

July 2010

Shalom TBE Members,

Fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be an exciting year at Temple Beth El. I am Marla Norton, President of Temple Beth El. By the time you are reading this, I expect you will have read the initial greeting from Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein, our new Rabbi. Rabbi Micah and his family are excited to be here and look forward to meeting all of you. You may also have noticed the telltale signs behind the building that signal the start of construction on the new building, which is being generously funded by Robert Temko in memory of his late wife, Vicki, a dear friend to many of you. An informal groundbreaking was held on June 25<sup>th</sup> and the work is underway. Please do not enter the construction area or communicate with the workers or supervisors on the job; all issues should be directed to Al Kagel or a member of the TBE Board. The projected completion time is next spring.

With all of these positive changes, I am pleased to enclose the 2010 – 2011 membership information packet. Treasurer Ann Herman and I look forward to seeing you at registration on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 – 8:30. To help expedite the registration process, please review the packet and complete all relevant forms before registration so that you arrive prepared with completed forms and check(s). In-person registration is your opportunity to meet Rabbi Micah, interact with members of the TBE Board, learn about our auxiliary organizations, meet some of our religious school teachers, purchase religious school books and pick up your high holiday tickets. For your convenience, if you meet the guidelines in the registration packet, you may mail your registration forms and your required dues payment in lieu of in-person registration.

As you make your pledge, please keep in mind TBE's dues structure is based on each family paying its fair share, which requires an honest evaluation of your total household income (from all sources). Your cooperation is critical in helping Temple Beth El meet its monthly budget obligations. To those who can and do give over and above the dues amount specified for their income level, your generosity helps us improve the quality of our facility and fulfill our mission, and to account for those who, due to hardship, must support the Temple Beth El community by giving of their time in lieu of some portion of their scheduled dues.

This year, based on congregational input, the Ritual Committee has experimented with changing the High Holiday honors system. Rather than assigning individual English readings to congregants, we will be inviting selected congregants to join us on the bima for a specified time period, and to approach the podium and lead the Congregation in all English prayers that fall during that span. We hope that this will improve the flow of the services, reduce the number of "no shows" for honors and reduce the distractions Rabbi Micah must deal with as he adapts to our High Holiday routine. We will also continue to honor congregants who have given their time, energy and other valuable assistance in support of Temple Beth El with ark openings, aliyahs, Torah holding. While this means there will be fewer members receiving honors, we hope that you find these honors more meaningful.

In closing, I invite you to contact me with any ideas you may have to improve things here at TBE or any concerns you wish to share. As the new year rapidly approaches, I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 5771.

B'Shalom

Marla Norton, TBE President

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**For more information...**

**Membership:**

Marla Norton                      610-255-0559  
Dolores Aaronson                366-8330

**Religious School:**

Andrea Finestrauss              366-8330  
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**High Holiday Service:**

Temple office                      366-8330

**RABBI MICAH: rabbimicah at tbede.org**

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Ann Herman                        737-2090  
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Renee Felder                      610-347-0518  
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Joe Despina                        235-0360

**BBYO:**

Christian Taub                    266-9285

**TEMPLE WEB SITE: tbede.org**



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### DISCOVERY GROUP

A once-a-month class for 3 and 4 year olds on **Sundays from 10:30 - 11:30** at Temple Beth El with Rabbi Micah and teacher, Allyson Goldberg. Children explore Jewish customs & ceremonies and the holidays in a warm, fun atmosphere with songs, stories, arts & crafts, and snack - A wonderful introduction for the little ones. **This program is open to the entire Jewish community. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 366-8330 TO REGISTER.** Dates for the 2010-2011 year are:

<b>October 17</b>	<b>December 12</b>	<b>February 6</b>	<b>April 10</b>
<b>November 7</b>	<b>January 9</b>	<b>March 6</b>	

**Call the TBE office or check the website for our Tot Shabbat Schedule.**

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### FAMILY SERVICES AND SEDER SHEL SHABBAT

Dinner and Shabbat traditions are held for Religious School classes Aleph through Confirmation at 6:00 PM. A Family Service led by the class follows. Services are for the entire congregation, especially all Religious School students. Dates & class services are listed below:

<b>December 18</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>January 7</b>	<b>Dalet</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>January 28</b>	<b>Gimmel</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>February 4</b>	<b>Bet</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>March 4</b>	<b>Aleph</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>K-2 Family Service</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

**CONFIRMATION TRIP - DECEMBER 5**

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT - FEBRUARY 18-20**

**HAI GRADUATION - MAY 27**

**SHAVUOT/CONFIRMATION GRADUATION - JUNE 7**



### **\*\*RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENT MEETINGS\*\***

**HAI PARENT MEETING - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 @11:00 A.M.**

**ALEPH & BET PARENT MEETING - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 @11:00 A.M.**

**GIMMEL "RECEIVE YOUR DATE" - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 @ 5:30 P.M.**

**DALET PARENT MEETING - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 @ 11:00 A.M.**

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Sundays - 9:15-11:45 AM**  
**Tuesdays- 4:45 to 6:30 PM**

**Pre-K/Kindergarten, First, Second, and Confirmation Classes meet on Sundays only.**  
**Third through Seventh grades meet on Sundays & Tuesdays**

**B'raysheet**  
**Pre K / Kindergarten**  
**Your child must be 4 years old by August 31, 2010**

## **Our Religious School Mission statement is:**

The mission of the Religious School of Temple Beth El, a Reconstructionist Synagogue, is to give our children a positive Jewish identity based on a knowledge of Jewish culture and religion including values and concepts, text, history, Hebrew and prayer.

