BETH EL LIFE THE MONTHLY BULLETIN OF TEMPLE BETH EL CONGREGATION

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Dates of Interest:

Sunday, June 9 Family Picnic, see page 6 for details

Tuesday, June 11 CHAI Discussion Group TBE, 11:30 AM

Thursday, June 27 PJF at the Pensacola Little Theater Fiddler on the Roof

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June 2013

What I Did on My Summer Vacation

Editor's Viewpoint by Janet Schilling

I am sure we all have had the opportunity to write an essay regarding our summer experience upon the return to school in the Fall. Probably numerous times! I began thinking about summer and being Jewish primarily as a result of not having a front page cover article for this bulletin! While we seem to be readily engaged in Temple activities during the "school calendar year," it seems that many Jews go on vacation both literally and figuratively during the summer months.

I am sure we have many reasons for our lack of participation in June, July and August. If you have young children, it is definitely a great time to make

travel plans when you don't have to worry about missed school activities. It is a relaxed time and perhaps attending services just does not seem to fit into that vibe. It even seems that activities planned by the Temple slack off during the summer.

I thought about my circle of friends outside the Temple, and I know that most of them who attend church regularly during the year, continue to do so during the summer months as well. So why is it that Jews look at the summer as a respite from observance? I hope you will take a second look and reconsider the Temple as a wonderful place to gather this summer. You will find there are activities continuing throughout the summer. And this is a perfect time to bring children to services when services are less formal and are held downstairs with dinner and socializing following worship.

Rabbi Joel has brought us interesting programming designed to engage us and stimulate discussion. His very popular Torah on Tap series will continue this summer. And he is adding a new program called "The Grandparent's Circle" which is sure to be enlightening. He will also host an Adult Education mini-series entitled "Six Days that Shaped Jewish Life in America." Please see page 5 of this bulletin for more information on each of these programs.

Penascola Jewish Federation will continue CHAI Discussion groups and also will host a **performance of "Fiddler on the Roof," performed at the** Pensacola Little Theater.

These are only some of the activities your Temple has scheduled for the summer. I hope that when you have a chance to consider the question of what you did on your summer vacation, the Temple will be part of your response.



Sivan-Tammuz 5773

to Building The Temple wishes to thank the 2013 Confirmation Class and their families for their generous contribution to the new sign for Temple

Temple Adds New Sign

Beth El. Thanks also to Faye and Chip Merritt who provided the glass for the sign. The new sign incorporates our new logo and is a beautiful addition to the Tem**ple's exterior. Thank you to**

the families of Hannah Zimmern, Joshua Borelli and Summer Boyle.



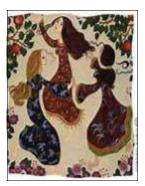
Summer Worship and Torah Study Schedule

Services for the summer months, June, July and, August, will be held each Friday night beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Max L. Bear Auditorium. Services will be followed by a covered dish dinner. Torah Study will take place on the first and third Saturdays of the month.



Rabbi Joel Fleekop

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Tu B'Av Dancing Girls by Karla Gideon

From the Rabbi

Birthdays & Jewish Holidays: Things We Forget Over the Summer

When I was in elementary school there was a delicious custom of students bringing in cupcakes for the class on their birthday. It was a wonderful treat that not only provided us with a rush of sugar but also consumed five minutes of the afternoon, time that might have been spent on decidedly less enjoyable activities like multiplication tables or practicing our handwriting.

There was only one problem with the custom. While roughly three fourths of the class had an annual opportunity to show**case their mother's baking and** have the class sing happy birthday to them, the one fourth of the class born in the summer was denied this opportunity. Unfortunately I, along with my twin-brother and older sister, were part of this unlucky bunch.

I'll never know whether she was motivated by love or a desire to prove her own baking ability (I chose to believe it was love) but my mother set out to right this horrible injustice of the elementary school world. And so each spring, during the last week of class, my mom would bring cupcakes to school. As she explained to my classmates, they weren't just in honor of my birthday but everyone in the class who was born during the summer. While I had to share the singing of happy birthday with some of my classmates, it felt nice to be acknowledged.

I imagine the Jewish holidays that fall during the summer must feel like the kids with summer birthdays did before my mom came along. With school out of session and families on vacation, far too many of these special, important, and holy days go by simply unnoticed.

While giving out cupcakes to raise awareness would be inappropriate, especially since some of them are fast days, these holidays need not remain forgotten.

