BETH EL LIFE THE MONTHLY BULLETIN OF TEMPLE BETH EL CONGREGATION

800 N. Palafox Street Pensacola, Florida 32501 850-438-3321 Joel Fleekop, Rabbi N. William Schwartz, Rabbi Emeritus

#### Board of Directors

Steve Eilen, Vice President Carol Kahn Rosenblatt, Treasurer Pat Braunstien, Secretary

Ray Engel, President

Terry Gross, Past President Sisterhood President: Pat Braunstien

Brotherhood President: Dr. Steve Eilen

School for Jewish Living: Andrea Fleekop, Director

> Directors Renee Eilen Brenton Goodman Janet Kahn Julie Kandel-Pogue Robin Mertins Larry Schuffman Chris Shawyer Danny Zimmern

#### Beth El Life Staff

Janet Schilling Editor

Kathy Smith Production

Pat Braunstien Proofreader

Rich Cacace Webmaster

#### We're on the web!

templebethelofpensacola.org



December 2019 Kislev - Tevet 5780

Camp Shabbat: Service & Dinner Friday, December 6, 6pm.

The entire congregation is invited to a special Shabbat celebrating the magic of Jacobs Camp!! The service will feature favorite camp tunes, camper reflections, and remarks from Jacobs Camp Director, Anna Herman. In keeping with camp tradition, all are encouraged to wear white.

Following worship please join us for a Jacobs Camp inspired Shabbat dinner including special songs and favorite camp Shabbat dinner items: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, and banana pudding. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share.

#### Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Never had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah? Celebrated at 13 but looking to relive the experience at a more mature age? Join Temple Beth El's Adult Bnai Mitzvah Program!

This roughly year-long group program will explore Jewish liturgy, Torah, and rabbinic commentaries. The process culminates with a special Shabbat service including Torah reading and student speeches. Curious? An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 22 at 11am. Bagels, coffee, and shmear will be served. For more information or to RSVP please contact Rabbi Joel at 850-438-3321

or rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org.

# Worship and Study Schedule

Friday, Dec 6 4pm, Azalea Trace 6pm Worship & Dinner, Camp Shabbat, TBE

Saturday, Dec 7, Torah Study 9:30 am

Friday, Dec 13, 7pm

Friday, Dec 20, 7pm

Saturday, Dec 21, Torah Study 9:30 am

Friday, Dec 27, 6pm Worship and Latke Dinner

#### OH, HANUKKAH, OH, HANNUKAH!

Hanukkah at Wesley Haven Sunday, December 15, 11:30am Students from the School for Jewish Living will bring Hanukkah joy to Wesley Haven — sharing songs and lighting the Hanukah Menorah for residents. Come to support the students and visit with Wesley Haven friends.

Latke Making Party

Sunday, December 22, 7:30am-11:00am Ray Engel and the Brotherhood invite you to join them in the Temple kitchen for a morning full of latke making fun. We will be preparing several hundred latkes for use at our Temple Hanukkah celebrations.

If you can help (even for just a few hours) please contact Ray Engel at 850-516-3495. Please also let Ray know if you can bring a food processor.

Shabbat Hanukkah Service & Dinner Friday, December 27, 6:00pm

Grab your family and favorite hanukkiah and join us in the sanctuary for a very special, music-filled Hanukkah Shabbat service featuring participation by students from the School for Jewish Living. Following worship, the fun continues in the Max L. Bear auditorium with dreidel, music, and a Hanukkah themed potluck featuring latkes and sufganiyot. The Brotherhood will be cooking up delicious latkes and a chicken entree will be provided by the Sisterhood. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share.

#### Jewish Belief & Ethics

Thursday, December 19, 10am, Azalea Trace, in the Azalea Room

Join friends at Azalea Trace for a morning of learning and conversation. Our topic this month will be "The Many Stories of Hanukkah." What are the different stories told at Hanukkah and what do they say about Jewish identity.



## Temple Beth EI Sisterhood

Wednesday, December 18 Paid Up Membership Luncheon and Bazaar

Gourmet Latke Lunch Your lunch is complimentary with paid up dues

Please RSVP to Hynda Rome 850-479-2701 or hrome@cox.net

#### Meet Nick Ford...

If you have attended Friday night services since May you may have noticed a tall, quiet man sitting at the Administration Desk. His name is Nick Ford and he has been monitoring our main entry door. Since both his parents were military, Nick grew up in many places. He has been in the Navy for 14 years himself and serves as a Petty Officer First Class. He went through naval security training and now serves as an instructor in another field. He and his wife Dora have two children and will be in our area until February, 2021. He goes to the range regularly to maintain weapon proficiency. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. Please steal a minute to say hello to Nick so you can get acquainted.

