

## From the Rabbi's Study: An Appreciation of the Legacy Fund

By Rabbi Suzanne Singer

My column this month is an appreciation of **Temple Beth El's Legacy Fund**. Thanks to this fund, and sometimes supplemented by the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, we have been able to bring some really interesting programming to our synagogue. At the end of January, for example, my good friend and colleague, former physicist Rabbi Michael Lotker, presented several inspiring lectures, including "**Science and Religion**" and "**Demystifying Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism**." These sessions were very well attended and drew enormous praise from attendees, both for the accessibility and usefulness of his material, and for the engaging way in which it was presented. Late last year, thanks to the Legacy Fund, we brought Rabbi Jill Zimmerman, once TBE's student rabbi, who taught us **Jewish spiritual practices** that offer ways to bring serenity and awareness to our busy lives.

For **Selichot**, we were able to bring Dr. Marcia Falk to discuss her new book, *The Days Between: Blessings, Poems, and Directions of the Heart for the Jewish High Holiday Season*. This volume is "a companion for travelers on the to-and-fro journey of...the Ten Days of Returning – inward to the self and outward to relationships between self and others" (xxii). Dr. Falk helped us prepare for the Days of Awe, providing us with a different perspective on the meaning of the holidays. In February, Beth Hill-Skinner, who was trained at the Deepak Chopra Center, is offering three sessions on **meditation** (February 1, 8, and 22, 10-11:30 AM).

Coming in **March**, we will be offering two important programs:

--**Israel's Security in an Age of Terror**: presented by our congregant Ian Oxnevad and by Beth Hill-Skinner. Oxnevad is earning a Ph.D. in Political Science from UCR with emphases in International Relations and Comparative Politics. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, he will present "Climate Change and its Impact on the Middle East and Israel." Hill-Skinner has two Masters degrees, one in Theology from the University of Notre Dame and one (*cum laude*) in International Diplomacy with a specialization in Transnational Terrorism from Norwich University. On March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, she will present "Terrorism in the Middle East and Its Impact on Israel."

--**The Exodus of Middle Eastern Jews from Arab Countries to Israel**. On March 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, we will screen the documentary "Forgotten Refugees," followed by a presentation on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, by Dr. Daniel Khazzoom, a retired economics professor from UC Berkeley and the author of the memoir, *No Way Back: The Journey of a Jew from Baghdad*. He will discuss the situation of Jews from the Middle East who were expelled from their home countries, emigrating to Israel where they faced discrimination. Included will be the rich culture these Jews left behind in countries such as Iraq.

And in **April**, for **Yom Ha-Shoah** on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, Dr. Sylvia Flescher, a psychoanalyst whose Jewish father was rescued by her non-Jewish mother during the Holocaust, will present “Googling for Ghosts: a Meditation on Writer’s Block, Mourning and the Holocaust.” Dr. Flescher has written about her parents’ experience while also thinking deeply about what challenges await the Second Generation as they embark on “memorializing” their parents’ experiences.

In the past, the Legacy Fund has brought us luminaries such as Rabbi Zoë Klein, author of *Drawing in the Dust*; filmmakers Aviva Kempner (“The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg,” “Yoo-hoo, Mrs. Goldberg”) and Gaylen Ross (“Killing Kastner”); and the Kirtan Rabbi.

These are just some of the riches made possible by this fund. I am very grateful.

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## **President’s Message: A Year in Review**

By Jerry Sturmer

*L’dor v’dor*, from one generation to the next. I have been thinking of this phrase that we sing during the High Holidays a lot lately. My mother completed the final stage of her life in December, the last of her generation in our family. Her children and grandchildren were able to gather around, coming from various parts of the country to share stories and let her know how important she was to us and for her to let us know how proud she was of each of us individually and collectively. This was an important milestone for my family and marked the last time these three generations will be together on this physical plane.

At the same time that my family was marking the end on one era, we were planning the beginning of another. As I have previously announced, we are preparing for my son’s wedding. Daniel and Sarah were able to be with my mother and she was able to give them her blessings and regrets that she will not be there in person to see them wed. However, she has passed down core values through my sisters and me, to our children who will in turn pass on to future generations.

Temple Beth El also has a legacy of passing on core values from generation to generation. For the past year we have been commemorating the foundation set down for us 50 years ago, when a group of visionaries established a permanent home for the Jews of Riverside. We continue in this same spirit through our various programs, including the Religious School, worship services, Adult Education, the Child Development Center, guest speakers, musical programs, Sisterhood activities, Social Action, holiday observances, our Gift Shop, and the numerous other activities of our congregation. None of this would be possible

without the dozens of volunteers that plan and carry out much of what we do at Temple Beth El.

