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Just show up.

Sharing our Traditions Interfaith Tu B'Shevat Seder

**Monday,
February 10,
7:00 pm**



For several years Pastors Pam McGrath and Marisa Brown Ludwig (First Church Longmeadow UCC) and I have spoken about bringing our communities together to learn more about our various traditions - last year's interfaith bible study series "Friends Next Door" was one way we worked together on this with other local faith communities! This year we have decided to celebrate two Jewish holidays with First Church: Tu B'Shevat and Passover. Most likely, nearly all of our Christian neighbors will have heard of Passover, but very few also know about Tu B'Shevat. We will change that on Monday, February 10! Join us for an interfaith Tu B'Shevat seder.

The evenings will be fun, tasty and educational for all who attend.

Monday February 10, 7:00 pm

Tu B'Shevat, or "Jewish Earth Day" marks the "New Year of the Trees" in the Hebrew calendar. This year we will be celebrating Tu B'Shevat with our friends from the First Church of Christ in Longmeadow. This one will be a powerful part of a winter worship series Pastors Pam and Marisa are

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Mila Miazga to Be Honored for 50 Years at TBE

Friday, January 10 at 6:00 pm

The entire congregation is invited to join us on Friday, January 10 to thank Mila Miazga for five decades of service on her golden anniversary of working at Temple Beth El. Mila is in charge of the kitchen, and she ensures that we have fresh and delicious Kiddush lunches, appetizer buffets at monthly Shabbat Zimrah services, and much more.

There will be a special presentation during Shabbat Zimrah services, which begin at 6:00 pm. A festive appetizer buffet will follow. Marianne Kornblum is coordinating this special evening.

Shabbat Dinner **Friday, January 24**

On Friday night, January 24, please join us for Kabbalat Shabbat services at 6:00 pm, with music by Cantor Martin Levson, followed by a delicious dinner at 7:00 p.m. The menu, to be prepared by Catering by Meital, includes:

- Challah and Grape Juice
- Chicken Marsala with Mushroom
- Roasted Zucchini with Fresh Basil
- Quinoa with Roasted Leek, Butternut Squash, Fresh Grapes & Sage
- Green Salad with Fresh Pears, Shredded Carrots, Pumpkin & Sunflower Seeds, Dried Cranberries & Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Homemade Brownies and Assorted Cookies

BYOB Kosher wine if desired.

The cost is \$18 per person. Please be sure to notify us of any dietary restrictions when you make your paid reservation by Friday, January 17 by calling the office (733-4149) or emailing us at office@tbespringfield.org.



The deadline for the March/April issue is Friday, January 17.

Please email all articles or photos to communications@tbespringfield.org.

A Special Mother-Daughter Adventure to Israel

Shirley Levitz and Allison Steinberg

Traveling to Israel has been on our bucket list and this past October seemed like the perfect time to finally make the journey. We arranged to travel with a private guide and Arieh did not disappoint us! We made a few requests but left most of the planning to his recommendations.

Our 8-day tour began in Jerusalem. The history that surrounded us from Masada and the Dead Sea to the tunnels of the Kotel was incredible. Arieh relayed dates, names and background information and we experienced the history right before our eyes! Visiting the Herzl Museum and beautiful gardens where many leaders have been buried led us through a journey of the important figures in Israeli history. Then the journey through Yad Vashem was even more powerful! Finishing at the memorial for all the children was something we will never forget.

With history being made today at the Knesset and two elections already held, our visit there captivated the uncertainty of the political situation that the country is facing. The Knesset guide voiced her opinion that we were visiting at a historical time and was hopeful



that a decision could be reached without a third election.

As we traveled north to Tiberius and the Sea of Galilee, we were amazed by the land. We would pass the barren desert dotted occasionally with the Bedouin village and then a lush green area filled with trees would appear out of nowhere. The agriculture in Israel is incredible. The highlight of our stop in the Golan Heights was the site of the 6-Day War—with tanks beside us and the border of Syria in sight! Hearing from our guide, Arieh, how he left his studies in the U.S. to return home to fight provided a personal piece to this historical war. We had already sensed the pride he felt for Israel, but at this point the strength of his pride was especially evident. He had been stationed at the Suez Canal and as he read the names on the memorial plaque, he teared up,

telling us how many men he knew who had lost their lives there.

Our tour continued onto Haifa, but we first stopped at Rosh Hanikra. The grottoes in this geological formation were spectacular! A cable car ride down to the caves takes only a few minutes but the walk through the caves is unforgettable. Just as memorable is the border with Lebanon that is right above the caves and is operated by the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the IDF. We had the opportunity to meet an IDF soldier heading off duty and Arieh, who was a major in the army, introduced himself and requested a picture which we were able to take with the off-duty soldier.

In this area, we also visited Atlit and heard about the Atlit Detention Camp. This is now a restored site by the Council for Conservation of Heritage Sites in Israel and provides an active educational program to explain how many Jewish immigrants were detained here. We gained a better understanding of the history of the Ha'apala (the then-illegal immigration of Jews into Palestine under the British rule.)

There were many other stops along the way, such as Safed (a beautiful small village filled with art and sculpture), Akko, and Caesarea where we drove by Prime Minister Netanyahu's home.

