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May 2017

Iyar - Sivan 5777

Shavuot & Confirmation Service

Tuesday, May 30, 7pm

The entire congregation is invited to join in the celebration as together we mark Confirmation and Shavuot in a music-filled worship experience. Led by the confirmands and their classmates, with song-leading by Nick May, the service will include the reading of the Ten Commandments and the Book of Ruth.

Mazel Tov to this year's Confirmands: Isabella Olensky, Lauren Rosenblatt, and Spencer Segal.

Please join us in celebrating their accomplishments.

A special Shavuot themed oneg will be held in the Max L. Bear auditorium following worship.

Comedy Night is Here!

Please see included flyer about this event honoring Renee and Steve Eilen on Saturday evening, May 20th. Plan to attend this evening of comedy to support our children going to summer Jewish camp. Children who attend camp are more likely to remain involved Jews throughout their lives. Support our children and the future of Reform Judaism. If you're able to attend or not, please consider making a donation. Questions? Contact Janet Kahn at jskahn1@gmail.com or (850) 566-2873.

Worship and Torah Study

Friday, May 5 Azalea Trace Social 4:00 Service 4:30 pm Shabbat Under the Stars 6:00 pm

Details this page

Friday, May 12 Service 7:00 pm

Friday, May 19 Service 7:00 pm

Friday, May 26 Service 7:00 pm Torah Study

Saturday, May 6 Saturday, May 20 Beginning at 9:00 am Bagel, schmear and coffee will be served.



The Weather is Beautiful Shabbat Under the Stars to be held in May

Please join us for a Shabbat Under the Stars at the home of Fred and Brenda Vigodsky, 508 Kenilworth Road, Gulf Breeze, on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Bring your family and friends, a covered dish to share, chairs and a table if you're able.

Torah Study - Exploring Pirkei Avot May 6 and May 20

Between Passover and Shavuot (the days of the omer) it is customary to study the rabbinic text of Pirkei Avot — Sayings of our Ancestors. Join with Rabbi Fleekop and Temple friends in exploring this nearly 2,000 year old collection of teachings and aphorisms. Learners of all levels of experience are welcome. Bagels, schmear, and coffee will be served.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday May 21, 2017 2:00 p.m. Temple Beth El Max L. Bear Auditorium

IMPROVable Cause Comedy Night*

*Parental discretion advised



Sponsored by Temple Beth El
In honor of Renee and Steve Eilen

Summer Camp Scholarships Fundraiser

Pensacola Little Theatre Saturday, May 20 7 p.m.

- Heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert reception at 7 p.m.
- Show begins at 7:45 p.m.
- Cash Bar

\$36 in advance | \$40 at door

Tickets purchased in advance may be picked up at Temple Beth El or at the Pensacola Little Theatre the night of the event.

Please return this portion with your check made out to Temple Beth El.

Memo: Camp Scholarships Fundraiser

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Jacobs Camp is the Reform Jewish Movement's summer camp serving the Deep South: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Central & Western Tennessee and the Florida Panhandle. Since 1970, Jacobs has provided a caring Jewish community that has become a second home to many. Children from URJ congregations across the Deep South join together each summer to experience the fun and magic of Jewish camping.

Our caring and committed staff members (many of whom were campers themselves) strive to enrich the campers' experiences by helping them build lasting friendships. These relationships lay the foundation for our summer community, providing encouragement and support. Our intimate camp environment allows campers to embrace the challenge of learning new skills in athletics, aquatics, the arts, and adventure and nature programs. What's more, campers also immerse themselves in a wide range of innovative Jewish educational pursuits and creative spiritual experiences.

From the youngest of our campers to the oldest of our Gesher (Counselors-in-Training), every child who spends a summer at Jacobs Camp returns home a little wiser, a little more self-confident, and a little more connected to the Jewish community. A summer at Jacobs Camp is more than a summer of fun. A summer at Jacobs is meant to last a lifetime.

