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Rabbi's Message

By Rabbi Tamar Crystal



I find current events absolutely fascinating, especially when viewed in the light of our weekly sequential Torah readings. As I write this, we are reading the first parsha of the book of Exodus. As you remember, at the end of Genesis Joseph had been the one who saved Egypt from starvation by hoarding resources of seven prosperous harvests and then distributing them wisely during seven years of poor harvests and famine. What some of you may not remember is that Joseph exacted payment for the grains that kept people alive by trading food for autonomy. Through this plan, all the area of Egypt was consolidated under the rule of Pharaoh. The tribal fiefdoms had been unified into a single political and economic unit.

But in the first chapter of Sh'mot it states that "a Pharaoh arose who knew not Joseph." As always happens, few accomplishments stand the test of time and gratitude quickly goes the way of all flesh. Jacob's descendants are now viewed as a socio-political threat whose growing numbers could destabilize the present rulers of the country that directly benefitted from his unification policy.

In our time we are now seeing the effects of the so-called "Arab Spring" where those who were viewed as being too numerous and dangerous themselves succeeded in the overthrow of dictatorships. But what was first viewed as a people's revolution is now devolving, in Egypt to name one country, into another kind of totalitarianism: the rule of fundamentalist religious leaders.

This also fits in with a growing trend in Western democracies. Oddly enough, experts in this area see this dangerous trend as coming from a growing distrust of authority which has reached epidemic proportions. Where society once revered authority and accorded respect to the symbols of authority – doctors, lawyers, elected officials, teachers, clergy and police, to name a few – there is now an almost universal movement to discredit and disrespect those who once were put on a pedestal.

It is interesting that in the majority of cases, freedom from oppression usually transmutes into oppression of a different sort. We saw this in Iran with the overthrow of the Shah being succeeded by fundamentalist clerics. And we are seeing it today played out, not only across the Middle East, but in other parts of the globe. Even in the so-called Western democracies we are seeing a need for certainty in uncertain times that has caused a cry for

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immediate solutions to long-accrued problems of debts as well as a clear unwillingness to forge workable solutions through compromise.

It is inevitable that this plays out on both a macro and micro level. We are inundated with 24 hour news coverage that seems to thrive on lack of respect, unrest, distrust of authority, crisis and denigration. It has seeped into our consciousness in ways we have not yet even realized.

Yet I believe that we can each foment a reversal of this unrest by returning back to our Jewish roots of respect and civility. I believe we can make a revolution from within by modeling those values and relationships we wish to see thrive in the world. I believe that, if we follow our tradition's laws and principles of veracity and boundaries in speech and action, we collectively can be 'a light unto the nations'. With the willingness to survive and thrive we can reset the rancorous tone of today to one of commonality and unification. If we do so, we can be as clear thinking as Joseph and see far enough in advance to prepare for the inevitable famines of life. Our tradition is clear: the choice of being Joseph or Pharaoh is always up to us.

Rabbi Tamar Crystal

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CONTACT INFORMATION FOR:

Memorial Plaque and Tree of Life Information

Fred Meyer ~ (414) 351-4556

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Beth El Minyan/Service Schedule

Monday Minyan 7:30 am
Thursday Minyan 7:30 am
Friday Minyan 7:30 am
Saturday Shabbat Service & Yom Tov 9:30 am
Secular Holidays..... 9:00 am

If you require a special Minyan, please notify the Beth El office at (262) 242-6900. Please contact your friends and family to help ensure a Minyan and give our office sufficient time to make the arrangements.

President's Message

By Robert Peterman



It's been about six months since the new board of trustees of Beth El has been constituted. This month's message is a "report card" of what the board has done and what the agenda will be going forward.

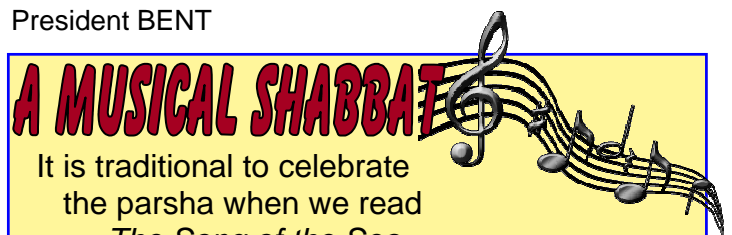
- After much debate, the board and full congregation acted to list the synagogue building for potential sale. By taking this action, we will begin to explore what options we have, with the sole intent of keeping this congregation together.
- The Planning Committee developed a draft that was submitted to the board for its input and approval. This draft was presented to the congregation on December 4th for additional input. As a result, I have begun to ask various members of our congregation to assume responsibility to begin to implement these ideas. The following is a representation of who is responsible.
 - Dues Structure - Based on our demographics we will look at a different approach of funding our operations. Bob Rudman has agreed to chair this committee. I will be actively involved in this phase.
 - Outreach - We know that there are a number of Jews outside of the greater Milwaukee area. Al Simon has agreed to chair this committee to begin to expand our reputation in two areas: 1. Interfaith marriages and 2. Jews beyond the scope of our immediate location as well as the unaffiliated. He is also going to draft a mission statement that represents the essence of Beth El.

