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Shabbat Worship Services

Friday, April 3, No service
Friday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.
Fridays, April 17 and 24, 6:00 p.m.
All Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.
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and Elana Jagoda concert
Sunday, May 17

Submissions for this bulletin are due
on the 12th of each month for the
following month. Please send to
rebecca@tбетacoma.org.

Annual Passover lunch at Hillel

Thursday, April 9. Join us for our annual trip to the University of Washington Hillel to enjoy their delicious Passover lunch. Our chartered bus will pick up at Narrows Glen at 10:30 a.m. and at Temple Beth El at 10:45 a.m. and return to temple by 2:45 p.m. We thank Marty and Joan Brashem for providing the transportation. There is no cost to participate, but reservations must be made by Tuesday, April 7 at noon to Rebecca in the office at (253) 564-7101 or rebecca@tбетacoma.org.

Hadassah/Sisterhood Shabbat

Friday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. A representative from Washington Engage will speak on the topic of human trafficking in our state. Come learn why human trafficking is an important topic and how we can prevent this modern day slavery in our community.

More on this topic can be found at <http://www.waengage.com>. Please contact Karen Bloustine at ksbloustine@gmail.com or Kerry Geffen at sisterhood@tбетacoma.org for more information.

Save the date for the Temple Beth El annual congregational meeting

Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall, with a pre-oneg beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendar now for this important meeting at which you will vote on new and continuing trustees to the board, and on recommended changes to the temple by-laws (see page 10).

Refreshments will be provided. Childcare will be available during the congregational meeting at no cost. Please contact Shelley Antos at (253) 564-7101 or santos@tбетacoma.org by Friday, May 15 to make a reservation for childcare.

Absentee ballots: Those members in good standing seeking absentee status due to either geographic unavailability or infirmity may contact the office between Wednesday, April 15 and Friday, May 15 to request a ballot. These must be returned no later than Monday, May 18 by 5:00 p.m. to be counted.

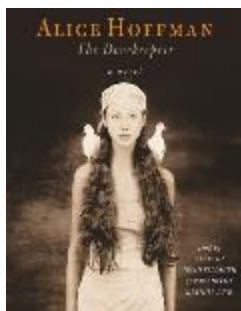
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

No religious school, Hebrew High School, Hebrew school, or adult education: Sunday, March 29, Wednesday, April 1 and Sunday, April 5. Enjoy your spring break!

No evening service: Friday, April 3, the first night of Passover. Because families will be celebrating Passover seders at home that evening, there will not be a Shabbat service at the temple. Shabbat and first day Passover services will be Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. (see page 5 for complete service schedule).

If you are having a seder in your home on the first night of Passover and are willing to host one or more people who need a place, or if you are in need of a place at a seder on the first night of Passover, please contact Rabbi Kadden at rabbi@tbetacoma.org or (253) 564-7101.

Congregational Passover seder: Saturday, April 4 at 5:00 p.m. Please register by March 31! Once again, we will join as an extended family to celebrate Passover with our congregational seder led by Rabbi Kadden and Cantor Elstein. Forms are available in the temple foyer and in the main office, or on our website at www.templebethel18.org. Credit cards are accepted **online only**. Register at www.tbeseeder2015.eventbrite.com or TBE members, register online using your Chaverweb account. Please understand that this is a catered event. Your reservation before the deadline is greatly appreciated.



The Temple Beth El Jewish book club:

Tuesday, April 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the social hall. The book club will discuss *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman. Bring a lunch and join us.

Overview: *The Dovekeepers* is Alice Hoffman's most ambitious and mesmerizing novel, a tour de force of research and imagination.

Nearly two thousand years ago, 900 Jews held out for months against armies of Romans on Masada, a mountain in the Judean desert. According to the ancient historian Josephus, two women and five children survived. Based on this tragic and iconic event, Hoffman's novel is a spellbinding tale of four extraordinarily bold, resourceful, and sensuous women, each of whom has come to Masada by a different path. Yael's mother died in childbirth, and her father, an expert assassin, never forgave her for that death. Revka, a village baker's wife, watched the murder of her daughter by Roman soldiers; she brings to Masada her young grandsons, rendered mute by what they have witnessed. Aziza is a warrior's daughter, raised as a boy, a fearless rider and expert marksman who finds passion with a fellow soldier. Shirah, born in Alexandria, is wise in the ways of ancient magic and medicine, a woman with uncanny insight and power.

The lives of these four complex and fiercely independent women

intersect in the desperate days of the siege. All are dovekeepers, and all are also keeping secrets—about who they are, where they come from, who fathered them, and who they love.

Do you like to read good books about Jewish subjects or by Jewish authors? Join the book club in the social hall on the first Tuesday of each month. Contact Adria Farber at (253) 565-1131 or adfarber@mac.com, or Carol Umbehoeker at (253) 719-8040 or carolumbe@comcast.net for more information or to be put on the book club email list.

Bloodmobile returns to Temple Beth El:

Sunday, April 12 at 9:15 a.m. Register by contacting Rebecca at (253) 564-7101 or rebecca@tbetacoma.org to ensure Cascade Regional can provide adequate staffing.