On the sixth day of our tour, we arrived in Tel Aviv where we were greeted by the beautiful Mediterranean Sea and a gorgeous sunset! Tel Aviv is a busy, bustling city that didn't disappoint us. Arieh made sure we visited every neighborhood, every market and of course the important sites. He took us to the Rabin Museum and Rabin Square, the Ben-Gurion Birthplace, and the Weizman Institute. Two stops, however, were the highlights of our stay in Tel Aviv. The Palmach Museum and the Ayalon Institute gave us the background into how Israel became the country it is today. The bravery and the strength that Israel's pioneers displayed left us with admiration for their determination.

This Israeli visit was beyond anything we could have imagined. We are totally inspired by the history, the struggle and the accomplishments of this country!

זמני תפילות Worship Schedule

Weekday Mornings

Monday through Friday 7:00 am
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Evenings

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday 5:45 pm

Shabbat Worship

Erev Shabbat 6:00 pm
Shabbat morning 9:30 am
Shabbat afternoon 5:00 pm

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1 (office closed)
Morning Service 8:30 am

Martin Luther King

Monday January 20 (office closed)
Morning Service 8:30 am

Rosh Hodesh Shevat

Monday January 27
Morning Service 6:45 am

Shabbat Shirah (Song of the Sea)

Shabbat, February 8
Morning Service 9:30 am

Presidents Day

Monday, February 17 (office closed)
Morning Service 8:30 am

Rosh Hodesh Adar 1

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 25 & 26
Morning Service 6:45 am

Off the Bimah מהבימה

Rabbi Amy Walk Katz

Tu B'Shevat is once again on the horizon. The somewhat obscure Jewish holiday has had an interesting history and is relevant to modern American Jews for many reasons. In its 2,000 years of existence, Tu B'Shevat has taken on different roles and meanings as the reality and related needs of the Jewish people change. First created to demarcate a tax and fiscal year, it later developed into a ritual for a new kabbalistic theology, and was rediscovered by the modern Zionist movement. Finally, in our day, it has become the Jewish environmental holiday par excellence.

April 15 of antiquity

Tu B'Shevat is first mentioned in the Mishna in a debate between Hillel and Shammai. At issue then, some 2,000 years ago, was the question of what date should separate one year from another in relation to fruit-tree harvests. Such a marker was necessary so our ancestors would know how to calculate various tithes as well as the age of trees for *orlah* — the biblical prohibition against eating fruit from a tree during its first three years.

Hillel won the debate, and the date was set on the full moon of the month of Shevat, the 15th of Shevat, which is what Tu B'Shevat literally means. Since the destruction of the Second Temple, however, Tu B'Shevat has not been thought of as a tax date for tithes, although the date is still used to determine the age of trees for *orlah*.

A Holiday to Inspire Madonna

In the 16th century, Rabbi Isaac Luria and his circle of kabbalistic followers in Safed brought new layers of meaning to Tu B'Shevat. Wrestling with the theological implications of the expulsion from Spain, they developed an innovative theology holding that at the very beginning of the creation of the world, there was a break, an imperfection, that we are called upon to repair. The Tu B'Shevat Seder was created as a way to help bring about *tikkun olam* — the repair of the world.

Inspired by the Passover Seder, which utilizes various foods in commemorating

the repair of our status from slavery to freedom, the Tu B'Shevat Seder was premised on the notion that when we take fruit from a tree, an imbalance is created that needs to be repaired through the saying of the proper blessings. For the kabbalists of Safed, traumatized by the expulsion and trying to make sense of a broken world, Tu B'Shevat came to be seen as a path to repair and renewal.

A Zionist Holiday

Several hundred years later, one of the early Zionist movement's goals was the reforestation of the land of Israel. As early as the end of the 19th century, Tu B'Shevat became a day to plant trees in Palestine. With each successive wave of Jewish immigration to the land of Israel, Tu B'Shevat grew in importance. The Jewish National Fund, founded in 1901, turned tree planting, particularly on Tu B'Shevat, into part of the American Jewish experience. The Zionist movement also turned to Tu B'Shevat as a symbol of revival, beyond just reforestation, when the date was chosen for the opening of the Technion in 1925 and of the first Knesset in 1949. It came to represent the blossoming of a restored Jewish nation.

Earth Day

More recently, in reaction to the birth of the worldwide environmental movement, Tu B'Shevat has taken on an additional role as the Jewish equivalent of Earth Day. By the mid-1980s, there was a revival of Tu B'Shevat Seders, with the expanded and heightened message to care for the environment. At the conclusion of the first decade of the 21st century, the popularity of Tu B'Shevat in its latest manifestation continues to grow.

INTERFAITH TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

Monday, February 10, 7:00 pm
Join our friends from
Longmeadow's First Church of Christ
in a fun, educational and
tasty celebration of the holiday.

February 8 Kiddush to Celebrate Rabbi Katz as Hartman Graduation Speaker

Maxine Bernstein

Rabbi Katz is always actively engaged in study at the Shalom Hartman Institute while she is in Israel. Our congregation has seen the direct benefit of what she's learned over the course of the fellowship, and through the Hartman scholars she has brought here to TBE.

This year, Rabbi was asked to speak at the Hartman graduation. This was a HUGE honor! Our Rabbi Katz was recognized by one of the important educational institutions in the Jewish world.

