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TEMPLE BETH EL

Share our past  Shape our future

January 2019

Tevet - Shevat 5779

Pensacola Little Theater Presents.....



"Cemetery Club"

Temple Beth El Night at the Theatre
Thursday, Jan 24, 7:30pm
Pensacola Little Theatre
400 South Jefferson Street

Join your Temple Beth El friends for a special night at the theatre. Together we will enjoy a performance of "The Cemetery Club." The play tells a heart-warming story, set in the Jewish community, about three women coming together to support and care for one another. Following the performance, there will be a special "talk-back" for Temple Beth El with members of the production.

Tickets for this special night are only \$13. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Rabbi Joel.

Worship and Study Schedule

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

Saturday, January 5
Torah Study 9:30 am

Friday, January 11 - 7pm

Friday, January 18 - 7pm

Saturday, January 19
Torah Study 9:30 am

Friday, January 25 - 7pm



Havdallah!!!!!!
Save the date!!

The membership committee is hosting
Havdallah on Sat. Feb. 9th
at 4pm at Azalea Trace

All are members are invited.
You are welcome to bring a guest.
Light refreshments will be provided.

Questions contact Deborah Buchalter
debrbuch@aol.com

Sisterhood News



Temple Beth El Sisterhood

Luncheon
January 16, 2019
11:30 AM

Program: Jews and Jewelry
Presented by
Cookie Kichler
Menu: Comfort foods,
desserts and beverages
\$15

RSVP TO :
Sisterhoodoftemplebethel
opensacola.org
or

Call Hynda Rome
479-2701

Reservations must be
made or cancelled by
noon on Monday,
January 14.

No-shows will be asked to
pay for the meal ordered
for them.

Thank you for your
cooperation and
understanding.



The December paid up membership dinner was a wonderful gathering thanks to the work of the ladies behind the scenes. We owe gratitude to: Sydney McAbee - for brisket, gravy & chopped liver, Linda Armacost - for the porcupine cheese ball, Rose Kuhhirte - for the matzoh ball soup, Ellen Deaver- for the challah, Lynn Cacace - for the corn souffle, Hynda Rome & Ellen Deaver - for the setup and decor, Parker & Eva for excellent serving as always, and Aunt Goldie for her cheesecake recipe. I cannot thank everyone enough for pulling everything together that I envisioned with the coaching of my longtime friend Chuck Wintner in California. Even the table talk suggestions added to the evening's fun and helped us get to know each other better. By the way, generous Sydney McAbee recently purchased a half dozen blue striped aprons for people to wear when working in the kitchen, so she is always helping whoever (wo)mans the kitchen.

Our next luncheon is scheduled January 16th and features Cookie Kichler doing a program on "Jews and Jewelry". Have you ever wondered how "we" got into the business? Cookie will enlighten us as she showcases jewelry making techniques and gemstones. Sounds like fun and, as usual, will cost just \$15.

Kate Trattner sends her appreciation for all the meals, calls and visits our Sisterhood members showered on her. Marcia Schuffman is recovering from surgery and has been away from home for several weeks. We will see how we can assist her after her return around December 26th. Of course, we all are thinking of Carolyn Grawi who was struck by an SUV as she crossed Palafox on the way to the paid up membership dinner. We will continue to check on her to see how we can help. Rose Kuhhirte already delivered some Jewish penicillin - matzoh ball chicken soup!

Renee Eilen is organizing a trip to the Hard Rock Casino in Biloxi in late January or early February. The bus leaves in the morning and returns around 6 PM. Cost is just \$15 and includes the transportation, \$20 in gaming "money", and a discount on the lunch buffet. This should be a fun excursion and will be open to everyone. More will follow shortly about this adventure.

Sign ups for dessert onegs have been slow. This is a mitzvah we can all share. If you cannot prepare an oneg, a \$50 donation will take care of it on your behalf. Please contact Cindy Pinhas at cpinhas@aol.com. Thank you!

Pat



Shabbat Sponsors

Friday, Jan 4 - Covered Dish Dinner

Friday, Jan 11 - Priscylla Melo

Friday, Jan 18 - Available

Friday, Jan 25 - Lucille Foley

Contact Cindy Pinhas to reserve a date for onegs.
cpinhas@aol.com or
850.465.3618

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

New Temple Members

We are pleased to welcome returning member, Greg Watson and new members, Don and Jean Rosenberg

Temple Tots Winter Session has begun. There is still time to join. 9-10:30am Temple Beth El

Children under 3 years and a caregiver (parent, grandparent, nanny) are invited to participate in this exciting new program. Children will have playtime, practice fine and gross motor skills, make art, sing Jewish songs, and more! Adults will make lasting memories and connect with our Temple community.

For more information or to register please contact Andrea Fleekop.

