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A Note From Rabbi Braun



Dear Friends,

Given all that has gone on in my life since November, it's hard to know where to begin my thoughts. Originally, of course, I wanted to update you on a fabulous sabbatical. I visited my family in California, participated in intense and fulfilling Torah studies in New York City, attended services in different cities, received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the Jewish Theological Seminary. I slept and thought and appreciated every minute. I want to thank each and every one of you for allowing me this time to renew and restore; for participating, filling in and stepping up in my absence. Our congregation is blessed with kind, generous and knowledgeable members, and friends who care. Thank you.

Yet, the death of my father has clearly occupied my soul in the weeks since his passing. For me, my family and our friends, his loss has left a profound absence in our world. Many of you knew my father (and some may have known my mother as well) and therefore know what a great soul he was. I have walked with many of you as you've taken this same journey. After my Mom's death in 2001 I understood your pain a little more. Each death and each funeral I have had the privilege to perform has brought its own feeling of pain and loss to me; but I have known that my feelings can't compare to yours. I have hoped that through our conversations, through our rituals and through our hugs, I could relieve even a little bit of your grief. This one, though, is mine; it's my turn. From the bottom of my soul, I thank all of you for your beautiful thoughts, donations, memories, offers of help, phone calls, and cards. Each expression has been incredibly meaningful to me and, indeed, relieves a bit of the pain. I've been reading your cards slowly, and savoring your advice. Thank you. Collectively and individually, you have been my rabbi and I am so grateful.

My Dad died the day before erev Pesach (some day, I will tell you about the intricacies of Jewish law surrounding holidays, which were only compounded by the laws of New York City). The original plan was for a wonderful weekend in New York and then to come back to Portland for the sederim. Of course that did not happen and my family and I were left to 'celebrate' the holiday barely prepared, and in a state of shock. My sister managed to put out the major components of the seder, and we told a story - mostly of affliction with the hope of redemption. It was not the Pesach I had hoped for, but I have to hand it to my sister and brother in law for making it the best it could be. My real insight, though, came at the beginning of the chag, at candlelighting. As it was getting time to light, I was still on the phone with the funeral home, trying to get my Dad back to California as soon as possible. California time is three hours earlier, so the Funeral Director (who was great) felt no hurry to finish our business. I hung up the phone and began to light the candles. At the first word, baruch, "praised," I was stopped in my path. How could I praise God for the holiday? What did it mean to bless or praise God when my life was so disrupted and shattered? Yet I continued, stuttering through my tears.

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TEMPLE BETH EL'S MISSION

Our vision is to be an embracing, supportive and vibrant community which observes Judaism in the Conservative tradition and which is devoted to the perpetuation of Jewish values and culture. Temple Beth El honors the diversity of its members and is committed to their spiritual growth.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

All are welcome.

Monday through Friday	6:50 am
Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat service	5:30 pm
Saturday (Shabbat) and Jewish holidays	9:30 am
Sunday	9:00 am
Secular holidays	8:30 am

OFFICE HOURS	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2016 - 2017
Monday: closed	Joan Levy, President
Tuesday - Thursday: 9 am - 5 pm	Jodi Freedman, Vice President
Friday: 9 am - 3 pm	Irwin Gratz, Treasurer
Sunday (During KBE): 9 am - 12 pm	Jon Gelchinsky, Secretary

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Sharon Craig	Joy Krinsky
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Carolyn Turcio-Gilman	Vilean Taggersell
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Our Staff:

- Rabbi Carolyn Braun
- Kate Shalvoy, *Congregational Director*
- Abby Halpern, *Director of Kadima Beth El Religious School Program*
- Daniel Heinrich, *Administrative Coordinator*
- Sherri Quint, *Controller & Cemetery Director*
- Bob Bradbury & Chris Thoits, *Custodian*



Rabbi Emeritus - Harry Z. Sky, D.D.
Cantor Emeritus - Kurt Messerschmidt



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Then the next prayer... "shehechyanu..." had a timely funeral, and sat shiva in a timely manner. Of course we would probably still feel as sad as we do now - which is another way that life is sustained. My Dad always said that we are alive as long as someone remembers us and as long as our actions reflect the best aspects of those we remember. My Dad was a great guy. He loved life and we loved him. His memory will be for a blessing. Still, the loss is difficult.

Again, thank you so much for your patience and your messages of condolence.

... shehechyanu, v'kiyamanu, v'higiyanu lazman hazeh... Praised are You, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this day...

-Rabbi Braun

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President's Message



Security has been on all of our minds lately and maintaining Temple Beth El as a safe and comfortable home is a priority for TBE's leadership. We have established a Security Task Force comprised of representatives from TBE, Levey Day School and Congregation Shaarey Tphiloh. As neighbors who share Temple Beth El's building, this task force is directed toward aligning and enhancing our collective security protocols, and evaluating projects to help enhance our security infrastructure. We are also working with local law enforcement as well as independent consultants to develop a systematic and sustainable approach to security planning and training. We will continue this work in consultation with other local organizations and will keep you informed of our progress. One important way that you can help our efforts is to participate in TBE's 2nd Annual Comedy Night and Fundraiser on June 15th. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward enhancing security. By attending, helping solicit silent auction donations, sponsoring the event, or purchasing a program ad, you will be making a substantive contribution to making Temple Beth El safer for all of us.

