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# TEMPLE BETH EL

Share our past  Shape our future

November 2017

Chesvan-Kislev 5778

## Something for Everyone in November

### Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November, 19  
5pm

**Join with friends from Pensacola's Historic Downtown Congregations** for our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The service features music, poetry, scriptural readings, and a Thanksgiving themed homily.

**This year's service will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church, 33 E. Gregory Street.** The service begins at 5pm and is followed by a dessert reception.

Please note new day and time.

### "Get Registered!! Temple Beth El is Going to Israel"

July 9-19, 2018

Join Rabbi Fleekop and Temple friends as we explore and celebrate Israel at 70!! The packed-full itinerary is designed with both first time visitors and experienced Israel travelers in mind.

Get itinerary, accommodation, and pricing details at: <http://www.arzaworld.com/Temple-Beth-El-of-Pensacola-Summer-Trip-to-Israel.aspx>

For more information or questions please contact Rabbi Joel Fleekop

### Young Jewish Pensacola

Whiskey Bar Cocktail Kibbitz  
Thursday, November 2, 5:30pm  
Old Hickory Whiskey Bar, 123 Palafox Place

Bring a friend and connect with other local Jewish 20, 30, and 40 somethings as we enjoy some of Pensacola's finest Cocktails.

As always drinks are on the Rabbi's tab.



### Torah on Tap

Tuesday, Nov. 7 5:00 pm  
Union Public House  
309 S. Reus Street

Topic: **"2nd Amendment, Public Safety, and Jewish Tradition."**



Introduction to Judaism  
First Session Tuesday, November 14  
6:30pm

Need a refresher on Jewish holidays? Curious about where the Talmud comes from? Thinking about converting? Join us for Introduction to Judaism. Together we will explore Jewish belief, sacred text, Jewish holidays, lifecycle events, and important historical events. Introduction to Judaism will meet twice a month throughout the winter and spring. A detailed schedule will be distributed at the first session. For more information or to RSVP please contact Rabbi Joel at 850-438-3321 or [rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org](mailto:rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org).

## Shabbat Worship & Torah Study

Friday, Nov. 3  
4:00 pm Social at Azalea Trace  
4:30 pm Service at Azalea Trace

6:00 pm Service and covered dish dinner at TBE

Sat., Nov. 4  
Torah Study 9:30 am

Friday, Nov. 10  
Service 7:00 pm

Friday, Nov. 17  
Service 7:00 pm

Sat., Nov. 18  
Torah Study 9:30 am

Friday, Nov. 24  
Service 7:00 pm

**We're on the web!**  
[templebethelofpensacola.org](http://templebethelofpensacola.org)



## Sisterhood News

### Sisterhood Meeting



Join Temple Beth El Sisterhood in welcoming LEWIS BEAR & MARIA GOLDBERG

Discussing the Artists and the Beautiful Artwork inside Temple Beth El

November 15, 2017  
11:30 am  
Temple Beth El  
800 N. Palafox St.

Catered by our "Miltonian Ladies"

Cost \$15  
Please RSVP at  
tbesisterhood@gmail.com



Greetings, ladies. Fall has arrived. The High Holy Days are behind us and Sisterhood is in high gear. We are working on getting dates set for Sisterhood Shabbat and Theater night. We do have a date for Bingo...March 24th- Mark your calendars!

Next month's meeting will be about the art we currently have on our walls in the Max L Bear Auditorium. Don't miss it. The date is November 15th.

Now I have a question for you. Are you new to our Temple? Have you been here a long time but would like to get to know your fellow women? I have a program from WRJ for you...Chai Mitzvah. This is a unique adult program that engages and encourages Jewish life. Each participant attends monthly group learning with a set curriculum provided by Chai Mitzvah; chooses an independent study topic for the year; chooses a spiritual/ritual practice to take on for a year; commits to a social action activity for the year and celebrates the journey!

There is a small fee involved for the source material...everyone gets their own. Please let me know if you are interested. You know how to reach me!

Have a wonderful month. See you at Temple.  
Remember, without you we are one woman short!

Alice

### Backpack Buddies for Brentwood Elementary

Brentwood Elementary, located in Pensacola, has children attending school who are in need of food on the weekends. The school has a program called Backpack Buddies. They send food home in **children's backpacks every Friday. At this time, the school is only able to supply enough for 20 children and there are at least 100 children in need!**

These children need our help!!! Please support this wonderful **cause and let's all donate individual food items that can be easily put into children's backpacks and provide them with nutrition for the weekends. This will be an ongoing project, so when you're at the grocery buying for your family and you are able to support this cause, think about the children in need and please purchase extra items for their backpacks. If you buy in bulk, make sure items can be separated for individuals. Temple Beth El will have a box labeled "Backpack Buddies for Brentwood Elementary". Just put the items in the box and we will deliver to the school.**

Below you will find a common list of items which are needed.