### **Our vision is...**

- \* To stimulate their sense of community with a responsibility toward fellow Jews as well as all people and a deep concern for the State of Israel.
- \* To encourage the practice of Judaism in the home in addition to their experiences in the school and synagogue including spirituality, rituals, and ethics.
- \* To show parent and child their place in the ongoing history of the Jewish people.
- \* To provide a sufficient Hebrew background so that a student can intelligently participate in Jewish services and have a basis for further study in modern Hebrew.

Above all, our purpose must be to stimulate a process of continuous learning which extends beyond the prescribed program of the religious school and lasts as long as life itself.

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## **MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

**Thursday, August 12 & Tuesday, August 17**

**6:30 - 8:30 PM at Temple Beth El**

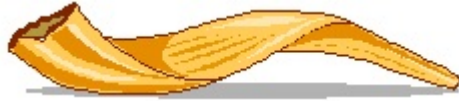
**Sunday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - First day for all grades**

*Please be sure to fill out **ONE** registration form for **EACH** student.*

*Additional forms can be down loaded at [tbede.org](http://tbede.org) or stop by the office if you need more.*

You may (see "Dues Schedule" page) bring your pledge form with you when you come to purchase books and register your children. Books will be available in the social hall on both nights.

**Please pay for books with a separate check.**  
**We ask all new members to register in person.**



**Please remember to bring your tickets with you to all services.**

## **HIGH HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

### **ROSH HASHANAH**

Wednesday, September 8 - **7:30 P.M.** - Erev Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 9 - **9:30 A.M.** - 1st Day Rosh Hashanah

Babysitting provided

**11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.** Children's Service

**2:00 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.** Family Service

**4:30 P.M.** - Tashlich Service \*See next page

Friday, September 10 - **9:30 A.M.** - 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

### **YOM KIPPUR**

Friday, September 17 - **6:30 P.M.** - Kol Nidre

Saturday, September 18 - **9:30 A.M.**

Babysitting provided

Children's Services - **11:00 A.M. - 12:30 PM**

Yiskor - Approx. 12:00 Noon

Family Service - **2:00 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.**

Afternoon Service - **5:15 P.M.**

Final Shofar blast at **6:30 p.m.**

### **SUKKOT**

Wednesday, September 22 - **7:30 P.M.**

Including Yiskor Service

If you would like to order an etrog & lulav for your personal use, please call the office by Aug. 1.

### **SIMCHAT TORAH & CONSECRATION**

Wednesday, September 29 - **7:30 P.M.**

*We hope you will join us for this wonderful service.*

## **HIGH HOLIDAYS FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE with Rabbinical Student, Jason Bonder**

A special Family Service will be held in the sanctuary from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur for parents and children ages 5 - 12 years (younger siblings as well as teens and adults of all ages are welcome). The Family Service will include music, prayers, movement and storytelling and is designed to appeal to the whole family.

Children's services will be held downstairs on the days and times stated above for grades K-2 and 3-7. We provide babysitting according to the schedule above in the primary classrooms.

**TBE  
HIGH HOLIDAY  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1) Due to security concerns we, along with the other New Castle County synagogues, will be asking for your tickets at the door. ***Please bring them with you for each service.*** The greeters at the door do not always know everyone. Tickets will be given out at registration, can be picked up in the TBE office, or mailed to all members in good standing as soon as your form is received.
  
- 2) Flowers on the Bima - If you would like to donate bima flowers for Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur, please contact the office. This is a lovely way to honor or memorialize someone dear to you.
  
- \* 3) Tashlich is a service of symbolically casting away our sins. The first day of Rosh Hashanah, September 9 at 4:30 P.M. It reminds us of the need to make an effort to change. It is traditionally done at a body of water. It will be at the home of Stewart & Alyson Taub again this year.
  
- 4) We are delighted that Richard Shapp is returning this year as our High Holiday Cantor. He is a Cantorial soloist and has performed with opera companies in many cities both in and outside the United States.
  
- 5) Once again this year we will hold a Family Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. The service will be from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. on both days.
  
- 6) Outreach to the unaffiliated - While we hope that people will join us for all High Holy Day services, second day Rosh Hashanah services and the Family Service will be open to the public at no charge.
  
- 7) Our ushers will help to maintain proper decorum during services. Please help by keeping the noise level in the lobby down, as voices do travel into the sanctuary. Do not enter the sanctuary when the Ark is open, during the Rabbi's sermon or the Yiskor service. We welcome babies and children. However, if crying or loud talking occur, an usher will ask you to take the child out of the sanctuary. We have experienced babysitters available for your use during the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

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***Non Members:***

**\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to affiliate with Temple Beth El at this time. However, I do wish to attend High Holiday Services. My contribution of \$200.00 per person is enclosed which entitles me to seating at all High Holiday Services.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children living at home  
(ages)** \_\_\_\_\_

**2010/2011**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
**DUES COMMITMENT & SCHEDULE**

Welcome to our new members and welcome back to our congregants.