Spreading Dignity and Warmth at Brentwood Elementary School

With frigid temps hitting early this year, Temple Beth El's Social Justice team reached out, asking members to donate jackets, coats, pants, shirts and other needs to help the students via our partnership with Brentwood Elementary School. Almost as quickly as the temperatures plummeted, our collection bin was overflowing!

Now, students who show up to school shivering are heading home bundled up from head to toe. For one little girl it was a true Cinderella moment as her too small, holey shoes were replaced with a brand new pair. The guidance counselor said the girl looked at her beaming and stated with awe and gratitude, "I've never had a pair of new shoes." Another young student wore the same pair of worn out leggings for three weeks every day and without underwear. Thanks to your donated clothes, the fourth grader got to "go shopping" and pick several "new" outfits. She also received brand new socks and underwear. Truly a life-changing moment.

These are just a few of many stories the guidance counselor tells along with repeatedly stressing "all the kids are excited and grateful." In all, we have delivered close to one hundred jackets/coats and over a dozen large bags filled with pants, brand new underwear and socks (an on-going need) and shoes (high demand). Keep clearing out those outgrown youth-sized winter jackets, clothes and shoes, and we'll keep spreading the warmth and love.

You've also helped spread dignity with the hundreds of sample/travel size toiletries. These small, portable soaps, shampoos, deodorants, toothpastes and brushes, etc are always in high demand.

Looking ahead, we'll be collecting tissues, Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer to help teachers and students at Brentwood Elementary fight off cold and flu season. The donation bin is located in the lower lobby. For more information or to get involved with Temple Beth El's Social Justice Team please contact Chuck Lisner: clisten@aol.com

SAVE TAXES AND HELP TEMPLE BETH EL

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 RMD from your retirement account, by transferring funds directly to the Temple instead of to you. In so doing, your QCD will not be included in your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), thereby reducing your taxes on the portion of your RMD you would have otherwise taken as taxable income before writing out your check to the Temple. As an added plus, a reduction in your AGI 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 QCD can satisfy your annual RMD 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

January Birthdays	20th	Daniel Soloway
1st		Ellie Nissim
		Buddy Pollak
		Fiona Radon
	22nd	Joshua Jurnovoy
3rd		Sean Chaffee
5th	23rd	Katherine Springer
	24th	Gloria Houston
		Alan Sacks
6th	25th	Samantha Templin
7th	26th	Dave Aronson
		Daniel Aronson
	27th	Marah Brener
8th		Kimberly Speer Sullivan
10th	30th	Belinda Bunnan
11th		Sally Schwartz
14th		Susan Jaffe
15th	January Anniversaries	
17th	3rd	Connie and Alan Bookman
18th	8th	Patti and Dante Kahn
19th	12th	Denise and Louis Rosenbloum
20th	23rd	Jennifer and Jay Zimmerman

GROUND COVER DAY
(not Groundhog Day)
Sunday, January 6, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.

Once again, as a way of saving lots of money for the Temple, we would like to put down Pine Straw using TBE volunteers' versus paying a landscaping service. If we can get 20 volunteers, we will be able to finish the work in as little as 2 hours. No skill is required; we will provide on the job training. If you can help, please contact Ray Engel at 850-516-3495 (C), 850-434-7242 (H) or by email at raymondengel@cox.net



Donations

Sylvia Rosenbloum Cole Music Fund:
In memory of Bettie Kahn from Anita Kahn
In memory of Bettie Kahn from Faye, Joe and Gene Rosenbaum
In memory of Bettie Kahn from Scott and Faye Rickoff

The Lewis and Belle Bear Family Temple Beth El Facilities Endowment Fund:

A donation was made by Lewis and Belle Bear
A donation was made by Matt and Tammy Dannheisser

The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:
In memory of Bettie Kahn from Norman and Elizabeth Vickers
A donation was made by Dick Hooper
A donation was made by Jennifer Feibelman and Katie Springer

Jonathan L. Kahn Library Fund:
In memory of Bettie Kahn from Joel and Sue Levin

School for Jewish Living celebrated Hanukkah at Wesley Haven



Ronald McDonald House Day of Service a great success!!!



A big thank you to all who helped with preparing brunch and doing the chores at the Ronald McDonald House Christmas Day. A special thanks goes out to Julie Kandel for organizing this for us again this year. It was fun working together to fill the table and warm the hearts of the residents there who are going through a very difficult time during the holidays. We received a big thank you from Krystal at the House, and agreed to provide brunch again next year.



Adult Hebrew for Beginners
Learn to Read Hebrew
Sundays, January 13 - Feb 10, 10-11:30am
Temple Beth El

Learn the names and sounds of Hebrew letters/vowels and begin to recognize and pronounce Hebrew words in only five 1.5 hour classes (plus practice at home!)

Free class includes textbook, guaranteed laughs, and many "AHA" moments. Be amazed at how much you can learn in only five sessions.

This class is designed for beginners as well as those who need a complete refresher of the basics.

