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TEMPLE BETH EL 2015/STTS

Red Hot Auction

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st Temple Beth El at 6:00 p.m.

DINNER SILENT AUCTION LIVE AUCTION EVENT

TICKETS: \$54 PER GUEST Host a Table of Eight: \$400 Raffle Tickets: *Pleas* \$10/Ticket

Please RSVP Before: February 10th

To RSVP, please send the card included in your invitation to Temple Beth Elor go online to www.tbe-red-hot-auction.eventbrite.com. Members, go to ChaverWeb here: https://www.chaverweb.net/ Congregant/SignUp.aspx?sid=913&key=B24660070709.



Scholar-in-residence

Lamed Vav presents Temple Beth El's 2015 scholar-in-residence Rabbi A. James Rudin: Friday, February 27 to Sunday, March 1.

Rabbi A. James Rudin is the Senior Interreligious Advisor of the American Jewish Committee and Distinguished Visiting Professor of Religion and Judaica at Saint Leo University in St. Leo, Florida. He is the author or editor of 11 books, including *Christians and Jews: Faith to Faith—Tragic Past, Promising Present, Fragile Future* and *Cushing, Spellman, O'Connor: How Three American Catholics Transformed Catholic-Jewish Relations.* In 2015, Texas Tech University Press will publish *Pillar of Fire*, his biography of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, the most important Jewish leader during World War II. See page 4 for more information and complete schedule.

RED HOT Tu Bish'vat

FAMILY SEDER & FUNDRAISER COME HELP TEMPLE BETH EL BLOSSOM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 11:20 A.M. AN EXCITING AND FREE EVENT FOR ALL

This will be an opportunity to purchase family -centered items, packages and gift cards that have been donated or procured. If you would like to participate or have items to donate, pleas e contact Stacy Van Wagoner at (503) 423-7348 or auction@tbetacoma.org.



The Temple Beth El Jewish book dub: Tuesday, February 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the social hall. The book club will discuss *The Innocents* by Francesca Segal. Bring a lunch and join us.

This book won the 2012 Costa First Novel Award, the 2012 National Jewish Book Award for Fiction, the 2013 Sami Rohr Prize, and a 2013 Betty Trask Award, and was longlisted for the 2012 Women's Prize for Fiction (formerly the Orange Prize).

Book description: To the delight of their extended, close-knit Jewish family in suburban London, Adam and Rachel finally get engaged after dating for 12 years. But when Rachel's cousin, Ellie, returns to the fold from New York, Ellie's way of moving through the world and the life that she's lived causes Adam to question for the first time, certain ways of thinking he's subscribed to his whole life, turning the world gray where it used to be a much more manageable black and white. Only then does he begin to understand how the insular community in which he has grown up has shaped his life, for better and for worse. So what is he willing to risk to explore the wider world?

Do you like to read good books by Jewish authors or on Jewish topics? Bring your lunch and a drink and join the book club in the social hall on the first Tuesday of each month. The goal of the book club is to read good books for education, entertainment and fellowship. To be put on the book club email list, contact Adria Farber at adfarber@mac.com or Carol Umbehocker at carolumbe@comcast.net.

Next book club meeting: Tuesday, March 3—In the Courtyard of the Kabbalist by Ruchama K. Feuerman.

Poker night: Thursday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Curt Smith. Join us for a few hours of friendly poker evening fun. Please bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. The group also helps new players learn to play. Contact Paul Kirschner for address or further information at p.david.k@att.net or (206) 271-8886. The next poker night will be on Thursday, March 12 at the home of Brad Steinfeld.





Upcoming bar mitzvah: Dylan Kaufman

Dylan James Horrobin Kaufman, son of Laura and Christen Kaufman,

will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Dylan is a 7th grader at Narrows View Intermediate in University Place. He enjoys drawing, playing video games, playing the piano and spending time with friends. He plays bass clarinet in band and jazz band at school. For his bar mitzvah project, he is sharing art with the children and families at Phoenix House.

From Dylan's parents: thank you to Temple Beth El for welcoming us when Dylan started Sunday school in 3rd grade. We look forward to sharing Dylan's bar mitzvah with his teachers, *b'nei* mitvah class, the Saturday morning regulars, and temple community.

Please join Dylan and his family for a Kiddush luncheon in the social hall following the service.

Tu BiSh'vat seder: Sunday, February 8 from 11:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the birthday of the trees with a fun Tu BiSh'vat seder in the social hall. Each student is asked to bring something to contribute to our seder, so please consult the list below for your assignment. Also, parent help is needed for set-up. If you are available and interested, please contact Cantor Elstein at (253) 564-7101 or cantor@tbetacoma.org. Don't forget about our Red Hot Tu BiSh'vat family seder and fundraiser that will be taking place in the building at 9:30 a.m. (*see page 2*).

- Preschool—A-K: red grape juice; L-Z: white grape juice.
- Kindergarten, first, and second grades—Apples
- Third and fourth grades—Oranges
- Fifth grade—Almonds
- Sixth grade—Bananas
- Seventh grade—A-L: pomegranates; M-Z: dates and/or figs
- Hebrew High school—A-L: olives; M-Z: grapes

Home of Peace Cemetery Association annual

meeting: Sunday, February 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Temple Beth El chapel. All Home of Peace Association members are encouraged to attend. We will review the activities of the previous year, discuss upcoming events this year, and elect several board positions. For more information about the association and the cemetery, or if you are interested in becoming a member, please come to the meeting or contact either Lenny Reisberg at (253) 756-9752 or Michael Doctor at (253) 460-4965.