Being a member of Temple Beth El offers more than just a place of worship. We are a caring community with the goal of making each and every member feel that we are part of your extended family. From our Sisterhood to our Men's Club and the various committees within our community, we strive to meet every member's needs, whether it be spiritual, educational or social.

Temple Beth El operates under a "Fair Share" Dues Schedule. It is very important to be supportive of our members, but we must also keep the Temple on sound financial ground. Temple board members have worked hard to consider the needs of the synagogue and to evaluate how to control expenses and the potential impact of the current economy on our immediate and long-term future. The President and Treasurer will be monitoring the suggested levels of contribution during the 2010-2011 membership drive. Honesty and generosity are among the core values of Judaism.

We urge you to evaluate your commitment to Temple Beth El and our continued growth, not only in terms of membership but also in terms of the revenue dollars needed to support our many outstanding programs and activities including our excellent Religious School. If special financial arrangements are warranted, you must make that known prior to registration by contacting either the President, Marla Norton at 610-255-0559 or Treasurer, Ann Herman at 737-2090.

In an attempt to make the registration process flow smoother, we are encouraging registration by mail for all families who do not have children in religious school. Mailed registration forms are due by August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please help us by getting your pledge form in on time as the High Holidays are very early this year.

High Holiday tickets will be given out at registration, picked up in the TBE office or mailed to you when we receive your membership. ***Tickets will be required at the door.***

Textbooks for Religious School students will be available for purchase on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration will also be done at that time. **All families with religious school students MUST register in person.** If you cannot make the registration dates please contact the office to make arrangements to register your child and to buy books.

Kindly review the following pledge sheet, complete it and either return it by mail with your minimum payment or bring it with you to Temple registration on August 12<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that your registration is not official until accepted by either the President or Treasurer and that all outstanding 2009-2010 balances must be paid before registration.

**We ask that dues and books be paid for separately.**  
**Please plan to bring at least two checks.**

**TEMPLE BETH EL  
2010-11 DUES SCHEDULE**

<b>Gross Family/Individual Income</b>	<b>Dues</b>	<b>Gross Family/Individual Income</b>	<b>Dues</b>
>200,000.....	\$2,900	> 90,000.....<100,000.....	\$1,725
>175,000.....<200,000.....	\$2,675	> 80,000.....< 90,000.....	\$1,625
>150,000.....<175,000.....	\$2,350	> 75,000.....< 80,000.....	\$1,550
>140,000.....<150,000.....	\$2,150	> 65,000.....< 75,000.....	\$1,525
>130,000.....<140,000.....	\$2,050	> 55,000.....< 65,000.....	\$1,400
>125,000.....<130,000.....	\$1,975	> 45,000.....< 55,000.....	\$1,225
>115,000.....<125,000.....	\$1,950	> 35,000.....< 45,000.....	\$1,000
>100,000.....<115,000.....	\$1,850	< 35,000.....	\$ 800

**First year members** may pay ½ of the dues amount with other appropriate charges such as school and building fund at the full rate.

**President's Circle** - A special category intended to recognize those who pledge 150% or more of the scheduled dues amount. Your name will be included on the President's Circle plaque located in our lobby.

**T'rumah** - An additional voluntary donation to help Temple Beth El meet its expenses.

**THE TEMPLE'S "FAIR SHARE" POLICY EXPECTS MEMBERS TO PLACE THEMSELVES IN THE CORRECT CATEGORY. THE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RETURN PLEDGE FORMS THAT DO NOT INDICATE AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT.**

Income is defined as the gross income of member(s) including all sources of revenue. This is essentially the adjusted gross income as defined by the IRS. Retirees who use other sources to subsidize this amount should include these withdrawals as part of their gross.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS**

**Babayit** - \$300 and limited to those who are members in good standing of another synagogue and living within 100 miles of Temple Beth El.

**Choots Labayit** - \$250 and limited to those whose legal residence is more than 150 miles from Temple Beth El.

**BUILDING FUND - \$1,200.00**

**(One Time Assessment for New Members)**

Over the course of the first five (5) years of Temple membership, each member is asked to contribute \$1,200 to our Building Fund. This ensures a steady stream of income specifically designated for building projects and improvements. The following is the minimum payment schedule for your Building Fund pledge. If desired, you can pre-pay more of your \$1,200 commitment.

1st Year Member	\$100
2nd Year Member	\$200
3rd through 5th Year Member	\$300 / year

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TUITION**

Pre-K/K, 1, & 2 (One day per week).....	\$180/student
Confirmation (One day per week).....	\$255 (Includes trips)
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> (Two days per week).....	\$350/first student, \$295 each additional sibling

**REMEMBER: Your contribution to Temple Beth El, exclusive of Religious School fees, is tax-deductible**

**TEMPLE BETH EL  
PLEDGE SHEET 2010-2011**

Please accept the following contribution as my "fair share" pledge. I understand that the amount of my pledge is to be kept confidential and available only to the President and Treasurer.

