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Dates of Interest:

Sat., July 6, 6:30 pm
Havdalah at Kahn
Home, see details
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Adult Education
mini-series begins
July 9

Poker Tournament
August 3, see back
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issue of Beth El
Life. Full coverage
resumes in
August.



TEMPLE BETH EL

Share our past Shape our future

July 2013

Tammuz-Av 5773

Summer Education Opportunities at Temple

Grandparent's Circle:

*How to be an Interfaith
Grandparent*

Temple Beth El is excited to bring the Jewish Outreach Institute's "Grandparent's Circle" to Pensacola. **Grandparent's Circle** is an award winning, discussion-based program designed for those whose grandchildren are being raised in interfaith families. Led by Rabbi Joel Fleekop the program will help participants develop the skills and techniques to nurture, and in some cases help establish, their grandchildren's Jewish identity. It will also provide participants with a supportive and open-minded environment to share their achievements, express their frustrations, and acknowledge their challenges.

Temple Beth El's Grandparent's Circle will meet on Sundays, June 30, July 14 and July 28. Meetings begin at 9:30 am and a light breakfast will be served. **The Grandparent's Circle is free and open to the public.**



Adult Education:

*Six Days that
Shaped Jewish Life in
America*

The American Jewish community is unlike any other in the world. But how did it get this way? Join Rabbi Fleekop for a 3-part mini-course entitled "Six Days That Shaped Jewish Life in America." The course will highlight six seminal events that altered the course of Jewish life in the United States, and use these events to explore major themes in American Jewish history.

"Six Days that Shaped Jewish Life in America" will meet at Temple Beth El on Tuesdays, July 9, 16, and 23 beginning at 6:00 pm. The class is free and open to the public. Participants are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner.

For more information or to RSVP please contact Rabbi Joel Fleekop at: rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org or 850-438-3321.

Torah on Tap

July 2
At: World of Beer
200 S. Palafox
Topic: Revolution and
Civil Disobedience
Smoozing at 5:00 pm
Study at 5:30 pm

Summer Worship

All summer worship will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Max L. Bear Auditorium. A pot luck dinner will follow worship. Please bring a dish to share. The Fall service schedule resumes on September 6th in the sanctuary.



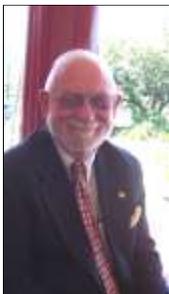
Torah Study

will not meet on July 6.
Happy July 4th Weekend.
Torah Study resumes on July 20.



Havdalah Honors

Charles and Janet Kahn invite the congregation to their home for Havdalah and heavy hor d'ourves on Saturday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m. to honor outgoing President, Alice Klein and incoming President, Capt. Fred Levin, USN Ret. Their address is 20 Duncan Avenue, Gulf Breeze (located behind the post office). Very casual dress. Please let them know if you're able to come by e-mail or phone. jskahn1@gmail.com or 932-2090.



Capt. Fred Levin,
USN Ret.

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From the President

These are the balmy days of summer and unlike previous years, our programs at Temple Beth El are vigorous, varied and intended to cause us to think about our history as a people and our ties to G-d and our Torah. Summer has always been a time of contemplation, participation and re-dedication to our Temple family. This is your Temple and it reflects what you make of it and wish it to become. Your leadership needs you to communicate your ideas, your desires, as well as your commitment to the continuation of our Reform Jewish heritage in Pensacola.

What gives the Jews the ability to endure while other nations have perished? Max Dimont, the archeologist and historian, cites the fact that for 4000 years the Jewish people have served with and under the empires which included Hittites, Canaanites, Phoenicians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, ancient Egyptians, and ancient Greeks. The people who founded these empires have all vanished and their remnants are so only in name. They are not the same ethnic people with the same religion, same language or traditions.

There is however only one exception. There still exists one people that lived at the same time as all the other ancient empires. A people that still has the same religion, the same language and same ethnic unity it had some 4000 years ago as when it started out in history. It is a people still mentally alert and alive today and yet more modern than ever. We are the Jews. Against all odds we Jews are still here. We survived the

Roman Empire, Muslim rule, the feudal experience and survived the modern era as statesmen, intellectuals, businessmen, and concentration camp victims. A segment of our people returned to Palestine and re-established the State of Israel after an absence of 2000 years. This was not survival for survival sake, but rather Jews investing history with a moral purpose. It is a history of a people whose ideas conquered the minds of men and caused empires to topple.

It is a story of a people that produced warrior kings, prophets, philosophers, social reformers and a collective of ideas that influenced the world without making them its master. For 4000 years Jews marched over all of the earth's continents and sailed over all of its oceans. We take advantage of many viewpoints of differing religious interpretations, for all are valued in Jewish history. Our seeming indestructibility springs not from inherent Jewish physical or mental capabilities, but rather an unrelenting stream of ideas stemming from our Torah.

In these days of summer before the oncoming High Holy Days of Awe, we need to contemplate our history and our affiliation to our G-d, our Torah and reaffirm our connectivity to our Temple and the Jewish community. How will you change your Temple into what you wish it to be, and how will it reinvigorate you as a Jew?

