



# TEMPLE BETH EL SHOFAR

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Shalom Friends-

Summer is here. Summertime is when many children attend camp. The Jewish camping experience has been a part of Jewish life in North America for much of the last century. There are many options for Jewish camps today. From local Jewish day camps such as JCC to overnight programs. While Jewish camps are often affiliated with a movement, such as Camp JRF, others are independent, and others might be Zionist or environmental in their summer focus. Research has shown that attending a Jewish camp can have a tremendous impact upon Jewish identity.

As a board member of Camp JRF, I have the honor of being involved with the plans for our camp, and to attend as faculty each summer for one week. Being around the energy and excitement of camp community in a Jewish environment that fosters leadership, deepened connection, and commitment to Jewish life is special. There are a number of our members who attend Camp JRF, as well as a number of alumni. As the number of campers has risen, the beds have filled quickly. This year, the camp is expanding its sleeping capacity with plans to begin constructing a new section for camp. This is an exciting project for the future of the Jewish camp and for our future Reconstructionist leaders who come through the gates of Camp JRF. This past year, our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class went on a retreat to Camp JRF along with 7 other Reconstructionist congregations. Our children came back very excited about being at camp and enjoying the atmosphere created there over a Shabbat. As the Reconstructionist movement looks to engage in the opportunities that retreats and camp can offer, I am excited to inform you that there is a family program at the end of the summer session. You can find information at [www.campjrf.org](http://www.campjrf.org).

When we return in the fall, our congregation will have a new addition to our campus. The **Vicki Temko Children's and Youth building** will be a great addition to the programs and activities of Temple Beth El. We are planning to fit-out and utilize this building in a number of ways, primarily directed at our children and youth. In addition, you may notice that the old playground has been removed. There is a commitment to establish a new play area, and a group is already working on plans that we hope will be a well thought out place for all of our congregation to enjoy.

We are preparing exciting programs for the next year among which will be a community wide exploration of Kashrut. This coordinated exploration will be part of a variety of Adult Education, Sisterhood, and Men's Club events this year. In this way, we hope that there will be opportunities for people to explore the topic in a variety of settings. We hope this wide ranging topic will include some classes, presentations, tastings, and discussions about Kashrut. These programs will be a part of our efforts to understand and examine Kashrut as it is practiced today and the Kashrut policies of our congregation.

Exciting things are happening at Temple Beth El!! Have a great summer.

In peace,  
Rabbi Micah

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**From Steve Tanny:**

**An Update on the Victoria Benghiat Temko Building...**

It is obvious to all those who visit Temple Beth El that our new structure, dedicated to the memory of Vicki Temko, is well on its way to completion. The structure will have two levels. The lower level is being developed primarily as a teen center while the upper level will serve multiple purposes. Some of the proposed uses for this space will include, meetings and classes to benefit the Temple Beth El and the outside community. We also plan to use the upper level for the education of our children and to potentially develop unique enhancements to our High Holy Day services.

While construction is progressing rapidly now, some delays occurred due to the excessive cold and snow that we had this last winter. The cold delayed our ability to pour cement in a timely fashion and this has resulted in our pushing back the completion to date to approximately the end of July.

The geothermal field has been dug and piping installed. Currently we are installing electrical and mechanical items in the building itself. Work should begin soon on interior walls and external stonework.

Several synagogue members have been very active in overseeing the completion of this project. Jon Wolff has led a sub committee concerned with the "fit out" and use of the building.

The Technology committee has made sure that voice and internet technology for the Vicki Temko building is adequate and compatible with that in our existing building.

Finally, Dee Aaronson, Al Kagel and Steve Tanny have been meeting approximately once a week with the contractor and our architect to make sure that all questions are answered as to allow work to proceed as effectively as possible. Particularly, it is important to recognize the effort of Al Kagel who has given many hours to this project and who, with his knowledge of construction, has been invaluable in keeping this project moving as well as it has.