Canned foods:  
Vienna sausage  
Spaghetti O's  
Fruit cups  
Any individual sized canned food

Ramen noodles  
Macaroni and cheese  
Cheese/peanut butter crackers  
Juice packets  
Breakfast and or granola bars

Thank you for your support!

Temple Beth El Social Justice Team

### Shabbat Sponsors

Onegs

Nov 3 - covered dish dinner

Nov 10 - Jody and Wanda Schlesinger

Nov 17 - Nichole Friedland

Nov 24 - Linda Armacost

If you would like to place flowers on the bimah for Shabbat or other occasions, please contact the florist of your choice and Kathy Smith to make arrangements.

### MANNA NEEDS OUR HELP!! "Fill the Mayflower"

As most of you know, Temple Beth El has had an ongoing helping relationship with Manna- our local food bank. For as long as I can remember we have always helped by having a Temple-wide food drive during the high holy days. We have decided to increase our support by providing volunteers a few times during the year. Most of these will occur on Saturdays at their new home at 3030 N. "E" St. in Pensacola. (They also have collection centers in Milton and Jay.)

They are still in the process of getting settled into their new home so we cannot help there yet but on November 20th and 21st in front of Cordova Mall we can. We can help alongside others by accepting donations for their largest food drive of the year. Details are to follow in our weekly email announcements. They want the volunteers to work a minimum of a 2 hour shift. Children can help also; minimum age is 12. They must be accompanied by an adult 1:1 ratio plus a release form must be signed.

Manna is a huge asset to our community. Let's help them make this an even bigger success and help make someone else's Thanksgiving very special.

Questions? Contact me at debuch@aol.com.

Shalom, Deborah Buchalter

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays					
1st	Martin Lewis Sienna Nash	16th	Harold Marcus Nancy Ullman Jim Chase	26th	Barrie Lamb Jeanette Pollett Samantha Hodges
2nd	Ethan Friedland Joel Retzloff	17th	Richel Moretsky	28th	Patty Kahn Alan Bookman Victor Shure
6th	Kyle Mertins	21st	Matt Dannheisser		
7th	Steve Eilen	22nd	Lexi Nash		
10th	Josh Hackel	23rd	Matthew Shawyer Myrna Lane		
12th	Morgan Lisner Sarah Tucker		Melissa Featherstone	November Anniversaries	
13th	Bettie Kahn Alyssa Samuels	24th	Faye Merritt Joshua Retzloff Missy Hecht	4th	Janet and Capt. Fred Levin
14th	Brenda Vigodsky		Micah Clark	15th	Brenda and Buddy Pollak
15th	Janet Levin	25th	Rodney Rich		
		25th	Dylan Erskine		



Gentlemen, mark your calendars!  
ManTalk

Tuesday, November 7, at 7 PM  
**Dr. Robert Harbour's October ManTalk** discussion opened many eyes. To say it was a hit, does not compliment it enough. We all learned so much about the eye and new eye care options.

**The old saying" learn from the past and apply to the present and future" fits ManTalk.** Dr. Bill Zimmern will discuss depression and what contributes to it at the November 7th event at 7 PM at the Temple.

**Don't miss out for your health's sake.** After all, what do you have if you do not have good health? Remember: this meeting is for men only and feel free to bring friends.

Contact Sid Braunstien for more information at 850 598-9715

The Gift Shop is now open on Friday evening from 6:15pm to 6:50pm, Sunday after Sunday School and other appropriate occasions. Stop by to see our beautiful merchandise. Special orders may be taken. See Ellen Deaver for any questions or comments.

Welcome to Our  
New Members

Victor Shure and granddaughter  
Ella Lafferry

Luke and Junetta Clark and  
children Eli, Micah and Eden

Boaz and Rachel Benzakry and children  
Judah, Daphne and Nathaniel

### **Message from the President.....**

As we start our new Jewish New Year of 5778 and we wind down 2017, **I would like to take this opportunity to review Temple Beth El's financial status.**

First of all, thanks to the recent and wonderful addition of new members, we are operating in the black, but not by a large margin. For those who were able to attend the annual meeting, we reviewed that the average cost to run the Temple is now at \$245 per person. We recognize that many members pay much more than that and some members are unable to pay that amount. If members who are currently paying less than the required average monthly cost, after careful consideration determine they can do more, now, as we begin our New Year, would be a wonderful time for a voluntary dues increase.

The finance committee has historically discussed requiring automatic annual dues increases just to keep up with increasing expenses. Although proposed and discussed, the board has never approved an automatic dues increase. As with most religious institutions, dues rates are not mandatory, but obviously necessary.

