



Being Linked In – A Personal Perspective *Rabbi Judy Schindler*

LinkedIn is a social media site connecting professionals. One can post articles, share career transitions, and be endorsed for strengths. Being linked in is not only a professional aspiration for

those in business, but more importantly, it is the goal of Jewish life.

In the middle of this month, our son, Alec, will become more strongly linked in to the Jewish people as he becomes a Bar Mitzvah.

Alec, who is named for my father, will be called to the Torah with my dad's Hebrew name Alexander. Wearing the tallis that Chip wore at his Bar Mitzvah and holding the Torah donned with the Torah cover which my father-in-law, Ed, donated, Alec will be connected to the generations before him.

As I prepare for this day, memories race through my mind of the many moments our family has become so strongly linked in to Temple Beth El.

In October 1998, right before we left town for our wedding, Chip and I were given the aliyah at Simchat Torah in the David Silverman Social Hall. As we turned the Torah from Deuteronomy to Genesis starting it anew, Chip and I turned from separate lives to building a home, family and life together.

It was early in February of 2000 that the sanctuary was filled with congregants sharing our joy as we celebrated first Maxwell's bris and then Alec's bris two years later in 2002.

In November of 2000, my father died. Congregants supported me through the tears of grief and the fears of moving forward without him as my mentor. How I would find the words to deliver High Holiday sermons without my father's powerful edits and ideas? How would I navigate the challenges of the rabbinate that lay ahead?

Throughout my sixteen and one half years here, I have personally experienced many lifecycle moments at Temple Beth El – my marriage blessing, the birth of our two boys, the death of a parent. As I wept tears of joy or tears of sorrow, being linked in to all of you helped lift me up.

My father, Rabbi Alexander Schindler wrote: Our lives are a wilderness, uncharted and unpredictable - untimely deaths, unexpected blows, unsuitable matches, unfulfilled dreams. And yet, by gathering our heartaches into a house of worship, we find something transformative happening - our sorrows become windows of compassion. Paths through the wilderness, hewed and marked by past generations, give us our bearings. Patterns of meaning and significance emerge. We are moved from self-pity to love. Our individual heartbeats merge with the pulse of all humankind. Suddenly we no longer tremble like an uprooted reed.

Temple Beth El has helped my family feel rooted, grounded, connected, and linked in. As we celebrate our second son's Bar Mitzvah, we are grateful for the large and wonderful 2500 person Temple Beth El family of which we are a part.

As extended members of our family, we invite you to join us in celebrating Alec's Bar Mitzvah weekend either for MLK Shabbat on Friday night, for Alec's Bar Mitzvah on Saturday morning (followed by a kiddush luncheon*) or simply by keeping us in your thoughts.

[Click Here to RSVP](#) for the luncheon on Temple Beth El website, www.beth-el.com, or by calling 704-749-3070.

January Congregational Shabbat – Something For Everyone

Saturday, January 10, 2015

Come to one component or stay for it all.

9:00 AM - Shabbat morning experiences

- Workshop: Abraham *“The Power of the Powerless: King, Heschel and the Great Prophets of Israel”* with Rabbi Mort Kaplan
- Teen Band and Teen Vocal Ensemble with Cantor Bernard
- Sheva Seventh Grade Program
- The Farber Leadership Program
- Tot Shabbat

10:15 AM – Congregational Shabbat Brunch

11:00 AM - Congregational Shabbat Service

This service is for and by you, the members of our Temple family. This month, the D’var Torah will be presented by Elliott Tate Mayer. The Torah will be read by Hannah Lieberman and Amalia Warshenbrot. Howard Seidler will chant the Haftarah. We will invite for separate aliyot, new members of Temple Beth El, our Comparative Religion Committee, and Sterling Elementary volunteers. There are lots of opportunities for participation. If you want an honor in the service just let the clergy know.

Temple Beth El Presents 18th Annual Comparative Religion Series:

“Religion & Science: Can They Coexist?”

Tuesday Evenings

January 20 – February 24, 2015

Temple Beth El’s 18th Annual Comparative Religion Series will explore whether religious belief does or should have anything to do with scientific reasoning. The entire community is invited to attend this series that seeks to understand the religious perspectives on the question: “Religion and Science: Can They Coexist?”

