



BETH-EL CONGREGATION

JANUARY 2012

Musings _____ Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger



I am excited about “New Jerusalem: The Interrogation of Baruch de Spinoza at Talmud Torah Congregation: Amsterdam, July 27, 1656,” the play that Stage West is offering for most of this month. I am not yet familiar with the play, so I cannot tell you if the script is good or not. I’ll know more after I meet with the cast, since they’ve asked for some advice

on Jewish symbols and the pronunciation of Hebrew terms in the script. But Spinoza’s Jewishness can arouse debate even today.

Seventeenth-century Dutch Jewish philosopher Baruch Spinoza is, in a sense, our Galileo. A little earlier in the same century, the Roman Catholic church tried Galileo for heresy because he said that the sun, not the earth, was the center of the universe. (Today, we know that the sun is at least the center of our solar system.) Galileo was forced to retract or suffer excommunication and worse. A few years ago—more than three hundred years late—the church officially apologized.

The Jews of Amsterdam were similarly embarrassed by Spinoza, who, though a brilliant student of the Orthodox teachers of his Jewish community, decided that the universal God of a fully rational universe must relate equally to all (so much for Jews or anyone else having the inside track). He anticipated a lot of other ideas now taken for granted outside of fundamentalist circles, such as human authorship of the Bible and the desirability of church-state separation so that all can have freedom of conscience.

Spinoza’s fellow Sephardic Jews, who had fled persecution in Spain and Portugal only a couple of generations before, did not need some radical thinker making them appear impious! But, unlike Galileo, Spinoza did not have to worry about co-religionists with the civil power to execute him, so he did not recant. They excommunicated him, and he lived the rest of his life neither Jewish nor gentile—an almost inconceivable, and certainly lonely, reality in the seventeenth century.

We do not have the equivalent of a Pope or Vatican to undo the wrong done to Spinoza as the church could—at least officially—for Galileo. But on the 250th anniversary of his death in 1927, Joseph Klausner, a renowned professor wrote the following:

To Spinoza the Jew we call out ... from the top of Mount Scopus, out of our new sanctuary—the Hebrew University of Jerusalem—the ban is rescinded! Judaism’s wrongdoing against you is lifted, and whatever was your sin against her shall be forgiven. Our brother are you, our brother are you, our brother are you!

Worship Calendar _____

Friday, January 6 _____ 8:00 PM
Shabbat Service

Members of our local B’nai B’rith Lodge will participate
The Beth-El Choir will sing

Friday, January 13 _____ Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service
Candles, Kiddush, and Snack at 5:45 PM
Service at 6:00 PM

The Beth-El Choir will sing

Friday, January 20 _____ 8:00 PM
Shabbat Service

NFTY-TOR Winter Conclave
FWFTY members will lead a Creative Service
with camp-style guitar music!

Friday, January 27 _____ 8:00 PM
Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Hartman
Shir Hallelujah, our volunteer choir, will sing



Zachary Hartman _____

Son of Michelle and Cory Hartman
Bar Mitzvah, Friday, January 27, 2012

Beth-El Film Festival 2012

Saturdays, January 7, February 18, and March 10
Optional Dinner is at 6:00 PM, Showtime is at 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 7

The Human Resources Manager

Rated R

Dinner catered by Yes! Taco (\$11 per person)

Mark Ivanir stars as a no-nonsense H.R. manager for a large Jerusalem-based bakery who is tasked with the delivery of a former female employee's corpse to her home in Romania. A cast of oddball characters with names like "The Weasel," "The Widow," and "The Boy" soon join him on his journey across the bleak landscape of gloomy Romania.

RSVP by Wednesday, January 4.



Saturday, February 18
Jewish Soldiers in Blue and

Gray

Not Rated

Dinner catered by Pak-a-Pocket (\$12 per person)

This is a first-of-its-kind film that reveals the little-known struggles facing American Jews both in battle and on the home front during the Civil War. This movie documents an unknown chapter in American history, when allegiances during the war deeply split the Jewish community.

RSVP by Wednesday, February 15.



