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# TEMPLE BETH EL

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November 2018

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## In November We Give Thanks



Interfaith Thanksgiving  
Sunday, November 18, 5:00 pm

Temple Beth El is honored to host this year's Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

Please plan to join with friends from neighboring congregations at this annual service of celebration and gratitude.

### Worship and Study Schedule

Friday, November 2 - 4:00pm Azalea Trace  
Friday, November 2 - 6pm at TBE  
followed by covered dish dinner

Saturday, November 3, Torah Study  
9:30 am

Friday, November 9 - 7pm

Friday, November 16 - 7pm

Saturday, November 17 - Torah Study  
9:30 am

Friday, November 23 - 7pm

Friday, November 30 - 7pm

### 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 many, many years. We **help them out during High Holy Day's by doing a food collection.** We are also helping again **for our 2nd year with this newer event, "Fill the Mayflower".** We offer our support by providing volunteers a few times during the year. Most of these occur on Saturdays on 3030 North "E" St. in Pensacola. (They also have collection centers in Milton and Jay).

The Mayflower arrives on Monday, November 19 and will be there Monday and Tuesday, November 20 from 7AM-7PM in front of Cordova Mall. We help alongside others by accepting donations for their largest food drive of the year. Details are to follow in our weekly email announcements so keep an eye out. They need volunteers to work a minimum of a 2 hour shift. Children can also help, minimum age is 12 years old and they must be accompanied by an adult 1:1 ratio plus a release form must also be signed. If you have a Social Justice Team t-shirt please wear it so that people in the community get to know us better. (optional). If you don't have one and would like one let me know, they are \$10 each, I can help you out with that.

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 [debrbuch@aol.com](mailto:debrbuch@aol.com). Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your friends and family.

Shalom,  
Deborah Buchalter

## Sisterhood News



**The October Sisterhood meeting's speaker Salma Ashmani** was wonderful even though she had lost her voice! 55 people listened and asked questions as she pointed out the similarities and differences between Islam and Judaism. Thanks go to all who make the event special – particularly Sydney McAbee who arranged the program and prepared the wonderful salad dressing and Apple Market who made the quiches and dessert. Our next meeting is on **November 14 and features a program by "My Father's Arrows"** – a group honored with an Impact 100 grant for their work with foster children. Come and hear all about the ways they ease the discomfort of **foster kids in our area. Catering will be by Nancy's Haute Affairs.**

### Temple Beth El Sisterhood

November 14, 2018  
11:30 AM

Featuring a presentation by  
**My Father's Arrows**

(An Impact 100 award winner for their work with foster children)

Luncheon Fare:  
**Nancy's Haute Affairs**  
Salad, Sandwich and Dessert – just \$15

RSVP by noon Monday,  
Nov. 12 to:  
Hynda Rome at 479-2701

or to  
sisterhood@  
templebethelofpensacola.  
org

Those who do not reserve by Monday the 12th are welcome to attend but may not get to enjoy a meal. Please cancel reservations by noon on the 12th or be obligated to pay for your reserved meal. Thank you for understanding.

On Sunday, November 18, Temple Beth El will host the evening Downtown Interfaith Thanksgiving service. We need both savorys and sweets for this event, so please contact event chair Sydney McAbee with your offers of help at [sydneyrwmc@gmail.com](mailto:sydneyrwmc@gmail.com). Hope you will also attend and share our beautiful Temple with our neighbors.

Our December 19th EVENING gathering is the paid-up membership event scheduled so everyone can attend. It is a celebration of **"My Bubbe's Kitchen"**. We will enjoy our favorite foods from childhood, along with wine and memories. All we need in advance are your favorite recipes! We will prepare some of them for everyone to enjoy. However, if you would like to make your favorite dish yourself and bring it (with its recipe) we will be delighted. Our goal is to share the gathered recipes in a little booklet for everyone to take home. Please contact me to volunteer or send your recipe to: [sisterhood@templebethelofpensacola.org](mailto:sisterhood@templebethelofpensacola.org). Otherwise drop off the recipe with administrator Kathy Smith or mail it to Sisterhood of Temple Beth El, 800 N. Palafox, Pensacola, 32501. Thank you!

Last month Ronald McDonald House honored Temple Beth El Sisterhood for 19 years of service! The reception especially recognized **Jacqui O'Connell and Lisa Shawyer (of blessed memory) for founding** our volunteer support program. Many thanks go to everyone who has provided food over the years.

Pat



A Gift Shop Sale will be held at the November meeting and also on Sunday morning, December 2. Please come for your Chanukah supplies. We have gift wrap, candles, menorahs and gifts. All we need is YOU! Chanukah begins December 2!!!



### Shabbat Sponsors

Friday, November 2 - Covered Dish Dinner

Friday, November 9 - Marnie Needle & Liz McCulley

Friday, November 16 - Ray Engel

Friday, November 23 - Renee Eilen

Friday, November 30 - Available

Contact Cindy Pinhas to reserve a date for onegs.  
[cpinhas@aol.com](mailto:cpinhas@aol.com) or 310.944.4554

If you would like to sponsor bimah flowers, please contact the florist of your choice and arrange delivery with Kathy Smith.

