



# Temple Beth-El

## **BULLETIN**

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Rabbi Kenneth Brickman – Cantor Sergei Schwartz

Lisa Izes, Rabbinic Intern

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> ..... 8:00 p.m.

Candle Blessing

Kiddush Prayer

**Rabbi Brickman will Speak**

***“Do We Need a New Platform for the Reform Movement?”***

Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> ..... 10:00 a.m.

Haftarah Reading

Kiddush

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> ..... 8:00 p.m.

Candle Blessing

Kiddush Prayer

**A Book Review By Rabbi Brickman**

***“Who is a Jew? Conversations, not Conclusions”***

***by Meryl Hyman***

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> ..... 10:00 a.m.

Haftarah Reading

Kiddush

### **CHANUKAH IS HERE!**

The first candle of Chanukah will be lit at sundown on Sunday, December 13. Chanukah candles are available in the Temple office for \$1.00 per box.

The Temple's celebration of Chanukah will be held on Friday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. At that time, we will hold our Chanukah Family Service, which will be conducted by the children in our Hebrew School. The service will also feature musical presentations by our Adult Volunteer Choir and our Sunday School students. After the service, we will all enjoy those special Temple Beth-El latkes, prepared by Murray Haar and Milton Wegodsky. They're so good, we are sure you won't be able to eat just one. Please plan to be with us for this annual Chanukah extravaganza, and invite your friends and neighbors to join us, as well.

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### **THANK YOU TO OUR ONEG SHABBAT SPONSORS**

In recent weeks, several members of our congregation have sponsored the Oneg Shabbat following our Friday night services. In doing so, they have shared family simchas with our Temple family. We are grateful to them for including us in their celebrations, and we hope others will consider sharing joyous occasions with us in the future. Thank you to those who have sponsored the Oneg Shabbat:

Gert Wegodsky and Norma Cohen in honor of their birthdays

Marge Lubowsky in honor of her birthday

Sarah Hirsch in honor of the birth of her new great-grandson.

If you would like to sponsor the Oneg Shabbat in honor of a birthday, anniversary or other family simcha, please call the Temple office or speak to Gert Wegodsky.

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### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Reunion**

The Temple will sponsor our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Jersey City Reunion in Florida this coming February. The event will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 1999 at 12 noon at David's in Tamarac. The cost is \$22.00 per person.

If you have never attended the reunion before, this is the year to join us. If your name is not on the reunion mailing list, and you would like to receive an invitation, please call the Temple, 201-333-4229.

*Light the Shamash  
candle first, then  
use it to light the  
other candle.*



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mits-vo-tav, ve-tsi-va-nu le-had-lik neir shel Cha-nu-ka.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who hallows us with Your mitzvot and commands us to kindle the Chanuka lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ  
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, she-a-sa ni-sim la-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-ze-man ha-zeh.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

*On the first night only*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחֲיָנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ  
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-nu ve-ki-ye-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu la-ze-man ha-zeh.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

From: "A Home Celebration of Chanuka"  
Elyse Frishman, Editor, CCAR Press, 1989

#### BELLA PESIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Contributions have been received:

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Rosen

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Waldman to Michele Waldman from:  
Irwin Rosen

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A contribution has been received in  
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In memory of beloved husband, Myron  
Wasserman by Kay Wasserman

In memory of beloved brother-in-law,  
Sol Pearlman by Ceil Bauer

In memory of beloved mother, Ida L.  
Tupper by Ruth & Sol Lubow

In memory of beloved daughter-in-law,  
Ronde Joyce Wasserman by Kay Wasserman

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#### CONDOLENCES

The Rabbi, Cantor and members of the  
congregation extend sincerest sympa-  
thies and heartfelt condolences to

Alice Willis and Ruth Zimmerman on  
the passing of beloved sister and  
niece, Vivian Scolnick;

and to the family of Ruth Genser.

