

# TEMPLE BETH EL SHOFAR

הרני מקבל עלי את מצוות הבורא ואהאבת לרעך כמוך ובזכות זה אפתח פי.  
*Hereni mekabel alay et mitzvat haborey "Ve'ahavata lereacha kamocho" uvizchut zeh eptach pi.*  
*Behold, I am ready to fulfill the mitzvah of "you shall love your fellow human being as yourself" and by this merit, my I speak.*  
(morning daily prayers, quoting Leviticus 19:18)

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December 2011

Shalom Friends-

How do you spell Hanukkah? Channukah? Hannukah? Channuqa? In English, there are many possibilities for this Hebrew term, but in Hebrew, there is only one. Hanukkah is often translated as the holiday of dedication. The Hebrew language offers us a variety of ways to understand the meanings of words. For example, many people are aware that *shalom* has three common meanings, hello, goodbye and peace. Similarly, Hannukkah can mean dedication or rededication. The word can also be understood as education. The term *chinuch* is one of the Hebrew terms for a student (as is *talmid*). In modern terms it is also used to refer to a group such as a bunk at a camp. This month on **December 18 at 11:15 am**, Rabbi Isaac Saposnik director of **Camp JRF** will be visiting the congregation, sharing a presentation on camp and answering questions of parents and children. One challenge at this time of the year is to consider your dedication to the Jewish community.

In working with our synagogue leadership on strengthening communication about rabbinic roles, it was suggested that I relate to you some of the basic patterns of office and administrative time in this month's message. In January, I am planning to explain some of the ritual, communal, writing, planning, and educational work. These are not all of the tasks and roles, but make for the bulk of my rabbinic duties and work.

While I worked closely with the Transition committee last year, office hours and patterns of communication were discussed and established. Beginning this past month, the Liaison committee began to meet and re-examine some of these issues. On an average week, Tuesdays through Thursdays are the general office and work hours. Fridays are the day that Shabbat, religious school, and any weekend preparation happens. It is also the day of visits to hospitals, ill members of the congregation, homebound members of the congregation, and when possible, any non-member who has requested a visit. I typically do not have office hours on Fridays after 12:00 and may not be able to get to email on that day. So an email that gets sent on a Friday late morning or afternoon may not be opened until Tuesday when regular office hours resume. My cell phone is always accessible, available whenever someone calls the synagogue office, and often the best way to reach me. If you have a message, email or otherwise, of great importance when the office is closed, you can call my cell phone or home phone and leave a message. I will attend to the matter as soon as I can following the end of Shabbat and my availability to get the message.

Given the large number of emails that may be received over a day, in order to convey an important or timely message, calling me may be the best way to convey the information.

I appreciate that we live in a time when we are challenged to communicate clearly and with positive intentions. It is hard to imagine that just fifteen years ago, the way we could communicate concerns was through a face to face visit, a land-line based telephone or a hand written letter. Email does not provide the best format to convey deep concerns or issues. Email is a good way to set up a meeting or raise a concern to be discussed. Our synagogue board leadership and congregation is challenged to work on our "netiquette", "Netiquette" is



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**(Rabbi Micah Message Continued...)**

a term that relates to our internet etiquette so that we do converse in as respectful and as constructively as our tradition encourages us to do.

It is my hope that we can work together to grow as a community and to engage in *lashon hatov, good language*. As a diverse congregation in many aspects, if we can continue to work on clear and respectful communication, we can together grow and cultivate a stronger Jewish community and Temple Beth El. Just as the teaching of Rabbi Akiva urges us, “You shall love your fellow human being as yourself, and by this merit, may I open myself to speak.”

I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped make our November a wonderfully active month at Temple Beth El. The Shabbat Unplugged Friday night service, Choir workshop, TBE Board training with the JRF, the Hey Class Shabbat morning service, Tot Shabbat and the White Elephant Auction fundraiser were a few of the great events. All supported and coordinated by our volunteer committees. I hope that December will offer us many more opportunities, as well.

Happy Hannukah. May you be blessed with light and joy, gladness and honor.

In peace and blessings,  
Rabbi Micah



**From Our President:**

This month, I would like to discuss fundraising. Since I joined, TBE has not had a consistent, unified fundraising effort. Several years ago, we established a fundraising committee under the Second Vice President, but its efforts have been somewhat ad hoc. Casino night raised only a fraction of its goal. Most of our fundraising is done by Sisterhood and Men’s Club pursuant to goals established for the auxiliaries. As a result, the most energetic and creative people are tapped for the auxiliaries’ fundraising efforts.

I would like to explore the creation of a joint fundraising committee, composed of the Sisterhood & Men’s Club fundraising chairs, a member of the Executive Board, the rabbi, administrator & principal, to consider next year’s fundraising goals in a more holistic fashion. Ideally this group would

meet and provide feedback to the Finance Committee as the budget is developed for the next fiscal year.

