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## Congratulations Temple Beth El Officers and Board of Directors!

Congratulations to our new and returning officers and board members. At the Annual Congregational meeting on May 21, Terry Gross was elected our new President, Ray Engel, Vice President, Carol Rosenblatt and Pat Braunstien will remain Treasurer and Secretary and I will be Past President. For the 2017-2019 term, please welcome new board members Missy Hecht and Chris Shawyer. Jeanne Boyle and Bill Wein will stay on for a second term. Continuing their 2016-2018 term are board members Robin Mertins, Zvi Salpeter, Janet Schilling and Danny Zimmern. Alice Klein and Steve Eilen remain our Sisterhood and Brotherhood Presidents. Thank you all for your steadfast commitment and good work for the betterment of our Temple. I have full confidence in our incoming officers and board members. Fred Levin and Matt Dannheisser are now leaving the board after many, many years. Thank you both for your dedicated service to Temple Beth El.

Please join us Friday June 23 at 6:00 p.m. for the Installation Shabbat.

Janet Kahn

### ***In Appreciation....***

As I mentioned at the Annual Congregational Meeting, reflecting on the past two years, one word comes to mind and that is gratitude. Thank you for your support and for the opportunity to serve as president. It has been a meaningful, heartwarming and exciting tenure. **Our Temple's history is rich, our home is beautiful and we continue to grow and flourish.** I feel so grateful to be a part of this congregation whose members reach out to those in need, open their hearts and homes, pray together, study together, mourn together, **celebrate together and play together. We're** blessed with our spiritual leader and teacher, Rabbi Joel and our talented Director of the School for Jewish Living, Andrea. Our dedicated board members worked diligently along with Sisterhood and Brotherhood members and other extraordinary volunteers. I thanked so many of you by name in my comments at the Annual Meeting. If you were unable to attend, please know your dedication to Temple Beth El is not overlooked and is sincerely appreciated. Like those before us, **together let's keep Reform Judaism alive and thriving in Northwest Florida for generations and generations to come.**

Janet Kahn

### *Torah Study: Reading Torah Through the Lens of Midrash*

On Saturday June 17, Rabbi Joel and the Torah study group will begin an exploration of the classic rabbinic work, Midrash Rabbah. This collection of ancient midrashim (rabbinic stories) is a form of biblical commentary, providing a unique lens through which to read and understand the Torah.

Torah study meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month and is open to learners of all levels of experience. Bagels, coffee, and shmear are served. For more information please contact Rabbi Joel at 850-438-3321 or at [rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org](mailto:rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org).

## Worship and Torah Study

Friday, June 2  
Azalea Trace Social 4:00  
Service 4:30 pm  
TBE, 6:00 pm

Friday, June 9  
Service 6:00 pm

Friday, June 16  
Service 6:00 pm

Friday, June 23  
Service 6:00 pm

Friday, June 30  
Service 6:00 pm

All summer services begin at 6:00 pm and are followed by a covered dish dinner. Please join us in worship and fellowship.

### Torah Study

Saturday, June 3  
Saturday, June 17  
Beginning at 9:00 am  
Bagel, schmear and coffee will be served.



## Sisterhood News

The summer has arrived and Sisterhood meetings are on hiatus until August 16th at 11:30am when we will welcome our guests from WRJ Southeast District, President Ellen Petracco and 1st VP Cheryl Raskin-Hood. Please circle your calendars and plan to be at this first meeting of the year. And bring a friend!

Another date to circle is August 26th, the Temple Poker Fundraiser, done by our own, Terry Gross. We will once again supply the food and **play mah jongg while the "serious" (and not so serious) poker players** raise money. I will send out a sign up email closer to the event date.

Brotherhood has asked to join Sisterhood in mitzvah caring. The Brenda Vigodsky Mitzvah Caring Fund will be the instrument we continue to use. Anyone wishing to contribute, please make checks payable to **"Sisterhood of Temple Beth El"** and put **Brenda Vigodsky Mitzvah Caring Fund** on the bottom left of your check. Thank you, Brotherhood! This is truly a mitzvah!

Have a wonderful, safe, happy summer. See you all on the 16th of August. Remember, without YOU, we are one woman short!

Alice

### Food Request for Shabbat

During the summer, we will have a covered dish dinner. Please contact Alice Klein if you would like to provide a main course for one of these services. 850-449-7439

Sponsored onegs begin again in September. Please contact Hynda Rome to reserve a date: 479-2701.

