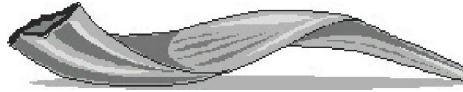


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Tekiah

Tishri/Heshvan 5769
October 2008

Dear Friends,

It is Jewish tradition to read from Ecclesiastes or in Hebrew, Kohelet during Sukkot. One of the famous sections from this book of the Bible begins with the words, 3:1. To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; the text continues speaking of the fact that opposites occur and have their place in all of our lives. 3:4. "A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;"

We are a diverse community. Some of us come from traditional backgrounds and some from liberal backgrounds. Some of us come to synagogue for the community aspect, some come to study, and some to pray. We offer many activities with the goal of having something for everyone.

Some people in our congregation love the service that we have been doing for the last twenty years. Others are looking for innovation or change. We hope to meet everyone's needs, but not necessarily at the same time.

With this in mind, I am asking the each person in the congregation to answer the question, "What type of service is the most meaningful to me?" Do I like the traditional or would I prefer more English? Do the regular readings in Siddur Haddash speak to me, or would I prefer some alternative prayers? What music would I touches my heart? Do I like a meditative service? Should the rabbi give a devar Torah on the weekly Torah portion or an explanation of a prayer? Does the choir and Klezmer band add significance to the service?

During the last six months we have been trying different approaches to our liturgy, which include different music, readings, and styles. We have had joint services with Congregation Temple Beth El in Philadelphia and had the choir and Klezmer band participate.

For those of you who are not going to come to services regardless of how the service is conducted, that is acceptable. For those of you to whom services are richer when conducted in a certain way, we'd like to know your thoughts.

Recently, after a somewhat different type of service, one member came up to me during the oneg Shabbat. As I recall his words, they were something to the effect that he admired my courage to experiment and to risk by doing new things, however the service did nothing for him. This comment was as important to me as the compliments I received on how meaningful there service was.

There is no plan to have every service the same. The intent is to offer various modes which will bring in different segments of the congregation. These ideas will be evaluated by the ritual committee. If you have thoughts about the changes, please express you thoughts and opinions. You may call or email me, D Aaronson, Al Kagel, or Marla Norton. We will then look at all the thoughts which people have shared regarding the service.

To every thing there is a season, and a time for every type of service.

Chag Sameach,

Rabbi David B Kaplan

From Our President:

L'Shana Tovah Tikatavu! The High Holidays are upon us, and I hope to see you all at Temple Beth El. Hopefully you have already picked up your tickets and are looking forward to services, as I am. This year our new Rabbinic intern, Samantha Safran, will be leading our family services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Samantha has wonderful experience and energy, and I'm looking forward to a warm and wonderful interactive experience. If you haven't tried the family service, now is the time! Also, our alternative service is a lovely spiritual service held outdoors on the deck. If you go, make sure and check out the gorgeous new ark doors on the outdoor deck. Thank you, Robert Temko, for this lovely addition to our outdoor sanctuary.

Hopefully most of you have noticed the recent improvements to the indoor sanctuary. The new bima carpet and paint are a delightful change, and our temple is really looking good these days! If you see Debbie Coplein, thank her for all her hard work on this project.

At this time of year, we reflect on all that we are thankful for. I know that for me our community is one of the things that I am most grateful for. Being a part of an amazing vital community like Temple Beth El is truly a blessing. Our family at TBE is one that can be counted on to stand by its members during the good and bad times. My wish for you in the coming New Year is that you take advantage of all that TBE has to offer. There are so many ways to be involved, and I guarantee, for every effort you put in to be involved, you will be rewarded tenfold. Come to a Sisterhood meeting or Men's Club breakfast. Attend Basketfest. Join a committee. Make an effort to come to Shabbat services. Take a class. Sing in the choir. Play in the Klezmer band. You will be so grateful you did!

I wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year.