Those are a few of the ideas that the board will begin to explore in the coming months. Our next board meeting will be posted. I encourage you to attend and show your support for your congregation.

Thank you for your trust,

Bob Peterman

President BENT



A MUSICAL SHABBAT
It is traditional to celebrate the parsha when we read *The Song of the Sea* with a special musical service.

Please join us at Beth El for this Shabbat of song on **Saturday, February 4th, at 9:30 am.**

Voice of the Men's Club

By Neal Plotkin & Rodney Ugent,
Co-Presidents



Greetings to all of our Men's Club and synagogue families for February!

Your Beth El Men's Club has a full calendar of events to warm up your winter with great activities for Men's Club and synagogue members.

On Sunday, February 5th, at 9:45 am, the Men's Club joins with our Religious School and Men's Clubs from around the world in our annual World Wide Wrap. This is a great event where we share with our school, along with our current and future generations, the blessing and mitzvah of tefillin. This wonderful event is open to all men and women who want to learn about and wrap tefillin. A light breakfast will be served after the service. Join us and share.

On Monday, February 6th, at 6:00 pm, we will hold our monthly "Beer & Bible" with Rabbi Crystal, featuring a great kosher dinner from our own "Chef Eugene." Join us for an insightful conversation with Rabbi Crystal. All this for only \$5.00! If you have never attended, take some time to enjoy a great meal and an enjoyable evening at Beth El....and a terrific bargain!

Get ready for a great evening of entertainment on Saturday, February 11th, from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, when the Men's Club hosts our annual dance and concert featuring Tom Anthony and his fabulous band. This great evening of Las Vegas style entertainment, which includes dessert and beverage, is only \$18.00 per person advance sale. Purchasing tickets at the door are \$20.00 per person, still a great bargain. Flyers are in the foyer or please contact the synagogue office and join us for a great time.

On Sunday, February 19th, the Midwest Region-Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs will be honoring the Man of the Year at a brunch. Howard Loeb will be Beth El's honoree. The brunch will be at Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah, in Wilmette, IL. Show your support to Howard and attend this brunch.

If you have not paid your dues or would like to join the Men's Club, it is still only \$36.00. Join us, as we have something for everyone.

Neal Plotkin & Rodney Ugent

Men's Club Co-Presidents

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MEN'S CLUB FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 5th, at 9:45 am
World Wide Wrap with Religious School

Monday, February 6th, at 6:00 pm
Men's Club "Beer & Bible" with Rabbi Crystal

Saturday, February 11th, at 7:30 pm
Musical Memories Concert with Tom Anthony Group

Sunday, February 19th
Midwest Region-Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs
honoring the Man of the Year recipients

BETH EL NER TAMID MEN'S CLUB 2011-2012 Membership Invitation Dues Statement for September 2011-September 2012



Dear Congregant:

This is your official invitation. We want you to join Beth El Ner Tamid Men's Club, an award-winning affiliate of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs!

Our Club represents a multi-generational group of guys in their 30's and up who bring you great programming and camaraderie. Beth El Men's Club functions as a support mechanism to our congregation by providing services and activities for our members. Just look at some of the things we do:

Monthly dinner and study sessions with the Rabbi
Combined Men's Club/Sisterhood programs
Sunday breakfasts- Minyanaires
Men's Club Kallah weekend & Retreats
Paid-up member dinners
Yom Hashoah programs & candles
Baseball/basketball outings & bike rides
Fundraising ~ World Wide Wrap
Sunday morning guest speakers
Computer/Internet activities
Man of the Year Dinner
Sukkah setup ~ Chanukah party
Purim Carnival ~ Scholarships for high school graduates
Barbeques ~ Shalach Manot gift baskets
-AND SO MUCH MORE-

**For only \$36.00, you can actively participate
in the good times and do a mitzvah.**

Please mail your check with the form below to Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue, Men's Club, 2909 West Mequon Road, Mequon, WI 53092. If you have any questions, you can reach me at (414) 351-4714 or e-mail me at rddugent@aol.com

Sincerely yours,
Rodney Ugent,
Co-President/VP Membership

Yes! Count me in.