The Beth-El Film Festival is made possible by allocations from our Endowment #2 and the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Saturday, March 10

Lá Camara Oscura

Not Rated

Dinner catered by Yucatan Taco Stand (\$11 per person)

Shy Gertrudis grows up and into her role as the ugly duckling in a colony of Argentinean Jews. She fashions herself almost invisible, even hiding her face in photographs. After she is married off to an older, wealthy Jewish rancher, Gertrudis raises a family. When her husband invites a French photographer to take a family portrait, the Surrealist photographs allow Gertrudis to see herself for the first time.

RSVP by Wednesday, March 7.



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

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2012 Larry Kornbleet Memorial Scholar-in-Residence

Thursday, January 19, 2012, 7:30 PM

Beth-El Congregation

Micah D. Halpern will speak on “The Muddy Middle East: Arab Spring and Israel”

Micah D. Halpern, a syndicated columnist, is also a well-known social and political commentator, educator, and historian. He lectures frequently, both in the United States and Israel, on issues relating to terror, foreign affairs, Israel, and the Middle East, as well as on wine history and popular culture. In 1997, Micah was appointed Israel columnist for AOL and continues to write a now-syndicated weekly column on foreign affairs, the Middle East, and terror.



Micah’s weekly column is read by

hundreds of thousands, if not millions, on the internet and in papers and websites around the world, from the American Enterprise Institute to Israelinsider.com. He has daily and weekly radio spots on national radio and, internationally, on the USA Radio Network and internet radio.

The Scholar-in-Residence program is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. There is no charge to attend, and the talk will be followed by refreshments.

President’s Message

Marty Englander, President

As I type this month’s message, all of the applications are in, and the first acceptances have arrived, but we still don’t have a decision on where our oldest daughter, Emily, will attend college next year. What we do know is that her desire to be at a school with a substantial Jewish student population is a factor in whichever school she chooses. I guess that in a roundabout way, I was looking for some Jewish influence when I went to the University of Texas, but it was for different reasons than Emily. The most obvious differences are that I didn’t research any colleges other than UT, and unless Earl Campbell is Jewish, religion played no part in my decision. Things changed after I got to campus.

After I moved into Dobie and joined ZBT, I was officially surrounded by more Jews than I had ever been around in my life. Growing up in Waco, I had a handful of good Jewish friends, but the majority of my friends weren’t Jewish. I grew up in the shadow of Greene Family Camp, but, unfortunately, our Temple youth group wasn’t that large or active, so I spent more of my time at First Baptist Rec Center and in Young Life. This wasn’t for religious reasons at all. To the contrary, I found myself uncomfortable during a lot of the events, but I endured it because I wanted to be with my friends. When I went to UT, I was worried about living in a “Jewish” dorm and joining a Jewish fraternity. What I soon realized was that during high school, I missed out on Jewish opportunities for the sake of fitting in. I had a sense of relief when that changed. It was not like I gave up my non-Jewish friends, but having Jewish friends gave me a support group and a different sense of inclusion. Some of these friends were “more” Jewish than me, and some were “less” Jewish but all of them were Jew-

ish and that is what mattered.

Fortunately, our move to Fort Worth has opened for my children doors to Judaism that I didn’t have growing up. With a thriving religious school of almost two hundred children, both of my kids have great groups of friends and opportunities to get involved. They have both been involved in BEJY, which is a great introduction to Jewish youth-group life at the Temple, and Emily has been involved in both FWFTY and BBYO. These two youth groups have impacted her greatly. She has made friends in Fort Worth and throughout Texas, as well as in Oklahoma and across the country. Youth groups have given her the chance to travel with Jewish teens for fun yet meaningful experiences. This spring, she will travel to Poland and Israel to “March with the Living,” in honor of Yom HaShoah. Before her trip to Israel, Emily is thrilled to host friends and participate in the NFTY-TOR Winter Conclave at Beth-El (January 20-22). Temple youths from Texas and Oklahoma will come to town for a fun-filled weekend that we hope will have the entire Beth-El family involved. There are plenty of ways to get involved, from hosting students at their homes to helping with events at the Temple. Our dedicated FWFTY leader, Scott Slotter, along with the FWFTY board and members, has been working tirelessly to make this event a success. If you haven’t gotten involved and would like to, I am sure that Scott can help you to do so.