This January and February, educators and religious leaders representing five Charlotte area faiths will discuss their faith’s perspectives on this topic. They will provide compelling answers to such questions as: How do your sacred texts align and conflict with scientific developments? How do scientific developments impact your day to day congregational lives? What are some of

the current scientific developments or discoveries with which you are grappling, and what teachings or texts in your tradition will you employ to deal with those challenges?

The series will culminate with a panel discussion with Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, Temple Beth El, and Dr. Derek Raghavan, a cancer researcher and medical oncologist, who will address such questions as: Is God involved in science? Does science impact our views of God?

Sessions will run from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Educators and religious leaders representing Judaism, Buddhism, Roman Catholicism, Islam and the Baptist faith will offer their perspectives and respond to your questions on this engaging topic.

Schedule:

- **January 20:** Rabbi Judy Schindler, Temple Beth El, Reform Jewish Perspective and Introduction and Rabbi Chanoch Oppenheim, Charlotte Torah Center, Orthodox Jewish perspective
- **January 27:** Ryusho Jeffus, Shonin, Myosho-Ji, Wonderful Voice Buddhist Temple, Buddhist perspective
- **February 3:** Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ (Society of Jesus), Vatican Observatory, Roman Catholic perspective
- **February 10:** Amad Shakur, Founder and Director of the Center for the African Diaspora, Islamic perspective
- **February 17:** Reverend Russ Dean, Co-Pastor, Park Road Baptist Church, Baptist perspective
- **February 24:** Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, Temple Beth El, and Dr. Derek Raghavan, President of the Levine Cancer Institute, internationally-renowned cancer researcher and medical oncologist Panel discussion to culminate the Comparative Religion Series.
- **March 3:** Snow date

Martin Luther King Shabbat

Friday, January 16th, 2015, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Temple Beth El will kick off the MLK Weekend as we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King and reflect on the ways in which we need to continue to work together to bring his vision to life for a more just society.

This year’s MLK exchange will be with dynamic and passionate preacher and leader Pastor Donnie Garris of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Grier Heights.

Pastor Garris has been leading Antioch since 1997. He is active in the community serving on our CMS Interfaith Advisory council, working on issues of affordable housing, supporting R.A.I.N. (Regional AIDS Interfaith Network) and especially serving the needs of the Grier Heights Community.

Pastor Garris received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Shaw University, Raleigh, NC in 1988 and a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ in 1991. He was ordained by the Zion Baptist Association of North Carolina in 1985. He is married to Regina L. Mack-Garris in 1990; and they have one son, Jonathan Christian.

A highlight of our annual MLK service is the music. The Lion of Judah Church Praise Team under the leadership of Pastor Sharon Richardson, joined by our Temple Beth El adult choir, will lift up our service and prayers. Thirteen Lion of Judah Praise Team dancers will do a candle light dance to *O Guide My Steps*.

As part of the MLK annual exchange, Rabbi Judy Schindler will be preaching at Antioch Missionary Baptist on Sunday, January 25th at 10:00 am. Both events are open to the community.

A Taste of Judaism...Are you curious?

Come join us to learn (or re-learn) about core Jewish principles and explore the Jewish perspective on living in today's world. Everyone is welcome, Jewish or NOT!

Temple Beth El will offer four, 90 minute classes, featuring an introduction to: Jewish spirituality, Jewish values, Jewish history and Jewish traditions. These **free** classes will be held at the Temple on Wednesday evenings, January 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 7 to 8:30 PM. Rabbi Judith Schindler, Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, and Cantor Mary Thomas will lead the classes.

Don't miss this great opportunity to get to know the Temple Beth El Clergy and learn the basics of Judaism in a relaxed setting. Seating is limited and registration is required.

To register, please [Email Candace Naliboff](#) or (704)749-3068.

Alec Wallach's Bar Mitzvah

**** RABBI JUDY REQUESTS NO GIFTS, PLEASE! ****

Donations can be made in Alec's honor to the Temple Beth El General Fund.

[Click Here](#) to make a donation to Temple Beth El.

[Click Here to RSVP](#) for the luncheon on Temple Beth El website, www.beth-el.com, or by calling 704-749-3070.

BAKERS NEEDED!