Thank you for all that you do for our congregation, and the Jewish community.

In order to function as a congregation, we need a core staff to carry out the daily operations for Temple Beth El. I would like to thank our Senior Administrator Elise Haton, our Temple Secretary Diane Eskritt, and our Clergy Assistant Susan Tenenbaum.

A big thank you goes out to our Board of Directors, both the 2014 and 2015 Board Members. It takes a special commitment to step up and be willing to represent the entire congregation and uphold the honor and responsibility that has been entrusted to you. May we continue to work harmoniously together for the betterment of Temple Beth El.

A special thank you goes to our four outgoing Board Members:

- Lauri Fenton, Secretary
- Diane Kwasman, Open Arms Director
- Lyn Yarmoff, Fund Development Director
- Paula Hermann, Sisterhood Representative

Good people willing to selflessly serve are hard to find, and we truly appreciate each of their contributions to the cause.

Finally, providing the spiritual leadership that is vital to the life of any congregation, I would like to thank Rabbi Singer and Cantor Bob. We are fortunate to have a Rabbi and Cantor who work together in harmony, serving the needs of our community.

Looking back at the past year, I had three goals that I wanted to accomplish and am happy to report that all have been achieved. First, I wanted to complete the remodeling of the sanctuary. The accessible *bimah* and new seating configuration not only allow for ease of access, but increased flexibility which allows for greater use of the facility as was demonstrated by the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. Also, the long awaited *bimah* furniture is currently under construction and should be in place in the not too distant future. Second, I wanted to ensure the financial stability necessary to keep our Rabbi in a full-time capacity. I would like to take this opportunity to announce that we have come to an agreement with Rabbi Singer that will keep her here at least another five years, making her one of the longest serving rabbis in the history of our congregation. Finally, I wanted to increase participation in the activities offered at Temple Beth El. Throughout the year we have held a wide variety of events that have been well attended, giving everyone many opportunities to join our community. As the saying goes, "Neither rain, nor heat nor gloom of night keeps Temple Beth El from having a good and worthwhile time."

In 2015 we intend to continue to ensure the financial stability of the congregation, and to provide a wide range of meaningful activities to meet the needs and interests of our members, thus sustaining the values firmly established by our previous generations.

May the coming year be filled with happiness, success, and shalom.

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### **Andrew Ridgway Bar Mitzvah**

Dana and Jessica Ridgway are proud to announce that their son, Andrew, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Beth El on Saturday, February 7, 2015.

Andrew is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Norco Intermediate School, and he has received the Principal's Honor award for his scholastic achievements. He enjoys his architecture class and is looking forward to joining the swim team next year when he goes to high school. Outside of school, Andrew enjoys camping, off-road desert sports, playing video games and hanging out with friends.

For his Mitzvah project, he went to Calvary Presbyterian Church to serve Sunday dinner to the homeless and near homeless people who live in Riverside. One of the biggest lessons that he learned is that giving back to the community is so important and it makes such a big impact on others.



The Ridgway family is so excited to share this special *simcha* with our congregation, family and friends.

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## Ryan Benoit Bar Mitzvah

Ryan Benoit will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Temple Beth El. Ryan is the son of John and Andrea, brother of Megan.



Ryan is a seventh-grade student at Amelia Earhart Middle School. His favorite subjects in school are science and history. He enjoys art, riding his scooter, and hiking.

For his Mitzvah project, Ryan cleared trash from Mt. Rubidoux. It was a worthwhile experience he and his dad performed over the past several months. He plans to continue making Mt. Rubidoux cleaner by taking the time to pick up trash on his regular trips to the site in the future.

Ryan looks forward to sharing his day with family and friends.

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## Weiss Judaica Gift Shop

Thanks to all who purchased or donated items to our Temple Gift Shop. You contributed to this year's success. The Gift Shop will donate \$4,000 to our Temple in 2015. Thanks too to Marilyn Schechtman for her volunteerism. She retired this year after coming almost every Sunday that the Gift Shop was open for 12 years.

