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December 28, 2001 – 14 Tevet, 5762 Rabbi Kenneth Brickman – Cantor Larisa Averbakh

<u>TORAH STUDY</u> Parshat VaYechi Genesis 47:28 – 50:26

Saturday, December 29th......10:00 am Haftarah Reading: Hector Rosa Kiddush

Rabbi Brickman will Speak "Another New Year"

Saturday, January 5th.....10:00 am Haftarah Reading Kiddush

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SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Service of Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

<u>Friday, January 18, 2002 – 8:00 pm</u> Speaker: Roy Innis, National Chairman, CORE (The Congress of Racial Equality)

Last summer, Temple Beth-El and Clair Memorial United Methodist Church were privileged to receive the "Harmony Award" from CORE in recognition of Temple Beth-El having reached out to Clair Memorial Church when their historic edifice was destroyed by fire just days before Easter. Now we are privileged to welcome Mr. Roy Innis, National Chairman of CORE, to our congregation as we pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Please mark you calendars and plan on joining us for our annual service of tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

The combined religious school of Temple Beth-El of Jersey City and Temple Beth Am of Bayonne continues to offer an exciting and enriching Jewish education to students from both communities, as well as Hoboken, North Bergen and Secaucus. Our Sunday School teacher, Kay Magilavy, stimulates the minds and imaginations of children in the primary grades. Children in Grades 4/5 begin to enhance their Hebrew language skills and understanding of Jewish history with their teacher, Adi Zisman. Rabbis Brickman and Gladstone teach children in the 6/7 grades more about Jewish history and introduce the structure and content of the Shabbat morning service in preparation for the students becoming B'nei Mitzvah. Rabbi Gladstone also offers a post Bar/Bat Mitzvah class for students who have already celebrated this milestone.

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION ELECTION REGISTRATION

Due to the delays in mail delivery in recent weeks on the East Coast. which resulted from the presence of anthrax in post offices in Washington, New York and New Jersey, the registration deadline for the American election for the World Zionist Congress has now been extended to January 18, 2002. If you have not yet registered for this very important election, please do so immediately. Registration forms are available on the table outside the Temple social hall, or you can call the Temple office, and we will send you a registration form. You can also register online at www.VoteReformJudaism.com. You vote is needed now more than ever. Understandably, in recent months our focus has been on the attack against the World Trade Center and its aftermath. As a result, the number of Reform Jews registering for this election is many fewer than in past elections. During the last election, the Reform Movement did extremely well. Thanks to our success. Reform Jews in Israel have benefited and our movement has made some progress in its efforts to be recognized. There is still a long way to go. Victory in this election will give Reform Jews a strong voice in critical decisions in Israel, such as determining "Who is a Jew." Victory will provide Reform Jews with a vital role in making Judaism more inclusive and tolerant. Victory will unify the Jewish people during these difficult days on the basis of democratic values and tolerance.

Every 4 years the Jewish world conducts elections to the World Zionist Organization. This body functions as the international parliament of the Jewish people. Strength in this parliament translates into influence on issues dear to our heart. This election is the one time that American Jews have a voice to decide who will represent them. The future of Reform Judaism in Israel is at stake. Your vote can make a difference, so register to vote today! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or speak to Rabbi Brickman.

ADA GARFUNKEL HAPPY DAY FUND

Contributions have been received: In honor of your 60th Wedding Anniversary to Lenore & Murray Greiman from: Miriam & Sol Swerdloff

In honor of a Speedy Get Well to Ruth Pearlman from: Irma & Seymour Jordan

In honor of your being named Vice President of the Jewish Family and Counseling Service to Lisa Shuchman from: Irma & Seymour Jordan

In honor of the marriage of your granddaughter, Michelle to Brian, to Ruth Lubow from: Irma & Seymour Jordan