On Friday, January 16, 2015, Temple Beth El will hold its annual MLK Shabbat to which the community is invited. On Saturday, January 17th, Alec Wallach, son of Rabbi Judy and Chip, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah and our congregation is invited to share in this milestone event. We are asking you, our congregants, to bake for the Oneg on Friday evening and for the kiddush on Saturday. We hope you'll make your favorites to contribute to this special weekend.

[Click Here](#) to let us know you'll bake. (Requested quantity is 2 - 3 dozen pieces.) All baked goods should be brought to the Temple by noon on Friday, January 16th. (Please mark your baked goods if there are any nut products) A team of congregants will prepare the trays for the weekend. Thank you for helping make this special weekend "Home Made."

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WITH MUCH LOVE AND PRIDE

WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE OUR HAPPINESS

AS OUR SON

ALEC FRANKLIN

אלכסנדר פייבעל

IS CALLED TO THE TORAH

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS BAR MITZVAH

SATURDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH OF JANUARY

TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

TEMPLE BETH EL

5101 PROVIDENCE ROAD

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW SERVICE

JUDY AND CHIP WALLACH

Sacred Study

SouthPark Talmud

January 7th & 21st, February 4th & 18th
Wednesdays, Noon at
Rooster's WoodFired Grill,
6601 Morrison Blvd.

Uptown Talmud

January 14th & 28th, February 11th & 25th
Wednesdays, Noon at
Bechtler Museum Café, 420 S. Tryon St.

Jolt of Judaism

The Pew Study – Vanishing Jews?

Saturday, January 24th, 1:45 PM
at Katz NY Deli, 8045 Providence Rd.

Tu Bishvat Seder

Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 PM at Temple Beth El

S.P.I.C.E.

Monday, January 5th at Temple Beth El

- **11:00 AM** - Rabbi Schindler - "Life Lessons from Famous TV Personalities"
- **12:00 PM** - Lunch - assorted wraps (turkey, roast beef, vegetarian), side salads, fruit salad & assorted desserts
- **12:45 PM** - Bob Lidz, TBE congregant, "Reflections on the Early History of Television"

[Click Here](#) to RSVP by Tuesday, December 30th. After Dec. 30th reservations are closed. After that, you are still welcome to attend the program. Please call 704-749-3070 to make a seat reservation no later than Sun. Jan. 4th at noon.

Wednesday, January 21st at Temple Beth El

- **11:00 AM** - Rabbi Schindler - The video "Kinship and Conflict" with Rabbi Schindler and Johnson C. Smith's Dr. Ron Carter will be shown.

- **12:00 PM** - Lunch - vegetarian chili and cornbread
- **12:45 PM** - Fannie Flono, retired editorial writer and columnist at The Charlotte Observer, will share stories about Race Relations.

[Click Here](#) to RSVP required by Thursday, January 15th.

Save the dates!

Bagels & Book

Sunday, February 22, Noon



Religious School Welcomes Dan Nichols

Saturday, March 14, 11:00 AM

Beloved Jewish Rocker, Dan Nichols, is coming to TBE on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the 11:00 AM Shabbat morning service.

Celebrate with Dan at Education and Teacher Appreciation Shabbat!

Dan Nichols is a singular talent in the world of Jewish music. He is one of the most dynamic, influential and beloved Jewish musicians in North America. Dan's melodies have become an integral part of the spiritual and liturgical experience of countless individuals and Jewish communities. Dan's live performances are legendary for their unrestrained energy and infectious spirit.

Club Sandwich Jewish Living Group

**Monday, January 26th at 7:00 PM
at the Whole Foods Cafe**

Join others in The Club (caring for family members in multiple generations) for an informal discussion on the topic “**Jewish Views on Death and Dying.**” We will study and discuss what tradition teaches and how our own experiences impact what we think. We plan to meet on the second floor of the Whole Foods Cafe. Arrive early to purchase gelato, dinner, or a glass of wine.

For more information, [Email Beth DiNicola](#).

Saturday, January 10th at 10:15 AM
Club Sandwich will sit together at the Congregational Shabbat Brunch.

[Click Here](#) to register at by January 7.

Be sure to check the box that says, “**I plan to sit with Club Sandwich.**” More information about Congregational Shabbat is available at the beginning of this edition.

ChaiLytes

A Social Group of TBE for Active Adults.

HAPPY HOUR!

