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MIDSUMMER NEWSLETTER

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BEN & ETHEL CHODASH SUMMER CANTORIAL INTERNSHIP

Thanks to the generosity of Ben and Ethel Chodash, our congregation is once again enjoying the presence of a student cantor during the summer months. The Ben & Ethel Chodash Summer Cantorial Internship, which has been dedicated to the memory of Cantor Abraham Berman, serves as a fitting tribute to our late, beloved cantor. The internship provides our congregation with a cantor during the summer and enables a student cantor to enhance his skills.

This summer we are pleased to have Seth Warner as our Summer Cantorial Intern. Seth is a student at the HUC-JIR School of Sacred Music. We welcome Student Cantor Warner to Temple Beth-El, and we express our gratitude to Ben and Ethel for their very generous gift.

We look forward to seeing you at our Shabbat evening services, which continue at 8:00 pm every Friday throughout the summer. Shabbat morning services will resume on Saturday, September 9. Our new Student Cantor, Larisa Averbakh will join us beginning on Friday, August 25 and will be with us throughout the coming year. We hope you will join us then, as we welcome Larisa to Temple Beth-El.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Our religious school, which is run jointly by Temple Beth-El and Temple Beth Am of Bayonne, is now accepting registrations for the beginning of the school year in September. For more information, call the Temple office, 333-4229.

THE VIOLET ZALL HORDES LECTURE SERIES
PRESENTS

“A Day of Learning with Dr. Abraham Gittelson”
Renowned Lecturer and Acclaimed Speaker

Topic:

**“Elijah: Zealous Prophet, Passover Visitor, Rescuer of the
Downtrodden or Herald of the Messiah
– Will the Real Elijah Please Stand Up?”**

Sunday, September 17, 2000
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tickets are \$18.00, including continental breakfast, lunch and two lectures. Please call the Temple Office to reserve your place at this very exciting educational opportunity. Many of our members have been students of Dr. Gittelson in the past, and they say that his lectures are stimulating and very informative. Whenever he offers a lecture series, attendance grows from one lecture to the next as the rave reviews spread.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS SHABBAT

On Friday evening, September 22, the Membership Committee is sponsoring a special Shabbat Service to which they are inviting any one who is interested in joining our Temple. The best resource for new Temple members is you – the members of our congregation. Invite your friends and neighbors, who do not belong to the Temple, to accompany you to services that evening. This will be a wonderful opportunity to introduce them to our Rabbi, Cantor and members of the congregation.

MEALS ON WHEELS

For a number of years, volunteers from Temple Beth-El and Congregation B'nai Jacob have faithfully volunteered to deliver kosher meals on wheels to elderly members of our community. Thanks to the untiring efforts of these volunteers, over twenty people each day receive a hot meal. Our volunteers have never missed a day no matter how inclement the weather has been.

This summer the kosher meals on wheels program is facing a critical shortage of volunteers to drive and deliver meals to the homes of recipients. We are in desperate need of both drivers and "schleppers." Even if you can volunteer only once or twice a month, we can use you. There may even be some people on vacation at home who could volunteer a day or two during their vacation. Our current volunteers are delivering meals two or three times a week, so any time you can give will be greatly appreciated. If you are available, please call the Temple.

THANK YOU

The Temple is grateful to the following members of the congregation who have recently sponsored an Oneg Shabbat:

The Wellen Family

Marjorie Lubowsky

Karen and Geoffrey Elkind

Jay and Debby Baum, Sean and Amy Kron & Adam and Sarah Wendell.

If you would like to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat, please call the Temple office. Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat is a nice way to celebrate a happy occasion, or to pay tribute to the memory of a loved one. You may also sponsor an Oneg Shabbat for no reason at all.

HELEN & MAX SCHNEID MUSIC FUND

Contributions have been received:

In honor of Cantor Schwartz's new position and wishing Sergei,
Lena and Ziv good luck in their new home, from

Neal Kessman

Marjorie Lubowsky

Nancy and Nathan Sambul

In memory of Phyllis Goodman, beloved wife of Leon Goodman,
From Ruth Lubow

In memory of Dr. Bernard Gross, beloved brother of Irma Jordan,
From Joyce Pregoshen

In gratitude to Rabbi Brickman for the wonderful dinner he prepared
From Harold and Toby Rosen

In honor of Karen Elkind on the occasion of her birthday,
From Nancy and Nathan Sambul

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of David Schkrutz,
From Nancy and Nathan Sambul

In honor of the marriage of Sarah Hayllar and Adam Wendell,
From Nancy and Nathan Sambul

In honor of Stuart Koperweis receiving the NCCJ Humanitarian
Award, from Nancy and Nathan Sambul

In honor of the marriage of Karen Turok and Shlomo Reifman, to
Anne and Dave Turok, from Judy and Ben Kaplan

In memory of George Clott, from Hortense Gutmann

Judy Gutmann Strohl

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Contributions have been received:

In gratitude to Rabbi Brickman and the congregation for making my
special day so memorable, from Eleanor Bouer

In memory of Efrain Rodriguez, to the Rodriguez Family, from
Lisa and Michael Shuchman

In memory of beloved husband, Bert, from Thelma Koppel

In honor of David Schkrutz's Bar Mitzvah, from Robin, Alex, David and
Eric Schkrutz

In memory of Roberta Pepper, beloved wife of Sid Pepper, from
Seymour & Irma Jordan

In memory of Freda Medoff, aunt of Rabbi Brickman, from Ceil Bauer

ARZA/WORLD UNION

Enclosed in this "Newsletter," you will find information about ARZA/WORLD UNION and an ARZA/WORLD UNION membership form (see below). Our brothers and sisters in Israel are in the forefront of the battle for religious pluralism in Israel. The least we can do to demonstrate our support for their efforts is to be counted among the members of ARZA/WORLD UNION, which works to help strengthen the Reform Movement in Israel and throughout the world. If you are already a member of ARZA/WORLD UNION, please renew your membership now. If you have not yet joined this important affiliate of our Reform Movement, this is the time to do so.

Please return your membership form to the Temple, along with your check for \$36.00, made payable to "Temple Beth-El."

Dear Rabbi Brickman:

I (We) want to strengthen Israel, build Reform Judaism in Israel and around the world and join the fight for religious pluralism in the Jewish State. Please enroll/renew (circle one) the following as a member (as members) of ARZA/WORLD UNION:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Please include check for \$36.00 made payable to "Temple Beth-El," and return this form to: Rabbi Kenneth Brickman, Temple Beth-El, 2419 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07304.

TEMPLE FUND-RAISING DINNERS

On Saturday evening, September 23, the Temple Fund-Raising Committee will sponsor a unique opportunity to show your support for our congregation and have fun at the same time. They are asking members of the congregation to host/co-host a dinner in their homes and to invite their friends and neighbors to join them for dinner. The hosts/co-hosts prepare and pay for dinner. That is their contribution to the Temple. Each guest contributes \$25.00 per person to the Temple for dinner. After dinner, everyone will meet at the Temple for dessert, followed by our Selichot Service, which begins the High Holy Days. If you would like to host/co-host a dinner in your home, please call the Temple office and let us know. If you are unable to host/co-host a dinner, but would like to make a donation to the Temple and be a guest at one of the dinners, let us know, and we will make sure you have a place to dine.

Of course, dessert and the Selichot service, which will begin at the Temple at 9:00 pm is open to the entire congregation at no charge.

Support our Temple, enjoy a delicious meal and welcome the High Holy Day Season all at once! Who could ask for more?

From The Rabbi

Due to new rules governing patient privacy and confidentiality, the Christ Hospital Pastoral Care Department is no longer able to notify clergy when congregants are admitted to the hospital. Therefore, if you are admitted to the hospital, please have a family member or friend notify the rabbi. Otherwise, the rabbi will not know that you are in the hospital.

HIGH HOLY DAY REMINDERS

Even though the High Holy Days will not arrive until the end of September, we are already very busy preparing for this sacred season. We remind you that High Holy Day tickets will be sent out only to Temple members in good standing.

Members will be assigned to the same seats, which they occupied last year, however, we encourage those who sit towards the rear of the sanctuary to move closer to the front.

Those who wish to change their seats should call the Temple office. Also, those who have purchased guest tickets for out-of-town family members in the past, will be sent the same number of guest tickets this year, unless you call the Temple to indicate that you will need more or fewer guest tickets.

The good news is that you will no longer have to carry your High Holy Day prayer books back and forth to the Temple.

Thanks to a generous contribution from the Haar Family Foundation in honor of the Second Bar Mitzvah of Murray Haar, our congregation now has new High Holy Day prayer books, which will be available in the sanctuary when you come to services.

Those who wish to have a memorial plaque placed in our sanctuary before the dedication ceremony on Yom Kippur afternoon must place the order immediately, because it takes 6-8 weeks to make a memorial plaque. For more information, call the Temple office or speak to Blanche Dohrman, chairperson of our Memorial Plaque Committee.

THANK YOU

The Temple is grateful to the following individuals who have recently made generous contributions to our congregation:

Deborah Wertheim, in memory of her beloved mother,

Mildred Weisenfeld

Al Gonzales, in honor of his having won the Brotherhood Raffle

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CONDOLENCES

Our congregation mourns the passing of George Clott, who served as president of Temple Beth-El from 1956-1958, and was an honorary trustee on the Temple Board for 42 years. The Rabbi, Cantor and members of the congregation extend sincerest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to George's beloved wife, Gertrude and his daughters, Nancy and Janet.

The congregation also extends sincerest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to our Temple Secretary, Madeline Rodriguez and her mother Toni on the passing of beloved father and husband, Efrain Rodriguez, who was our Temple Caretaker for several years.



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