In honor of a Speedy Get Well to E. Judy Mandel from: Miriam & Sol Swerdloff

In honor of the birth of your son, to Kate & Ian Silver from: Ruth Lubow

SOPHIE GREENBAUM TRIBUTE FUND

Contributions have been received: In memory of Milt Singer from: Dorothy Zeller

In memory of Mona Feller from:

Irma & Seymour Jordan

In memory of beloved brother, Dr. Arthur Brown to Evelyn & Murray Brilliant from: Hortense Frank

In memory of beloved mother, Anna Anderson to Judy Rosenstein from: Judith Levine

BERTHA FREUDENBERG FLOWER FUND Contributions have been received:

In memory of beloved father, Max Rabin from: Theresa R. Levinstone

In memory of beloved father-in-law, Sol Kaminsky by Joan Kaminsky

HELEN AND MAX SCHNEID MUSIC FUND

Contributions have been received: In memory of Milt Singer from: Irma & Seymour Jordan

In memory of beloved grandmother, Rosetta Dopkin and beloved father, Jerry Gosler, on the occasion of their Yahrzeits from: Diane & Joel Gosler

CONDOLENCES

The Rabbi, Cantor and members of the congregation extend sincerest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to Ben Chodash on the passing of his beloved wife, Ethel, and to Evelyn & Murray Brilliant on the passing of Evelyn's beloved brother, Dr. Arthur Brown.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Contributions have been received from Ida Flior in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of her grandnephew, Joshua Biederman and the brit milah of her grandnephew, Dov Moishe Kopel Levy; and from Jon, Heather and Matthew Taylor wishing all their friends at the Temple a Happy Chanukah.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone at Temple Beth-El for your thoughtful expressions of sympathy and tributes in memory of our beloved mother, Marjorie Lubowsky.

Sue Bernstein and Howard Lubowsky * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Temple office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 & 25, and again on Monday and Tuesday, December 31 & January 1. In case of an emergency, which requires the Rabbi's attention when the Temple office is closed, please leave a message on the Temple answering machine. * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Now that winter has arrived, many of the volunteers who deliver meals on behalf of the Jewish Family & Counseling Service Kosher Meals on Wheels Program have gone south. Tn order to be able to continue to deliver meals on a daily basis, we need more volunteers, including both drivers and "schleppers" who carry the meal to the recipient's door. The time commitment is minimal, but the reward is great. If you are available every week, that is great. However, even if you are available only on an occasional basis, let us know, and we can work you into the schedule. If you want to perform this "mitzvah," or would like more information, speak to Rabbi Brickman or to Lisa Shuchman, our volunteer "Meals on Wheels" coordinator.

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CHECK OUR TEMPLE WEBSITE

Thanks to our Webmacher, Sarah Wendell, the Temple's Website is full of interesting and useful information. Take a look at our Website, betheljc.org.

WELCOME

The Temple is pleased to welcome Karen and Lee Eppstein as new members of our congregation.

FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Fund-raising Committee is pleased to announce that Ruth Lubow will once again be presenting her Perfume Bottle Demonstration. If you have missed this demonstration in the past, here is your opportunity to see Ruth's extensive collection of perfume bottles and learn from one of the experts in this field of collectibles.

The Perfume Bottle Demonstration will be held at Ruth's home, 225 St. Pauls Avenue, Apt. 5J on Sunday, January 20, 2002 at 1:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. The donation to the Temple for this event is \$20.00. Please makes checks payable to "Temple Beth-El." For more information or to make reservations, please call the Temple, 201-333-4229, or Ruth Lubow, 201-420-7738.

YARD SALE CONTINUES

Even though the new carpeting has been installed in the Temple social hall, it is not too late to make a contribution to the Yard Sale Fund-raising effort, which will pay for the carpet. The contribution is \$36.00 per yard, and you can donate one yard or as many as you would like. Everyone who has seen the carpet has noted that it truly enhances the social hall. By making your contribution to this effort, you will know that you helped beautify our social hall every time you enter the room.

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