I want to be a member of this important part of our congregation.

Membership Renewal (\$36.00)
 New Member (\$36.00)
 Contact me about further involvement

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-Mail _____

DONNA'S BOOK REVIEW



"BE THOU HOLY" by Stone Zvi Altman

When I went to visit my sister in North Carolina I saw a book lying on her coffee table which interested me. I picked it up and began reading it. Stone Zvi Altman, is the author and lay Cantor and part-time lay Rabbi of the Mountain Synagogue in Franklin, North Carolina. Zvi writes and teaches classes on topics related to Judaism, religion and spirituality.

From the Promised Land to Diaspora, "*Be Thou Holy*" traces the history and major themes of Judaism while providing a rich overview of Jewish beliefs and practices. Stone Zvi Altman conveys the feeling and passion of what it means to be Jewish, painting a portrait of spirituality and way of life that is emphatically alive and relevant to the issues of the 21st century. "*Be Thou Holy*" will assist Jewish readers - whether religious or religiously alienated - in finding the heart of Judaism, the heart in Judaism, and to experience it from a richer, more spirit based perspective. Readers who are Christian will gain a deeper appreciation for the Jewish roots of their religion and will come to understand what these two religions share - and how they are very different. "*Be Thou Holy*" is a lively and illuminating exploration of Judaism, an ancient yet profoundly vital way of life.

You can order this book at www.teshuvah-institute.org.

This is a great book to have on your shelf. This is an easily understood read and I give this book for content a 10 out 10.

Donna Neubauer, Book Club Chair

Central Great Lakes Region

*Past President of Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue Sisterhood
Mequon, Wisconsin*

Sisterhood Scholarship Program

Sisterhood will again be granting scholarships of up to \$500 per applicant. The requirements are:

1. Recipient must be no more than 25 years old.
2. Recipient must be the child of a synagogue member, whose mother has been a dues paying member of Sisterhood for not less than one year.
3. Scholarship must be used for a Jewish camp or other venue for Jewish cause.
4. Scholarship must be used within the year granted.
5. Recipient must submit application by the deadline of midnight, March 31, 2012.

Applications can be picked up in the Beth El Ner Tamid office or by e-mailing Sheila Smith at Sheilsmith@sbcglobal.net

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Beth El Ner Tamid Sisterhood

Donor Tea

on
Sunday, March 18th,
at 2:00 pm
at Beth El Ner Tamid



All women who have contributed \$18.00 or more are invited to the tea.

Cost of tea is \$10.00. Guests are welcome.
No charge to new members.

Look for your invitation in the mail.

SISTERHOOD FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 2nd, at 7:00 pm—Come to Mah Jongg Night at BENT. The cost is only \$1.00 per person. All are welcome.

Monday, February 6th, at 11:00 am—The Sisterhood will gather for their Perspectives Program. The monthly meeting will follow.

Friday, February 24th and Saturday, February 25th—Beth El Ner Tamid Sisterhood Shabbat Weekend.

Beth El Ner Tamid Sisterhood presents *The Sisterhood Shabbat Weekend*

Friday, February 24th

Join us for the Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner of chicken or portabella mushroom. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children (12 and under).

Please see the form below.

Service to follow.

Saturday, February 25th

Come for our Sisterhood Shabbat Service with a Special Kiddush Luncheon.

Everyone is welcome!

Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 24th

Reservations with check due Monday, February 20th.
Mail to: Beth El Ner Tamid Sisterhood Dinner
2909 W. Mequon Road, Mequon, WI 53092

Name: _____

Adult Chicken # _____ Adult Mushroom # _____

Child Chicken # _____ Child Mushroom # _____

Total # _____

Total \$ _____

Voice of the Sisterhood

By Dr. Phyllis-Marie Wiggins,
President



*Who are the people in
your neighborhood?*

When I was a child, there was a popular children's show called *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood*. The show used puppets to teach children about community and the importance of building strong relationships with others. Sisterhood works because of a community of dedicated board members who make time to plan and execute every Sisterhood program. Because of them and their committee members, each program is stylish and successful. So, I ask you this month: Who are the people in your Sisterhood?

