



# BETH-EL CONGREGATION

DECEMBER 2009

## Musings

Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger



According to Jewish tradition, the first blessing that we recite upon lighting the Chanukah lights each night praises God, "Who hallows our lives with commandments and commands us to kindle the light of Chanukah." (Then, of course, we also say a blessing praising God for the miracle of our survival and, on the first night, the *Shehecheyanu*, praising God for getting us, once again, to this

season.) The rabbis in the Talmud, concentrating on that first blessing, "...Who has commanded us...", ask pointedly, "Where did God command that?" That is, Chanukah is not in the Bible. Its history is post-biblical and thus not old enough to have been commanded in Scripture. So how can we say that God commands anything for Chanukah?

In the Talmud (Sukkah 46a), the ancient rabbis respond with two "proof-texts." First, they say, in Deuteronomy 17:8-13, there is a discussion of what to do with difficult issues that arise after the Torah is put into practice in the promised land. It says go to the religious authorities for a judgment, and then "you shall not turn aside to the right or the left from the decision which they declare to you." So, even decisions properly arrived at long after the giving of Torah come with the Torah's authority behind them! The second passage to which they refer us is in the long poem that Moses recites in Deuteronomy 32—it says, most memorably, and to the point here, "Remember the days of old, . . . Ask your father, and he will instruct you, your elders, and they will tell to you." (Deut. 32:7) Here, the authority for commanding a practice like lighting candles on Chanukah does not even take formal religious authorities. Your parents and elders know the tradition; trust them. Tradition comes with the force of law. (Or to put that differently, how can we say that God commands what is not mentioned in the Bible? Because God works through the tradition in every generation.)

Interestingly, the same logic enables us to subtract from, as well as add to, Jewish practice. The Torah says to put a blue thread on the corners of your garments and to execute Sabbath violators. Why don't we?! Because proper religious authorities have modernized Judaism. Or just ask your parents, who will likely rely as much on com-

## Worship Calendar

Friday, December 4 8:00 PM

Shabbat Service



Guest Speaker Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor (see page 2), vice president of the World Union, will speak on "The Challenges and Triumphs of Progressive Judaism Around the World."

Student Cantor Leslie Niren will sing

Friday, December 11 7:00 PM

MRJ will provide its usual great latke dinner at 6:00 PM

WRJ will help with decorating and programming (dreidles! menorahs!)

Family Service begins at 7:00 PM

A Chanukah Puppet Show, *Maccabee Mishegoss!* (see flyer), begins at 7:30 PM

Friday, December 18 8:00 PM

Shabbat Service

*The Beth-El Choir will sing*

Saturday, December 19 10:30 AM

Tot Shabbat

Friday, December 25 8:00 PM

Shabbat Service

*The Volunteer Choir will sing*

Friday, January 1 Kabbalat Shabbat Early Services

Candles, Kiddush, and Snack at 5:45 PM

Service at 6:00 PM

mon sense as on biblical quotations!

The thought that we—not just God, but we!—can add and subtract from the commandments of Torah scares fundamentalists to death. Ironically, though, they do it, too (why don't *they* wear those blue threads?! Why don't *they* execute Sabbath violators, witches, and "stubborn and rebellious children"?!). And speaking of change, how can we light *candles* when the Maccabees used oil? Some change is good. Operating in community, in effect by consensus, we avoid the "slippery slope" that could in theory allow every change once we allow any change.

Enjoy Chanukah! Light those candles—God commands it!

# President's Message

Dr. Barry Bzostek, President

Many cultures have festivals that feature lights to help cope with the bleak midwinter. Ours—Chanukah—is a lovely holiday that is really a fairly minor one in the Jewish constellation of celebrations. It commemorates, conventionally, the triumph of religious freedom over governmental repression. Alternatively, it can be seen to represent the victory of the traditionalists over the assimilationists, which might make some of us uncomfortable. Recently, some who choose to see Israel as evil have pointed to a perceived irony in our celebrating the triumph of a repressed people whose land is under the occupation of usurpers. I much prefer the first interpretation, and I disregard the others.

