



Chai Lights

Temple Beth El
Riverside, California

August-September 2012

Worship Services

Friday, August 3	
Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Friday, August 10	
Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Potluck and Speaker	7:30 p.m.
Friday, August 17	
Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Friday, August 24	
Shabbat Service and Congregation Dinner	6:30 p.m.
Friday, August 31	
Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Friday, September 7	
Family Shabbat Service	7 p.m.
Saturday, September 8	
S'lichot Service	10 p.m.
Friday, September 14	
Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Friday, September 21	
Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Friday, September 28	
Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 30	
Erev Sukkot Service	11 a.m.
(For Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services, please see chart on this page)	

Temple Beth El

Suzanne Singer, Rabbi and Educator
Robert Sirotnik, Cantor
Elise Haton, Senior Administrator
Carolee Jaspan, M'lamedet
Randy Lester-Wilson, Lovingkindness Coordinator

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Jory A. Yarmoff, Past President

Office Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9 a.m.-noon, 1-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m.-noon, 1-4:30 p.m.
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Tree of Life Dinner Honors Office Staff Oct. 27

The Tree of Life Dinner is a recurring event that honors someone from our community for extraordinary service. Temple Beth El does that this year for our office staff: Diane Eskritt, Elise Haton, and Susan Tenenbaum.

We honor these ladies not for their routine work in the office but for all the extraordinary things they do because they want to, and not because they get paid for it – from making chocolates and

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Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, Sept. 16

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7:45 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 17

Children/Family Service 9 a.m.

Morning Service 10 a.m.

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, Sept. 25

Kol Nidre Service 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Children/Family Service 9 a.m.

Morning Service 10 a.m.

Study Session 2 p.m.

Afternoon Service 3:30 p.m.

Healing Service 4:30 p.m.

Yizkor Service 5:15 p.m.

Neilah Service 6 p.m.

Programs Galore

I hope everyone has been having a good summer. I am writing this *Chai Lights* column for the first time as your full-time rabbi. I am so pleased that this has worked out.

Soon, we will be celebrating the High Holy Days (Rosh Hashanah is Sept. 16-17) and beginning Religious School (Hebrew classes begin Sept. 4, Sunday classes, Sept. 9). We have a wonderful staff of Religious School (RS) teachers – three of our teachers are graduates of our RS program: Jackson Griffin will teach Preschool, Rachael Hermann 1st Grade, and Ariel Haus, who just graduated from college, 4th. We are delighted to welcome back Peninah Castro, who will be our 5th-6th Grade teacher, and Maria Saldaña, our 7th-8th. We are also pleased to welcome new teachers Wendy Goliff, a RS parent who will teach 2nd Grade,



From the Rabbi's Study

and Gail Pro, 3rd. Gail will also be our Aleph Hebrew teacher. We are delighted that Areen Farag, Flora Parsi, and Ilene Stein are returning to teach Bet, Gimmel and Dalet respectively. Our madrichim are also graduates of our RS, and we are so happy that they will be participating again this year.

We have some really stimulating adult education programming coming up. Please take a look at the enclosed schedule for details. On Thursday nights, I will be teaching the Hebrew Prophets, and we will offer guest lectures by congregants as well as by Carlos Cortés, who will discuss his memoir, *Rose Hill: An Intermarriage Before Its Time*, and by Rabbi Doug Kohn of Congregation Emanu El, who will discuss his new book, *Broken Fragments*:

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Moving Ahead with Plans for our Sanctuary

In early 2011, shortly after Jory Yarmoff's second time around as President, he asked me to chair a committee to look into renovations for our Sanctuary. Why are we thinking about this now? As it has been almost 20 years since the last Beautification Project was completed, we believe our sanctuary should be updated to meet our changing needs.

First, the seating still works, but it is starting to fall apart in places. Second, the Worship Task Force, convened two years ago by Kara Gilman when she was President, made several recommendations for improving our services. One of these was based on the observation that modern synagogues bring their clergy closer to worshippers. Indeed, having more intimate spiritual services is one of Rabbi Singer's priorities. Third, and most importantly, we do not have a good way for people of restricted mobility to ascend the Bimah. This is no more evident than when we have *B'nai Mitzvah*, and relatives from afar are unable to participate in *L'Dor Vador* – the symbolic transmission of the Torah from generation to generation – or to have an *Aliyah*. Even the honor of opening the Ark at regular Shabbat services during the *Aleinu* has been



President's Message

something that cannot be shared by all in our own community. As Jews, we strive for inclusivity and equality among all our members.

It was no surprise that the members of the *ad hoc* Sanctuary Remodel committee placed a priority on solving the accessibility issue, with a second goal of achieving Rabbi Singer's desire for a more intimate spiritual experience. We were reminded of prior plans to build a ramp on the right-hand side of the *Bimah*. The height of our *Bimah* – 27 inches – requires a ramp 27 feet long to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Ruthee Goldkorn and I met with a contractor who advised us on expenses associated with building a ramp, and also with building out an extension to our *Bimah* at approximately half height, both of which our committee felt would be a conservative but functional solution to both priorities. I presented these plans as part of a larger discussion at our Annual Congregational Meeting in January of this year.

