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Summer Shabbat Worship Services

Fridays 7:30 p.m. Saturdays 10:00 a.m.

Last Friday of each month, 6:00 p.m. June 26, July 31

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Please send to rebecca@tbetacoma.org.

# Kaytana 2015



**Amen.** *Praying with Our Voices, Hearts, and Feet* 

Tuesdays and Thursdays July 14-30, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Ages 6 and under and their parents/guardian \$75/child

Join us for three weeks of exploration into prayer. We'll play, sing, do arts and crafts, and explore what it means to pray with all our senses.

Registration forms available in the religious school office. For more information, contact Cantor Elstein at cantor@tbetacoma.org. Sign up soon! Registration closes on June 15.





# Adult luncheon: Is 'Jewish athlete' an oxymoron?

Thursday, June 25, at 12 p.m. "Jewish athlete" is no oxymoron, and the proof is in *Distant Replay, Washington's Jewish Sports Heroes*. The book, published last year, is a 359-page history of Jewish Washingtonians involved, in one way or another, in sports. The project is a fundraiser for the state's Jewish Historical Society.

Dan Aznoff, one of the book's primary authors, will share from the book, along with other special guests. See page 3 for the full story and more information.

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#### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**



#### The Temple Beth El Jewish book

**club:** Tuesday, June 2 at 11:30 a.m. in the social hall. The book club will discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride. Bring a lunch and join us.

*The Color of Water* tells the remarkable story of Ruth McBride Jordan, the two good men she married, and the 12 good children she raised. Jordan, born Rachel Shilsky, a Polish Jew, immigrated to America soon after birth. As an adult she moved to New York City, leaving her family and faith behind in Virginia. Jordan met and married a black man, making her isolation even more profound. The book is a success story, a testament to one woman's true heart, solid values, and

indomitable will. Ruth Jordan battled not only racism but also poverty to raise her children and, despite being sorely tested, never wavered. In telling her story—along with her son's—*The Color of Water* addresses racial identity with compassion, insight, and realism. It is, in a word, inspiring, and you will finish it with unalloyed admiration for a flawed but remarkable individual. And, perhaps, a little more faith in us all.

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 Umbehocker at (253) 719-8040 or carolumbe@comcast.net for more information or to be put on the book club email list. **City of Destiny Award presentation to Deb Freedman:** Wednesday, June 3 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma. Deb Freedman is being honored by the City of Tacoma with the City of Destiny Award in the area of Historical Preservation. Deb has been devoted to the Tacoma Historical Society and has also done a great deal of research on the history of the Tacoma Jewish community.

The City of Destiny Awards will be presented prior to the Tacoma Rainiers game. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to cityofdestiny@cityoftacoma.org, as there is limited space available.

**Poker nights:** Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David Haas and Thursday, July 2 at the home of Paul Kirschner. 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. Future dates for poker night are August 6, September 3 and October 8. For directions or to carpool, contact Paul Kirschner at (206) 271-8886 or p.david.k@att.net.

You are cordially invited to The Brotman Early Learning Center's Sneak Peak Open House Sunday, June 7 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### This Open House is for the Temple Beth El Community

Please come to this sneak peak open house to see the space, the classrooms, meet the director and learn more about the program. The Brotman Early Learning Center is currently a work in progress so please be aware that there is still furniture to be delivered and work to be done.

Young families interested in enrolling are urged to attend to learn more specifics regarding enrollment options, tuition rates, the playground design plan and other program details.

For questions, please contact Rebecca Ross at rebecca@belctacoma.org.

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Lunch & Learn: Wednesday, June 10 at noon in the social hall. Rabbi Kadden will lead a study of *Parashat Sh'lach L'cha*, Numbers 13:1-15:41. 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.

**Bloodmobile at St. Andrew's:** Sunday, June 14 at 9:15 a.m. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is located a few blocks up from Temple Beth El at 7410 S. 12th St. The Bloodmobile may not be at Temple Beth El next month but the blood needs are just as overwhelming.

The blood bank counts on your donation every eight weeks. Thanks for donating! Remember to eat a good breakfast, and we'll see you there.

Please register no later than Wednesday, June 10. Walk-ins are appreciated but <u>registration is encouraged to avoid</u> cancellation of the Bloodmobile due to low registration.

**Kabbalat Shabbat at Narrows Glen:** Friday, June 19 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.



Adult luncheon: Is 'Jewish athlete' an oxymoron? Thursday, June 25, at 12:00 p.m. "Jewish athlete" is no oxymoron, and the proof is in *Distant Replay, Washington's Jewish Sports Heroes*, published last year by the Washington State Jewish Historical Society. The book is filled with 200 stories of Jews who have had an impact on sports at every level, from the Maccabi Games to the NFL to the owner's box.

Hear some of the back stories collected during the writing of *Distant Replay* when one of its primary authors speaks at our adult luncheon. Dan Aznoff and some very special guests will share the intimate stories behind the Jew who caught the Seahawks' first touchdown pass from Jim Zorn in the Kingdome and the former judge who saved a professional sports franchise as her tikkun olam contribution to the community she loved. You'll also hear details of the Jew who earned a gold medal at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin alongside Jesse Owens and the Jew behind the creation of the Tacoma-Pierce County Sports Hall of Fame. Copies of Distant Replay and more information about the Historical Society will be available at the event.

Cost for lunch is just \$13. Reservations must be made no later than Monday, June 22. 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 noshows will be billed \$13 unless someone shows up to take your place.

# Chardonnay Shabbat is back

Fridays, June 26 and July 31 at 5:15 p.m.



Join congregants and guests for light snacks, wine or juice

and schmoozing before services begin at 6:00 p.m.

Sponsoring a Chardonnay Shabbat is a wonderful way to celebrate a special event at temple. Available dates for 2015: June 26, July 31, August 28 and September 25. Contact Andy Mauer at (253) 564-7101 for more information on sponsoring Chardonnay Shabbats and to save your special date.



# Friday,Sunday,June 26th& June 28th

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Let Temple Beth El benefit from your spring cleaning! Drop off your rummage sale items between June 19th and June 26th.