NAME (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

A. Temple Dues Pledge \_\_\_\_\_

B. President's Circle (I wish to be a member by pledging an additional 50% or more of Line A) \_\_\_\_\_

C. Building Fund (if outstanding) \_\_\_\_\_

D. Religious School K, 1 & 2 @\$180/student \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation @ \$255 \_\_\_\_\_

Two-day-a-week @\$350/first student \_\_\_\_\_

Two-day-a-week @\$295 for each additional sibling \_\_\_\_\_

E. High Holiday Tickets for visiting household guests @ \$30/person for one holiday \$50/person for both holidays. \_\_\_\_\_

This includes adult children (not college students) who do not live in the greater Newark / Wilmington area. If your guests are members of a synagogue in their city, there is no fee for tickets. **Adult children or relatives who live here need to make their own arrangements for tickets.**

F. Book of Remembrance @ \$5.00/Name - It is customary in Jewish tradition to remember those loved ones who are no longer with us at the Yiskor service on Yom Kippur. Please see the "Book of Remembrance" page in this packet. \_\_\_\_\_

G. Trumah - Please consider the donation of an amount that is significant to you. \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PLEDGED** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED (25% Minimum)** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL REMAINING BALANCE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:**

\_\_\_ I prefer to pay my total pledge in full now (check must be enclosed).

\_\_\_ I prefer to pay 25% at the time of registration (check must be enclosed )

\_\_\_ and one payment of 75% equal to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **before December 31, 2010.**

\_\_\_ and equal installments (maximum of 9) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month beginning **October, 2010** and ending **June, 2011.**

\_\_\_ and three (3) equal installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ due **December, 2010; March, 2011; June, 2011.**

**Please take the time to decide which payment option best meets the individual circumstances of your family. It is extremely important to the operation of the Temple for you to honor your commitment.**

I understand that the above represents my contribution to Temple Beth El for the 2010-2011 year.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please keep a copy of this pledge sheet for your records**

**NOTE TO NEW MEMBERS: PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR CENSUS FORM FOUND IN THE PACKET.**

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

It has been our custom to distribute "The Book of Remembrance" at our Yiskor service on Yom Kippur. Yiskor is said for deceased parents, spouse, siblings, children and other relatives and friends. This tradition has brought comfort to generations of Jewish people. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Temple office along with your registration. You can write "same" if you want the same names as last year.

The Book of Remembrance will be printed as a separate booklet and everyone at the Yiskor service will receive a copy. There are special prayers and readings in the booklet which will be used at the service. There will also be time for private prayers and reflection.

If you are interested in acquiring a memorial plaque on our board in the sanctuary please contact the office at 366-8330. This ensures that the name of your loved one will be lit every year on the anniversary of his/her death.

Name of Deceased	Relationship	Name of Mourner
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Please accept the following contribution:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(\$5.00 minimum per name)**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include this amount on the space provided on the pledge sheet page.**

**You may include this amount in your dues check.**

## Temple Beth El Cemetery Section

The Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society of Wilmington, De., part of the Jewish Community Cemetery Association, has designated 200 sites for a Temple Beth El section.

Membership applications are available at the Temple office. Montefiore provides a number of benefits and should be seriously considered. Benefits apply to spouse and children under 18 (along with certain dependent children). Montefiore will accept \$25 grave reservations from its members only. Montefiore accepts both male and female membership.

The non-refundable application fee is as follows (based on the oldest age of the male or female).

Ages 18 to 21 - \$ 25  
Ages 22 to 30 - \$ 50  
Ages 31 to 39 - \$100

Ages 40 to 45 - \$250  
Ages 46 to 50 - \$500  
Ages 51 to 80 - \$500+ \$100 per year over 50 yrs.

The only other cost associated with continued membership in Montefiore is a \$25 annual fee.

The following policy has been established in regards to this section. These guidelines are consistent with the policies of the Internment Regulations of the Jewish Community Cemetery Association and the Board of Directors of Temple Beth El.

1. Eligible for the sites will be: member couples; dependent children; parents of members; close relatives.
2. There will be no non-Jewish burials.
3. The sites will not be utilized as a fundraiser for non-Temple members.
4. A traditional burial through Chevra Kadisha (Jewish Burial Society) is recommended.
5. We strongly recommend that Jewish customs be observed (i.e. wooden casket, etc.) in order to preserve the simplicity and dignity of the occasion.
6. We urge the use of a Jewish Funeral Director.

The site adjoins the Lombardi Cemetery which is non-denominational. It may be possible to work out some arrangements in mixed marriage cases to accommodate this situation.

The Board publishes this information for your consideration. Questions should be directed to Bill Weissman at 302-477-1254 or 302-740-3218 or Al Kagel at 834-3608.



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS  
NOW FOR OUR**

**CHANUKAH BAZAAR  
TBE TALENT SHOW**

**Sunday, December 5**

New holiday items...good food...games &  
Lots of fun!



**HIGH HOLIDAY  
BIMA FLOWERS**

If you would like to donate bima  
flowers for Rosh Hashana or  
Yom Kippur, please contact the office.

This is a lovely way to honor or  
memorialize someone dear to you.

Celebrate Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur  
in a new way

**Temple Beth El's High Holiday**

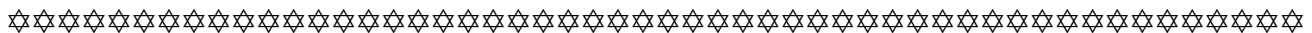
***FAMILY SERVICE***



**with Rabbinical Student, Jason Bonder**



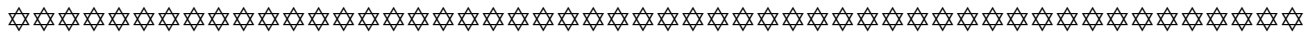
For parents & children ages 5-12 (younger siblings are welcome) and for teens and adults of all ages! Be inspired for the New Year with music, storytelling, movement, and drama. This service is open to the entire Jewish community. For more information, contact Andrea Finestrauss or Dee Aaronson in the Temple office.