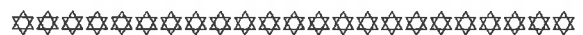
**GETTING TO KNOW...**

**Steve & Ann Osman**

We moved to Newark, Delaware during the summer of 1975. We immediately joined the synagogue and enrolled our two young sons in Religious School. Shortly after, we volunteered to be a part of the Social Committee and planned many outings such as Hay Rides, Mystery Bus Rides, and the yearly week-ends at Camp Akiba in the Poconos. We chaired the Camp Akiba committee that organized these family week-ends for over 13 years. This enabled us to meet and get to know many other young families as well. The friendships we & our children developed then have lasted until this day. We also were involved with starting Bingo at Aetna Fire Hall and worked until Bingo's demise. We served as Sisterhood President, Men's Club President and various positions on the Board of Directors.

Our sons had their Bar Mitzvahs at our former building on Amstel Avenue; our New York family had never seen such a small synagogue! We remember the excitement and anticipation when we moved to our present facility. We recall all the work that we were involved with to bring the project to fruition including negotiating the first mortgage, clearing the land, and painting the classrooms.

Temple Beth El has been a part of our lives for 36 years. The members have supported us thru times of joy and times of sadness. We learned that when you give your time to the synagogue, you get so much more in return.



**SUMMER SERVICE HOURS**

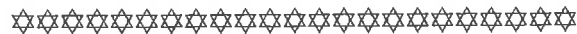


Friday Shabbat services 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Summer office hours begin June 20 Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. In an effort to conserve energy and save \$ the synagogue building will be closed on Sundays & Mondays.



**UPCOMING B'NAI MITZVOT**

- June 18 - Jacob Saltzberg
- June 25 - Bill & Josh Sweren
- August 13 - Alec Newton
- August 20 - Karl Becker
- September 10 - Ethan Norton



**MAZEL TOV TO OUR 2010-11 TEMPLE BETH EL HONORS!**

- TBE Man of the Year.....Steve Tanny
- TBE Woman of the Year.....Adina Mattes
- TBE Meritorious Award.....Ann Herman
- TBE Meritorious Award.....Al Kagel
- TBE Meritorious Award.....Richard Squadron
- Sisterhood Woman of the Year.....Alice Hirsch
- Sisterhood Top Donor.....Barbara Stapen
- BBYO Jason Bell Award.....Christian Taub
- Krinsky Award (Hai Graduate).....Dylan Munson

**TBE**  
**Picnic & Registration**  
**Sunday , August 28**

Join us for an afternoon of Fun at TBE!

Open House - tour our new building!

Register for TBE & Religious School.

Picnic food and activities.

Check your email for updates!



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### From Our Principal...

Shalom Religious School Parents,

We have completed another busy year of school and you will find your child's report card in the mail. Teachers have made recommendations for tutoring for many of our students. I have a list of tutors who are available in the summer to assist you with summer lessons. It would be wonderful for your child to take advantage of this opportunity.

I hope you will enjoy the summer and relax. Please try to come to services, practice and review that Hebrew! See you August 28 at our TBE picnic and registration.

Andrea Finestrauss



**Mazel tov to Dylan Munson  
for winning the  
Rabbi Krinsky Award for  
Outstanding Hai Graduate for 2011.**



**1<sup>st</sup> Day of Religious School  
Sunday, September 11th**

**Do you have a kindergartener  
or a 1<sup>st</sup> grader?**

**Please call the office to pre-register  
for our K class which meets on  
Sunday mornings.** We would like to know our numbers to plan for the fall. Also, if you know of a family who has a kindergartner or 1<sup>st</sup> grader and is interested, please tell them to call the TBE office.



### DISCOVERY GROUP

Fun and Jewish Learning, all rolled into one! For 3 – 4 year olds.  
Sundays, 10:30 – 11:30, once a month.  
Open to the community – you do not have to be a member to attend.  
Call the office to sign up for fall 2011.



### OUR JUDAICA SHOP

Come shop with us and support the synagogue.  
Gifts for all occasions.  
Personal shopping available!