Chanukah has some wonderful traditions involving fried things, as well as candles, spinning tops, and children's celebrations. A fairly recent custom, acquired from our Christian friends, involves gifts. Lots of gifts. Some of us may feel a little funny admitting that we really like Christmas decorations, Christmas parties, Christmas carols (many written by Jews), Santa Claus, and the general good feeling of the Christmas season. I think that we should just lighten up and enjoy the beauty of the season, which is undeniable, even if we say "Bah, humbug" to the religious trappings. On the other hand, the American Christmas tradition of spending outrageous sums to inundate ourselves and especially our children with mountains of stuff seems to be a Christmas tradition that we accept willingly. Bah, humbug, indeed.

So, how does your family deal with the Christmas/

## Guest Speaker at Services

On Friday night, December 4, we will be honored to welcome Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor to the bimah at Beth-El. He is the vice president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, which serves, nurtures, and supports 1,200 congregations with 1.7 million members around the world. He is a recognized expert on interfaith relations and the author of two books, *Shalom/Salaam: A Resource for Jewish/Muslim Dialogue* and *A Jewish View of Cults*.

Ordained at the Hebrew Union College, our guest has

Chanukah issue (dilemma? conflict? joint celebration?)? A couple of months ago, we started soliciting thoughts and comments from congregants about interesting questions that would be posed from time to time. The response was not great. I am told that this is to be expected (it even says in the Pirke Avot that all beginnings are difficult), so let's keep trying. Send your responses to me at [president@bethelfw.org](mailto:president@bethelfw.org) or [bzostek@charter.net](mailto:bzostek@charter.net) or by regular mail. They will be shared in the Bulletin and in a new Online Forum on our website. Coincidentally, this is consistent with one of the congregational initiatives that came out of the recent URJ Biennial, "Embracing Technology." The other congregational initiative—having to do with food and responsible eating—will have to wait until after latke season.

Speaking of which—the first night of Chanukah, which also happens to be Erev Shabbat, December 11, will feature a Shabbat/Chanukah dinner starring the aforementioned latkes, followed by a short service and some great family entertainment, starring, from what I hear, a phenomenal puppet show. Details are on the enclosed flyer.

Have a wonderful holiday, and have your Roloids ready. *Chag Sameach*.



served as director of Interfaith Affairs for the Union for Reform Judaism and for the Anti-Defamation League, among many other important positions in both our Reform movement and the academic world—has taught at Sarah Lawrence College, NYU, and HUC-JIR. Rabbi Bretton-Granatoor served New York's Stephen Wise Free Synagogue for eight years, as well.

Please make an extra effort to come and learn about Reform Judaism's challenges around the world and to meet a dynamic speaker and leader!

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# Beth-Elements

## Daytimers

### *Fort Worth Opera—Evolving to Greatness, with Darren Woods of the Fort Worth Opera Festival*

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Beth-El Congregation

Price: \$9 per person, lunch and program  
\$4 per person, program only



Join us for a sneak peek into next year's hot-ticket shows. Woods will tell you about some extraordinary experiences in store for us—including a World Premiere at the 2010 Fort Worth Opera Festival. Now in its fourth year, this festival has been moving to the forefront as "one of the country's premier opera festivals," according to the *Dallas Morning News* and the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Darren may also share some inside stories about the fascinating world of opera.

**Please share your blessings by bringing canned and packaged goods for the Tarrant Area Food Bank. Without your help, the holidays may be bleak for many needy families.**

Lunch, which will be catered by Boopa's Bagel Deli, includes a pickle, chips, cookies, coffee or tea, a jelly-filled Sugvaniot especially for Chanukah, and one of the following: turkey and hummus on a sesame bagel, chicken salad on a honey wheat bagel, or lox and cream cheese on a pumpernickel bagel. For reservations, call with your credit card to Barbara Rubin (817-927-2736) or Sylvia Wexler (817-294-1129). **Please include your zip code and security code with your credit card number.** You may also mail checks to Beth-El Congregation, 4900 Briarhaven Road, Fort Worth, TX 76109. **If you would like to order bagels from Boopa's to be delivered with the lunch order, call 817-232-4771 with your credit card. The price is \$9.45 for a dozen and \$5.75 for a half-dozen.**

*Also in December*

**Tuesday, December 29, 2009, 1:30 PM.**

Daytimers Bridge at Beth-El. To make reservations, call Al Wexler at 817-294-1129.