Mission of Henry S. Jacobs Camp

The mission of the URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp is to provide a high-quality Reform Jewish camping experience to the children of Southern munities that enriches and enhances their lives spiritually, intellectually, and physically in a safe and friendly family environment. Jacobs Car fulfill its mission through a commitment to:

- Teaching Jewish values and instilling pride in our shared Jewish heritage.
- Providing an around-the-clock experience in Jewish living.
- Encouraging life-long friendship and relationships.
- Promoting healthy development of personal character.
- Enhancing Jewish living skills in an environment of high quality program, staff & facilities.
- Providing numerous positive adult Jewish role models.
- Deepening connections to Israel and the Hebrew language.
- Receiving active support and participation from all of our stakeholders.
- Reaching the broadest number of children possible.
- Serving families with roots in the South and connections to Jacobs Camp.
- Creating, every summer, "A Jewish Place at a Southern Pace."

3683 Morrison Road, Utica, Mississippi 39175 (601) 885-6042





Join Temple Beth El Sisterhood in welcoming Jessica Blessing, Registered Dietitian Jessica Blessing will be discussing Health, Nutrition and Stress Management Wednesday, May 17, 2017 11:30 AM Catered by Four Seasons

> Temple Beth El 800 N. Palafox Street

Please RSVP Janet Levin 850-994-9469 or email tbesisterhood@gmail.com

Please RSVP by Sunday, May 14, 2017 Cost: \$ 15.00



Sisterhood News

Whew! Another month has gone by. The last meeting of this Sisterhood year will be at 11:30 am on Wednesday, May 17th. As we enter the summer months, it seems to be appropriate to bring Jessica Blessing, Registered Dietitian and Health Coach, to discuss Women's Health and Stress Reduction.

Seder was a success with 123 attending. Great thanks go to Elaine Storms, Ellen Deaver, Janet Kahn and Pamn Ravenscroft for all of their help. You are all the greatest! A special thank you to Rabbi Joel for a wonderful Seder and to Sonia and Andrea for beautiful singing.

Women's Seder saw almost 40 women come together to celebrate a special Seder. A tremendous thank you to Sydney McAbee, Andrea Fleekop, Nichole Friedland and Pat Braunstien for bringing this event to fruition. Music by Sonia and Victoria was the perfect touch. It is always special to celebrate with our "sisters"! Watch next year for our 2nd Annual Women's Seder!

We will have a special treat when we start our next Sisterhood year on Wednesday, August 16th. Ellen Petracco, WRJ Southeast District President and Cheryl Raskin-Hood, WRJ Southeast District 1st VP, will be our honored guests and speakers. This is a not-to-be-missed meeting. Have a wonderful summer. Watch your emails as we will once again be supplying food for the Temple Poker Fundraiser on August 26th.

Sisterhood doesn't go away or take an hiatus over the summer months. It is a 365/24 hour entity. If you need anything, call! Remember, without YOU we are one woman short.

Alice

Man Talk on New Day

Man Talk is scheduling a gathering on a new day of the week. Dr. David Reisman, a new oncologist at Baptist Medical Group, has agreed to come talk with the men on Thursday May 11 at 7 PM at Temple Beth El

Due to gender specific topics, this event is for "men only".

Havdalah/Lag B'Omer PJ Library and Youth Group Celebration May 13

6:30 PM- PJ Library Havdalah 7:00 PM - Lag B'Omer Celebration for Youth Group!

Come celebrate Lag B'Omer/Havdalah with us! We will have a bonfire, s'mores, potatoes, hot dogs, drinks and a movie! Fleekop Home 417 Warwick St, Gulf Breeze

We wish mazel tov to all of our graduating high school and college seniors.



Mazel Tov and Blessings!
Maya Behar and Dan Trub
(new members) and big
sister Amielle welcomed
baby Aaron Theodor Trub

Thank You Shabbat Sponsors

Onegs

May 5 - Shabbat Under the Stars (pot luck) May 12 - Myrna Lane, Ellen Deaver, Penny Featherstone

May 19 - Marty Lisner May 26 - Fleekops in honor of their 15th anniversary

Contact Hynda Rome to reserve a date: 479-2701

We Can't Say Enough.....