While we could not publicly acknowledge Rabbi at the graduation ceremony, working with Rabbi's friend Rabbi Lewis Warshauer, who was at Hartman with her, we arranged for her to be presented with a gift of beautiful earrings at a private dinner. The gift was from the Board of Trustees on behalf of the congregation in honor of her speaking at graduation.

While earrings are lovely, it is good, and appropriate, to congratulate Rabbi Katz here at home for this honor. To that end, the board is pleased to sponsor Kiddush lunch on February 8th on behalf of the congregation. Please join us for services — or as always, Just Show Up anytime!

Shames Sanctuary Dedication March 14

Please join us on March 14 as we celebrate the completion of the sanctuary renovation! We will gather to rededicate the Cantor Morton Shames Sanctuary on Shabbat morning, followed by Kiddush lunch. During this special Shabbat morning service we will highlight that liturgy which focuses on Torah, community and sacred space. That evening, we will invite the community to join us in a musical celebration to commemorate this special occasion.

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**From the
Director of
Education**
Caryn Resnick

youth ^{ילדים ונוער} and Children

Sandi Kupperman Learning Center

Sunday, January 5, at 5:30 p.m., with a deli dinner following.
In November, we worked diligently to build a Gingerbread House with a Jewish theme to enter into a competition at the Springfield Museums. A special thank you to Rebecca and Max Schnaper and to Gary Schnaper for helping us make it happen.

Shabbat Morning Coffee and Conversation

For many years our religious school met on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Shabbat mornings. Shabbat mornings in the synagogue afforded our children an opportunity to learn the Shabbat liturgy in an interactive and engaging Junior Congregation. Following the service we offered *chuggim* (electives). Parents frequently attended the adult service and often met for a Learners Minyan or an informal coffee and conversation. I fondly remember these Shabbat mornings as a time of learning, socializing and building community. I truly have missed them.

I'm pleased to announce that we will begin offering a Shabbat morning program for children and their parents from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month beginning in February. I will facilitate the Junior Congregation and Rabbi James Greene will meet with the parents. The parents are invited to have a cup of coffee and meaningful conversation with other parents. They will spend their time talking about issues that effect their children and how they can support their growth on their Jewish journey. There will be no expectation of expertise and no intimidating texts. The focus will be about parents looking to do the best job that they can do raising their children in a Jewish community. Although we will have some suggested themes, this time is for everyone. We invite parents to bring their own questions, conversations and needs to the group.

The scheduled dates are:

- **February 1** - Prioritizing Family Time
- **March 7** - Technology Usage for Kids
- **April 4** - no meeting - SKLC Student Shabbat
- **May 2** - Thinking About Bar/Bat Mitzvah
- **June 6** - topic to be determined

If you have any questions or would like to just discuss this new program, please feel free to be in touch with me. I promise to serve good coffee and bagels!

Tot Shabbat Programs

Our Tot Shabbat programs are for families with young children. Join Marlene Rachelle and her guitar on the third Friday night of each month and the first Shabbat morning of each month. The programs include music, prayer, body movement, dancing, and more! This program is for families with children ages 5 & younger.

The Shabbat morning program meets in the Katz Family Library from 11:00 – 11:45 am. Participants are invited to stay for Kiddush lunch following the program.

Our Friday night Tot Shabbat program meets from 5:15 – 6:45 pm. Dinner and socializing is from 5:15 – 6:00 pm. The musical program takes place from 6:00 – 6:45 pm. For more details, contact Caryn Resnick. Dinner is partially funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation Rekindle Shabbat Grant. This program is for families with children ages 7 & younger.

We will meet on Shabbat mornings on January 4 and February 1, and on Friday evenings, January 16 and February 21.



We have partnered with Jewish Family Service and their refugee resettlement program. We offered to purchase holiday gifts for the children of the families that most recently arrived to this area. We had lots of fun shopping and wrapping! The day concluded with a Shabbat dinner with Caryn Resnick. Thank you to the Barr family for hosting us in their home. We are mitzvah makers!

January 12, we are off to IT Adventure Ropes Course in New Haven, CT. To date, IT is the largest ropes course in the world.

February 2, we are off to Bousquet Mountain in the Berkshires for an afternoon of snowtubing. Rabbi James Greene will be leading both of these outings.

USY

USY has had a great past month! After an exciting October with our first regional event, all the Beth El USYers came back home ready to be more involved. We had a very productive meeting where we laid out our plan for the foreseeable future (all the way through April!), and most exciting of

Youth Group News

Max Rubin & Sammi Rubin
YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Kadima

At a recent event held at Caryn Resnick's home, the members organized a Kahoot (an online trivia game) with Jewish content to play in competition against their parents. This exciting contest will take place on



all, we hosted our first event with the chapter from West Hartford! On the 16th teens from all over came to Beth El for a fun night of pizza, games, ice cream, and packing bags of trail mix to donate to our local community.

We're looking forward to what the rest of the year has to bring! January 5 we will be joining the Kadima youth group at IT Adventure Ropes Course in New Haven, CT. In February, the USYers will be visiting Max at the University of Massachusetts.



We are so proud of our high school students!

Once a month they prepare dinner to be served at the Shiloh Church on the last Sunday of each month. A special thank you to the Smith Family for doing the food shopping and serving the food each month.



PURIM

Monday Evening, March 9

Don't miss coming to Temple Beth El for our annual Purim bash!