**Thursday, January 22nd at 5:00 pm at
Rooster’s Wood Fired Kitchen, South Park
6601 Morrison Blvd.**

Help us celebrate the New Year with post-holiday revelry & your friends. Bar Bites Menu Available – Find us in the front bar area. Questions?

[Email Rick Lipson](#) or call Donna Foster
704-525-5188.

ChaiLytes Super Bowl Party

**Sunday, February 1st at 6:00 pm at
Rick and Ellen Lipson’s home**

Join us for a Super Bowl Party. \$5 per person and BYOB. Attendance limited. RSVP required by calling 704-749-3070 or [Click Here](#) by January 28th.

Questions – contact Rick at 513-607-6946 or Ellen at 513-260-2016.

Mah Jongg Mavens Kickoff Event

Shabbat, February 20th and 21st

Save the date for our kickoff event! Shabbat, February 20th and 21st. This ongoing Jewish Living group will meet for the first time in February for an immersive learning Shabbat where experienced mavens bring new players up to speed.

For more information, [Email Cantor Mary](#).

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, January 10th at 9:00 AM

Join Ms. Patty, Cantor Mary, and all of your friends at Tot Shabbat for singing, dancing, and praying. Our service is followed by a snack and craft.

To volunteer time or donate funds to help support Tot Shabbat, please [Email the Porch](#).



Rabbi Judy's Sweet Sixteen: 80s Party

**Saturday, January 31st, 8:00 – 11:00 PM
at Temple Beth El**

Rabbi Judy never had a Sweet Sixteen party in the 1980s, so we're throwing her a party now to celebrate her 16 years of devotion to Temple Beth El. This "fun-raiser" will include 80s themed music, dancing, and dessert. Come dressed in your best 80s attire!

Please consider an optional gift in Rabbi Judy's honor from her Sweet 16 registry (in the Temple lobby). Requested items represent essential needs for Temple Beth El's daily life, ranging from a box of tissues to a bottle of wine for our Shabbat Kiddush to transportation costs for youth conventions.

Cost is \$18 plus a cash bar. [Click Here to RSVP](#) by January 27th.



Brotherhood First Thursday Social

**Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 PM
at Brixx Pizza at Foxcroft**

7814 Fairview Road, 704.295.0707

Come join fellow TBE Brotherhood members for casual dinner at Brixx. No RSVP is required.

Brotherhood Breakfast

Featuring the Charlotte

Hornets Radio Broadcast Team

**Sunday, January 11th at 10:00 AM
at Temple Beth El**

Cost is \$10 for breakfast and program. Open to TBE Brotherhood members and prospective TBE

Brotherhood members only. RSVPs are required by [Email](#) or watch for your Punch Bowl invitation.

Speakers: Scott Lauer, the Hornets Radio Play-by-Play Announcer, and Matt Carroll, the color analyst for the Hornets Radio Network and the Community Ambassador for the Charlotte Hornets.

Scott Lauer has been the radio voice of the Charlotte Hornets NBA basketball team since the 2007-2008 season (when the team was Charlotte Bobcats). Prior to that, Scott served three seasons as the studio host for radio broadcasts. Scott is also a veteran sportscaster for ESPN 3, and is the only TV agent in the country who is also an active broadcaster. Scott represents numerous broadcasters in news, weather and sports.

Matt Carroll is the color analyst for the Hornets Radio Network and the Community Ambassador for the Charlotte Hornets. Matt was also one of the most productive guards to play for the Charlotte Bobcats (2005-09 and 2010-12). Matt played college basketball at Notre Dame and was named All-American Honorable Mention by the Associated Press and All-Big East First Team as a senior.

2015 Brotherhood Programs

In addition to the events above, the following is a calendar of Brotherhood events scheduled for 2015:

- **2/08/15** Sunday Brunch
- **3/20/15** Brotherhood Shabbat & Man of Distinction Award
- **3/29/15** Sunday Brunch – Yom HaShoah candle packing
- **3/31/15** Brotherhood Men's Seder
- **4/19/15** Sunday Brunch - Yom HaShoah program featuring Dr. Susan Cernyak-Spatz
- **5/17/15** Sunday Project: Mitzvah Day
- **6/10/15** Brotherhood Annual Meeting & BBQ
- **6/14/15** Sunday Brunch

[Email our Brotherhood President, Jeff Bierer](#) for more information or if you want to get more involved with Brotherhood.