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## Yahrzeits

**FEBRUARY 6:** Sol Geller, Syde Geller, Arthur Feld, Edith Kalman, Karen Mankin, Edna J. Stein, Rachela Melezin, Bess Wilkerson, Maxwell Haus, Letha Wiltchik, Samuel Diskin, Ida Simon, William Urban, Douglas Horn, Eugene Haydu, Martha Artigue, Joyce Ginsberg, Jacob Kershner, Alvin Feldman, Rebecca Brandfield, Ruth Axel Weinstein

**FEBRUARY 13:** Aaron Alain Ramsey, Lloyd Alberga, Fannie Hochman Scordia, Iris Harris, Elisabeth Magnus, Barbara Ram Droutman, Deborah Simon, Leah Sirotnik, Harold Sidney Bauman, David Tenenbaum, Lester Weintraub, Ben Miller, Ken Craig, Inez Ralph, Esther Goffman, Bela Popper, Milton Fendell, Gizella Baumoele, Rose Havas

**FEBRUARY 20:** Albert Miller, Abraham Simons, Harry Bodofsky, Morris Perlmutter, Samuel Aronovitz, Dorothy Schiffer, Bernard Mann, Robert Berman, Shirley Sandman, Lillian Mushkin, Samuel Baum, Norman Kraft, Robert Pokrass, Hal Edwards, Civia Cohen, J. Harry Singer, Elmer Copelof, Helen Kriedberg, Adrian Stokes, Raymond Mekler, Isaac Briskin, Charles Kober, Betty Plost, Harry A. Shevick, Boris Braunstein, Sophia Levit, Roy Berkman

**FEBRUARY 27:** Edith Lurie, Miriam Conklin, Helen Cartin, Nathan Bauman, Gary Erck, Styra Sokolowicz, Samuel Zahler, Beth Lynn Sklar, Samuel Silver, Lillian Gerson, Fannie Bauman, Lillian Spungen, Herb Simon, Joyce Judd, Helen Gilbert, Marilyn Babich, Charlotte Makstman, Arnold Neiman, Marvin Silver, Rebecca Gold

**MARCH 6:** Rose Weiss, Barbara Zuckerman, Benjamin Kannof, Vicki Schechtman, Tahnee Whiting, Muriel Hagen, Benjamin Lifschitz, Nathan Miller, Rachel Gershon, George Winston, Israel Abraham Held, William (Sonny) Solomon, Simma K. Rosenblet, Rose Ann Cohen, David Fleischman, Isaac Toor, David Perlman, Rifka Miller, Sylvia G. Birnfield, Herman Boasberg

**MARCH 13:** Simon Coppel, Esther Gerring Levy, Hyman Feld, Rose M. Singer, Ralph Weimberg, Harold Cohen, Marian Brandler, Jane Blumenson-Welke, Nancy Muller, Aaron Rinsler, Henry Printz, Elizabeth Peterzell, Helmar Schlein, Albert Tilton, David Schlein, Emma McDow, Nellie Rubien, Rhoda K. Spiller, Lewis Axel

**MARCH 20:** Anna Bodofsky, Anne Jaspan, James Marcus, Freda P. Siegel, Sylvia Simon, Ida Fidelholtz, Joseph Marks, Sidney B. Cohen, Fred A. Jerome, Carl Copelof, Florence Sussman, Brian Katz, Rachel Masha Reichert, Rose Bauman, Margaret Boasberg, Maurice Kustner, Hannah Strauss Cohen

**MARCH 27:** Hilda Kaler, Edwin Herbert Clapham, Martin Zuckerman, JoAnn Barnett, Louis Miller, Marvin Margolies, Nathan Osherenko, Albert Spiegel, Mary Braunstein, Esther Lerner, Louis Zeiger, Della Finkle, Nachamu Levy, Paul Caron

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## **Condolences and Tributes**

The Temple Beth El community extends its condolences to:

Larry and Sally Loeb, on the loss of her mother, **Hannah Miller**  
Jerry and Nancy Sturmer, on the loss of his mother, **Adrienne Sturmer**  
John and Sheri Cruz, on the loss of his brother, **Jerry Cruz**  
Virginia Blumenthal, on the loss of her father, **John McAvoy**

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

## **GENERAL FUND:**

In memory of her mother, Ida Freedman, and her grandmother, Leah Gorman – Richard and Rhoda Bobb

In honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Robert Jaspan – Paul and Diane Eskritt