- Please do not bring items BEFORE June 19th as there will be nowhere to store them.
- If you will need help unloading, please bring helpers.

### Please Note:

Items will be priced by sale volunteers and unsold items will not be returned.

Questions? Contact Stacy VanWagoner at (503) 423-7348 or stacyrai22@hotmail.com



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**The Temple Beth El Jewish book club:** Tuesday July 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the social hall. The book club will discuss *Seven Blessings* by Ruchama King. Bring a lunch and join us.

The closed, secret world of matchmaking in contemporary Israel provides the titillating pivot for a story of uncommon proportions. In Ruchama King's skillful hands, *Seven Blessings* maps

out the complicated lives of five expatriate women and men whose search for a soul mate, in many ways, mirrors their search for God.

At the center of this fascinating novel is Beth, who at age 39 longs to be married but despairs she ever will be. When she finally meets the man of her dreams, he has what she believes to be an insurmountable flaw. Can she overcome her repugnance in order to forge a new life? Binyamin, a talented painter and student, lacks the humility to identify a worthy wife. He strains the matchmakers' patience until

his search for perfect love finally becomes ridiculous, even to himself. Tsippi and Judith, the matchmakers, are stumbling themselves, with marriages that need propping up. In this land of miracles, seeking the right match, whether between singles, husband and wife, student and teacher, or man and God, becomes a quest that opens the Bible to us in a new way.

Rich characters, an intriguing setting, writing that offers unique nuances, and ultimately a story that keeps you turning the pages all combine to introduce a remarkable newcomer. *Seven Blessings* redefines the Jewish experience, with a story that will ring with truth for anyone who's ever considered getting married.

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 Umbehocker at (253) 719-8040 or carolumbe@comcast.net for more information or to be put on the book club email list.



#### Upcoming bar mitzvah: Joshua Piatok

Joshua Ryan Piatok, son of Tammy and Charles Piatok, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Saturday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Joshua is in the 7th grade at Annie Wright School in Tacoma. He enjoys playing and composing music on the piano. He is a red belt in karate and hopes to soon be a black belt. Joshua likes acting and has performed in several plays. He plays tennis and ultimate Frisbee, and loves to ski with his family.

Joshua is a straight A student at Annie Wright and was elected as a 7th grade student council representative. He received an "Award of Excellence" from the Tacoma Council PTA for an original music composition. Joshua was also recently selected to perform at the Washington State Music Teachers Association 2015 Honors Recital. He has earned several 1st place medals at recent IFKA karate tournaments.

Joshua is very excited to be able to share this special occasion with all of his family and friends. He appreciates all of the love and support that he has received that has enabled him to become a bar mitzvah.

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



#### Upcoming bat mitzvah: Tia Bjornson

Tia Bjornson, daughter of Carolyn Weisz and Erik Bjornson, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on

Saturday, July 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Tia is currently in 7th grade at Mason Middle School, where she enjoys art, math and track. In her free time Tia reads, bakes, plays piano and spends time with her Girl Scout Troup 40189.

Tia would like to thank her family, her tutor Cantor Elstein, her religious school and Hebrew teachers, and her *b'nei* mitzvah class for all their help along the way.

Tia is looking forward to her extended family visiting from around the country. Her aunt from New Jersey, Rabbi Debra Orenstein, will give a sermon at the Friday evening service on July 24.

Please join Tia and her family for a *Kiddush* luncheon in the social hall following the service.

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**Home of Peace Cemetery cleanup:** Sunday, July 12 from noon to 3:00 p.m. All supplies will be provided. Come help clean the headstones. Thank you from the Home of Peace board members.

Religious school parent advisory committee meeting: Sunday, July 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Cantor Elstein's house at 3913 N 16th St. in Tacoma. Join us for the kick-off of this new committee that will provide guidance and wisdom for our religious school. This group will form one half of the religious education committee and will meet monthly to discuss religious school matters such as calendar, budget, curriculum, programming, and issues as they arise. Please RSVP to Cantor Elstein at cantor@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.



conversation, you will love Meet, Greet and Bon Appétit (formerly known as Dinners for Seven). This is a fun, informal way to get together with other temple members in the comfort of members' own homes. Participants are rotated so that by the end of the season, you should have met and dined with almost everyone else in the program. Dinners are scheduled for one Saturday night in the months of October, December, February and April. Dates are flexible and substitutes are available by contacting Lin Spellman.

Each regular participating couple or individual will be responsible for hosting one dinner for approximately seven or eight guests. Food responsibilities will be shared among the guests, who may be asked to bring an hors d'ouvre, dessert, side dish or salad.

New members and singles are especially welcome!

To sign up or if you have any questions, please contact Lin Spellman at lin.jim@comcast.net, (253) 851-6661 or (253) 377-3401.



#### SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICES

**Friday, June 5**—Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Kadden will speak. Adam Rozen-Wheeler will lead the music.

**Saturday, June 6**—Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Kadden will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. *Parashat B'ha'alotcha*—Numbers 8:1-12:16; Haftarah— Zechariah 2:14-4:7.

**Friday, June 12**—Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Kadden will speak.

**Saturday, June 13**—Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Kadden will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. *Parashat Sh'lach L'cha*—Numbers 13:1-15:41; Haftarah— Joshua 2:1-24.

**Friday, June 19**—Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Kadden will speak.

**Saturday, June 20**—Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Kadden will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. *Parashat Korach*—Numbers 16:1-18:32; Haftarah—I Samuel 11:14-12:22.

**Friday, June 26**—Chardonnay Shabbat at 5:15 p.m. Shabbat service at 6:00 p.m. Cantor Elstein will speak.

**Saturday, June 27**—Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m. Cantor Elstein will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. *Parashat Chukat*—Numbers 19:1-22:1; Haftarah—Judges 11:1-33.

Friday, July 3—Shabbat service at 6:00 p.m. (please note early service time). Jeff Freedman will speak and co-lead the service with Cantor Elstein.

Saturday, July 4—Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m. Cantor Elstein will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. Parashat Balak—Numbers 22:2-25:9; Haftarah—Micah 5:6-6:8.