The past few months have also been an exciting period of growth at Beth El! If you visit during the day you are likely to meet Daniel Heinrich who will greet you at our front desk and tell you about all that is happening at TBE. You may smell the challah baking in our ovens and be tempted to take some home from our Pop-Up Challah Shop. The office has a vibrant and friendly atmosphere with new ideas percolating all the time. Kate Shalvoy and Abby Halpern have taken key roles exceeding our expectations with their leadership and creativity. In March, our newly minted PhD. recipient, Rabbi Braun, returned from her four-month sabbatical. With her return, Rabbi Braun joins Kate, Daniel, Abby, and Sherri who have all been working closely with board members to produce and maintain religious offerings and programming, and establish priorities moving forward.

Additionally, we've taken several measures to make our building more energy efficient thanks to the generous contribution of a long-time member. We will all benefit from having a more consistent environment, our budget will benefit from the energy savings and the environment will benefit from our actions. The donors, who wish to remain anonymous, made their gift to get us started in making these changes. We thank them for their generosity and would welcome any additional donations.

On the board level we continue to look at our core values and try and determine what people are looking for and how we can be relevant to our community members. Our goals are to offer programming and support causes that maintain our values and improve the quality of people's lives. As we proceed, we will continue to ask for your input. We are always eager to hear from you.

Temple Beth El is OUR congregation, and our community. Come by to welcome Shabbat with us, to learn, to laugh, to share and to participate in programs with friends.

TBE is here for you.

Joan Levy, President and Executive Committee

As a lifelong member, a long-time board member and a passionate leader, Joan exemplifies the greatest parts of the TBE community. Her passion for this community is rivaled only by her passion for food and cooking with her family at their home in Falmouth. Joan and Larry have 3 children: Rachel, Samantha and Noah; and two Goldendoodles: Oscar and Sadie.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT TOM BERMAN



For decades, Temple Beth El has been incredibly fortunate to call Tom and Margie Berman members. Their contributions to the TBE community over the years could fill this entire newsletter, but a short list includes single-handedly managing all of TBE's IT needs, serving on the House Committee, helping to coordinate the Shalach Manot project, regularly leading services, Brotherhood membership, and handling AV for TBE events.

Since retiring from a 35 year career with the National Weather Service in 2009, Tom remains busy davening with various minyanim, helping out at the temple, skiing, cycling, and volunteering with Trek Across Maine. Margie can be found taking ballet and yoga classes, or crushing pins on the "A League of Our Own" bowling team. He and Margie have two children, Lisa and Mike. Lisa teaches at both Deering High School and our own KBE, and plays the flute in the Maine Pops Concert Band. Mike lives with his wife in Tampa, FL where he is an accountant with a health insurance firm. On March 20th, Tom and Margie celebrated 40 years of marriage.

Yasher koach to the Bermans for playing such an important role in making our community a great one.

RITUAL LIFE

Upcoming Holidays

Yom HaZikaron: Sunday, April 30 - Monday, May 1
Israeli Memorial Day celebrating the Fallen Soldiers of Israel and the Victims of Terrorism marked yearly by the sounding of a siren.

Yom Ha'atzmaut: Monday, May 1 - Tuesday, May 2
Israeli Independence Day commemorating the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. This year will be Israel's 69th birthday.

Lag B'Omer: Saturday, May 13 - Sunday, May 14
One reason given for the holiday is the day of passing of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai. Modern Jewish tradition links the holiday to the Bar Kokhba Revolt against the Roman Empire (132-135 CE). In Israel, it is celebrated as a symbol for the fighting Jewish spirit.

Yom Yerushalayim: Tues., May 23 - Wed., May 24
The Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in June 1967.

Rosh Chodesh Sivan: Thurs., May 25 - Fri., May 26
Shavuot: Wednesday, May 31 - Thursday, June 1
Shavuot commemorates the anniversary of the day God gave the Torah to the entire Israelite nation assembled at Mount Sinai, although the association between the giving of the Torah (Matan Torah) and Shavuot is not explicit in the Biblical text. The holiday is one of the Shalosh Regalim, the three Biblical pilgrimage festivals. It marks the conclusion of the Counting of the Omer.

Rosh Chodesh Tamuz: Fri., June 23 - Sat., June 24

Tzom Tammuz: Tues. July 11 - Wed. July 12
a Jewish fast day commemorating the breach of the walls of Jerusalem before the destruction of the Second Temple.

Rosh Chodesh Av: Sun., July 23 - Mon., July 24

Shabbat Chazon: Fri., July 28 - Sat., July 29
takes its name from the Haftarah that is read on the Shabbat immediately prior to the mournful fast of Tisha B'Av, from the

words of rebuke and doom coming from Isaiah in the Book of Isaiah 1:1-27. It is also referred to as the Black Sabbath due to its status as the saddest Shabbat of the year.

Tisha B'av: Mon., July 31 - Tues., August 1
is an annual fast day, named for the ninth day (Tisha) of the month of Av. The fast commemorates the destruction of both the First Temple and Second Temple in Jerusalem, which occurred about 655 years apart, but on the same Hebrew calendar date.