Interfaith study: Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 3615 North Gove St. Our monthly studies are focusing on the significance of land. Our final session this year will be Monday, March 9 at Temple Beth El.



Lunch & Learn: Wednesday, February 11 at noon in the social hall. Rabbi Kadden will lead a study of *Mishpatim*, Exodus 21:1-24:18. Lunch & Learn is an opportunity to gather with each other for lunch (bring your own lunch—dessert and drinks provided) and then to discuss the weekly Torah portion or another timely topic. Please RSVP to (253) 564-7101 or rebecca@tbetacoma.org so we know how many to set up for. Future dates for Lunch & Learn are: March 11, April 15, May 6 and June 10.

Jazz with Melanie Gladstone: Saturday, February 14 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Verrazano's, 28835 Pacific Highway South in Federal Way. Looking for Valentine's night plans? Come hear Melanie and Denny perform while you enjoy a romantic and delicious dinner!

Melanie, who is a deaf educator, spoke at Temple Beth El about Judaism and deafness during Deaf Awareness Month and is a regular participant in our weekly Torah study.

Melanie will also be singing all of your favorite jazz standards at the Cliff House Restaurant in Tacoma on Sunday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m., with Bill Young on reeds and Denny Foreman on guitar.

No religious school: Sunday, February 15 for Presidents' Day weekend. Enjoy your Sunday off.

Bloodmobile at St. Andrew's: Sunday, February 15 at 9:15 a.m. St. Andrew's is located at 7410 S 12th St. in Tacoma. To sign up, contact Rebecca at (253) 564-7101. Remember to eat a healthy breakfast and we'll see you there!

Kabbalat Shabbat at Narrows Glen: Friday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. Please join us for a short Kabbalat Shabbat service with our temple members at Narrows Glen, 8201 6th Ave. in Tacoma.

Friday evening family service and Shabbat dinner out: Friday, February 20. Please join us at 5:30 p.m. for a preservice nosh, followed by our multimedia family services with our 3rd grade students at 6:00 p.m. Following services, we will head out into Tacoma to dine out as a congregation. Our last

dining out experience was wonderful, so please make plans to join us this time!

Please RSVP to Shelley Antos no later than Tuesday, February 17 for the dinner. Each participant in Shabbat dinner out is asked to pay for their own meal. Shabbat shalom!

Sisterhood hamantaschen bake: Sunday, February 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the social hall. Volunteer for this fun annual event. Please contact Kerry Geffen at (253) 752-7291 or sisterhood@tbetacoma.org with any questions.

Hadassah: Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Adria Farber, 2322 Sunset Drive W in University Place.



Give yourself the gift of a healthier life with *Every Step Counts: Hadassah's Walking Program.* Our speaker will challenge us to improve heart health and we will plan for the program—walking beginning in April, and a walkathon after Passover. Contact Karen Bloustine at ksbloustine@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

Adult luncheon: Jewish films and Jewish war veterans:

Thursday, February 26 at noon. Robert Shay will talk about his extensive DVD and VHS collection of Jewish films. This huge archive has been amassed over 30 years. We will watch a film he highly recommends to a wide audience. It is the 25-minute story of the heroic actions of a Jewish Army doctor in World War II France. Robert will also bring his Jewish War Veterans of the USA "Hall of Heroes" traveling display which depicts the actions of Jewish recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Robert lives in Seattle and rents Jewish movies through the mail to people who join his club. Contact Robert at (206) 478-0505 or robertallanshay@gmail.com.

Cost for lunch is just \$13. Reservations must be made no later than Monday, February 23. To RSVP, please call the temple office at (253) 564-7101, or send an e-mail to rebecca@tbetacoma.org. This is a catered event. If you reserve a spot, food is ordered for you. Cancellations after the deadline and no-shows will be billed \$13 unless someone shows up to take your place.

Scholar-in-residence weekend with Rabbi A. James Rudin

- Friday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service: "Stephen S. Wise—Giant of American Judaism."
- Saturday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m.: "Christians and Jews: Tragic Past, Promising Present, Fragile Future."
- Sunday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m.: "Stephen S. Wise and the Holocaust."

This scholar-in-residence weekend is sponsored by Lamed Vav, members of Temple Beth El who are committed to providing quality adult education for the community. **Shabbat** *Mishpachah:* Saturday, February 28 at 11:00 a.m. This special Shabbat service, intended for our babies through primary grade students, is a fun opportunity for families to celebrate Shabbat together with singing, praying, dancing, and stories. Please bring an item to share for lunch (kosher-style dairy, please), which will immediately follow our service together. Contact Cantor Elstein at (253) 564-7101 or cantor@tbetacoma.org with any questions.

Temple Beth El celebrates Purim:

Wednesday, March 4— Join our Hebrew School students for the reading of the M'gillah and a fun-filled Purim celebration.

Sunday, March 8—We will begin our morning in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. with our Purim shpiel, the story of Purim, and lots of singing, screaming, and fun! We'll continue with our Purim carnival immediately following our formal program. It's a morning that you won't want to miss!