Please contact Bill Kuhhirte to reserve your textbook and start this adventure.

Save the Date for Men's Book Club

The Men's Brotherhood will meet on Sunday February 10, 2019 at 10 am. Following the general meeting, the Jewish Men's Book Club will meet and Steve Eilen will review "The New Anti-Semitism" by Phyllis Chesler

"Dangerous worldwide coalitions of Islamic terrorists, well-intentioned but misinformed students, right-wing fascists, left-wing ideologues, academics, feminists, European politicians, journalists, and international human rights organizations have joined together to again scapegoat the Jews and the Jewish state for crimes they did not commit and for whatever ails the world. In this intensely passionate and compelling book, the best-selling and prize-winning Jewish author Dr. Phyllis Chesler demonstrates how old-fashioned anti-Semitism – now often seen in the form of anti-Zionism – has become fashionable and even politically correct, and how this plague threatens the Jews of the world, Israel, America, and Western civilization"



Torah on Tap January 8 at 5:00 pm

Union Public House, 309 S. Reus St.
Join Rabbi Joel and friends for a beverage and discussion.

January's topic will be:
"The Dignity of the Office,
The Dignity of the Person"

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

Yahrzeits

To be read on January 4

Dec 29 Gerald Kahn
Gail Kahn
Victor Schulein
Isaac Cohen
Fredrick Rank
30th Anne Rank
31st Lena Falk
1st Rebecca Krumbain
Lenny Retzloff, Sr.
Leila Siegel
2nd Phineas Stone
3rd Max. L. Bear
Merlyn Krys
James Roberts
Sarah Friedland
4th Rebekah Aronson
Molly Ash
Maurice "Krip" Kraselsky

To be read on January 11

5th Fannie Bear
Rosa Gerhardt
Dottie Fine
Fannie Kohn
6th Anna Rosenbloum
Betsy Kling Pasternack
7th Josef Rittman
Jack Greenhut
Sam Solomon Novak
J. Morris Kichler
Dr. Nathan Ostrich
Josef Rittman
Esther Rice
Carol Eliasoff
Gail Schwartz
8th Gertie Goldsmith
Chuck Miller
Marvin Garber
9th Helen Adele Bloch
Celia Gerhardt Reed

To be read on January 11th, con't.

9th Bubba Marcus
Alfred Jaffe
10th Amelia Hyams
Libby Isenberg Phillips
11th Ida May

To be read on January 18
12th Akim Litwin
Paula H. Ackerman
Alan Levin
Aboodi Abraham
13th David Edrehi
Helaine Kling
14th Henrietta Berlin
Ray Gene Holmes
Ann Petersen
Joseph Buchalter
Arlene Heinberg
Marvin Morrison
15th A. Raymond Haisfield
Celia Block
Adeline Clark
Ruth Van Wezel
16th Bertha Rosenau
Ben Zimmerman
Abraham Chernosky
17th Leah Greenhut
Alan Brian Chaet
18th Eunice Gerson Hertz
Judith Bookman Rudman
Col. Leonard Marcus Winter

To be read on January 25

19th Selma Wolff
Morris Hoffman
Simon Wagenheim
Samuel Moretsky
20th Dr. Harry Wagenheim
Rebecca Novak
Mildred Stone

To be read on January 25, con't.

20th Estelle Robinson
21st Kate Katz Lazarus
Bobby Bole
Aaron Herschkovitz
Carol Bartley
Freida Uden
Carl Kish
Ruth Krumbain
23rd Melvin Berlin
Isadore Braunstien
Doris Mechanick
24th Leah Bearman Rosenbaum
Raymond Frankowski
25th C.J. Heinberg

To be read on February 1

26th John Kevin Meredith
Phyllis Siegel
27th Charles Trum, Sr.
Jeanette Edrehi
Joseph Curland
Philip J. Levine
28th Madelaine Gordon
29th Elizabeth Quest
Renee Bershad
30th Samuel Hyams
Helen Heinberg
Edie Zimmerman
Rhonda Wach
JaAnn Sewell
31st Sadie G. Bloch
Maurice Finman
Frank Tucker
Joyce Finney
Alvin Joseph Fogelman
Richard G. Cohn



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- ___ **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**
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- ___ Security Fund
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January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Years Day Office Closed	2	3	4 Temple Tots 9am Azalea Trace 4:00 TBE Service 6:00 followed by covered dish dinner	5 Torah Study 9:30 am
6 NO SJL Groundcover Day at Temple 9am-12pm	7	8 Mah Jong 12:30pm Torah on Tap 5:00 Union Public House	9	10	11 Temple Tots 9am Service 7pm	12
13 SJL 9:00 am Adult Hebrew 10am	14	15 Mah Jong 12:30pm	16 Sisterhood Meeting 11:30 am	17 TBE Board Meeting 5:30 pm	18 Temple Tots 9am Service 7pm	19 Torah Study 9:30 am
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