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#### GOOD NEWS FROM ISRAEL

The Reform and Conservative Movements  
in Israel recently won two very  
significant cases in the Israeli  
Supreme Court. One case upheld the  
right of Reform and Conservative Jews  
to sit on local religious councils,  
which have only had Orthodox members  
until now. The second case upheld the  
rights of women to sit on these  
councils. In response to these  
victories, Rabbi Uri Regev said,  
"History was made today in the Supreme  
Court. Today's rulings have  
strengthened our conviction that our  
just struggle for pluralism will  
prevail..."

#### DR. HENRY J. GEWIRTZMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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In honor of your grandson, Larry  
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Abe Wellen from: Anne & Maurice  
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In honor of your son, Larry Levine  
having passed the Bar Exam to Carole &  
Artie Levine from: Anne & Maurice  
Weinberg

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of your  
grandson, Alex Berger to Betty Berger  
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In honor of Good Health and Happiness  
in your new home to Edith & Al  
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In honor of a Speedy Get Well to  
Ethel Gewirtzman from: Anne & Maurice  
Weinberg

In honor of your becoming a Jersey  
City Municipal Court Judge to Irwin  
Rosen from:

Anne & Maurice Weinberg

Ethel K. Gewirtzman

In honor of your 90th Birthday to  
Murray Greiman from: Anne & Maurice  
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Lenore Greiman from: Ceil Bauer

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In memory of beloved sister, Vivian  
Scolnick to Alice Willis from:

Ethel K. Gewirtzman

Irma & Seymour Jordan

In memory of beloved mother Eve  
Abrutyn to Dr. Elias Abrutyn from:  
Micki & Artie Rosenbaum

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#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Contributions have been received from:  
Ethel K. Gewirtzman, in honor of  
"Merry Miracle";

Phyllis & Bob Canter, in honor of  
Irwin Rosen being appointed a Jersey  
City Municipal Court Judge and in  
honor of the marriage of Miriam  
Nickelsporn's granddaughter;

Irma & Seymour Jordan, wishing Edith  
& Allan Horowitz good health and  
happiness in their new home;

Judy Lincoff, in memory of beloved  
mother, Carolyn Prayer and in  
appreciation to Rabbi Brickman;  
Lenore Greiman, "al hanissim," in  
gratitude for miracles;

Michael and Lisa Shuchman, in honor  
of their dear friends, Nancy and  
Nathan Sambul, and in gratitude for  
their friendship.

#### ADA GARFUNKEL HAPPY DAY FUND

Contributions have been made:

In honor of your Special Birthday to  
Gert Wegodsky and Norma Cohen from:  
Bea Kaplan  
Shirley & Murray Haar  
Mildred Kabakow  
Freda Hofstetter

In honor of your Special Birthday to  
Paul Rothstein from: Ruth & Sol Lubow  
In honor of your Special Birthday to  
Eileen Rothstein from: Ruth & Sol Lubow  
In honor of your 90th Birthday to  
Murray Greiman from: Rose Goldman

In honor of your being appointed a  
Jersey City Municipal Judge to Irwin  
Rosen from:

Blanche & Arthur Weinberger  
and Helen Milovsky  
Ruth Pearlman  
Dorothy Zeller  
Freda Hofstetter  
Mildred Weisenfeld

In honor of a Speedy Get Well to  
Phyllis Barison from:

Terry Handler  
Fanny Tilton

In honor of a Speedy Get Well to  
Lenore Greiman from:

Hortense Gutmann  
Bea Kaplan

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of your  
grandson, Alex Berger to Betty Berger  
from: Myrtle Wildberg  
Dorothy Zeller  
Sara Miller

In honor of the Confirmation of your  
son Ryan to Mildred Carbone from:  
Alice Willis

In honor of your 50th Wedding  
Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Edward  
Leonardziak from: Kay Wasserman

In honor of your Special Birthday to  
Marjorie Lubowsky from: Fanny Tilton  
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#### HELEN AND MAX SCHNEID

##### MUSIC FUND

Contributions have been received:

In honor of Judy & Ben Kaplan's  
double simcha from: Madeline & Iz Mazer

In honor of Irwin Rosen, on becoming  
a Jersey City Municipal Court Judge  
from: Connie Cruz