# **Torah Study**

Every Shabbat morning at 9:00 a.m. Join Rabbi Kadden or Cantor Elstein each Shabbat morning at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the weekly Torah portion. All are welcome. Our discussions are in English and we use a variety of commentaries and translations.

**Friday, July 10**—Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. Joshua Piatok will participate in the service. Rabbi Kadden will speak.

**Saturday, July 11**—Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m. Joshua Piatok will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah and will deliver the *d'var* Torah. *Parashat Pinchas*—Numbers 25:10-30:1; Haftarah—Jeremiah 1:1-2:3.

**Friday, July 17**—Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Kadden will speak.

Saturday, July 18—Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Kadden will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. *Parashat Matot-Mas-ei*—Numbers 30:2-36:13; Haftarah— Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4.

**Friday, July 24**—Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. Tia Bjornson will participate in the service. Rabbi Debra Orenstein will speak.

**Saturday, July 25**—Shabbat service at 10:00 a.m. Tia Bjornson will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah and will deliver the *d'var* Torah. *Parashat D'varim*— Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22; Haftarah—Isaiah 1:1-27.

Friday, July 31—Chardonnay Shabbat at 5:15 p.m. Shabbat service—*Shabbat Nachamu*—at 6:00 p.m. Rabbi Kadden will speak.

Saturday, August 1—Shabbat service—*Shabbat Nachamu*—at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Kadden will lead a discussion of the Torah portion. *Parashat Va-etchanan*— Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11. Haftarah—Isaiah 40:1-26.



#### FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



Bruce Kadden Rabbi

congregation's annual meeting on May 19:

I delivered at the

Here is the report that

This past year has been a particularly challenging one for me, as Barbara was

diagnosed with cancer last summer, followed by surgery, recovery and then chemotherapy and radiation treatments that stretched from the fall through the spring. We are grateful that she is now past all of that and on the way to recovery. We are also very grateful for all of the support that we included meals, donations, phone calls, prayers and questions about how she was feeling. These meant so much to both of us during this process. In being the supporting caregiver for the first time in my life, I learned so much about what many of you have gone through, which I hope will help me better offer support to those in need in the future.

With regard to the congregation, much of the year has been focused on the development of the Brotman Early Learning Center. Receiving confirmation that our donor had agreed to fund this effort was truly one of the most exciting days in my rabbinic career. Since then our entire staff has been involved, one way or another, in turning this dream into a reality. There were many meetings, planning and implementing the

clearing out of one wing of the building and relocating various offices, hiring a director, construction, and working with Rebecca Ross to prepare for the opening of the center in the fall. For the staff, this was in addition to all of our other responsibilities.

I also want to recognize the many volunteers who have helped with this project, particularly Alice and Howard Greenwood, who oversaw the preparations for construction and the construction itself, John Barnes, chair of the Building and Grounds Committee and Marlene Motola, who received from the congregation, which organized the emptying out of the Alef wing and relocation of offices. We also had committees working on the center as a whole, a hiring subcommittee and a sub-committee that worked on developing marketing material before the director was on board. It was truly a team effort.

> Another significant project that began this year was the development of a Temple Beth El alumni network. As part of a Senior Research Seminar at the University of Puget Sound, three students met with me on a weekly basis in the winter and spring, met with members of the congregation, and completed a report on the steps for creating such a program. The goal of this network is to continue to engage those who grew up at Temple Beth El and those who were members of the temple as adults but now live elsewhere in the life of the temple.

The report is just the first step of this project, which will require significant work by members of the temple community to implement. Please let me know if you would like to work on this project as it moves forward.

A few other events of note this past year included: hosting the interfaith Thanksgiving service that packed our sanctuary; the dedication of the refurbished music room: and our scholar-in-residence weekend sponsored by Lamed Vav featuring Rabbi James Rudin.

Finally, I want to whet your appetite for Mishkan HaNefesh, the new Reform High Holy Day prayer book we will be using this fall. Cantor Elstein and I have received our copies and have already met to begin planning the services. We are sure you will find the new books inspirational, creating the appropriate mood for these important worship services. We are grateful to all those who have donated copies for our use; we are still accepting donations to cover the total cost of these new prayer books.

With the opening of the Brotman Early Learning Center and the new High Holy Day prayer book, we can look forward to an exciting fall and a great way to begin another Jewish year.

May we continue to go from strength to strength.





#### FROM THE CANTOR'S STUDY



Leah Elstein Cantor/ Religious Education Director thoughts.

**Five Years** 

On May 2, 2015, I celebrated the fifth anniversary of my cantorial ordination. The occasion was certainly a chance to years of my life, and I want to share with vou some of those

So much has happened to me both personally and professionally during the past five years. My life looks so different than it once did. And yet, I feel that I am living more of a full and authentic life now than ever before. The life I always dreamed about has come true. Personally, I have a family of my own. I always wanted a partner to share my life with, and I am

grateful for Jacob's presence in my life I shared with a good friend the other each and every day. I also always wanted to have children. Sara is the best blessing of all and I am thankful to be her mom. Professionally, I have grown tremendously. I remember reflect on the past five clearly my interview with the cantorial search committee. I shared with them that I had learned much in school, but knew that I would make mistakes along the way. I am so grateful for our community, though, and the way you have embraced me as I found my way and erred from time to time. You have shared your wisdom and compassion with me and helped me to grow. I feel confident and inspired. I have tremendous hope for the future. This community has not only helped to make me a better cantor; you have also made me a better person.

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day that, looking back, I feel like although I knew what a cantor did, I really had no idea what my life would be like in this role. Throughout the past five years, I have learned through moments of joy and trying moments, too, that there is blessing and truth in everything. Thank you for trusting me to serve you as your clergy and your educator and for your unending support along the way.

It has been a true honor to share this time with you here at Temple Beth El. I look forward to the years of partnership that lie ahead, and may we always go from strength to strength.



## Love your neighbor as yourself

The bat and bar mitzvahs I attend are always inspiring, and Sophie Brownlee's

Sarah Rumbaugh President

was no exception. She tackled the *parashah* containing the "love your neighbor as yourself"

phrase. Common wisdom that is sometimes uncommonly difficult to follow in daily life. What I heard from prioritized and strong personalities Sophie was that she has lived the words of this portion in her every day life. Her mother told a story of Sophie giving a Valentine's Day card to the janitor at her school because even though it is his job to clean up, he is our neighbor too. Everyone needs to be thought of and valued, and we should show compassion for everyone irrespective of what job they have, or what their lot is in life. I don't think there was a dry eye in the sanctuary

after this story was told.