At that meeting, while no clear consensus emerged on a specific plan, we heard one thing loud and clear:

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Something must be done to address accessibility. We also heard concerns about replacement of the seating. Subsequently, it also became clear that while a straight ramp would solve the accessibility problem, it would not suit the aesthetic of the sanctuary and might become a distracting focal point of its own. We also realized that access to the *Yahrzeit* plaques would be negatively affected by such a ramp. What we needed are some more creative ideas that would address our needs but also work well with the existing *Bimah*.

We have since met with multiple architects, and I am pleased to report that we have made significant progress. I wish to thank Jory Yarmoff for taking the lead in moving things forward. The architects have generated several new ideas that are improvements over what we presented in January. The Board will be deliberating over these in the coming months leading up to the High Holy Days. At Rosh Hashanah, I hope to describe a plan that we can put into effect shortly after.

Many of you will be wondering what the total cost of these possible renovations will be. Thankfully, we have money set aside in Temple funds, some of which existed before and some of which were raised at last year's High Holy Days. We are grateful for resources from *B'nai Brith* that are specifically targeted to accessibility. And while we may likely need additional funds to fully replace the seating, we believe that resources are in place to complete most, if not all, of a project to address both accessibility and a more intimate worship experience. I hope you will be as excited as the Board is about making these significant improvements to our *Beit Tefillah*.

Have a healthy, happy and enjoyable High Holy Days. *L'shana tova tekatev v'techatem* – may you be inscribed in the book of life for a good year.

L'Shana Tova!

Morris Maduro

Toiletries Needed

Megan Benoit is collecting new toothbrushes and other travel-sized toiletries for the needy as part of her *Bat Mitzvah* mitzvah project.

If you are able to donate any unused items, please bring them to the labeled box in the Temple lobby.

Thank you!

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Jewish Experiences of Alzheimer's Disease through Diagnosis, Adaptation, and Moving On. On several Saturday nights, we will get a chance to meditate and experiment with different ways to worship and pray with the Kirtan Rabbi (please see enclosed flyer), Student Rabbi Sara Abrams, Rabbi Jill Zimmerman (who served TBE as a student rabbi 6 years ago), and our very own Kleztafarians.

I will once again be offering Introduction to Judaism on Sunday afternoons, which is open to anyone, congregants and non-congregants, who would like to learn more about our faith and traditions. This is also the basic educational class for those who are interested in converting to Judaism. Jason Winston will be continuing his Mussar (Jewish moral virtues) classes with those who studied with him last Spring, and he will be starting a new group on Monday nights. Of course Carolee Jaspan will be teaching adult Hebrew and will be happy to train any congregant interested in an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah. There are also study sessions during the High Holy Days beginning with *Selichot* on Saturday evening, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. And last, but not least, Torah study will resume on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. We have been going through the Torah verse by verse and have gotten to Genesis, chapter 22, the *Akedah*, the story of Isaac's near-sacrifice.

Please remember that after Labor Day, services are at 7 p.m. on the First Friday of the month, and at 7:30 p.m. on all other Fridays. I hope you will join us for services and study. *L'shana tova.*

Rabbi Suzanne Singer

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My Mussar Journey, Part X: The Opportunity of *Teshuvah*

By Jason Winston

“The High Holidays are coming. How will you use this opportunity to focus on your spiritual curriculum? Decide and take action before they get here.”

That is the way I ended my column in the August issue of Yashar, the newsletter of The Mussar Institute, which I happen to edit. I was writing to help inspire our readers, but I require the inspiration as much

*From
the Editor*

as they do, too. In fact, since I wrote that a month ago, I have struggled

mightily to keep my Mussar practice in focus.

Why? I could blame being between structured courses during the summertime, and it would be an excuse – and nothing more. The truth is that I have all the motivation and structure I need. The High Holidays are coming, and the Mussar tradition and my previous coursework provide all the tools.

One of the focal elements of the High Holidays is *teshuvah*, translated literally as “return” but also as “repentance.” With so many ways to interpret that individually, we can all chart where we are on our soul journeys and what we need to return to or repent for. For me, it could hardly be more obvious: I need to return to the path of self-improvement that Mussar offers so beautifully. And the person I have wronged and must ask for forgiveness is myself.

Has it ever occurred to you what a wonderful opportunity *teshuvah* provides us? Built into our tradition we have an annual period of self-reflection and an invitation to ask forgiveness for the wrongs we have done. And the words to guide us are right there in the Torah. As my teacher Alan Morinis writes in *Everyday Holiness*:

The starting point for understanding Mussar is the verse in the Torah that tells us: “You shall be holy.” The Torah here reveals in no uncertain terms what a human being’s job description is. In essence, we are here on earth for no other purpose than to grow and blossom spiritually – to become holy. Our potential and therefore our goal should be to become as spiritually refined and elevated as is possible.