Perform the mitzvah of hearing the Megillah reading and attend the party afterwards. Come dressed as your favorite Super Hero, nosh on Super Hero foods, and drink Super Hero beverages.

Children will have activity booths to play at.

2022 B'nei Mitzvah to be Scheduled

Attention all families with children who will be turning 13 in 2022. Cantor Elise Barber will be sending you a letter in January about selecting a date for your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The children whose names we have are: Nadav Aloush, Jonah Belden, Avery Blumberg, Dov Edelson and Victoria Powers. If your child's names does not appear on this list, please call Marie Sampson at 737-0170 so we can be sure to include him or her in our planning.

Camp Scholarship Deadline Approaches

Temple Beth El is proud to be able to provide scholarships to our member children to attend Jewish summer camp as well as summer programs in Israel. The deadline for applications is Friday, January 31. Please call the temple office at 733-4149 or email us at office@tbespringfield.org to request an application form.

DEADLINE REMINDER

Order your Purim Boxes by February 21

Adult Education

חינוך מבוגרים

Each week we will watch an episode or two and we will discuss important issues about Judaism, Orthodoxy, Israel and so much more. Feel free to JUST SHOW UP, any time...



Book Discussion Group News

Liz Marinelli, Librarian

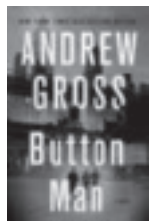
The book group will meet on January 15 to discuss *The Lost Family* by Jenna Blum. In mid-1960s New York, Auschwitz survivor Peter Rashkin has found success running a popular restaurant.

He maintains a solitary existence until he falls in love with a young woman, but the new family's happiness is threatened by Peter's memories of the wife and daughters that did not survive.



The author will speak at the JCC on February 13 as part of Literatour.

On February 12 we will discuss *Button Man* by Andrew Gross. Equal parts historical thriller and family saga, the author draws on his own family stories and the history of New York in the 1920s and 1930s. Three



brothers in an immigrant family struggle to make their way in the garment district, and run afoul of the mob. Real life organized crime and law enforcement characters

make appearances in this story of loyalty, courage, persistence and crime. Both meetings will be at 10:30 am in the library, and everyone is welcome to join us.

The library has a copy of Encyclopedia Judaica (16 volumes) that needs a new home. Please contact Liz if you would like it: katzlibrary@comcast.net.

The library has over 180 DVDs available to borrow. Here are a few of the latest to watch on the long winter evenings:

Hummus! The Movie. A story of faith, community, and growth is told through the lens of a dietary staple and superfood, hummus. This documentary shows how

food can bring people together.

On the Basis of Sex. Inspired by the powerful true story of a young Ruth Bader Ginsburg, this dramatization depicts a then-struggling attorney and new mother facing adversity in her fight for equal rights.

1945. On a summer day in 1945, an Orthodox man and his grown son return to a village in Hungary while the villagers prepare for a wedding. The townspeople expect the worst and behave accordingly.



Sundays, January 5, 12 and 26 and February 2, 9 and 23 at 9:00 am

We will continue reading *Pirke Avot*, a wonderful collection of ethics compiled around 200 CE. It is one of the best-known and most-cited Jewish texts. Newcomers are welcome—no previous knowledge is required.



Lunch & Learn

Wednesdays, January 8, 15 and 22 and February 5, 12 and 26 at 12:00 pm

Join us in January and February as we continue our weekly Lunch and Learn. We will watch *Srugim*, a sitcom that deals with the life of five national religious singles, in their thirties, who reside in Jerusalem. The series offers a glance into the lives of intelligent and educated young men and women who can't quite find their place. The title of the show is a reference to the crocheted kippot that are worn by modern Orthodox men in Israel.

Srugim originally aired in Israel between 2008-2012. The show won give Israeli Academy of Film and Television Awards.

Chai Tea Wrapup

Marian Broder

Chai Tea was scrumptious. The London tea rooms at Harrods, Selfridges and Marks & Spencer offer nothing special over our Chai Tea. On November 5th, our auditorium was magically transformed to a British Tea Room. Ladies came dressed up with hats. The tables were set perfectly with cloths, fresh flowers, three tiered plates, flowered napkins and shining sterling tea pots.

The teapots were special and historic. Until the early 1980's tea and dessert were served after Friday Night Services and at special Sisterhood events. The teapots were engraved with the names of Sisterhood members. Caryn Resnick remembered them and asked Mila Miazga where they were. Mila had the key to the silver closet. When Caryn found the silver pots, they were so tarnished that she wasn't sure that they could be brought back to life. She purchased many jars of silver polish and asked some Sisterhood gals to attack them with lots of hard buffing. Betty Ross, Myrna Robbins, Rae Davis and Judy Shelasky did a fantastic job! Caryn also wanted to use the temple's nice china.



"Caryn and her crew certainly put on a wonderful function! The Chai Tea was absolutely lovely and what a wonderful creative, memory-provoking and delicious event. I remember pouring from silver tea pots years ago." - Mona Holtzman



"What a pleasant ladies' afternoon! The food was elegant: tea sandwiches, scones, (complete with clotted cream and jam) pastries and tea, poured from REAL SILVER tea pots! This was followed by a two-woman play that was a 'choose your own ending'. This is what a fun afternoon at Temple Beth El looks like." - Ann Koenig

She and Marianne Kornblum dug deep into the dairy closet and found lovely dishes. They set up the beautiful tables.