### Sisterhood Special Requests:

- 1) Savories and sweets for Interfaith Thanksgiving service hosted by Temple Beth El on Nov. 18
- 2) Recipes for December meeting, "In Bubbe's Kitchen"

Please refer to Pat's Sisterhood article for details.

### Choosing the Chosen

**Choosing "The Chosen"** had a great start. The next gathering is at 10:15 AM on Sunday, November 4th. The topic proposed is **"The December Dilemma"**. Everyone who has completed, is in the process of, or just wants more information about the personal side of conversion is cordially invited to attend.



A thoughtful Simchat Torah moment captured by Chuck Lisner.

## Ethical Will Workshop

Mark your calendar!

Ethical Will Workshop, Wednesdays, November 7 and 14 at 6:30 pm

For more than a thousand years, Jews have written ethical wills, letters to family and friends in which they identify traditions, values, and teachings they would like their loved ones to uphold following. Join Rabbi Fleekop and other Temple members in exploring and discussing this meaningful collection of Jewish texts. Together we will also begin the process of writing our own legacy documents. For more information or to RSVP please contact Rabbi Fleekop at [rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org](mailto:rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org).

## The Alphabet Soup of AGI, QCDs and RMDs – How This Soup Can Help You Save Taxes and Help the Temple Too!

If you have been waiting to make that year-end contribution to the Temple, and you are over age 70 ½, the newly enacted tax laws' "give and take" may have some benefits in store for you. If you are currently taking your retirement account's Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), there is really some good news. Consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement account, by transferring funds directly to the Temple instead of to you. In so doing, your Qualified Charitable Distribution will not be included in your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), thereby reducing your taxes on the distribution you would have otherwise taken as taxable income before writing out your check to the Temple. **As an added plus, a reduction in your Adjusted Gross Income may also help to lower your future Medicare "B" and "D" premiums, since the cost for your coverage goes up as your income exceeds certain thresholds, and it may also reduce your taxes on Social Security benefits.** So, remember that your Qualified Charitable Deduction can satisfy your annual Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement account and provide some tax benefits at the same time. As always, please see your tax professional for further clarification.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### November Birthdays

1st	Martin Lewis	24th	Faye Merritt
	Sienna Nash		Joshua Retzloff
2nd	Ethan Friedland		Missy Hecht
	Joel Retzloff	25th	Micah Clark
	Justin Brandt	25th	Rodney Rich
6th	Kyle Mertins	26th	Dylan Erskine
7th	Steve Eilen		Barrie Lamb
10th	Josh Hackel	27th	Jeanette Pollett
11th	Judah Benzakry	28th	Judy Beasenburg
12th	Morgan Lisner		Patty Kahn
	Sarah Tucker		Alan Bookman
13th	Bettie Kahn		Victor Shure
	Alyssa Samuels	November Anniversaries	
14th	Brenda Vigodsky	4th	Janet and Capt. Fred Levin
15th	Janet Levin	15th	Brenda and Buddy Pollak
16th	Harold Marcus		
	Nancy Ullman		
	Jim Chase		
17th	Richel Moretsky		
	Meagan Broder		
21st	Matt Dannheisser		
22nd	Lexi Nash		
23rd	Matthew Shawyer		
	Myrna Lane		
	Melissa Featherstone		

*We have collected 584 pounds of food for Manna during our High Holiday food drive !! Way to go!!*

### Young Jewish Pensacola

#### Bowling Night

Tuesday, November 13, 6-8pm  
Strikerz Lanes, 3200 N. Palafox St.

**All Jewish 20 and 30 something's are** invited to join us for a night of bowling and fun. Bring a friend and connect with other Jewish young adults in the Pensacola area. As always, girlfriends, boyfriends, wives, husbands, partners of all faiths are welcome.

For more information or to RSVP please contact Rabbi Joel  
[rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org](mailto:rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org)  
or  
850-438-3321





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The Lewis and Belle Bear Family Temple Beth El Facilities Endowment Fund:  
In memory of George Schneider from Marc and Miriam Schneider

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:  
A donation was made by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byrnes  
A donation was made by Impact 100  
A donation was made by Terri Vonbargen

Sylvia Rosenbloum Cole Music Fund:  
In memory of Jaime Montero from Pat Bowes  
In memory of Harriet Sacks from Nathan and Myra Kahn  
In memory of Jaime Montero from Charles and Janet Kahn  
In memory of Harriet Sacks from Alan and Connie Bookman  
In memory of Harriet Sacks from Ray and Carol Engel  
In memory of Jaime Montero from Ray and Carol Engel  
In memory of Jaime Montero from Logan and Janet Schilling  
In memory of Harriet Sacks from Joe, Fay and Gene Rosenbaum  
A donation was made by Owen Mancarella



Torah on Tap  
November 6 at 5:00pm

Union Public House, 309 S. Reus St.  
Join Rabbi Joel and friends for a beverage and discussion.  
**November's topic will be:**  
**"Elections and Decisions"**

"Schmoozing 5:00pm/Learning at 5:30pm

Thanks from Habitat

Dear Zvi,

Thank you and Temple Beth El so much for volunteering with us! Your team did a great job painting, and we appreciate your willingness to give of your time. The homeowner, Ms. Knight, is very pleased with the new look of her home. I have attached a few pictures from your day of service.