### Sisterhood News

We had an excellent evening playing Bunco and raised \$1500 to send kids to camp. Thanks go to the excellent organizing and setup skills of the team of Elaine Storms, Missy Hecht, and Lucille Foley. Forty four people enjoyed the food, games, and prizes in spite of the weather.

A troupe of actors from Los Angeles put on the comedy Matzo Ball Diaries the next week. It was funny and thought provoking at the same time. Desserts provided by the ladies of B'Nai Israel were both delicious and beautifully displayed. Again over 40 people braved the weather to enjoy a unique experience.

Our November luncheon speaker, Theresa Moses, shocked us with information about human trafficking. Florida is the #3 state in the USA for these terrible crimes. We learned what to look for as she encouraged us to step up parenting to protect our own children.

Please plan to join us this month for these exciting events sponsored by Sisterhood:

Sunday, December 15 from 9:30 – Noon There will be a one day Gift Shop Hanukkah Sale! Snap up wrapping paper, candles, menorahs, jewelry, toys, gifts for the whole family and dark or milk chocolate gelt.

Wednesday, December 18 - the Paid Up Membership Luncheon and Bazaar. Come for a gourmet latke lunch with special side dishes and desserts and re-direct your dollars toward shopping for pottery, jewelry, art, foods and gift shop treasures. Now is your chance – pay for your membership, get a free lunch and have a blast shopping!

Looking further ahead: Mark your calendars for the Centennial celebration of our Sisterhood with a Sisterhood Shabbat on February 28 preceded by a celebration dinner.

Have a wonderful holiday season! Pat













Oneg Shabbat sponsors:

12/6 Covered Dish

12/13 Sydney McAbee &
Brenda Vigodsky

12/20 Rose Kuhhirte &
Elaine Storms

12/27 Hanukkah Dinner

Volunteers can contact

CPinhas@aol.com or

850-465-3618

GIFT SHOP HANUKKAH SALE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 TEMPLE BETH EL 9:30 AM – NOON

SHOP FOR ALL YOUR HANUKKAH SUPPLIES

Candles, wrapping paper, greeting cards, milk or dark chocolate gelt, menorahs, keepsakes, gifts for the whole family, Judaic jewelry, candlesticks and much MORE!

Contact Ellen Deaver for more information at 418-2260

Thank you to all who sent cards. donations, and reached out in other ways to offer your condolences and support in the days and weeks following my father's passing. The Temple Beth El community has been a great source of comfort during this difficult time. Thank you for you many kindnesses. L'shalom. Rabbi Joel

Please welcome new member, Dr. Steven Curiale

Angel Tree for Special Angels

The Social Justice Team at
Temple Beth El will be
sponsoring an Angel Tree for
the children in need at
Brentwood Elementary School
this year.
We would love your help!!

If you would like to sponsor a child and provide gifts for a child in need, please call Sharon Marcus at 850-291-3373 for details. Let's all do a good deed for these children. It will be a mitzyah!



### Chinese and a Movie

A tradition continues at Temple Beth El. Join us for Chinese food and a movie on Christmas Eve.

12/24 6:30pm Dinner 7:00pm. Movie,

"Analyze This" starring Billy Crystal

Dinner and movie, \$10.00 Children under 10yrs., \$5.00 Free to active duty military

Please RSVP

to: steveeilen30338@yahoo.com



#### SAVE THE DATE

Shabbaton of Fun

You choose your own Shabbat Adventure!!

Please plan on joining us on January 25, 2020

for an exciting Shabbat experience filled with learning, cooking, movement, games and of course, food. Our temple will be hosting other Jews in the nearby radius. With numerous

activities to choose from you're bound to find a number of activities that will appeal to you no matter what your age or interests.

Everyone mark their calendars for what should be a great event. Watch for more information in the mail and in e-mails.

#### Federation Plans Events

I can't believe I have already been here for more then two months. I am so grateful for you letting me into your community and making me feel so welcome here in Pensacola.



Adult Hebrew Lessons

We welcome anyone who wants to join us for our fun and educating classes!

WHEN: Wednesday Dec. 4 Advanced- 5 PM, Beginners- 6 PM WHERE: B'nai Israel classroom

Christmas Morning at Ronald McDonald House, A Tradition

Please join us as we cook & serve brunch at the Ronald McDonald House in Pensacola!

If you are not able to make this event, but would still like to help out, the Ronald McDonald House has a wish list.

WHEN: Wed. December 25th, 8:30 AM

WHERE: Ronald McDonald House 5200 Bayou Blvd.

#### Tea with Shani

I'm looking forward to getting to know you more - And what's better then doing so with a cup of tea? (or coffee if you want!) Get in touch with Shani via Phone\Email

The best coffee\tea location will win an Israeli award!

WHEN: When ever we can!

WHERE: The best coffee\tea place you know!

#### Looking Ahead.....

We are currently planning events for the 8 days of Hanukkah. Watch for our next Newsletter to find out more about our Hanukkah Candle Light Tour!