Shabbat Nechamu: Fri., August 4 - Sat., August 5
takes its name from the haftarah from Isaiah in the Book of Isaiah 40:1-26 that speaks of "comforting" the Jewish people for their suffering. It is the first of seven haftarahs of consolation leading up to the holiday of Rosh Hashanah.

Tu B'av: Sun., August 6 - Mon., August 7
In modern-day Israel, it is celebrated as a holiday of love similar to Valentine's Day. It has been said to be a "great day for weddings".

At Your Service

Ask Your Questions. Find Deeper Meaning.

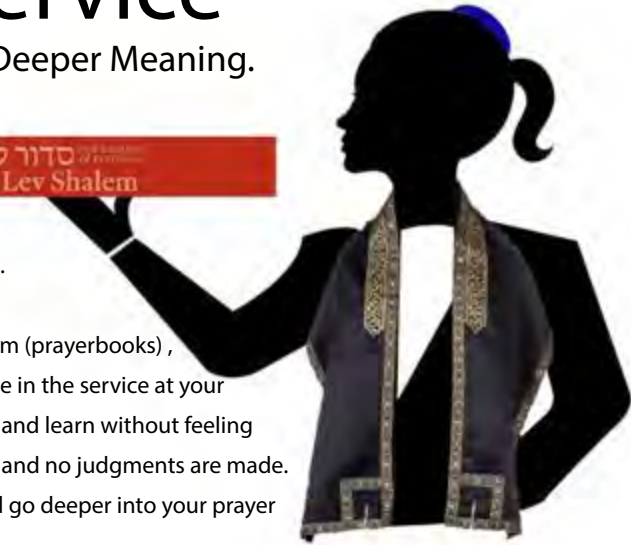
Together.

Have you thought of coming to services but because you don't feel confident, you decide to try it "later?" Do you feel like everyone but you "knows what they are doing?" Do you worry that you'll "look stupid?"

While we'd like to think of our services as non-intimidating, not everyone agrees.

So... the Ritual Committee is beginning a new initiative, called "At Your Service."

When you walk into the social hall/small chapel, you will see a table with siddurim (prayerbooks), reading materials and a congregant/mentor who is eager to help you participate in the service at your own pace. The At Your Service table will be a place where you can ask questions and learn without feeling like you are disturbing anyone. No question is dumb, no experience is assumed, and no judgments are made. There is no age nor religious requirement – only a desire to feel comfortable and go deeper into your prayer experience.



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L'Tapel

House Committee

For several years, the House Committee has been vital in keeping our building running. From preventive maintenance, to special projects and offering key advice on building repairs and vendors, TBE depends on the House Committee. If you like working with your hands or have some facilities know-how, contact the office or one of the HC's two co-chairs (Gil Dichter and Gregg Garson) to offer your help for one of their upcoming projects.

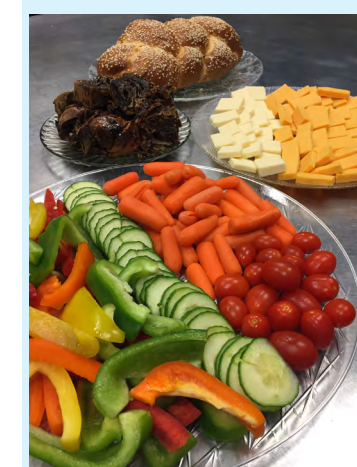
Revitalizing Yad I'Yad at TBE

Yad I'yad is going through some changes this year! Yad I'yad (in Hebrew, hand to hand), has traditionally been TBE's caring committee. Committee members have provided support to countless members in moments of both sorrow and celebration, and we feel that everyone in our community should have the opportunity to both give and receive this kind of support. As such, the yad I'yad committee is expanding to become the Yad I'Yad Network. This spring, all TBE members will receive a call from a board member to explain this new initiative and ask for your participation.

If you or someone you know could use a helping hand or caring voice, please route all requests for yad I'yad services to the TBE office.

TBE has a new Facilities Manager!

Please welcome Facilities Manager, Terry Lambert. Terry ran successful handyman and cleaning businesses in Texas before moving up to Maine with his wife last year. He brings a wealth of experience in building management, construction, kitchen management, and event logistics. He has also done extensive building repair and improvement projects for his synagogue in Texas, and we look forward to utilizing his skills and experience here at TBE.



Kiddush Krew

Led by Sara Kahn-Troster, the Kiddush Krew is an all volunteer group who monitors supplies, formulates shopping lists, purchases groceries, and prepares the beautiful spreads that we and Shaarey Tphiloh enjoy after services every weekend. They do an amazing service for the temple and we are all very fortunate to benefit from this impressive group effort. Contact the office or Sara directly to learn how to get involved.

\$25k Donation to Make TBE More Energy Efficient

Last fall TBE received an anonymous donation from a long-time member to help reduce our carbon footprint and save on the temple's energy bills in the long term. With this incredibly generous donation, Temple Beth El has sealed cracks and gaps in its building 'envelope', improved our HVAC system, and will be replacing our last remaining single pane windows. A sincere todah rabah for offering this amazing gift.