The Women's Passover Seder on April 15 was a lovely event starting with the postcard invitation designed by Andrea Fleekop. The Haggadah was researched, organized and put together by Andrea as well. Sydney McAbee planned and prepared the delicious meal. Sonia Yanovskiy led the singing. Victoria Adamenko played the piano that Janet Kahn made certain was cleaned and tuned prior to the event. Pat Braunstien decorated the tables with flowers. Hynda Rome and Alice Klein helped with table set-ups and seder plates. Nichole Friedland had us all out searching for the afikoman so we could get the wonderful gift card prize. If not next year in Jerusalem, then next year we hope to see you at the Women's Seder.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put together such a delightful seder for the women of our community.

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Donations

Temple Beth El Youth Fund: In honor of Terry Gross's Bar Mitzvah from Zvi and Judith Salpeter In honor of Ed Walborsky's Bar Mitzvah from Charles and Janet Kahn In honor of Terry Gross's Bar Mitzvah from Charles and Janet Kahn In honor of Terry Gross's Bar Mitzvah from Robert and Marlene Sackheim In honor of Ed Walborsky's Bar Mitzvah from Robert and Marlene Sackheim In honor of Terry Gross's Bar Mitzvah from Stuart and Becky Siegel

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: In honor of Ed Walborsky's Bar Mitzvah from the Vigodsky and Jurnovoy Families In honor of Terry Gross's Bar Mitzvah from the Vigodsky and Jurnovoy Families A donation was made to the Rabbi's fund by Jeffrey and Fran Kass A donation was made to the Rabbi's fund by Thomas Skayhan, Jr. In memory of Ginny Oatman from Myron and Sandy Rosenthal In memory of Carmela Salpeter from My-

Schilling In memory of Ginny Oatman from Janet and Logan Schilling

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In honor of Jordan Schilling and

In honor of Ed Walborsky's 50th Anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah from Chip and Faye

In honor of Terry Gross's 50th Anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah from Chip and Faye Merritt

A donation was made to the Rabbi's fund by Joel and Faith Yasman

Temple Renovation Fund In memory of Fred and Jane Starr Seligman from Arnold Seligman

Torah on Tap - New Location

Tuesday, May 2 at 5:00pm Join us for Torah on Tap at our new location - Union Public House, 309 S. Reus Street, Pensacola.

This month's topic will be "Inclusion, Exclusion, Judgment and Acceptance."

Schmoozing starts at 5:00 and learning at 5:30pm. For more information or to RSVP please contact Rabbi Joel at 850-438-3321 or via email.



From Yael....



"If we wish to live and to bequeath life to our offspring, if we believe that we are to pave the way to the future, then we must first of all not forget." Last month we commemorated 6 million Jews who were cruelly murdered by the Nazis and their helpers. 6 million lives that were taken away just because they rep-

resented the other, the different, the "unknown". How do you even begin to grasp this number? How do you pay tribute to each and every person whose life was taken away just because they were Jewish? In Israel, on the evening of Yom Ha'shoah, a national ceremony takes place at Yad Va'Shem. Each year, 6 Holocaust survivors are chosen to light a torch, each representing a million victims of this terrible plan, thought and executed by mankind.

Elka Abramovitz

Moshe Haelion

Moshe Jakubowitz

Moshe Porat

Jeannine Sebbane- Bouhanna

Max Privler

These 6 extraordinary, brave, humble and "regular" human beings survived the horrors and lived to light the torches in Israel, the homeland for Jews all around the world. I encourage you to read their stories and watch their videos:

http://www.yadvashem.org/.../remembran.../2017/torchlighters.asp
And as for me, I'm so thankful to have had the opportunity to talk with our own
Eta Hecht and Molly Gross. I promise to remember, study, question, cry, advocate
but mainly- not to forget. EVER.

