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Temple Beth El Service Schedule



Services via ZOOM at
5:30 PM Friday
By: Cantor Kalman Socolof
See your email for an invitation.
If we don't have your email please call the
office or email it to beaiboxer@aol.com

Temple Beth El Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING – 5781

June 4 th	8:18 PM
June 11 th	8:22 PM
June 18 th	8:25 PM
June 25 th	8:26 PM
July 2 nd	8:26 PM

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Father's
DAY

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Temple Beth El Cantor Message

When COVID-19 restrictions were first put in place last year, most synagogues simply shut down. Prayer services as we knew them required having ten or more people together in a room, and that just wasn't happening. Yes, there was on-line meeting technology, but was it halachacly permissible to stream a service on Shabbat or yom tov? Previously, the answer had been a flat no for Conservative Jews. In May of last year, the Rabbinical Assembly adopted a teshuva (responsum) written by Rabbi Joshua Heller which essentially allowed such streaming in recognition of what was essentially a state of emergency. Even so, efforts were to be taken to avoid turning such streams on or off on Shabbat or yom tov. Over the last year, this ability to stream on Shabbat has proved to be a vital lifeline for congregations across the country.

As the restrictions related to COVID-19 begin to ease, synagogues are considering how and when to resume in-person worship. Many of us have sorely missed coming to the Temple, sitting and singing (and, yes, schmoozing) with our fellow congregants. But there are others for whom being able to participate via computer has been a boon. There are many, particularly in winter months but throughout the year, for whom getting to the synagogue is an insurmountable obstacle. Online services have allowed them to participate with congregations hundreds of miles away from their current locations. Not a few congregations have actually seen an increase in attendance. Many of these congregations are understandable reluctant to cut this resource off.

Last month, the USCJ had a conference (online, of course) for presidents of Conservative synagogues to discuss what approaches they are taking with regard to re-opening. Quite a few are looking at hybrid models that allow them to have both in-

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person and on-line worshippers. What does the halacha say about this? More about that in a moment. A participant in this conference I spoke with said that the majority of congregations were focused on what will work for their members.

The Rabbinical Assembly is expected to come out with another teshuva sometime this summer about streaming services on Shabbat and yom tov. It will be very interesting to see what approach the RA takes. Will they say that the emergency has passed and so it is no longer permitted? Will they acknowledge what is certain to become a reality for many congregations in the movement? If they choose the former, will the congregations (or clergy) who disagree become outcasts? If they choose the latter, how will that affect our concept of Shabbat, and not being beholden to technology?

Only a few times in the last two millennia had Judaism seen major changes in its modes of worship. Perhaps we are on the verge of such a change ourselves. Whatever the RA says, its correctness will be borne out by the practice of hundreds of congregations across the world. This may take a while to sort itself out, but it is how Jews have always decided what constitutes normative Judaism.

Cantor Socolof



Temple Beth El President's Message

Hello!

Congratulations to Yevgenii Karyagin on becoming a Bar Mitzvah! Mazel Tov to his parents, Tatyana and Stanislaus and the entire Karyagin Clan.

The following letter is from Cantor Fader. He has been a valuable friend to Temple Beth El for many years and a guiding light for the search committee seeking a new spiritual leader.

Dear Utica Friends,

I would like to offer encouragement to the people of Temple Beth El, Utica, at this important juncture in its century long history.

I have the honor of being included on the search committee charged with recommending a candidate for spiritual leader. We have waded through resumes, read responses to our thorny questionnaire, watched videos and attended several virtual services led by candidates. Like Cinderella's Prince, we have searched the kingdom for someone whose foot will fit the glass slipper. It seems that we have come up with two, possibly three, applicants who can lead us happily off into our future.

The search committee has prioritized Beth El's commitment to Traditional Conservative Judaism. Some candidates – fine people, with great credentials – were too Orthodox. Others were more New Age than comfortable.

The Traditional Conservative approach to Judaism is very rich. It is far more than a "compromise" between the Orthodox and Reform movements. It has a philosophy of its own, a unique sense of the way rituals and liturgy are performed. It recognizes the scientific approach to understanding our

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people's evolving history and literature, while highly valuing the multi-layered Jewish tradition.