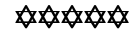
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DALET PARENT MEETING

October 5

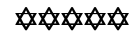
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DISCOVERY GROUP

October 12 at 10:30 a.m.

November 9 at 10:30 a.m.



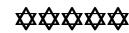
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October 21

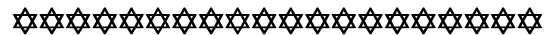
7:00 p.m.



NEWS & SCHMOOZE

(for 11th & 12th graders)

October 12 at noon



SUKKOT SERVICE

October 13th

7:00 P.M.

Join us for a snack in our new sukkah!



**SUKKOT
THANKSGIVING
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.

CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday, October 12
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Agenda:

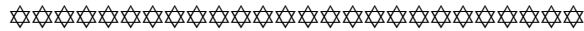
1. 2008-2009 Budget.
2. Presentation of annual report
3. Discussion of financial matters for the current year
4. Report on the audit

Please come and support the Temple Board & be a part of the process while enjoying a delicious breakfast provided by Men's Club.



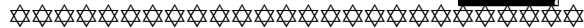
ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASSES

Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes will begin November 5th at 6:15 p.m. the first Wednesday and 7:00 p.m. on all other Wednesdays. Please call the Temple office or Rabbi Kaplan if you are interested.



UPCOMING B'NAI MITZVOT

October 18th - Rebecca Delano
October 25th - Keith Johnson
November 1st - Jonah Green



NEEDY FAMILY DRIVE

Start checking your closets and basements for items you can donate to our families this year. There will be a complete list in the Shofar next month with clothing sizes and wish lists. Sy & Sydell Glassner, chairpeople, say that they definitely need baby and children's clothing, furniture (**especially beds, cribs & highchairs**). We also need men's clothing...NO women's clothing this year due to lack of storage space. You can start bringing these items to the temple.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wed., Oct. 1 - 2nd Day Rosh Hashana
9:30 a.m. Service

Sun., Oct. 5 - Dalet Parent Meeting at
10:30 a.m.

Wed., Oct. 8 - Kol Nidre 7:00 p.m. Serv.

Thurs., Oct. 9 - Yom Kippur
9:30 a.m. Serv.

Sun., Oct. 12 - Cong. Meeting/Men's
Club Breakfast 9:30 a.m.

Discovery Group 10:30

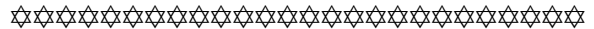
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Mon., Oct. 13 - Sukkot Serv. 7:00 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 19 - Sisterhood New Member
Brunch

Tues., Oct. 21 - Consecration 7:00 p.m.
No Religious School

Sun., Oct. 26 - Scott Mackler 5K Run



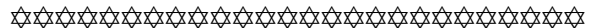
Mark your calendars now....

CHANUKAH BAZAAR

Sunday, December 14th

Food...Games...Prizes... Crafts...

Wonderful new items in our Judaica Shop!
Look for the flyer in an upcoming Shofar for
pre-paid ticket forms.





HAPPY AFFAIRS FROM THE KITCHEN OF CATERING

The Sisterhood Catering Team would like to introduce ourselves and welcome all who would like to volunteer their time for baking and/or working upcoming Onegs and Kiddushes.

We are in need of workers for the upcoming dates:

- Delano Oct. 17 & 18
- Johnson Oct. 24 & 25
- Green Oct. 31 – Nov.1
- Friedman Nov. 7 & 8

Please contact one of us if you are available to work any of these dates.

Hai class parents- If you are contemplating having your B'nai mitzvah child's affair in our beautiful social hall please feel free to contact us:

- Hope Carfagno – 302-738-4747 hcarfagno at verizon.net
- Wendy Lapointe – 302-369-6330 wenron at verizon.net
- Amie Sweren – 302-239-5258 amie at bjsgemini.com

We would be happy to meet and discuss different options with you.

Also, sign up early for your 10 required hours of service in the kitchen during your child's Hai year.