PLU Eighth Annual Powell-Heller Holocaust Education Conference: March 4-6 at Pacific Lutheran University. This year's theme is *Children's Voices, the Holocaust and Beyond.*

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Designed in collaboration with Seattle's Holocaust for Humanity and the Denver/Rocky Mountains Branch of Facing History and Ourselves, this year's schedule includes:

- A screening of the Emmy-nominated film *50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus* and a discussion with its writer-director-producer, Steven Pressman.
- New scholarship on the Kindertransport in Czechoslovakia and the role of Polish nannies as caregivers for Jewish children, presented by Laura Brade and Jenni Marlow, with comments from Christopher Browning.
- The Raphael Lemkin lecture will be given by Patricia Heberer-Rice of the Holocaust Memorial Museum Mandel Institute: *In Their Own Words: The World of the Child During the Holocaust.*
- *Facing History 101*, a workshop for teachers and additional teacher training sessions including sessions exploring the diary of Anne Frank and other diaries recently discovered.
- Alan Chernoff, author and a former correspondent for CNN, will be speaking about his book, *The Tailors of Tomaszow*, a memoir and history of the survivors of his mother's hometown Tomaszow-Mazowiecki, Poland.
- Ela Stein Weissberger, child survivor of Terezin and performer in Brundibar, will speak.
- A panel discussion on *The Current Crisis: The Dehumanization of Refugee Children in the U.S.* will be moderated by Maria Chavez, Associate Professor of Political Science at PLU. Panel includes: immigration attorneys Lourdes Fuentes and Norma Linda Urena, UPS Political Science Professor Robin Jacobson, and PLU student Angie Jimenez.
- *Schlaf Mein Kind* by Allan E. Naplan will be performed by the PLU Women's choir during chapel.

This conference is free and open to the public. One can attend all or any part of the conference. To view the full schedule and register for the conference, go to www.powellhellerconference.com. Contact Beth Kraig at (253) 535-7595 with any questions.



FOUR-CITY CHINA TOUR May 7 - 19, 2015 13 Days/12 nights

Round-trip, non-stop airfare from SeaTac to Shanghai, return from Beijing. Airfare between Shanghai, Xian (original China capital), Dunhuang in the Gobi Desert and Beijing.

Hotels of 4/5 stars; All breakfasts, lunches and some dinners. Theater shows in each city. Bus and tour guides throughout the trip.

Sights Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City, The Great Wall, Summer Palace, Shanghai Museum, Marriage Market, English Corner to meet locals, in-home lunch, Jade Buddha Temple, Terracotta soldier museum, Gobi Desert camel ride to the oasis and much more.

Tourfee only \$3,795 including Chinese visa + transports to and from SeaTac. Part of fee is tax free. The producer, Tacoma Musical Playhouse is non-profit. Complete brochure available at: <u>www.tmp.org</u>. Contact (253) 565-6867 with questions.

Save the date

Tacoma Sister Cities 2015 Film Festival presents the Israeli film *Igor & the Crane's Journey*.



Monday, March 9. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for a cultural program followed by the film at 7:00 p.m. in the Commencement Hall Tahoma Room at the University of Puget Sound. Plan on bringing family, friends and neighbors to this not-to-be-missed Israeli movie event.

Igor & the Crane's Journey is the tender tale of a young boy—moved away from his home to a strange new country—who equates his journey to that of the young cranes he and his ornithologist father watch over.

Free of charge and appropriate for all ages! More information coming soon in your March bulletin.

The 2015 Tacoma Sister Cities film festival will be held on MONDAY NIGHTS from February 2 through April 6. All films will be shown in the rotunda, EXCEPT March 9, which will be held in the Tahoma Room.

SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, February 6—Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. Shir Simcha Choir will sing. Cantor Beth Garden will participate in the service. Dylan Kaufman will participate in the service. Rabbi Kadden will speak.

Saturday, February 7—Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m. Dylan Kaufman will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah and will deliver the d'var Torah. Parashat Yitro-Exodus 18:1-20:23; Haftarah—Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6.

at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Kadden will speak.

Saturday, February 14—Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Kadden will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. Parashat Mishpatim-Exodus 21:1-24:18: Maftir—Shabbat Sh'kalim—Exodus 30:11-16; Haftarah—II Kings 12:1-17.

at 5:30 p.m. Shabbat multi-media family service at 6:00 p.m. The 3rd grade religious school class will participate. Service will be followed by Shabbat dinner out (see page 3).

Saturday, February 21—Shabbat Friday, February 13—Shabbat service service at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Kadden will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. Parashat T'rumah-Exodus 25:1-27:19; Haftarah—I Kings 5:26-6:13.

Friday, February 27—Shabbat service at 6:00 p.m. Lamed Vav Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi A. James Rudin will speak.

Saturday, February 28—Shabbat Friday, February 20—Pre-service oneg service at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Kadden will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. Parashat T'tzaveh—Exodus 27:20-30:10; Maftir—Shabbat Zachor, Deuteronomy 25:17-19; Haftarah—I Samuel 15:2-34. Shabbat Mishpachah at 11:00 a.m. (see page 4).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Being a leader and listening

have always believed in the old adage that anything worth having is worth working for. While I Sarah tease my husband Rumbaugh Stan by saying this is President an "old man saying,"

Throughout life I

the old maxim has turned out to be true as far as parenting, marriage, and many other areas of life are concerned. This principle has certainly proven true for the work involving the presidency of Temple Beth El. Being president is enjoyable and personally fulfilling, but it sure is a lot of work. It sort of started out slowly, like a new job where they let you read the employee handbook and spend some time meeting people in other departments. Then, after a little while, the workload hits and your president is busy, busy, busy. The increase in momentum has left me wondering what it means to be a leader, and where we gather the experience to be successful in a

leadership role.