Beth El's commitment to this Traditional Conservative approach is so worthwhile. Utica deserves seeing this interpretation of Judaism alive, well and thriving, as it has been represented here for over a hundred years. This is Beth El's identity; and as such, it deserves to stand proudly and independently in community with other approaches to Judaism and other spiritual paths. Please remember that Temple Beth El is like a virtuoso violinist -- second fiddle to none.

Many of us nostalgically remember the old building on Genesee St. The shul remains a source of happy stories about Beth El's proud past. For me, too! I believe that we owe it to future generations, as we owe it to our members of the past, to provide a home for this venerable congregation.

Let us create a new beyt k'nesset, a time of coming together. It will stand proud, I hope, as an independent presence among the other area places of learning, gathering and worship. Our shul may be smaller and less opulent than Genesee St., but I am sure it will carry on Beth El's values and traditions from "back in the day." And Traditional Conservative Judaism will not disappear from Utica, NY.

I believe that the future of Temple Beth El is bright. I foresee the congregation growing and flourishing under the leadership of any of the candidates selected by the search committee so far. As the Israeli aphorism goes: "Kol hatchaloth Kashot," "All beginnings are hard." Yes, this new start for Beth El is certain to have its difficulties and occasional setbacks. Its reward, though, will be the

perpetuation of a flavor of Judaism that is truly worthwhile.

Deuteronomy cheers us on, as the Five Books of Moses, the Torah, reach their final chapters: "Chazak ve'emetz! ("Be strong and of good courage").

The future lies ahead,
Larry Fader

Congratulations to all this year's graduates. May all your endeavors have results that are rewarding.

Shalom,
Marsha



Help Temple Beth El Locate Families

If you know anyone who has family buried in any of our cemeteries that have family members who have gravestones in disrepair, please ask them to contact us or simply send us their address and we will contact them. This way when they come to visit their loved ones, they will be greeted with a clean well-maintained monument.



Temple Beth El Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

We have made it through the 9 months from High Holy Days to Shavuoth. We can give thought to our lives through the COVID-19 Pandemic and realize we made progress.

We finally have enough people vaccinated to make a difference in the spread of this terrible disease. Please, if you have not yet been vaccinated, make an appointment, there are many places open to everyone in the area, it will help all of us.

Let's say a prayer and add thanks for a healthy, safe world to live in again very soon.

Sincere good healthy happy days to all.

Mundy



There will be 2 bulletins this summer one in July and another in August because the High Holy Days are very early this year.

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Temple Beth El has Simcha Boards to celebrate birthdays, Bat and Bar Mitzvahs, anniversaries, graduations, weddings and honors.

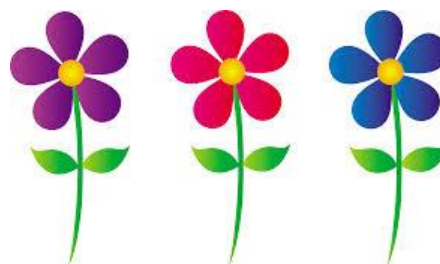
If there is someone in your family or a friend you would like to recognize, you may do so by sending all the necessary details to the office. For \$125.00, you can make someone proud and happy forever.



Temple Beth El Memorial Boards

The long hallway where Temple Beth El's sanctuary and office are located contains our Memorial Boards. If you have a family member that you would like to memorialize and have a memorial light lit on the week of their yahrzeit year after year, you may call the office. The cost of the plaque is \$300.00.

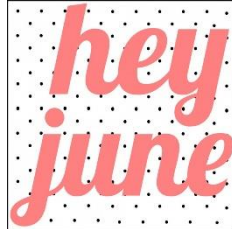
For any questions or additional information to honor or memorialize a loved one call the office at 315 724 4751.



Temple Beth El Cemetery News



SUMMER is HERE



**If you are planning to have a headstone or footstone
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NOW**

Cleaning Headstones and Footstones

at

Temple Beth El Cemetery
House of Israel Cemetery
(Mason Road Cemetery)
Shaarei Tefillah Cemetery
Jonathan Lodge Cemetery

The orders **MUST** be in by the second week in August so the cleanings can be done before the 2021/5783 High Holy Days.