# December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays		16th	Lauren Bonner	25th	Michael Stryer		
1st	Cindy Gross	17th	Carolyn Grawi	29th	Valerie Morgan Krys		
	Courtney Loeb	18th	Michael Rayborn		Steve Nissim		
2nd	Jamie Landa	19th	Kimberly Brown	31st	Rabbi William Schwartz		
3rd	Ramona Clark	20th	Linda Armacost				
5th	Jayme Bograd	21st	Ciera Kass	Annive	rersaries		
6th	Amanda Nissim		David Rutland	3rd	Maura and Ray Hobbs		
7th	Suzi Gordon		Spencer Segal	6th	Deborah Pevsner and Garrett		
	Rachel Zeichner		Claire Radon		Bloomer		
8th	Julian Garrett McCulley	23rd	Adam Ostrich	7th	Myra and Nathan Kahn		
9th	Michael Ullman	24th	Lucille Foley	15th	Leigh and Glen Faulk		
	David Ullman		Jeffrey Ochs	17th	Elizabeth and Ziv Haims		
15th	Seth Friedland		Ziv Haims	18th	Alicia and Michael Pereira		
16th	Steven Jurnovoy		Grady Scott Gross	21st	Kate and Jeffrey Trattner		
	Ed Siegel	25th	Belle Bear		, and the second		

### **Donations**

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

A donation has been made by Robert E. and Margaret V. Byrnes In memory of David Fleekop from Brenda Vigodsky In memory of David Fleekop from Cindy Pinhas and Robin Mertins

In memory of David Fleekop from Sandy and Myron Rosenthal In memory of Roslyn Levitt from Sandy and Myron Rosenthal

Social Justice Fund:

In memory of Amelia Wagenheim from Beverly Dennis

Sylvia Rosenbloum Cole Music Fund:

In honor of Dr. Leonid Yanovskiy's 20th year with the Pensacola Symphony from Lucille Foley

In memory of Amelia Wagenheim from Brenda Vigodsky
In memory of David Fleekop from Denise and Louis Rosenbloum

Fannie W. Frenkel Perpetual Cemetery Care Fund: In memory of Amelia Wagenheim from Claire Ades In memory of Amelia Wagenheim from Frances McMillan Manna Food Bank- volunteers needed!!

'Tis one of the seasons that our help is needed. As many of you know Manna is doing their second largest food drive -"Fill the Mayflower". From this food drive approximately 37,000 meals will be provided. There are many things that have to happen to get it ready. Our help will be needed to sort food.

The days available to help are Monday, December 9 through Friday, December 13. Shifts available to volunteer are 9am-12noon and 1pm-4pm. An additional volunteer opportunity will be available on Saturday, December 14 from 9am-11am. Let me know what works for you. Any questions or if you are interested in signing up email me at Debrbuch@aol.com.

Thank you for your consideration

Deborah Buchalter TBE Social Justice Team











### LEARN HEBREW IN 5 EASY LESSONS!!!

Learn how to know Hebrew letters, sound out syllables, then see and speak Hebrew words in only FIVE 1-1/2 hour sessions. (fine print - plus repeats at home!) Free textbook, relaxed class, and be amazed at how much you learn in this "start to learn Prayer-book Hebrew" adults class. There will be a second 5 week class sessions that will apply those skills to reading out loud the Hebrew of the prayer book service and various blessings. Classes will start January 7, 2020. Location TBE. Time 5:30-7:00 for five weeks. Please email interest and contact information

to billkuhhirte@mediacombb.net in order to reserve your textbook and start this adventure.



Torah on Tap Union Public House, 309 S. Reus St.

Our discussion this month will be Impeachment: What Do the

Rabbi's Say?

Schmoozing starts at 5:00, learning at 5:30. For more information contact Rabbi Joel.

Tuesday, December 3 5:30 pm



Parents and Students of the School for Jewish Living

Join us for Bagels with the Board!

Sunday, December 8, 2019 9:00 a.m. Temple Beth El



Directors will provide breakfast and look forward to visiting with you! Share your ideas,

concerns and areas in which you'd like to become involved.

### Introduction to Judaism

Sundays, 10:00-11:30, Beginning January 12. Want to know more about Judaism? Thinking about conversion? Not sure how to answer your children's questions about Jewish holidays? 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 weekly (on Sundays when School for Jewish Living meets) through April 5. A detailed schedule will be distributed at the first session.