Happy New Year!

Beth-Elements

Daytimers

Daytimers presents cast members from Stage West

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Beth-El Congregation

Price: \$9 per person, including lunch

\$4 per person, for program only



Stage West is producing a new play, "New Jerusalem: The Interrogation of Baruch de Spinoza at Talmud Torah Congregation: Amsterdam, July 27, 1656."

Director Jerry Russell and cast members of this play at Stage West will present excerpts from the show, channeling Spinoza, the influential Jewish philosopher of the seventeenth century. The play is based on actual events. Spinoza, a Portuguese Jew living in Amsterdam, was a brilliant scholar whose inquiries led him into territory that made trouble for his fellow Jews. At stake was possible

excommunication from the religious fold and, indeed, all social contact with the city's Jewish establishment. The Daytimers will follow up with a trip to Stage West on Sunday, January 22, to see the play.

Lunch, which will be catered by Boopa's Bagels, includes chips, a cookie, coffee or tea, and one of the following bagel sandwiches: turkey and hummus on sesame, tuna salad on honeywheat, or lox and cream cheese on pumpernickel. For reservations, go online to www.bethelfw.org/donations or call with your credit card to Barbara Rubin (817-927-2736) or Irv Robinson (817-731-7447). **Please include your billing address, 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 Boopa's bagels to be delivered with the lunch orders, call 817-323-4771 with your credit card. A half-dozen are \$5.75 and a dozen are \$9.45.** The Sylvia Wolens Daytimers is a program of Beth-El Congregation, with support from the Jewish Federation.

Also in January:

Sunday, January 22, 2012, 3:00 PM. Trip to Stage West. Seniors' tickets are \$20 each or 2 for \$26 with a Press Pass. Send a check to Daytimers or call with your credit card to Stage West (817-784-9378).

Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 1:30 PM. Daytimers Bridge. To make reservations, call Bill Margolis at 817-292-0798.

Coming Up:

Wednesday, February 8, 2012. Dr. James Riddlesbarger of T.C.U. will speak on the Republican Presidential Primary prospects.

Wednesday, March 14, 2012. Chandler Smith will have a presentation on swing dancing.

Wednesday, April 18, 2012. We will take a trip on the TRE to the Sixth Floor Museum.

Wednesday, May 16, 2012. Our guest speaker will be sculptor Rebecca Low.

Beth-El Candidates

Our congregation does not endorse candidates, but we can certainly note with pride that members of the Temple family are seeking office! Craig Goldman (son of Carol and Ronnie Goldman) is running for the Republican nomination for State Representative, District 97. Jon Siegel (son of Evelyn and Martin Siegel) is running for Constable.

Daughters of Abraham

The December meeting of the evening group of Daughters of Abraham was our annual Peace Party. We ate wonderful food from each others' cultures and exchanged small gifts pertaining to our various faiths. Our January meeting will be at the mosque, Masjid Al Ibrahimi, at 4901 Diaz Ave., Fort Worth. Please join us for an interesting discussion of the commonalities among Jewish, Christian, and Muslim women. For more information, or to arrange for carpooling, please contact Genie Long at 817-343-9036, or cgenierun@hotmail.com.



The morning chapter of Daughters of Abraham will meet at the Temple on Wednesday, January 25, at 10:00 AM. At this very special meeting, Temple Archivist Hollace Weiner will give us a tour of the Temple. She is a fabulous guide and we are very lucky and grateful to her. You don't have to be a member of Daughters of Abraham to participate. Any woman who is a member of the community can come and enjoy the tour and refreshments. If you have any questions, please call Bernice Friedman at 817-561-0638.

Beth-El Boomers

Our first 2012 event will be on Saturday, January 28. We will have dinner at Stage West's Old Vic Café and then enjoy the play "New Jerusalem: The Interrogation of Baruch De Spinoza at Talmud Torah Congregation: Amsterdam, July 27, 1656."