There it is. The High Holidays are, of course, holy days. So how are you going to use this opportunity? How about joining A Season of Mussar, a 13-week introductory course with no prerequisites, right here at Temple Beth El? We will meet on Monday nights, generally every other week, starting Sept. 24.

If that date seems significant, it’s because it happens to fall a day before Yom Kippur begins. That’s not exactly a coincidence. If you are ready to take steps on your soul’s journey toward holiness, what better time to start?

I hope to hold an information session in early September to answer questions and help interested members of the TBE and broader communities learn more about the program. If you have any questions or are interested in the class, feel free to contact me. We are building a beautiful spiritual community here at TBE, and that is indeed our job description.

I am excited about the opportunity coming our way, and I hope to be sharing it with many of you. *L’shana tova!*

2012 High Holy Day Food Drive

For the High Holy Days of year 5773 (September 2012), Temple Beth El will again be conducting a food drive to help those in Riverside who are in need.

When you come to services between Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot, you will find 10 barrels in the Temple foyer. Our goal, as a spiritual community, is to fill those barrels with non-perishable food to help Second Harvest Food Bank and Arlington Temporary Assistance. Both of these agencies help those in our local community who are hungry. By the end of summer, the food supplies at these agencies are depleted. We can help by filling 10 barrels with food.

The types of food that we can use are: canned meats and fish; peanut butter; canned vegetables, soups, and beans; dried beans and pasta; canned pasta sauces; cereal; dried or canned milk; and any other non-perishable foods that you feel would be appropriate for a hungry family. **Please do not bring anything in glass containers.**

Last year we were able to provide 2,000 pounds of food to help those in need. Let’s challenge ourselves to top last year’s total.

Ilene Stein

Guest Speaker: Carlos Cortes

Please reserve Oct. 18, 2012, 7 p.m. for an exciting speaker, Dr. Carlos Cortes. He will be speaking about his new book, *Rose Hill: An Inter-marriage Before Its Time*.

Carlos' mother was a Kansas City-born Jew, and his father was a Mexican Catholic. He will be selling his book and will donate a portion to the Temple. You won't want to miss this acclaimed multi-cultural speaker, a professor emeritus of history at UC Riverside.

For more information, please contact Elisse Martinez.

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood will again be sponsoring child care during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Day Services. A yellow flyer is included in the High Holy Day paperwork sent to congregants. Please register your child and observe the due dates for registration and payment, as only pre-registered children will be accepted for day-care.

As budgeted for 2012, Sisterhood has given a \$2,500 donation to TBE and an additional \$500 donation to the Religious School this summer. We are a vital support system for the Temple at large and appreciate your support for our activities and events this coming year.

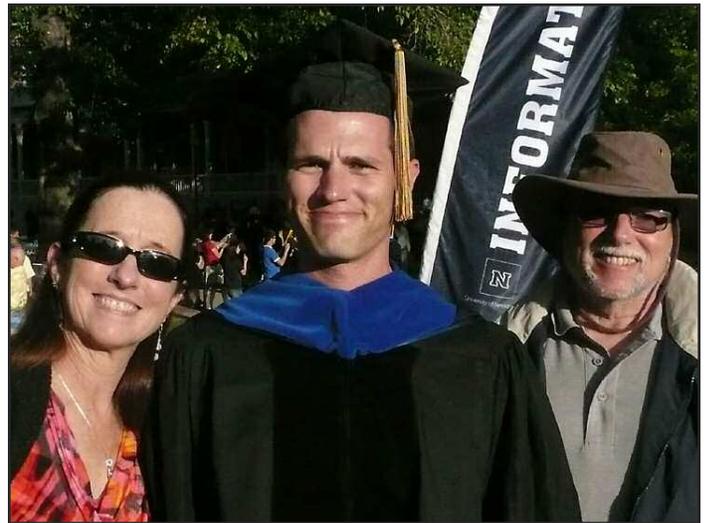
Sisterhood is again sponsoring the annual Break The Fast nosh at the conclusion of Yom Kippur Services for the entire congregation to enjoy, as well as the Light Dinner planned on Sunday, Oct. 7, prior to the joyous Simchat Torah service that evening. These are just a few of the responsibilities we assume to better serve our Temple!

Sisterhood once again thanks The Legacy Fund, whose generous donation made our 2nd Jewish Bus Tour of Los Angeles possible!

Susan Tenenbaum and Lore Magnus
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Welcome New Members

- Eric Lesser
- Deanne Edwards and Stacey Aldstadt
- Kenny Hayes
- Lawrence Kleiger



All in the Family

Daniel Sturmer, son of Jerry and Nancy Sturmer (all pictured above), graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno on May 18, 2012, with a Ph.D in Geology. Daniel has been attending UNR since 2004 and previously received a Masters Degree (also Geology) in 2007. He will now be relocating to Houston, Texas, to begin a career with Shell Oil in their exploration division.