Ilene Wasserman: Ilene is behind every meal we cook in Sisterhood. She ensures every meal is kosher and delicious. She also coordinates all the programming for Sisterhood Shabbat. She is our girl genius! Without her, none of our programs involving meals would take place. Don't miss Sisterhood Shabbat—February 24th-25th, 2012.

Deanna Spanjar: Our recording secretary. She makes sure our records are pristine! We could not chronicle our meetings without her attention to detail. Deanna is also responsible for the Mah Jongg group that meets every first Thursday. She makes sure the red licorice is plentiful!

Jane Chester: The treasurer with a keen eye on the money! Jane handles the financial business by making sure all the bills get paid in a timely manner. We could not stay afloat without her!

Rachel Rudman: If you missed the membership luncheon, you missed Rachel's shining moment! She coordinated the luncheon and made sure all paid-up members had an enjoyable afternoon. This year's kitchen shower was an exciting way to restock the kitchen with many needed appliances!

Barbara Simon: Ever wonder how Sisterhood manages to have so many interesting Perspectives programs? Well, you can completely attribute that to Barb! She brainstorms to keep our programs intriguing. We would all be bored to tears if not for her diligence!

Marlene Loeb: Marlene works in conjunction with the women of Congregation Beth Israel. She is the only one who must coordinate her efforts with a team of women outside our Sisterhood. Her level-headedness makes sure we maintain successful relationships with other Jewish women in our general community. Her event, the Torah Fund luncheon, will take place May 6th, 2012 at Beth El Ner Tamid synagogue. Don't miss it!

Glenda Kaufman: Looking for a good book club? Talk to Glenda! She organizes a book club that meets every other month to discuss a variety of Jewish authors and topics.

Sandy Kaner: In addition to being our Israel affairs officer—a position where she keeps us up-to-date on every thing related to Israel. Sandy doubles as our photogra-

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BETH EL NER TAMID SYNAGOGUE JUDAICA BOUTIQUE

Gift Certificates Available

Start Traditions... *Sabbath Candlesticks*
Menorahs ♪ *Seder Plates* ♪ *Bride's Bibles*
Mezuzot ♪ *Shofars* ♪ *Tallitot*

GIFT SHOP HOURS

Sunday: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Or By Appointment

Please call: Ydelle Litwack (414) 510-4677
Deanna Spanjar (262) 242-4336
Ilene Wasserman (414) 228-8307

SCHOLARSHIP FUND CARDS

(In Honor Of, In Memory Of, Speedy Recovery, Mazel Tov, etc.)

Chair: Ilse Eisendrath (414) 352-6406

BEAUTIFICATION FUND CARDS

(In Honor Of, In Memory Of, Speedy Recovery, Mazel Tov, etc.)

Chair: Ruth Hauser (414) 962-5102

TORAH FUND CARDS

(In Honor Of, In Memory Of, Speedy Recovery, Mazel Tov, etc.)

Chair: Marlene Loeb (414) 352-5632

Voice of the Sisterhood continued

pher. You can see her work all over the synagogue but especially on the Sisterhood pages of the bulletin and the Sisterhood bulletin board outside the office. Her photos help us keep a record of all the exciting things we do!

Ydelle Litwack: Our Judaica boutique manager. She runs the gift shop and makes sure it stays well stocked. We have lots of items to cover every Jewish occasion imaginable. She is your girl if you are looking for a beautiful gift for that special someone in your life!

Donna Neubauer: If you want to know when to bang the gavel, you have to talk to the Parliamentarian. Donna makes sure the meetings run according to Robert's rules. She keeps us all official!

Marge Kulakow: When we're running low on money, we turn to Marge and ask; "Where's the dough?" She comes up with fundraisers, like the plant sale coming up in the spring. She keeps the coffers full!

Sheila Smith: Sheila heads up a committee to accept and screen the scholarship applications to make sure the most deserving children get a chance to enhance their Jewish experiences each summer.

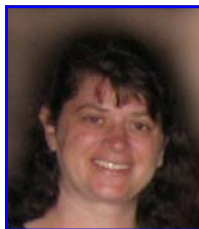
Ann Lederman: One of our most important positions is held by Ann. She is the dues secretary who sends in all the membership fees and files the on-line reports to keep us going.

Ilse Eisendrath: Whenever you get a card from Sisterhood, it is the work of Ilse. She makes sure members are acknowledged for their accomplishments, comforted when they are ill, and given a voice when they send mail.