Don't Forget to check our website for Temple info...



tbede.org

A special thank you to our member, Larry Kraines for creating our website and keeping it current for us!

Dear Temple Beth El,

For thousands of years Jerusalem and the Land of Israel have been spiritual destinations for Jews and others from all around the world. Some people truly made it to Israel, while others imagined the land and traveled to Jerusalem in their hearts and minds. From Moses, who almost made it to the Land Of Israel to Joshua and the Tribes of Israel, Benjamin of Tudela through Mark Twain and Thomas Friedman, everyone has found a way of describing their visit-be it in their dreams or in reality.

For Chris and I, our pilgrimage to the Holy Land became a reality. Our daughter, Emily, entered us in a video contest that Birthright was running. After the video was created, it went through a panel of judges. From there, it went out for public voting.

We had the experience of a lifetime. Walking through our history in our homeland was illuminating, on a physical level, intellectual level, emotional level, and a spiritual level.

Experiencing the pure essence of Jerusalem is indescribable.

Connecting ourselves with the souls of our ancestors (our roots), and embracing the Land of Israel leads us to a new level of consciousness; a spiritual transformation.

In remembering and understanding the past, we can then move forward. We can see where we are, where we have been, and where we are going in the future, the past, and the present, all as one.

Our thankfulness goes beyond words to: Emily, who has made all of this possible, to Mom and Dad for taking care of things while we were away, to Carl and Jacob for your humor in the video, to Birthright for making this happen, to Debbie Coplein for the travel size laundry detergent, to Rabbi Kaplan for bringing us messages that go straight to our souls, and to Rabbi Kaplan and Temple Beth El for your friendship, your love, and your support, through all of your votes and prayers.

May God Bless Us All.
Cindy and Chris Shelton



RLTI (Regional Leadership Training Institute) 2008

Sweet!!! It is the beginning of the BBYO year. Kicking it off was RLTI, which was mandatory for all regional and chapter members holding offices and also some chair holders came out. It was really fun for those who came to the Doubletree Hotel in Wilmington. It started off when everyone arrived at the hotel, since most people already knew each other there were hugs all around. After everyone got reacquainted we settled down for dinner, which was excellent. Then we had our Friday night service lead by our great Shaliach Joshua Leviton, and Sh'lichah Rotem Herrmann. Afterwards we had programs where we got to meet our counterparts from other chapters and the regional board (who we ended up spending a lot of time with). Most of the people used this time to really get to know their counterparts.

In the morning everyone was up by 8:30 for breakfast, and then Saturday service. Afterward we had programs to help us get ready for this year to make your BBYO experience the best ever! There was also Hofesh, where we had a choice of going to swim in the pool, or go to the mall. Almost everyone ended up running through the rain to the mall where we formed small groups of BBYO members.

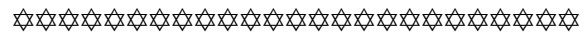
That night we had dinner and one program before we had free time to do whatever we wanted to do like a dance which

I didn't feel like going to so don't ask me about it.

The next morning everyone was ready to go home and sleep, but not before separate meetings and friendship circle where we had a lot of fun with each other before the weekend ended.

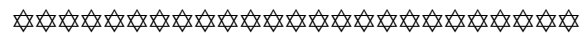
So overall it was the best weekend of the year. I'm hoping for a lot more great conventions this upcoming year. Oh, and I can't forget to thank Adam Bloom and Stephanie Aaronson for programming this great event, or I wouldn't have anything to write about.

By Your Newark Chapter Mazkir
Jonathan Dior



JUDAICA SHOP...

**Don't forget to look in our
Judaica Shop for your
holiday gifts...
New holiday items coming soon.**



CHILD, INC. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Friends,

Most of you know me as Rabbi Kaplan's daughter, but today I am writing to you as the Volunteer Coordinator for CHILD, Inc.'s Domestic Violence Advocacy Program.