I often look to parenting experiences to gather information on how to be successful in a new role. A good example of this is when my children have had issues with other kids' conduct. They felt like they were being pushed around. I would pose the challenge to them like this: "You have to decide if you want to be a leader or follower. If you are the leader you get to decide what happens. If you are the follower someone else decides. The decision will be made by who shows up, and who is prepared to persuasively present their point of view." I would then highlight the point with the old question to the effect that if someone told you to jump off a cliff, would you follow? Inevitably they say "no." Most of the time, after this discussion, the kids either avoid the position of the obstructionist person that they think will lead them over the cliff, or they decide to do their own thing in spite of the oppositional opinion.

Since we don't live on uncharted islands away from other people, we need to learn how to interact with and constructively engage those whose opinions are not wholly aligned with our own. To decide whether there is ground in the middle that does not require abandonment of our values. Then, after due reflection, to go forward.

That is the first lesson I have learned about leadership. Knowing how to listen has turned out, in my assessment, to be one of the most important attributes of true leadership. It is also a challenging skill. Hearing is different than listening. When people are truly listening to you, they are engaged in your message and are likely to ask you questions before you get done with your presentation. Or, they might sit quietly until after you are done speaking, and pose their inquiry then. Or, they might interrupt to ask

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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something seemingly off topic but which, with thoughtful reflection, might actually be related to the topic under consideration in a meaningful way. It may be a point of view that you did not initially comprehend. The skill I am still working on and I hope to one day master is to engage everyone, understand their method of engagement, and try to judge how it is that all those who "show up" communicate their points of view. Whether they can vocalize their opinion in front of the entire group, or can only articulate their opinion in another way, it is important and valuable to understand what the dissenting and agreeing opinions are. I find that when people are truly listening to you, and you to them, all concerned are more fully engaged in solving the problem before the group. All those in the communication exchange then feel more fully connected (myself included) and feel their opinions are actually valued. If you are really listening to all voices then the exchange is complete. The possibility for a mutually positive outcome is thereby greatly enhanced.

Another thing I have learned about being a leader is that the people who don't see themselves as leaders are sometimes the best leaders we have. When I was in high school I won an award called the "I dare you award." The award came with this little book containing a whole bunch of savings and exhortations some of which, unfortunately, I have forgotten. The award was given for my leadership skills. I was also Kiwanis Girl of the month my senior year in high school and (gratefully) received a college scholarship, one that was directed to people the Kiwanis organization saw as future leaders. Why I received these awards was unclear to me, and I just assumed they had no one else to give these awards to. So, after expressing my genuine thanks, I went on my

way. I didn't feel I exhibited any particular type of leadership skill. What it really meant to be leader was unknown to me then, though I did understand the value of those whose efforts move forward to ward a goal. As time and my personal growth went on, I went to work for a city. In this capacity, I was chosen to go through management training, though I told my boss I didn't think I would make a good manager. He disagreed. In retrospect. I simply did not grasp the full parameters of what leadership involves.

When Moses was asked to lead the Jews out of Egypt he was just a shepherd herder in Midian. He saw God in the burning bush and I am certain he was thinking "Why me?" Why has this burden of responsibility been imposed on me? Of course, along the way God helped Moses be successful by visiting the 10 plagues upon the people who believed they were in charge. Very theatrical. Very effective. Moses certainly had the leadership skills necessary. Maybe it is because he didn't have a need to be in charge that made him such a good leader. He was doing good for others and had a larger cause—to save the Israelites from Pharaoh and slavery. There is a lot we can read into this, but I think the message here is he was chosen, not someone else. However, once chosen, Moses picked up the gauntlet and showed the leadership how to carry the challenge forward with the direction of God. I continue to check myself and look to the temple board and Rabbi Kadden for guidance. I am grateful for the support me come up with this article idea. His of a board that provides me support and confirmation through the great job demonstrated in listening, providing suggestions, reaching out to help our community, and providing needed professional skills. And if you were at the Chanukah dinner, they make good *sufganiyot* as well. No leader is great without some support

of those allied with the cause. This is shown in the Exodus and through survival during the great plagues.

I think the last thing that makes you a good leader is the ability to question vourself and why you are taking the actions you take. Judaism is full of this self-evaluation. The rabbis use Midrash as a way to derive meaning or an interpretation from the Tanach, such as when does day start and end or why Abraham was going to sacrifice his son Isaac. I find this history of questioning helps me feel it is okay to stop and periodically examine why we are doing what we are doing. Right now our board is looking at our committee structure and trying to decide how we can get more members involved in our temple. This revealed to me a great principle I will share with you. When people get involved they feel more connected, and then they want to do even more for the cause. There you go. That is what we are trying to do. I hope to share more about these principles of leadership and inclusion as we gather more information and find out what might work better for a temple of our size.