Please register no later than Wednesday, April 8. Walk-ins are appreciated but registration is encouraged to avoid cancellation of the Bloodmobile due to low registration.

Remember to eat a healthy breakfast and we'll see you there.

Sisterhood general meeting: Sunday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the social hall. Join Sisterhood members as they nominate their officers for next year and learn more about the WRJ's YES Fund. If you just want to find out more about Sisterhood and meet people, please feel welcome to come. For more information, contact Kerry Geffen at (253) 752-7291 or sisterhood@tbetacoma.org.

Lunch & Learn: Wednesday, April 15 at noon in the social hall. Rabbi Kadden will lead study of *Parashat Sh'mini* and the Jewish dietary laws.

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 May 6 and June 10.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Yom HaShoah service and program: Wednesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. Check your *Shabbat Shalom* weekly e-bulletin for more information. Yom HaShoah memorial candles are available at the temple.

Poker night: Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Peter Altmann. Poker players meet monthly at various hosts' homes in the South Sound area for a few hours of friendly, social poker evening fun. The group also helps new players learn to play. The next poker night will be on Tuesday, May 5. For directions or to carpool, contact Paul Kirschner at (206) 271-8886 or p.david.k@att.net.

Kabbalat Shabbat at Narrows Glen: Friday, April 17 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.

Shabbat evening family service and potluck dinner: Friday, April 17 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Join us for a Shabbat celebration where our service will be an entirely musical one. We will begin our evening at 5:30 p.m. with a pre-*oneg*, followed by services at 6:00 p.m. and a potluck dinner immediately after services. Please bring a dairy, kosher-style dish to share. Contact Cantor Elstein at (253) 564-7101 or cantor@tbetacoma.org with any questions.

Live Encounters: Death by success? Walking the tightrope of identity: Sunday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel. Join us for a live-streamed conversation on the topic of Jewish identity featuring Hebrew Union College faculty members Dr. Kristine Garroway and Rabbi Dr. Tali Zolkowicz. These two scholars will explore the strategies Jews have employed over the millennia, as a minority group, to manage and embrace host cultures while keeping true to Jewish identity.

Hadassah: Sunday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. at Karen Bloustine's home, 4912 88th Ave. Ct. W in University Place.

Hadassah's meeting with the group from Olympia has been cancelled. Let's join together for a recipe exchange for a new Passover recipe you recently discovered or a new Israeli food recipe or your grandmother's dish that you also cook because it tastes good and makes you feel so good. Bring five copies of your recipe to share with the other women.

A surprise "guest chef" will guide us through cooking a recipe that is her favorite!! RSVP is necessary to plan ingredients for the surprise recipe. Contact Karen Bloustine at ksbloustine@gmail.com or (253) 495-4734 to RSVP or with questions. Bring a friend who is interested in Hadassah!

Last Shabbat Mishpachah of the year: Saturday, April 25 at 11:00 a.m. Join Cantor Elstein in the sanctuary for singing, dancing, and Shabbat fun. Our celebration will last about 45 minutes, and will be followed by a potluck lunch with our Shabbat morning service attendees. Please bring a dairy, kosher-style dish to share. We welcome kids of all ages and their families to attend; the service is geared towards 2nd grade and younger. Contact Cantor Elstein at (253) 564-7101 or cantor@tbetacoma.org with any questions.

We're Gaga for Israel: Yom Yisrael celebration: Sunday, April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This year, celebrate Israel's birthday with Temple Beth El where our focus will be on a game known and loved by Israelis—gaga! Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in our Temple Beth El gaga tournament. Other fun activities will be offered as well, and lunch will be served. This is an event for all—the young and young-at-heart. Please join us! Contact Cantor Elstein at (253) 564-7101 or cantor@tbetacoma.org for more information.



Upcoming bat mitzvah: Sophie Brownlee

Sophie Ari Brownlee, daughter of Randi and Tim Brownlee will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Sophie is in the 7th grade at Jason Lee Middle School. She enjoys dancing, traveling and spending time with her cousins and friends.

The one thing Sophie looks forward to every year is spending the summer in upstate New York at Camp Seneca Lake, which she refers to as "the happiest place on earth."

Sophie is so excited to share this special milestone with the congregation, her b'nei mitzvah class and her family and friends.

Please join Sophie and her family for a Kiddush luncheon in the social hall following the service and also Friday evening, May 1 for the 7:30 p.m. service and *oneg*.

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



Bruce Kadden
Rabbi

I want to share my sermon from the 2014 Powell-Heller Holocaust Conference at PLU last month. The theme of the conference was “Children’s Voices: The Holocaust and beyond.”

The Jewish musician and songwriter Debbie Friedman (of blessed memory) begins her song, *And the Youth Shall See Visions* with these words: “Childhood was for fantasies for nursery rhymes and toys...”

Childhood indeed should be for fantasies, for nursery rhymes, for toys, for finger painting and exploring new places, for running on the beach and playing dress-up. Think about your childhood for a moment: the toys you played with, the nursery rhymes you heard, the fantasies you dreamed.