**Ba'aley Tekiyah**



If you are interested in blowing Shofar for High Holidays  
please contact the TBE office by August 19, 2010!



**ARE YOU A RETIRED WOMAN  
LOOKING FOR SOME GREAT FUN, AND  
NEW EXPERIENCES???  
LOOK NO FURTHER!!!!!!**

\_\_\_\_\_ There is a group right here at TBE that meets every Tuesday for lunch at a local restaurant and mahjong at the Temple. There is no weekly commitment!!!! Come as you wish...for lunch only, mahjong only, or both...once a month or every week or some schedule in between. It's up to you. Whether you are a novice or expert we have a welcome place for you! We also take several trips a year...we went to the Alfred I. DuPont Mansion and Gardens, movie and a drink, and New York for lunch and a show just in the last three months.

If you are interested in hearing more about what we do or to become part of our group, please call Arlene Eckell at 368-3530 or e-mail halenn at comcast.net to have your name put on our weekly e-mail list.



**YOM KIPPUR FOOD DRIVE**

Please bring your non-perishable food items for our fall food drive. Leave your items under the reception window in the lobby. Please do not bring Passover items - they are not appropriate for our recipients.



**TEMPLE BETH EL  
CHAVERIM**

Chaverim is a group of retired Temple men that get together on Wednesday afternoons for lunch, card games, golf outings and/or road trips to museums, sporting events, etc. If you're interested please contact the Temple office or Steve Osman at namso6 at verizon.net for more details.



# S-I-S-T-E-R-H-O-O-D



## From Our Sisterhood Co-Presidents:

Welcome to all women of Temple Beth El. Every woman who is a member of Temple Beth El is automatically a member of the Sisterhood. There is no membership fee to join Sisterhood and everyone is welcome to participate. Our first general meeting will be at TBE on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments and good company are always available.

If you have an idea for a program or you are interested in a special topic that you would like to see presented, you can contact our programming coordinators, Caryn Dolan and Gillian Daniels, or contact Trayce or me at any time.

Sisterhood meetings are generally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Our meeting dates and special events are listed below. Please mark them on your calendar and be sure to come join us. We try to have a broad range of programs that will appeal to all ages and interests. Topics for the meetings will be announced on the TBE website and in the Shofar.

September 15, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.	First General Meeting
October 5, 2010	Boscov's Friends and Family Day
October 13, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.	General Meeting
October 24, 2010 (Sunday) – 9:45 a.m.	New Member Brunch
November 10, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.	General Meeting
December 5, 2010 – 11:00 a.m.	Chanukah Bazaar
December 8, 2010 – 7:30 pm	Cookie Exchange & Mystery Auction
January 12, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.	General Meeting
February 2011 – time & date TBA	Asian Dinner
March 6, 2011 – Sunday afternoon	Basketfest
March 20, 2011 – 11:00 am	Purim Bazaar
April 13, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.	General Meeting
May 11, 2011 – 6:00 pm	Donor Dinner

As you can see, we have a busy year planned. Please join us. We can be reached by email or phone at:

Renee Felder: felderfamily at comcast.net, (610)347-0518

Trayce Bahar: sportsmama8892 at verizon.net, (302)235-1449

Temple Beth El Sisterhood events are always a special occasion where you can find friendship and new members are always welcome.

Trayce Bahar and Renee Felder

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ONEGS & KIDDUSHES



Sisterhood has a longstanding tradition of serving the Oneg and Kiddush. Volunteers earn donor and learn the ins and outs of the kitchen. "New" workers are paired with "veterans". This is a great way to work with friends and make new ones! A typical Friday night Oneg time commitment is from 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm (special Onegs a bit longer). A typical Kiddush time commitment is from 9:30 am to Noon. Volunteer dates are listed in the Thursday e-mails, and in the Shofar every month.

Please contact Rosalie Dior at: [artsyrsd63 at gmail.com](mailto:artsyrsd63@gmail.com), [rosalie.dior at redclay.K12.de.us](mailto:rosalie.dior@redclay.K12.de.us) or by phone at (302) 593-8611 to volunteer. We look forward to working with you.



**SISTERHOOD**  
**DONOR DOLLARS**

Do you know what Sisterhood Donor Dollars are? Did you know that donor dollars can get you a free dinner? Did you know that donor dollars can get you a gold pin and even diamonds? Did you know that donor dollars can even get you FRIENDSHIP & SISTERHOOD?

When you volunteer your time at any of a variety of Sisterhood sponsored events, from setting up an Oneg on a Friday night to helping our catering committee prepare a Kiddush for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, to helping out with a fundraiser like Basketfest or the Chanukah Bazaar, you can earn donor dollars. Not only can you earn donor dollars towards the annual Sisterhood Donor Dinner, a gold tree of life pin, and diamonds on your pin, you can also receive the reward of friendship, the opportunity to come together with a diverse and interesting group of amazing women, while serving the Temple community. If you don't believe me, come see for yourself. You won't be disappointed.

