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Share our past Shape our future

January 2018

Tevet - Shevat 5778

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, Jan. 5
3:00 pm Social at Azalea Trace (note early time)
4:30 pm Service at Azalea Trace
6:00 pm Service and covered dish dinner at TBE

Sat., Jan. 6
Torah Study 9:30 am

Friday, Jan. 12
Service 7:00 pm
Friday, Jan. 19
Service 7:00 pm
Sat., Jan. 20
Torah Study 9:30 am
Friday,
Jan. 26
Service
7:00 pm



Faith and Senior Health Focus Group
Friday, January 5, 3:00pm
Azalea Trace Chapel

Temple Members 65 and older are invited to join Rabbi Joel and Drs. Donna Jacobi and Stephanie Tran of Florida State Medical School for an important discussion about the role faith and faith communities play in making end of life decisions. The focus group is part of a study to help medical professionals most effectively address end of life decisions with members of various faith groups. Refreshments will be provided. Following the discussion, all participants are invited to join us for our regular monthly Union Prayer Book Service which begins in the Azalea Trace Chapel at 4:30pm. For more information please contact Rabbi Joel at 850-438-3321.

Brentwood Elementary Backpack Buddies

I want to share with you how much Brentwood Elementary school appreciates and thanks our congregation for the good deeds you all have done for their children and families.

I quote from Gail O'Neal, Brentwood Elementary's school counselor:

"Christmas can be a very difficult time of the year for anyone, especially those in need. I have a great grandma that you helped with gifts this Christmas and also help provide food for on a weekly basis. When she saw the gifts and extra food, she could only cry, as she did not know how she was going to do it. She struggles to feed 5 extra mouths and could not provide Christmas. Your generosity and support touches a great deal of people and the Brentwood family thanks you!"

Let's keep the donations of food coming throughout the year!

Thank you for your support,

Temple Beth El Social Action Committee

We're on the web!
templebethelofpensacola.org



Sisterhood News

2018 has arrived. Hopefully, this will be a fulfilling, healthy, happy year for all of Sisterhood and Temple Beth El.

January's program will be held on Wednesday, January 17th at 11:30 and it will be yours-truly as speaker. Women of Reform Judaism has come out against distracted driving. Please come and bring a friend...a new driver...an older driver...whoever might benefit from this discussion.

Don't forget this month also is Sisterhood Shabbat. Friday, January 26th here and Saturday, the 27th, at B'nai Israel.

Linda Armacost is in charge so please say "yes" if she calls on you. And join us as we celebrate our Sisterhood!

This month will start rehearsals for theater night. We also need to start planning our first night Seder. Watch your emails for meetings!

See you at Temple!

Alice

Shabbat Sponsors

Onegs

1/5- covered dish dinner
1/12 - Rose Kuhhirte and Lucille Foley
1/19 - Available
1/26 - Sisterhood Board

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.

Sisterhood Meeting



Join Temple Beth El Sisterhood in welcoming Alice Klein, our Sisterhood President Discussing Distracted Driving
January 17, 2017
11:30 am
Temple Beth El
800 N. Palafox Street

Please RSVP
tbesisterhood@gmail.com
Please RSVP by
Sunday, January 15

Catered by Panera
Cost: \$ 15.00

Thank you for helping.....

Many thanks to all the hostesses who helped make directory photo sessions flow well. We had a wonderful turnout of congregants.

There is one last opportunity for photos! It is on January 10th at Azalea Trace. Please contact Pat Braunstien at 850 598-9718 or via sidandpatb@earthlink.net to become part of that final opportunity with new photographers.

Azalea Trace Havdalah

Please mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, Jan.20th at 4pm with our friends at Azalea Trace. Take the time to come and connect with old and new friends. Light appetizers and beverages will be provided. Avishay will help lead us in our Havdalah service. All are welcome, encourage a friend to join you. This will take place in the main building. We look forward to seeing you there, If you have any questions please email me at debribuch@aol.com

Deborah Buchalter, Outreach Committee

LATKE THANKS!!

Thanks to the following volunteers (27 in all) who came out early on the Sunday morning before Chanukah and helped make latkes for several Chanukah related parties. After much potato (150 lbs) & onion peeling, grating, squeezing, ingredient measuring, latke forming, more squeezing and deep frying we were able to make 450 delicious potato latkes. Many thanks for your help:

Ellen Deaver, Ray Engel, Rick Gordon, Terry and Cindy Gross, Danny Hecht, Chuck and Janet Kahn, Fred Levin, Chuck Lisner, Sydney McAbee, Chip and Faye Merritt, Robin Mertins, Jaimie Montero, Floyd Nash, Pam Ravenscroft, Zvi Salpeter, Jody Schlessinger, Marcia and Larry Schuffman, Frank Segal, Chris Shawyer, Craig Vigodsky, Terri Von Barga, Bill Wein and Bill Zimmern.