Cohen Foundation Grant for IT and Security Upgrades

Todah rabah to Sherri Quint and Tom Berman for writing a successful grant to upgrade TBE's IT and security systems. As a result, 4 out of our 5 staff members received new computers, new software, and Tom was able to make other important upgrades to our network. A portion of the grant funds will be combined with proceeds from our 2nd Annual Comedy Night and Silent Auction fundraiser to make key enhancements to our security infrastructure.

In Hebrew, l'tapel means to care. As a community, these are some of the ways that we come together to take care of our space and each other.

BAT MITZVAH

Kaia Isajar

Weekend of May 26-27



Kaia Isajar Bat Mitzvah

Kaia is a freshman at Deering High School this year. Her favorite subjects so far are art, math and science. After school, Kaia can be found either playing soccer during the fall, or running track - indoor and outdoor - in the winter and spring months. Summers are spent at Center Day Camp, where she is excited to be a C.I.T. this year.

Kaia was a JCA Preschool graduate and attended Levey Day School as well. She remembers with fondness her teachers at Levey and credits her experiences there as a fundamental reason why she is at Temple Beth El, and ready to become a Bat Mitzvah. She would like to thank Abby Halpern and Rabbi Braun for their patience, senses of humor, support and guidance in making this meaningful moment happen!

We look forward to sharing this simcha with the Beth El community. ■

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Summer Anniversaries

MAY

- 8 Ben Marcus and Anita Bernhardt
- 12 Burt and Barbara Epstein
- 25 Leticia Huttman and Rhett Huttman
- 26 Eli and Katie Small
- 29 David and Nancy Brenerman
- 29 Jeff and Becca Howes
- 30 Matt and Lynn Goldfarb
- 30 Michael and Linda Jacobson
- 30 Jerry and Phyllis Rosen

JUNE

- 5 Myron and Ilene Berman
- 5 Harvey and Kathy Silverman
- 6 Ron and Gaye Blumenthal
- 9 Michael and Thea Greene
- 9 Mickey Haas, Jr. and Sheryl Haas
- 9 David and Elaine Lewis
- 9 Linwood and Judy Small
- 14 Brian and Connie Goldberg
- 15 Jon Gelchinsky and Tara Gingerich
- 15 Norm and Judy Wilson
- 16 Jon and Amy Brier
- 17 Lenny and Merle Nelson
- 17 Ernie and Toby Wallach
- 18 Harvey and Carole Cole
- 18 Harold and Peggy Osher
- 19 Mark and Norma Filler
- 19 Barry and Lori Saltz
- 22 Harold Millman and Miriam Remar Millman
- 23 Bernie and Marlene Cohen
- 23 Dan and Phyllis Dunitz
- 24 Joe and Debbie Bornstein
- 24 Jerry and Sue Gordon
- 25 Jim and Bonnie Klein
- 26 Jon and Jodi Freedman
- 26 Alan and Geri Hirsch
- 27 Allan and Cheryl Alterman
- 27 Stan and Judy Elowitch
- 27 Stephen and Lisa Schiffman
- 30 Stephen and Francine Blattner

JULY

- 1 Steve and Cindy Lerman
- 3 Jim and Joanie Cohen
- 3 Stu and Carol Gilbert

JULY (Cont'd)

- 3 Jonathan and Ellen Handelman
- 3 Stan and Sherrie Schatz
- 4 Alan and Betsy Levenson
- 5 Ivan and Sue Most
- 6 Irwin Gratz and Bonny Rodden
- 8 Michael and Hedy Cohen
- 17 Jeff and Abby Halpern
- 18 Tommy and Sarah Darhower
- 19 Joseph Herszkopf and Carmela Soto
- 19 Bob and Judy Rosen
- 20 Martin and Patricia Finkelstein
- 21 Scott and Yoon Cohen
- 22 John and Deborah Barlock
- 28 David Freidenreich & Sara Kahn Troster
- 31 Phillip Reynolds and Shelley Meyerheim Reynolds

AUGUST

- 1 Armand Lucier and Rachelle Mack
- 2 Dan and Judy Gatchell
- 7 Andrew and Sabrina Novick
- 8 Karl Schatz and Margaret Hathaway
- 10 Gary and Margie Goldberg
- 11 Jim and Faith Elowitch
- 14 Justin and Rachael Alfond
- 15 Paul and Susan Korobkin
- 16 Dick and Adele Aronson
- 16 Fred and Karen Farber
- 16 Ron Kreisman & Roberta de Araujo
- 16 Mason and Sarah Legendre
- 16 George and Nancy Marcus
- 16 Richard and Nadine Weinberg
- 17 Kelley and Shari Brinkman Young
- 17 Jon and Susan Young
- 19 Douglas and Gail Volk
- 20 Gil and Barbara Dichter
- 20 Joshua and Luchy Filler
- 20 Jerry and Susan Goldberg
- 22 David Kemmerer and Joy Krinsky
- 23 Sam and Bette Novick
- 23 Elliott Wincele and Olivia Solodar
- 25 Michael and Barbara Peisner
- 27 Mark and Kathy Aranson
- 27 Geoff and Karen Hindall
- 28 Frederick and Jenny Aronson
- 29 Robert Levine and Vilean Taggersell
- 31 Geoffrey and Harriet Rice
- 31 David and Beth Strassler

TIKKUN OLAM

About a year ago, members of Portland's Jewish community came together to talk about how to turn our values into action to help some of the most vulnerable people in our community: asylum-seekers who have fled life-threatening conditions in their home countries in search of a safe place to live and work. In response, a grassroots organization called Welcoming the Stranger was formed to help develop friendships between locals and asylum-seekers. We urge those not already involved to join Temple Beth El members in this important work by becoming a mentor yourself, by offering yourself as a resource for occasional support to a mentor, or by making a donation to Welcoming the Stranger. To get involved, contact Jill Epstein at welcomingthestrangerportland@gmail.com.