Irmy Tilton proudly announces the birth of her third great-grandchild, Sofie Eden Weinberg, on April 30, 2012. Sofie is the daughter of her granddaughter Alana and Amit Weinberg.

Take "The God Survey"

Perhaps you read the article in the Summer 2012 issue of Reform Judaism magazine entitled "The God Survey" (<http://reformjudaismmag.org/Articles/index.cfm?id=3036>), by Rabbi Mark Shapiro of Massachusetts. Rabbi Shapiro invited his congregation to take an anonymous online survey about their beliefs, and the results were fascinating.

When do you feel close to God? What question would you like to ask God? What ways do you understand God? What do you think God does and doesn't do?

Would you like to join the conversation with thousands of fellow Reform Jews? You, too, can take "The God Survey" and be counted in the North American-wide survey of beliefs.

"The God Survey" will remain open through the end of October at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/thegodsurvey>.

Chailighting our Members: The Rich Family

By Kenneth Shoji

Lori and Rod Rich have raised two children, Shira, 17, and Jason, 27, under the sheltering roof of Temple Beth El, a place where together as a family they have prayed, volunteered and been a part of temple life. Today, it is the family's commitment to those who struggle on the streets that has developed into active outreach to homeless men, women and their animals on the most fundamental level: person to person. Going where people and pets need help most means, literally, "taking it to the streets," a daily practice for Lori, who logs many miles to collect and distribute donations to people directly. What started as a family undertaking has now grown into a communal effort, with donations coming in locally and pledges being received from faraway places through Facebook, which is now a social network of social action. As Lori sees it, "Judaism does not teach you to be active in a building; it teaches you to be active in the world."

Lori ventured out from her hometown in upstate New York to Riverside in 1975 and met Rod, a Riverside native. The couple was married in 1983, and Lori stayed at home to raise their children as Rod paved the way for his business in concrete contracting. Rod, Lori and Jason joined the temple in 1990 as an outgrowth of the family's decision to raise their children in the Jewish tradition. Rod, although not Jewish, was supportive and came to lift his voice in song with the congregation while Lori took part in committees. She fondly remembers chairing the first Jewish Cultural



Lori Rich (top) credits daughter Shira's love for animals for the inspiration to reach out to Riverside's homeless and their pets. Their work has grown to include donations from near and far and daily trips to distribute them.

Faire with fellow temple member Sheri Cruz. In 2009, Lori started her own baking business, Rich Delights.

Whether it is participating in temple activities or reaching out to people and animals on the street, it was the Rich children who first led the family to get involved. Starting with Jason, whose attendance in Religious School spurred the Rich family to join TBE, to Shira, whose love for animals turned into helping

homeless people and their pets, the Rich children prompted the family's initial steps into community life.

Over 20 years of TBE membership, Lori has experienced the varied aspects of temple religious and social life, from bringing her children to services and participating on TBE's Religious Practices committee, Tree of Life dinner and the Jewish Cultural Faire committees to her

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own adult *Bat Mitzvah*. As her son approached becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*, Lori studied for her own ceremony the day before. “I had my *Bat Mitzvah* on Friday night and my son’s was taking place on Saturday,” Lori said. “I was studying with Carolee, organizing the out-of-town family and planning the party all at the same time, but in the end I will always carry with me the image of my grandmother’s face as she looked up to see her granddaughter and great-grandson on the *bimah*.”

Today, a shared passion for helping others is connecting the generations through active engagement with the homeless community of this region. Shira, a senior at Poly High School with a 4.6 grade point average last semester, also sits as the social action chair for the Beth El Temple Youth (BETY). She used her spare time to volunteer in animal shelters and through this service became aware of an underserved population of people and pets facing an uncertain life on the streets. Together mother and daughter have been going out to greet these people and offer them some of the basics, including toiletries and pet food, while Rod holds down the fort taking care of their own four dogs. “It’s not like we can solve all their problems, but I feel that by simply engaging them we can make a difference in their day,” Lori



Rod Rich (right) and Shira drop off donations at Calvary Presbyterian Church.

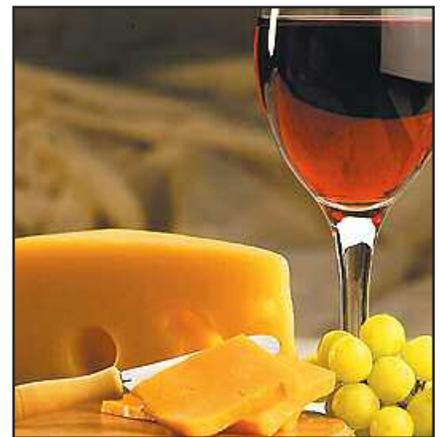
said.