As holiday shopping time approaches, I introduce a painless new fundraiser that will not cost you a dime. We can all earn donations for TBE, simply by doing what we already do: shopping and web searching. “Temple Beth El (Delaware)” is now registered as a “Cause” on **iGive.com**. Members who join and select TBE(DE) as their Cause generate donations by shopping at any of 932 participating online stores, or by using the **iGive** search engine.

Simply install the **iGive Button** on your browser page, or shop via links on the **iGive** site ([www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com)). Qualified purchases from participating online merchants automatically earn donations. Donations vary by store and can range from .08% (Amazon, AppleStore, OfficeMax), 1.2% (Macy’s), 1.6% (Gap/Old Navy, J. Jill, Sears), 2.0% (Ann Taylor, Nordstrom, Saks, Oriental Trading, Ross-Simons), 2.4% (Pottery Barn, One Step Ahead) up to 26%, with periodic extra donations. Shindigz.com, which sells party goods and decorations, donates 8%. My bar mitzvah purchases from Shindigz resulted in a \$50 donation for another cause. Merchant reporting uses an **iGive** ID number which does not identify the customer to the online merchant. The average **iGive** shopper raises over \$50 a year with the **iGive** Button. If 100 TBE families join, we could raise \$10,000 per year effortlessly. Plus, the merchant list identifies available coupons.

You can also raise money by using the **iGive** search engine for internet searching ([www.iSearchiGive.com](http://www.iSearchiGive.com)). TBE will **get \$0.01** (or more) per qualified search. The money comes from advertisers, so it costs you nothing. If you add the **iGive** toolbar to your browser window, you can type in a search without going to the site. The numbers may seem small, but we all search the web hundreds of times every month, and our combined efforts can add up to real funds for TBE. I hope you will give this a try.

Wishing you all a Happy Hanukkah and don’t forget to shop online with **iGive.com!**

Marla Norton

## ADULT EDUCATION...

### FRIDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS

TBE will begin a series of Shabbat speakers following services. Mark your calendars now for our first Friday night speaker on Dec. 9th. Our own member, Stanley Weintraub, will speak on "Remembering Pearl Harbor", which is the subject of his newest book. This is the 70th anniversary of this historic event.

**Series continues: Friday, January 13 & Saturday, March 10**

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### ADULT EDUCATION

**Thursday, December 15**

**7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

Hanukkah food has more to offer than fried potatoes. Come and learn about why wine and cheese are part of the options too. We will learn about what makes wine and cheese kosher. There will be samples available. Please RSVP before Monday, December 12 to the TBE office at 302-366-8330.

January classes: 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

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### POST CONFIRMATION

**ISRAELI FILM SERIES 2011-2012**

**For 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade members**

**12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.**

December 11                      March 18

January 15                        April 22

February 12

Call TBE office for more info and to sign up.

## December Services...

Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

**Shabbat Service**

7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

**Remembering Pearl Harbor**

8:15 - 9:00 p.m.

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Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

**Jr. Congregation**

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

**Tot Shabbat**

12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

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Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

**Family**

**Menorah Lighting Service**

6:30 p.m.

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Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

**Special Torah Study**

9:30 a.m.

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**Marla Norton, president of TBE and Rabbi Micah with Rabbi Shawn Zevit of JRF at the TBE Board training Sunday November 6, 2011.**



# TBE TALENT SHOW

Sunday, December 4  
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon



Followed by the  
HANUKKAH BAZAAR

Sunday, December 4  
11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch, Shopping, Games  
Latkes!  
FUN!!



## HANUKKAH MENORAH LIGHTING SERVICE

Tuesday, December 20<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite menorah and candles and join us for a  
beautiful Hanukkah Service

# RELIGIOUS



# SCHOOL

## BAD WEATHER CLOSINGS



Of course, we are all hoping that the dreaded winter word - SNOW - doesn't appear, but it may! When inclement weather hits listen to the announcements on the radio - WILM, WDEL, WJBR or check out our website at tbede.org. We will make a decision on school closings at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays and 3:30 on Tuesdays.



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

Last day of Religious School will be on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## FAMILY SERVICES

### CONFIRMATION SERVICE & LUNCH

Saturday, December 17  
9:30 a.m.

### DALET SERVICE & LUNCH

Saturday, January 21  
9:30 a.m.

### BET SERVICE & DINNER

Friday, January 27  
7:30 p.m.



### JR. CONGREGATION

For grades 2 - 5  
Saturday, December 10  
Saturday, January 7  
10:30 a.m.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD ACTIVITY UPDATE



### DISCOVERY GROUP

Ages 3-4  
Crafts, stories & snack  
Sun., Dec. 18 & Sun., Jan. 22  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.



### EMA/ABBA & ME

Meet other pre-school parents, listen to stories from the new *PJ Library* program, music with Rabbi Micah and movement tied to a Jewish theme.  
Wed., Nov. 30 & Wed., Dec. 14  
12:15 - 1:00 p.m.