Being president at Beth El can sometimes be a difficult job. Yes, I am sure some people look and think how much work could that be, while others who have been in my shoes know what I am talking about. I am the type of person that wants everyone to be happy, and sometimes that is not possible when interests have to be with divergent views are in the mix. Sadly, not everyone can be made happy in these circumstances. I have to balance the needs of our temple and the majority of members along with the needs of a few people whose point of view is incongruous with the priorities established. So knowing this, I was drawn to the phrase, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Rabbi Kadden gave a sermon that

resonated with me. The Torah reading of Acharei Mot-K'doshim double portion contains the best known passage in all of scripture: "V'ahavta l'rei-acha kamocha/You shall love your neighbor as yourself." We have all heard this verse and many of us have probably contemplated its meaning. I appreciate the challenge of treating someone in a manner we would want to be treated, and it is easy enough when attitudes and values are held in common. The hard part is treating people kindly that we don't necessarily like or who have not been nice to us. Rabbi Kadden says the following:

"The Baal Shem Toy, the founder of Chasidic Judaism, said that 'Just as we love ourselves despite the faults we know we have, so should we love our

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neighbors despite the faults we see in them.' Indeed, it is easy to love those who are kind and caring and decent people, but much harder to love those who do things we don't like. Yet, it is often those people who most need our love."

I leave you with this paragraph as we

go about doing things at temple with each other and engage in discussions and discourse that leave us feeling hurt and unheard. As it is easy to love those who treat us kindly, we should work to love those who are disagreeable and do not see eve to eve with each other. Only in this way can we accomplish our Torah's mandate to love our neighbor as ourselves.

As Sophie can see the love in another human being, we should look to find that value in others, so as to be able to see it in ourselves.

Or, as my husband Stan observes: Curse not your neighbor's dog, nor kick it and treat it rudely. For someday that barking you so despise may awaken you to the fact your own house is on fire.



Kerry Geffen Sisterhood

Last fall, I found myself searching for an inspirational theme to engage the women of our congregation. The Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) with the idea that our Sisterhood with

the theme: "Planning the Next 100 Years." After the WRJ celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2013, this became the theme of the 2014 Fall WRJ Pacific District Conference in Pasadena. Although our Sisterhood was not represented at this conference, I saw how this idea could be useful within our Sisterhood. It is interesting to look back now and see what came out of conversations our Sisterhood members have had around this topic.

The most significant financial contribution our Sisterhood made this past year relating to the future of our temple was the investment in our temple's playground. As mothers, grandmothers and educators our members valued the power of play and the important role it plays in building social relationships and community among the children of the temple. We also hope that, with the opening of the Brotman Early

Learning Center, we will attract more Jewish families to help grow our temple community. We were fortunate enough to also gain additional support for this project from the Tacoma Jewish Community Fund.

**SISTERHOOD** 

website provided me Embracing the idea of how things at our temple might look 100 years from President helped me jumpstart now also spawned some interesting discussion at our general meetings about the creation of a space for our teens as well as a vision for the outside physical environment of our temple. We continue to develop these ideas as we move into next year.

> As we tried to envision the future this past year, our Sisterhood saw how the creation of new social events could inspire our members to be more active. For the first time, we held the Sippin' in the Sukkah event that went over well and we will be hosting it again next year. We also tried to make our Sisterhood sponsored Shabbat educational by addressing a topic of interest to women. This past year, we focused on the topic of human trafficking, which was incredibly eye opening. Just last month, we hosted our first ever manicure/pedicure night at a local nail spa where we could take some time to pamper ourselves a bit.

We continued to support and sponsor many other events throughout this past year such as the Yom Kippur break the fast dinner, decorating the indoor sukkah, Judaica shop Chanukah shopping, breakfast, Hadassah/Sisterhood/TBE Chanukah luncheon, the Mischlo-ach Manot fundraiser during Purim, temple auction basket donations, snacks and BBQ for the religious school, and the Tikkun Olam Committee/Sisterhood spring cleaning clothing drive.

Lastly, our Sisterhood was able to send two representatives to the Fried Leadership Conference in Austin, Texas this past winter. Temple Beth El's Sisterhood will also be represented by several of our members at the WRJ's Pacific Northwest Day training event in Bellevue this July. Developing the leadership skills of our officers will help carry us forward as we move into the future.

I would like to thank all our Sisterhood members, officers, volunteers, board members, temple members, clergy and staff for supporting and working with our Sisterhood this past year. Looking forward to next year!

# **BROTMAN EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

## **Brotman Early Learning Center update**

The Brotman Early Learning Center is moving ahead at full speed. The state licensing process has begun and many **Rebecca Ross** other details are BELC coming together.

Director Furniture and materials have been arriving and the classrooms are getting ready for children. Construction on the new playground has begun and it will be a wonderful space for children of all ages here at Temple Beth El. Some of

the next major steps include enrolling families, marketing so the community knows about our program and hiring teaching staff.

There are many child care and early learning programs available in this area and they vary greatly in philosophy and quality. When searching for a program, families often have a difficult time knowing what to look for and what questions to ask. There are several indicators of quality early learning programs:

Staff—This is arguably the most important aspect of a program. The lead teaching and administrative staff should be educated with degrees in the early childhood education field. It is important to hire teachers who have chosen this field as their career because they are invested, passionate, and have an in-depth understanding of child development. This will also minimize the likelihood of staff turnover. Ongoing professional development and training should be a priority. Most of all, teachers should genuinely love children and be invested in developing relationships with them and their families to strengthen learning potential. Lead teachers at BELC will be required to have a minimum of an AA in Early Childhood Education and two years'

experience as a lead teacher in their preferred age group. BELC will also have several in-service and professional development days throughout the year. Teachers will also have paid planning time.