Now, contrast that with the childhoods of those whose lives were touched by the Holocaust. If they were fortunate, they had a few years of fantasies, nursery rhymes and toys before these were displaced by the reality of pain and suffering and often death.

Earlier this year, the world commemorated the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. The Holocaust survivors who returned for that ceremony were, of course, almost all children 70 years ago. On Wednesday evening we saw the moving film about the 50 children rescued by Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus. And yesterday we heard from Ela Stein Weissberger, one of about 100 out of more than 15,000 children to survive Terezin.

Kurt Mayer (of blessed memory) for whom our chair in Holocaust Studies is named, was a young boy when he

and his family escaped from Germany and made it to the United States. My own father, who will turn 90 in three weeks, left Germany as a child with his parents.

All of these children survived. Their lives were disrupted and turned upside down. They witnessed things that no child, let alone no human being, should ever witness. Some of them lived through hell on earth, but managed to survive.

There were also the estimated 1.5 million Jewish children and tens of thousands of other children who were murdered by the Nazis. Their lives were cut far too short.

Yet, even through the virtually unimaginable conditions that these children lived, they, too, had moments for fantasies, for nursery rhymes, for toys, and for all those other things that are such an important part of childhood.

Young children—like Anne Frank in the annex—kept diaries and wrote about crushes and other teenage fantasies. A five-year old girl, whose story we just heard, fed and comforted her younger brother, loving and protecting him in place of their mother.

Harold Gordon, a child survivor of Auschwitz, recalls in his memoir *The Last Sunrise* that in the ghetto of Grodno, Poland, “one of my favorite things to do, a very special treat, was to go to a movie.... Tarzan movies were quite a thrill.... Swinging from a vine in the jungle and fighting alligators were the ultimate fantasies of a young boy.”

Hanus Hachenburg and other children in Terezin wrote poems and painted pictures that—in part—were inspired by their fantasies. They produced their own “nursery rhymes” such as the

opera Brundibar about a fatherless sister and brother who, with the help of a fearless sparrow, a keen cat, a wise dog and the children of the town are able to overcome the evil organ grinder.

Each of these acts should be considered an act of resistance that brought some sense of normal childhood to lives that were otherwise filled with fear and suffering, displacement and death. They demonstrate the resiliency of the human spirit to create—even under the worst of conditions—life-affirming moments. These words and acts brought light where there was darkness, hope where there was despair, love where there was pain and suffering.

Each and every child who suffered during the Holocaust had at least some moments of truly experiencing childhood—fantasies or nursery rhymes or toys or crushes or movies or all the other things that bring children joy and satisfaction. These moments surely sustained and comforted them through their ordeals.

And what about children today?

The *New York Times Magazine* issue looking back at 2014 reported that more than 2,500 children were killed last year in conflict zones around the world.

Pope Francis, in his Christmas address, spoke of the plight of children in areas of conflict, “children displaced due to war and persecution, abused and taken advantage of before our very eyes and our complicit silence.” Tens of thousands of unaccompanied minors have crossed our borders in the past year.

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

(Continued from page 4)

T. Robinson Ahlstrom, in an article in a recent issue of the *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, wonders, "Perhaps the greatest question of our age is whether or not the world's grown-ups will ever notice the tears of the world's children."

"The world is a tough neighborhood—especially for children," he continues. "Alleviating the plight of children, here in the United States and throughout the world, represents the profound moral imperative of our generation."

Is that too much to ask?

Isn't that what the children who suffered during the Holocaust would have wanted?

Is there a better way to remember them, to honor them, to affirm that they did not suffer or die in vain than to commit ourselves to alleviating the suffering of the children in our own backyard and around the world?

If the voices of the children that we have heard these past few days, if the inspiring stories of survival and rescue of children we have experienced, if the lives of the children who survived the Holocaust and those that did not have any meaning, it must be in our ability to turn those voices, those stories,

those lives into deeds of loving and caring and advocacy for the children throughout the world. It must be to assure that unaccompanied children are treated humanely and that dreamers are allowed to stay, that all children have enough food to eat and a place to sleep and are safe and secure even in the midst of war.

Let us commit ourselves to this task: to create a world where childhood is for fantasies, for nursery rhymes and toys and for all those other joyous, carefree experiences that are at the heart and soul of what it means to be a child.

SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, April 3—No service—first night of Passover (see page 2).

Saturday, April 4—Shabbat and Passover service at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Kadden will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. Special Torah Reading—Exodus 12:21-51; Maftir—Numbers 28:16-25; Haftarah—Joshua 5:2-6:1.

Friday, April 10—Sisterhood/Hadassah Shabbat and Passover service at 7:30 p.m. Shir Simcha Choir will sing. A representative from Washington Engage will speak on the topic of human trafficking in our state.

Saturday, April 11—Shabbat and Passover service at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Kadden will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. Yizkor will be observed. Special Torah Reading—Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17; Maftir—Numbers 28:19-25; Haftarah—Isaiah 10:32-12:6.

