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Rabbi Kenneth Brickman – Cantor Sergei Schwartz

Friday March 17th 8:00 p.m.

Candle Blessing

Kiddush Prayer

Rabbi Brickman Will Speak

*“Some Thoughts on the First Anniversary of
the Temple’s Pilgrimage to Israel.”*

Saturday, March 18th 10:00 a.m.

Haftarah Reading

Kiddush

Monday March 20th 6:30 p.m.

PURIM MEGILLAH READING

(See Details Inside)

Friday, March 24th 8:00 p.m.

Candle Blessing

Kiddush Prayer

Rabbi Brickman Will Speak

*“On my Way to the CCAR Convention &
the Historic Vote on Rabbinic Officiation
at Same Sex Commitment Ceremonies”*

Saturday, March 25th 10:00 a.m.

Haftarah Reading

Kiddush

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DINNER AND SERVICE

Save Friday evening, March 31 for the biggest boldest organized event ever to unite Jews across North America- "Shabbat Across America." On March 31, Jews will come together to eat, drink, relax, enjoy, pray and celebrate Shabbat. "Shabbat Across America" is sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program, the organization that sent many of you their "Shabbat 2000" kit earlier this year. Temple Beth-El will be one of over 600 congregations to celebrate Shabbat as part of this historic event. You will certainly want to be among the tens of thousands of Jews in America who will celebrate Shabbat that evening, so call the Temple office to make your reservation. Also, since we prefer not to collect money on Shabbat, we would appreciate it if you send your check to the Temple before March 31st.

The evening begins with a Shabbat dinner at 6:30 p.m., hosted by the Temple Membership Committee. The cost for the dinner is \$15.45 per person (includes 3% contrition to MAZON). There is no charge for children under 13, but an adult must accompany them.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR DINNER!
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN
MARCH 20 TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE!

Following Shabbat dinner, there will be a special Shabbat Service at 8:00 p.m., and the evening will conclude with an Oneg Shabbat. The entire evening is open to Temple members and their friends in the community, so encourage your unaffiliated friends to join you, however, reservations are a must for everyone.

**FOR SHABBAT DINNER RESERVATIONS OR MORE
INFORMATION, CALL 201-333-4229.**

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Contributions have been received:

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mother of Phyllis Burman from:
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In memory of Matthew Kaplan, beloved
brother of Ben Kaplan from: Joyce
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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Contributions have been made:

In honor of your father's Speedy Get
Well Rabbi Brickman from: Ceil Bauer

In memory of Simy Neels beloved
sister of Gert Wegodsky and Norma
Cohen from: Rose Lubowsky

To Marjorie Lubowsky, with best
wishes for a Speedy Recovery from:
Irma & Seymour Jordan

In appreciation for all the birthday
wishes and thank to Rabbi Brickman for
all of his kindnesses from: Phyllis
Barison

MEMORIAL FUND

A contribution has been received in
memory of beloved sister, Simy Neels
to Gert Wegodsky and Norma Cohen from:
Dr. Ethel G. Lawner

CONDOLENCES

The Rabbi, Cantor and members of the
congregation extend sincerest sympa-
thies and heartfelt condolences to
Jason Koenigsberg, on the passing of
his beloved grandmother, Rose
Koenigsberg.

THANK YOU

The Temple acknowledges a very
generous contribution from John
Silver, in memory of his beloved wife
Myn Silver, on the occasion of her
Yahrzeit.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our friends and
family at the Temple for your tributes
in memory of our beloved sister, Simy
Neels. Your expressions of sympathy
are deeply appreciated. From:

Gert & Milton Wegodsky and Norma Cohen

THANK YOU FROM RABBI BRICKMAN

My family and I want to thank all of
the members of the Temple who have
sent tributes and expressed concern
about my father. Knowing that you are
thinking of him in your prayers brings
us strength during this difficult
time.

SAVE THE DATE!

The next Sisterhood Dinner Meeting
will be held on Tuesday, April 4.

BELLA PESIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Contributions have been received:

In honor of a Speedy Get Well to
Marjorie Lubowsky from:
Irwin Rosen

Toby & Harold Rosen

FLORIDA REUNION DRAWS OVER 200!

Congratulations to the Florida Reunion Committee for organizing another fantastic event, which attracted over 200 current and former members of the Temple and their friends. Also, thank you to the Committee for the very generous contribution to the Temple, which they sent on behalf of those who attended the reunion. We look forward to our Bar Mitzvah (13th) Reunion in February 2001.