Below: Tikkun Olam Committee Chair, Carolyn Turcio-Gilman with her mentee, Ange Marie at April's Welcoming the Stranger Potluck.

A note from Tikkun Olam Committee Chair, Carolyn Turcio-Gilman

It was a warm day in August when I first met Ange Marie outside of one of the offices of Opportunity Alliance. We took to each other immediately, giving each other big hugs. I was partnered with her via Welcoming the Stranger (WTS), an effort founded by several persons at Bet Ha'am and Temple Beth El for the purpose of supporting asylum seekers in the greater Portland area. My first goal was to help her improve her skills in English.

Ange was born and raised in Bujumbura, the largest city in Burundi. She was married and had a good job as a buyer for a large firm. The job required her to travel throughout Africa, Europe and Asia. She had a car and owned her own home. All was going well until the dissension between Hutus and Tutsis heated up, just as it had in Rwanda. She saw her brother and his wife killed and consequently adopted his two children. Things got even worse, and she finally managed to get to the United States in 2011 with her adopted daughter. But it has been rough going. It was quite a come down in her life style.

Ange speaks French, Kirundi and Swahili, but is struggling with English. It's a difficult language to learn, especially when you're middle-aged and traumatized, but she keeps at it. I speak a little French, enough so that we can communicate, sort of. We have to work at it, but are very willing to try. Our activities vary from helping her with her ESL (English as a Second Language) homework to taking her grocery shopping or to a doctor's appointment. We even managed to get her a job working at Goodwill. At first it was a part time job, but she has been there 3 months and she's done well. They have just hired her full time.

A couple of months ago there was a potluck dinner for WTS mentors and mentees which Ange and I went to. On the way home, she showed me a note that she had intended to read to the group, had the opportunity arisen. She thanked me for helping her in many ways, and said that I was her sister. I cried. I think that knowing that you have helped a deserving person down on their luck is one of the greatest joys you can have. •



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The Second Annual Night of Comedy & Silent Auction

June 15th, 2017 5:30 PM

Hors D'oeuvres - Cash Bar - Ages 16+

Tickets: \$36/ea or in tables of 8 or 10

RSVP by June 7th - seats are limited

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- Steve and Chichi Levine
in Memory of Esther Wiener
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in Memory of William Webber
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in Memory of Selma Gottschalk
in Memory of Arthur Gottschalk
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in Memory of Adele Mack
Speedy Recovery Chichi Levine
- Jerry and Susan Goldberg
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in Memory of Saul Goldberg
Speedy Recovery Rick Finberg
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in Memory of Greg Shapiro
in Memory of Adele Mack
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Temple Beth El is excited to announce our 2nd Annual Night of Comedy & Silent Auction, starring nationally acclaimed comedian Juston McKinney to raise money for security enhancements to our synagogue and school wing. Last year, our Night of Comedy fundraiser drew a sold out crowd of 200 people who raised over \$13,000 through ticket sales, silent auction purchases, and sponsorship to benefit Temple Beth El's Hebrew School. This year, the disappointing spike in anti-Semitic crimes around the country has led us to turn our attention toward security. Temple Beth El is a vital center of Jewish life in Portland, serving 275 member families and home to both the Levey Day School and Congregation Shaarey Tphiloh. By sponsoring this event, you or your organization's contribution will go directly toward projects that TBE's leaders and security experts have determined to be of critical need to our security infrastructure. We can't thank you enough for your support.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PRESENTING SPONSOR - \$2500

This sponsor name is listed as "presenting" the event on all event signage, posters, silent auction bid cards (given to every attendee), advertisements, and the event banner on Temple Beth El's website.

Additional benefits include:

- 8' x 2.5' physical banner, prominently displayed at the event
- Full page color ad in program booklet
- Reserved table for 10 at the event
- VIP Meet & Greet and photo opportunity with Juston McKinney prior to the show

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Opportunity to sponsor the total cost of the talent for this event! Plus:

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SECURITY SPONSOR - \$1500

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Provide the delicious food and refreshments for the fundraiser. Benefits include:

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Condolences

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Ernest C. Sturman, who passed away on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 in Portland at the age of 96. Ernie was born in 1920 in Boston, Massachusetts to Louis and Madeline Sturman. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his older brother, Irving.

Ernie will be sadly missed by his wife of 74 years, Diana Sturman, his children; Mark (wife Kathy), Paul (wife Janet), Anita (husband Rick Romanow), Andy (wife Denise). Ernie was a wonderful grandfather and loved deeply by eight grandchildren, two step grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Alvin Jolovitz, who passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2016 in Portland at the age of 95. Alvin was born in 1921 in Winslow, Maine to Sarah and Barnet Jolovitz. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Sylvia Jolovitz, his sister, Loretta Sandler and his brother, Lester Jolovitz.