### *Upcoming Daytimers Events*

**Wednesday, January 13, 2010.** Our speaker will be Star-Telegram consumer watchdog Dave Lieber.

**Wednesday, February 17, 2010.** We will enjoy a performance by the Texas Boys Choir.

## Community Seniors Program

Please join us for coffee, fun, food, and schmooze. The Jewish Family Services Senior program is going strong. We meet daily at Beth-El from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

The activities change daily, but the camaraderie and fun remain. If you or anyone you know is looking for something to do during the day and would like a nutritious dairy lunch, please join us. We play Black Jack, Bingo, Maj, Rummykub, and also exercise twice a week with a certified instructor. We celebrate all holidays, and we even have once-a-month chair massage! For more details, please join us or call Hedy Collins, Senior Program Director, at 817-296-3709. Monthly activity calendars are available. Hope to see you soon!

## Chanukah at Thistle Hill

Qualiyy Hills Holidays presents Chanukah at the Mitchell-Schoonover House, across the street from the Thistle Hill House. Come celebrate Chanukah on Sunday, December 6, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. The Mitchell-Schoonover House is the Law Office of Art Bender and is at 8th and Pennsylvania. Don't miss Angie Kitzman, Linda Hoffman, and Genie Long singing Chanukah songs, accompanied by Scott Slotter on guitar. There will be dreidel playing, party favors, punch, donut holes, and Chanukah cookies. You can even enjoy the carriage rides! Tickets are only \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children. Make plans to join us! Flyers with discount coupons will be available. If you have any questions, please contact Corrine Jacobson at 817-294-7844.

## Mitzvah Brigade

Many thanks to Sonja Stein, who continues to help at the front desk on the first Monday of each month. With our small office staff, it is a big help to Suzie, Debbie, and Alexa when you spend three hours, once a month or once a week, answering the telephone. We all appreciate the many people who continue to help both the office staff and Ilana Knust in the Religious School. If you have time to spare, call Corrine Jacobson at 817-294-7844.

## Daughters of Abraham

The Temple's Gathering Area was filled to capacity as Daughters of Abraham members gathered in October to listen to Mary Anderson of the Tarrant Area Food Bank. We collected over eighty-one pounds of food. We also discussed how Judaism is misinterpreted by other religions.

In November, we met at Holy Family Catholic Church to discuss similar misinterpretations of Christianity, as well as prayers for the peace of the three religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. We made plans to donate t-shirts and sweat pants to the Women's Center at the December meeting.

## Endowment Funds

The minimum contribution to all of our endowment funds is now \$50. This includes the Rosenthal-Seigel Education Endowment Fund, the Operating Endowment Fund, and Endowment #2. The minimum contribution amounts for all other funds remain the same.

# Lifetime Learning News

Louis D. Schultz, Chairman

*There are many exciting programs planned for this year. Mark your calendars for the following:*

## Judaism 103

**Sundays, 9:30 - 10:30 AM**

**December 6**

Guest Speaker Rabbi Dov Mandell will speak on "The Beginnings of Hasidism"

**December 13**

What Exactly is Spirituality?

## 92nd Street Y

Over sixty people watched Live from 92nd Street Y on Wednesday, November 4, when Mitch Albom presented an inspiring story from his new book, *Have a Little Faith*. It was followed by a delicious dessert reception. Be sure to mark your calendar for the next program.



**Monday, December 7, 2009, 7:15 PM**

"The Coming Commercial Revolution in the Muslim World," with Vali Nasr

## Upcoming: 2010 Beth-El Film Festival

Seymour Roberts and the Lifetime Learning Committee have selected three films for the 2010 Beth-El Film Festival—*Bart Got a Room*, *Noodle*, and *Sixty-Six*. The dates for the films are January 16 and 30 and February 13. For those who are interested, before each movie, we will offer a catered meal at a nominal fee. Please check the Lifetime Learning website for the order of the movies and the cost of the meals.