### Andy Warhol — Ten Portraits of Jews of the 20th Century

Thanks to the generosity of the Bear Family Foundation, Temple Beth El is honored to house and display Andy Warhol's beautiful and evocative "Jewish Geniuses."

Join us on Friday, June 16 at 6:00pm for a special Shabbat service during which Temple members Maria Goldberg and Lewis Bear Jr. will discuss the inspiration for this important series, Warhol's style and technique, and how it came to feature such a unique assortment of Jewish thinkers, performers, and leaders.

Following worship Maria, an art historian, and Lewis, a passionate and knowledgeable pop art enthusiast, will be available in the lower lobby, adjacent to the installation, to answer any questions.

On Shabbatot throughout the summer, beginning on Friday, July 7, Rabbi Joel will highlight the biographies and contributions of the ten individuals featured — each a seminal figure of the 20th century.



### SAVE THE DATE

Sisterhood meetings resume following a brief summer hiatus.

August 16  
11:30 am

WRJ Southeast District  
President, Ellen Petracco  
and  
1st Vice President,  
Cheryl Raskin-Hood  
will be our speakers.

Details to Follow

Sisterhood membership renewal letters will be sent in early June so that we can print a new directory in September.

### Man Talk Recap and Upcoming Event

On Thursday, May 11, Man Talk met with an eye opening discussion. Dr. David Reisman was welcomed to the community and shared startling facts about lung cancer, cancer in general and medical marijuana. The experiences he shared, acquired over the years, were more than eye-opening! Attendance was expanded with the presence of more physicians than ever. A dozen men came out, even though this was a different night of the week for the group. We welcome David to Pensacola and hope that he continues his involvement with ManTalk. Thanks go to Dr. Bill Zimmern for introducing us to David.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 20 at 7 PM. That will be the final get together for ManTalk until September. Dr. Roger Orth of Gastroenterology Associates will answer questions. He was recommended by Joe Rosenthal. Roger is a community veteran who has helped many of our members with their gastroenterological needs.

For suggestions or questions contact Sid Braunstien 850-598-9718

### FDLE Presentation...

Special Agent Supervisor Chuck Bufalino offered to speak to our congregation about the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. He will provide basic information about FDLE, their services, some general safety best practices, forensic lab capabilities, and the new statewide initiative in reference to the program: **"See Something Say Something"**. Please try to attend this program on Tuesday June 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Max L. Bear Auditorium which should prove to be interesting and helpful to all. Questions? Please contact Janet Kahn at (850) 566-2873 or jskahn1@gmail.com.



## Donations

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

A donation has been made to the Rabbi's fund by Enid Sisskin

In honor of Rabbi Joel and Andrea Fleekop's 15 year anniversary from Charles and Janet Kahn

In memory of Jane Starr Seligman from Ann Schops

A donation has been made to the Rabbi's fund by Judith Beasenburg

A donation has been made to the Rabbi's fund by Anthony and Robyn Borelli

### Temple Beth El Renovation Fund:

In memory of Spencer Gordon from Ray and Carol Engel

### Temple Beth El School for Jewish Living:

In honor of Terry Gross's Bar Mitzvah from Charles and Shirley Kraselsky

In honor of Ed Walborsky's Bar Mitzvah from Charles and Shirley Kraselsky

### Trees Planted In Israel:

A tree was planted in memory of Larry Schuffman's father by Charles and Shirley Kraselsky

A tree was planted in memory of Debbie Pearce by Charles and Shirley Kraselsky

### Temple Beth El Youth Fund:

In honor of Terry Gross's Bar Mitzvah from Linda and Irvin Rabinowitz

In honor of Isabella Olenky for 2017

Confirmation from Charles and Janet Kahn

In honor of Lauren Rosenblatt for 2017

Confirmation from Charles and Janet Kahn

In honor of Spencer Segal for 2017

Confirmation from Charles and Janet Kahn

In memory of Larry Schuffman's father from Nancy Cox

In memory of Spencer Gordon from Charles and Janet Kahn

A donation was made by Steve and Renee Eilen

### Brenda Vigodsky Mitzvah Caring Fund:

In memory of Joe Silver from Charles and Shirley Kraselsky

In memory of Spencer Gordon from Charles and Shirley Kraselsky

In honor of Terry Gross and Ed Walborsky's 50th anniversary of their B'Nai Mitzvah from Brenda and Fred Vigodsky