If you are interested in contributing to the Rich family’s “Taking it to the Streets” effort, contact Lori at richdelights@aol.com or find their page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TakingItToTheStreetsWithLoriAndShira>.

Dec. 1 Tasting/Auction Needs Your Help

Temple Beth El will be holding an inaugural “Wine and Cheese” event and auction on Dec. 1, 2012.

For “Le Café Beth El,” we are soliciting donations from TBE and community members. Are you an artist or photographer willing to donate your artwork? Are you a wonderful cook and could donate a dinner, cooked by you? Do you make fantastic themed baskets, or do you have a timeshare week that you do not intend to use next year? Is there a business you frequent that could give us a donation if you asked? Are you able to donate a service, such as tutoring for a child or computer lessons? Do you have a special skill that you could pass on to others, such as golf or painting or specialty cooking?



These are only a few suggestions. I am sure you can think of many more. The TBE Auction Committee will be contacting Temple members in the next few months to inquire about something that you could donate. Please help us to make this event a success. Proceeds will benefit the TBE general fund and the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund.

Sandie Nelson

**The Temple Beth El community
extends its condolences to:**

Jean, Steven and Marie Mains, on the loss of their
husband and father, **David Mains**

The Family of former Temple Member and Friend,
Murray Axel

Alice Marks and Debbie Hodges, on the loss of their
sister and aunt, **Margaret Reich**

Sally-Ann Sokolsky, on the loss of her husband,
Robert Sokolsky

The Posner/Figoten Family, on the loss of Temple
Member and Friend, **Helene Figoten**

*May their memories be a blessing and the beauty of
their lives abide among us as a loving benediction.*

YAHARZEITS

AUG. 3: Jack Singer, Murray Krieger, Joan Krieger, Claire
Doktor, Matt Horowitz, Harry Weingart, Chick Reznick, Anne
Novak, Isadore Kopulsky, Harold Hausman, Albert L. Rubien,
Julius M. Hosch, Rosalyn Frank, Moses Harry Lerner, Helen
Wasserman

AUG. 10: Rick Welt, Irwin Werner, Pearl Rollins, Adolph
Loustaunau, Rose Burstien, Edna Giesler, Shirley Droutman,
Fay Weitz Anthony, Edith Frankel, Harry Burstien, Albert J.
Rosenblum

AUG. 17: Herman Pollack, Ida Perlmutter, Morris Sadowsky,
Yale Katz, Bill Safier, Carol Henley, Gladys Thomas, Robert
Burbidge, Hy Droutman, Ted Kroll, June Boyle, Molly
Sheinman, Jeanne Shears, Sidney Ascher, Ivan Alfirvec,
Florence Horowitz, Harriet Kaplan, Max Louis Bernson,
Blanche Hoffman, Pearl Vasa Barnett

AUG. 24: Mary Abelow, Ruth DeKoven, Jules Louis
Gilbert, Charlie Woodcock, Sophia Eisendorff, Edward
Berkowitz, Joseph Lipow, Jean Steiner, Rose Treiber, Morris
Wiltchik, Ida B. Needleman, Lillian Grocoff, Janet Fishman,
Sherwin David Tilton, Tillie Menson

AUG. 31: Gerson Ginsberg, Mary Feld, Clare Sears, Ervin
Kardos, Lewis Rudman, Gertrude Weiss, Mireille Miriem
Fitzhugh, Robert E. Campbell, Debbie Cherry, Manuel Cruz,
Esther Kroll, Charles Price, Jon Breslar, Evelyn Bearman,
Esther Dolin, Stella Blackman, Meyer Shifress, Byron H.
Ramenofsky, Augusta Fendell, Dr. Samuel Reznick, Burt Scott
Bellen, Jenny Gavisier, Sarah B. Grossfeld

SEPT. 7: Sidney Pavilack, Yeonna Rubien, Sidney Lerner,
Ida Miller, Jon Schlissel, Helen Lewandowski, Isadore
Ziskind, Samuel Sherman, Fay Menaheim, Emma Kustner,
Irving Olsan

SEPT. 14: Henry Ehrlich, Louis Katz, Edward Hallac,
Charles (Art) Woodcock, Anna Schneider, Thelma Lavine,

Christopher Mulla, Linda Handley, Ruby Barnett,
Roine Loeb, Ralph Loeb, Eugene A. Nazarek, Augusta
Dick, Louis Tarmo, Leon Gropen, Morris Kershner,
Abe Chernack, Louis Reisner, Florence M. Halpert,
Rosa Scheer

SEPT. 21: Nathan Falk, Irving Jaspan, Myrna Jaspan
Tillie Falk, Dorothy Kurland, Anna R. Figoten, Gerard
Loeb, Fannie Aronovitz, Myriam Lapidus, Solomon
Isaacs Aarons, Barney Bauman, David Schnyder, Lea
Seagel, Abraham Hermann, Buel Perkins, Celia
Ohringer, Anna Maslofsky, Joan Braidley Clapham,
Arnold Farber, June Rose Goldware, Jonathan
Charkow, Minnie B. Toor, Molly Gordon