This fictionalized drama deals with events in 1656 that led an Amsterdam syna-

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gogue to excommunicate Baruch Spinoza because of his radical beliefs about God and religion.

As the Inquisition bore down on them, a small Jewish community fled Portugal to find a tenuous peace in seemingly liberal Amsterdam. But Spinoza, a favorite son of the community and the rabbi's heir apparent, was a revolutionary thinker. When the boldness of his ideas strained the bounds of Amsterdam's professed tolerance, it led to a dangerous confrontation between powerful political forces and his own beloved community. Based on true events, this off-Broadway hit challenges traditional political and religious thinking.

Reviews for productions in other cities said that the play is entertaining and thought-provoking, with conviction, passion, and humor. After the play ends, we'll remain in the theatre for a discussion led by the Rabbi.

Before the show, we'll have dinner at Stage West's own Old Vic Café. You can select from the menu of hot entrees, large dinner salads and sandwiches, or sandwich/small dinner salad or soup combo, plus a dessert and a non-alcoholic drink. If you'd like, you can wait until the intermission to enjoy your dessert. Tips are additional. If you plan to attend dinner, please arrive 60 to 90 minutes before the 8:00 PM curtain time.

For more menu information, visit www.stagewest.org. Please call the theatre directly to make your reservation. The price for dinner and the play is \$35. Don't wait too long to call, since seating is somewhat limited at the Old Vic Café. To receive the package price, you will need to identify yourself as a Beth-El Boomer and place your dinner order when you make your reservation.

If you prefer to skip dinner, tickets for the performance only are \$28 each.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim or Elaine Stanton at elainehandjim@gmail.com or 817 927-2555.

Federation Campaign Kick-Off

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2012

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Shady Oaks Country Club

**Special Guest Speaker is Susan Sher,
former chief of staff for
First Lady Michelle Obama**



You won't want to miss The Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County's 2012 Campaign Kick-Off. Special guest Susan Sher, former chief of staff for First Lady Michelle Obama, takes us on an intimate journey "inside the White House from a Jewish Perspective."

Sher, a 1974 cum-laude graduate of Loyola University of the Chicago School of Law, and the first lady are longtime friends and co-workers from their days working together in the Chicago mayor's office in the early 1990s. Originally hired as the President's associate counsel, Sher transitioned to the East Wing in June 2009. There, she oversaw the First Lady's healthcare and anti-obesity agendas. While serving the Obama administration, Sher also served as liaison to the Jewish community.

Before her White House position, Sher was vice president for legal and government affairs at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

Three options are available to attend this not-to-miss event:

1. \$2,500 minimum donation for a 6:00 PM meet-and-greet with Ms. Sher along with heavy hors d'oeuvres
2. \$270 minimum donation to hear Ms. Sher
3. \$126 minimum donation for members of Federation's Young Adult Group

For more information, please contact Angie Kitzman at 817-569-0892 or a.kitzman@tarrantfederation.org.

As part of NFTY-TOR Winter Conclave, Beth-El and FWFTY welcome

Noam Katz

for a Percussion-Infused Concert

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2012

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Beth-El's Sanctuary



Noam Katz is one of the most exciting voices in contemporary Jewish music. He has shared his high-flying energy and soulful melodies with Jewish and interfaith audiences throughout North America, Africa, and Israel. A longtime song leader at URJ Eisner and Kutz Camps, Noam has performed at the URJ Biennial, NFTY Convention, CAJE, BBYO Internation, Limmud Fest, and countless summer camps and congregations.

This concert is made possible in part by Beth-El Congregation, the Dan Dancier/FWHDS Supporting Foundation, and NFTY.

Women of Reform Judaism Kristen Oderberg, President

Thanks so much for everyone's continued support of all of the WRJ functions. I think that we've had a wonderful year, and 2012 will be no different. I encourage all of you to clear your calendars and get as many friends as possible together to support the Annual Donor Brunch. You will have an incredible time!

What is the Annual Donor Brunch?