Donation Drive

Ways and Means Committee announces donation drive for clothes, shoes, handbags, towels, linens, *all textiles!*

Did you know the number one cause of toxins in our landfills is CO₂ emissions from textiles. Donate your clothes, shoes, purses, linens, towels, or any textiles to our collection bins and help save the environment:

- All textile materials accepted
- Items in any condition—reusable, torn, dirty
- All items repurposed for sale in thrift stores or recycled

Bins will be located at Temple Beth El beginning Monday, January 5th. Drive by and leave your items (in plastic bags) directly in the bins. Donation receipts will be available at the Temple's reception desk. (Save your household items, furniture, sporting goods, etc. for our Attic Sale May 3rd and 4th!)

Youth

Kindergarten-7th Grade Youth Fundraiser: Family Bingo Tournament

Saturday, January 24th from 3:00-5:00 PM

Cost: \$5/card, \$2/additional cards

Ready for a day of fun for the family, all while supporting TBE Youth? The Youth Engagement Committee is hosting a fabulous youth fundraiser, featuring a delicious ice cream sundae bar, some entertainment, and Bingo with lots of great prizes! All TBE Youth and families are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

[Click Here](#) to register by Wednesday, January 28th. Cost includes ice cream sundae bar. All proceeds will benefit Temple Beth El Youth Scholarships.

Winter Kallah & NFTY

SAR Regional Board

Elections for 9th-12th Graders

January 16th-19th at

Congregation Ahavath Chesed in Jacksonville, FL

Regular Registration: \$125 until Friday, January 2nd;

Late Registration: \$175 until Monday, January 5th.

Join all your NFTY SAR (Southern Area Region) friends for Winter Regional for Regional Board elections! If you are interested in running for NFTY regional board, [Click Here](#).

Transportation will be provided by Temple Beth El for an additional charge. Please check your email for updates! Limited Financial assistance is available for event registration and transportation.

The Youth Engagement Committee is grateful to our TBE community for making our Autobell Youth Fundraiser a success. This year we raised \$2500 which will enable many of our kids to participate in youth opportunities. Thank you for your loyalty and support of our amazing TBE Youth.



Sterling Elementary

Please donate healthy snacks for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st graders at Sterling!! Bulk bags (Cheez-Its, pretzels, etc) are great! The teachers end up paying for the snacks for these kids, so please help!!

Electronics Recycling On Mitzvah Day

Save all your older electronics for recycling at Mitzvah Day -- computers, printers, TV's, most anything using a plug or batteries. Bring them even if not operating. Goodwill can repair many items and extend the useful life. If not, many of the component parts are recycled and avoid the landfill. And, yes, save those batteries for Mitzvah Day. We'll take them to the Foxhole for recycling. Thank you!

Respect Week

February 9th – 13th

Teens, Spread the message that LOVE IS RESPECT by wearing Orange4LOVE on **Tuesday,**

February 10th.

[Click Here](#) to find out more about what you can do at your Temple and school. You can also find information at [Teen Dating Violence Committee](#).

Room in the Inn (RITI)

Room in the Inn (RITI) Needs Volunteers!

Temple Beth El, Temple Israel, and The Levine JCC partner each year with Urban Ministries to provide shelter and food for the homeless during the winter months. The goal is to keep our city's homeless people from freezing in the cold winter nights. There are so many ways to help!

To volunteer, please [Email Patty Torcellini](#) or call **704-236-1855**.

We are hosting our friends Jan 3rd – 4th and 17th – 18th and Feb. 14th – 15th.

Anshei Mitzvah

Please join us as we are called to the Torah as Adult B'nei Mitzvah and celebrate our journey of Jewish living and learning.

Saturday, January 3, 2015

11:00 AM at Temple Beth El

JoAnne Blackstone

Whitney Feld

Dawn Gold

Janet Hunt

Leah Weinstein

Sandra Gold Weinstein

Kelly Wilson



January B'nei Mitzvah



Alec Franklin Wallach

Parashat Va'era

January 17, 2015

Alec is the son of Rabbi Judy and Chip Wallach. His grandparents are Rhea Schindler of Westport, CT, and the late Rabbi Alexander Schindler, and Ed Wallach of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and the late Cynthia Wallach. Alec is the brother of Maxwell.