*Be sure to check for current updates to Lifetime Learning at the Beth-El website ([www.bethelfw.org](http://www.bethelfw.org)) by clicking on "Lifetime Learning" under "Education."*

## WRJ Chanukah/Bunko Party!

**Thursday, December 17, 2009**

**7:30 pm**

**Beth-El's Great Hall**

Candlelighting + Gift Exchange

+ Bunko Playing =

**A Fun Holiday Evening!**



# Women of Reform Judaism

Loretta Causey, President

## Mah Jongg Mania!

The ladies came! The suitcases were unpacked! Figured dominos were in the hundreds! And little decorated purses sat on every corner of the tables! Laughter was occasional, and serious moments of concentration were honored. Even the bowls of M&Ms and peanuts were occasionally ignored.

Mah Jongg is in full swing. Ladies have the opportunity to play their favorite game with friends and family. For a novice, the players are patient. Yet, the competition is serious. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us! There are usually more than five tables and you can bring anyone who enjoys the game. For details on the next event, which will be scheduled for sometime after the first of the year, contact Linda Hochster at 817-294-7738.

## Donor Brunch on February 7

Plan on an exhilarating morning for YOU! Julie Goldstein is chairing a morning of rejuvenation for all of us! The food will be extraordinary. The entertainment will be refreshing and informative. The atmosphere, with exquisite décor, will calm our senses. Our auction will have items we must have for ourselves or as gifts for others. *And* we will be among our friends and loved ones to enjoy the moment with the thought of rejuvenating ourselves. During this annual event, we all participate to provide funds so that our children will have quality experiences in Religious School and in summer camps.

If you have contributions for the auction, whether mementos or priceless works of art, contact Julie at 817-927-8978. We appreciate the wonderful items that are provided every year. We need baked goods, baskets of treats, and goods and services.

Plan to attend for a great morning experience, and plan to contribute generously. Invitations will come to you—we look forward to seeing all of you on the morning of Sunday, February 7!

## Happy Chanukah! We are most grateful for your business!

Many thanks to the WRJ Gift Shop customers who have generously purchased items. Edythe Cohen again listened to the pulse of our community and ordered the desired items. The shelves were filled and continued to be emptied. Thank you so much! Hopefully, everyone has the dreidels, gelt, and menorahs to create a joyful Jewish atmosphere. Let us remember the meaning of Chanukah and cherish the many stories to be read and remembered.

Spend time with your family! Enjoy every event! Make every day count!

*May you and yours have a blessed, healthy, and happy New Year!*

# Matzo Ball Classic Golf Tournament

The Third Annual Beth-El Brotherhood Matzo Ball Classic Golf Tournament, held at the Mansfield National Golf Course on October 18, 2009, was a rousing success. The tournament, which raises funds primarily to fund scholarships for needy children at URJ's Greene Family Camp, experienced a significant increase in participation and revenue. In addition to all of the golfers and sponsors who participated, recognition should be given to the lead sponsor, Gold Metal Recyclers.

## *Hole sponsors included*

Jeff Prostok/Forshey & Prostok, L.L.P  
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Also noteworthy was a dramatic increase in participation of the MRJ members in the tournament.

The tournament could not have been successful without the efforts of the committee, which included co-chairs Mike Kalpin and Jeff Kaitcer, as well as Monica Braverman, Howard Bellet, and Joe Gorsd. Additionally, Edwin Watts Golf Super Store provided prizes and giveaways for the tournament, is also recognized.

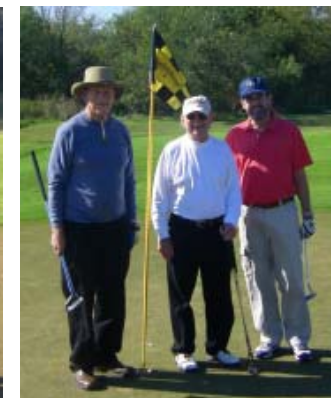
Thanks so much to all the people who participated, sponsored, and gave time, money, and prizes. In particular, we would like to recognize the following members who were among over fifty golfers who participated:

Mike Kalpin  
 Jeff Kaitcer  
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 Bo Bich  
 Mark Gerrick  
 Jared Imber  
 Steve Imber  
 Marty Stenzler

Howard Bellet  
 Sam Rosen  
 Richard Slatkin  
 Ron Arnold  
 Lou Schultz  
 Marty Rubinson  
 Grant Rubinson  
 Ellen Rubinson