The Annual Donor Brunch is WRJ's biggest fundraiser. It will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2012, at 9:30 AM, in the Great Hall. Invitations are sent to the entire congregation, and everyone is welcome. We serve an amazing breakfast and have a speaker, a silent auction, and a great time socializing. If you aren't able to attend, we accept donations.

Funds Raised

The WRJ Board has several goals this year, and one of them is to increase the amount of money that we are able to provide for various activities at the Temple. The success of the Annual Donor Brunch impacts these contributions. Some of these activities include

- providing \$10,000 to the Religious School
- providing over \$7,000 for campership scholarships
- providing Chanukah candles for the religious-school children
- creating anniversary Uniongrams
- donating to various charitable groups in the community

Donor Theme

Champagne cocktails will be popping, and there will be a host of wonderful auction items on which to bid. Join us on Sunday, February 12, at 9:30 AM, for the annual WRJ Donor Brunch!

This year, Dr. Carole Rogers, director of Jewish Family Services, is the keynote speaker. Carole is known for her wit and wisdom, and she'll share practical ideas about incorporating *mitzvot* and *gemilut chasadim* into our busy lives. Whether you want an ongoing volunteer opportunity or something that you and your children can do in a day, Carole probably has the answer.

The list of auction items so far includes jewelry, clothing from several fashionable boutiques, fabulous gift baskets, and some wonderful experience packages, including joining Laurie Barker James in a "You Be the Foodie" restaurant review. If you have athletic tickets or other items that you'd like to donate, please contact Eileen House!



Silent Auction Items

A special thanks to everyone who has already contributed to the silent auction. We've received numerous donations, but we still need additional items (i.e., tickets to sporting venues and events, jewelry, artwork, gift cards, etc.). If you would like to make a business or personal contribution, please contact Eileen House at casa845@sbcglobal.net.

**Silent
Auction**



Upcoming Sisterhood/WRJ Events

- ◆ **Sunday, January 15, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**—Cook-In, in the Kitchen, for the Winter Conclave.
- ◆ **Thursday, January 19, morning**—Set-up, in the Great Hall, for the NFTY-TOR Winter Conclave.
- ◆ **Friday, January 20, 6:30 PM**—Shabbat Dinner, in the Great Hall, for the NFTY-TOR Winter Conclave.
- ◆ **Friday, February 3, 8:00 PM**—WRJ Interfaith Shabbat.
- ◆ **Saturday, February 11**—Set-up, in the Great Hall, for the Annual Donor Brunch.
- ◆ **Sunday, February 12, 9:30 AM**—Annual Donor Brunch in the Great Hall.

The Judaica Shop

**JANUARY SPECIAL
\$20 JEWELRY**

There is a selection of jewelry on the back table that is specially priced at \$20 each. Some of the jewelry has Jewish symbols and some is by Jewish jewelry artists. To take advantage of this fabulous sale, come in to the shop during January!



Shop Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays:
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sundays: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
(Closed on Sunday, January 1)

SAVE THE DATE!

BETH-EL CONGREGATION WELCOMES

THE BEATLES

LET'S COME TOGETHER AND HAVE SOME FUN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2012
7:00 P.M.

BETH-EL CONGREGATION
4900 BRIARHAVEN ROAD, FORT WORTH

DINNER AND DANCING
MUSIC PROVIDED BY
Me and My Monkey

QUESTIONS CALL JULIE DIAMOND
817-975-0705

FWFTY _____ Hope Gibbs, CVP

Can you believe that it is already the year 2012?

FWFTY members just returned from NFTY-TOR Na'aseh V'nishma, an amazing weekend that completely changed our lives! We learned so much! Some of the FWFTY members who went wanted to share what they learned. Jacob Fuld and JD Brow both agree that "it was fun and educational. (We) learned about equality, differences, and how to treat everyone the same."

There are only a few weeks left until Winter Conclave! The theme for the weekend is "See, Hear, Feel, NFTY! Wranglin' Our Jewish Senses." We will learn all about how our senses relate to our Judaism, our lives, and the world around us.

Because we have been busy with planning Winter Conclave, we have not had many activities lately. But we look forward to having more after the Winter Conclave weekend. We have lock-ins planned with other NFTY groups in the area. We will also welcome all of the 8th graders to our future events!