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Family Education Center News

By **Debbie Intravaia**,
Religious School Director



A nice surprise was when our new Shlichim, Michal and Roe'e, came to the Men's Club's annual Latke Dinner just to see the school children perform. As you may recall, it was an enactment of Gilad Shalit's story written as a 5th grader about an unlikely pair, a shark and a fish, who wanted to be friends despite their differences. Gilad Shalit is the Israeli soldier that was



held captive in Gaza by Hamas from June 2006-October 2011. They enjoyed the performance very much and would like us to send a copy of the play to Gilad's parents. Michal spent a couple of Thursday evenings with the students to talk about the establishment of Israel. She talked to them about her experiences in the IDF and taught them krav maga, a method of self defense used in the IDF. Other things we did to enhance our learning of Israel was Israeli dance led by our own Joyce Gutzke. Besides movement, she taught the younger kids Hebrew vocabulary and played games. The older children are studying Israeli achievements.

The K5-2 graders learned about Shalom Bayit, peace in the home. The children always ask good questions which leads to an interesting discussion. Their teacher, Maggi Treager, always has nice projects for them and is a real gem to our school.

The 2nd and 3rd graders have been learning their Friday evening Shabbat rituals on Thursday evenings. To enhance their learning, they have created Shabbat boxes. The challah platters were decorated



with special markers, the challah covers used the crayon-on-sandpaper transferring technique, we covered the candlesticks with Sculpey, decouped the candle boxes, and used a special etching technique for the Kiddush glasses. Thank you to Deanna Spanjar for sewing the decorative edge around the challah covers. They will be sent home in a box with a book containing the prayers and rituals of Shabbat and will become family heirlooms to be treasured.

The 3rd and 5th graders are finishing up their family history projects. They got to learn about where their ancestors came from, plotting them on a world map. They also made family trees and brought in family treasures that made their learning even more special and personal.

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Family Education Center News continued

The middle school have been working very hard on reciting prayers and have been participating in services to get themselves used to leading, especially those studying for their b'nai mitzvah. They are continuing to learn about the Holocaust on Sundays and current events, which lead to insightful conversations.

After school in January, children had the opportunity to learn the concept of Bal Taschit, to not waste. We made several useful recycling projects; including melting old LP records into bowls.



I'd like to thank my parents for the enhanced Kiddush on January 7th, in honor of my 45th birthday. It was also the Family Shabbat and I couldn't think of a better way to spend my birthday than with the school children Saturday and Sunday.

B'Shalom,
Debbie Intravaia,
Religious School Director

5TH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA

If you are a chocoholic or just have a sweet tooth you don't want to miss this Shabbat Service with a delectable Kiddush to follow.



Friday, February 17th

7:00 pm ~ Service starts.
Chocolate Extravaganza will follow the Service

***Please note that treats may contain dairy products.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Religious School will go bowling and
TIP EM FOR TREES
after school on Sunday, February 12th.

More information to follow.

**To Learn About Religious School Closings
Due To Inclement Weather**

Listen to: Channel 4 news (WTMJ) /
Channel 12 news (WISN) / Station FM 106 (WMIL)

Social Action Committee News

Spring Personal Products Drive



To help Jewish clients of
Jewish Family Services
February 1—29



PERSONAL CARE/GROOMING PRODUCTS

Brushes / Combs	Toothbrush	Razors
Shampoo	Toothpaste	Shaving Cream
Conditioner	Denture Cleaner	Cotton Balls / Pads
Hairspray	Floss	Nail Clippers / Nail
Soap	Eye Care: Saline / Glass	File / Emory Board
Lotion	Cleaner / Readers	Nail Polish / Polish
	Deodorant	Remover

OTHER ITEMS

Heating Pads, Hot Water Bottles, Band-Aids,
Cortisone, Neosporin, Ben Gay, Hangers

Please drop items off in the collection boxes
outside the Synagogue office.

Questions? Please call Barbara Simon at
(414) 351-1010 or bsimon@wi.rr.com



Looking for women (or men) to join Beth El's knitting group. If you don't know how to knit we will teach you.

We meet at the synagogue on
Sundays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Knitters will be notified during the week before we meet.

Yarn donations are always welcome.

Hope to see more of you join us.

Call Marge Kulakow at (414) 540-6630, with any questions.



PLEASE WATCH FOR WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS & ENEWSLETTERS AS WELL AS THE BULLETIN

Honor Howard Loeb
Beth El Ner Tamid's
2012 Man of the Year



The Midwest Region-
Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs
are honoring all the region's Man of the Year recipients on

Sunday, February 19th, 2012

at Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emonah, in Wilmette, IL

The cost to attend this brunch is \$36.00 per person. Send your check to BENT in care of the Men's Club.