There is a specific menu for tea. Caryn researched themes and recipes. Then the search began to try to find the items that needed to be kosher. She traveled from Trader Joe's, Costco, Stop and Shop, Crown Market, food wholesale companies, to

are dainty finger sandwiches. Egg salad, smoked salmon with cream cheese, and thinly sliced cucumber with vegetable cream cheese were served. (The crusts were carefully removed) On the top tier of the three-tiered plate were the madeleines (French butter cookies). On the middle tier were lemon squares, date-nut bread, and banana muffins. On the bottom were



"A large group of ladies enjoyed a very elaborate High Tea complete with silver tea pots and lovely table settings. When I walked into the room it was just stunning! We were served with yummy finger sandwiches and pastries. We all got in the mood trying on hats and taking fun pictures. I have to say that it was a great way to be together." - Myrna Robbins

Cheryl Blonder's kitchen. Marianne Kornblum offered to travel to many stores in Connecticut in search of clotted cream. When she did locate the product, it wasn't kosher. She then decided to make it herself and it was delicious!

Several women said it was their first introduction to afternoon tea and they loved sampling the variety. First, there

the cranberry orange baked scones. Strawberry jam and clotted cream were in dishes to accompany them. The final course was pastel colored chocolate covered dried fruit. A basket full of assorted tea bags and lemon, cream and sugar were also on the table.

The afternoon concluded with *Latkes and Manischewitz*, a macabre, improvised

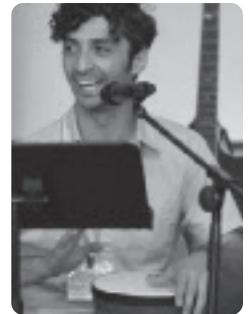
mystery play. Presented by Rita Reidel and our very own Ann Labb, it was a skit about two elderly sisters who have a scheme to remove poor, lonely, elderly men from their misery. The members of the audience were asked to write the conclusion to the play. There were so many humorous and creative solutions.

None of this would have happened without The Adult Education Committee's decision to stage it, Sisterhood, Caryn Resnick and a large number of volunteers. It was a tremendous amount of work! Sandwiches were made by Phyllis Levenson, Ellen Gold and Betty Ross. A special thank you to Marianne Kornblum for arranging a photo booth at the entrance to the tea and to Phyllis Levenson for her ambitious recruiting of attendees and hostessing at the door. It took a congregation to make a Chai Tea.

How fortunate were those of us who were able to enjoy the afternoon. Bravo to the women who made the Chai Tea happen.

SANCTUARY DEDICATION, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

We have invited Noah Aronson to join us for services both on Shabbat morning and for the concert that evening.



Noah Aronson

Known for his unique, engaging and deeply soulful approach, Noah is considered one of the most sought after Jewish musicians in North America. Besides earning a degree in Jazz Composition and Piano from Berklee College of Music, Noah has studied Judaism at Hadar and Boston Hebrew College.

Currently Noah lives in New York City and tours year-round visiting communities nationwide and abroad. In addition to touring, Noah is on the faculty of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He also teaches Jewish music, leadership, ritual and worship in a variety of settings to rabbis, cantors, educators and songleaders.

Look for more details in early February...

Mishloah Manot Fundraiser Kicks Off

Celebrate Purim with a Wonderful Gift-Giving Tradition!



Mishloah manot (Purim boxes) are gifts of food and drink that are sent to family, friends and others on Purim. The mitzvah of mishloah manot comes from the Book of Esther. It is meant to ensure that everyone has enough food for the Purim feast, and to increase friendship.

TBE's Mishloah Manot project is a very important fundraiser for our synagogue. In January, all members will receive a mailing with a list of our synagogue members. Please take a moment to select all the

families to whom you would like to send Purim greetings and mishloah manot. The gift boxes include hamentaschen, nuts, popcorn, and other goodies, as well as healthier items, along with a Purim greeting with a list of senders.

The cost is \$6 per recipient, or 12 for \$60, and each member selected will receive a gift box of goodies. Multiple members may send to the same person. In this case, the recipient will receive one gift box, accompanied by a Purim greeting that will acknowledge each of the families that sent it.

In addition, we will send greetings to out-of-town friends or relatives for whom you provide names and addresses, for a cost of \$3 per card.

This year, TBE's Mishloah Manot project is once again ably chaired by Elina DeAngelis. Please call or email her with any questions at 567-2919 or elinaz@comcast.net.

If you would like to order Purim boxes or cards, please follow the instructions on the back of the flyer you will receive in the mail and submit the form and list of names with a check, payable to Temple Beth El – Attn: Mishloah Manot. Order forms are due by Friday, February 21.

Recipients will be contacted by phone and invited to pick up their mishloah manot during the week of March 9 between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, or at the Megillah reading and party on Monday, March 9.



Honoring Martin Luther King

Rabbi Amy Walk Katz

Each year, when we approach Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, I marvel that it is a national holiday. During his lifetime, Dr. King was perceived as a polarizing figure. He was despised, vilified—indeed, hated—by many in this country. When he was murdered in Memphis, Tennessee almost fifty years ago, it was a shock—but it surely wasn't surprising that there were people who wanted to kill him. For, although he was committed to nonviolence—which was one of the secrets to his success—he strove for a revolution in our collective consciousness. He strove to challenge core assumptions about race and class that had long held sway in this country. And every revolution, however peaceful, engenders resistance.