Yom Hashoah also reminds us how lucky we are to have Israel as our homeland. This year we're marking 69 years of the state of Israel. We really ought to celebrate this occasion! And what better way to celebrate than with food! As a matter a fact one of the most common questions I get here in the US is "what do you all eat in Israel?" This event provided a chance to learn and taste Israeli traditional food.

Did you know that besides the traditional meals such as shashukah, falafel and Israeli salads, Israel's culinary world is very vibrant and broad. There are over 100 sushi restaurants in Tel Aviv, making it the city with the most sushi restaurants per capita after Tokyo and NYC. There are more than 40 (!) kosher McDonald's in Israel and some even sell a special Israeli meal- McFalafel. The Israeli diet is considered to be one of the healthiest ones in the world. Research shows that Israelis consume the third most amount of vegetables and sweets in the world.

Love,

Yael



Operation Mural Sunday, May 7 at B'nai Israel Synagogue, 4:00 pm
Call synagogue office to reserve your place, 433-7311 or for more information.
Watch the true story of how Mossad started
the Moroccan Jewish Aliyah to Israel

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

May Bi	y Birthdays 14th Maya Leshnov Chad Engel 16th Wesley Landa		
1st	Chad Engel	16th	Wesley Landa
	Hunter Borelli	17th	Jana Dannheisser
2nd	Jacob Gordon		David Bear
	Robin Zimmern		Cindi Bear Bonner
	Steven Olensky		Gabe Lujan
6th	Cindy Hixson-Robles	20th	Richard Schwartz
	Lena Radon	21st	Joshua Zimmern
7th	David Loeb		Heather Rutland
	Chad Rich		Maya Fleekop
11th	Sid Braunstien		Dan M. Trub
	Summer Boyle	23rd	Myron Rosenthal
	Carol Brown	25th	Michael Krys
13th	Andrew Ochs	26th	Floyd Nash
11th	Chad Rich Sid Braunstien Summer Boyle Carol Brown	25th	Maya Fleekop Dan M. Trub Myron Rosenthal Michael Krys

Missing Confirmation Pictures

Confirmation pictures have been hung, but the Temple is missing pictures from previous years. If you or someone you love was confirmed at Temple Beth El, please make certain the picture from that year is included in the Temple collection. If it's not included and you happen to have a picture at home, the Collections and Exhibitions Committee will be happy to make a copy of it for the Temple. Please attempt to identify the students in the picture so that the names may be listed on the picture plague.

The Collections and Exhibitions Committee continues their good work. Several pieces of artwork have been hung in the Max L. Bear Auditorium, the veterans plague is hung in the hallway outside the sanctuary and the old Temple cornerstones are now beautifully mounted in the lower lobby.

Thank you, Allen Miller

Many thanks to Allen Miller who spent several hours helping to organize the books in the "old" library. These books may be borrowed on the honor system.

We're sorry that we are not able to accept donated books at this time due to limited space.





May Anniversaries

3rd

4th

5th

26th

9th	Maria and David Goldberg
14th	Carol and Ray Engel
15th	Robyn and Tony Borelli
	Joshua and Sara Goldfarb
20th	Audrey and Stephen Bernstein
	Robin and Jeff Schwartz
24th	Holly and Steve Jurnovoy
25th	Carol and Brad Rosenblatt

Andrea and Rabbi Joel Fleekop

Susan and Alan Sacks

Faye and Chip Merritt

Penny and Dan Philips



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.

Please welcome new members, Lawrence and Marcia Schuffman and daughter, Micaela Schuffman

We also welcome Cameron and Claire Radon and their three young children, Lena, Jackson and Fiona.