Friday, April 17—Pre-*oneg* at 5:30 p.m. Shabbat multi-media family service at 6:00 p.m. Service will be followed by a dairy potluck.

Saturday, April 18—Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Kadden will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. *Parashat Sh'mini*—Leviticus 9:1-11:47; Haftarah—I Samuel 20:18-42.

Friday, April 24—Shabbat service at 6:00 p.m. Rabbi Kadden will speak.

Saturday, April 25—Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Kadden will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. *Parashat Tazria-M'tzora*—Leviticus 12:1-15:33; Haftarah—II Kings 7:3-20. Shabbat *Mishpachah* at 11:00 a.m. (see page 3).

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FROM THE CANTOR'S STUDY



Leah Elstein
Cantor/
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Director

Finding meaning in sadness

When I first began to play guitar, I did so to become a songleader at the synagogue where I grew up. I played around with learning some of the folk music that I so deeply loved—The Indigo Girls, Joni Mitchell, and others—but mainly tried to learn as much Jewish music as I could. Back in those days, I found two songs that spoke volumes to me—*Eili, Eili* and *The Last Butterfly*—and I would play them endlessly.

Both songs have ties to the Holocaust. The words to *Eili, Eili* were written by Hannah Senesh, who perished in World War II after being one of 37 Jews from Palestine who went into Europe to rescue those in

concentration camps. It provides a list of things Hannah wishes would never end: the sand and the sea, the crash of the heavens, and the prayer of the heart are among the things she mentions. *The Last Butterfly* was written by Pavel Friedman, a boy who perished in Nazi Germany at Auschwitz. It speaks of living in the ghetto and seeing one last, yellow butterfly fluttering about, and how unusual and striking of a sight that was. Both of these songs captured my heart.

This month, on Thursday, April 16, we commemorate *Yom HaShoah*, or Holocaust Remembrance Day. Again, our Hebrew High School teens will put 6,000 yellow flags on the temple's front lawn, each one representing 1,000 Jews who perished in the Holocaust. I think that this project

helps all of us realize the enormity of what happened to our people. While tragic indeed, I think the lesson for us today comes in making meaning out of the sadness we feel. We must fight for the equality and acceptance of all people in all corners of the world. We must ensure that this kind of atrocity never happens again.

I have already performed *The Last Butterfly* once this season, and will perform it once more before *Yom HaShoah* is over. Singing this message from this lost boy is what I know I can do, at least, to help myself find meaning. May we all find something meaningful to do in light of the observance that is approaching, and may the lives of all of those lost in the Holocaust always be for a blessing.

BROTMAN EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Rebecca Ross
BELC
Director

Brotman Early Learning Center update

Construction of the Brotman Early Learning Center is complete! The space is beautiful and functional and I can't wait to have children enrolled to bring it all to life. We extend our sincerest thanks to our general contractor, Deacon, as well as all of the subcontractors who have worked so hard throughout the last three months. They all did an amazing job and it was a real pleasure working together. Now begins the fun task of filling the space with furniture, toys, and other materials to make it ready for our open houses. Our first open house will be for the Temple Beth El community and then we will have one for the greater Tacoma community. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the coming weeks!

BELC will be licensed by the Washington State Department of Early Learning (DEL). One of the major roles of DEL is to provide oversight to child care programs to ensure that children are in safe and healthy programs and that staff and teachers meet their education and training requirements. The laws (WACS) cover all topics related to child care settings including staffing, ratios, health and safety, programming and more. BELC will adhere to all of the minimum licensing requirements and will exceed many of them. If you are interested in learning more about DEL and/or the regulations, please visit www.del.wa.gov. I am also happy to answer any of these questions as they relate to BELC.

DEL is also a wonderful resource for families. The website has a list of resources and suggestions for almost

any child-related topic you can imagine. You can read about everything from what constitutes quality early learning to safe infant sleeping practices to kindergarten readiness. Families can also check on the status of any state-licensed program by using Child Care Check. If you have a young family or know someone who does, this could be a great website to bookmark.

I welcome any emails or phone calls so please don't be shy. You can reach me at rebecca@belctacoma.org or you can call the temple's main line and ask for extension 200. I check voicemail at least twice daily and will return your call promptly. I will have a direct line soon and will pass that on once it is official. Thank you for all of your support.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



**Sarah Rumbaugh
President**

Intention and a Jewish Life

What does it mean to have intention? I hear that word every time I go to yoga. The yoga instructor asks us as we are laying there in the heated room, getting ready to sweat and stretch

for 75 minutes, our bodies in child pose, to set our intention. She recommends that we concentrate on our poses, on a part of our body, or on our breath. I always choose the breath. This means that as we do the moves, I am constantly reminding myself to think about my breathing. This is not a simple task, as some of the moves are very challenging. Since I was never very good at gymnastics, I happen to not be flexible, so I am not able to do some of the things she suggests. When this happens and I start to have self-doubt, I focus on the breath and try to remember that is my intention.