As you know, it is a mission of Temple Beth El to work towards *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. One of the plights facing our world today is domestic violence. While in recent years awareness of the problem has improved, the incidence of domestic violence has not, and victims of domestic violence are often at a loss as to how to help themselves.

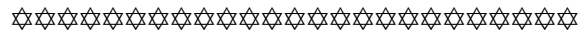
The goal of the Domestic Violence Advocacy Program is to help victims by providing them with the information and support necessary to leave their dangerous home life. Volunteers of the Domestic Violence Advocacy Program work in the New Castle County Courthouse in Wilmington providing support to people who are in abusive relationships and are seeking protection orders from Family Court.

Volunteers aid victims with their written petitions, assist with safety planning, and provide referrals for social, legal, and court services, as well as providing several other services. I invite you to be part of *tikkun olam* by donating your time to this important cause.

We are looking for caring and reliable people who will offer information and encouragement to victims of domestic violence in a non-judgmental way. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30AM and 4:30PM. We ask for volunteers to make a one year commitment and to work at least 8 hours per month. For more information, you can contact me at (302) 762-6111 or ekaplan at childinc.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Eve Kaplan



NEWARK SUKKOT DINNER

Thursday, October 16

6:30 p.m.

Hadassah members would like to invite our Newark friends to join us at this festive occasion. Orly Wallach, our Hadassah Newark liaison, is hosting a Hadassah Dairy Dinner in the *Sukkah* at Temple Beth El, October 16 at 6:30 pm. This event is for all Newark women, whether members of Hadassah or not. Hillel members are also invited. Find out about this Zionist women's organization and learn about its activities in our area, the USA, Israel, and around the world. Enjoy a dairy supper, socialize, meet Hadassah members, and have a great time. Oh, yes It's free. RSVP by October 13 to Linda Oster, 992-0111. For information, contact Orly, at 235-5744 or [orly.wallach at gmail.com](mailto:orly.wallach@gmail.com)



*Happy & Healthy
New Year*



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

From Our Principal...

I'd like to extend a hearty welcome to all of our new families this year! We have new students in many of our classes and I hope they are making new friends and getting to know their way around. Welcome back too to all of our returning students and parents. This is an exciting year, filled with changes and new initiatives and I hope you will all join me in helping to smooth the way for our students.

We need assistance from parents in several areas and will be calling on those who generously offered to volunteer on their registration forms. In addition, I am looking for a few people who are willing to shop for Religious School snacks throughout the year. Please contact me if you would be able to offer your time once every month or two.

I wish you all *L'Shanah Tovah U'metukah*, a happy and sweet New Year.

--Adina Mattes



NEWS & SCHMOOZ
For 11th & 12th Grade Jewish Students
Sunday, October 19th
12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

We will meet once a month and will focus on topics of interest to this age group. Please contact the temple office if you are interested.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
SNACK CARDS
\$12.00



DISCOVERY GROUP
1st Session will meet
Sunday, October 12



A class for 3 & 4 year olds that meets one Sunday a month with Rabbi Kaplan and teacher, Rebecca Greenblatt. Children explore Jewish customs & ceremonies and the holidays in a warm and fun atmosphere. Call the temple office to register.

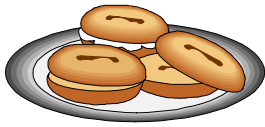


AKSE & Hadassah Bring Al Galgalim
Preschool Program to the Community

This fall, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will host Al Galgalim (Training Wheels), a Jewish family education program created by Hadassah for preschoolers and their families. Children from the Jewish community, ages 2 to 5, along with their parents or grandparents are invited to discover the joys of Judaism in monthly one hour and fifteen minute classes set in a casual, friendly environment at AKSE's Community Hebrew School.

Families will experience Shabbat and the holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Tu B'Shevat, Passover, Yom Ha'atzma'ut and Shavuot through easy-to-do arts and crafts projects, fun-filled lessons on practicing Jewish rituals, circle time, and simple child-friendly Hebrew lessons and songs. Snack-time and playtime will be available for the preschoolers giving adults time to engage in parenting discussions on both secular and Jewish topics.