The 17th of Tamuz, which this year begins the evening of June 24th, is the date on which the Roman legions began their siege of Jerusalem in the year 70 C.E. The 9th of Av, which starts at sunset on July 15th, marks the date on which the Second Temple was plundered and destroyed, an event famously depicted in the Arch of Titus. In addition to the Roman destruction in 70 C.E., Jewish tradition teaches that the First Temple was also destroyed on this date in the year 586 B.C.E. Both the 17th of Tamuz and the 9th of Av are observed as fast days, though some modify this observance in light of the establishment of the State of Israel. Additionally, it is customary to read the Book of Lamentations, usually by candlelight, on the 9th of Av.

The 15th of Av, or Tu B'Av

provides us with an opportunity to celebrate. This ancient holiday is described in the Talmud as one of the most joyous days of the year. According to tradition, during the days of the Temple it was the custom for unmarried women to dress in white, thus eliminating any distinctions between rich and poor, and go out into the fields and vineyards around Jerusalem where they would sing and dance. Men, from all the various tribes would assemble and, despite the custom of marrying only within one's tribe, would seek out wives from amongst all the unmarried women of

Israel. After the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E. the holiday of Tu B'Av was all but forgotten. With the establishment of the State of Israel, however, it has been revitalized. Also known as Hag Ha-Ahava – the festival of love, it is the Israeli Valentines Day. This year Tu B'Av begins at sunset on the July 21st, providing each of us with a wonderful reason to celebrate the people we love.

Finally, there is Rosh Hodesh Elul, or the beginning of the month of Elul, which begins at sunset on August 5th. While the first of each Hebrew month is marked as a "mini-holiday," the start of Elul is especially significant. Preceding Rosh Hashanah by exactly one month. Rosh Hodesh Elul is the official start of the High Holy Day season. Throughout the month special prayers are included in worship. Additionally, it is customary to use the month of Elul to reflect on the year past and to begin the work of t'shuvah, the process of making amends that is

process of making amends that is at the heart of the High Holy Days.

The summer holidays are a significant part of the Jewish year. They recall defining historical events, times of joy and sadness, the celebration of love, and the importance of reflection. As spring comes to a close, I hope we will find a way, as my mom did with her cupcakes, to make sure that the important dates of summer don't go unnoticed.

Rabbi Joel



From the President

On May 19th you elected a new slate of officers and directors and, on July 1st my responsibility as your president will end. As we all know, Fred is extremely capable. It has been an honor to serve as your president for these past two years.

When I came into office two years ago, I stated that transparency was important for moving into the future. As a congregation, we have accomplished quite a bit in the past two years and, with your help and support, Fred will continue to lead us as we grow.

We have opened our Temple Beth El School for Jewish Living under the very talented leadership of Andrea Fleekop and an extremely capable group of teachers. This has been very exciting. Anyone who has been at Temple over the past few months and witnessed our children participating in services will no doubt be impressed with their progress. The future of Reform Judaism in Pensacola is assured.

We have new members, restarted our adult choir, have an engaged Past President's council, are actively working on a long range strategic plan and our Sisterhood is spearheading a complete kitchen renovation. Danny Zimmern successfully accomplished a very difficult task. We now have a full easement for our parking lot. The most significant event of the past two years was the hiring of our most remarkable and accomplished Rabbi. Our beloved Temple has a new boost of energy! We are seeing more young people come through the doors of our sanctuary. We filled the social hall with almost 100 people for Sisterhood's first night Seder! Now, there was a rush of

true adrenaline...and good food!

Temple Beth El has a unique history and would not exist today if not for the hard work of all the officers, directors and members of the past. Currently, we are strong, growing and evolving. Temple Beth El has been, and will continue to be, the center of Reform Jewish life in Pensacola. Judaism continues to be relevant, emphasizing service to our members, service to the community and education to carry on our rich history and ethical behavior

As Temple Beth El moves forward, help Fred and all our officers and directors, as there are many things we need to accomplish in the future.

I cannot possibly describe the honor of serving you and look forward to my continued involvement.

Parashat B'resheet states, "And

Hashem G_d took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden, to work and protect **it."** That is the goal of your Officers and your Board of Directors.

Thank you for being my family, for welcoming me into your midst and for accepting me as your president. I look forward to many years of continued service and loyalty to my Temple.

Temple Beth El Rocks!