Come find out more about donor dollars and all the other wonderful programs that the Sisterhood puts together every month. Our first meeting will beat TBE on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 7:30 pm. We hope to see you there.



**SALE 20 % OFF.....JUDAICA SHOP.....SALE 20% OFF**

The Judaica Shop of Temple Beth El will be open during registration with 20 % off all items excluding Tallit. Do stop by to shop for any Judaic items you need. Do you have an upcoming special Jewish Life Cycle Event - Bar or Bat Mitzvah, wedding, baby naming? Contact Andrea Finestrauss at 302-235-2624 for kippas, tallit, sign-in books/boards, napkins, etc. I look forward to seeing you.

Andrea Finestrauss



**PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st**  
**FOR OUR 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCOTT MACKLER ALS 5K RUN/WALK**



Our 11th Annual Scott Mackler 5K Run/Walk to benefit the ALS Association will be held on Sunday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. at our synagogue. This event continues to grow and be successful, thanks in large part to the support and the spirit exhibited by our Temple Beth El community. Last year's race had over 475 race participants and enabled us to raise over \$100,000 to help benefit those individuals stricken with Lou Gehrig's disease. By getting co-workers, family and friends to sponsor your individual efforts, each person can greatly increase their donations well over the nominal \$30 pre-registration fees. Please help us to continue to help those struggling with this debilitating disease by attending our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual event, along with Scott Mackler, on Sunday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Registration forms can be found in this packet or at the temple office. You may also register online at [www.races2run.com](http://www.races2run.com).

As in years past, I certainly welcome any volunteers who can come out that morning and assist us in registration, race course management, kitchen assistance (cooking, baking & buffet set up), and crowd/parking lot control. Further details will be provided as we get closer to the event date.

On behalf of the ALS Association, the Mackler Family and myself, we sincerely thank you for all of your support!

Joe Sontowski

## THE TEMPLE BETH EL ENDOWMENT 2010

\_\_\_\_\_The Temple Beth El Endowment was started in 1992 to create a fund to benefit both Beth El itself and our surrounding community. The Endowment funds are separate from the Temple operational and building funds. Funds which are donated to the endowment are invested, and income that is produced is used for capital and charitable projects. To date, \$ 36,870 has been used for projects at the Temple and many worthwhile causes, a list of which follows. Soon funds may be available for this years projects and donations. For those wishing to contribute to the Endowment, the following is a repeat of the rules and guidelines previously published:

Minimum donations are \$1000. Any donation of \$5000 or more may be named according to the donor's wishes, such as "in memory of ..." or "To commemorate ...". A \$5000 amount may be donated in units of \$1000, but cannot be named until a total of \$5000 has been contributed. A marble stand with plaques is displayed in the lobby of the Temple for \$5000 contributions announcing the donors and the name of the account. For more information, restriction guidelines, investment objectives etc. please contact the Endowment Committee Chairperson, Robert M. Temko, at 737-0706. **CALL TODAY !**

Milton and Dorothy Altshuler	Milton and Thelma Levinson	Robert and Vicki Temko
Leonard and Dorothy Freng	Bill and Andy Moses	Milton and Mary Wolf
Josh and Harriet Kalin	Scott and Lynn Snyder-Mackler	Arnie and Diane Caine
<b>Total contributions:</b>	<b>\$ 31,500</b>	

### Disbursements

Fiscal Year	Capital Fund	Social Action Fund	
1996 (\$900)	Deck: \$615	Newark Welfare Committee \$285	
1997 (\$7700)	Deck: \$6500	Newark Welfare Committee \$300 Temple Needy Family Fund \$600 The Wellness Community \$100	Delaware Food Bank \$100 Anti Defamation League \$100
1998 (\$900)	Outside Ark Deck Improvements \$600	Newark Welfare Committee \$300	
1999 (\$5400)	Ramp for deck \$2500 Kitchen Improvements \$1500	Newark Welfare Committee \$600 Temple Needy Family Fund \$600	The Wellness Community \$100 Interfaith Housing Delaware \$100
2000 (\$1500)	Benches for Deck \$500	Taiwan Jewish Center \$100 Interfaith Housing Delaware \$100 ALS As. honor of Scott Meckler \$500	Mid-Atlantic Ballet \$100 Newark Welfare Comm. \$200
2003 (\$5496)	Asphalt deck path \$3496 New Torah \$1000	Jewish Family Services \$500 Newark Welfare Committee \$500	
2004 (\$6774)	Social Hall sound system \$5000  Deck benches/trees \$674	Emmaus House \$275  Diabetes memory of Herb Bagel \$275	Newark Welfare Committee \$275 Needy Family Fund \$275
2005 (\$2900)	Playground Equipment \$800 Sanctuary ark improvements \$1000 Plaque for endowment \$200	Newark Welfare Committee \$300 Sunday Breakfast Mission \$300 Ronald McDonald House \$300	
2006 (\$700 )		Newark Welfare Committee \$400	Yiddish Book Center \$300
2007 (4600)	Sukkah and Bema Carpet \$3600	Newark Welfare Committee \$500 Empowerment Center of Newark \$500	

**Total distributions since 1996: \$36,870.00**



# MEN'S CLUB OF TEMPLE BETH EL



·GET INVOLVED IN SUPPORT OF THE TEMPLE WITH A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE

\*\*\* DEVELOP COMMUNITY - ENGAGE IN TIKKUN OLAM \*\*\*

My name is Joe Despina, and I am honored and happy to be the current President of Men's Club. We have a dedicated and energetic group of individuals (men and women) who make possible the various Men's Club functions throughout the year, some of which are as follows:

● **Major fundraising activity:** Work concession stands at Wilmington Blue Rocks baseball games during the summer (approximately 15 games per summer). This is a great way to get to know other temple members, get some fresh air, see some great baseball action and get a free meal!