*Above left photo: Richard Slatkin, Darryl Pruitt, Howard Bellet, Sam Rosen. Above right photo: John Sims, Mike Kalpin, Louis Okon, Steve Chisholm. Bottom photos, left to right, photo 1: Steve Imber, Jared Imber, Mark Gerrick, Marty Stenzler. Photo 2: Steve Kaitcer, Jeff Kaitcer, Andrew Kaitcer, Mike Kaitcer. Photo 3: Ellen Rubinson, Marty Rubinson, Grant Rubinson. Photo 4: Harry Bulbrook, Ron Arnold, Lou Schultz.*



# Brotherhood Update

Adam Siegel, President

That wonderful aroma coming from the Temple kitchen each Sunday in November was the annual MRJ latke preparation. This year, the MRJ is offering traditional latkes and Southwest-flavored latkes for \$7 per dozen. Use the enclosed form to place your orders and pick them up on December 6 and 13 at the Temple kitchen.



MRJ members made latkes in the Temple's kitchen. Above left: Howard Bellet and Gary Goldstein. Above middle: Guy Bustillos. Above right: Mike Kalpin. Right photo: Nick Montroll and Guy Bustillos.



## FWFTY

Zach Beldon, Corresponding VP

Hey, Beth-El! Even though FWFTY didn't have an event during November, our board did a lot of planning for FWFTY's annual Talent Show. It will be held on Friday evening, January 22, 2010, along with a dinner and Shabbat service. The talent show's theme is Disney! We plan to have great decorations, raffle prizes, a great show, and a great turn-out. Please buy raffle tickets and help make this year's talent show the best ever!

On December 4-6, a select few will represent FWFTY at

NFTY-TOR Na'aseh V'Nishma (aka NVN). Upon returning to the Temple on Sunday, December 6, all of FWFTY will head over to the Thistle Hill area to Art Brender's law office (8th and Pennsylvania) from 2:00 to 6:00 PM to help out with the Chanukah celebration—come join us in a game of dreidel. To end the month, on December 25th, FWFTY members will once again spend the entire day together with a movie, IHOP, and a Social Action Project. I hope to see all high schoolers there!

## Blood Drive

Dan Halpern, Social Action Committee Chair

**Sunday, January 10, 2010, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

Roll up your sleeves, stretch out your arm, and join us for our Annual Winter Blood Drive on Sunday, January 10, 2010, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Congregation Ahavath Sholom. The good folks from Carter Blood Care will be available to take your blood and, in exchange, we'll give you

cookies and juice—and you'll feel **wonderful**. The need for blood is particularly great this year, so please support the Winter Blood Drive. Walk-ins are always welcome, but a specific time is always preferred for our planning. To reserve your time slot, or if you have any questions, please call Dan Halpern at 817-426-3239. Thank you.

## Synaplex

Our November Synaplex was simply great. We started with a great dinner provided by the MRJ. Our Rabbi led the traditional service, Renana Raz conducted a wonderful dance workshop, and Linda Hoffman gave us something special in the kitchen. Also, the *Teens Online* program with Gary Goldstein

was fantastic, and the young ones enjoyed a great movie. We are excited that everyone came for such a great event.

Make plans to join us in March for the next Synaplex in March. If you want to get involved with planning future Synaplexes, please contact the Temple.

# Religious School News

Ilana Knust, Director of Education

*This coming winter break, we will spend more time with our children. Therefore, I chose to share with you a great story that I heard when I was a student. I have carried it with me ever since—as a mother, as a social worker, and as an educator.*



## The Butterfly

This story is about a little boy in India who went to visit a Guru. The Guru was sitting and looking at something that he held in his hand. The boy came closer and looked, but he did not understand what it was. He asked the Guru, “What is it?” “A chrysalis,” the Guru said, “and inside there is a butterfly.”

“May I have it?” asked the boy. “Yes,” said the Guru, “but you must promise me that when the butterfly begins to come out of the chrysalis, you will not help it. It will hit against the shell with his wings, but you must not help it.”

The boy promised, took the chrysalis, and went home. At home, he sat down and stared at the chrysalis. After a while, he saw some movement as the chrysalis started shaking and moving. A beautiful butterfly was trying to emerge, but its wing movements seemed to be too weak to allow it to get out.