Alice

L'Shalom (and see you in Temple),



From the Incoming President

Friends, I am deeply moved and sincerely appreciative of the high honor and confidence you have placed in me as your new President. I look forward to serving you in the coming years.

My view is that we are committed to nurturing the ideals of Reform Judaism, its progressive spiritual values, distinctive intellectual foundation and worship. Among these values are our Jewish identity, a meaningful and accessible worship experience, a warm unconditional welcome to interfaith families and a commitment to social justice for all peoples. Our focus for the future should be in helping Pensacola community Jews find a home in our Temple. I believe that we can succeed in establishing an educational vitality and reliance on our Temple Beth El Reform Jewish culture to serve as a beacon for a new generation of Pensacola area Jews.

Our conscience and traditions demand that we pursue creating a spiritual, educational, cultural and inviting physical plant that welcomes members and raises the priority of the Jewish experience to commit to our temple family, as part of an active involvement in Judaism.

We are a holy community and a holy congregation and pledge to you to lead you by example in strengthening our dedication and connection to God, Judaism and our Temple Beth El congregation.

B'Shalom,

Fred



Alice Klein

"I cannot possibly describe the honor of serving you and look forward to my continued involvement." Alice Klein



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Renee Eilen Marty Lisner

Mazel Tov to Ashley Rosenbloum and Greg Rubin who were married in New Orleans at Touro Synagogue on May 11, 2013. Attended by Ashley's school friend and Greg's brother, the wedding was a blend of Jewish tradition and New Orleans culture. Ashley is the daughter of Louis and Denise Rosenbloum. We wish them the very best as they begin their life together.



Sisterhood Notes

It has been a very busy year for TBE Sisterhood. We started off with our Break the Fast for Yom Kippur, which was very well attended, and thanks to Linda Armacost for chairing the successful event. We of course held our monthly meetings, which were well attended, and we want to thank Susan Pollack for her wonderful programs. Bingo night, chaired by Kim Lewis, was a lot of fun and a great fundraiser, so thanks to Kim for a fun evening and to Martin for his entertaining number-calling.

Marty Lisner taught us all how to make matzah balls, and we used them at our annual Seder, which was attended by about 100 folks. We thank Pat Langnau and Terry Schwartz for chairing that evening, and special thanks to Rabbi Joel for a wonderful Seder.

Hynda Rome has been responsible for our onegs, and Janet Schilling makes sure we have bimah flowers each week. We had a wonderful Sisterhood Shabbat, and thanks so much to Janet Kahn and Beverly Zimmern for chairing that special day.

Throughout the year we have been having joint Rosh Chodesh women's discussion/worship evenings with B'nai Israel's Sisterhood, and it has been a very bonding experience.

Our ladies have been busily sewing sections for our Chuppah, which, when completed, will be a lovely addition to the Temple.

And finally, our Theatre Night was very well-attended, and we added a few thousand dollars to camp scholarships. Thanks to everyone for such a wonderful year. We look forward to working with you next year!!

Life is a Cabaret!!

Renee and Marty



S.O.S. TO JONATHAN KAHN LIBRARY READERS!!!

Our library committee desperately needs three new library helpers in order to fulfill our goals. Chuck Lisner has just signed on. Thank you Chuck. We all have a big interest in library outreach to form book groups, discussions, group movies and adult literary programming. There is much interest in developing a broader genealogy section.

Others are also needed to further new book acquisition, and behind the scenes everyday

"housekeeping" chores. A BIG JOB. Our thanks to Pat Bowes, Penny Philips, Dolores Gelfand, and Hynda Rome for all their generous volunteer service.

Please call me to offer your services as a new committee member, or call me to find out more or to offer ideas.

Thanks, Shirley Kraselsky, Chair

Photo Directory Gratitude

Many thanks go to all who assisted with the production of this year's photo directory. It was a big project!

Special thanks go to Rich Cacace who said YES nearly every time I asked. Exceptionally wonderful photos were taken by new member Sean Chaffee, as well as Rabbi Fleekop, Alice Klein & Yvonne Kass. Our photo session hosts and hostesses made everyone feel welcome. Thanks go to Penny & Dan Philips, Rose & Bill Kuhhirte, Linda Armacost, Alice Klein, Mary Brockett, and Sydney McAbee. Beloved spouse Sid Braunstien pitched in in many ways & hardly complained when he was served yet another Stouffer's entrée for dinner.

Everyone who came in for photography will be rewarded with a free 8 x 10 photo as well as a free glossy directory. The data will be available online year-round via a special code access for us all to use. Others who want a directory, but did not elect to have photographs taken may have to pay a nominal fee to get one for their home library.