● **Men's Club Breakfast:** Occurs on or about 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday morning of each month during Religious School year. Identify yourselves as new members and your first breakfast is free! A delicious meal of bagels, lox, eggs, potato dishes, fresh fruit and hot and cold drinks is served buffet style. Come in to visit with old friends, make new friends, and listen to an engaging speaker to round out the event. See you at the first breakfast on September 19, 2010!

● **Annual Scott Mackler 5K Run/Walk - Sunday, October 31:** All proceeds contributed to the ALS Association in the fight against Lou Gehrig's Disease. A veritable army of TBE volunteers provide the logistical support for this charitable event (See elsewhere in the Membership Packet for the page to sign up if interested in registering for the event that occurs in October).

● **Adopt-A-Highway:** Fall and spring activities to clean portions of Possum Park Road and Paper Mill Road. Mark your calendars now for October 10<sup>th</sup> & May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Visit the Men's Club page on the TBE web site for further information (<http://tbede.org/mensclub.asp>) and watch for announcements in weekly TBE email distribution and in the monthly newsletter (*The Shofar*). I look forward to meeting you at services or at one of the Men's Club functions during the year.

## MEN'S CLUB BREAKFASTS - 2010-11

September 19  
October 3  
November 14

December 12  
January 9  
February 6

March 13  
April 3  
May 8



## Temple Beth El Choir

Like to sing?

Want to either discover or rediscover the joy of singing?

As we begin another season at Temple Beth El, our congregation's choir will again add considerably to our spiritual and cultural life. The choir has participated in special services throughout the year, including High Holidays.

The Choir is under the direction of Susan Shertok. The choir performs traditional and contemporary music, specially arranged for the ensembles. It is open to any young adult/adult members of the congregation, and newly interested individuals should please contact Susan Shertok at skshertok at yahoo.com or the Temple office. Children in 5th grade and above may join the adult choir if they commit to attend all rehearsals.

This is a great way to get involved in Synagogue life - and do something for YOU!

**The ensemble rehearses on Sundays after Religious School.**



**DO YOU REMEMBER HOW MUCH FUN YOU HAD  
PLAYING IN A SCHOOL BAND OR ORCHESTRA ????**



If so, please consider joining our Klezmer Band - "Thread Of Blue". Members are willing to tutor you - free of charge - to bring you up on your musicianship.

We meet about once a month on Sundays from 11:45 TO 1:15. We perform for Temple functions, although we sometimes are asked to play outside the Temple.

To find out more information contact Marcia Acero at 328-6267 or at YENTAMA at AOL.COM.



## PARKING LOT RULES



Please take a moment to review the rules concerning the traffic parking flow in and around the building especially prior to, during, and immediately following religious school. The safety of our children is our utmost concern.

There will be **no stopping, standing, parking and double parking in the "NO PARKING" zone in front, along side, and behind the building.** This area is a fire lane. The area immediately in front of the building is a crosswalk.

There will be no dropping off of students in front or along side of the building prior to, during and immediately after religious school. Parents and car pool drivers are asked to park in marked parking spaces to discharge and pick-up students. If necessary, parents and car pool drivers may need to escort students to and from the building.

**You will notice upon entering our TBE parking lot that construction has begun on our new building! Please take care to read all posted signs that will direct changes in traffic flow during this short construction phase. Please be aware that we will be asking everyone to park in the front of the building during construction. If you feel that it is necessary to enter through the kitchen entrance please contact D. Aaronson in the TBE office.**

Temple Board members and the House and Ground Committee ask for the cooperation of all our members and guests.

## BBYO

The B'nai Brith Youth Organization; BBYO, is a youth led organization. It is a group where teens grades 8 - 12 can meet other Jewish teens, make life-long friends, find their Jewish identity, and acquire many leadership skills.

Newark BBYO hosts several different programs and meetings per year. We participate in bowling, skating, and different community service jobs. Newark is part of Central Region East; CRE. CRE includes 12 chapters that range from Binghamton, NY, to Delaware. There are conventions for the region held approximately four times a year. BBYO is an amazing, once in a life time experience.

For more info contact Christian Taub at 302-266-9285.

### 2010-11 BBYO OFFICERS

Godol - Christian Taub  
S'ganit - Hannah Densten  
Morah - Sarah Mattes  
Moreh - Matt Munson

Mazkirah - Carlee Tousman  
Shliach - Sam Katz  
Gizbor - Sam Bagel

### 2010-11 CONVENTION DATES

**RLTI** – for Board members only – Aug. 27- 29 – Wilmington, DE

**Tournies** – for all BBYO members – Nov. 19 - 21 – Allentown, PA

**IT** – for all new members – Feb. 4 - 6 – Wilkesbarre, PA

**WOW weekend** – for all BBYO members – April 8 - 10 – Wilmington, DE

**Spring Fling** – for all BBYO members – May 13 - 15- Camp Green Lane, PA



## TEEN CONNECTION

**WANTED:  
7TH & 8TH GRADERS  
THAT WANT TO HAVE FUN!**

Teen Connection is a group of 7th and 8th grade Jewish youth that get together for structured social activities. The group meets monthly and is led by Marla Friedman and UDel student Shana Mattes. Examples of activities are ice skating, Christiana Mall scavenger hunt, and laser tag. Permission slips are mandatory and must be sent in the Tuesday before the event so that we can provide transportation for everyone. Teens and their families are responsible for their lunch and activity fees.