Ratios—The State of Washington Department of Early Learning regulations mandate the required teacher to child ratios and group sizes. The Brotman Early Learning Center will abide by these regulations and in most cases the classroom ratios will be smaller than the mandated ratios. It is important to us that children have individualized care. Lower ratios make a program safer, allow the teachers to get to know the children better, and decrease stress for all.

Philosophy/curriculum—Research is clear that children learn best through a child-centered, play-based curriculum. Research also indicates that this curriculum and philosophy indicates greater success in a later school years. It is the teacher's responsibility to assess the children and then scaffold their learning in a way that is meaningful to them. Worksheets and flash cards are not developmentally appropriate for young children. Instead, BELC teachers will arrange the classroom into interest areas and provide materials for play and exploration. Assessments of the children are ongoing and serve as the basis for curriculum planning.

Accreditation—Contrary to the belief of many people, having a licensed program is not in and of itself a sign of quality. Licensing provides minimum regulations that serve to keep children healthy and safe and oversees the administrative requirements of the program and staff.

A licensed program receives regular inspections and is more than likely to be better than an unlicensed one, but licensing alone is not necessarily an indication of high quality. A much better indicator is national accreditation, which has higher standards. BELC will seek to be accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children. NAEYC requires programs to be in operation for one full year before they may begin the process.

Family involvement—Quality programs collaborate with families and the greater community to work together in the best interests of the children. Children's learning and development are deeply connected to their families and home lives and it is essential to have home and school working together. BELC will seek to create relationships with families that are respectful, trustworthy and supportive. We will host family and community events, have regular parent/teacher conferences, and will create a Parent Advisory Committee.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments at rebecca@belctacoma.org.



### TEMPLE BETH EL AND JEWISH COMMUNITY INFORMATION



# Looking for a little extra income?

Occasional driver needed for our Temple Beth El office volunteer, Leonard Klein. You may have noticed Leonard at our Saturday morning Shabbat services. Leonard is a retired disabled veteran and has volunteered twice a week in the temple office for 15 years. As someone who is legally blind, yet

independent, Leonard typically takes a Pierce Transit bus or shuttle to most locations. Unfortunately, there are locations such as Joint Base Lewis-McChord and occasional events outside of Tacoma he is unable to get to. As Leonard's wife Linda doesn't drive, they are looking for someone to be available to drive them and are happy to pay for this service. If this is something you or someone you know might be interested in, please contact Leonard or Linda at (253) 474-3170.

# Religious school registration is open!

If you have school-aged children, by now you should have received information about registration for the 5776 school year. Please be sure to adhere to the deadlines for the best prices and register early. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Shelley Antos in the religious school office at shelley@tbetacoma.org or (253) 564-7101. Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to the start of school in September.

# Read2me OTACOMACOMMUNITYHOUSE

Committed tutors are needed for grades 1-3. Different days and hours are available to meet volunteers' schedules. Read2me is a tutoring program that helps developing young readers reach reading benchmark goals by the end of 3rd grade. Volunteers are paired with a 1st, 2nd or 3rd grader who is below grade level reading for 45 minutes a week during the school day.

Volunteers are an integral piece in making this a successful program. Read2me tutors come from various backgrounds business, colleges, faith communities, and retirees. Many temple members have participated in this program.

Please contact Karen Thomas at Tacoma Community House at (253) 383-3951 or kthomas@tacomacommunityhouse.org to sign up to get more information.

# Rabbi Kadden in the community

- Spoke to second graders from St. Patrick's Catholic School about Judaism.
- Met with Rev. David Wright of the University of Puget Sound about developing a kosher kitchen on campus.
- Spoke to the Death and Grief class from UW Tacoma about Jewish beliefs and practices related to death and dying.
- Attended a presentation by Rabbi Arik Ascherman of Rabbis for Human Rights Israel hosted by Seattle University.

# Judaica shop summer news

The Judaica shop will be changing over to summer hours as of June 1. We will only be open on Friday evenings (as long as we have a volunteer), a half hour before services start and by appointment for other days. Remember to check the temple calendar for service times, as the start times vary between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Please feel free to contact us anytime at judaica@tbetacoma.org. Email is the best way to reach us over the summer. You can also call the temple at (253) 564-7101 and ask for the Judaica shop voicemail.

A special thank you to the following volunteers for all their hard work during the school year: Iris Fudell, Linda Brown, Mady Plumer, Wendy Stricherz, Adria Farber and Sue Wax.

The shop is always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in helping out we can train you over the summer. Just send a message to Lisa Sobel at judaica@tbetacoma.org and let us know you would like to become a volunteer.

Have a great summer!

Lisa Sobel

#### FROM THE CONGREGATION

### We congratulate our 2015 graduates

Jacob Berman, son of Steve Berman and Gloria Weinstein, is graduating from Drexel University's medical school in Philadelphia on May 15. He earned his undergraduate degree from Pacific Lutheran University. In June, he starts his preliminary year residency at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane and then he will be a resident in Dermatology at Northshore - Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New York for three years.

**Miri Hyman,** daughter of Stan and Sarah Rumbaugh and sister of Gabrielle Hyman, is graduating from Stadium High School. Miri will be attending the University of Washington in Seattle as a directly admitted freshman to the civil engineering school.

Jacqueline Sarah Kirschner, daughter of Nancy Powell and Paul Kirschner, graduated with a Bachelor of Science

# Mazal tov

**To new grandparents Gail and Bill Lehman**, Great Aunt AnnaLu Farber, Great Cousin Steph Farber and Great Cousin Phyllis Harrison. Kayla (daughter of Gail and Bill Lehman) and David Harpster had a baby boy, Quentin David Harpster, on April 24.

**To Lenny & Donna Reisberg and Iris Fudell and Don Leebrick** on the birth of their granddaughter, Tala Marquez Reisberg, daughter of Josh and Schandra Reisberg, born April 18.

We wish great joy to both families.

**To Deb Freedman** on receiving Tacoma's City of Destiny Award. Deb Freedman is being honored by the City of Tacoma in the area of historical preservation. Deb has been devoted to the Tacoma Historical Society and has also done a great deal of research on the history of the Tacoma Jewish community.