SEPT. 28: Nissim Gershon, Nathaniel Winston,
Harry Maxman, Robert White, Diane Lynn Alpert,
Ralph Jonas, Jim Dyer, Grace Brill, Rose Cohen, Rose
Weimberg, Meyer Levit, Sara Chernack, Kalman
Horowitz, Anne Mirsky, Leah Shevick, Samuel
Brandfield, Richard William Grinker, Salmon Gavisier

Temple Tributes

GENERAL FUND

In memory of his mother, Adeline Stone – Philip Stone

In memory of his mother, Darlene Jones, and her fa-
ther, Murray Bodofsky – Marc and Roslyn Jones

In memory of his late wife, Bonnie Cooper – David
Cooper

In memory of his mother, Blanche Urbach – Jerry and
Penny Urbach

In memory of David Mains, husband and father of
Jean, Steven and Marie Mains – Joan Pasternak;
Diane Eskritt; Elise Haton and Arthur Ramek; Gail
Nelson Stockamp; Bob and Adrienne Gillis; Al and
Jean Hallac; Marc and Roslyn Jones; Boyd and
Sylvia Briskin; Cathy Colt and Jeff Silver; Jerry
and Sandy Rachman; Dorothy Silver and Family;
Bernie and Florine Silverman and Family; Sally-
Ann Sokolsky; Max and Susan Tenenbaum; Walter
and Audrey Hacker; Irwin and Judy Wall

In honor of the retirement of Roslyn Jones – Elise
Haton and Arthur Ramek; Paul and Diane Eskritt;
Al and Jean Hallac

In memory of Temple Member and Friend Lee Eckmann
– Bob and Adrienne Gillis; The Lavine Family

In memory of his father, William Kroll – David Kroll
In memory of her husband, Milton Pasternak, and her
grandmother, Minnie Pasternak – Joan Pasternak

In honor of the birth of Sofie Eden Weinberg, great-
granddaughter of Army Tilton – Army Tilton; Joan
Pasternak

In memory of her grandfather, Isaac Gorman – Rhoda
Bobb

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In memory of their husband and father, Hal Gilman – Marcia Gilman, Kara and Noah
 In memory of her step-mother, Shirley Edwards, her aunt, Naomi Feldman, and her cousin, Ken Feldman – The Lavine Family
 In thanking Carolee Jaspan and all who helped with the 2012 Bagel Brunch – The Lavine Family
 In honor of the 2012 TBE Confirmands: Daniel Cruz, Ashley Hicks, Cody LaBart and Sean Lester-Wilson – The Lavine Family
 In wishing Mazel Tov to Trevor and Erin Haton on their recent marriage – The Lavine Family
 In memory of his grandfather, Hyman Ramek, and his brother-in-law, Melvin Pollack – Arthur Ramek
 In memory of her mother, Sadie Schlein, and her son, Sherwin Tilton – Army Tilton
 In wishing a speedy recovery to Jean Mains – Marc and Roslyn Jones
 In wishing a speedy recovery to her cousin, Roy Rangel, and her friend, Darlene Belvel – Sonia Cody
 In honor of the wedding anniversaries of Arnie and Ruth Geller and Werner and Suzanne Coppel – Elise Haton and Arthur Ramek
 In memory of their father and grandfather, Bernard Dubinsky – Paul, Diane, Mitch and Greg Eskritt
 In memory of Robert Sokolsky, husband of Sally-Ann Sokolsky – Diane Eskritt; Susan Tenenbaum
 In memory of Alvin Feldman – Sharon Feldman

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In honor of the 2012 Confirmation Class: Daniel Cruz, Ashley Hicks, Cody LaBart and Sean Lester-Wilson – The Manges Family; Rosalie Silverglate Anderson
 In memory of Robert Shanklin, brother of Fern Shanklin – Susan Tenenbaum
 In memory of her husband, Harris Kanel, her son, Roger Kanel, and her mother, Charlotte Kohn – Anita Kanel
 In wishing a speedy recovery to Debbie Simon – Susan Tenenbaum
 In honor of the birth of Sofie Eden Weinberg, great-granddaughter of Army Tilton – Susan Tenenbaum
 In memory of David Mains, husband and father of Jean, Steven and Marie Mains – Jim and Rosalie Anderson

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Temple Member and Friend, Lee Eckmann – Helen Gropen; Alice Marks and Family; Oscar and Doris Weingart
 In memory of her father, Isadore Wachman, and her mother, Fay Weitz Anthony – Ruth Landis
 In memory of his grandparents, Ida Francis Hurwitz and Josef Markus, and his parents, Harold Nathan and Reese Marcus – Walter and Cheryl Marcus
 In memory of Robert Shanklin, brother of Fern Shanklin –