As I have been doing a lot of yoga, the word “intention” has stuck with me. I wonder how the word “intention” plays into my Jewish life. I wonder how the Torah sees intention and if there is something special about the way the word “intention” is used in Judaism. With

that in mind, I first wanted to know where to find intention in the Torah. As I always do, I turned on my computer and entered the word “intention” in Google. I found an article called *The Importance of Intention*. It dealt with the idea that there is intent in committing a crime. How did I go from intention being about the breath in yoga and now intention is about committing a crime? I asked my dear husband, Judge Stan Rumbaugh, what he thought. He said that he has always seen intention used in a criminal sense, whether the accused had acted with intent to injure the other person, or if the person who inflicted a gunshot wound had “cause” to commit the crime, or if it was done by accident in a heated moment, not premeditated.

I was perplexed because I see intention as something that is positive, and that we are doing something with a sense of good. My judge husband, because he is always judging, explained that intention could be for good or bad.

I decided to look up the definition. Intention is something intended, an aim or plan to do something with deliberateness, design. Where it gets a

little negative is when they say intention is with calculation. Okay, I can see that in terms of the judicial system. When I think of my Judaism I think of what I want to focus on and be deliberate about. Do I want to work on coming to services twice a month? Will I send out a card or two each week to say hello to someone? Will I make sure to say hello to any new face I see at temple? I suppose that is my idea of having intention in my Jewish life. I am using it as a way to reach out and connect with people and provide others with a sense of belonging.

I ask you then, the one reading this, what is your intention with your Jewish life? What do you want to be deliberate about? Maybe you want to get better at your Hebrew, or volunteer to help clean the kitchen (it is coming around to Passover again so that would be a good one). Hopefully thinking about the word “intention” will help you find purpose in your Jewish life as the word has helped me find purpose in both my Jewish life and my yoga training.

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SISTERHOOD



Kerry Geffen
Sisterhood
President

Ever since I returned from the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Fried Leadership Conference on February 1, I have been wanting to share what I learned about the Youth, Education and

Special Projects Fund administered by the WRJ, better known as the YES Fund. If you are reading this article, you or someone you know has benefitted from the YES Fund.

The YES Fund awards grants and scholarships to a wide array of Reform Jewish programs such as the PJ Library (a free Jewish book-a-month club for children), the North American Federation of Temple

Youth, otherwise known as NFTY, URJ Camps including Camp Kalsman, and rabbinical and cantorial scholarships for students at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati and New York.

The YES Fund has also funded scholarships for overseas rabbinical students in London, Berlin and Jerusalem. In the last two years alone, the WRJ's YES Fund awarded a total of \$571,300 in grants and scholarships. One of the things they say about the YES Fund is that the WRJ says "yes" when others don't. One touching example that sticks out in my mind is when the YES Fund paid \$12,000 for a Reform Jewish summer camp in the Ukraine to be relocated to a safe place so that children could still attend camp.

What I find truly amazing about the YES Fund is how it is funded collectively by the hundreds of Sisterhoods that are required to donate a specified amount each year (which is covered by our dues).

Of course, there is always the opportunity to donate individually, but it is such a perk to know that by just being part of an organization, you are supporting programs and scholarships that encourage our youth to be active in the Reform/ Progressive Movement, which helps ensure a vibrant future for generations to come.

The YES Fund clearly supports the WRJ motto that we are "stronger together."

FROM THE CONGREGATION

Thank you to our March *oneg* sponsors

March 6—Howard and Alice Greenwood in honor of their 50th anniversary.

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

Mazal tov

To Nina King-Madlem on being officially recognized as a Jewish Chaplain.

R'fuah sh'leimah

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

Barbara Kadden	Nathan Ross
Lu Farber	Stuart Maier
Vikki Peltomaa	Judy Harris

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TEMPLE BETH EL AND JEWISH COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Graduates, Step Forward!

Proud parents, it's time to *kvell!* Relieved graduates, it's time to cheer! Please e-mail Rebecca in the temple office at rebecca@tbetacoma.org with all the information—name, where you're graduating from, any special honors/awards, if you're going on with your education, where and what will be your major.

Please let us know by May 12 so we can publish the list in the summer (June/July) bulletin.



Berol-Shindell Scholarship available

Berol-Shindell Scholarship at University of Washington Hillel Foundation for Jewish Life at the University of Washington awards a number of scholarships to help Jewish UW students based on financial need. Applications are available in the temple office or at www.hilleluw.org and are due May 1.

NCJW, Seattle Section tuition scholarship application available

For over a century the Seattle Section of the National Council of Jewish Women has awarded scholarships to financially needy Jewish students for undergraduate academic study and technical training. It presently assists students at any accredited college, university, technical or vocation school or job retraining program in Washington State. Scholarship application criteria flyers and application forms can be found in the temple office or on the NCJW website at <http://www.ncjwseattle.org>.

Please note that all applications must be postmarked by May 31 to be considered.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email ncjwscholars@gmail.com.