If there is something in this message that speaks to you that is wonderful. If not, hopefully my next month's piece will be more interesting. As I wrote this article. I became engaged in a selfinspection about the nature and quality of leadership that I hope to share in future pieces, perhaps in a more clarifying way. I want to thank Jon Mayer (not the singer but the amazing bar mitzvah kid) for helping piece on Moses spoke to me during his *d'var* Torah at his bar mitzvah regarding Moses being shy and not seeing himself as a leader. This helped me tie together many of the thoughts I had been thinking about as they relate to being an effective leader.

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Temple Beth El. These

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the School of Business

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



Bruce Kadden Rabbi

completing their Research Seminar Strategic Consulting Projects under the direction of Professor Lynnette Claire. I first met Professor Claire when she spoke last year to my Rotary Club about these projects that work with local businesses and non-profits as consultants to create effective strategies addressing a particular issue.

After conversations with her, we decided to focus our project on

developing an "alumni" network among those who grew up at Temple Beth El or those who have been members of the temple as adults, but now live elsewhere. We want to determine the best strategies for keeping in touch with these "TBE alumni," and keeping them informed about the temple, which we hope down the road will result in support for the temple. The gift of Jeff Brotman to fund the early childhood center demonstrates how that support might work and hopefully will provide envision what an alumni network an inspiration for others to support our synagogue.

The seminar students will be selecting among a number of projects the last week of January, begin their research and analysis of our organization in

February, and complete their project, which will include recommendations in oral and written form, in early May. Although the parameters of their work will not be determined until the project begins. I am sure they will be in touch with you so that we might reach out to our "alumni" in the course of this project. We are grateful for this opportunity to partner with the University of Puget Sound.

If you are interested in helping us might be, please be in touch.

BROTMAN EARLY LEARNING CENTER



I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those of vou whom I have met and to everyone who has made me Rebecca Ross **BELC** feel welcome. I look **Director** forward to meeting more of you and am

thrilled to have this opportunity to create a quality program at the Brotman Early Learning Center that serves Temple Beth El members, Jewish families in the area, and the rest of the community who are looking for a wonderful place to educate their young children. I hope to make the Temple Beth El community proud and to become a well-regarded early learning and child care program in the Tacoma area.

Progress on the Brotman Early Learning Center is happening quickly! Construction began on the remodel in the first week of January and all is

moving along smoothly. While the contractors work on the remodel. paint colors and other details have been chosen to make the space warm and welcoming.

Brotman Early Learning Center update

The playground area is going to be fun, exciting, and beautiful. A GIANT thank you to Sisterhood for approving a donation to pay for the new playground structure! This important piece will provide the children with the opportunity to extend their learning in a safe, state-of -the-art, and beautiful way. Sisterhood's thoughtful and generous donation will be appreciated for years to come.

Marketing is a major priority and a lot baristas! is happening on that front, too. Our brochures are ready and our website is Anyone who has interest in the up and running. You can visit us at www.belctacoma.org. In January, I attended a preschool fair sponsored by ParentMap. This well-attended event

serves as a preview of programs for families in the area to learn more about their early learning and child care options.

Are you interested in helping? We have received so many gracious offers of help already. There will be plenty of opportunities to help throughout the next several months and we will let you know what those opportunities are in the Bulletin. At this stage, we are focusing on getting the word out to the community that our program will be opening in September. We will be looking for children and families as well as qualified and experienced early childhood educators. Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, tell your

program or has any questions can reach me at rebecca@belctacoma.org.

SISTERHOOD



Kerry Geffen Sisterhood President

commercial grade play structure as part of our temple's playground improvement project. As we continue to welcome young families to our temple, and open the doors of the Brotman Early Learning Center (BELC) in the fall, an updated playground will ensure our children have a usable outdoor space that will help meet their physical, social, and emotional needs as they build

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members gathered

general membership meeting of the year

to discuss and vote

community here at Temple Beth El and develop their sense of identity. Rebecca Ross, the new director of the BELC, presented a visual of what our updated playground could look like, with additional features, namely the large climber. The structure will be something very similar to what you would find in public parks or on school playgrounds. Children at the BELC and religious school children will benefit from the new play equipment.

The vote passed with an overwhelming majority and the Tacoma Jewish Community Fund (TJCF) in December, had agreed to award Sisterhood an additional \$2,500 if the vote passed to go toward the surfacing and installation of this project. Thank you Sisterhood members, especially Donna Reisberg, and the TJCF for seeing the importance of upgrading our playground.

Although our meeting's focus was to provide information about the playground and decide if this capital improvement project would be supported by our membership, it was wonderful to see so many women of our temple of all ages join together in the spirit of the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ): strengthening and empowering each other to create caring communities, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and promote Reform Jewish values to ensure a vibrant future. As we say, "Stronger Together."

TEMPLE BETH EL AND JEWISH COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Reminder: Camp scholarships still available

The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle's online camp scholarship application for summer 2015 is

available at http://www.jewishinseattle.or g/what-we-do/jewishcamping/jewish-overnight-camp-scholarship.

Priority deadline: Friday, March 6—The majority of camp scholarship funding will be allocated in the priority round. Second deadline: Friday, May 8.

If you have any questions, please contact Benjamina Menashe, Israel programs and camping scholarships associate, at benjaminam@jewishinseattle.org or (206) 774-2227.