B'Shalom,

Fred

Donations

Temple Beth El General Fund

Dr. Nat and Greta Rickoff in honor of Chuck Lisner's last Navy Flight
David and Mary Loeb in memory of Sally Loeb
Beverly and Bill Zimmern in memory of Kathy Hutton
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Faye, Joe and Gene Rosenbaum in honor of Chuck Lisner

Jonathan L. Kahn Library Fund
Bettie Kahn in honor of Sarah Tucker's graduation

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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Ann Schops in memory of Hal Schops
Marge Wein in memory of Edward Wein
Ann Schops in honor of Hannah Zimmern and the Confirmation Class of 2013
Janet and Charles Kahn in recognition of Rabbi and Andrea for the first year of service to Temple Beth El
Chip and Faye Merritt in honor of the Confirmation Class of 2013 and the High School graduates of 2013
Janet and Logan Schilling in memory of her grandparents, Jake and Sophie Moskowitz and Alexander and Celia Brunstein,

Be a Friend of the Library!

The library needs your help so we can keep on growing. "Friends of the Library" will sponsor a book club, movies, genealogy, discussion group, book reviews, and book selections. Find your fit and call me at 433-4473.

Thanks, Shirley Kraselsky

Yahrzeits

To be read on July 5:

June 29 Freida Dannheisser
Blanche Lischkoff Barrett
Ruth D. Haisfield
Estelle Jorish

June 30 Versal Mayberry

July 1st Morton Friedland

Doug Hansen

Sara Weinstein

June Gordon

Evelyn Glustoff

Bernard Korn

2nd Ada Faye Diamond Mertins

4th Henry Kohn

Sidney P. Levy

Sidney Kahn

Harold F. Richman

To be read on July 12:

6th Beck Sabel

Stella Vidal

B. Leon Gundersheimer

8th Rob Kahn

Fannie Siegel

Edna B. Schneider

10th Peter Stern

Rosella M. Scott

James E. Gregory

To be read on July 12, con't.:

11th Jack Kichler

12th Freda Golt

To be read on July 19:

13th Sandy Dressler Weston

14th Ben Stein

Abraham Solomon Uden

Marilyn Nelson

Rhoda Goldberg

17th Fannie Baruch Sommer

Henry Mordechai Zerach

18th Minnie H. Levy

Sam Lazarus

Lewis Bear

19th Edward Y. Thomas

To be read on July 26:

20th Max Heinberg

Cecil Kariker

Dorothy Hague

21st George Hutton

22nd Beatrice Miller

23rd Herman Greenhut

Hoover Lambert

24th Lena K. Blumenthal

Franklin B. McMillan

Victor Abitol

To be read on July 26th, con't.:

24th Myra Odess

Harry Siegel

Nettie Bush

25th Janis Loeb

Marcia Kraselsky

26th Belle R. Bear

To be read on August 2:

27th Otto Stone

Benjamin Dashevsky

George F. Eitel

Dudley Greenhut

Dora Frances Salkin

Kin Thomas

Elaine Retting

Michal Elboim

28th Theresa Wagenheim

Dorothy Frenkel

Joanne Levine

William Sheckman

Anita Blum

30th Jack Hertz

Gertrude Engel

Harry Borer

Harry Rosen

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays

1st Ken Feinstein

Erin Miller

3rd Chip Merritt

5th David Landa

David Goldberg

6th Julia Kahn Reisinger

7th Kara Rich

8th Denise Rosenbloum

12th Kym Lewis

13th Neal Stricker

Barry Ripp

15th Sandy Rosenthal

Tom McCulley

17th Martha Feinstein

18th Julia Sackheim

19th Rabbi Joel Fleekop

David Brockett

23rd Cricket Rich

Allen Miller

24th Adam Jaffe

25th Yael Fleekop

26th Bill Foley

28th Ashley Rosenbloum

30th Janet Kahn

Marie Siskind

31st Zvi Salpeter

July Anniversaries

3rd Charlotte and Aubrey Morris

4th Lynn and Rich Cacace

10th **D'Arsey and Rick Samuels**

11th Lucille and Bill Foley

13th Ruth and Jeff Stricker

18th Mindy and Dennis Flores

19th Joyce and Bert Dannheisser

25th Renee and Steve Eilen

27th Faye and Joe Rosenbaum

Dale and Frank Silver

Janine and Joel Retzloff

29th Deborah and William Lett

31st Nicole and Ed Friedland

Religious School Teachers and Substitutes Needed



The Temple Beth El School for Jewish Living is looking for teachers who enjoy working with children and can serve as Jewish role models.

The School for Jewish Living meets
Sundays from 9 am-12:15 pm.

If interested, please contact Andrea
Fleekop at andrea@fleekop@gmail.com.

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Important Dates and Times

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Join Us at Temple
All are Welcome!

Poker Tournament August 3

We need you!!!!
It is still not too late to join the fun and the most successful fund raising event that the Temple hosts each year.
\$100.00 secures your seat **at the table! Don't miss this event!!!**
Great food, fun and prizes. Contact Terry Gross for details.



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