Rabbi Kadden in the community

- Attended the Habitat for Humanity Changing Lives luncheon.
- Attended the Franciscan Hospice Angels on Earth luncheon.
- Led the chapel service at the Powell-Heller 2015 Holocaust Education Conference at PLU.
- Led a Passover seder at St. Rita's Catholic Church.
- Spoke at Holy Disciples Catholic Church about Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot.
- Led an Interfaith Passover seder at Pacific Lutheran University.

Urgent: Judaica shop looking for new volunteers!

Do you have a few extra hours a month to give? Are you looking for new ways to give back to the community? Would you like to get more involved but want to do it slowly? Then this is your chance to help out and meet new friends at temple.

The Judaica Shop is in need of volunteers, especially for Sundays and Wednesdays during religious school. This is a great way to meet new people and socialize with temple members. You can sign up once a month or even every other month. You don't need a lot of retail experience, just a willingness to learn and have fun. The only thing required is that you have a smart phone or tablet for the Square charge system. We will train you and make sure you are comfortable with the shop before you ever volunteer by yourself. Who knows? You may enjoy it so much that you will want to volunteer more often.

Contact Lisa Sobel for more details. The best way to reach her is by emailing judaica@tbetacoma.org or you can call (253) 564-7101 and be transferred to the shop's voicemail (voicemail messages are not checked daily).

TEMPLE BETH EL AND JEWISH COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The Temple Beth El annual congregational meeting will be held Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. with a pre-meeting *oneg* at 6:30 p.m.

Below are the recommended by-laws changes and nominees to the board.

By-laws Proposed Changes:

Revisions to Article IX Standing Committees

1. To remove the word committee from title of each subsection, as it already appears in the section title.
2. To Eliminate Subsection E. Legacy

Board nominees:

John Barnes

John and his wife, Marlene Motola, have been members of Temple Beth El since 1997, when they moved here from Bellingham. Originally from Seattle, where they graduated from the University of Washington, they are proud to call Tacoma home and pleased to do what they can to improve our community. Both are third generation Puget Sounders. John’s grandparents came for the Alaska gold rush and Marlene’s for freedom from the Ottoman Empire. They are grateful to our congregation for providing excellent religious education, for themselves as well as their children, Michael and Rebecca Motola-Barnes. Their commitment to community service includes a global component. They have been host parents for dozens of international students at TCC, UWT and Tacoma Public Schools.

John is currently chair of the Building and Grounds Committee and has helped coordinate several major projects, including roof replacement, HVAC system upgrades, tower renovation and the Brotman Early Learning Center. Relevant experience

for this position includes five years as a home improvement contractor, eighteen years as a real estate broker and seventeen years in mortgage lending. His work as branch manager at Landmark Professional Mortgage Company includes teaching homebuyer education classes through the Washington State Housing Finance Commission.

For recreation, John and Marlene enjoy ballroom dancing, gardening, hiking and dining with friends. Favorite activities also include visiting daughter Rebecca in San Francisco and son Michael in Boston. They are proud owners of a craftsman-style home in the Proctor District. Live performance tops their list of entertainment choices. They have fond memories of special events at TBE, from Rick Recht to Israeli folk dancing classes, and look forward to more of these community-building activities.

Jim Friedman

Jim has been a member of the Tacoma Jewish community for over 30 years. Having served nine years on the Temple Beth El Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2006 and again from 2012 to present, he has chaired and been a member of many temple committees. Jim is also the immediate past president of the TBE Board of Trustees and is on the Home of Peace Cemetery Association Board.

Jim is happily married to Lin Spellman, who is very involved in the development of the new Brotman Early Learning Center. Their two grown sons and their families provide a great deal of pride and joy. Their

son Micah and his wife Nicole live and work in the New York City area, while their son Jeremy and his wife Ilana live and work in Chicago with their young sons Roey and Nitai.

Jim states, “In the past several years, as Temple Beth El cultivates a friendlier and more welcoming congregation, we continue to grow into a vibrant Jewish Community. I want to remain on the board to help make this happen.”

Jason Kaltenbacher

Jason has been a member of Temple Beth El since 2011, and is seeking his second term on the TBE Board of Trustees. He works as a lecturer on records and information management for two online graduate programs, at San Jose State University’s School of Information and the University of Alberta’s School of Library & Information Studies, as well as consults. He lives with his wife, Eadie, and son, Zachary. Jason has been a member of several committees at Temple Beth El, and looks forward to the opportunity to continue serving on the board.

Stacy Van Wagoner

Stacy, her husband, Nathan and children, Collin (9) and Addison (14), have been temple members since 2011, when they relocated to Tacoma from Vancouver, WA. This year, Stacy had the pleasure of serving as chair for the temple’s biennial fundraising auction. This spring, she will be taking on the role of campaign assistant for the Tacoma Jewish

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Community Fund. She also works as the bookkeeper for a small private law office that specializes in dependency and juvenile law. In her free time, Stacy is a Girl Scout troop leader, a member of the PTA and an art docent at a NE Tacoma elementary school.