# Condolences

To the family of Anne Lillian, mother of Susan Wilner

# R'fuah sh'leimah

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

Barbara Kadden Lu Farber Vikki Peltomaa Nathan Ross Gary Peterson Judy Harris from Syracuse University's S.I. School of Public Communications. Her major at Newhouse was advertising and she also obtained a minor in marketing from the Whitman School of Management. She will be starting her full time job next month at the advertising agency of Crispin, Porter and Bogusky at their Boulder, Colorado office.

**Brandon S. Ritter,** son of Corinne Ritter, is graduating from Curtis High School. He is enrolled for the fall at Tacoma Community College and plans to pursue a career in the health field.

**Bryan M. Ritter,** son of Corinne Ritter, is graduating from Curtis High School. He is enrolled for the fall at Tacoma Community College and plans to pursue a career in the health field.



# Thank you to our May *oneg* sponsors

**May 1**—the 7th grade religious school class and the family of Sophie Brownlee in honor of her bat mitzvah.

**May 8**—the 7th grade religious school class and the family of Daphne Brandon in honor of her bat mitzvah.

**May 29**—Chardonnay Shabbat sponsored by Stan and Karen Bloustine in honor of their anniversary, Karen's birthday and to bid farewell before their big move to Connecticut.

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

#### JUNE MILESTONES AND TRIBUTES

# Happy birthday

Sabrina Balasa Tia Bjornson Linda Brown Charles Burget Emmet Ceccanti Emily Dean Jani Doctor Elijah Eir Alan Fechter Mac Fingeroot Lisa Finkleman Judith Florence Mark Glickman Elaine Grief Ethan Hammerschmidt Tara Hollander Melissa Hopp Seth Jones Joshua Kay Zoe Keskey Greg Kleiner Jaquelyn Kleiner

# Happy anniversary

Steve & Ellen Mazoff	50
Mark & Analee Reutlinger	48
Ray & Vita Pliskow	47
Michael & Andi Harris	41
Greg & Jaquelyn Kleiner	40
Dmitry & Zhanna Frumkin	37
Jordan & Judy Harris	36

# Yahrzeit readings

#### June 5 and 6

Sophie Baker, Jacob Cohen, Ellie Elsberg, Lawrence Havsy, Seymour Mann, Florence Robinson, Arthur Rosengard, Philip Hubbard, Max Rosen, Henry Rosenberg, Sam Seinfeld, Adolph Lehmann, Alexander Mohrer, Walter Remak, Leonard Robinson, Henry Eisenhardt, Julius Harris, Albert Hebrank, Mary Herstein, Norene Barnes, Irma Lubin, George Ward, Bess Farber, Nathan Friedman, Meyer Mandles, Simon Newman, Fay Winokur and Hilde Wolfers.

#### June 12 and 13

Anna Cartun, Esther Kleiner, Arthur Powell, Moishe Rapoport, Alvina Stricherz, Loretta Davis, Ann Spellman, Ida Kadish, Blossom Shelton, Sophia Akker, Alan Davis, Louis Dietz, Leonard Etsekson, Morris Lyon, Nochem Mesher, Celia Rothstein, Laura Sarney, Kenneth Farber, Monroe Giss, Ruby Burnett, Jack Sheinin, Helen Whitworth, Jerry Finkleman, Herb Gelman, Zelda Salk and Laura Steinman. James Koehler Elizabeth LeRoy Gloria Mayer Caron Nelson Glickman Rhonda Nicholson Ken Panitz Selma Rattner Ryan Rogers Jonathan Ross Herb Simon Eian Snyder Randolph Sobel Camille Stephens Birnbaum Melissa Stoddard Stacy Van Wagoner Sulja Warnick Jack Warnick Ben Weymiller Alex Weymiller David Wheeler Lenore Wyatt

Charles & Tammy Piatok	27
Bryan & Leslie Bright	24
Jim Koehler & Alberta May-Koehler	21
Jon & Kerry Geffen	20
Nathan & Stacy Lappin	17
Matt & Lindsey Kennelly	12
Aaron & Anna Petersen	10

#### June 19 and 20

Aron Feigenbaum, Rose Sherman, Solomon Becker, Robert Grenley, Philip Kleinman, Claude Wohlberg, Lucille Miller, Alexander Cohen, Lillian Goldstone, Margaret Lemin, Peggy Rue, Frank Ruff, William Appel, William Meier, Marc Perles, Fanny Tatt, Herbert Dreier, Clara Joseph, Bertha Schneider, Abraham Kadish, Elizabeth Sheeler, Rose Sussman and Joseph Walker.

#### June 26 and 27

Stanley Fudell, Muriel Winston, J. George Branfeld, Leon Diamond, Victoria Eisen, Floyd Lamken, Max Moises, Myron Donion, Harry Friedman, Ken Karon, Irma Koehler, Harry Seitz, Morris Burnett, Emma Howell, Stanton Josephson, Pasha Ootkin, Frances Etsekson, Samuel Friedman, Simeon Jnkilevich, Rabbi Alexander Astor, Leslie Landau, Joseph McCloy, Jessica Moore, Don Owings, Laura Bradley, Gary Cooper, Judith Hein, Samuel Leonard, Miriam Spigal and Caroline Wurzweiler.

# 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@tbetacoma.org.

#### JULY MILESTONES AND TRIBUTES

# Happy birthday

J. Steven Babbit Yefim Bam	Robert Frank Vladimir Ivliyev	Jacob Mizrahi Kelsey Monaghan-Bergson	David Schumer Bernard Schwartz
Joshua Braun	Jeri Jardine	Murray Pallat	Benjamin Shvidler
Rainer Brown	Jason Kaltenbacher	Ellen Peters	Joseph Shwab
Mikhail Brusser	Eric Kiesel	Anna Petersen	Wendy Stricherz
Yelena Brusser	Andrew Klein	Joshua Piatok	Fredric Tausend
Brian Cox	Lou Kruse	Rachel Piatok	Aidan Touriel
Sara Elstein	Raymond Lappin	N. Bracha Pickering	Joey Touriel
Adria Farber	Gail Lehman	Mickey Portnoy	Gary Wallis
Noah Fetui	Patricia McCloy Ross	Analee Reutlinger	Ellie Weymiller

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# Happy anniversary

Henry & Kate Haas	52
Gary & Cheryl Michaels	46
Boris & Nina Khavin	44
Andy & Stephanie Levine	39
Mikhail & Yelena Brusser	39
Chuck & Susan Burget	38
Leon & Sonia Grunberg	36
Ken & Chris Panitz	30
Paul Kirschner & Nancy Powell	24

# Yahrzeit readings

#### July 3 and 4

Ruth Brandon, Benjamin Lehrer, Wigberto Osma, JJ Cowles, Herman Levy, Ralph Reineman, Byron Rosen, Benjamin Lipnik, Pinkas Buchbinder, Marcie Trent, Joseph Willner, Blanche Camm, Fifi Giss, Vera Kaltinick, Anna Kosin, Ben Abrams, Fanny Aqua, Hedy Bromberg and Joel Schleicher.