Please note Special Date for Torah on Tap

Due to the New Year, Torah on Tap will be moved to a special date, Jan. 9.

The topic will be "Dr. King, Rabbi Heschel and the Question of Politics on the Pulpit"
Union Public House

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays	11th	Jordan Marcus	27th	Kimberly Speer Sullivan	
1st	Ryan Bradley Rosenblatt	14th	Brad Rosenblatt	30th	Belinda Bunnan
	Buddy Pollak		Elaine Storms		Sally Schwartz
	Aubrey Morris	17th	Marlene Sackheim		
3rd	Sheryl Crown	19th	Ruth Stricker	January Anniversaries	
4th	Victoria Bernstein	20th	Tyler Gross	3rd	Connie and Alan Bookman
5th	Ansley Marie Segal		Daniel Soloway	8th	Patti and Dante Kahn
	Aidan Thomas McCulley		Ellie Nissim	12th	Denise and Louis Rosenbloum
	Benni Baker		Fiona Radon	23rd	Jennifer and Jay Zimmerman
6th	Faye S. Rickoff	22nd	Joshua Jurnovoy		
7th	Johanna Ostrich		Sean Chaffee		
	Rebecca Ostrich	24th	Gloria Houston		
	Marny Needle		Alan Sacks		
8th	Gavin Schwartz	26th	Dave Aronson		
10th	Erica Friedland		Daniel Aronson		



Expansion of Safety and Security Guidelines

TV, newspapers and internet are full of violence against many organizations, particularly religious ones. It is crucial that Temple Beth El prepare for emergencies. It is better to be proactive than reactive. Therefore we are expanding the Safety and Security Plan for Temple Beth El to aid the congregation in reducing risks to staff and congregants. Our goal is to make Temple Beth El as safe as possible for the facility and everyone who visits it.

Special thanks to Jaime Montero for his efforts and contributions during the past two years. As new co-chairs of the committee, we are looking forward to continuing this important work.

Temple Beth El is a member of the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) which has many member congregations with security programs in place. We will learn a lot from URJ and their members.

Our initial approach will be to define what procedures are in place at Temple Beth El and add to that base other policies and procedures that will be of value. Once the updated policies and procedures are approved by the Temple Board, the team will ensure that training and information is provided appropriately. Then we will be able to handle emergencies when they occur and maintain the safety of our temple community and its facilities.

To accomplish this, we need volunteers to join the Safety and Security Team. We have spoken to current committee members and want to expand the group to include more men and women willing to join the team. Please contact one or both of us to contribute to this effort. Thanks for your consideration.

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“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.

Donations

From Avishay...

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:
In memory of Dolores Gelfand
from Laura and Nestor Argues
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Sisterhood of Temple Beth El

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In memory of Fred Vigodsky from
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Scott and Julie Silbert
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J.O. and Sylvia Love
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Logan and Janet Schilling
In memory of Fred Vigodsky from
Betty Willis
In memory of Fred Vigodsky from
Donald and Marny Needle
In memory of Fred Vigodsky from Bill
and Beverly Zimmern
In memory of Fred Vigodsky from Zvi
and Judith Salpeter

Dear Community,

Our last "Café Israel" was so special when Zvi Salpeter and Razi Atuar came to speak about their Israeli experience! Thanks to everyone who **continue supporting our PJF events. Can't wait to see you again next Café Israel** on Jan, 8th.

Add to that, Café Israel started a very special project that I had been working on, The Hanukkah Tour. During the holiday I visited Cactus Flower, Creative Learning Academy, Gulf Breeze Fire Department, First City Art, Gulf Breeze High School, Temple Beth El, Home Depot, Wesley Haven, B'nai Israel Synagogue, Azalea Trace, Kiwanis Club closing with our **Hebrew Classes' Hanukkah party. Honoring 8 Israeli organizations which spread light into the world.** Just by looking over the picture, we estimate 200-300 participants! Thanks so much for everyone who took part in the Tour!

January 2nd at 6pm we are welcoming Eliana McCulley home after 4 months in Israel! Let's give her a warm welcome at the airport. More details on the website.

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" Pensacola Jewish Federation going to host a blood drive on the morning of January 21st. We need a minimum number of 15 RSVP so they will come. For more details, please contact Lori Ripps.

Adult Hebrew class is going on a winter break, stay updated on the website for the next class.

Our Chai Discussion Group, facilitated by Marge Wein, continues to bring provocative **issues to the table. We had a great time discussing the Jerusalem Declaration. Don't miss the next one!** These lively discussions are held the 4th Tuesday of every month.

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!

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

Tu Bishvat and the international Holocaust days are coming up this January, stay connected to PJF website for details!

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.



Thank you to the many volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House on Christmas Day.