Stacy studied Spanish and English, has a degree in Mortuary Sciences and cared for over a thousand families while practicing as a mortician in Vancouver, WA. Stacy's commitment to Jewish organizations began as a teenager and young adult while working for both the Mittleman Jewish Community Center and B'nai

B'rith Summer Camp. In her personal time, Stacy enjoys exploring the outdoors with her family and writing poetry. Stacy is eager and passionate about maintaining the temple's sustainability while preserving its rich history and traditions.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Thank you families! To date we have approximately 33 households signed up for this program and have earned \$340 since we began participation in March of 2014. Have you linked your Fred Meyer Rewards card yet? Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Temple Beth El at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number, 88952. Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Temple Beth El earn a donation!

If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store. For more information, visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

Don't forget! We still sell scrip for Fred Meyer in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100. Temple Beth El receives five percent from each gift card we sell.

Questions about these opportunities? Please contact Rebecca in the temple office at rebecca@tbetacoma.org or (253) 564-7101.

Shabbat morning Torah study continues

Shabbat morning Torah study continues Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel. We are studying the weekly Torah portion using the *Plaut* Torah Commentary. All are welcome. Shabbat services follow.

Passover home hospitality

If you are having a Passover seder on Friday, April 3 and are able to host one or two extra people, or if you are interested in being hosted at a Passover seder on Friday, April 3, contact Rabbi Kadden at (253) 564-7101 or rabbi@tbetacoma.org.

Scheduling a meeting or planning an event?

Please remember that any and all use of Temple Beth El, be it a large group or small gathering, **must** go through the temple office to prevent possible scheduling conflicts.

Before you mark your calendar, please get approval by contacting Andy at (253) 564-7101 or andy@tbetacoma.org.

TACOMA JEWISH COMMUNITY FUND

Thank you Shelley, welcome Stacy!

Four years ago, Shelley Antos assumed the position of our first official campaign assistant. During that time Shelley has substantially improved our operating systems and efficiency. Included in her responsibilities were organizing the campaign, tracking donations over the course of the year, and preparing year end summaries for the board's use in making the annual allocations. So,

now we thank Shelley for all her efforts, as she devotes more time to family.

We are fortunate that Stacy Van Wagoner has agreed to take over Shelley's position. Stacy is a member of Temple Beth El and recently chaired the Red Hot TBE Auction. Stacy looks forward enthusiastically to working with the board in

organizing and implementing the 2015 campaign.

Soon, you will receive the TJCF annual mail appeal. As always, it will greatly assist our volunteers if you mail your contribution and/or pledge as early as possible to: Karen Bloustine, treasurer, 4912 88th Ave. Ct. W, University Place, WA 98467.

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MILESTONES AND TRIBUTES

Happy birthday

Nicole Aqua	Jacob Glickman	Herb Levine	Lisa Sobel
Jasmine Balasa	Alice Greenwood	John Long	Harry Stameisen
Lois Benedetti	Henry Haas	Talia Lubin	Cheryl Torem
Leslie Birnbaum	Sonja Handstad	Gary Michaels	David Touriel
Daphne Brandon	Sophie Hopp	Jonah Mizrahi	Carol Umbehocker
Robert Cooper	Brianna Jones	Lynne Perrish Mueller	Monique Wallis
Suzanne Couture	Deborah Josephson	Joel Ross	Frederick Warnick
Collin Davis	Julie Kiesel	Jean Rozen	Freya Wilcox
Justin Dean	Elizabeth Kiesel	Adam Rozen-Wheeler	Mara Yovits
Micah deLeon	June Klein	Evaet Schreier	Larisa Zhukovskaya
Stephen Farber	Barbara Kleiner	Sam Schumer	
Joseph Gartner III	Norman Kleinman	Barbara Simon	
Anna Geffen	Glenn Lasko	Chloe Simon	

Happy anniversary

Marty & Joan Brashem	63	Robert Bales & Robin Macnofsky	30
Stan & Jerri Taylor	53		

Yahrzeit readings

April 3 and 4

Meier Elyn, Susan Haas, Jacob Rosen, Stanley Tanz, Leah Cassou, Lee Nemetz, Dora Potute, Irving Raphael, Charlotte Friedman, Goldie Moises, Julius Schlussel, Michael Goldman, Sidney Krasnick, Alexander Corwin, Marvin Klegman, Jacob Segelman, Isadore Epstein, Laurence Perrish, Hyman Piatok, Bernard Snyder.

April 10 and 11

Ben Block, Judah Fine, Lena Gates, Manuel "Manny" Kirschner, Stanley Sigel, Gerard Herman, Erika Markewitz, Leslie Sussman, Hilda Margolis, Simone May, Harold Rothman, Meyer Burnett, Ceceil Kay, Elizabeth Silversmith, Joseph Spellman, Julia Walker, Annette Frankel.

April 17 and 18

Leah Cashar, Zinaida Zhukovskaya, Benjamin Jaffe, Isadore Morrell, Yetta Kleinman, Paul LeRoy, Marion Weinstein, James Ceccanti, Ruth Finkleman, Abraham Ootkin, Rae Perlman, Marion Fingold, Peggy Boxberger, Paula Desow, Ora Kanner, Gustie Sussman.