Rabbi Kadden in the Community

- Attended the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis Conference.
- Attended a reception at the home of President Thomas of the University of Puget Sound.
- Spoke to students from the Tacoma School of the Arts about Judaism.
- Participated in the Martin Luther King Redeeming the Prophetic Vision Interfaith Service and Celebration at Urban Grace Church.

Bobby Rosenthal Memorial Scholarship

Camp Solomon Schechter, founded in 1954, is celebrating over 60 years of excellence in independent Jewish camping. Come enjoy our spectacular 170-acre wooded facility, located just outside Olympia, Washington. At Schechter, we emphasize the values of integrity, *derech eretz* (respect), *gimilut chasadim* (acts of lovingkindness), *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), and *kashrut*, using sports, *omanut* (arts), and *teva* (nature) to create our ideal Jewish community.

We are thrilled to be able to offer scholarships to first-time campers in need from the greater Tacoma area from the Bobby Rosenthal Memorial Scholarship Fund, named in memory of the late son of Rabbi Richard Rosenthal (z''l), the founding rabbi of Temple Beth El, who grew up at Schechter.

For more information, visit www.campschechter.org or contact Russ at (360) 338-0782 or info@campschechter.org.

TEMPLE BETH EL AND JEWISH COMMUNITY INFORMATION

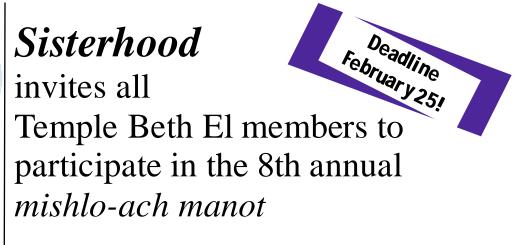


Hamentaschen Bake Sunday, February 22 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. TBE social hall. Bring your rolling pin!

Other volunteer Opportunities

baking bagging & labeling packaging assembling delivering plus much more!

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a great mitzvah! Work parties will be scheduled throughout the week of February 23. Look for more information in the *Shabbat Shalom* and emails from Sisterhood!



Participating in this tradition fulfills the mitzvah of Purim, and your friends and family—both here at Temple Beth El and beyond—get a beautiful box filled with yummy treats to eat! Boxes and cards will be available for pick-up at temple—please see your mailing for specific times and dates.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to participate in an ancient tradition of Purim. All orders must be received in the temple office or placed online at www.templebethel.happypurim.com by end of day on Wednesday, February 25 (no exceptions). Refer to your order packet for login codes and complete details that you should have received in the mail.

Our treat-filled boxes are always a delight to receive. This is Sisterhood's largest fundraiser. Please help us make this successful by purchasing Purim boxes.

"They are to observe these days of feasting and gladness, and for sending delicacies to one another, and giving gifts to the poor." (Esther 9:22)

We are pleased to announce that we can now ship your Purim packages for you! Relatives and college students can now receive a Purim package...you just provide us the information and we do it for you. The cost will be \$25 plus \$12 for shipping. Deadline is February 25!

Remember! Every temple family gets a box and card. If you are out of town or unable to pick up yo ur basket during the specified time, please call and let us know. Contact Kerry Geffen with questions, to place orders and learn more about ways to volunteer...*stronger together*

(253) 752-7291 or email sisterhood@tbetacoma.org

TEMPLE BETH EL AND JEWISH COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Leaves are blooming on our Tree of Life



Please stop and take a look at the temple's Tree of Life in the main foyer where the following leaves have been added:

In honor of Lorraine Braverman, Flo Rose, Shirley Wax & Norm Kleinman with thanks for your many years of support & dedication to the community.

In honor of Jean Rozen, Jo Kleiner Heiman, Trudy Touriel & Gabe Touriel with thanks for your many years of support & dedication to the community.

> In celebration of the lives of Rose & Floyd Lamken

Do you have a simcha you would like to acknowledge?

Leaves (\$270), acorns (\$540), and stones (\$1,800) are available with a brief written message to commemorate an event or to honor someone. Order forms are available in the temple office or on our website.

What can you get for \$10 a month...?

If you are a TBE member, you will notice a building fund charge of \$120 for the year on your dues statement. In addition, if you have been to temple during the last few months, you have seen the scaffolding around the TBE glass tower. Recently, it came to the board's attention that the wooden vertical beams that encase the tower had dry rot after having been in place for nearly 50 years. Rather than have the glass work possibly fall out inadvertently on your head, the board made the decision to have the dry rot beams replaced. In making this decision, it was found that the leading around the glass needed to be fixed to ensure stability. None of this was inexpensive. However, if you have faithfully been sending your \$120 annual building mainten ance fee, you can be proud that you helped take care of this issue.

Bowlers wanted

Temple men and women age 18 and over are needed to start the temple's first Jewish bowling league. Six members already signed up at the temple's open



house in September. We are looking for more to get started. Please contact Larry Schlussel (past president of the International B'nai B'rith Bowling Association) at (253) 566-5582 or larry01.schlussel07@aol.com.

FROM THE CONGREGATION

Thank you to our January oneg sponsors Mazal Tov

January 9—The 7th grade religious school class and the family of Jonathan Mayer in honor of his bar mitzvah.

January 23—Carol and Mike Umbehocker in honor of their 45th anniversary.

To sponsor an *oneg*, please contact Andy Mauer at (253) 564-7101 or andy@tbetacoma.org.