Dan and Leila Price
 In thanking the Senior Chavurah for their thoughtfulness in donating a prayer book in memory of his wife, Sylvia Elkin – Eugene Elkin
 In honor of Rabbi Singer – Ron, Paula and Rachael Hermann; Alice Marks and Family
 In memory of David Mains, husband and father of Jean, Steven and Marie Mains – Bernie and Mona Katz; Sheldon and Judy Richman; Jerry and Susan Gordon; Werner and Suzanne Coppel; Arnie and Ruth Geller; Oscar and Doris Weingart; Dick and Rhoda Bobb; Alice Marks and Family; Marilyn Schechtman; Herb Spiegel; Eugene Elkin
 In sending their congratulations to Jacob Schechtman and Golda Horowitz on their graduation from High School – Werner and Suzanne Coppel
 In wishing Florence Sussman many healthy and happy years in her new home – Werner and Suzanne Coppel
 In sending their congratulations to Michael Gillis, Brandon Toplikar and Mark Christian Scher on their graduations – Werner and Suzanne Coppel
 In memory of her father-in-law, Louis Marks, and her sister, Margaret Reich – Alice Marks
 In memory of his mother, Flora Doktor, and his sister-in-law, Claire Doktor – Robert and Michiko Doktor
 In honor of Werner and Suzanne Coppel's wedding anniversary – Herb Spiegel
 In wishing a Happy 50th Birthday to Karen Kohut, daughter of Arnie and Ruth Geller – Werner and Suzanne Coppel
 In wishing Mazel Tov on the graduation of Oscar and Sydney Kohut, grandchildren of Arnie and Ruth Geller – Werner and Suzanne Coppel
 In memory of his father, David Mains – Steven and Marie Mains
 In memory of her brother, Walter Brandler – Ron and Paula Hermann
 In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Hayley Manges, daughter of Bill and Pamela Manges and granddaughter of Joan Pasternak – Army Tilton
 In wishing a speedy recovery to Dawn Rosenbaum-Scott – Army Tilton
 In memory of her father, Samuel Frankel – Loraine Alberga
 In wishing a speedy recovery to Jean Mains – Werner and Suzanne Coppel
 In appreciation of Rabbi Singer and her helping Hayley Manges with her Bat Mitzvah – The Manges Family
 In wishing a speedy recovery to Bob Gillis – Werner and Suzanne Coppel
 In memory of her father, James Marmor – Joe Haydu and Barbara Marmor
 In wishing a speedy recovery to Adele Lucas – Werner and

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Suzanne Coppel

In memory of Robert Sokolsky, husband of Sally-Ann Sokolsky – Werner and Suzanne Coppel; Arnie and Ruth Geller

In memory of her parents, Edward and Ruth DeKoven – Jeremy and Carol Samsky

RAE KUSTNER CHILDREN’S LIBRARY FUND

In memory of her father-in-law, Henry Sokolsky, her mother, Harriet W. Moss, and their dear friend, Layette C. Meyers – Sally-Ann and Andy Sokolsky

CHOIR FUND

In memory of her mother, Rae Hepps – Selma Kardos
In honor and in thanking Cantor Bob and Barbara Sirotnik – The Mains Family

In appreciation to Cantor Bob and Barbara Sirotnik for their beautiful music at Hayley Manges’ Bat Mitzvah – The Manges Family

M’LAMEDET FUND

In memory of Temple Member and Friend Lee Eckmann – Robert and Carolee Jaspan

In memory of David Mains, husband and father of Jean, Steven and Marie Mains – Robert and Carolee Jaspan

In wishing a speedy recovery to Adele Lucas – Robert and Carolee Jaspan

In honor of our true friend, Dr. Robert Kaplan – Robert and Carolee Jaspan

In honor of Carolee Jaspan, thanking her for all of her help with Hayley Manges’ Bat Mitzvah – The Manges Family

BLANCHE GINSBERG FUND

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Hayley Manges, daughter of Bill and Pamela Manges and granddaughter of Joan Pasternak – Arnie and Ruth Geller

In thanking the Schechtman Family and sending their best wishes to Jacob Schechtman as he joins the Navy – Arnie and Ruth Geller

BERTRAM H. ECKMANN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Temple Member and Friend, Lee Eckmann – Carol Johnson; Howard Friedman and Miriam Schustack; Bernard and Pearl Friedman; Gerry and Lee Woods and Mike and Jenny Casebeer; Arthur and Elaine Chase; Dorothy Silver and Family

JENNIE KALMAN CAMPERSHIP FUND

In thanking TBE for its commitment to helping Temple youth attend Jewish camp – Jeremy and Brian Perlstein

THE PRAYERBOOK FUND

In memory of David Mains, husband and father of Jean, Steven and Marie Mains – The TBE Senior Chavurah

In memory of her father, Isaac Menahem – Millie Fradin

In memory of Robert Sokolsky, husband of Sally-Ann Sokolsky – The TBE Senior Chavurah

GERTRUDE BAUMAN WOMEN OF VALOR FUND

In memory of Barney and Gertrude Bauman and June Bauman Neil – Esther Bauman

DONATIONS

Thank you to the 2012 Confirmation Class for the donation of 4 Prayer Books to the Temple.