I am sure everyone like myself is enjoying our new facility. It has breathed life back into our congregation and we are now enjoying many religious and social events at this facility. However, our expenses have risen significantly. Examples are that we now have a \$180.00 a month elevator maintenance contract, our insurance rates have gone up, as well as utilities. We are also incurring more cleaning and maintenance expenses. Your board and officers work diligently to avoid unnecessary expenditures, while at the same time maintain the high quality of rabbinical leadership, programs and facilities for which Temple Beth El is now known across the community.

**With this being said, we would appreciate everyone's consideration in** taking a look at your annual dues obligation and considering an increase whether or not your family is above or below the \$245 per member per month minimum. In order to lead by example, Cindy and I have increased our dues by \$500 a year. Every little bit helps.

I thank you for your time and concern and look forward to seeing you at services.

Sincerely,

Terry Gross

## From Avishay.....

Dear Community,  
First I want to thank you all for coming to "Café Israel" and for being so supportive. I got to say **that I didn't expect so many people. It's means so much to me!** Hope to see you again next **Café Israel Nov. 13th. This time Israel's N(e)ws.** What really comes from the east?

On November 1st, the PJF will do a memory program for Yitzhak Rabin. 27 years have passed since the assassination of the Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Join us for a short and emotional ceremony on the day that shocked Israel.

Adult Hebrew classes have already started, learning the fun way! And since we grew bigger, we are now offering an intermediate class.

Our Chai Discussion Group, facilitated by Marge Wein, continues to bring provocative **issues to the table. Our topic, "The National Anthem Controversy" was no exception.** These lively discussions are held the 4th Tuesday of every month.

I had a great opportunity visiting Sacred Heart **Children's Hospital with the Kiwanis Club and Christ Episcopal Church** last month. Please let me know if you would like me to visit or speak at your schools, civic organizations, or any churches. I really want to be there to be involved and get to know the Pensacola community.

Thanks to all of you who have invited me into **your homes, your sukkah's, and your special events.** One of the highlights for me was attending **Santa Rosa County's high school band competition** at Navarre High School. It was so good to see some of our Jewish youth stand out in an exceptional way.

I have been working daily on our Facebook page and our website. Please check us out at [pensacolajewishfederation.com](http://pensacolajewishfederation.com) and Pensacola Jewish Federation on Facebook

I have some other events planned for this month. They include:

Israeli cooking

Door To Dor (generation) As a way for me to get to know you better and show you my **cooking skills (: I'm inviting you for a unique cooking experience at your home, with a short presentation on a topic you choose. It will be tasty and interesting! Taste of Memories cooking with a twist. Taste and won't forget, for a bigger impact I'm just going to promise an unforgettable cooking session.**

**Blood drive: For the past six years I've been donating blood every three months in Israel, and I don't plan on stopping here. Honestly believing that "Saving one life is like saving the world"**

Israeli music: Got a talent? Love playing any kind of instrument? Please let reach out to me. **I've been working on a special project and I can't do it alone. Call me for more details!**

## Photo Directory Update

Temple Beth El is holding photography sessions at the Temple for a new membership directory on December 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Sunday December 3rd has booked quickly and only afternoon sessions are now available until 6 PM. Hours for Monday and Tuesday are 10 AM to 6 PM and still have a variety of schedule openings.

On November 1, everyone will be able to directly book their own appointment by going to: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y6re3dvox1>.

Every family or person who sits for a photo will receive a FREE 8X10 keepsake photo from their sitting. Packages of photos will also be available for those who wish to purchase them. Everyone who brings a non-perishable food donation will receive \$5 off, along with other discounts on purchases. There is NO pressure to buy. The photos will be taken, reviewed and selected at the time of the appointment, so there is no need for an inconvenient follow-up visit.

There is another day for photography sessions: January 10th at Azalea Trace. The times are being defined now, but will be during the morning and early afternoon. People who are unable to come during the first 3 days, may come to Azalea Trace. Pat Braunstien will handle all the scheduling for those sessions. Please call Pat Braunstien at 850 598-9718 or via email: [sidandpat@earthlink.net](mailto:sidandpat@earthlink.net) for booking assistance or questions. She also needs additional volunteers to serve as hosts and registrars for the photography sessions.

## Donations

Matching Grant Fund:

A donation has been made by Mrs. Michelle S. Lapidus

Temple Beth El General Fund:

In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sackheim's 45th wedding anniversary from Scott and Faye Rickoff

In honor of Greta Rickoff from Mark and Lori Rickoff

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

In appreciation of Rabbi Fleekop from Charles and Janet Kahn

Sylvia Rosenbloum Cole Music Fund:

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In honor of Dr. Steve and Renee Eilen for Rosh Hashanah luncheon from Lucille Foley

Jonathan L. Kahn Library Fund:

In appreciation of Andrea Fleekop from Charles and Janet Kahn

## Better Ways to Make Charitable Donations

*Did you know that certain IRA distributions can be donated to the Temple tax-free?*

If you are age 70½ or older, you can make qualified charitable distributions (QCD) from an IRA, up to \$100,000 per year (\$200,000 for married couples who qualify), without having to pay federal income taxes on the distributions. These distributions are not tax deductible and must be made payable to a qualified charity, such as Temple Beth El, directly from your IRA custodian. You can use the qualified charitable distribution to meet all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year. One important caveat of using a QCD to satisfy an RMD obligation is that an RMD is presumed to be satisfied in the order of your distributions out of the IRA for the year. If you are over 59½ but under 70½, you can take a regular taxable distribution from your IRA and then make a tax-deductible charitable donation.