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HADASSAH BRINGS HEALING HOME



*"Scripture, Salmon,
& the Fairer Sex"*

A HADASSAH LUNCH & LEARN

WITH DR. TONI CRAVEN
TCU Brite Divinity School

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday - January 28 - 10:00 AM
Congregation Beth Shalom
1211 Thannisch Dr. ♦ Arlington TX 76011

Please make plans to attend!

For more information:
Call Dolores Schneider at 817-294-7626 or Email schneider_dolores@yahoo.com

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TRANSPLANTS ♦ STEM CELL RESEARCH ♦ MACULAR DEGENERATION ♦ DIABETES

92nd Street Y

Please join us on Thursday, February 2, at 7:00 PM, at Beth-El for 92nd Street Y. This will be an interview of Lawrence Summers, who was director of President Obama's National Economic Council, secretary of the treasury in the Clinton administration, and former president of Harvard University. Refreshments will be served, and there is a \$3 suggested donation.



Contributions

Rosenthal-Siegel Education Endowment Fund

In Honor of _____	From _____
a speedy recovery for Ellen Mack the engagement of Taylor Luskey the birth of Alexandra Gilbert the birth of Edward Luskey Monica and Alex Braverman	Roz Rosenthal Peter Pactor

Rosenthal-Siegel Education Endowment Fund

In Memory of _____	From _____
Ike Suder	Roz Rosenthal

Floral Fund

In Memory of _____	From _____
Laszlo Kiss Irene Levey Ethel Appleman Louis Appleman Frank Appleman Sarah Gordon Ben Gilbert and Harold Gilbert Noah Siegel, on his Bar Mitzvah Benjamin Chance Pauline, Harry, and Arnold Schweitzer Dorothy Aarons Solomon	Jutka and Tamas Ungar Trudie and Dan Oshman the Appleman family Cynthia Burton Gilbert and Sara Betty Gilbert Carol and Adam Siegel Denae Chance and Marty Rubinson Rose-Marie and Len Schweitzer Jenny Solomon

Library Fund

In Honor of _____	From _____
a speedy recovery for Barbara Weinberg a speedy recovery for Debbie Bowden Manny Rosenthal, on his posthumous induction to the Meat Industry Hall of Fame a speedy recovery for Hollace Weiner a speedy recovery for Ellen Mack Hollace Weiner, on her recognition by the <i>Fort Worth Business Press</i> Rabbi Mecklenburger, on his recognition by Community Hospice of Texas Rabbi Mecklenburger, on the acceptance of his book for publication the marriage of Lynelle and Charles Norman Brigitte Altman, on her birthday Leslie and Yogi Florsheim, on the engagement of their daughter, Haley Ruth and Jerry Berkowitz, on the engagement of their granddaughter Roz Rosenthal, for her culinary skills Ruth and Jerry Berkowitz, on the birth of their great-granddaughter	Judy and Don Cohen

Library Fund

In Memory of _____	From _____
Sidney Cohen Albert Gerrick Ike Suder Herbert House Burt Rakoover Leon Gachman Margot Schwartz	Judy and Don Cohen Charles Hall and Valerie Hall Frost

Mitch Stenzler Sunday School Scholarship Fund

In Honor of _____	From _____
a happy Chanukah for Sonya Stenzler	her kids

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory of _____	From _____
Harry Meisel Ruth Pollack Mandel B. Schultz Ernest Hochster	Nathan Cedars Leigh and Louis Schultz Linda and Jeff Hochster

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Honor of _____	From _____
a speedy recovery for Simon Oderberg Rabbi Mecklenburger Noah Siegel, on his Bar Mitzvah	Cathy and Lenny Herzfeld Hortense Deifik Carol and Adam Siegel

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of _____	From _____
Audrey Faden Esther Herzfeld Hans Friedman Hertha Friedman Bill Steinman Dorothy Steinman Michelle Levin Asperi Robert Koslow	Cathy and Lenny Herzfeld Kathy and James Friedman Dr. Lynne Tilkin and George Harris Meg and John Rubin