Café Israel

Time: Monday, May 15. Program begins at 6:30 PM, come for dinner at 6 PM Cactus Flower Cafe 3425 N.12th Ave. Join us for an interesting lecture and discussion with Yael our "shlicha"

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Yahrzeits

To be read on May 5 To be read on May 12, con't. Apr 29th Benjamin Gerson H. Jerry Lavender, Jr. 30th Frederick Greenhut, Jr. Rebecca Stein Robley Smith Florence Steinberg May 1st Frieda Kichler Donnie Siegel Versal Mayberry To be read on May 19 Judith Martin 13th Joyce Korn 2nd Julius Stern Reeva Kolstein 14th Myron Evans 15th Rheata Kahn 3rd Mathilda Levy Esther Minter Sophie Moskowitz Fannie Schwartz John Ochs Elise Bear Pollak 4th Josephine Manasse Harry Kimber David Siegel Ray Scott Johnny Odess Faye Erskine Charlotte Dashevsky Jeff Stricker 5th Max Klein Bonnie Jeris 16th Max Goldberg 17th Gertrude Cohen Sonny Maxwell James Lindsey Lazear Richard Goldberg Sarah Wolff 18th To be read on May 12 George Cohen Emil Klein 6th Katie Frances Balliet 7th Benno Kiwi Herbert Siver Solomon Shertok 19th Louise Bloch Manuel Lean Sadie Smith Arleing Busch Zelman Lisner 8th Paula Levin To be read on May 26 Eric Katz Eva Greenhut 20st Scott Lavine Edith H. Geiger Frances Dreyfus Fedora Krentzman Philip Goldenberg Rose Berman Virginia Bendt Meyer Weisberg 21st 9th Morris Miller 22nd Estelle Dannheisser 10th Emile Hirsch Isaac Gordon Joseph Schwartz Michael Bernstein Paula Zimmerman 25th Bobby Kahn Rita Stern Norman Glucroft 26th Abraham Jaffe Alvin Edward Hinchee Anita Rosenau Hellman 11th Florence Finkelstein Bertha Braunstien (28 Iyar)

To be read on June 3 27th Selma Gordon Gertrude Schrier 28th Marvin 7am 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 **To be read on June 3, con't.**31st Esther Cohn Lurie Irving Glustoff
William Rickoff



With deep sadness we announce that Joseph Silver, brother and brother-in-law, of Rose and Bill Kuhhirte, passed away April 12th. The funeral was in Rhode Island.

Our sincere condolences go out to Rose and her family.

Zichrono L'Vracha

May his memory forever be a blessing.

We are sad to announce that Jerry Bowman, father, father-in-law and grandfather of Amanda, Steve and Asher and Ellie Nissim, passed away on Thursday, April 20. A shiva minyan was held at Temple Beth El. Our sincere condolences go out to Amanda and her family.

Zichrono L'Vracha

May his memory be for a blessing.

It is with a heavy heart that we share news of the passing of Bill Smith, Kathy Smith's father-in-law and Chip Merritt's uncle. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 11 followed by interment at Barrancas National Cemetery.

Zichrono L'vracha -- May his memory always be a source of comfort and blessing.

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May Calendar								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1	2 Prayerbook Hebrew 10:00 am Tai Chi 3:00 pm Torah on Tap 5:30 Union Public House See pg 3 for details	3	4	5 Shabbat Service at Azalea Trace 4:00 Social 4:30 Service Shabbat Under the Stars, Vigodsky Home 6:00 pm	6 Torah Study 9:30 am		
7 SJL 9:00 am Operation Mural B'Nai Israel 4:00pm	8 Mah Jongg 12:30 pm	9 Prayerbook Hebrew 10:00 am Tai Chi 3:00 pm	10	11 Man Talk 7:00 pm TBE	12 Shabbat Services TBE 7:00 pm	Lag B'Omer / Havdalah Celebration for Youth Group and PJ Library		
14 NO SJL	15 Mah Jongg 12:30 pm Café Israel Cactus Flower 6:30 pm	16 Prayerbook Hebrew 10:00 am Tai Chi 3:00 pm	17 Sisterhood Meeting 11:30 am	18	19 Baccalaureate Shabbat Services TBE 7:00 pm	20 Torah Study 9:30 am Comedy Night PLT 7:00 pm		
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