### Youth Fund for Camp Scholarships in honor of Steve and Renee Eilen:

Charles and Janet Kahn

Bill and Beverly Zimmern

Ray and Carol Engel

Rick and Suzi Gordon

Cindy Pinhas

Martin and Kym Lewis

Logan and Janet Schilling

Chip and Faye Merritt

Alan and Connie Bookman

Warren and Eta Hecht

Tom and Liz McCulley

Chuck and Marty Lisner

Bill and Rose Kuhhirte

Brad and Carol Rosenblatt

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Ed and Nicole Friedland

Frank and Dale Silver

The Vigodsky Family Foundation.

Terry and Cindy Gross

Jeanne Boyle

Myrna Lane

Zvi and Judith Salpeter

Danny Zimmern

Jeff and Deborah Buchalter



### Torah on Tap - New Location

Tuesday, June 6 at 5:00 pm  
Join us for Torah on Tap at our new location - Union Public House, 309 S. Reus Street, Pensacola.

**This month's topic will be:**  
**"50 Years After the Six Day War: Blessings, Curses, and Confusion"**  
Schmoozing starts at 5:00 pm and learning at 5:30 pm.

For more information or to RSVP please contact  
Rabbi Joel at  
850-438-3321 or via email.



### Comedy Night Camp Scholarship Fundraiser

On Saturday May 20 we honored Renee and Steve Eilen with a fun-filled evening of food, beverages, singing, jokes and improv provided by the group, IMPROVable Cause. As a result of the tremendous generosity of our congregation we raised \$5738 for camp scholarships. The planning committee, Ray Engel, Alice Klein, Janet Schilling, Robin Mertins, Danny Zimmern and Janet Kahn worked diligently to ensure a successful fundraiser. We could not have succeeded without the help and benevolence of Danny Zimmern and the Pensacola Little Theatre. Danny entertained us with humor as our MC and daughter, Hannah shared her love, excitement and benefits of attending Jacobs Camp. Rabbi Joel showered Renee and Steve with praise and provided a prayer for the evening. Danny arranged for a surprise visit from Quint Studer who described his Early Learning City initiative to the audience. Speaking of surprises, weeks before the event, **Alice described our plans to Renee and Steve's** good friend, Steve Lewis, who currently resides in Tennessee. He composed lyrics to the tune of **"You Make Me Feel So Young" (You Make Me Want to Kvell)** for the TBE Not-Ready-For-Prime Time-Singers to perform for Renee and Steve during the event. Steve Lewis surprised Renee and Steve by coming to Pensacola for the show and accompanying the singers with his guitar. **A highlight of the evening was Alice's rendition of Annie's "Tomorrow" while wearing a red wig, red dress, white socks and black Mary Janes.** She lived up to Terry Gross's offer to contribute \$200 to the cause if she would sing the song. Late in the evening, IMPROVable Cause, led by Debi Dunkerly kept the audience buckled over in laughter while including audience participation. Thank you to all who provided in-kind donations of food, beverages, paper products, decorations, graphic artwork, tickets, poster and programs. These include Danny Zimmern, the Lewis Bear Company, Cindy and Terry Gross, Beverly and Bill Zimmern, Shirley and Charles Kraselsky, Carol and Ray Engel, Marty and Chuck Lisner, Judith and Zvi Salpeter, Suzi and Rick Gordon, Liz and Tom McCulley, Tina and Al Betesh, Janet and Chuck Kahn, Faye and Chip Merritt, Janet and Fred Levin, Ellen Deaver, Cindy Pinhas, Janet and Logan Schilling, Lucille Foley and Robin Mertins. Helpers that night also included Jeanne Boyle, Linda Armacost, Eva Bohunkova and Rachel Moshe. Kathy Smith was instrumental in managing a spreadsheet of ticket sales and donations. A huge thank you also goes to those who purchased tickets for the event and to so many who gave financial contributions in honor of Renee and Steve to benefit our children who wish to attend summer Jewish camp. Please see donations to the left.