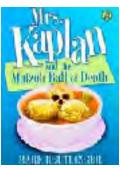
Condolences

To the families of

Babe Lehrer Ethel Sorensen, birthmother of Shelley Rozen. Jane Seitz, wife of Richard Seitz. To Mark Reutlinger, on the publishing of his new e-book.

Alibi, an imprint of Random House, proudly presents Mark

Reutlinger's eOriginal, *Mrs. Kaplan and the Matzoh Ball of Death.* Praised as "too deliciously funny" by Rita Mae Brown, author of the *Nine Lives to Die* series, this cozy mystery is a rollicking adventure through a mystery at the Home for Jewish seniors. It is available for \$2.99 at e-book retailers.



FROM THE CONGREGATION

Bloodmobile thanks

During our December 14 drive on Tikkun Olam Day, there were 14 participants from Temple Beth El! Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Melinda Balasa John Barnes Jeff Freedman Bruce Kadden Eric Kiesel

Nina King-Madlem Nathan Lappin Stacy Lappin Matthew Madlem Laurie Mizrahi Kenneth Panitz Aaron Petersen Jimmy Pickering Ziv Zantkovsky

R'fuah sh'leimah

.".. The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit ... "

Barbara Kadden Stu and Lu Farber Vikki Peltomaa

Nathan Ross Stuart Maier

Chanukah thanks

Thank you to religious school students, teachers and Cantor Elstein, for assisting the Temple Beth El Board and others in making 543 latkes for the Chanukah party on December 19. If you don't see your name, please know we appreciate your help.

Adam Birnbaum & Claire Sussman Kelsey Monaghan-Bergson John Barnes & Marlene Motola Tia Bjornson & Carolyn Weisz Sophie Brownlee Milenne deLeon Matthew Erlich Jim Friedman Iris Fudell Jordan & Judy Harris Brianna Jones Jason Kaltenbacher Suzanne Leichman Charles Piatok Maya Rodgers Connor Simmons Brad Steinfeld Gabi Williams Paul Wohlberg Ashley Zantkovsky

And we also want to thank the Temple Board of Trustees for stepping in to help in both making latkes and setting up the day of the Chanukah party and helping serve our temple members all of those latkes at the Chanukah dinner. Adam Birnbaum and Claire Sussman made the best *sufganiyot*! We had people lining up at the door of the kitchen for the next batch. If you didn't get a chance to attend this year, we hope to see you next year. But, don't let that keep you from joining us for other events.



MILESTONES AND TRIBUTES

Happy birthday

Miriam Amdur Lilith Baker Zhanna Bam Warren Barde John Barnes Jacob Braun Noah Braun Kevin Braun Lena Brusser Gabrielle Cooper Anna Driscoll John Saul Driscoll Lu Farber Dmitry Frumkin Iris Fudell Robert Garden David Gorenstein Claire Gorenstein Sonia Grunberg Desiree Gulliford Yolanda Huertas Jonathan Hurst Gabrielle Hyman Laura Kaufman

Happy anniversary

Herman & Barbara Kleiner	68
Randy & Lisa Sobel	32
Martinn & Connie Mandles	31
Will & Elaine Grief	20

Yahrzeit readings

February 6 and 7

Birdie Braverman, Donna Dahl, Carmelo Di Quattro, Helen Scheckner, Ben Smith, Gesya Tunik, Judah Klein, Sydney Shnier, Anne Harris, Helen Margolis, Tillie Robinson, Anna Begun, Mary Donion, George Ganz, Sylvia Goldman, Rosalie Michelman, Sara Rosen, Paul Sabel, Max Shindell, David Strupinskiy, Anna Bildere, Anna Buchbinder, Lawrence Littman, Dorsey Biller, Sr., Rony Bloom, Helen Charnes, David Fine, Deborah Maxon, Ireene Opatowsky, Betty Weston, Rasa Frumkin, Debbe Gervin, Irene Hamlin and Edward Smith.

February 13 and 14

Henry (Hank) Edenfield, Fred Koehler, Freida Rome, Adolph Frankel, Leon Kleiner, Otti Puechler, Harold Siegel, Sam Gelman, Maurine Gilbert, Mary Lacy, Lowell Matin, Morris Ostrow, Emily Touriel Hart, Oscar Weston, Celia Burnett, Alice Farber Matin, William Goldfein, Rudolf Hansen, Harold Langford, George Martin, Rebecca Mesher, Gerald Michelman, Theresa Brady, Jacob Cohen and Ida Sussman. Stacy Lappin William Lehman Robert Lerman Matthew Madlem Leigh Matukonis Ethan Mayer Pamela Mayer Zachary Merritt Cheryl Michaels Xia Morrison Andrew Nicholson Jose Romero-Regalado Daniel Rosner Shelley Rozen Nancy Snyder Linda Spellman Benton Stephens Birnbaum B.J. Tone A1 Tone Jerry Tower Lilly Warnick Lewise Weinstein

Jeff & Deb Freedman	18
Justin & Dorothy Dean	17
David & Donna Hammerschmidt	10

February 20 and 21

Samuel R. Bloom, Jenny Bloom, Louis Fine, Fanny Kadish, Alfred Kartsman, Anna Meier Sigel, David Robinson, Marvin Crystal, Abraham Rose, Harold Steinman, Samuel Armour, Lily Kenner, Rose Schechter, Reva Stillerman, Marjorie Vernon, Herman Wolfson, Gisela Aschkenasi, Lucille Hurst, Joseph Mayer, Dorothea Van Wieringen, Regina Flaks, Ruth Hollander, Harold Pliskow, Israel Schechter, Felicia Erlich, Robert Florence, Ben Freedman, Carl Rosenthal, Jack Weinstein, Sima Bela Abrashen, Max Mann, Sigrid Mayr, Robert Mermelstein, Shirley Sherzer, Frederic Singer and Geta Zhukovskiy.