### HANUKKAH BAZAAR

Play games, enjoy savory hot latkes and shop for Hanukkah and other Judaica.  
Wed., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 noon

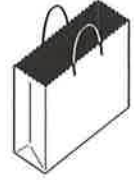


### TOT SHABBAT

Share music, stories and challah.  
Welcome Shabbat with your little tatelah.  
Fri., Dec. 16 from 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.  
Fri., Jan. 20 from 12:15 - 12:45  
Sat., Jan. 28 from 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.



# SISTERHOOD



## Cookie X-Change & Mystery Auction

December 14<sup>th</sup>

At the home of Helene Tanny

Haven't been to one? Don't know what it is?...call Sharon 302-453-0365

(I can tell you up front it is a really fun evening, full of surprises.)



## HANUKKAH BAZAAR

December 4



## CATERING TASTING EVENT...

for Gimmel, Dalet and Hai class parents

December 11 at 9:30 am.



# MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST



Our December 11 breakfast has been cancelled to allow for a special "Parent Tasting" catering event.



**Mark your calendars now for our January 8, 2012 breakfast featuring Onn Halfon.**

Onn comes to the University of Delaware Hillel from Israel as the new Director of Israel Engagement. Last year, Onn served as the shaliach (emmisary) in Mobile, Alabama. Onn was born and raised in Haifa, served in the IDF as a combat engineer (demolition expert) for three years and finished a First Sergeant. Onn has worked with youth in Israel and abroad for many years in the ODT and loves to hike. Onn has a BA in Communications and, as a student, served as chairman of the Student Union, was involved in national politics and worked to improve student life in Israel with the Israeli government.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP AT  
MILLCROFT & SOMERFORD  
ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

Millcroft & Somerford Nursing Homes need volunteers to work at their front desks to answer the phone and greet visitors on Christmas day. They need two people at each facility working 2 hour shifts from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Millcroft & 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at Somerford. If you can help out at **Millcroft please contact Kathy or Mary Denney at 366-0160.** If you can help out at **Somerford please call Lisa Link at 266-9255.**



**If you are interested in helping us sort food & shoes for NEEDY FAMILY DRIVE please contact Ann Herman at 302-737-2090.  
Sunday, December 4  
After the Bazaar**



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# KAR-BEN

PUBLISHING

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  | 1<br>5 kislev   | 2<br>6 kislev   | 3<br>7 kislev   |
|  |  |  |  |   | Service 7:30 p.m.   | Torah Study 9:15 am<br>Shabbat Service<br><br><i>Vayetze</i>  |
| 4<br>8 kislev<br>Religious School 9:15 am<br>Talent Show 11:15 am<br>Chanukah Bazaar 12 noon | 5<br>9 kislev<br>Office Closed                                   | 6<br>10 kislev   | 7<br>11 kislev<br>TBE Board Meeting  | 8<br>12 kislev<br>TBE Baking Day 10:15 am                   | 9<br>13 kislev<br>Service 7:30 - 8:15 pm<br>Guest Speaker<br>Stanley Weintraub 8:15pm | 10<br>14 kislev<br>Torah Study 9:15 am<br>Shabbat Service<br>Jr. Congregation 10:30 am<br><i>Vayishlach</i> |
| 11<br>15 kislev<br>Catering Event<br>Post Confirmation Prog.<br>12:00 - 2:00 p.m.            | 12<br>16 kislev<br>Office Closed                                 | 13<br>17 kislev  | 14<br>18 kislev<br>Ema, Aba & Me<br>12:15 - 1:00 p.m.<br><br>Sisterhood<br>Cookie x-change | 15<br>19 kislev<br>Adult Ed 7:30 pm<br>Kosher wine & chesse | 16<br>20 kislev<br>Tot Shabbat 12:15 - 12:30<br><br>Service 7:30 p.m.                 | 17<br>21 kislev<br>Torah Study 9:15 am<br>Confirmation Shabbat<br><br><i>Vayeshev</i>                       |
| 18<br>22 kislev<br>Camp JRF Presentation<br>Discovery Group<br>TBE kitchen closed            | 19<br>23 kislev<br>Office Closed                                 | 20<br>24 kislev<br>Family Menorah Lighting<br>6:30 pm<br><br>EREV HANUKKAH | 21<br>25 kislev<br><br>HANUKKAH  | 22<br>26 kislev<br><br>WINTER BEGINS<br>HANUKKAH            | 23<br>27 kislev<br>Service 7:30 p.m.<br><br>HANUKKAH                                  | 24<br>28 kislev<br>Torah Study 9:30 am<br>No Service<br><br><i>Miketz</i><br>HANUKKAH                       |
| 25<br>29 kislev<br>No Religious School<br><br>HANUKKAH<br>CHRISTMAS                          | 26<br>30 kislev<br>Office Closed<br><br>ROSH CHODESH<br>HANUKKAH | 27<br>1 tevet<br>No Religious School<br><br>ROSH CHODESH<br>HANUKKAH       | 28<br>2 tevet<br><br>HANUKKAH  | 29<br>3 tevet   | 30<br>4 tevet<br>Service 7:30 p.m.  | 31<br>5 tevet<br>Torah Study 9:30 am<br>No Service<br><br><i>Vayigash</i>                                   |