Alvin will be sadly missed by his nieces, Elaine Sandler, Leslie Edwards, and Deborah Barlock and their families as well as several cousins.

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Saul Goldberg, who passed away on January 14, 2017. Saul was the son of the late Myer and Esther Goldberg. In addition to his parents, Saul was pre-deceased by his wife, Susan 'Soozie' Goldberg.

He will be sadly missed by his son Lee Goldberg and his wife, Karen, daughter Stacey Goldberg-Doyle and her husband, Paul, sister Marjorie Goldberg, grandchildren Tyler Goldberg, Cameron Goldberg, Grace Goldberg-Doyle, Connor Goldberg, Sophia Goldberg-Doyle, Liam Goldberg, Maya Goldberg, and Gannon Goldberg. Saul will also be missed by Lee and Stacey's mother and his closest confidant, Judy Rosen.

Our sincerest condolences to Pat Davidson Reef on the passing of her grandson, Adam N. Berkowitz on Saturday, January 7, 2017 in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 26. Adam will be sadly missed by his parents, Eli and Heidi (Reef) Berkowitz; siblings Courtney Cagliostro and her husband Vincent and Toby Berkowitz; grandparents Norman Reef and Pat (Davidson) Reef and Miriam Berkowitz; aunt Grace Reef; uncles Ralph Berkowitz and David Berkowitz and his wife Gail; niece Juliette Cagliostro;

and cousins Megan, Jamie, and Ryan Green and Sara and Elise Berkowitz.

Our sincerest condolences to Dana Robbins and Steve Gleit on the passing of Dana's mother, Robin Buxton on January 13, 2017 in Redwood City, California.

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Muriel Kodis Branz, who passed away on February 3, 2017 at the age of 91 in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. Muriel was born in Portland, Maine in 1925 to the late Isaac Kodis and Alice E. Modes. In addition to her parents, Muriel was pre-deceased by her husband of 59 years, Brewster, and by three older brothers, Ralph, Milton and Sidney Kodis.

She will be missed by her son Stephen Branz and his wife, Emily Young of Palo Alto, CA, her son Andrew and his wife, Nancy Branz of Hopkinton, MA and her son Howard Branz and his wife, Carol Navsky, of Boulder, CO. She delighted in all seven of her grandchildren: Heidi Branz-Hernandez of Half Moon Bay, CA, Toby Branz of San Francisco, CA, Naomi Branz of Santa Cruz, CA, Jeffrey and Sarah Branz of Boston, MA, Mikayla Branz of Los Angeles CA and Ariel Branz of Jamaica Plain, MA. In her last months, Muriel enjoyed photos of her newborn great-granddaughter, Sierra Ray Branz-Hernandez.

Our sincerest condolences to Arthur and Fran Jacobson on the passing of Arthur's sister, Lois Barr on February 3, 2017 at the age of 88 in Auburn, Maine. Lois is survived by her beloved husband Benjamin, her sons and daughters-in-law Peter & Connie Barr of Portland, Larry & Vicki Barr of Dallas, Michael & Juliet Barr of Ramsey, NJ, and Adam & Sherri Barr of Los Angeles, as well as eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, her sister Sara Jean, and brothers Ronald, Harvey, and Arthur.

Our sincerest condolences to Jordan and Kendra Klein on the passing of Kendra's mother, Carol Lynn Collins on January 21, 2017 at the age of 60 in Roswell, Georgia. Carol was pre-deceased by her father, John Antonakas and is survived by her mother, Marilyn Antonakas, her sister, Cathy Antonakas, and brother and sister-in-law, John and Gail Antonakas.

She is also survived by her three children and their families: daughter and son-in-law, Kendra and Jordan Klein of Falmouth and children, Madelyn and Eloise; daughter

and son-in-law, Alicia and Jeff Watson and children, Seth, Kadence and Paisley; son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Michelle Collins and children, Cassidy, Cameron and Crystal.

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Gregory Shapiro who passed away on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in Palm City, Florida at the age of 75. Greg was born on May 29, 1941 in Portland, Maine to Bernard David and Freda (Klayman) Shapiro. In addition to his parents, Greg was predeceased by his younger brother, Howard Shapiro.

Greg will be sadly missed by his loving wife of 50 years, Tanya of Palm City, Florida, his three children: Jaime Shapiro Berg and her husband Jonathan Berg of Portland, Adam Joshua Shapiro and his wife Jennifer Shapiro of Falmouth and Jill Ellen Shapiro of Portland, four beloved grandchildren: Anna Ruby Shapiro, Sofia Lila Shapiro, Bennett William Berg and Jonah Carswell-Shapiro, sisters-in-law: Dianne Williams Shapiro, Rhoda and her husband Gerry Green as well as many beloved nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Our sincerest condolences to Steven Maier on the passing of his mother, Carole M. Maier on April 8, 2017 at the age of 78 in Columbus, Ohio.

Carole will be sadly missed by her husband of 58 years, Manfred Maier, her son Steven G. Maier, daughter, Lori M. Wishne and grandchildren, Juliana and Barri Wishne.