February 27 and 28

Eileen Goodman, Joseph Gorfinkle, Betty Victor, Mary Abrams, Salomon Buchbinder, Maxine Carlisle, Morris Klorfein, Isidore Simon, Abraham Farber, Bernard Rose, Irving Walker, Rae Auslander, Betty Doctor, Elene Robinson, Gerald Baker, Alvin Cohn, Lev Neyman, Sally Feuer, Wilhelm Mayr, Wyatt Unger, Robert Kruse, Seymour Levine and Gertrude Reisberg.

Did we miss you?

If you are a temple member and we missed your birthday or anniversary in any of our bulletins, please let us know so we can add you to our list. Contact Rebecca in the temple office at (253) 564-7101.

TACOMA JEWISH COMMUNITY FUND

The 2014 campaign is successfully completed. The allocation meeting was held on December 9, 2014 and the board allocated the funds as follows:

American Friends of IDF	\$	1,000	Jewish Federations of North America	\$ 93,000
Anti-Defamation League—Seattle	\$	2,000	Kline Galland Home, Seattle	\$ 100
Associated Ministries—Tacoma	\$	500	PLU—Powell Heller Holocaust	\$ 4,000
Camp Kalsman scholarship reserve	\$	1,000	Education Conference	
Camp Solomon Schechter scholarship reserve	\$	1,000	Stand With Us, Seattle	\$ 500
Center for the Advancement of the Blind-Safed	\$	100	TBE—General allocation	\$ 14,000
Chabad of Pierce County—general allocation	\$	6,000	TBE—Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	\$ 2,500
Chabad of Pierce County—Rabbi's	\$	2,500	TBE Sisterhood—Matching grant for	\$ 2,500
Discretionary Fund			playground improvement	
Hadassah Hospital—Isræl (Tacoma chapter)	\$	1,800	UPS—Hillel	\$ 1,500
Holocaust Center for Humanity, Seattle-to endow	a \$	3,000	UW—Hillel	\$ 1,500
permanent traveling trunk of school education ma	terial	ls	UW Student Chabad House	\$ 1,500
Jewish Family Service, Seattle—general budget	\$	1,000		
Jewish Family Service, Tacoma—reserve fund	\$	4,000	TOTAL	\$ 145,000

In 2014, \$145,000 was allocated for the support of domestic needs in Israel, national Jewish interests, and local needs. The specific allocations are itemized above. Thank you to all of our donors and volunteers. Contributions for 2015 may be made to Tacoma Jewish Community Fund and sent to Karen Bloustine, treasurer, 4912 88th Ave. Ct. W, University Place, WA 98467.

DONATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge these thoughtful contributions to Temple Beth El.

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8 9:30 a.m. Red Hot Tu BiSh'vat 10:00 a.m. Religious school/Preschool Adult education 11:20 a.m. Tu BiSh'vat seder 12:00 p.m. Hebrew High School 1:00 p.m. Home of Peace annual meeting	9 7:00 p.m. Interfaith study at St. Luke's	10	11 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn 4:30 p.m. Hebrew school 6:00 p.m. Adult education	12	13 i j5:10PM 7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat service	14 §6:14PM 9:00 a.m. Torah study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat service
9:15 a.m. Bloodmobile at St. Andrew's	16	17	18 4:30 p.m. Hebrew school 6:00 p.m. Adult e ducation	19 Rosh Chodesh I	20 i i ^{5:21PM} Rosh Chodesh II 2:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat st Narrows Glen 5:30 p.m. Pre-oneg 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat family service 7:00 p.m. Shabbat dinner out	9:00 a.m. Torah study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat service
22 9:30 a.m. Sisterhood hamantaschen bake 10:00 a.m. Religious school/Preschool Adult education 12:00 p.m. Hebrew High School		24 7:00 p.m. Hadassah offsite	25 4:30 p.m. Hebrew school 6:00 p.m. Adult e ducation	26 12:00 p.m. Adult luncheon	27 i j5:31PM 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat service with scholar-in-residence Rabbi A. James Rudin	9:00 a.m. Torah study

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Vision Statement

Temple Beth El is a caring community devoted to promoting the values of Judaism. Our mission is to help individuals and families in the South Puget Sound region grow in their knowledge and observance of Judaism. We strive to create a welcoming community characterized by study, worship, and *tikkun olam*, helping to alleviate suffering and repairing the world.

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*"B'chol dor vador...*In each and every generation..." Temple Beth El's Passover seders



Women's seder: Saturday, March 28 at 5:45 p.m. Hosted by Sisterhood.

Registration forms will be available in the center of next month's bulletin as well as in the temple office and on our website at www.templebethel*18*.org

Congregational seder: Saturday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. Once again we will join as an extended family to celebrate Passover with our congregational seder led by Rabbi Kadden and Cantor Elstein.