Bea Rubin  
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Contributions have been received:

In memory of beloved sister, Vivian  
Scolnick to Alice Willis from:

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Phyllis Barison

In memory of beloved Vivian Scolnick  
to The Scolnick Family from:

Sara Miller  
Marie Pangaro  
Kay Wasserman  
Florence & Jibby Wellen  
Alan, Chris, Stacey and Margot  
Wasserman

In memory of beloved niece, Vivian  
Scolnick to Ruth Zimmerman from:

Vi Pell  
Dorothy Zeller

In memory of beloved mother, Vivian  
Scolnick to Vicki Abrutyn from:

Sus Maltzman  
Stephen Maltzman

In memory of beloved mother-in-law,  
Eve Abrutyn to Vicki Abrutyn from:

Sus Maltzman  
Stephen Maltzman

In memory of beloved mother, Eve  
Abrutyn to Dr. Elias Abrutyn from:

Sus Maltzman  
Stephen Maltzman  
Alice Willis

In memory of beloved parents, Sidney  
& Ruth Genser to Barbara Zinn Moore  
from: Miriam Nickelspon

In memory of beloved Leon to Henne  
Vilanch from: Mildred Weisenfeld  
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#### THANK YOU

The Temple acknowledges with deep  
appreciation contributions in honor of  
Irwin Rosen being appointed a Jersey  
City Municipal Court Judge from:

S. Robert Pearlman  
Debby & Jay Baum  
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## CHANUKAH

The lighting of the Chanukah menorah(Chanukiah) is a special family time, enjoyed by children of all ages. Excitement mounts as the family gathers, the candles are selected, and the Chanukiah set up.

We can bring the beauty of Chanukah into our homes in a variety of ways.

- Parents and grandparents should teach their children and grandchildren about the holiday and share childhood memories of the holiday.

- Make sure that the 30 minutes during which the candles burn is really family time.( It is actually a custom not to work while the candles are burning.)

- Learn some traditional Chanukah songs and sing them while the candles burn.

- Let the children or grandchildren choose the candles and place them in the Chanukiah.

- Consider a menorah for each person in the family. Try using homemade menorahs.

- Prepare latkes and other foods fried in oil. Anything cooked in oil is reminiscent of the miracle of the menorah in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

Remember, the struggle to keep the Jewish tradition alive amidst the presence of a larger, outside culture is as old as Chanukah itself.

Were not the Maccabees trying to do the same thing?

We wish you a very Happy and Healthy Chanukah!

From: UAHC "Outreach Connections"

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**An excerpt from a letter written by a Temple member, which was accompanied by a contribution to the Hurricane Mitch Relief Fund.**

"We are delighted that there is a united effort - crossing racial, religious, socio-economic boundaries-to aid, give relief, comfort and basic necessities to those in Central America who have been ravaged by Hurricane Mitch. If this happened here in our own country or in Israel, most of us would feel the pain and open our hearts and our wallets because we believe this to be our kin. As we would want others to respond to this kind of overwhelming need here and/or in Israel-so we should respond now. We are all extended family. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to help."

It is not too late to contribute to the UAHC Disaster Relief Fund which is helping the victims of Hurricane Mitch in Central America.

Send your checks, made payable to "Temple Beth-El" to the Temple office, and we will forward them to the UAHC on your behalf. Thank you.

## **BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Temple Bingo Committee is always looking for additional volunteers. The need is especially acute in the winter months when many of our regular volunteers go to Florida. Volunteers are needed every Wednesday afternoon and on the last Sunday of each month. This year, we are in dire need of drivers who can help us transport volunteers who do not drive to the Bingo Hall in North Bergen. The money raised by the Bingo Committee is essential for the financial stability of our congregation. If you can assist us in this vital fund-raising project, even if only on an occasional basis, please call the Temple office, 201-333-4229.

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## **NOTICE TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENTS**

Classes will not be held on the following days:

Sunday, December 27 & January 3

Wednesday, December 23 & 30.