We will view the fruits of our collective labor in time for the High Holy days if all deadlines pass smoothly. We hope this will be a directory to cherish and use for the next several years. Thanks again

Pat Braunstien - On behalf of the Communications Committee

Adult Education in June and July

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

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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.

Save the Date

Charles and Janet Kahn invite the congregation to their home for Havdalah and heavy hor d'ourves on Saturday, July 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. to honor outgoing President Alice Klein and incoming President Capt. Fred Levin, 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 932-2090.



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Tuesday, June 4, 5:00 pm

This Month's Topic: Immigration & Border Security

> Schmoozing begins at 5:00, Learning at 5:30



Welcome to New Members

Erin Miller and Sean Chaffee

They will be married April 5, 2014

8674 Ramble Woods Dr. Pensacola, FL. 32514 emiller82@hotmail.com 850-380-5555



School for Jewish Living End of Year Family Picnic Sunday, June 9th, 11am-1pm

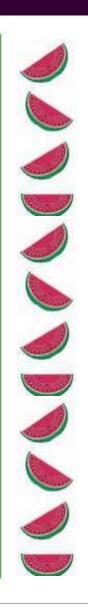


Sunset Kids Park @ Shoreline North, Gulf Breeze

Join us for lunch and friendship

Temple will provide subs Last names: A-H Drinks, I-R Sides and Chips, S-Z Desserts

RSVP to Andrea at andreafleekop@gmail.com



SENIOR MITZVAH PROJECT 2013

Over the last few years our community has reached out and touched the lives of our area seniors that are so often forgotten. Again this year we are asking for your help to fulfill simple requests from Council on Aging clients who are asking for small items that we often take for granted. An eighty-seven year old woman would like a bathrobe. A lady that is 100 would like some sheets for her bed. A gentleman, seventy-five, would like some under clothes and food for his dog. These are some of the **requests that are on this year's Senior Mitzvah project. The list will, again this year, note if they have a pet. Food and treats for this special part of a person's life are very much appreciated. If you can help by choosing a senior on the list and fulfilling their requests please contact Linda Armacost. Or if you prefer, a donation for this project can be sent to the Temple Beth El Sisterhood. Our Senior Mitzvah project will kick of this year on May 31. Volunteers are also needed to help with the delivery of the items to the clients the week after the 4th of July.**

15th

16th

Robyn Borelli

Aaron Yaseck

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in Radiology in Tampa.

Federation Plans Events



POKER TOURNAMENT TUTORIAL PLANNED

Terry Gross, chairman of the annual poker tournament will be hosting a poker tutorial from 1:00-4:00 pm on July 28. This will be for beginners or intermediates who are interested in sharpening their skills for the August 3rd Temple tourney. Please pass this on to all members and friends of Temple Beth El. Let Terry know by email if you wish to attend this practice session.

tagross@tagross.com

The TBE Poker Tournament is slated for August 3rd and we need your support.

It is a fun evening for all and this year's prizes and food offerings are sure to please. Once again the buy in is only \$100 in advance, \$110 at the door. Space is limited so please register as soon as possible

To reserve your space, please send your entry fee to Temple Beth El, with "Poker Tournament" in the memo line. If you don't play but know someone who does, please pass along this information. The Poker Tournament is TBE's largest fundraiser and our goal this year is a field of 84 players. For more information please contact Terry Gross at 850-434-3333, 850-449-1762 or via email: tagross@tagross.com

Donations

School for Jewish Living: In memory of S.J. Ripps, father of Barry Ripps from Zvi and Judith Salpeter

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: In memory of Isaac Gordon from Rick and Suzie Gordon In honor of Alice Klein from Joyce and Bert Dannheisser In memory of William and Betty Lean and Manuel Lean from Marge Wein In honor of the 25th anniversary of **Chuck Lisner's last Navy flight from** Alan and Susan Sacks In honor of the 25th anniversary of **Chuck Lisner's last Navy flight from** Logan and Janet Schilling

Temple Beth El Kitchen Fund: In honor of Renee Eilen from Faye and Chip Merritt

Temple Beth El General Fund: In memory of Earle J. Levin from Fred and Janet Levin In honor of Summer Boyle's confirmation from David and Dottie Galloway and the Robert Kahn Family Foundation.