Religious School Fund

In Honor of _____	From _____
Linda Hoffman the birth of Felix Oshman a speedy recovery for Corrine Jacobson the engagement of Taylor Luskey to Thomas Lacy the birth of Alexandra Gilbert Rochelle and Buddy Moses, on the birth of their grandson the birth of Charlotte Ebersterin Ruth and Jerry Berkowitz, on the birth of their great-granddaughter	Carol and Adam Siegel Linda and Jeff Hochster Jackie and Barry Bzostek Eileen and Mort House Roberta and Mark Gerrick

Temple Fund

In Honor of _____	From _____
Dick Greenman, on his birthday the birth of Alexandra Gilbert the birth of Charlotte Eberstein a speedy recovery for Steve Rapfogel a speedy recovery for Don Cohen a speedy recovery for Jerry Pozez Alyson and Richard Slutzsky	Inette and Michael Gross Holly and Bill Schur Marilyn and Jack Rubin John Benjamin

Temple Fund

In Memory of _____	From _____
Bernard Rubin Bob Mothner Louis Cristol Rose Davis Marion Werner Hans Joachim Thoma Carl Lee Bomash Herman Baum Louis Weltman Sandy and Alex Hoffman Albert Gerrick Minnette Morris David Samson Harold Gilbert David Eisenman Ike Suder Beanie Weil	Marilyn and Jack Ruben Elaine and Michael Griver Marilyn and Jack Ruben Rachel, David, and Reuben Cristol Mollye and Bob Kahn Laurie and Lon Werner Shoshana Thoma Isgur Barbara Glazer Sandra and Kenneth Baum Frances Weltman Jackie and Barry Bzostek Marjorie and Alan Kottler Bertha and Sam Shanblum Hortense Deifik Elaine and Michael Griver Lynny and Eddie Sankary Cynthia and Burton Gilbert Harriette and Arnold Gachman Lynny and Eddie Sankary

Yahrzeits

January 6

Shane Asne bat Eliyonu
Herman Baginsky
Nettie Bailin
Stanley Barnett
Florence Baronoffsky
Frieda Steinberg Berlin
Kevan Lawrence Berlin
Abraham Cohen
Pauline Cohen
Elmer Collier
Louise Cook
Sarah Friedman
Bernard Fruhman
Joe Harris
Max Hirsch
Helen Jacobs
Clara Klein
Marian Lederman
Herman Nathan Levi
Abraham Levy
Rachel Levy

Theresa Levy
Rose Loeb
Michael Newman
Tobias Oruch
Frances Plotsky
Richard Pritchard
Dorothy Roper
Rebecca Sandberger
Hannah Weber Sandler
Major M. Schoenbrun
David J. Schwartz
Dorothy Schwartz
Leaba Weinschenker
Silver
Adrienne Simon
Hannah Simon
Ray Simon
Gertrude F. Sloter
Betty Solomon
Joseph Solomon
Sam Solomon
Oscar J. Steinberg

Dror Tadmor
Andrea Tomlinson
Ida Weil
Anita Lobe Weiner

January 13

Nathan Brownold
Malcolm Cohen
Mamie Friedman
Anna Shaw Friedson
Bernard W. Goldman
Sarah Goldstick
Harold Goodman
Ida Greenberg
Hulda Guggenheim
Celia Potter Hitman
Donald Howard
Jerome Kantor
Albert Kelfer
Mollie Solomon Klein
Lillian L. Klotzman
Charles Landman

Gilbert Levy
Arnold Sheldon Mann
Rabbi Harry A. Merfeld
Jacob Milner
Rachael M. Neumegen
Samuel M. Posnock
Sidney Raimey
Laura Rohrbach
Dorothy Rosen
Rachmil Rosenstein
Arthur H. Rosenthal
Dan Rosenthal
Henry Rosenberg
Herman Rosenzweig
Hyman Sankary
Esther Shamus
Bessie Lou Smith
Stan Steiner
Joan Sandler Weinberg
Dorothy Weinschenker
Evan Westermann
Meyer L. Wile
Joseph Wolffson