April 24 and 25

Joan Krivosha, Beatrice Weston, Lester Baskin, Ethel Pliskow, Harry Rotman, Milton Wolfe, Gertrude Crystal-Pound, Louis Lawson, Anna Touriel, Herbert Berns, Myrtle Lindsey, Betty Robinson, Morley Brotman, Victoria Mazoff, George Montopoli, John Remak, Alice Rosenthal, Gertrude Schneider, Henry Stone, Martha Webb, Robert Willstadter.

May 1 and 2

Lucille Aqua, Amalie Buchbinder, Gertrude Hermanson, Grace Paul, Roger Robinson, Lena Slotnick, Friedrich Aschkenasi, Betty Miller, Kenneth Powell, Irving Frankel, Anne Krupnikoff, Nathan Robinson, Fannie Rubin, Fav Witenberg, Harry Brandt, George Levine, Bernard Cohen, Helen Freedman, Sarah Gelman, Gertrude Mertik, Abraham Perlman, Adolph Waldman, Yetta Shapiro, Fred Coty, Fannie Eastern, Carl Lachman, Louise Scherdorf.

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 or rebecca@tбетacoma.org.

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We gratefully acknowledge these thoughtful contributions to Temple Beth El.

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In honor of
 the 50th anniversary of Howard &
 Alice Greenwood
 Jeff & Deb Freedman

Get Well

Henry Haas
 Flo Rose

BELC FUND

In honor of
 the birth of Nitai Friedman,
 grandson of Jim Friedman &
 Lin Spellman
 Gary Johnson & Jackie Rosenblatt

In memory of

Babe Lehrer
 Gary Johnson & Jackie Rosenblatt
 Josh & Sylvie Johnson
 Stuart Farber
 Gary Johnson & Jackie Rosenblatt

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In memory of
 Babe Lehrer
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In honor of
 Cantor Elstein
 Bob & Joan Garden

ENDOWMENT FUND

In honor of
 the 80th birthday of Bob Garden
 Jack & Lilly Warnick

In memory of

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In honor of
 the 50th anniversary of Howard &
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 Jene, Brianna & Seth Jones
 the special birthday of Bob Garden
 Howard & Alice Greenwood

In memory of

Jane Seitz
 Babe Lehrer
 Mary Holden
 Stuart Farber
 Howard & Alice Greenwood

GENERAL FUND

In honor of
 the 60th anniversary of Don &
 Elaine Ruth
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 Flo Rose
 Sharon & Bruce Lehman

In memory of

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In honor of
 the 80th birthday of Bob Garden
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In memory of

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April 2015
12 Nisan 5775 - 11 Iyar 5775

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Temple office closure

Friday, April 10, last day of Passover

			1 NO CLASSES	2	3 ii7:22PM Erev Passover NO SHABBAT SERVICE	4 \$8:27PM/ii8:27PM Passover I 9:00 a.m. Torah study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat/Passover service 5:00 p.m. Congregational Passover seder
5 \$8:28PM Passover II NO CLASSES	6 Chol HaMo-eid Passover I	7 Chol HaMo-eid Passover II 11:30 a.m. Jewish book club	8 Chol HaMo-eid Passover III 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn 4:30 p.m. Hebrew school 6:00 p.m. Adult education	9 ii7:31PM Chol HaMo-eid Passover IV 10:45 a.m. Bus pick-up, Hillel lunch	10 \$8:35PM/ii7:32PM Passover VII OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat/Passover service Sisterhood/Hadassah Shabbat	11 \$8:37PM Passover VIII 9:00 a.m. Torah study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat/Passover service and Yizkor
12 9:15 a.m. Bloodmobile 10:00 a.m. Religious school/preschool Sisterhood general meeting 12:00 p.m. Hebrew High	13	14	15 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn 4:30 p.m. Hebrew school 6:00 p.m. Adult education 7:30 p.m. Yom HaShoah service and program	16 \$8:44PM Yom HaShoah 6:30 p.m. Poker night offsite	17 ii7:42PM 2:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat at Narrows Glen 5:30 p.m. Pre-oney 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat family service 7:00 p.m. Community potluck	18 \$8:47PM 9:00 a.m. Torah study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat service
19 Rosh Chodesh I 9:30 a.m. Live Encounters 10:00 a.m. Religious school 12:00 p.m. Hebrew High 1:30 p.m. Hadassah offsite	20 Rosh Chodesh II	21 7:00 p.m. Board meeting	22 \$8:52PM Yom HaZikaron 4:30 p.m. Hebrew school 6:00 p.m. Adult education	23 \$8:54PM Yom HaAtzma-ut	24 ii7:52PM 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat service	25 \$8:56PM 9:00 a.m. Torah study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat service 11:00 a.m. Shabbat Mishpachah
26 10:00 a.m. Religious school/preschool Yom Yisrael celebration 12:00 p.m. Hebrew High	27	28	29 4:30 p.m. Hebrew school 6:00 p.m. Adult education	30		



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Kaytana 2015

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