Janet Kahn

## June Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays	10th	Susan Pollak	22nd	Cyndi Aronson DeKrief	
1st	Matthew Dannheisser	11th	Lauren Marcia Rosenblatt	Alexandra Brown	
3rd	Ben Rosenbaum	12th	Jane Kugelman	26th	Carly Landa
	Inga Velikanova		Elissa Erskine	27th	Isabella Marina Olensky
6th	Tony Borelli		Ed Faulkner		Pamn Ravenscroft
7th	Bobby Marcus	14th	Faye Rosenbaum		Asher Nissim
	Judith Salpeter		Marty Lisner	28th	Rich Cacace
8th	David Pearce		Sharon Marcus	30th	Shirley Lowe
	Samuel Wein	15th	Robyn Borelli		Jonathan Zimmerman
	Jackson Radon	16th	Aaron Yaseck		Lillian Haims
9th	Corinne Speer Swann		Sara Morris	June Anniversaries	
	Benjamin Zimmerman	17th	Brooke Rayborn	1st	Marty and Chuck Lisner
10th	Albert Klein, Jr.	18th	Ava Brener		Barrie and Bruce Lamb
	Lyla Lazear	19th	<b>D'Arsey Samuels</b>		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
				11th	Penny and Melissa Featherstone
				13th	Iris and Albert Klein
				18th	Wesley and David Landa
				24th	Dawn and Bill Wein
				26th	Faye and Scott Rickoff
					Samantha and Alexander Hodges

**From Yael...**

Shalom Dear Community,  
**I can't believe it but it's already time to say goodbye.** I will be heading home soon.

**Didn't we just meet for the first time yesterday?** Time in Pensacola goes by faster than anywhere else I have been. Arriving

here **10 months ago, I couldn't exactly tell what this year was going to be like.** To be honest, I had no idea where Pensacola was located on the map. After 10 months full of Friday night services, various community events, holiday celebrations, Hebrew classes for kids and adults, Religious School, Café Israel, clubs and schools and a countless number of one-on-one encounters, **I can happily say that it's been a year full of new adventures.** It was a year beyond the numbers. The time I spent here made me grow personally and professionally and I had moments I will never forget. Meeting your community, a special group of **people, has opened my mind and was a big addition to my "bag of experiences".** I want you all to know how much I appreciate this great opportunity to bring Israel to the community. Thinking about leaving makes me so sad that I could start crying, I was so lucky to be here. You guys are my family and I will always consider Pensacola my second home.

**So what's next? I'm moving on to the next chapter in my life.**

**First, I'm going back home to see my family and friends whom I miss so very much!** It feels as if they were taking part in my **experience and supporting me, thanks to technology, but I can't wait to hug and squeeze them and spend some quality time together!** And then off to another adventure – starting University, choosing a new place to live in and yes you will all get updates on how things are going.

**I don't like to say goodbye. So I would rather say see you later. I hope we'll cross paths again at some point, whether in Israel, Pensacola or elsewhere. So y'all (See I'm one of you already) better let me know when you come to Israel. My home is your home!** Until you come visit – **I'd love keeping in touch and it would be great to hear from you when I'm home through e-mail, Facebook or phone (download whatsapp!).**

**I will miss you very much and I can't even begin to explain how much I love you all.**

Yours, Yael



Temple Beth El Book Club

Thursday June 8 at 7 pm

**"Steven Spielberg- A life in films" by Molly Haskell**

**"Everything about me is in my films," Steven Spielberg has said.**

Taking this as a key to understanding the hugely successful moviemaker, Molly Haskell explores the full range of Spielberg's works for the light they shine upon the man himself. Through such powerhouse hits as Close Encounters of the Third Kind, E.T., Jurassic Park, and Indiana Jones, to lesser-known masterworks like A.I. and Empire of the Sun, to the haunting **Schindler's List, Haskell shows how Spielberg's uniquely evocative filmmaking and story-telling reveal the many ways in which his life, work, and times are entwined.**

Organizing chapters around specific films, the distinguished critic discusses how Spielberg's childhood in non-Jewish suburbs, his parents' traumatic divorce, his return to Judaism upon his son's birth, and other events echo in his work. She offers a brilliant portrait of the extraordinary director—a fearful boy living through his imagination who grew into a man whose openness, generosity of spirit, and creativity have enchanted audiences for more than 40 years.