The little boy desperately wanted to help the suffering butterfly. Finally, when he couldn’t take it anymore, he

broke his promise to the Guru. The boy opened the chrysalis and helped the butterfly get out. Suddenly, it fell to the ground and didn’t move. The boy carefully picked up the butterfly and saw that it was dead. Crying, he went to the Guru and showed him the dead butterfly.

“You see, boy?” the Guru said, “You helped it, didn’t you?” “Yes,” said the boy, “I did.”

The Guru replied, “You don’t understand what you have done. When the butterfly started coming out of the chrysalis, it hit its wings on the chrysalis to make them stronger—this is the only way that it would have been able to fly. If it had done so by itself, it wouldn’t have died.

**When you, boy, did it for the butterfly, you prevented it from growing and maturing by itself.**”

**Thanks to all the teachers, Education Committee members, WRJ, MRJ, and our many volunteers for creating the atmosphere and the conditions for our students to love and grow Jewishly.**

## Upcoming Religious School Events

- \* **Wednesday, December 2**—No Hebrew School.
- \* **Sunday, December 6**—8th-10th grade Chanukah program. K-7th grade have music with Student Cantor Leslie Niren.
- \* **Sunday, December 13, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**—Chanukah celebration in the Gathering Area.
- \* **Wednesday, December 16 to Wednesday, January 6**—Winter break.

**If Sunday School is cancelled because of inclement weather, it will be announced on NBC/channel 5 and on [www.nbc5i.com](http://www.nbc5i.com).**

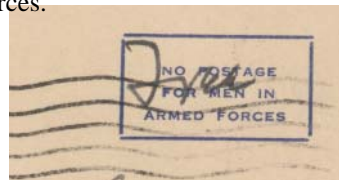
*Have a wonderful Chanukah and Winter break!*

## A Chanukah Lesson from the Archives

Hollace Weiner, Chair



**Greeting Card, 1944.** This graceful menorah, with its welcoming, outstretched arms, appeared on greeting cards distributed by the USO to Jewish soldiers, who mailed them during the holiday. This particular card was sent to Regina Gernsbacher, who led the local Jewish USO Committee. She received it from Sgt. Irving Rosefeld, who was stationed at Camp Wolters in Mineral Wells. Note on the reverse side that instead of using a stamp, the card states, “No Postage for Men in Armed Forces.”



# Contributions

## Rosenthal-Siegel Education Endowment Fund

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_ **From**  
a speedy recovery for Ned Covitt Roz Rosenthal

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**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_ **From**  
Lazarus Loeb Jacqueline Loeb Robinson  
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**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_ **From**  
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## Mitch Stenzler Sunday School Scholarship Fund

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_ **From**  
a speedy recovery for Ned Covitt Sonya Stenzler and Hubert Chase  
Avette Covitt, on her birthday  
Stan Kurtz, on his second Bar Mitzvah Sonia and Jerry Hecht  
Sonya Stenzler and Hubert Chase

## Mitch Stenzler Sunday School Scholarship Fund

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## Prayerbook Fund

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Beverly and Michael Ross  
Barbi and Stanley Eisenman

Stan Kurtz, on his second Bar Mitzvah  
a speedy recovery for Jerry Berkowitz  
Bettye Baccus, on her birthday  
Marcy and Greg Phillips  
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Mimi and Harold Klotz  
Melvin and Nonie Sonkin Schwartz  
Fannette Sonkin

Celia Kantor  
Betty Baccus

## Prayerbook Fund

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_ **From**  
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Abe James Edelstein Carol and Adam Siegel  
Zelma and Morris Siegel  
Esther Hoffman Judy and Martin Tobey  
Barbi and Stanley Eisenman

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_ **From**  
our marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller  
Stan Kurtz, on his second Bar Mitzvah Elaine and Michael Griver

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_ **From**  
Charles Etkoff Bernice Etkoff  
Rose Davis Mollye and Bob Kahn