December 2019 Page 5

#### Yahrzeits To be read on December 6 To be read on December 13, con't. To be read on December 27, con't. Nov 30th Rabbi William Ackerman Lena Lipowicz Silver Gerald Lebowitz Daisy Martin Jack Perry Amelia Copeloff 26th Bertha F. Gilbert Irene S. Klein Sylvia Kahn Kugelman Max Wolff (date unknown) Fred Vigodsky Leila Siegel 1st Hessie Schloss 12th Harry Goodman Zelda Siegel Dorothy Flude Murray Washor Jac A. Son Jerold Babkoff Rabbi Martin Friedman Chester Adams 27th Harold Stein Maurice Frenkel To be read on January 3 2nd Norman Needle 13th Leon Miller Rosa Levinson 28th Susan Watson Gladys Babette Hirsch Emil Frenkel 3rd Abe Bodaness Samuel Eliasoff Siegbert Blumenthal Diana Khatena Abraham Katie Joshua Mayme Silverman Alan Siskind Thelma Cohn Kathleen Sanders 4th Jennie Mayer Letty Simon 29th Gerald Kahn B.M. Stanton Gail Kahn To be read on December 20 Frank Lambert Victor Schulein Doris Moskowitz 14th Esther Gobel Isaac Cohen Sarah Soloway Jack Rubinstein Fredrick Rank Gerson Israel 15th Rosalie Rosenau Rose Ochser (Tevet1) Tillie Halpern Benjamin Goodman Joseph Ochser (Tevet 1) Shirley K. Ziv Rose Mary Kuhhirte 30th Anne Rank 5th Helen Belsky Leslie Miller Lena Falk 31st Sam Rosenau 6th Sarah Washor 16th Natalie Clarke Blanche Wolff Marion Barnett John Segesser Temple Beth EI extends its condolences to 17th Jerry Herman Oslinker Al Langnau Don and Marny Needle on the passing of Wyley Carroll Hixon Larry Woodruff Kenneth Merritt, Sr. 18th Marny's brother, John Anthony Coakley, Sr. May John's memory endure as a source of 19th Harry Rickoff Maks Katsnelson comfort and blessing. Zichrono L'vracha. To be read on December 13 20th Milton Levinson Edward Parker Gladyse Schlesinger 7th Temple Beth El Cemetery Mollie Zimmerman Bessie Kronenberg Lisner To be read on December 27 Ease the burden for your loved ones. Mark B. Mayer Gloria Schwartz 21st Consider purchasing cemetery plot(s) at Tem-Shirley Lowe 22nd Leopold Mayer ple Beth El Cemetery. Make this one less thing 8th Nathan Cirota Miriam Cohn to worry about at a time of emotional distress. 9th Fredika W. Lischkoff Carrie Heinberg By buying a plot now you can lock in prices Harry Quest 23rd Debra Kreitman which are likely to rise. Plots can be paid for Sidney Silverman 24th Pearl Greenhut up front or with a payment plan. By purchasing Honey Gallin David N. Henriques early you can reserve your desired location. 25th Richard Cole Alice Joseph If interested in buying a plot for yourselves or 10th Alex Friedman Emanuel Levy other loved ones, contact Steve Eilen, Vice Harry Krentzman Adler Rothschild President or Kathy Smith, Temple Administra-David Baron Liberman Samuel Aronson 11th Elsie Wagenheim Rebecca Tucker Sonya Burchette Shirley Chaet Donation Form Send this form with your check to: School for Jewish Living Temple Beth El Sylvia Rosenbloum Cole Music Fund 800 N. Palafox St. Social Justice Fund Pensacola, FL 32501 Collections and Exhibitions Fund Circle one: Peter Van Wezel Youth Fund In memory of / In honor of Jonathan L. Kahn Library Fund (person's name or event) Donor: \_ Fannie W. Frenkel Perpetual Cemetery Care Fund Address: Rabbi's Discretionary Fund Acknowledge To:\_\_\_\_ \_ Mitzvah/Caring Fund (checks to TBE Sisterhood) The Lewis and Belle Bear Family Temple Beth El Facilities Endowment Fund

#### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Temple Beth El 800 N. Palafox Street Pensacola, FL 32501 850-438-3321

December 2019										
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
1 SJL 9:00 am	2	3 Torah on Tap Union Public House 5:00 pm	4	5	6 Service at Azalea Trace 4pm TBE 6pm Camp Shabbat	7 Torah Study 9:30				
8 SJL 9:00 am	9	10 Mah Jong 12:30 pm	11	12	13 Service 7pm	14				
15 SJL 9:00 am Gift Shop Hanukkah Sale 9:30-12:00	16	17 Mah Jong 12:30 pm	18 Sisterhood Luncheon 11:30 am	19 Jewish Belief and Ethics 10 am @ Azalea Trace	20 Service 7pm	21 Torah Study 9:30				
22 NO SJL Latke Making 7:30 am Hanukkah Begins at Sunset	23	24 Chinese and a Movie 6:30 pm	25 Ronald McDonald Day of Service 8:30 am	26	27 Worship and Latke Dinner 6pm	28				
29 NO SJL	30	31								