#### July 10 and 11

Abe Greenberg, Morris Reisberg, Gertrude Cheim, Ralph Sheeler, Rose Tutnauer, Martin Torem, Arthur Bickel, Beverlyn Lavans, Eva Wolfson, Rochelle Klajner, Rose Klajner, Helen Klajner, Raymond Rochlin, Sarah Cohen, Rose Frankel, Leonard Louik, Melvin Salk, Venedict "Vena" Begun, Rose Clayton, Emanuel Greenstein, Ed Hamlin, Ralph Schneider, Ben Slotnick and Harold Wilner.

#### July 17 and 18

Alice Bender, Helen Feinberg, Jay Grenley, Fannie Levine, Addie Poole, Boris Portnoy, Helga Remak, Simon Rose, Dennis Seinfeld, Paul Feuer, Marvin Flaks, Julian Graff, Bob Leonard, Louis Loewenstein, Vicki Perry, Aaron Schwartz, Janet Seidman, Emmett Harley,

Lenny & Donna Reisberg	22
Christopher Gruber & Miriam Amdur	19
Eric Bergson & Lita Monaghan	17
Steve Smyth & Sigrid Elenga	16
Erica Martin & Melissa Stoddard	12
Peter Selkin & Bonnie Becker	10
Joel & Peggy Ross	9
Christen Kaufman & Laura Kaufman	7
Jacob & Leah Elstein	3

Fred Hollander, Amanda Paden, Rita (Snookey) Simon, Frank Spigal, Ann Fierman, Emmy Mayer, Eva Peltomaa Russ, Saul Soss, Lillian Witenberg, Peter Yudelson, Jacqueline Jaworsky, Alan Kiesel, Charles Platt, Bessie Lehrer, Lillian Leifson, June Willstadter, Ilia Begun, Saul Levy, Jacky Varon and Abraham Zweibel.

#### July 24 and 25

Dani Elenga, Isaac Aqua, Jessica Moore, Faith Geron, Bella LeRoy, Sally Kirschner, Vladimir Miryasin, Irene Franklin, Harris Lappin, Moses Eisenfeld, Florence Goldman, Johanna Loewenstein, Sydelle Mailberg and Minnie Sussman.

#### July 31 and August 1

Harold Bricker, Doreen Cohen, Edith Shindell, Henry Stahl, Mikhail Brusser, Yefim Ziskin, Maybelle Blau, Anna Mandles, Mary-Joan Salerno, Bess Simon, Arnold Flaks, Rose Harris, Morton Harris, Aaron Mandles, Dave Sigel, Fannie Stameisen, Lorraine Schwartz, Dora Brodsky, Jeanett Crystal, Sharon Elstein, Beatrice Fishman, Anderson Herchold, Louis Mesher, William Salk, Rita Wallbank, Roland Bennett, Michael Hodes, Mayer Kaplun and Dorothy Maier.

### **TRIBUTE FUNDS**

When a child in your life celebrates a b'nei mitzvah, or a friend or loved one gets engaged or married, or celebrates a special birthday or anniversary, or a friend's parent dies, or a yahrzeit is to be commemorated, or someone you know is sick, or you want to thank someone who has helped you-don't you wish you had a special way of commemorating the occasion? Well, you do. Temple Beth El has many funds, listed below, to which you can make a donation of as little as \$10 (with the exception of the Endowment Fund) or as much as you like, in "honor of," "memory of," "appreciation of" or to "get well." Your friend or loved one will receive a letter indicating your thoughtfulness, and your name will appear in our bulletin (see opposite page for this month's list). The gift is simple, the friend or loved one is touched, and the temple's budget is enriched or a special program is enhanced.

The envelope included in this bulletin may be mailed to the temple office with your contribution, or you may visit our website at www.templebethel18.org/donate. For questions about your donation, or to request additional envelopes, please contact Andy Mauer at (253) 564-7101 or andy@tbetacoma.org. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful gesture.

#### **Barde Fund**

Supports temple youth programs.

#### **Beautification Fund**

Underwrites aesthetic improvements to the temple building, gardens, and grounds.

#### **BELC Fund**

Provides financial support to the ongoing needs of the Brotman Early Learning Center.

#### **Building Fund**

For mortgage payments and capital improvements to our facility.

#### **Cantor Fund**

Provides financial support for music and other music-related items for the cantor and choir.

#### **Cantor's Discretionary Fund**

Provides the cantor with a financial source for assisting temple or Tacoma community individuals needing special support.

#### **Endowment Fund**

Temple members may make gifts of \$5,000 or higher to this fund. The

income from the fund is used to help ensure temple's future.

#### **Young Families Fund**

Provides support to Temple Beth El's programming that engages our families with young children (under 6) of the Temple Beth El religious in congregational life.

**General Fund** Helps keep our temple operating.

New Millennium Fund Provides perpetual support to the operations of Temple Beth El.

#### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Provides the rabbi with a financial source for assisting temple or Tacoma community individuals needing special support.

#### **Rabbi Richard Rosenthal Continuing Jewish Education Fund**

Supports and encourages educational opportunities that benefit Temple Beth El and the Tacoma Jewish community.

#### **Reach for the Stars Fund** Provides extraordinary, non-budgeted

improvements to the quality of religious school education at Temple Beth El.

