

TEMPLE BETH EL
CONGREGATION

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Dates of Interest:

Tuesday, June 2
Torah on Tap
Old Hickory Whiskey Bar
5:00 pm

Sunday, June 14
Blues on the Bay
Maritime Park, 6:00 pm

Wed., June 17
Young Jewish Pensacola
meets at Hemingway's
Hideout, 5:30 pm

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TBE Board Installation
ICON Chapel, 6:00 pm

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This is a mini
issue of Beth El
Life. Full coverage
resumes in
August.



TEMPLE BETH EL

Share our past Shape our future

June 2015

Sivan - Tamuz 5775

Temple Summer Programming Begins

Blues on the Bay Temple Social

Join your Temple Beth El friends on Sunday, June 14 at the beautiful Community Maritime Park Amphitheater for a relaxing summer evening filled music, friendship, and good food. The concert begins at 6pm and features **"Crowned Jewelz"** – a band that incorporates pop, rock, blues, R&B, jazz, hip hop, and reggae in order to create a truly unique and soulful sound. Everyone is encouraged to bring a chair and something to share, be it a beverage, appetizer, or dessert. Paper goods will be provided by the Temple. To find the Temple group look for the large blue shade structure.

Summer Lovin' Talmudic Sex Ed

Mark your calendars for this special, three session class exploring what the rabbis of the Talmud have to say about relationships, intimacy, and physical desire. In addition to **learning about this "exciting topic,"** this text based class will also provide participants the opportunity to gain familiarity with Talmudic literature.

"Summer Lovin'" will be held at the home of Janet and Chuck Kahn, 20 Duncan Avenue in Gulf Breeze, on Wednesdays, July 8, 15, and 22 at 7pm. Feel free to bring a beverage, light appetizer, or dessert to share.

For more information on these programs, please contact Rabbi Joel at: rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org

Board Installation Shabbat

Join us on Friday, June 19 as we formally install the 2015-2016 Temple Beth El Board of Directors.

Board Installation Shabbat begins at 6pm and will be followed by a covered dish dinner.



Summer Worship

All summer worship will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the ICON Chapel of First United Methodist Church. A pot luck dinner will follow worship. Please bring a dish to share. The Fall service schedule resumes in September.

Torah Study
June 6 and June 20,
9:30 am
917 N. Palafox
Bagels and schmear will be provided.

Good Luck to Our Campers and Counselors

Temple Beth El wishes all of our students who will be attending camp this summer a great time. We look forward to hearing about and learning from your experiences. We are especially proud of our young adults who will be spending the summer on faculty at Jewish summer camps. Thank you for all you do to share the magic of camp with the next generation. Rabbi Joel and Andrea will be visiting our campers at Henry S. **Jacob's Camp for a week in late June. If you have a care package you would like delivered, please contact Rabbi Joel at: rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org.**



Torah on Tap: Tuesday, June 2

Torah on Tap takes place monthly at Old Hickory Whiskey Bar 123 Palafox Place
Topic: Summer Vacation, Leisure or Productivity
Shmoozing starts at 5:00 and learning at 5:30.
For more information please contact Rabbi Joel at rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org

Men's Book Club to Meet

We will be discussing *Jews and Words* by Amos Oz and historian Fania Oz-Salzberger
Reviewer: Zvi Salpeter
When : June 16, 2015
7 PM
Where : Terry Gross's old office located at 917 North Palafox Street



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From the President

Let me congratulate President-elect Janet Kahn, Vice President Terry Gross, Treasurer Carol Rosenblatt, Secretary Pat Braunstien and new Board member Jeanne Boyle-Gersh. I want to briefly review with you the significant accomplishments of the 2014-2015 Board.

First we are undergoing the first major renovation to our Temple Campus in two decades. We look forward to the improvements that will make our Temple more welcoming and accommodating to our members. The members of the renovation committee are as dedicated and hard-working a group as I have ever witnessed. The leadership of Matt Dannheisser and Rodney Rich have done legion service to our Temple. You are witnessing the results around the Temple every day.

Our Temple has continued to operate with a balanced budget and without debt. We have a CPA as the new Treasurer and she is much better looking than the last one!

Attendance at Torah on Tap, Torah Study and Young Jewish Pensacola continues to grow. This is much to the credit of Rabbi Joel. If you don't recognize any of the names, try coming - you will enjoy yourself.

This year we have a new 5 year contract with Rabbi Fleekop. We should be eternally grateful. His presence has raised our stature within the greater Pensacola community.