And so the decision to establish a national day of commemoration, to honor the life and to mourn the death of this American preacher, dreamer and activist, was not an easy one. It took decades, as state after state, and finally the country as a whole, embraced the idea of honoring Dr. King and his vision. It wasn't until the year 2000, 31 years after Dr. King's death, that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was observed in all fifty states.

One could be forgiven for imagining that, with the establishment of this day of commemoration, the work of confronting bigotry, racism, and anti-Semitism in this country would be over. Surely, we might have imagined, with the establishment of this day it would no longer be normal to discriminate against those whose skin color is dark, or who came from another country, or who speak English with an accent. We might reasonably have believed, as did Dr. King, that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice"—and also toward kindness, compassion and refinement. We might have thought that ugly talk about blacks would soon be a thing of the past.

We surely would have been forgiven for believing that, once it became not only part

Shabbat Zimrah Services

Our next Shabbat Zimrah services will be held on Friday, January 10 and Friday, February 14 at 6:00 pm. Please join us for this lively, 1-hour service. During these services, we will recognize our members who have birthdays during the months of January and February. On January 10, we will be honoring our very own Mila Miazga (see the article on Page 1).

Hesed Kitchen

This monthly program has provided many of our congregants with delicious and home-made food after an illness or following the loss of a loved one. Volunteers are invited to join Rabbi Katz in her kitchen to help prepare comfort food such as soup, kugel, bread, etc. which will be frozen and delivered to our members when the need arises. If you would like to help with this effort, please call the TBE office at 733-4149 for upcoming dates.

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Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast to Honor Jody Smith

Sunday, March 15 at 9:15 am

The 12th annual Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 15. This event, sponsored by the Program Committee, will begin at 9:15 am, following minyan at 8:30 am. The Breakfast raises funds for the Nechamen/Chernick Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for member children to attend Jewish summer camp and educational programs.



Jody Smith

The event annually honors a member or members who have given of themselves, often behind the scenes, for the betterment of the temple community. This year's honoree perfectly fits that description.

Jody Smith and his wife, Tina are long-time members of Temple Beth El. Jody serves on the Board of Trustees and the Education Committee and is well-known as a volunteer at Sandi Kupperman Learning Center and other temple events. As a Chicopee middle school teacher, Jody brings his education background to his work with the SKLC and as a former chef, he brings his culinary skills to the kitchen whenever volunteers are needed.

Jody's spirit of active volunteerism and engagement with Temple Beth El is carried through the entire family. Tina always helps out with setup while Jody is chopping or sauteeing something in the kitchen. No Temple Beth El event would be complete without Sophie, Elizabeth and Eli Smith

selling raffle tickets or working the registration table. The Smith children - triplets - have been an active presence at the SKLC since they were babies. Last October they celebrated their B'nai Mitzvah and even held their party at the temple.

TBE is lucky to know that whenever help is needed Jody Smith and his family are always there to answer the call.

Look for emails and the next issue of Tekiah for more details on the Nechamen/Chernick breakfast.

Help Feed the Hungry in Our Community



Rabbi Katz invites our members to join her to serve lunch at the **Loaves and Fishes Community Kitchen**, located at Christ Church Cathedral, 35 Chestnut Street in Springfield on **Wednesday, January 8** and **Wednesday, February 5 at 11:45 am**. There's no need to prepare any food ahead of time—just show up with a gallon of whole milk, and help serve the hungry in our community.

Please join us on **Sunday, February 23 at 4:45 pm** to prepare and serve dinner at **Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church**, 797 State Street in Springfield. Food can be cooked at home or purchased. Please note that we will not be serving there in January. Contact our Social Action Chair, Susie Rosenberg, at pawssgr@comcast.net to sign up so she can coordinate who will bring different items.

Remember

February 21 is the deadline for Mishloah Manot orders. Don't miss this opportunity to send Purim goodies to your friends and family.

TBE Celebrates Birthdays



Temple Beth El recognizes members' birthdays on the second Shabbat of the month, with a few exceptions. During our Kabbalat Shabbat Friday night service and again at our Shabbat morning service, we will serenade you, enjoy special birthday treats during the appetizer buffet and Kiddush lunch, and make a fuss over your reaching another birthday!

Our upcoming birthday celebrations will take place on Friday, January 10 and Shabbat, January 11, as well as Friday, February 14 and Shabbat, February 15.

Watch your mail during the month prior to your birthday for a special letter inviting you to let TBE be part of your celebration. If you do not receive this letter, it's possible that we do not have your date of birth in our database. Please call our office at 733-4149 so we can update our records.

Carol's Beit Café

Saturday, February 1 at 7:00 pm
(snow date: February 8)

Carol's Beit Café is a popular annual TBE program, showcasing the musical talents of our members. The event is named in memory of Carol Resnick, who loved performing at this program. This year, Carol's Beit Café will be held at the home of Adam Peck & Rhonda Goldberg on Saturday, February 1 at 7:00 pm. In case of bad weather, the event will be held on Saturday, February 8.