RUTH LUBOW TO TEACH COURSE AT HCCC

Our member, Ruth Lubow will be repeating her acclaimed course on Antiques & Collectibles that she taught last year at Hudson County Community College. The course will take place on Sunday afternoon, March 26(Collectibles), Wednesday evening, March 29(Porcelains & Pottery), Sunday afternoon, April 9(Metals) and Wednesday evening, April 12(Crystal & Glass). For more information, speak to Ruth. If you would like to register for the course (registration is required, and there is a fee for each session), call HCCC at 201-714-2107.

Also, don't forget that Ruth accepts donations of merchandise from Temple members that she then sells in her antique shop. When Ruth sells the items donated to her by Temple members, she donates the entire sale price to the Temple. Thanks to Ruth and to the following who have recently donated merchandise: Rabbi Brickman, Fanny Tilton, Marjorie Lubowsky, Robin & Alex Schkrutz, Debbie Shapiro/Sandy Lustig, Kimberly & Stuart Cohen, Miriam Nickelporn, Rita Druz.

RABBI TO ATTEND THE CCAR CONVENTION

Rabbi Brickman will be traveling to Greensboro, NC to attend the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which begins on Sunday, March 26. If you want to hear more about the convention agenda, including the historic vote on rabbinic officiation on Same Sex Commitment Ceremonies, join us for services on Friday evening, March 24.

PURIM IS HERE!!

PURIM FAMILY EDUCATION- Sunday, March 19

On Sunday, March 19, the day before Purim, the Religious School will sponsor a special Family Education Program. All families with children are invited to attend this exciting learning experience, which will conclude with the delivery of "Shalach Manot" to homebound elderly members of our community who receive kosher "meals on wheels." "Shalach Manot" are traditional Purim gifts, which include among other things, Hamantaschen, the delicious Purim pastry. This Family Education Program will begin at 9:30 a.m.

PURIM EVENING MEGILLAH READING

Monday, March 20

6:00 p.m. RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PURIM SUPPER

A light supper will be provided for children in the Religious School and their parents. Your friends are invited, as well. There is no charge.

6:30 p.m. CONGREGATIONAL MEGILLAH READING

The entire congregation is invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. for a brief evening service and Megillah reading. Everyone, including adults, is encouraged to come in costume!!! We are sure you will want to attend just to see what the Rabbi and Cantor wear this year. Of course, following the Megillah reading and once the noise of the graggers quiets down, there will be hamantaschen for everyone.

We will try to arrange carpools for those who wish to attend the Megillah reading. If you are planning on attending and have room in your car for another passenger, or if you need a ride to the temple, please call the Temple office, 333-4229.

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WEEK ENDING: MARCH 18th

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WEEK ENDING: MARCH 25th

IN MEMORIAM

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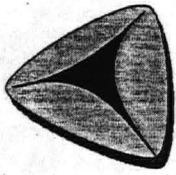
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Purim (14th Adar) - The Adventures of Esther and Mordechai

This year the holiday of Purim begins with the reading of the Megillah (Book of Esther) on the evening of March 20, 2000.

This holiday is the story of good triumphing over evil when the Jews lived in Persia and Ahashveros was king. The king had a wicked prime minister named Haman who despised the Jews and plotted to destroy them. Esther, a Jewish woman who won a beauty contest and became Ahashveros' queen, stopped Haman's evil plan with the help and encouragement of her cousin Mordechai. In the end, Haman is destroyed and the Jews are saved.

THE MITZVOT OF PURIM*

In the book of Esther 9:22 we are told:

"make days of feasting and gladness and of sending gifts to one another." This verse forms the basis of the *mitzvot* of Purim.

- *Mishloach manot*: Sending gifts of food - at least two different items: one baked and the other fruit - to family & friends
- *Matanot l'eyv-yo-nim*: Giving gifts of food to the poor.
- Making a special Purim feast, called a *seudat Purim*, traditionally held on the day of Purim, rather than in the evening as is the custom with most Jewish holidays, because it is written, "days of feasting" in the Purim Megillah.
- It is also a *mitzvah* to attend a public reading of the Megillah of Esther.

This holiday, although often thought of as a holiday for children, is one that should be celebrated in full by adults as well. There should be rejoicing and masquerading and shaking of graggers (rattles) when hearing Haman's name mentioned during the reading of the Megillah.

If you are a parent or grandparent of young children you can obtain a list of books, recipes and family projects for Purim by logging on to the UAHC website, [www. Uahc.org/educate](http://www.Uahc.org/educate), and clicking on the Jewish Parent Page.

**Taken from The Jewish Parent Page of UAHC*