William Jacob Abrams

Parashat Bo

January 24, 2015

William is the son of Dru Dougherty and Rick Abrams. His grandparents are Laurie and Alan Kaufman of Boca Raton, FL, Bob Abrams and Joan Glick of San Francisco, CA and Keith and Jackie Dougherty of Sarasota, FL. William is the brother of Mitch, Tim, and Grant.

Sharing Our Lives

Our Condolences:

- Long time member, **Sue Appelbaum**
- **Eleanor Miller Joffe**, aunt of **Emi Miller**
- **Shirley Farrell**, mother of **Jeffrey Farrell Laube**
- **Sharon Newman**
- Temple member **Leona Lefkowitz**, mother of **David Lefkowitz**
- **David K. Dalke**, grandfather of **Miriam Gold**

Mazel Tov to:

- Mazel Tov to **Mel Rosenbaum** and **Tom Stutts** on their marriage in Santa Barbara on November 29, 2014, the 25th anniversary of when they first met. Congratulations also to Mel's mom and longtime Beth El member, **Betty Rosenbaum**.
- **Jordan Poler** was inducted into "**Phi Beta Delta**", the Honor Society for International

Scholars on November 19, 2014. Jordan has traveled to and lectured in India, Israel, Russia and many international meetings here in the United States. Congratulations also to proud parents, **Gene Ruth** and **Milt Poler**.

- **Renee Goozner** on the birth of her granddaughter, **Elizabeth Ann Schacher**, on November 28, 2014. Proud parents are **Steven** and **Melissa**.
- Mazel Tov to **Stephanie Brodsky & Rob Haynes** on their marriage on Dec. 18, 2014. Congratulations also to proud parents, **Sue** and **Mike Littauer**.
- Mazel Tov to **Fran** and **Jeff Lyons** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Molly Renee Neiss**, December 8, 2014. Proud parents are **Allison** and **Aaron Neiss**. And Mazel Tov to Great Grandfather **Bennett Lyons**.
- Thank you to **Andrew Coen** and **Lily Angel** for their contribution to our Oneg Shabbat on November 28, 2014 in honor of the naming of their daughter **Emilia Lucia Coen**.

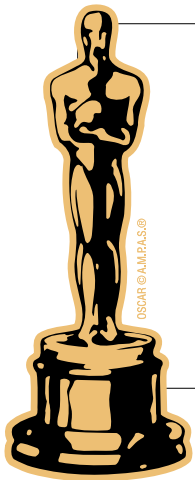
January 2015 Milestone Birthdays

- **January 2** Robert Yudell
- **January 4** Laura Sinai
Peter Smul
- **January 6** Stephen Liccione
- **January 8** Melissa Schine
Toby Spitzer
- **January 10** Shirley Rosen
- **January 16** Liza Alexander
- **January 20** Robert Weiss
- **January 26** Marc Lewin

January 2015 Milestone Anniversaries

- **January 7** Seth & Monique Werner, 20
- **January 11** Isaac & Berta Grossman, 40
- **January 15** Peter & Sheryl Marx, 10
- **January 16** Albert & Libby Behar, 55
- **January 23** Marvin & Marlene Hendler, 25
- **January 28** Mark & Harriet Perlin, 20

SAVE THE DATE!



The Oscars are coming February 22nd!

Oscar Day Brunch at Temple Beth El – Sunday February 22nd at 11:00 AM Great Food and Drinks! Select the Winners! Adults only (We'll provide movies for the children)

New Legacy Society Members Recognized



Temple Beth El recognizes those individuals and families who are leaving gifts to Temple Beth El as a result of our Create a Jewish legacy (CJL) program. They are:

- Bob and Denise Cooper
- Andrews and Gwen Lindner
- Peter and Sharri Benjamin
- Mort and Mary Kaplan
- Harry and Laurie Sparks
- Joan Kirschner
- Nancy Glass
- Larry and Carole Nicholson

We owe a hug debt of gratitude to our former Temple Beth El members and leaders who made sure that we would have a strong and viable Temple today. Now it is our turn to help ensure the future of Temple Beth El. We deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of all our Legacy Society members.

For more information, [Email Sara Schreibman](mailto:sara@templebethel.org) or call **704-749-3050**.

The Temple Beth El Whisper is published on the first of alternating months by Temple Beth El, a Reform Congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism.