*Did you know that you can avoid paying taxes on capital gains when you donate appreciated securities?*

Regardless of your age, it can be beneficial to donate appreciated securities directly to a qualified charity. The fair value of the securities is a tax-deductible charitable donation. In this way, you avoid having to pay taxes on the capital gains.

Charities must deposit the payments before December 31st to be considered for the applicable year. Your financial and tax advisors can help you evaluate these strategies to determine whether it makes sense in your overall estate plan. Please consider taking advantage of these provisions to help sustain our Temple!

## Yahrzeits

*To be read on November 3*

1st Alexander Swett  
Dr. Heather Bazzel  
2nd Sarah Rubin  
3rd Sylvia Cordone  
Harold Mechancik

*To be read on November 10*

4th Louis J. Nathan  
Ann Kahn  
George Gorman  
Rafael Levin  
5th Maurice I. Bloch  
6th Myra Franc Rosenthal  
Samuel Bloom  
Helene Engel Tobias  
Richard Dunning, Sr.  
7th Eleanor Sameth  
Bernard Savell  
Cheryl Morrison  
Larry Parks  
8th Sandy Landa  
9th Jane K. Kohlmann  
Leon Kohlmann  
Philip Wittcoff  
Ralph Max Sacks  
Sadie Levy Lichtenstein Lewis  
Mae Potts  
10th Jenny B. Buckman  
Lillian Son  
Emile Sommer  
Louis Bunnen  
Rachel Khatena

*To be read on November 17*

11th Samuel Lapin  
Imek Cukler  
13th William Kozloski  
14th Morris Levy

**To be read on November 17, con't.:**

14th Alice Greenhut  
Sarah Danneman  
Evelyn Goldberg  
Klaudia Adam  
Stanley Jay Bernstein  
15th Sadie Friedman  
Helen Cramer  
Bill Bendt  
16th Bootsie Rich  
Jacqueline Fleekop  
Mark Steven Rosenberg  
17th Jeanne Rosenberg

*To be read on November 24*

18th Leon Levy  
Harry Lesser  
Libby Yalom  
19th Rasi Katsnelson  
Jack Krumbein  
Ida Siegel  
Jane Starr Seligman  
20th Frances W. Cohen  
Katie Finkelstein  
21st Max Bear  
22nd Sam Green  
Ray Simon  
Moses Golt, MD  
Jack Klein  
Juanita Couture  
23rd Milton Rome  
Josephine Carroll  
24th Lillian Liberman  
Hannah Joshua

*To be read on December 1*

25th Solomon Mindell  
Janice Brewton  
26th Paul Landau  
Irving Levine  
Abbie Minsk  
Roger Samuel Storms  
Gilbert Elzweig  
27th Dr. Samuel Ciota  
Peisakh Alshuts  
Betty Prinz Rubin  
Murray A. Schwartz  
Eleazer Moses Joshua  
28th Hermina Ochs Silverman  
Michael Eilen  
29th Rachael Berlin  
Ethel I. Feig  
Pearl S. Rubel  
Nettie Wolkind  
Michael Schoen  
30th Rabbi William Ackerman  
Jack Perry  
Bertha F. Gilbert  
Max Wolff



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Pensacola, FL 32501

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(person's name or event)

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

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## November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Young Jewish Pensacola 5:30pm Whisky Bar	3 Shabbat Service at Azalea Trace 4:00 Social 4:30 Service TBE 6:00 followed by covered dish	4 Torah Study 9:30 am
5 SJL 9:00 am	6 Mahjong 12:30	7 Tai Chi 3:00 pm Torah on Tap 5pm Union Public House ManTalk 7pm TBE	8	9	10 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	11
12 NO SJL	13 Mahjong 12:30	14 Tai Chi 3:00 pm Intro to Judaism 6:30 pm	15 Sisterhood Meeting 11:30 am	16 TBE Board Meeting 5:30 pm	17 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	18 Torah Study 9:30 am
19 SJL 9:00 am	20 Mahjong 12:30	21 NO TAI CHI	22	23 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	24 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	25
26 NO SJL	27 Mahjong 12:30	28 Tai Chi 3:00 pm	29	30		