In memory of her stepson, Reid Aaron Gilbert – Blair Gilbert

In memory of her niece, Peri Lisa Purus, and her husband, Colonel Melvin Fradin – Millie Fradin  
 In honor of Rabbi Singer – Sonia Lilly Cody  
 In wishing a speedy recovery to her son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Susan Cody – Sonia Lilly Cody  
 In wishing a complete recovery to Manny Michelson – Sonia Lilly Cody  
 In wishing a speedy recovery to her brother, Danny Loustaunau – Sonia Lilly Cody  
 In memory of her father-in-law, Ben Pasternak, and her aunt, Sonja Rock – Joan Pasternak  
 In memory of David Elkin, brother of Eugene Elkin – Joan Pasternak; Jean Mains  
 In memory of Sidney Cohen, uncle of Karen Youngerman – Joan Pasternak  
 In memory of Hannah Miller, mother of Sally Loeb – Elise Haton, Susan Tenenbaum and Diane Eskritt; Marc and Roslyn Jones; Alan and Karen Loeb and Family  
 In honor of the birth of Ellie-May Goldware-Burns, daughter of Rebecca Goldware and Larry Burns and granddaughter of Michael and Donna Goldware – Marc and Roslyn Jones; Al and Jean Hallac; Bob and Adrienne Gillis  
 In memory of Adrienne Sturmer, mother of Jerry Sturmer – Marc and Roslyn Jones; Joan Pasternak; Sharyn Sherman and Family  
 In memory of her father, George Henley – Jory and Lyn Yarmoff  
 In memory of his father-in-law, Edward Holland – Mac Horowitz  
 In wishing a speedy recovery to Jim Anderson – Elise Haton, Diane Eskritt and Susan Tenenbaum  
 In wishing a speedy recovery to Adrienne Gillis – Elise Haton, Diane Eskritt and Susan Tenenbaum  
 In wishing a speedy recovery to Harold Lester, father of Randy Lester-Wilson – Elise Haton, Diane Eskritt and Susan Tenenbaum  
 In memory of her parents, William and Jeanette Urban – Marcia Gilman  
 In memory of Jerry Cruz, brother of John Cruz – Marc and Roslyn Jones; Joan Pasternak  
 In memory of their father, Leonard Robert Covel – Janice, Cyndi, Jon and Greg Covel  
 In memory of his aunt, Lorene Tunila – Marc and Roslyn Jones  
 In memory of her daughter, Julie Kanel, and her mother-in-law, Clare Kanel – Anita Kanel  
 In memory of his wife, Janet Baker, and his relatives Jacob Kersher, Charles Kober and Sarah and Lena Kershner – Leonard Baker  
 In memory of her mother, Judy Menson – Betsy Menson and Family  
 In memory of John McAvoy, father of Virginia Blumenthal – Joan Pasternak  
 In memory of Bernd Magnus, husband of Lore Magnus – Bernie and Mona Katz  
 In memory of Boyd Briskin, husband of Sylvia Briskin – Bernie and Mona Katz  
 In memory of Christine Martin Perlstein, daughter-in-law of Linda Ramek and sister-in-law of Adam and Aimee Perlstein – Bernie and Mona Katz  
 In wishing a speedy recovery to Al Hallac – Bernie and Mona Katz  
 In memory of his father, Samuel Elkin – Eugene Elkin  
 In wishing a speedy recovery to Craig Stone – Werner and Suzanne Coppel

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND:**

In honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Robert Jaspan – Max and Susan Tenenbaum  
 In memory of his aunt, Lily Hochman – Max and Susan Tenenbaum  
 In honor of Rabbi Singer's Birthday – Max and Susan Tenenbaum  
 In honor of Regina Richards' Birthday – Felice Pope

In wishing Mazel Tov to Marc and Roslyn Jones, on the marriage of their daughter, Maurissa Jones,  
to John Rundell – Werner and Suzanne Coppel  
In honor of Ilene Stein – Lori Rich and the Rich Family  
In memory of his father, Maxwell Haus – Alex and Joyce Haus

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:**

In honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Robert Jaspan – Rabbi Suzanne Singer and Jordan Lund  
In honor of the birth of Ellie-May Goldware-Burns, daughter of Rebecca Goldware and Larry Burns  
and granddaughter of Michael and Donna Goldware – Arnie and Ruth Geller  
In wishing a speedy recovery to Jim Anderson – Werner and Suzanne Coppel  
In memory of Judy Menson – Werner and Suzanne Coppel  
In honor of the birthday of her niece, Romy Reiner – Rabbi Suzanne Singer and Jordan Lund  
In honor of Temple Beth El – Kevin and Margie Akin

