstein from Charles and Shirley Kraselsky

In memory of Helen Belsky from Greta Rickoff

The Max L. Bear Auditorium Fund:

A donation has been made to the Max L. Bear Auditorium fund by Lewis and Brenda Pollak



From Yael.....

Dear Community,

What a month it has been in Israel!

Moshe Katzav, Israel's 8th President, who was charged with sexual assaults and sentenced to 7 years in prison, has been released after serving 5 years in prison.

Amona, one of the biggest settlements in Judea and Samaria, was supposed to be evicted but after the state had come up with an alternative plan and the families agreed to be evacuated without resistance, the Supreme Court agreed to postpone the evacuation till February 8th, 2017.

And on top of it, The United Nations Security Council passed a resolution condemning Israel's settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

The United States abstained on the resolution, allowing it to pass, rather than vetoing it as it usually does with resolutions it sees as overly critical of Israel.

And even though reality often gives us plenty of reasons to be upset, or just certain events that are accruing and we might not like or support them, we must remember the wonderful things that we **currently experiencing in our lives. For example, did you know that The "Just beyond the Border"** initiative, an Israeli campaign, has seen thousands of Israelis purchase goods such as blankets, jackets, medicine and food that will be delivered directly to Syrians on the other side of the border. The aid was particularly geared toward helping Syrian children and has raised approximately \$105,000 in just over two days.

And how about the wonderful (and tasty) holiday that we just celebrated!

Chanukah has always been one of my favorite holidays- the mesmerizing lights, the colorful candles and the tasty sufganiyot (doughnuts). The truth is that the thing I love the most about this holiday is the familial feeling of coming together at the end of a crazy day, thankful for the miracles and singing together. And even though I'm far from my home and family, I've come to discover that you can find your light, family and home no matter where you are around the globe. There is familial warmth that embraces us if we open our hearts to the wonderful people around us.

Thank you all for opening your hearts and community to me during the last couple of months. I hope you all had a happy Chanukah and may our year be filled with great miracles (and food!).

Yael



Temple Beth El General Fund:

In memory of Miriam Simmons from Jim and Margie Taylor

In memory of Jane Starr Seligman from Dr. and Mrs. Scott Rickoff

A donation was made by Eugene Rosenbaum

Temple Beth El Renovation Fund:

In honor of Matt Dannheisser's birthday from Joyce and Bert Dannheisser

In honor of Dr. Steve and Renee Eilen from Debra and Joey Kerman

In memory of Michael Eilen from Janet and Logan Schilling

Volunteers at Ronald McDonald House



Federation Hosts Ronald McDonald House Brunch on Christmas Day

On Christmas day members of both Temple Beth El and B'nai Israel Synagogue cleared their morning, woke up early and went to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald house. It was GREAT! We cooked, cleaned, talked, listened and helped in any way that we could. It really felt that by simply being there we're making a difference in the families lives. In addition, volunteering there allows the charity to direct more donations back to programs supporting children and their families. Also doing it on Christmas day allows families to come together with their loved ones on their special holiday instead of doing their daily tasks such as cleaning and cooking. Volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House gave us a lot as well. It provided great opportunities for connecting (and reconnecting) with our community, made us feel valued and part of a team and we got a chance to help the less fortunate. I hope we'll continue to give back to the community and try to help and be there for one other more often.

Yael

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays	17th	Marlene Sackheim	January Anniversaries
1st	Ryan Bradley Rosenblatt	19th	Ruth Stricker
	Buddy Pollak	20th	Tyler Gross
	Aubrey Morris		Daniel Soloway
4th	Victoria Bernstein		Ellie Nissim
5th	Ansley Marie Segal	22nd	Joshua Jurnovoy
	Aidan Thomas McCulley		Sean Chaffee
	Benni Baker	24th	Gloria Houston
6th	Faye S. Rickoff		Alan Sacks
7th	Johanna Ostrich	26th	Dave Aronson
	Rebecca Ostrich		Daniel Aronson
	Marny Needle	27th	Marah Brener
8th	Gavin Schwartz		Kimberly Speer Sullivan
10th	Erica Friedland	30th	Belinda Bunnen
11th	Jordan Marcus		Sally Schwartz
14th	Brad Rosenblatt		Susan Jaffe
	Elaine Storms		

Chinese and a Movie Thank You

Keeping with our Christmas Eve tradition, the Brotherhood coordinated the annual Chinese Dinner and a Movie Gala. As an additional bonus we celebrated the first night of Chanukah with the lighting of Menorahs and the eating of latkes.