Due to its size, the Whisper will only include the upcoming Temple programs and events, the monthly calendar, b'nei mitzvah for the month and limited other features. Community information will be included in the VOICE on alternating months.

The Whisper is published six times a year.

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|  <h1>January</h1> | | | | 1 10 Tevet | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | Office Closed | 6:00 Family Shabbat Worship Service 6:00 Kabbalat Shabbat | 9:30 FIJI 9:30 Torah Study 11:00 Anshei Mitzvah Service |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:00 B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring | RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 11:00 SPICE Program 7:00 Board of Directors Meeting | 5:30 B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring 7:30 MLK Choir Rehearsal | RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 10:30 Senior Sage Planners Meeting 12:00 South Park Talmud 5:30 Sisterhood Board Meeting 6:00 TVE Rehearsal 7:00 Hebrew High School 7:00 Learn to Read Hebrew 7:00 Taste of Judaism | 10:00 Learn to Read Hebrew 11:00 Hebrew, Prayer & Torah Study | 7:00 Community Shabbat Service | 9:00 Congregational Shabbat Workshop 9:00 Robyn Farber Leadership 9:00 Sheva Program 9:00 Tot Shabbat 10:15 Congregational Shabbat Brunch 11:00 Congregational Shabbat Service |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:00 B'nei Mitzvah Parent Meeting - 2017 Dates 10:00 Brotherhood Breakfast 11:00 B'nei Mitzvah Parent Meeting - 2017 Dates 1:15 Religious School Committee Meeting 6:00 B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring | RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 11:00 SPICE Committee Meeting 5:30 Comparative Religion Committee 6:30 Youth Engagement Committee 7:00 Finance Committee 7:00 Member Services Committee | 3:30 CJL Team Meeting 5:30 B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring 7:30 MLK Choir Rehearsal | RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 12:00 Uptown Talmud 6:00 Ways and Means Meeting 7:00 Learn to Read Hebrew 7:00 Taste of Judaism | 10:00 Learn to Read Hebrew 11:00 Hebrew, Prayer & Torah Study | Winter Kallah- Jacksonville,FL 6:15 Service of Healing & Comfort 7:00 Martin Luther King Shabbat Service | Winter Kallah- Jacksonville,FL 9:30 FIJI 9:30 Torah Study 11:00 Shabbat Morning Service - Bar Mitzvah of Alec Wallach |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 1 Shevat | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 10:00 Jewish War Veterans 10:00 The Porch Committee Meeting 6:00 B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring | RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 10:00 Senior Sage 6:00 Club Sandwich Jewish Living Group 6:00 Executive Board Meeting | 5:30 B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring 7:00 Comparative Religion Series | RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 12:00 Uptown Talmud 7:00 Hebrew High School 7:00 Learn to Read Hebrew 7:00 Taste of Judaism | 10:00 Learn to Read Hebrew 11:00 Hebrew, Prayer & Torah Study | 7:00 Community Shabbat Service | 9:30 FIJI 9:30 Torah Study 11:00 Shabbat Morning Service 8:00 Rabbi Judy's Sweet Sixteen Party |



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Temple Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
 Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
The office is closed on Saturday & Sunday.

WORSHIP SERVICES – January 2015

Friday, January 2

Family Shabbat Worship 6:00 PM
 Kabbalat in Chapel 6:00 PM

Saturday, January 3

Torah Study 9:30 AM
 Shabbat Morning Service/
 Anshei Mitzvah Service 11:00 AM

Friday, January 9

Community Shabbat 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 10

Congregational Shabbat Experiences 9:00 AM
 Congregational Shabbat Breakfast 10:15 AM
 Congregational Shabbat Service 11:00 AM

Friday, January 16

Service of Healing & Comfort 6:15 PM
 Martin Luther King Shabbat 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 17

Torah Study 9:30 AM
 Shabbat Morning Service/
 Bar Mitzvah 11:00 AM

Alec Wallach,
Son of Rabbi Judy and Chip Wallach

Friday, January 23

Community Shabbat 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 24

Torah Study 9:30 AM
 Shabbat Morning Service/
 Bar Mitzvah 11:00 AM
 William Abrams,
Son of Rick and Dru Abrams

Friday, January 30

Community Shabbat 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 31

Torah Study 9:30 AM
 Shabbat Morning Service 11:00 AM



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