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## **IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER...**

If the weather is inclement and you are not sure whether services or other activities at the Temple are being held, please call the office before coming to the Temple. When no one is in the office, a message will be recorded on the answering indicating if services or programs have been cancelled.

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## **MAZEL TOV TO JUDGE ROSEN!**

Our Temple members came out in droves to witness the swearing-in of our Temple President, Irwin Rosen, who is now a judge in the Jersey City Municipal Court. Those who missed this event truly missed a most moving and inspirational occasion. Hundreds of people filled city council chambers and others, who were unable to enter the room, listened from the outside. Those in attendance represented a cross section of the population of Hudson County, as well as Irwin's family and friends. Temple Beth-El is proud to add Irwin Rosen's name to the list of Temple members who have served as judges in Jersey City. We congratulate Irwin and his parents, Harold and Toby Rosen, and we thank them for making the swearing-in ceremony such a memorable occasion.

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WEEK ENDING: DECEMBER 5th

IN MEMORIAM

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WEEK ENDING: DECEMBER 12th

IN MEMORIAM

ARTHUR BANKER  
HELEN BANKER  
DAVIS BORNSTEIN  
DR. BENJAMIN FEDER  
SAM FELDMAN  
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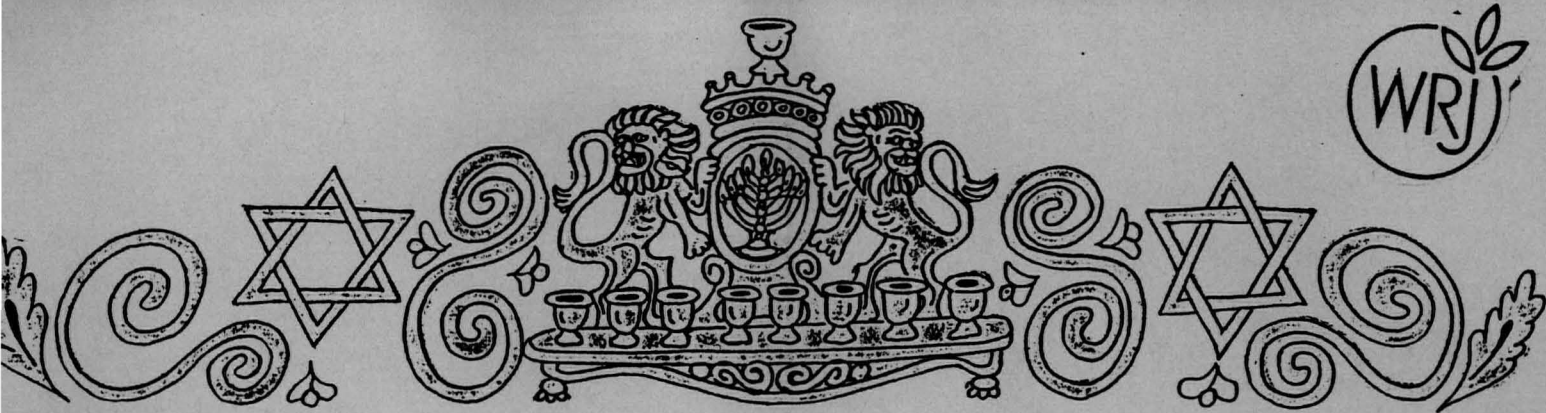
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# **Temple Beth-El Sisterhood**

**Invites Our Members**

**To A Dinner Meeting**

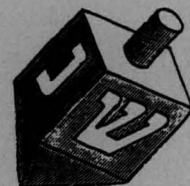
**Tuesday, December 15, 1998 at 6:15pm**

**In The  
Harold Nickelsporn Social Hall**

**- Program -**

**"Chanakuh"**

**Presented By Our  
Rabbinic Intern Lisa Izes**



**Call: 333-4229 To Make Reservation**

**Price: \$8.50 (Including Donation to Mazon)**

**Reservation Deadline: December 8, 1998**

**Dinner Prepared By  
Our Own Catering Crew**

**President: Phyllis Barison**