Under the leadership of Andrea Fleekop our School of Jewish Living has grown in structure and quality of Reform Jewish Education.

We now have a long range plan, a living document which provides us a guideline reflecting where the congregation wishes the Temple to go and its changing goals. Many thanks go to Ray Engel and his hard working task force.

When this board took office we were 123 member units strong and today we are 161 units. We have continued to grow while the Reform movement is losing membership nationally. This is the result of hard work by many people, but the most important ingredient in the success of our membership growth is our Rabbi and the Director of our School for Jewish Living.

There are some people who need to be recognized for their contributions to our Temple life, and they are:

Janet Schilling for publishing the Temple Bulletin every month! Those of us who produce for the Bulletin on a regular basis still have marks of the Schilling lash when they miss deadlines. Many thanks Janet.

Our webmaster Rich Cacace is the source of unending good advice on technical matters as well as running our Temple website. Thanks Rich.

Another unsung hero is Jim Montero who has spent much of his Friday and holiday evenings ensuring that our Jewish Sailors and Marines are picked up from NAS Pensacola, brought to services and delivered back to the base. Well done Jim and Cindy.

Linda Armacost should be recognized for her efforts to establish and continue the Senior Mitzvah Program which provides essential material help to needy seniors in the greater Pensacola area. You have made us very proud.

To Kathy Smith who has been the bastion of all things in the Temple, from communications to all, notices sad and happy, all mail, writing checks and keeping the books. You have done a wonderful job and deserve the Congregation's deepest appreciation for a job well done.

When I became President I had three basic goals. They were:

First, establishing a steady, but strong leadership that reached out to improve relations and communications within our Temple and in the Jewish community. Second, was to insure that there would be a Reform Jewish education available here at Temple Beth El now and in the future. Third, as one of many others, we believed that Temple Beth El would continue to grow if we created both a welcoming Temple Campus and a program that was equally solicitous of the needs of all our members young and old.

It is for you to judge how well we did. In sickness and in good health I had the honor of having Janet Kahn at my side and I want to thank her for keeping the ship afloat and our direction steadily into the wind. Thank you so much Janet.

Rabbi Fleekop your tenure here at Temple has altered, for the good, the entire spectrum of Judaism here. I can't say enough good things about you as a Rabbi, and as the religious leader of Temple Beth El.

I am in the winter of my life, and I must tell you that of all the things that are in my cognitive memory, this Congregation will always remain for me a picture of wondrous beauty, of sadness and joy, caressed by my experiences. This is the last time I will communicate with you as your President. Thank you for this opportunity, your unfailing support and your love. Please give your support to our new leadership. I wish you all fair winds and following seas.

L'shalom,

Fred



Yahrzeits

To be read on June 5:

May 30th Rose Bunnen
Nessie Tucker
Joe Van Wezel
Jennings Hertz
31st David Herschkovitz
Fredrick Greenhut
Rebecca Goldenberg
Esther Cohn Lurie
Irving Glustoff
William Rickoff
Jun 1st Marjorie Lemer
Anna M. Eadews
2nd Mary Elizabeth Eisenson
Edgar Harrell
Robert Bunnen
3rd Max E. Kahn
Frank Engel
Evelyn Lisner
Aaron Lett
4th Isadore Levy
Florence Finkelstein
Liz Greenhut Fauth
Susan Bear Leath
5th Rebecca F. Freidman
Dr. B.V. Dannheisser, Sr.

To be read on June 12:

6th Fancine Lanar
7th Lewis Greenhut
Lillian Bloom
Dean Shale Rothbardt
Stephen William Gibson
9th Joe Gundersheimer
Edward Wein
Melvin I. Dashevsky

To be read on June 12, con't:

10th Ida Friedman
Ely Korn
Harold Schops
Maria Alshutz
11th Joanne Cohn Yocum
Magdalene Bernstein
Thomas Monahan
12th Bernard Samuel Schwartz
Ellis Herr
Louis Isadore Addleman (Sivan 20)

To be read on June 19:

13th George Goldberg
14th Melvin I. Bookman
Ruth Siegel
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
Alexander Brunstein
19th Jake Bear
Marian Hodgkinson
Max Levin
Danny Gross

To be read on June 26:

20th Elsa Kohn
Maurice Bartley
Joseph Schwartz
Louis Gordon
21st Jake Berlin
Irene Bruchmann
Annie Herschkovitz
22nd Emma Goldman
23rd Carolyn Cole
Anna Frank
Esther Laitman
24th Esther Schwartz
June Silver
Jacob Kahn
25th Albert Alexander
Katherine Hutton
Jack Zimmerman
26th Maurice Stein
Bertha Levy
Sally Loeb
Molly Gross Vigodsky

To be read on July 3:

27th Taube Gilenberg
Ruth Haisfield
28th Ceal Taub Gordon
Leo Loeb
Norman Gordon
June Vigodsky Gross
29th Freida Dannheisser
Blanche Lischkoff Barrett
Ruth D. Haisfield
Estelle Jorish
Margaret Lyon
30th Versal Mayberry



Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays

1st Matthew Dannheisser
3rd Ben Rosenbaum
Inga Velikanova
5th Rod Moody
6th Tony Borelli
7th Bobby Marcus
Judith Salpeter
8th David Pearce
Samuel Wein
9th Corinne Speer Swann
Benjamin Zimmerman
10th Albert Klein, Jr.
Lyla Lazear
11th Lauren Marcia Rosenblatt
12th Jane Kugelman
Debbie Pearce
Elissa Erskine
13th Keenan Finkelstein

14th Faye Rosenbaum
Marty Lisner
Sharon Marcus
15th Robyn Borelli
17th Brooke Rayborn
19th **D'Arsey Samuels**
22nd Cyndi Aronson DeKrief
Alexsandra Brown
26th Carly Landa
27th Isabella Marina Olensky
28th Rich Cacace
30th Shirley Lowe
Jonathan Zimmerman

June Anniversaries

1st Marty and Chuck Lisner
Barrie and Bruce Lamb
Kimberly and John-Daniel
Sullivan
6th Shirley and Charles
Kraselsky
9th Marny and Don Needle
10th Natalie and Dan Soloway
Judy and Robert Zitzewitz
Richel and Allen Moretsky
13th Iris and Albert Klein
18th Wesley and David Landa
20th Mary and David Brockett
24th Dawn and Bill Wein
30th Sandra and Stuart Weston



Donations

Temple Beth El Renovation Fund:

In memory of Bill Foley from Dave and Sherlee Aronson
 In memory of Bill Foley from Joel and Sue Levin
 In memory of Bill Foley from Aubrey and Charlotte Morris
 In memory of Bill Foley from Charles and Linda Liberis
 In memory of Bill Foley from Greta Rickoff
 In memory of Bill Foley from Janet and Logan Schilling
 In memory of Wendy Rutland's mother, Virginia Templeman Bendt from Ray and Carol Engel
 In memory of Wendy Rutland's mother, Virginia Templeman Bendt from Joel and Sue Levin
 In honor of Renee Eilen for her hard work for the Sisterhood Show, "Parody Tonight" from Chuck and Janet Kahn

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Bill Foley from Chip and Faye Merritt
 A donation was made by Martin Mondry

Sylvia Rosenbloum Cole Music Fund:

In memory of Bill Foley from Terry and Cindy Gross

Condolences

The Temple Beth El community extends its condolences to David Goldberg on the passing of his father, Dr. Richard Goldberg.

With sadness we announce that Virginia Templeman Bendt, mother of Wendy Rutland, passed away Friday May 8th. Sincere condolences to Wendy and her family.

May their memories be for a blessing.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL TEMPLE BETH EL POKER TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015

917 N. Palafox Street, Pensacola, Florida

Please note location!!!!

Doors open 5:15 p.m. Play begins 6:00 p.m.

FORMAT: NO LIMIT HOLDEM

Re-buys until 8:00 p.m.

BUY IN: Pre-Registration \$100.00 (first 100 people)

At the Door \$110.00 Re-buys \$100.00

CHIPS: \$3,000 - Re-buys \$3,000 (\$100)

And a one time \$5,000 add on at 8:15 P.M. (\$100)

BLINDS: Start at 25/50 and go up every 30 minutes until break, then 20 minute intervals

REFRESHMENTS: Free Food and cash bar

PRIZES: Top nine players receive deluxe non-monetary prizes

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Terry Gross - 434-3333 or 449-1762

FIRST PLACE PRIZE: Large Green Egg

SECOND PLACE PRIZE: Large Flat screen TV.