The first class will be held on September 21st from 9:30 – 10:45 with lessons and crafts focused on Rosh Hashanah. Monthly sessions will continue to be held on the third Sunday of each month thereafter from 9:30 – 10:45 AM, with the exception of January and February. Classes will be held on the 2nd Sunday of these two months. The enrollment fee for one child is \$10/class or \$75/year. A discount will be provided for multiple children from the same family. Al Galgalim program families who are not currently members of Hadassah, will be asked to join for a nominal fee of \$36/year. Affiliation with AKSE or any synagogue is not required to enroll. For more information about Al Galgalim, please contact Anne Saks at (302) 762-2705 or asaks17@yahoo.com.



MEN'S CLUB



COME JOIN US FOR

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST

Followed by our annual

CONGREGATION MEETING

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12

9:15 AM



9TH ANNUAL SCOTT MACKLER 5K RUN/WALK AT TEMPLE BETH EL

Sunday, October 26th at 12:30 p.m.

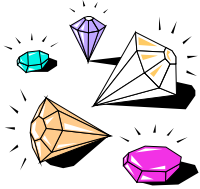
Lace up those running shoes, the annual Scott Mackler Run will be held on Sunday October 26. The funds from this race purchase assist devices for ALS patients, the Mackler family is devoted to this cause, and we are firmly committed to helping raise capital to support this work. We need runners, course spotters, and clerical staff. We are also in need of baked goods, kugels & fruit trays. If you can help you may either come into the temple and bake them your self or donate kosher baked goods and fruit trays a few days before the event. We would be deeply appreciative. Most of all, bring smiles and sunny weather! (See registration form in this Shofar).



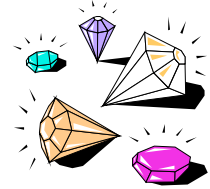
UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB BREAKFASTS

October 12 - Congregation Meeting
November 9
December 7
January 11

February 8
March 15
April 5
April 26



BUSY DAYS FROM SISTERHOOD



Sunday , October 19th

**“Welcome to our New Members”
New Member Brunch
“Watch for your invitation”**



SHMOOZIE FOODIE TUESDAY SISTERHOOD PROGRAM Tuesday, Oct. 7th, 4:30pm

Sisterhood invites everyone, and especially women dropping off kids at Religious School on Tuesday, October 7th, to STAY at TBE, save gas, and enjoy a delicious, chocolatey snack from 4:30pm until the end of RS school, meeting in the lobby at the TBE sofa. Relax for a change, shmooze, have a snack with us, and enjoy. Decompress from the holidays and share stories. See you on Tuesday, October 7th at 4:30pm.



CASH FOR GOLD AND JEWELRY EXHIBIT SISTERHOOD PROGRAM Wednesday, Nov 12th, 7:30pm

DelHaven Jewelers will be visiting us to offer cash for your gold jewelry as well as to display their new jewelry on Wednesday, Nov 12th at 7:30pm in the TBE social hall. Refreshments will be provided. See you on November 12th.



WELCOME FROM SISTERHOOD HOSPITALITY

As the new year begins, this is a great time to get involved with Sisterhood’s “hospitality”, setting up the Onegs and Kiddushes for Shabbat services. This is a great way to earn Sisterhood donor dollars. If you have never worked in the kitchen before, we can pair you up on a Friday night with someone who has experience. To sign up or to learn more about volunteering and donor dollars, please contact Renee Felder.

Kitchen Workers Needed:

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| Friday, October 3 rd - 2 workers | - | Saturday, October 4 th -1 worker |
| Friday, October 10 th - 2 workers | - | Saturday, October 11 th - 1 worker |
| Friday, November 14 th - 2 workers | - | Saturday, November 15 th -1 worker |

Thank you for your support.
Renee Felder
felderfamily at comcast.net, (610)347-0518