## Religious School Fund

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_ **From**  
the birth of Mila Oshman Maddie and Larry Lesnick  
Kaylie James, on her birthday Cindy and Robert Simon  
Brigitte Altman, on her birthday  
a speedy recovery for Dan Oshman Beverly and Michael Ross  
Jane and Simon Oderberg  
a speedy recovery for Russell Feld Rose-Marie and Len Schweitzer  
Stan Kurtz, on his second Bar Mitzvah Karen Kaplan  
Adele Arensberg  
Barbara Weinberg  
the birth of Livia Paige Slurzberg Beverly and Michael Ross  
Dixon Bourne, on his Bar Mitzvah Adele Arensberg  
Barbara Weinberg  
the engagement of Lauren Gilbert and Houdie Epstein Jane and Simon Oderberg  
the birth of Mila Oshman

## Temple Fund

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_ **From**  
Mikhail Barash, on his violin playing at Rosh Hashanah Jeanne and Steve Ginsberg  
a speedy recovery for Ned Covitt Roz and Harvey Micklin  
Susan Luskey, on her birthday Joyce and Jack Gerrick  
a speedy recovery for Don Cohen Marilyn and Jack Rubin  
Barbi and Stanley Eisenman  
Joyce and Jack Gerrick  
a speedy recovery for Jerry Berkowitz Bessie Bodzy  
Joyce and Jack Gerrick  
the marriage of Ladye Ann and Jack Miller Erline and Bruce Gordon  
Stan Kurtz, on his second Bar Mitzvah Marilyn and Jack Rubin  
Bessie Bodzy  
Hortense Deifik  
Gayle and Bryan Hirsch  
Leigh and Louis Schultz  
Leland and Jill Shurin  
a speedy recovery for Dick Simon Marilyn and Jack Rubin  
a speedy recovery for Cathy Herzfeld Barbi and Stanley Eisenman  
Dr. and Mrs. Lester Kuperman  
Marilyn and Jack Rubin  
Corrine Jacobson, on her birthday Frances Klotzman  
Stan Kurtz and Dixon Bourne, on their B'nai Mitzvah Sara Betty Gilbert  
Ruth and Doug Roper  
a speedy recovery for Dan Oshman Terry and James Kravetz  
Leigh and Louis Schultz  
Cynthia and Burton Gilbert Beverly and Michael Ross  
the engagement of Michael Appleman and Jennifer Kethley Judy and Martin Tobey  
Beth-El Congregation Richie Lawrence  
a speedy recovery for Mrs. Bradley Kenter Ilene and Barry Jordan  
Dr. and Mrs. Lester Kuperman

**Temple Fund****In Memory of**

Sarah Smulian  
Bayard Friedman  
Faye Kaitcer  
Cipa Rosenberg Taylor  
Louis Samuel Cristol  
Menford Gaines  
Ben Alpern  
Esther Hoffman

Charles Eckber  
Rozanne Rosenthal's Aunt Helen  
Ignace Capper  
Harold Baum  
Sylvia B. Goldman  
Ruth C. Pollack  
Delsie Gans Altman  
Michelle Levin Asperi  
Shaol Pozez  
Roman Shloss  
Ann Schuster  
Jim Zack

**From**

Lynny and Eddie Sankary  
Cornelia Friedman  
Mona and Leslie Kaitcer  
Rachel and David Cristol  
  
Frances Klotzman  
Merri and Gary Sadow  
Sara Betty Gilbert  
Cynthia and Burton Gilbert  
Beverly and Michael Ross  
Julia and James Eckber  
Beverly and Michael Ross  
Joyce and Robert Capper  
Cheryl and Laurin Baum  
Kenneth Bobkoff  
Dr. Nathan Cedars  
Leigh and Louis Schultz  
Dr. Lynne Tilkin  
Marcia and Stan Kurtz  
Loretta Feinberg  
Jeanne and Izzy Bloomberg  
Susan and Bob Lewis

**Operating Endowment Fund****In Honor of**

Stan Kurtz and Dixon Bourne, on their B'nai Mitzvah  
the marriage of Jacque Loeb and Irv Robinson

**From**

Judie and Dick Greenman  
Sara and Richard Zweig  
Beverly and Michael Ross

**Operating Endowment Fund****In Memory of**

Ben H. Rosenthal

**From**

Billy and Rozanne Rosenthal

**Tree Fund****In Honor of**

Rose-Marie and Len Schweitzer, on their 50th anniversary

**From**

Corrine Jacobson

**Youth Fund****In Honor of**

the birth of Mila Oshman

**From**

Noreen and Bill Houston

# The Judaica Shop

It's time for our **Semi-Annual  
TAX-FREE DAY**

**On Sunday, December 6,** all of your purchases in the Judaica Shop will be **tax-free**. Pay absolutely no sales tax!

Finish your Chanukah buying or plan ahead!