Sisterhood Summary

Sisterhood leadership, through necessity, decided we needed activities held at outside venues due to our own exciting renovations at our Temple Beth El...a way to keep our ladies interested and TOGETHER AS A GROUP. And thanks to Andrea Fleekop and Pat Braunstien, we were able to do plenty, including Community Seder at the Pensacola Yacht Club, led wonderfully by Rabbi Joel, several luncheon meetings at places such as Everman's and Painting with a Twist, and a special end of the year tea at the Yacht Club, at which two lovely things happened.



Renee Eilen & Marty Lisner
 Co-Presidents

First, our lovely Sisterhood Chuppah, loving long term project of Marty Lisner and her ladies, was presented, and announced that it was already to be used at Laura Dannheisser's wedding. Sisterhood is extremely proud of that Chuppah, and of the ladies who helped Marty make it a reality. Todah rabah from the entire congregation. Second was the tea itself, at which each lady got to choose her own fine china teacup to take home, thanks to months of specialty shopping by Pat Braunstien and Penny Phillips! Not to mention millions of scones baked by our special Capt. Fred Levin!! And a sooo interesting talk by Mollye Vigodsky...Best tea ever!!!

Ronald McDonald House went very well, thanks to the leadership of Rose Kuhhirte, and so this living mitzvah continues. Sign up for our one day a month...contact Rose for info at: Kuhhirte@earthlink.net.

And our Theatre Night was, thanks to Bev and Bill Zimmern, held at the Gulf Breeze Rec Center. Over 100 attended, and over \$2,000.00 was raised for camp scholarships - thanks to a great, dedicated cast, a slightly off center director/writer, and not to mention a very savvy audience...they got our humor!!

We are extending the senior Mitzvah project through the summer. Sisterhood has voted to use some funds to help spay or neuter and get shots for some of the pets of very needy seniors in our area. These pets are their only companions, and nobody can afford more than one or two. If you can help with this project either by transportation of the pet to and from the vet, or by a monetary donation, let Linda Armacost know...it is our summer project,

Exciting things planned for the fall. And please tell us of anything you might want to see us plan. We get our best ideas from our sisters!!

Have a great summer!

Life is a Cabaret!!

Renee and Marty



Congregational Meeting Approves Officers

The annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday May 17th, was attended by 42 congregants who bid farewell to 3 board members: Craig Vigodsky, Alice Klein and Dr. Josh Hackel, and welcomed new members Jeanne Boyle and Terry Gross. **Linda Armacost will remain on the Board to finish Dave Suhrbier's term of office.** Dr. Suhrbier has relocated. Outgoing President Fred Levin was thanked for his vision and dedication to improving Temple Beth El and making it more welcoming to all people. Matt Dannheisser and Rodney Rich gave an update on the status of the renovation: on time and on budget. They were thanked for their hard work and dedication to the project.

New to the Temple board are Jeanne Boyle and Terry Gross. Jeanne Boyle, whose family has been actively involved in Temple Beth El for six generations, returned recently to Pensacola after a twenty-year absence. Jeanne, who has a doctorate in clinical psychology, practiced her profession in Atlanta and is now a guidance counselor at Pensacola Catholic High School. She is mother to two boys, Henry and Benjamin, who attend Creative Learning **Academy and are enrolled in Temple Beth El's School for Jewish Living.** She is an avid runner who participates in local running events as well as chasing after two young boys.

Terry was born in Asheville, North Carolina and raised in Charlotte, where he became Bar Mitzvah and was confirmed at Temple Beth El. During his youth Terry attended Camp Blue Star and was very active in AZA and other Jewish youth groups. Terry is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and Florida State University College of Law. A resident of Pensacola since 1979, Terry and his wife Cindy have been members of Temple Beth El since 1983. He has served on the board under 4 different presidents and has been a member of the finance committee for over 25 years. He also chairs the annual Poker Tournament. Terry looks forward to serving on this board and continuing to serve Temple Beth El well into the future.

Temple Beth El Board of Directors Term begins July 1, 2015

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SAVE THE DATE

Havdallah Social

at the Home of

Terry and Cindy Gross

July 18

More information to follow in next month's bulletin



**Class
of
2015**

Mazel Tov to Our
Graduates

Joshua Borelli
Summer Boyle
Ada Ejikemeuwa
Amara Ejikemeuwa
Hannah Zimmern

Please note that the unveiling for Nat Rickoff will take place on July 5 at 10:00 am at the Temple Beth El Cemetery. Rabbi Joel will be officiating.

A reception will follow at the Rickoff residence. For more information, please contact the Temple office at 438-3321.

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