Graveside services were held on Monday, April 10th at 12:00pm at the New Agudas Achim Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Bob Braun, Rabbi Braun's father, died in New York City Sunday, April 9th after a wonderful day at the Metropolitan Opera (La Traviata), his customary evening drink (a Manhattan, at the Algonquin) and a wonderful Italian dinner. He died surrounded by his adoring family and the New Orleans Jazz that he loved. He will be sorely missed by many.

The funeral and shiva was held in San Mateo, California. Loving wishes may be sent to Rabbi Braun's home at 51 Runnells St. Portland, ME 04103.

**Zichronam L'vracha -
May their lives be for a blessing**

BAT MITZVAH Saffron Labos Weekend of June 16-17



Saffron Simha Labos daughter of Stephanie Madore and Allan Labos will be celebrating her Bat-Mitzvah on June 16-17.

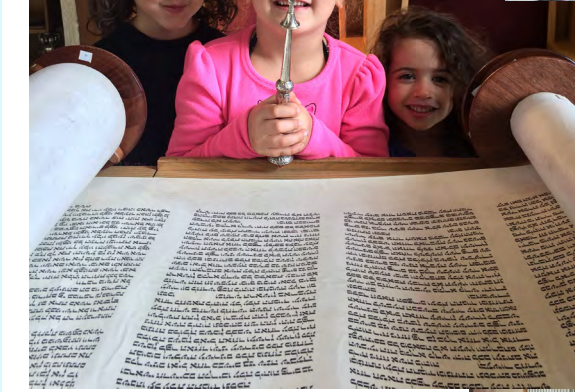
Saffron is in 7th grade at Freeport Middle School. One of her many passions is art. As a 5th grader, Saffron's artwork was selected by her art teacher to represent her school at the Portland Museum of Art, during a month long exhibit.

At home Saffron continues to work on her art projects, is an avid reader, collects artifacts she finds in the woods near her house, likes to ride her bike and, along with her younger sister Violet, enjoys playing with and walking their energetic one year old Dalmatian.

Saffron has been preparing and studying under the tutelage of Abigail Halpern and attending Shabbat services regularly throughout the school year. Sh'lach will be her Parasha reading.

Many thanks and appreciation to the Kadima Beth El team, our Rabbi and the Beth El community. Saffron and family hope you can all join us in celebrating this right of passage during the morning Shabbat service. ■

Right: PreK-2nd grade students made decorations for the High Holiday Tent.
Right and Down We had a mobile sukkah and Pizza in the Hut.
Below The PreK-K class learned about the Torah for Simchat Torah.



Above: Morah Abby's class asked Chanukah trivia questions at the community Chanukah party.
Left: Morah Jodi's class made sufganiyot.

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Inspiring Jewish education

5777 Year in Review

We have had an enormously fun and productive year at KBE. Your teachers and I have enjoyed seeing the students grow and learn over the course of the year. From reading Hebrew prayers to discussing Jewish holidays and values, your students are gaining tools that will help them lead meaningful lives. According to our tradition, the world stands on three things: Torah, Avodah (prayer service), and acts of loving-kindness. When students learn these things, they will have a solid foundation to build on for the future. Thank you to our parents for your commitment to Jewish education, which is made concrete by bringing your children every week.

In addition to our regularly scheduled classes and holiday events, this year we had two outstanding, well-attended programs that I would like to draw your attention to. On a Saturday night in January, KBE hosted a community havdalah and pizza night, which was attended by approximately fifty people. The kids rolled their own beeswax havdalah candles and made besamim (spice) sachets. At the end, they each took home a "havdalah kit" with the supplies to do the ceremony in their own homes. In March, we had a very successful Shabbat Halaila event. The students in 3rd-6th grades were assigned individual parts to lead. Over 75% of the students in grades 3-6 attended, and they led the whole service. Kol Hakavod! Afterward we had Shabbat dinner together and enjoyed the sense of community. Please be sure to check out our year in review through photos on the next page.

The first day of school next year is Sunday, September 10. Registration for next year will begin at the end of May.

On a personal note, I want to say that I have been thrilled with the warm reception the students and parents have provided me in my first year as KBE director. All beginnings are hard, but your efforts have made the hard work worthwhile.

Our 5777 School Year Through Photos



Clockwise from top left: We did Havdalah every week in class; Students attended our family megillah reading and Purim Party; We had a matzah factory led by Rabbi Wilansky.

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BAR MITZVAH

Jay Abramson-Thompson

Weekend of June 23-24



Jay "Ezekiel" Huynh Abramson-Thompson, son of Merrill Abramson and Rebecca Thompson-Greaves and grandson of Roslyn Shalett will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah.

Jay came into the world with a special quiet tenderness and determination. Jay is known for giving away "weekly allowance and gift money" to the homeless in Portland since he was very young. Jay is valued athlete in football, basketball and baseball.

Jay is a Proud Graduate of Jewish Community Alliance Pre-School and Levey Day School in Portland where he spent 6 years studying Jewish value, ethics, holidays, culture and Hebrew language. Jay has always used his visual talent and gift of drawing and writing to express himself. As a middle school student at Lyman Moore in Portland, Jay finds Math to be his favorite subject.