**Our first meeting of the year will occur on Sunday, October 3, 11:45 am – 1:00 pm when we will choose activities for the year. Lunch will be provided that day.**

Any questions, please call me at (302) 234-2458.  
Shalom, Marla Friedman



# TEMPLE BETH EL CONGREGATION

## MEETING

Sunday, October 3<sup>RD</sup> 9:15 a.m.

at

Men's Club Breakfast



### JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1466



A Junior Girl Scout troop will meet at Temple Beth El again this year. Any girls in fourth –sixth grades are welcome to join us. Troop #1466 meets from 11:45am-1:15 pm two Sundays a month. We have snack, do crafts, stories, songs and many more indoor and outdoor activities to help girls learn about themselves and their world.

Please contact Allyson Goldberg at 410-620-0468 or goldjay at comcast.net for further information.



Welcomes parents, their newborns and newly-adopted children in Delaware and the Brandywine Valley to our Jewish community.

To receive a **Shalom Baby Gift Bag**, contact Roberta Matz @ (302) 427-2100 x27 or go to [www.shalomdelaware.org](http://www.shalomdelaware.org) to complete an online form.

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### KNOSHING KNITTERS

TBE's knitting guild meets in the temple lobby every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:30 p.m.. If you are interested in joining, whether you are an experienced knitter or a beginner contact Alice Hirsch at 731-5322 or alicehirsch at mac.com

## INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM CLASSES

Our annual Introduction to Judaism classes will once again be held beginning in October 2010 with the orientation session at Beth Emeth on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> starting promptly at 7 PM. Classes will be taught by rabbis of New Castle County congregations once a week. The schedule of classes is available from any of the synagogues listed below.

Courses include History, Comparative Religion, Basic Beliefs of Judaism, Holidays, Liturgy, Life Cycle, and Ancient Texts. Across the years well over one hundred students have participated in the Introduction to Judaism program, some of whom have chosen Judaism. One does not have to commit to conversion; graduation from the program gives the student the opportunity to receive a "diploma." Should s/he choose to continue toward conversion at a later date at another location, the student will have this "diploma" signed by members of national rabbinical organizations to show that s/he has completed an introductory course.

It is mandatory for the student to have a sponsoring rabbi. It is suggested that s/he speak to one of the rabbis before the orientation session. Just call the synagogue of choice to set up an appointment with the rabbi.

We look forward to another wonderful year of studies. Please pass this information to someone who might be interested. There is absolutely no pressure, so if there are any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Rabbi Michael Beals  
Congregation Beth Shalom 654-4462

Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein  
Rabbi David B. Kaplan, *Emeritus*  
Temple Beth El 366-8330

Rabbi Steven Saks  
Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth 762-2705

Rabbi Yair Robinson  
Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher, *Emeritus*  
Congregation Beth Emeth 764-2393

## From Sisterhood Catering...

Catering is looking for volunteers to work, shop and bake for TBE events throughout the year. Sign ups begin about 4 months in advance and the dates can be found through the Shofar or via the Thursday emails. Please sign up early to earn your donor dollars and complete your required hours (see below). We work very hard to try and make each event at TBE special so thank you in advance for your support.

Hope Carfagno  
Wendy Lapointe  
Amie Sweren



### Requirements for Religious School Parents

CLASS	REQUIREMENTS	MONETARY EQUIVALENT
ALEPH	Work 1 Oneg or Kiddush or Catering event or bake for 2 different events or a combination totaling approximately 4 hours.	\$100.00
BET	Work 1 Oneg or Kiddush or Catering event or bake for 2 different events or a combination totaling approximately 4 hours.	\$100.00
GIMMEL	Work 2 Oneg or Kiddushes or Catering events or bake for 3 different events or a combination totaling 7 hours.	\$150.00
DALET	Work 3 Oneg or Kiddushes or Catering events or bake for 4 different events or a combination totaling 9 hours.	\$200.00
HAI	Work 4 Oneg or Kiddushes or Catering events or bake for 5 different events or a combination totaling 12 hours.	\$250.00

- If the hours are not worked the monetary equivalent will be billed at the end of June.
- The tracking of hours yearly runs from July 1 to June 30.
- Each family must complete the required hours for the class their oldest child attends each year.
- These hours are required per family and not per parent.
- This opportunity will help bring us together as a community by getting the families to work together. It will also help make each event at TBE special to our families.
- Please be aware that working in the kitchen is for adults only.

April 2010

**COME AND MEET RABBI MICAH**

*on*

***Thursday, August 12 & Tuesday, August 17***

*from*

**6:30 - 8:30 PM**

**WHEN YOU REGISTER FOR MEMBERSHIP  
AND  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**