Please show your support and honor Howard by placing an ad in the Program/Ad Book.

A ½ page ad is \$72.00, ¼ page ad is \$36.00, and a name listing is only \$18.00.

For more information, please contact Rodney Ugent at rddugent@aol.com or (414) 351-4714 to place an ad or to attend the brunch.

WORLD WIDE WRAP



Men's Club will host the World Wide Wrap on **Sunday, February 5th, at 9:45 am**. Our Sunday School Children will be a part of the service as they are taught the meaning and use of tefillin. Please make an effort to attend this important Minyan Service.

Musical Memories Concert

**"A SWING'N
GOOD TIME"**

Saturday, February 11th, 2012
7:30 pm—10:30 pm at
Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue



Las Vegas Style Show

Musical performances by the great
TOM ANTHONY GROUP

Elvis—Roy Orbison—The Platters—Buddy Holly
Frank Sinatra—Everly Brothers—Frankie Valli
Righteous Brothers—Ricky Nelson
And many more: 40's— 50's— 60's music

Tickets only:

\$18.00 in advance—\$20.00 at the door
Includes dessert & soda.

For tickets send your check, made payable, to:
Beth El Ner Tamid Men's Club Concert
2909 W. Mequon Road, Mequon, WI 53092

Flyers/forms are in the foyer and on our website,
www.bethelnertamid.org


BIRTHDAYS


Jeffrey Wasserman	February 2nd, 2012	
Robert Kulakow	February 4th, 2012	
Mark Miller	February 4th, 2012	
Thelma Sogol	February 6th, 2012	
Neil Wallace	February 7th, 2012	
Charles Luber	February 8th, 2012	
Morris Klein	February 9th, 2012	
Beverly Melnikov	February 9th, 2012	
Ydelle Litwack	February 11th, 2012	
Eugene Gutman	February 12th, 2012	
Scott Winter	February 14th, 2012	
Scott Luber	February 15th, 2012	
Nathan Fox	February 16th, 2012	
Jeanette Rozansky	February 16th, 2012	
Jonah Kaleb Segal	February 19th, 2012	3rd Birthday
Jane Kotchen	February 20th, 2012	
Kiesl Kaufman	February 22nd, 2012	
Beth Peterman	February 22nd, 2012	
Constance Kraus	February 23rd, 2012	
Amy Kazilsky	February 24th, 2012	
Marcus Bandos	February 25th, 2012	
Marlene Loeb	February 25th, 2012	
Robert Feldman	February 26th, 2012	
Ray Harkavy	February 26th, 2012	
Florence Holzman	February 26th, 2012	
Eric Shainock	February 28th, 2012	
Sophia Intravaia	February 29th, 2012	16th Birthday


ANNIVERSARIES

Eugene & Irene Gutman

February 12th, 2012 ~ 63rd Anniversary

Celebrate a birthday, wedding anniversary or special simcha...

Sponsor a Kiddush!

Sponsoring a Kiddush is a wonderful way to celebrate a special event in you and your family's lives. Your special event will be featured in the Saturday program and acknowledged from the Bimah.

For further information, please contact Donna Brown at the Synagogue office (262) 242-6900 or executivedirector@bethelnertamid.org

Support Our Synagogue

Marcus Theater Certificates are available for purchase in the synagogue office. They make wonderful gifts and are a great way to support our synagogue!



Certificates are available in the amounts of \$5, \$10 and \$25. Call the office at (262) 242-6900 for more information.

TREE OF LIFE



A gift of a leaf on the Tree of Life is a gift that lasts forever. Why not remember that bar or bat mitzvah, the special anniversary, birthday or any other family simcha with a dedication to the Tree of Life?

Please contact Fred Meyer at (414) 351-4556 for more information.

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These are the women on the Board of BENT Sisterhood. However, there are a whole slew of non-board members who serve on committees headed by these women. I thank all of you for your service to Sisterhood. I am frequently reminded of what a blessing you all are! None of you is insignificant and even though I can't name every single person who helps (especially those angels who help behind the scenes), I am forever grateful for what you do.

So, to answer Mr. Rogers, "These are the people in your Sisterhood! The people you should meet, when you're walking down the street! They're the people you should meet each day!"