If you sing or play an instrument, we'd love to have you perform! Cantor Barber is coordinating the program; contact her at cantorbarber@tbespringfield.org for more information.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are requested so we can plan accordingly for seating and refreshments. Contact the TBE office at 733-4149 or office@tbespringfield.org to R.S.V.P.

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March 14
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Dedication



The Pillars of Temple Beth El

We'd like to acknowledge and thank our Amoodim (pillars) who pay more than full dues. Please consider joining this group if you are able. Remember that those who contribute at this level receive free High Holy Day guest tickets as follows:

Giborim – 8 guest tickets
Kochavim – 6 guest tickets

Shomrim – 4 guest tickets
Maccabim – 2 guest tickets

Thank you to our 2019 Amoodim:

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Cycle of Life

For everything there is a season.

מעגלי חיים

Ecclesiastes 3:1

shalom! welcome!

שלום

A warm welcome to our new member:
Gail Skvirsky-Bohn

Barukh
dayan
ha-emet

ברוך דין האמת

Praised is the
true judge.



We mourn the loss of the following members or loved ones of members from
October 1 through November 30.

Sharon Liptzin

Wife of Dr. Benjamin Liptzin

Sheila Goodless

Mother of Jeffrey Goodless
Mother of Debra Polep

Freda Posnick

Marcia Goldberg

Sister of Maurice Fieldstein

Ruth Auerbach

מזל טוב!
mazel tov!

Bev & Allen Nadler on the marriage
of their son, Zachary, to Sivan Zaitchik
on October 4. Mazel tov also to them
on the birth of their second grandson,
Samuel Nathan, born on October 12
to Russell and Christina Nadler.

תודה רבה
todah
rabbah
thank you

IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

To our Torah Readers:

Eli Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Sophie Smith,
Esta Farkas, Josh Weiss, Adina Elfant,
Kayla Weiss, Aylee Weiss, Talya Weiss

To our Haftarah Readers:

Dennis Gordan, Fred Brownstein,
Ellen Ratner, Eli Smith, Elizabeth Smith,
Sophie Smith, Talya Weiss, Rebecca
Schnaper, Ari Powers, Larry Metz

To our Service Leaders:

Dennis Gordan, Stuart Anfang,
Ellen Elfman

To our Shabbat Greeters:

Phyllis Altman, Adina Elfant,
Mark Jackowitz, Iris Linson,
Linda Schnaper, Jody Smith

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Ed Gerstein

in memory of his wife, Judith

Adele Miller

In memory of her loved ones

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children, Eli, Elizabeth & Sophie

Adina Elfant and Josh Weiss

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their
daughter, Talya

Yana Powers and Jeremy Powers

In honor the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ari

Paul and Esta Farkas

In honor of Max and Rebecca Schnaper's
second wedding anniversary

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Wishing Joanne Bertrand good health and a happy new year
Miriam Lief

Wishing Dorothy Renfroe a speedy and complete recovery to good health
Miriam Lief

Wishing Doris Chase a speedy return to good health and happy new year
Miriam Lief

Wishing Sheila Goodless good health in the coming year
Miriam Lief

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Wishing Cantor Barber get well wishes
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Refuah Shlema to my good friend Lawrence Dubin
Miriam Lief

In honor of Goldie Newman and to thank the Rabbi and Cantor for a meaningful service on Rosh HaShanah
Sandra Newman Corwin

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Matthew Katz

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Mazel tov to Linda & George Spitz on their 50th anniversary
Ellen & Mark Gold

Mazel tov to Phyllis & Elliot Altman on the marriage of Ian & Shoshana
Linda Spitz

Wishing Cantor Barber an easy recovery
Betty, Steven & Ilyse Ross

Wishing Lawrence Mackler a quick return to good health
Miriam Lief

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Susan & Bill Firestone

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Judith & Alan Bullock

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Best wishes to Cantor Barber for a speedy recovery & good health
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Get well Cantor Barber
Joan Rubin

Wishing Cantor Barber and her family health and happiness
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Yahrzeit Plaques

Yahrzeit plaques are a fitting way to remember a loved one's yahrzeit in perpetuity. They are displayed in the temple lobby each year during the week of the yahrzeit. The cost is \$375. If you would like to purchase a plaque, please contact Reverend David Aminia at 733-4149.

MLK, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

of our legal system but part of our national ethos to treat all men and women equally regardless of the color of their skin, racism would retreat to the dark corners of our nation, never to rear its ugly head again—much less to threaten our communal spirit and our collective identity.

Sadly, this has not happened. Remarkably, notwithstanding the dramatic evolution in consciousness that has occurred in our country, notions of racial superiority continue to prevail. It's as if the lessons of the past must be re-learned, again and again. Perhaps it is a reflection of a collective “*yetzer ha-rah*,” or “evil inclination,” of human beings as a species to consider those who look, sound, or dress differently from us not only as strangers but as insidious threats.

I was speaking with some of our high school students recently. I was shocked to hear that they often hear others using the “N-word” and are not so surprised if they come across a swastika, written in a library book, or in some public space. Though shocking, it should not surprise us that, even today, there are those who are raising their children to disrespect, demean, and despise others. Even today, there are members of our community who feel free to demonize blacks and/or Jews; who see us as despicable enemies, worthy of disdain.