**December Hours**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays:

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sundays: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

(closed Sunday, December 20 & 27)

**Special hours for Sunday, December 6:**

**9:30 AM - 1:00 PM**



# The Temple Family

**Mazel Tov**

- to Ladye Ann and Jack Miller, on their marriage.
- to Leslie and Rick Siegel, on the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Michelle Wolf, to Wesley Jones. The couple lives in Carrollton.
- to Judy and Burton Schwartz, on the birth of their granddaughter, Livia Paige Slurzburg.

**Our Sincere Condolences**

- to Marcia Kurtz and Jerry Pozez, and all the family, on the death of their cousin, Irene Youngentob, and to Marcia on the death of her aunt, Florence Esther Shurin.
- to Butch and David Luskey, and all the family, on the death of their sister, Sarah Schwartz.
- to Gerry Hoffman, and all the family, on the death of his mother, Esther Frindell Hoffman.
- to Rosanne Rosenthal, and all the family, on the death of her aunt, Helen Greenberg Kasman.
- to Linda Hoffman, and all the family, on the death of her aunt, Jeanette Baker Ross.

## Yahrzeits

**December 4**

Jack I. Arensberg  
James Barlow  
Herman Baum  
Louis Bernstein  
Jim Coe  
Abraham Friedman  
Hans Friedman  
Fanny Wolf Goldman  
Rose Hochman  
Jack Howard  
Max Klein  
Eleanor Bell Light  
Judy Morris  
Edgar J. Myers  
Charles W. Post  
Edouard M. "Bud" Propper  
Jack Roberts  
Arnold Schweitzer  
Anita Suby  
Leah Taurog  
Nellie Van Coevorden

**December 11**

Meyer Ander  
Rose Bernstein  
Ella Brachman  
Benjamin Chance  
Irene Polan Cohen  
Jack Davis  
Earl I. Evans

Ben M. Gilbert  
Mary Haas  
Joe Weisman Hirsch  
Berniece Jacobs  
Harry Jacobs  
Irene Oshman Levey  
Marcus Lopin  
Mildred Rice  
Seymour Roberts  
Alex Rosenthal  
Ben Rosenthal  
Helen Rosenthal  
Bernard (Bubba) Rubin  
Pauline Schweitzer  
Henriette Voet

**December 18**

Max Barnett  
Marie Friedman Berger  
Sigmund Biener  
Carl Boxer  
Annette Brown  
David Eisenman  
Louis Friedman  
Wolf G. Goodman  
Helen Klar Gordon  
Freda M. Green  
Stephen Hall  
Isabel Lobe  
Jared Marceron  
Margaret Jo Massey

Louise Menscher  
Harry Sam Miller  
Frieda Miron  
Stephen Rosenthal  
Sidney Schwartz  
Jayne D. Slatkin  
Max Stenzler  
Arthur Stewart  
Berniece "Beanie" Weil

**December 25**

Louis Henry Altman  
Sidney Berenzweig  
Carl Lee Bomash  
Flora Jean Campbell  
Shane Asne bat Eliyounu  
Lazar Friedberg  
Harold Gilbert  
Lilaine Goldman  
Sarah Gordon  
Ernest Hochster  
Rose Anolik Kamber  
Tilly Kotkin  
Bob Mothner  
Marsha Oderberg  
Hyman Robins  
Sam Rosen  
Dorothy Steinman  
William Steinman  
Sidney Strassman  
Sara M. Winston  
Yvette Yorshis

**At any Moment in Time, Our Congregational Members may be in Need—Not of Charity—but in Need of Acts of Loving Kindness!**

*In order for the Caring Congregation Committee to do its best job, we need to know who needs a ride to services, who welcomes a visit, who is ill, and who needs a meal. Please contact the Temple office, and a member of our committee will be in touch. We want to know, for the Caring Congregation cares! Carol Minker, chair*