Yahrzeits

*To be read on June 2*

27th Selma Gordon  
Gertrude Schrier

28th Marvin Zam  
Benjamin Ash  
Joe Harris  
Emanuel Miller

29th Allan Lemmon  
Samuel Silver  
Earle Jerome Levin

30th Rose Bunnen  
Nessie Tucker  
Joe Van Wezel  
Jennings Hertz

31st David Herschkovitz  
Fredrick Greenhut  
Rebecca Goldenberg

31st Esther Cohn Lurie  
Irving Glustoff  
William Rickoff

1st Marjorie Lemer  
Anna M. Eadews

2nd Mary Elizabeth Eisenson  
Edgar Harrell  
Robert Bunnen

*To be read on June 9*

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.

6th Fancine Lanar

7th Lewis Greenhut  
Lillian Bloom  
Dean Shale Rothbardt  
Stephen William Gibson

**To be read on June 9, con't.**

8th Ayleen Hargis  
9th Joe Gundersheimer  
Edward Wein  
Melvin I. Dashevsky

*To be read on June 16*

10th Ida Friedman  
Ely Korn  
Harold Schops  
Maria Alshutz

11th Joanne Cohn Yocum  
Magdalene Bernstein  
Thomas Monahan

12th Bernard Schwartz  
Ellis Herr

13th George Goldberg  
14th Melvin I. Bookman  
Ruth Siegel

Louis Isadore Addleman  
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15th Bertha Berlin  
Don Hackel

16th Arthur Feinstein  
Harry Wagenheim

Lewis Gobel  
Polly Rickoff  
Anita Silberstein

*To be read on June 23*

17th Sally B. Kahn  
Sarah Stein  
Peg Zewe

18th Lewis Kenneth Cahn  
William Davidson  
Alexander Brunstein  
Walter Price

19th Jake Bear  
Marian Hodgkinson  
Max Levin  
Danny Gross

**To be read on June 23, con't.**

20th Elsa Kohn  
Maurice Bartley  
Joseph Schwartz  
Louis Gordon

21st Jake Berlin  
Irene Bruchmann  
Nelly Khatena

22nd Annie Herschkovitz  
Emma Goldman  
Elaine Shirley Miller

23rd Carolyn Cole  
Anna Frank  
Esther Laitman

*To be read on June 30*

24th Esther Schwartz  
June Silver  
Jacob Kahn  
Helen Schulein

25th Albert Alexander  
Katherine Hutton

25th Jack Zimmerman  
26th Maurice Stein

Bertha Levy  
Sally Loeb  
Molly Gross Vigodsky

**To be read on June 30, con't.**

27th Taube Gilenberg  
Ruth Haisfield

28th Ceal Taub Gordon  
Leo Loeb  
Norman Gordon

29th Freida Dannheisser  
Blanche Barrett  
Ruth D. Haisfield

Estelle Jorish  
Margaret Lyon  
June Vigodsky Gross

30th Versal Mayberry  
Dorothy Yudkovitz

*With sadness we announce that Spencer Bruce Gordon, brother and brother-in-law of Rick and Suzi Gordon, passed away April 27.*

*We send our deepest condolences to Rick and his family during this difficult time. Zichrono L'Vracha May his memory forever be a blessing.*

*We announce with sadness that Beverly Levin, mother and mother-in-law of Joel and Sue Levin, passed away at the age of 94. Burial was as the Temple Beth El Cemetery. Our deepest condolence to Joel, Sue and Joel's sister. Zichrona L'Vracha May her memory be for a blessing.*



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## June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Shabbat Service at Azalea Trace 4:00 Social 4:30 Service TBE 6:00 followed by covered dish dinner	3 Torah Study 9:30 am
4	5	6 Prayerbook Hebrew 10:00 am Tai Chi 3:00 pm Torah on Tap see pg. 3 for details	7	8 Jewish Book Group 7:00 pm Details on page 4	9 Shabbat Services TBE 6:00 followed by covered dish dinner	10
11	12 Café Israel 6:00 pm	13 Prayerbook Hebrew 10:00 am Tai Chi 3:00 pm	14	15 TBE Board Mtg. 5:30 pm	16 Shabbat Services TBE 6:00 followed by covered dish dinner	17 Torah Study 9:30 am
18	19	20 Prayerbook Hebrew 10:00 am Tai Chi 3:00 pm  Man Talk Discussion 7:00 pm	21	22	23 Shabbat Services TBE 6:00 with Board Installation followed by covered dish dinner	24
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