The day is short and the work is great. We cannot rest. If we agree with Dr. King's dream; if we share with him the hope that one day, all of our children will “live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character,” then it isn't enough to go skiing on Martin Luther King weekend. We must resist the re-normalization of racism in this country. We must call out racism and bigotry whenever and wherever we see them, and ally ourselves with those committed to continuing Dr. King's fight.

This isn't easy for us as Jews. In standing up for justice and equality, we may find ourselves standing next to people—even *Jewish* people—who harbor ideas about “Jewish power and influence” or other blatantly anti-Semitic views.

But as Hillel said, “If I am only for myself, what am I?” We must stand up for others, even if—maybe especially if— it requires us to defend ourselves.

As important as it is to condemn racism and bigotry, we must go further: we must work hard to educate the next generation to think and to feel differently about differences.

INTERFAITH TU B'SHEVAT SEDER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

already doing on the stewardship of the earth, called “Sacred Earth, Sacred Work.” Join us! We will enjoy good food (dried fruits, nuts and wine and grape juice), spirited singing with Cantor Martin Levson and meaningful learning.

Tuesday March 31

On March 31 we will host a Passover Seder at TBS with First Church. Look in the March/April Tekiah for details.

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What's Happening @ Temple Beth El

Programs for Children

SKLC Classes - Mondays, January 6, 13, 27, February 3, 10, 24 and Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 26 at 3:00 pm

B'Yahad - Thursday, January 2, 9, 16, February 6, 13, 27 at 6:30 pm

Tot Shabbat - January 4 & February 1 at 11:00 am

Tot Shabbat - January 17 & February 21 at 5:15 pm

Babysitting - January 4 & February 1 from 10:00 am to end of services

Adult Education Programs

Katz Family Library Book Club - Wednesday, January 15 & February 12 at 10:30 am

Cuppa Joe - Sundays, January 5, 12, 26 & February 2, 9, 23 at 9:00 am

Lunch & Learn - Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22 and February 5, 12 and 26 at noon

Interfaith Tu B'Shevat Seder - February 10

Programs for All Ages

Adult Shabbat Dinner - Friday, January 24 at 7:00 pm

Carol's Beit Café - Saturday, February 1 at 7:30 pm

Social Action Programs

Loaves & Fishes - Wednesday, January 8 & February 5 at 11:45 am

Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church - Sunday, February 23 at 4:45 pm

Meetings

Board of Trustees - Wednesday, January 15 & February 26 at 7:00 pm

Shabbat Information

January 3 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 4:13 pm

January 4 - Shabbat Va-yiggash, Simhat Bat for Cantor Barber's daughter, Havdalah 5:13 pm

January 10 - Shabbat Zimrah 6:00 pm, Honoring Mila Miazga, Candle Lighting 4:20 pm

January 11 - Shabbat Va-y'hi, Havdalah 5:20 pm

January 17 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 4:28 pm

January 18 - Shabbat Sh'mot, Havdalah 5:28 pm

January 24 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 4:36 pm

January 25 - Shabbat Va-era, Havdalah 5:36 pm

January 31 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 4:45 pm

February 1 - Shabbat Bo, Havdalah 5:45 pm

February 7 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 4:54 pm

February 8 - Shabbat B'shallah, Special Kiddush in honor of Rabbi Katz, Havdalah 5:54 pm

February 14 - Shabbat Zimrah 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 5:03 pm

February 15 - Shabbat Yitro, Havdalah 6:03 pm

February 21 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 5:12 pm

February 22 - Shabbat Mishpatim, Havdalah 6:12 pm

February 28 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 5:21 pm

February 29 - Shabbat T'rumah, Havdalah 6:21 pm

Office Closings

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 20 - MLK Day

February 17 - Presidents Day

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Previously at SKLC...

Sukkot Family Day



"My husband and I along with our two boys had a great time at the Sukkot event. We really got our creative juices flowing with our family sukkah panel. We worked together to design and paint it. My boys really enjoyed decorating the Sukkah and painting pumpkins. Thanks for organizing such a wonderful family event." - Therese Corber

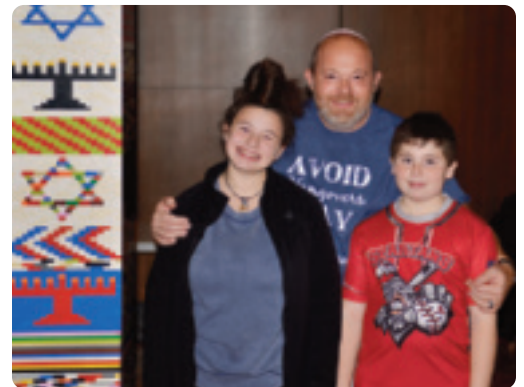


"Scott and I both agree that this Sukkot program was one of the best yet! We started the afternoon by making and hanging up our very own banner for the Sukkah. We painted pictures of our family's hobbies such as hockey, photography, and building with Legos. Then we enjoyed watching the sushi chef prepare all different kinds of sushi. Of course, the highlight was eating the sushi along with all of the side dishes! It was a great afternoon spending time with Scott and celebrating the holiday." - Elysa Burstein

Shabbaton

Our annual Shabbaton was so much fun!

Children and their parents built a beautiful Chanukiah.



The day concluded with Havdalah with Rabbi Katz.

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SKLC Hanukkah Party

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Our Kadima Youth Group shopped and wrapped gifts to be donated to the Jewish Family Service Refugee Resettlement Program.