Jonathan Kahn Library Fund: In honor of the Confirmation Class of 2013, Joshua Borelli, Summer Boyle and Hannah Zimmern from Bettie Kahn In honor of Ret. CMDR Charles Lisner's last Navy Flight from Harry and Anita Kahn

We thank the Borelli, Boyle and Zimmern families for their gifts to the Confirmation Class project of 2013.



The cool breezes of a Pensacola spring did not last long and the heat of an early summer is upon us. With that comes the afternoon rain, and that combination is perfect for an abundance of what is growing in the garden.



One of the easiest things to grow are herbs. No green thumb needed—they thrive in sandy soil with minimum attention. When you hit that bumper crop of basil you might consider a new twist on an old favorite. Added to garbanzo beans and garlic, it makes a beautiful hummus in no time at all. I hope you enjoy this unusual combination that yields delicious results.

Edamame Basil Hummus

Ingredients 2 c. shelled, cooked edamame (you can use frozen) 2/3 c. chickpeas (garbanzo beans), drained and rinsed 3 cloves garlic 1/2 c. fresh basil 1/4 c. lemon juice 1/2 tsp. salt 1/4 tsp. freshly cracked pepper 1/3 c. extra virgin olive oil Chips, crackers or vegetables for serving

Reserve one tablespoon each of the edamame & garbanzo beans for garnish. In a food processor, blend the remaining edamame & the remaining garbanzo beans with garlic, basil, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Slowly pour the olive oil through the feed tube while the processor is on. Process until smooth & well blended. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Pour into a serving bowl & garnish with edamame, garbanzo beans, olive oil and basil. Serve with chips, crackers or veggies.

Kitchen Kibbitz

Yahrzeits

To be re	ead on June 7:
1st	Marjorie Lemer
	Anna M. Eadews
2nd	Mary Elizabeth Eisenson
	Edgar Harrell
3rd	Max E. Kahn
	Frank Engel
	Evelyn Lisner
	Aaron Lett
4th	Isadore Levy
	Florence Finkelstein
5th	Rebecca F. Freidman
	Dr. B.V. Dannheisser, Sr.
6th	Fancine Lanar
7th	Lewis Greenhut
	Lillian Bloom
	Dean Shale Rothbardt
	Stephen William Gibson
	Louis Isadore Addleman
	Sivan 20, 5757
To be re	ead on June 14:
9th	Joe Gundersheimer
	Edward Wein
	Melvin I. Dashevsky
10th	Ida Friedman
	Ely Korn
	Harold Schops
10th	Maria Alshutz
11th	Joanne Cohn Yocum
	Magdalene Bernstein
	Thomas Monahan
12th	Bernard Samuel Schwartz
	Ellis Herr
13th	George Goldberg
14th	Melvin I. Bookman
	Ruth Siegel

To be read on June 21: 15th Bertha Berlin Don Hackel Arthur Feinstein 16th Harry Wagenheim Lewis Gobel Polly Rickoff Anita Silberstein 17th Sally B. Kahn Sarah Stein Peg Zewe 18th Lewis Kenneth Cahn William Morgan Davidson 19th Jake Bear Marian Hodgkinson Max Levin 20th Elsa Kohn Maurice Bartley Joseph Schwartz Louis Gordon 21st Jake Berlin Irene Bruchmann To be read on June 28: Annie Herschkovitz 22nd Emma Goldman 23rd Carolyn Cole Anna Frank Esther Laitman 24th Esther Schwartz June Silver Jacob Kahn 25th Albert Alexander Daniel Gross Katherine Hutton

To be read on June 28, con't:

26th	Maurice Stein
	Bertha Levy
	Sally Loeb
27th	Taube Gilenberg
28th	Ceal Taub Gordon
	Leo Loeb
	Norman Gordon

To be read on July 5: 29th Freida Dannheisser Blanche Lischkoff Barrett Ruth D. Haisfield Estelle Jorish

30th Versal Mayberry Dorothy Yudkovitz

Condolences are expressed to the family of former member Dr. Andrew Davis. Dr. Davis passed away in Clearwater, Florida. May his memory be for blessing. Z"I



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___ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ___ Fannie W. Frenkel Perpetual Care Fund
- ____ Jonathan L. Kahn Library Fund
- ____ Peter Van Wezel Youth Fund
- ____ Sylvia Rosenbloum Cole Music Fund
- ____ School for Jewish Living Fund
- Brenda Vigodsky Mitzvah/Caring Fund (checks payable to TBE Sisterhood)

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