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Phyllis-Marie Wiggins,
Sisterhood President, 2010-2012

**YAHREZITS FOR
DECEMBER THROUGH JANUARY**
"BECAUSE OF CHARITY THE WORLD ABIDES..."
RASHI, PIRKEI AVOT

Jack Abrams, loving father of Shirley Langer
Marvin Bensman, beloved husband of Andree Bensman
Ben Blumberg, beloved father-in-law of Harriet Blumberg
David Blumberg, beloved father of Edward Blumberg
Mollie Marker Blumberg,

beloved mother-in-law of Harriet Blumberg
Ida Rossin Druch, beloved mother of Harriet Blumberg
Dora Eisendrath,

beloved mother-in-law of Janet Eisendrath
Emil Isaac, beloved father of Ann Esser
Friedl Isaac, beloved mother of Ann Esser
Hyman Kastrul, beloved brother of Sidney Kastrul
Fanny Kirtz, beloved grandmother of Theodore Sattler
Norma Langer, devoted mother-in-law of Shirley Langer
Sarah Lerner, beloved mother-in-law of Mickey Lerner
Clara Meyer, beloved mother of Fred Meyer
Esther Schatz, beloved mother of Barbara Blumenfeld
William Schatz, beloved father of Barbara Blumenfeld
Donna Stein, beloved daughter of Milton & Harriet Stein
Ruth Sweet, beloved mother Nancy Plotkin & Family
Gordon Wein, beloved father of Isabelle Victor
Sylvia Wein, beloved mother of Isabelle Victor

IN MEMORIAM

*The community of Beth El Ner Tamid
mourns the passing of*

Tillie Jankins

Beloved wife of Ralph Jankins. Cherished mother
of Scott Jankins, Mark Jankins and the late
Brenda (Michael) Weinberg.

Abe Medress

Beloved brother of Sylvia Spiegel. Loving uncle to
Ricki Spiegel and Barbara Spiegel.

Ruth Rosenfeld

Beloved wife of Norman Rosenfeld. Cherished
mother of the late Terri Lynn (Howard) Schohl
and the late Phillip Rosenfeld. Adoring
grandmother of Carol and Allison Rosenfeld
and Bracha Schohl.

Sandra Stein

Beloved wife of William Wandsnider.
Loving mother of Kayla and Alysa Wandsnider.
Dear daughter of Milton & Harriet Stein.

*May all be comforted by the thoughts and
prayers of friends and family.*

FUND CARDS for December through January

GENERAL FUND:

In Honor Of:

Joe Hirschberg (90th Birthday)

Lore & Sharon Keller
Marvin & Ruth Silver

David Schiewitz

(Chanting the Haftorah on the 41st Anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah)

Ted & Dorothy Sattler
Seymour & Annabelle Wasser

In Memory Of:

Henry Lerner

Ed Bookstaff & Carol Dubin-Bookstaff
Ann Lederman
Ted & Dorothy Sattler

Ruth Rosenfeld

Janet Eisendrath
Nate & Eleanor Goodwin
Ann Lederman

Terri Schohl

Nate & Eleanor Goodwin
Ann Lederman
Milton & Harriet Stein

LIBRARY FUND:

In Memory Of:

Henry Lerner

Edward Blumberg & Sandra Weinstein

SISTERHOOD TORAH FUND:

In Memory Of:

Aaron James Carr Thomas (Nephew of Phyllis Wiggins)

Isle Eisendrath

Abe Medress

(Brother of Sylvia Spiegel)

Harriet Blumberg
Sylvia Siegman

SOCIAL ACTION FUND:

In Honor Of:

David Schiewitz (Chanting the Haftorah on the 41st Anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah)

Al & Barbara Simon
Jeff, Ilene & Seth Wasserman

SOCIAL ACTION FUND *continued*

In Memory Of:

Louise Pinsky

Marge Kulakow

Ruth Rosenfeld

Al & Barbara Simon
Thelma Sogol
Jeff, Ilene & Seth Wasserman

Terri Schohl

Al & Barbara Simon
Thelma Sogol
Jeff, Ilene & Seth Wasserman

Father of Nancy Zelman

Phyllis Reider

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Or send a check to Marge:
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Numerous congregants have found that the most appropriate and dignified manner to honor and perpetuate the cherished memory of their beloved departed is through providing a bronze memorial plaque to be mounted upon the synagogue's memorial tablet. Memorial lights are kindled at each memorial plaque during every yizkor service and on each respective yahrzeit.

The cost per plaque is \$250.00.

Please contact Rabbi Crystal at (262) 242-6900 or Fred Meyer at (414) 351-4556 for further information.