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:**

In thanking Ilene Stein for leading the shiva minyan service in memory of his brother, David Elkin –  
Eugene Elkin  
In memory of David Elkin, brother of Eugene Elkin – Marilyn Schechtman  
In memory of Bernd Magnus, husband of Lore Magnus – Larry and Sally Loeb  
In memory of Sidney Cohen, uncle of Karen Youngerman – The Sidney Cohen Family  
In honor of Rabbi Singer's Birthday – Felice Pope  
In honor of the birth of Ellie-May Goldware-Burns, daughter of Rebecca Goldware and Larry Burns  
and granddaughter of Michael and Donna Goldware – Sylvia Briskin; Werner and Suzanne  
Coppel  
In memory of Hannah Miller, mother of Sally Loeb – Werner and Suzanne Coppel  
In memory of his grandfather, Wolf Hurwitz – Walter and Cheryl Marcus  
In memory of his brother, Chester Doktor – Robert and Michiko Doktor  
In thanking Rabbi Singer – Richard and Kathi Ettelson  
In memory of his wife, Audrey Diskin and his father, Samuel Diskin – Lester Diskin  
In memory of Christine Miller, wife of his nephew Jim Miller and mother of Jack Miller – Larry and  
Martha Miller  
In honor of the engagement of their grand-nephew, Joshua Miller – Larry and Martha Miller  
In memory of her mother-in-law, Sadie Marks – Alice Marks  
In memory of her sister, Esther Sussman – Helen Gropen

**RABBI'S TAMID FUND:**

In memory of her husband, Samuel Landis – Ruth Landis

**RAE KUSTNER CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FUND:**

In memory of their mother-in-law and grandmother, Lillian Sokolsky – Sally-Ann and Andrew  
Sokolsky  
In honor of the birth of Sloane Seidman – Sally-Ann Sokolsky



**CHOIR FUND:**

In memory of her father, Jacob Maurice Hepps – Selma Kardos  
In memory of her brother-in-law, Howard Harris – Selma Kardos

**SOCIAL ACTION FUND:**

In memory of Bernd Magnus, husband of Lore Magnus – Dan and Leila Price  
In wishing a speedy recovery to Werner Coppel – Dan and Leila Price  
In memory of David Elkin, brother of Eugene Elkin – Lynn Lipscomb; Dan and Leila Price  
In wishing Mazel Tov to Jason and Anna Winston, new grandparents of Roxanne Elizabeth Griffin,  
daughter of Jackson and Vanessa Griffin – Lynn Lipscomb  
In honor of Carolee Jaspan, Ilene Stein, Lynn Yarmoff and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for their  
dedication to TBE – Bob and Adrienne Gillis  
In honor of the birth of Ellie-May Goldware-Burns, daughter of Rebeccah Goldware and Larry Burns  
and granddaughter of Michael and Donna Goldware – Dan and Leila Price

**THE PRAYERBOOK FUND:**

In memory of Temple Member and Friend Boyd Briskin, Sidney Cohen and Ed and Irene Rubin –  
The TBE Senior Chavurah

**FLOWER FUND:**

In memory of Hal Herman – Selma Kardos

**DONATIONS:**

Thank you to the TBE Senior Chavarah for the donation of prayer books in memory of Boyd Briskin,  
Sidney Cohen and Ed and Irene Rubin.

**SISTERHOOD:**

In memory of her grandparents, Abraham and Bernice Kleinwaks – Rod and Lori Rich and Family  
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**Tree of Life Leaves**

In Honor Of  
**SUSAN TENENBAUM**  
The Gertrude Bauman  
Woman of Valor Award  
February 13, 2015

**SANDY TARMO**  
Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Love,  
Your Temple Friends  
January 2015

Celebrating  
The Birth Of  
**ELLIE MAY GOLDWARE-BURNS**  
December 1, 2014

40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
**MIKE & DONNA GOLDWARE**  
April 6, 2015

In Honor Of The  
Wedding Of  
**AMY GOLDWARE AND  
PJ BROWNRIGG**  
April 25, 2004

On The Birth Of  
**EMMA BROWNRIGG**  
August 25, 2005

On The Birth Of  
**NICKY BROWNRIGG**  
July 7, 2007

On The Birth Of  
**JACK BROWNRIGG**  
August 18, 2010

On The Birth Of  
**GRACIE ROSE LAMARRE**  
May 31, 2013

On The Birth Of  
**RUBY JAMES LAMARRE**  
December 30, 2014

**DAVID GOLDWARE**

**JUNE GOLDWARE**

In Honor Of The  
Wedding Of  
**REBCCA GOLDWARE AND  
LARRY BURNS**  
November 19, 2011