### SISTERHOOD'S CHILDREN'S "NEARLY NEW" CLOTHING SALE

Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>  
Check your e-mail or call the TBE office for information

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**KAR-BEN**  
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| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                          | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|--|---------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
|  |                                 |   | 1<br>28 iyar<br>TBE Board Meeting<br><br>YOM YERUSHALAYIM | 2<br>29 iyar   | 3<br>1 sivan<br>Services 7:30 p.m.<br>Whiteside   | 4<br>2 sivan<br>Services 9:30 a.m.<br>Jr. Congregation 10:30 am<br>B/M<br><br>Rosh Chodesh<br>Naso |
| 5<br>3 sivan<br>Installation<br>7:30 p.m.      | 6<br>4 sivan<br>Office Closed   | 7<br>5 sivan<br>Confirmation Graduation<br>7:30 p.m.<br>With Yizkor Prayers<br><br>EREV SHAVUOT | 8<br>6 sivan<br>Office Closed<br><br>SHAVUOT              | 9<br>7 sivan<br>Office Closed<br><br>YIZKOR<br>SHAVUOT   | 10<br>8 sivan<br>Services 7:30 p.m.<br>Otto       | 11<br>9 sivan<br>Services 9:30 a.m.<br>B/M<br><br>Beha'alotecha                                    |
| 12<br>10 sivan                                 | 13<br>11 sivan<br>Office Closed | 14<br>12 sivan<br><br>FLAG DAY  | 15<br>13 sivan  | 16<br>14 sivan<br>Adult Ed with Rabbi Micah<br>7:30 p.m. | 17<br>15 sivan<br>Services 7:30 p.m.<br>Saltzberg | 18<br>16 sivan<br>Services 9:30 a.m.<br>B/M<br>Teen Dance & Havdallah<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Shelach      |
| 19<br>17 sivan<br>Building<br><br>FATHER'S DAY | 20<br>18 sivan<br>Closed        | 21<br>19 sivan<br>TBE Summer Hours Begin<br>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.<br><br>SUMMER BEGINS          | 22<br>20 sivan  | 23<br>21 sivan<br>Office Open<br>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.   | 24<br>22 sivan<br>Services 7:30 p.m.<br>Sweren    | 25<br>23 sivan<br>Services 9:30 a.m.<br>B/M<br><br>Korach  |
| 26<br>24 sivan<br>Building                     | 27<br>25 sivan<br>Closed        | 28<br>26 sivan<br>Office Open<br>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  | 29<br>27 sivan  | 30<br>28 sivan<br>Office Open<br>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.   |   |  |

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| SUNDAY              | MONDAY           | TUESDAY                              | WEDNESDAY         | THURSDAY                             | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
|                     |                  |                                      |                   |                                      | 1 29 sivan      | 2 30 sivan      |
|                     |                  |                                      |                   |                                      | Services 7:30 p.m.   | Services 9:30 a.m.   |
|                     |                  |                                      |                   |                                      | CANADA DAY   | Chukat<br>ROSH CHODESH   |
| 3 1 tammuz          | 4 2 tammuz       | 5 3 tammuz                           | 6 4 tammuz        | 7 5 tammuz                           | 8 6 tammuz      | 9 7 tammuz      |
| TBE Building        | Closed           | Office Open<br>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | TBE Board Meeting | Office Open<br>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Services 7:30 p.m.   | Services 9:30 a.m.   |
| ROSH CHODESH        | INDEPENDENCE DAY |                                      |                   |                                      |  | Balak  |
| 10 8 tammuz         | 11 9 tammuz      | 12 10 tammuz                         | 13 11 tammuz      | 14 12 tammuz                         | 15 13 tammuz    | 16 14 tammuz    |
| TBE Building        | Closed           | Office Open<br>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |                   | Office Open<br>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Services 7:30 p.m.   | Services 9:30 a.m.   |
|                     |                  |                                      |                   |                                      |  | Pinchas  |
| 17 15 tammuz        | 18 16 tammuz     | 19 17 tammuz                         | 20 18 tammuz      | 21 19 tammuz                         | 22 20 tammuz  | 23 21 tammuz  |
| TBE Building        | Closed           | Office Open<br>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |                   | Office Open<br>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Services 7:30 p.m.   | Services 9:30 a.m.   |
|                     |                  | FAST OF TAMMUZ                       |                   |                                      |  | Matot  |
| 24 22 tammuz        | 25 23 tammuz     | 26 24 tammuz                         | 27 25 tammuz      | 28 26 tammuz                         | 29 27 tammuz  | 30 28 tammuz  |
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| 31 29 tammuz        |                  |                                      |                   |                                      |  |  |
| TBE Building Closed |                  |                                      |                   |                                      |  | Masei  |