We are proud to have you join us in welcoming and celebrating this 13-year-old boy into his role as young Jewish man. Please join us in celebrating and creating community at his Bar Mitzvah. ■

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TBE Library

In keeping with Temple Beth El's passion for lifelong Jewish learning, our library is going through some important changes. Under the leadership of Sandra Kornblum, the Library Committee (Carolyn Turcio-Gilman, Zoey Lang, Norah Ciffer, and Marge Goldberg) has been hard at work, week after week, cataloging and computerizing TBE's library. Once this project is complete, TBE will have a fully functioning online catalog, which will substantially expand access to our treasured collection of books. To help accomplish this ambitious goal, please contact Sandra at lovetolearn11@icloud.com.

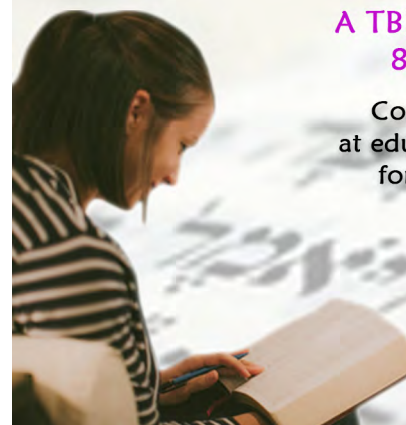


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A TBE Learning group for 8th - 12th graders

Contact Abby Halpern at education@tbemaine.org for more information



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Sunday morning, June 25th
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Details to follow.



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TBE'S Early Childhood Education Program for children ages 2-4 years

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Monthly Kol Yeladim events:

Join us for our final session of the year, celebrating Shavuot!

May 14



Kol Yeladim (Hebrew for "voice of the children"), TBE's early childhood program, is a positive, fun and educational introduction to the joys of Judaism, Hebrew, Shabbat and Jewish holidays, for children 2-4 years old and their families.

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Questions/RSVP: Michal at kolyeladim@tbemaine.org

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BAR MITZVAH

Nathan Isajar
Weekend of July 7-8



Nathan Isajar is a 7th grade student at Lyman Moore Middle School. His favorite subjects are math and science. Nathan enjoys playing football, basketball, baseball and running indoor track during the year. His summers are spent at Center Day Camp, where he loves maintaining old friendships as well as building new ones.

Nathan attended the JCA Preschool as well as Levey Day School, a path which has brought him to Temple Beth El. Nathan remembers with love and appreciation his teachers at Levey, who were primary in laying the groundwork for this day. He would also like to thank Abby Halpern and Rabbi Braun for their senses of humor, guidance and support in making this important event possible.

We are happy to be sharing this simcha with the Beth El community! ■

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsored by TBE's Adult Jewish Learning Committee

**Late Life in the Jewish Tradition
with Anthony Wexler**
Faculty Fellow, Department of Religious Studies, Colby
College

Sunday, May 21, 10:00 - 11:30am

In this class, we'll look at a series of Biblical and Rabbinic sources that reflect on the experience of old age within the Jewish tradition. We'll consider aging figures like Abraham and Sarah, old Barzillai in the book of Samuel, verses that deal with old age in Ecclesiastes, and Rabbinic interpretations of old age.

**Maine's German POW Camps in World War Two
with David Greenham**
Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine
Sunday, October 15

Between 1944 and 1946, more than 4,000 German prisoners of war called Maine home. The story of how they arrived, and the lasting impact that they had on the people who encountered them is an interesting and obscure Maine story.

In 2012, David Greenham created the exhibit Maine Boys Overseas, and German Boys in Maine for the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine. The exhibit and the research to create it was the inspiration for the POW Camps in Maine program that has been presented for several community groups in Maine. Research on the project continues and David is delighted to share the lively and surprising story of an interesting chapter of Maine history with us at Temple Beth El.

It is an imperfect and improbable story of cooperation and kindness. These days, it's also almost impossible to imagine.

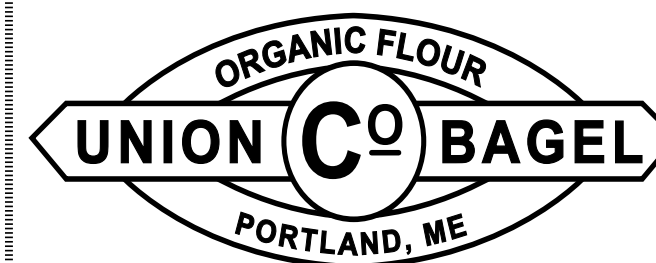
The Adult Jewish Learning Committee of Temple Beth El has been proud of the diversity of programs over the past year. Our offerings included Rabbi Braun preparing us for the High Holy Days using our wonderful new machzor, Lev Shalem. We were treated to the Israeli poetry of Rachel Back. Anthony Wexler, who is teaching at Colby College this year, gave a fascinating lecture on Primo Levy. We are privileged to have Dr. Wexler return in May for a second talk. Rabbi David Freidenreich's class, The Megillah's Hidden Meanings, was described as phenomenal! In April we heard a personal story from TBE member Ed Shultz the story of Eishyshok. Ed shared a PBS documentary showing survivors of that massacre describing what happened. Our committee is looking forward to more wonderful offering in the coming year. Please share your feedback and suggestions. Contact Judythe Gatchell for more info: judy.gatchell@gmail.com

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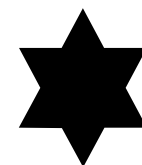
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