With a deep sense of sorrow we share the news that long-time Temple member, Fred Vigodsky has passed away. He was the loving husband of Brenda and father of Holly (Steve), Brett (Maria) and Craig (Mollye). May the Vigodsky family find comfort from the love and support surrounding them during this difficult time.

The funeral was held at Temple Beth El on Wednesday, December 13 followed by interment at Temple Beth El cemetery.

May Fred's memory forever be a blessing.

Yahrzeits

<i>To be read on January 5</i>		10th	Amelia Hyams	21st	Kate Katz Lazarus
Dec 30	Anne Rank		Libby Isenberg Phillips		Bobby Bole
31st	Lena Falk	11th	Ida May		Aaron Herschkovitz
1st	Rebecca Krumbein	12th	Akim Litwin		Carol Bartley
	Lenny Retzloff, Sr.		Paula H. Ackerman		Freida Uden
	Leila Siegel		Alan Levin		Carl Kish
2nd	Phineas Stone		Aboodi Abraham		Ruth Krumbein
3rd	Max. L. Bear			23rd	Melvin Berlin
	Merlyn Kryz	<i>To be read on January 19</i>			Isadore Braunstien
	James Roberts	13th	David Edrehi		Doris Mechanick
	Sarah Friedland		Helaine Kling	24th	Leah Bearman
4th	Rebekah Aronson	14th	Henrietta Berlin		Rosenbaum
	Molly Ash		Ray Gene Holmes		Raymond Frankowski
	Maurice "Krip" Kraselsky		Ann Petersen	25th	C.J. Heinberg
5th	Fannie Bear		Joseph Buchalter	26th	John Kevin Meredith
	Rosa Gerhardt		Arlene Heinberg		Phyllis Siegel
	Dottie Fine	15th	A. Raymond Haisfield	<i>To be read on February 2</i>	
	Fannie Kohn		Celia Block	Jan 27th	Charles Trum, Sr.
<i>To be read on January 12</i>			Adeline Clark		Jeanette Edrehi
6th	Anna Rosenbloum	16th	Ruth Van Wezel		Joseph Curland
	Betsy Kling Pasternack		Bertha Rosenau		Philip J. Levine
7th	Josef Rittman		Ben Zimmerman	28th	Madelaine Gordon
	Jack Greenhut	17th	Abraham Chernosky	29th	Elizabeth Quest
	Sam Solomon Novak		Leah Greenhut		Renee Bershad
	J Morris Kichler	18th	Alan Brian Chaet	30th	Samuel Hyams
	Dr. Nathan Ostrich		Eunice Gerson Hertz		Helen Heinberg
	Josef Rittman	19th	Judith Bookman Rudman		Edie Zimmerman
	Esther Rice		Selma Wolff		Rhonda Wach
	Carol Eliasoff		Morris Hoffman		JaAnn Sewell
	Gail Schwartz		Simon Wagenheim	31st	Sadie G. Bloch
8th	Gertie Goldsmith		Samuel Moretsky		Maurice Finman
	Chuck Miller	<i>To be read on January 26</i>			Frank Tucker
9th	Helen Adele Bloch	20th	Dr. Harry Wagenheim		Joyce Finney
	Celia Gerhardt Reed		Rebecca Raye Novak		Alvin Joseph Fogelman
	Bubba Marcus		Mildred Stone		Richard G. Cohn
	Alfred Jaffe		Estelle Robinson		

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January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day Temple Office Closed	2 <i>Mahjong 12:00</i> <i>Tai Chi 3:00 pm</i>	3	4	5 Shabbat Service at Azalea Trace 3:00 Social/Program 4:30 Service TBE 6:00 followed by covered dish	6 Torah Study 9:30 am
7 NO SJL	8	9 <i>Mahjong 12:00</i> <i>Tai Chi 3:00 pm</i> <i>Torah on Tap 5pm</i> <i>Union Public House</i> <i>ManTalk 7:00 pm</i>	10	11 Intro to Judaism 6:30 pm	12 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	13 Shabbaton in Mobile 11:00am see pg. 1 for details
14 SJL 9:00 am	15	16 <i>Mahjong 12:00</i> <i>Tai Chi 3:00 pm</i>	17 Sisterhood Luncheon 11:30 am	18 TBE Board Meeting 5:30 pm	19 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	20 Torah Study 9:30 am Azalea Trace Havdalah 4:00pm
21 SJL 9:00 am	22	23 <i>Mahjong 12:00</i> <i>Tai Chi 3:00 pm</i> Intro to Judaism 6:30 pm	24	25	26 Sisterhood Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	27 Sisterhood Shabbat continues at B'nai Israel 10am
28 SJL 9:00 am	29	30 <i>Mahjong 12:00</i> <i>Tai Chi 3:00 pm</i>	31			