#### **Religious School Fund**

Serves the general and special needs school.

#### **Reutlinger Music Fund**

Helps to bring exciting Jewish concerts to temple and the Tacoma community.

#### Sherman Scholarship Fund

Helps families of temple youth requiring financial aid to attend Jewish camps or educational programs.

#### **Special Programs Fund**

Goes toward projects like bringing a special performer or speaker to town.

#### **Tuition Assistance Program**

Subsidizes the scholarship monies available for our religious school and summer camp programs.

# **Quarterly highlighted fund, the Young Families Fund**

The purpose of this fund (formerly the Gan Fund) is to provide support to Temple Beth El's programming that engages our families with young children (under 6) in congregational life. This fund enhances/enriches our Sunday preschool program, our summer programming for families with young children (Kaytana), and other preschool needs intended to target our young families. If you are making a donation to a temple fund this quarter, please consider the Young Families Fund.

#### DONATIONS

#### We gratefully acknowledge these thoughtful contributions to Temple Beth El.

**BARDE FUND** In honor of the birth of Addison Kolbe Herchold Andy & Stephanie Levine In memory of Marguerite Hillman Mary Holden Jay & Wendy Stricherz **BELC FUND** In honor of the birth of Nitai Friedman Andy & Stephanie Levine the 50th anniversary of Howard & Alice Greenwood the 45th anniversary of Mike & Carol Umbehocker Suzanne Leichman **Iris Fudell** Stan & Sarah Rumbaugh the birth of Quentin David Harpster the birth of Tala Marquez Reisberg Howard & Alice Greenwood the birth of Addison Kolbe Herchold Suzanne Leichman In memory of Herman Levinsohn Beverly Johnson Heidi Rice Karen Hausrath Martin Murau Stephen & Robin Elfstrand Norma Steinman Marguerite Hillman Suzanne Leichman Get Well Henry Haas Andy & Stephanie Levine Don Leebrick Stan & Sarah Rumbaugh **BUILDING FUND** In honor of the birth of Addison Kolbe Herchold Jack & Lilly Warnick In memory of Marguerite Hillman Norma Steinman Jack & Lilly Warnick **CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** In honor of **Cantor Elstein** Mady Plumer

Get Well **Gary Peterson** Suzanne Leichman **GAN FUND** In honor of the birth of Nitai Friedman Flo Rose **GENERAL FUND** In honor of the 99th birthday of Maxine Mandles Manson Martinn, Connie & Robb Mandles the confirmation of Connor Simmons Barbara Gelman the birth of Addison Kolbe Herchold the anniversary of David & Barbara Aqua **Stephanie Levine** Stan & Sarah Rumbaugh In memory of Anne Kartsman Marguerite Hillman Stu Farber Norma Steinman Stan & Sarah Rumbaugh Stu Farber Steve Smyth & Sigrid Elenga Norma Steinman Jan Simon Get Well Lu Farber **Judy Harris** Barbara Kadden Steve Smyth & Sigrid Elenga **RABBI ROSENTHAL FUND** In memory of Norma Steinman Jonathan Hurst **Babe Lehrer Steve Steinman** Norma Steinman Joy McNally Norma Steinman Paul Kirschner & Nancy Powell **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** In honor of the 90th birthday of Rabbi Kadden's father Andy & Stephanie Levine Rabbi Kadden Robert & Lesley Frank Mady Plumer

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7	8	9 7:00 p.m. Board orientation	10 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn	11	12 ii8:49PM 7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat service Board installation	13 §9:52PM 9:00 a.m. Torah study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat service
14 9:15 a.m. Bloodmobile at St. Andrew's	15	16 7:00 p.m. Board meeting	17 Rosh Chodesh I	18 Rosh Chodesh II	19 ii <sup>8:52PM</sup> 2:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat at Narrows Glen 7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat service	20 §9:55PM 9:00 a.m. Torah study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat service
21	22	23	24	25 12:00 p.m. Adult luncheon	26 ii8:53PM 9:00 a.m. Rummage sale 5:15 p.m. Chardonnay Shabbat 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat service	27 §9:56PM 9:00 a.m. Torah study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat service
28 9:00 a.m. Rummage sale	29	30				

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#### July 2015 14 Tammuz 5775 - 15 Av 5775 Tuesday Sunday Monday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday 2 ii8:52PM §9:55PM 1 3 4 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Poker night offsite Torah study 6:00 p.m. Temple office closure 10:00 a.m. Shabbat service Erev Shabbat service Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day ii8:49PM §9:52PM 5 §9:55PM 6 7 8 9 10 11 Fast of Tammuz 17 11:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Jewish book club Erev Shabbat service Torah study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat service and bar mitzvah of Joshua Piatok ii8:44PM §9:46PM 12 14 16 17 13 15 18 9:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Home of Peace Cemetery 9:30 a.m. Rosh Chodesh Torah study Kaytana Kaytana 7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat service clean up 10:00 a.m. Shabbat service ii8:37PM 21 23 §9:39PM 19 20 22 25 24 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Religious school parent 9:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. Erev Shabbat service Torah study Kaytana Kaytana advisory committee 7:00 p.m. Board meeting 10:00 a.m. Shabbat service and bat meeting offsite mitzvah of Tia Bjornson 31 §9:32PM/ii8:29PM §9:38PM 26 27 28 29 30 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Fast of Tisha B'Av Tu B'Av 5:15 p.m. Chardonnay Shabbat Kaytana Kaytana 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat service

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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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-	SAVE THE DATE Temple Beth El's First annual bazaar → open house
-	Sunday, October 18 in the social hall
<del>.</del>	Temple Beth El needs talented people who hand-Create treasures!
availab	first annual bazaar & open house will have table space le for you to show off and sell your hand-made Creations! urse Judaic items are always sought after; however, one

r, one Of course ☆ Cannot resist a unique bird feeder, hand Crafted purses, Clever  $\Delta$  $\stackrel{\frown}{\Delta}$ Knick knacks, quilted specialties, or a new shiny jewel!

> Please contact Ashley Zantkovsky to reserve your table portion! (253) 846-6070 or text (253) 988-2970.

> > RSVP by September 20. This event is open to the public.