Sarah Brunstein
Ida Cohen
Jacob Cohen
Steven Cohen
Irving Dollinger
Shaindy Balick Fenton
Harry Friedman
Nathan Ginsberg
Marjorie Griver
Sophie W. Groussman
Sadie Kern
Rose Label
Jacob Landman
George LeMaire
Frances Leventritt
Maurice "Poy" Levey
Isaac Lifchez
Norma Mack
Max Paul
Adele Shwarts
Rosenberg
Fannie Friedberg
Rubenstein
Pearl Rubin
Mandel B. Schultz
Erma Sloin
David Tann
Dina Wolf
Herbert Yentis
Sara Carb Zeve

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Max Broude

Mildred Buttermann
Stanley Cott
Peggy Farb
Edwin Friedman
Rose Fuller
Lawrence Gernsbacher
Robert Gould
Emmanuel P. Haas
Harold Hoffman
Sylvia Krakover
Wanda Fields Lee
Theodore Mack
Sam Menscher
Max Minker
Dorothy Phillips
Selma Pink
Leo Reitman
Mary Rollo
Wilhelmine Rosenthal
Yetta Goldberg Sandler
N.W. Schaefers
Annette Lederman
Schwarz
Ray Sepin
Gilbert C. Shaw
Sam Simon
Scott Slatkin
Rabbi Samuel D. Soskin
Carl Sperling
Robert Stien
Herman Winkler
Pauline Winkler
William N. Wolfson

Temple Fund

In Memory of _____ From

Ethel Haltzman	Barbara Goldstein
Max Stenzler	Carol Kline
Leonard Frank	
Adrienne Kline	Rozanne and Billy Rosenthal
Ben Rosenthal	Stephen Maizlish
Ruth Maizlish	Loesje and Elliott Blumberg
Henriette Voet	
Nellie Van Coevorden	Harriette and Arnold Gachman
Isabel Loeb	
Louise Menscher	
Al Sankary	Pamela Neiman
Milton Hamill	Marjorie and Alan Kottler
	Harriette and Arnold Gachman
Morris Kelfer	Audrey and Ron Sloter
Jack Howard	Sherry and Howard Mann
Bessie Bobkoff	Kenneth Bobkoff
Harriet Ann Lopin	Leslie and Yogi Florsheim
Mickey Heilig	Laurie and Howard Kelfer

Operating Endowment Fund

In Memory of _____ From

Abraham Friedman	Carol and Richard Minker
Albert Minker	
Hattie Minker	

Youth Fund

In Honor of _____ From

Beth-El Jr. Youth Group	Randee and Jeff Kaitcer
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Youth Fund

In Memory of _____ From

David Samson	Susan Samson Saxe
	De De Samson Seltzer
	Doug Samson and grandchildren

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Herman Abrams
Nettie Ander
Frieda Belle Antweil
Helen Joseph Bauman
Ella Robins Bettis
S. R. Bloom
Solomon Braun
Edward Brunstein

The Temple Family

Mazel Tov

- to Judy and Donald Cohen, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Kevin Joseph Berk, son of Dana Cohen-Paine and Bill Paine of Plano.
- to Rachel and Michael Goldman, whose son and daughter-in-law, Elliot and Heather Goldman, were honored by our local chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals at its annual Philanthropy Day lunch. The Goldmans were the "Outstanding Volunteer Fundraisers" of 2011 for their work in conceiving and implementing "The Greatest Gift Catalogue Ever," through which potential donors can give to various local good causes. This was one of four major awards given. Organizations that purchased a table for the lunch were able to select recipients of lesser but still very nice awards, and among a couple of dozen of such honorees were Harriette and Arnie Gachman.
- to Michelle and Tim Finucane, on the engagement of their son, Geoffrey, to Mona Ereqat of Denton.
- to Karen and Sheldon Anisman, on the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Reagan Rains of Austin.
- to Claudia and Fred Rivera, on the marriage of their daughter, Jenine, to Jeremy Christopher. The couple resides in Dallas.