Thank you to the TBE Senior Chavurah for their donation of Prayer Books in memory of David Mains and Robert Sokolsky.

Thank you to Lore Magnus for her donation of a white lace tablecloth.

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other items for *B’nai Mitzvah*, to putting on Purim extravaganzas, to operating a gift shop off hours. They have helped each of us as we asked questions, whether it be about a recipe, particular stores, or a Torah portion. They have lent support to each of us during our *simchas*.

The Tree of Life Dinner honoring these ladies will take place Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Riverside Marriott Grand Ballroom. The Dinner is this year’s major fundraiser for Temple Beth El, so we are asking every member to attend this event. Invitations will be mailed toward the end of August and will include detailed ticket info.

However, anyone buying a leaf for the Tree of Life in our sanctuary, between July 1, 2012, and the deadline for ticket sales, will be entitled to one free dinner ticket. A leaf on the Tree of Life is a permanent way of recognizing a special person or event. The cost of a leaf is \$180.

Mark Oct. 27 on your calendars now!

Your Article Here

What’s missing from this issue of *Chai Lights*? You, maybe? I invite everyone in the congregation to consider what you could contribute to the newsletter. Maybe it’s an article about something important you’re involved in. Maybe it’s an opinion about something related to Judaism or the temple. Maybe it’s a poem. Or a photo from a vacation or a special event.

If you have something you’d like to contribute or an idea for something you’d like to see, please write me at chailights@tberiv.org.

Jason Winston

Reform Judaism Alive in Israel

Excerpts from ARZA newsletters announce the huge recent achievements for Reform Judaism in the State of Israel:

Israeli Reform Rabbi Miri Gold became the first non-orthodox Rabbi recognized by the government and to be paid by the State of Israel, under a ruling by the Israel Attorney General. Rabbi Gold, who first heard the news on the radio, said, "This is a big step for religious pluralism and democracy in Israel. Israeli Jews want religious alternatives and with this decision the State is starting to recognize this reality. There is more than one way to be Jewish even in Israel."

"Miri's success is success for all of us. With patience and perseverance, we will build an inclusive democratic Israeli society," said Rabbi Daniel Allen, Executive Director of ARZA. ARZA is the major American Reform Movement funder of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC), an arm of the Israel Reform Movement that brought the case to court six years ago.

The ruling in this case follows other successes by IRAC, including the placement of Reform Rabbi Lisitsa in Mevasseret on the Religious Council there. She was nominated for her post by the Reform congregation of Mevasseret Zion. The local municipality refused to appoint her, so IRAC took the refusal to the Court, as they have done before. The Court forced the appointment and she was seated.

Other Supreme Court rulings successfully resulting from IRAC-ARZA action: 1) forced gender segregation on public transportation is discrimination and prohibited, and 2) non-Orthodox congregations are entitled to allocations of pre-fab units for synagogue buildings just as Orthodox groups are.

Without your support, the Reform Movement in Israel would not have the resources to make the kind of impact it is making on the moral fiber of Israel, on promoting equality, pluralism, and democracy. The TBE office can forward your contributions/annual dues (\$36) to ARZA, or the address is:

ARZA
633 Third Ave, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10017

Dan Price

Thank You

Andy joins me in grateful thanks for your thoughtful expression of sympathy. Knowing that friends care is truly a great comfort.

Sally-Ann Sokolsky

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Thank you very much to **Harry and Jamie Weiss** for donating the repair of our wall by the Central Avenue exit.

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To our Temple Members:

We want to thank all of you for your messages of sympathy in memory of our wonderful David.

Love,

Jean Mains and Family

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We have one additional Thank You for the Bagel Brunch: A great big thank you to the Hicks family for designing and printing the fantastic flyer – the best ever.

Carolee Jспан

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During her long illness, many congregants visited **Helene Figoten**, for which she was most grateful. We mourn her passing on July 31. May her memory be for a blessing.

Shabbat Service Times

During July and August, our Shabbat Services will be at 6:30 p.m.

Beginning in September, services will be as follows:

- **First Friday of the month:** Family Service, 7 p.m.
- **All other Erev Shabbat Services:** NEW TIME, 7:30 p.m.
- **Second Friday of the month:** Mizmor Shir, Shabbat-in-the-round, or Torah Service.
- **Third Friday of the month:** Tot Shabbat, NEW TIME, 6 p.m.

RS Donations Needed

Please donate plastic cutlery, paper plates, and napkins to our Religious School. This will greatly help us for our bagel breakfasts.

Please place and seal in a box or bag, clearly marked "RS BAGELS BREAKFAST."

With sincere thanks for your assistance,

The Religious Education Committee

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