NEXT UP FROM KOACH

Exploring Contemporary Anti-Semitism

Direct from Chicago
**Lonnie Nasatir, Regional Director,
 Anti-Defamation League**

Co-sponsored by
 Holocaust Education Resource Center

Beth El will host this event
 on **Thursday, February 23rd**

Lunch and/or program is \$8. Lunch is at noon.
 Reservations required!

For reservations or information call:
 Diane Sobel, KOACH Director at (414) 967-8258



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Classes with Rabbi Crystal

COMMANDMENTS CLASS



Wednesday Evenings
Minyan at 6:00 pm
Class at 6:15 pm

February 1st, at Beth El (before choir practice)
February 15th, at St. Boniface. Class at 6:00 pm

CONVERSION CLASS



For those interested in exploring the path to formally becoming Jewish and those Jews who wish to refresh their own knowledge of our tradition.

Sunday Mornings 9:00 am-10:30 am at Beth El
 (9:00—9:45 class; 9:46-10:15 reading of assigned material; 10:16 -10:30 discussion on material)

Classes are on the following dates:
February 12th
February 26th



"JEWISH VALUES"

**A CLASS FOR OUR MEMBERS AT
 LAUREL OAKS ALL ARE INVITED!**

Rabbi Crystal is teaching a class on "Jewish Values" for our Beth El members at Laurel Oaks.
Classes will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, at 2:00 pm

The class is also open to Beth El members who live nearby. No registration is required. Just come and enjoy. Laurel Oaks is at 1700 W. Bender Rd in Glendale.





BETH EL NER TAMID SYNAGOGUE

FEBRUARY 2012

SHEVAT-ADAR 5772

01/16/12 DMB **SI-Sisterhood** **MC-Men's Club** **RS-Religious School** **EOC-Expenditure Oversight Committee** **BOT-Board of Trustee** **Rabbi's Classes**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			8 Shevat 6:00 PM Commandments Class at BENT 7:30 PM Choir Practice	9 Shevat 7:30 AM Minyan 4:30 PM RS 7:00 PM Mah Jongg	10 Shevat 4:48 PM candle lighting Office Closes 1:00 PM 7:30 AM Minyan	11 Shevat 9:30 AM Shabbat Shira Svc w/Choir
12 Shevat 9:00 AM RS with School Tu B'Shevat Seder 9:45 AM WWW Wrap	13 Shevat 7:30 AM Minyan 11:00 AM SI Meeting 2:00 PM Jewish Values 6:00 PM MC Beer & Bible	14 Shevat	15 Shevat TU B'SHEVAT	16 Shevat 7:30 AM Minyan 4:30 PM RS 7:00 PM EOC Meeting	17 Shevat 4:57 PM candle lighting Office Closes 1:00 PM 7:30 AM Minyan	18 Shevat 9:30 AM Worship Svc 7:30 PM Tom Anthony Concert
19 Shevat 9:00 AM RS with Tip Em for Trees Bowling after school 9:00 AM Conversion Class	20 Shevat 7:30 AM Minyan	21 Shevat	22 Shevat 6:00 PM Commandments Class at St. Boniface 7:30 PM Choir Practice	23 Shevat 7:30 AM Minyan 4:30 PM RS	24 Shevat 5:07 PM candle lighting Office Closes 1:00 PM 7:30 AM Minyan 7:00 PM Shabbat Svc and Chocolate Extravaganza	25 Shevat 9:30 AM Worship Svc
26 Shevat 9:00 AM RS Midwest Region Federation MOY- Wilmette, IL	27 Shevat 7:30 AM Minyan 2:00 PM Jewish Values	28 Shevat	29 Shevat	30 Shevat 7:30 AM Minyan 12:00 PM KOACH Luncheon & Speaker 4:30 PM RS	1 Adar 5:16 PM candle lighting Office Closes 1:00 PM 7:30 AM Minyan SI Shabbat Weekend Dinner & Svc	2 Adar SI Shabbat Weekend 9:30 AM Worship Svc
3 Adar 9:00 AM Conversion Class RS – Hamentashen Bakery	4 Adar 7:30 AM Minyan	5 Adar	6 Adar	29		
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MEN'S CLUB CHANUKAH PARTY



AND LATKE DINNER

2011



The Men's Club Annual Chanukah Party and Latke Dinner took place on Sunday, December 18th. Delicious latkes and other dishes were prepared by hardworking volunteers. Pictured are (top-left to right) David Kazilsky, Ilene Wasserman, Emma Rosenberg, Eugene Rosenberg & Val Rosenberg (bottom-left to right) Kevin Nashban and Deanna Spanjar
Thank you for all of your help!