And of course it wouldn't be Christmas Eve if we didn't also celebrate Lucille Foley's birthday. We had 42 temple members and guests sharing in the fun.

Rabbi Joel provided this year's film, the comedy "This is Where I Leave You" which was a funny look at what is normally a serious occasion-"Shiva". Chuck Lisner brought the Chinese food and Ray Engel coordinated the event. Additional thanks go out to Janet Schilling, Logan Schilling, Marty Lisner and Carol Engel for helping out.

CHS Mitzvah a huge success!!!

Thanks so much to the many friends and family of TBE who helped make this gift drive fundraiser so successful for the Children's Home Society!! Without everyone's help it could not have happened.



Seventy-five children felt very happy and special when they received their gifts you provided for them over the holidays. Who knows maybe we can make this an annual event, let me know if you are interested for next year.



Educator's Message: Reflecting Back & Looking Ahead

It has been a fun filled semester and we anticipate an even greater one ahead. We started off the year with our annual pool party. We welcomed Yael Teperman to our teaching staff. We had our faces painted and photos taken at the Fall Kickoff. We cooked Jewish foods and desserts in the kitchen. We rocked out with song-leader Nick May. We sang and celebrated with seniors at Wesley Haven. We bounced and enjoyed camp games with Anna Herman, Jacobs Camp director. We even welcomed an array of reptiles in celebration of reading the story of Noah. Yes, we brought snakes and a baby alligator to Temple!

Looking ahead, this coming semester promises to be fantastic. We look forward to participating in the Temple Shabbaton and our annual Mitzvah Day. We welcome Amanda Brenner, a student at UWF and a Jacobs counselor to our teaching staff. We look forward to class Shabbats and a Shabbat Family Experience. We will celebrate with joy the festivals of Purim, Passover, and Israel Day.

In this coming year of 2017, may we continue to nurture Jewish friendships and community as we experience the joys of Jewish living.

L'Shalom,
Andrea

LATKE MAKING RECAP

Once again the Brotherhood, with help from many others in the congregation, peeled, squeezed, measured, formed and fried latkes. It was great being able to prepare the latkes in our new kitchen. Our biggest concern was rain, however Terry Gross & Bill Wein and their helpers (the Fryers) set up under the bridge overpass to fry over 500 latkes. Special thanks to Jody Schlesinger for helping to shop for latke ingredients. The latkes were earmarked for 4 different Temple-sponsored functions. Once again we used the TBE secret recipe (now safely locked back up in the vault).

Thanks to all who participated in this sacred undertaking.

Ray Engel



Our high school students playing for the residents of Wesley Haven



SAVE THE DATE.....

February 9, 2017
Next Book Club Review
"People of the Book"
By Geraldine Brooks
More information to follow in February bulletin and via e-mail



Continuous Collection for Manna
Please bring non-perishable food items year-round for the Manna Food Bank. Simply place your bagged food donations in our beautiful, newly built, wooden collection box.

Yahrzeits

To be read on January 6:

Dec. 31 Lena Falk
 1st Rebecca Krumbein
 Lenny Retzloff, Sr.
 Leila Siegel
 2nd Phineas Stone
 3rd Max. L. Bear
 Merlyn Kryz
 James Roberts
 Sarah Friedland
 4th Rebekah Arons
 Molly Ash
 Maurice Kraselsky
 5th Fannie Bear
 Rosa Gerhardt
 Dottie Fine
 Fannie Kohn
 6th Anna Rosenbloum
 Betsy Kling Pasternack

To be read on January 13:

7th Josef Rittman
 Jack Greenhut
 Sam Solomon Novak
 J. Morris Kichler
 Dr. Nathan Ostrich
 Josef Rittman
 Esther Rice
 Carol Eliasoff
 Gail Schwartz
 8th Gertie Goldsmith
 Chuck Miller
 9th Helen Adele Bloch
 Celia Gerhardt Reed
 Bubba Marcus
 Alfred Jaffe

To be read on January 13, cont:

10th Amelia Hyams
 Libby Isenberg Phillips
 11th Ida May
 12th Akim Litwin
 Paula H. Ackerman
 Alan Levin
 Aboodi Abraham
 13th David Edrehi
 Helaine Kling

To be read on January 20:

14th Henrietta Berlin
 Ray Gene Holmes
 Ann Petersen
 Joseph Buchalter
 Arlene Heinberg
 15th A. Raymond Haisfield
 Celia Block
 Adeline Clark
 Ruth Van Wezel
 16th Bertha Rosenau
 Ben Zimmerman
 Abraham Chernosky
 17th Leah Greenhut
 Alan Brian Chaet
 18th Eunice Gerson Hertz
 Judith Bookman Rudman
 19th Selma Wolff
 Morris Hoffman
 Simon Wagenheim
 Samuel Moresky
 20th Dr. Harry Wagenheim
 Rebecca Raye Novak
 Mildred Stone
 Estelle Robinson

To be read on January 27:

21st Kate Katz Lazarus
 Bobby Bole
 Aaron Herschkovitz
 Carol Bartley
 Freida Uden
 Carl Kish
 Ruth Krumbein
 23rd Melvin Berlin
 Isadore Braunstien
 Doris Mechanick
 Leah Rosenbaum
 Raymond Frankowski
 24th C.J. Heinberg
 25th John Kevin Meredith
 26th Phyllis Siegel
 27th Charles Trum, Sr.
 Jeanette Edrehi
 Joseph Curland
 Philip J. Levine

To be read on February 3:

28th Madelaine Gordon
 29th Elizabeth Quest
 Renee Bershad
 30th Samuel Hyams
 Helen Heinberg
 Edie Zimmerman
 Rhonda Wach
 JaAnn Sewell
 31st Sadie G. Bloch
 Maurice Finman
 Frank Tucker
 Joyce Finney
 Alvin Joseph Fogelman
 Richard G. Cohn



With sadness we announce that Helen Belsky, Bubby (grandmother) of Rabbi Joel Fleekop (Andrea) and great-grandmother to Yael and Maya Fleekop, died on Monday, December 5 at 90 years of age. She was blessed to have lived a long life filled with generosity and love. Our deep condolences go out to the Fleekop family.

Zichrona L'Vracha May her memory be for a blessing.

With profound sadness we share the news that Dr. Steve and Renee Eilen's son, Michael Eilen, passed away on November 28. The funeral was held in Atlanta. We extend our deepest condolences to the Eilen family.

Zichrono L'Vracha. May his memory be for a blessing.

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Send this form with your check to:

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- ___ **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**
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- ___ Collections and Exhibitions Fund

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January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 Mah Jongg 12:30 pm	3 Prayerbook Hebrew Level 2, 10:00 am Torah on Tap 5:00 Gulf Coast Brewery	4	5	6 4:00 pm Service @ Azalea Trace 6:00 pm Shabbat Service/Covered Dish TBE	7 Torah Study 9:30 am
8 SJL 9:00 am	9 Mah Jongg 12:30 pm Café Israel 6:00 pm	10 Prayerbook Hebrew Level 2, 10:00 am Tai Chi 3:00 pm	11	12 Scanning the Heav- ens: Survey of Jewish Theology 7:00 pm	13 Sisterhood Shabbat 7:00 pm	14
15 SJL 9:00 am	16 Mah Jongg 12:30 pm	17 Prayerbook Hebrew Level 2, 10:00 am Tai Chi 3:00 pm	18 Sisterhood Luncheon 11:30 am	19 TBE Board Mtg. 5:30 pm Scanning the Heav- ens: Survey of Jewish Theology 7:00 pm	20 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	21 SHABBATON See pg. 1 for details
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