Please keep us in mind in the future, as we would love to serve with you on upcoming projects!

Aaron Rogers  
Americorps – Neighborhood Revitalization  
Pensacola Habitat for Humanity



Become a Reading Pal!

ReadingPals is a school-based mentoring program that helps 4-year old Pre-K students build the skills necessary for Kindergarten success. You can help make a difference by volunteering just one hour per week during the school year. To learn more about this volunteer opportunity, please visit <https://unitedwayescambia.galaxydigital.com> or contact Ashley Bodmer at [director@escambiareads.org](mailto:director@escambiareads.org) or (850) 433-6893. Please also feel free to contact Janet Kahn with questions. She can be reached at [jskahn1@gmail.com](mailto:jskahn1@gmail.com) or (850) 566-2873.

Tree of Life  
Synagogue  
Pittsburgh, PA



Joyce Fienberg, 75  
Richard Gottfried, 65  
Rose Mallinger, 97  
Jerry Rabinowitz, 66  
Cecil Rosenthal, 59  
David Rosenthal, 54  
Bernice Simon 84  
Sylvan Simon, 86  
Daniel Stein, 71  
Melvin Wax, 88  
Irving Younger, 69  
May their memories be a blessing

Yahrzeits

*To be read on November 2*  
 27th Carolyn Z. Bernstein  
 Estelle Rubinstein  
 28th Max Goldberg  
 Henrietta Kugelman Bear  
 Mike Wein  
 29th Lena Maisel Levine  
 Leila Stricker  
 30th Harry Silverman  
 Martin Menko  
 Rosalyn Rose  
 Olly Alexander  
 Rita Orenstein  
 31st B. Irvin Greenhut  
 Eva Gross  
 Dorothy Feinstein  
 Helen Gorman  
 Ralph Jaffe  
 Joe Khatena  
 1st Alexander Swett  
 Dr. Heather Bazzel  
 George Schneider  
 2nd Sarah Rubin

*To be read on November 9*  
 3rd Sylvia Cordone  
 Harold Mechancik  
 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

**To be read on November 9th, con't.**  
 9th Jane K. Kohlmann  
 Leon Kohlmann  
 Philip Wittcoff  
 Ralph Max Sacks  
 Sadie Levy Lichtenstein Lewis  
 Mae Potts

*To be read on November 16*  
 10th Jenny B. Buckman  
 Lillian Son  
 Emile Sommer  
 Louis Bunnen  
 Rachel Khatena  
 11th Samuel Lapin  
 Imek Cukler  
 12th Lina Gallay  
 13th William Kozloski  
 14th Morris Levy  
 Alice Greenhut  
 Sarah Danneman  
 Evelyn Goldberg  
 Klaudia Adam  
 Stanley Jay Bernstein  
 15th Sadie Friedman  
 15th Helen Cramer  
 Bill Bendt  
 16th Bootsie Rich  
 Jacqueline Fleekop  
 Mark Steven Rosenberg

*To be read on November 23*  
 17th Jeanne Rosenberg  
 18th Leon Levy  
 Harry Lesser  
 Libby Yalom  
 Dolores Gelfand  
 19th Rasi Katsnelson  
 Jack Krumbain  
 Ida Siegel  
 Jane Starr Seligman

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

*To be read on November 30*  
 24th Lillian Liberman  
 Hannah Joshua  
 25th Solomon Mindell  
 Janice Brewton  
 26th Paul Landau  
 Irving Levine  
 Abbie Minsk  
 Roger Samuel Storms  
 Gilbert Elzweig  
 27th Dr. Samuel Cirotta  
 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)

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- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**
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## November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Azalea Trace 4pm TBE 6pm service and covered dish dinner	3 Torah Study 9:30 am
4 SJL 9:00 am Choosing the Chosen 10:15 am TBE	5	6 Mah Jong 12:30  Torah on Tap 5:00 Union Public House	7 Ethical Wills Workshop 6:30 pm	8	9 Service 7pm	10
11 NO SJL	12	13 Mah Jong 12:30 YJP Bowling Night See pg. 3 for details	14 Sisterhood Luncheon 11:30 am Ethical Wills Workshop 6:30 pm	15 TBE Board Meeting 5:30 pm <b>Children's Home</b> Society Dinner	16 Service 7pm	17 Torah Study 9:30 am
18 SJL 9:00 am  Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 5:00 pm	19 Fill the Mayflower for Manna	20 Mah Jong 12:30  Fill the Mayflower for Manna	21	22 Thanksgiving Office Closed	23 Service 7pm	24
25 NO SJL	26	27 Mah Jong 12:30	28	29	30 Service 7pm	