The cost of cleaning is very reasonable:

Headstones \$50.00

Footstones \$35.00

(This must be paid prior to cleaning)

All you have to do is send a note, send an email or give us a call at Temple Beth El, send your payment and we will take care of the rest.

Perhaps you could even send a little extra and have a headstone or footstone cleaned for someone who has no family left to care for their plot.

THIS WOULD BE A MITZVAH FOR YOU!

Many of the family members buried at our cemeteries were members of the military. If you let us know we could add a flag to their grave.

We want to keep these cemeteries as beautiful as possible.

Temple Beth El July Simcha Grams



JULY BIRTHDAYS	Date	JULY ANNIVERSARIES	Date
Harvey Arlen	01	Charles and Rita Manning	7/3/1955
Noah Hochberg	07		
Steve Hochberg	08		
Eva Pearlman	09		
Lisa Philipson	09		
Gary Ruben	14		
Kalman Socolof	20		
Myrna Lobenstein	23		
Danielle Kall	26		
Ben Cohen	31		

Enclosed is \$1.50 per name that I have indicated. I have enclosed a check made out to the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El for \$ _____ for _____ (#) of Simcha Grams

Mail to:
Rae Rosenfeld
3008 Oneida Street
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Due by the 15th of the month

I have printed my name and date as I wish it to appear on the Simcha Gram.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Please call the Temple Office 315 724-4751, if you wish to add any names to the list

Temple Beth El June Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of June 5, to 11, 2021, 25 Siven to 1 Tammuz 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday June 4, 30, 2021

Nellie E. Antovil*	Samuel Grinbaum*	Anne Lobenstein	Florence R. Sitrin*
Felipe Alperovitch*	Meyer G. Gordon*	Shirley Ruth Sherman*	Howard Sitrin*
Jacob & Mary Cohen*	Dr. Karl Kupfer	Eli Snyder*	Marcia A. Tumposky*
Esther L. Doling*	Cora F. Kowalsky*	Harvey Samuels*	Rose Zinger
Paul H. Friedlander*			

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of June 12, to 18, 2021, 2 to 8 Tammuz 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday June 11, 30, 2021

Anna Abramson*	Sarah Goldman*	Helmut Lobenstein*	Ruth Rosenthal*
Miriam Abelson*	Mollie Greenberg	Simon T. Levine*	Jennie Smith*
Norman Brown	Bernice Baker Horowitz*	Esther Markson*	Martin Smith*
Celia Baker*	David Horowitz*	Ernest Mailman*	Emil Schott*
Jessica B. Cynkus*	Gesy Jacobson*	Edward Mettelman*	Bernard C. Shefts*
Bertha Dresher*	Ida Kowalsky*	Harry Morgan*	Hermine Sherman*
Max Dumain*	Baby Bertha G. Krohngold*	Alex Philipson*	Marion Wolhandler*
Samuel Finkelstein*	Sarah Kopel	Rita M. Robinson	Inez Amdorsky Wishman*
Jessie A. Goldbas*			Edward Aryey Walker*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of June 19, to 25, 2021, 9 to 15 Tammuz 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday June 18, 30, 2021

Aron M. Brooks*	Arthur L. Goldman*	Ann Magno	Bessie Sherman*
Rachel Lena Boff*	Fred I. Grossman*	Florence Goldstone Myers*	Rose Sitrin*
Helen Brooks*	Jonah E. Haven*	Joseph Nelson*	Sarah Savett*
Edward Cohen*	Lillian S. Kamino*	Sadye E. Nusbaum*	William Schwartz*
Manuel Freeman*	Harry P. Kahn*	Richard A. Philipson*	David M. Solomon*
Harold Goldstone*	William N. Kahn*	Max Rockford*	Florence Wineburgh
Bertram Goldberg*	Nathan LaBlang*	Gertrude Rothchild*	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of June 26 to July 2, 2021, 16 to 22 Tammuz 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday June 28, 30, 2021

Milton A. Abelove*	Taube B. Cramer*	Estelle Klion*	Shirley Ruth Sherman*
Martha Abelove	Jonathan D. Derminio*	Arthur S. Kahn	Allen H. Samuels
Leo Abelove*	Joseph Feinberg*	Hilda Kahn*	Morris Sherman*
Harris Abramson*	Sophia Block Freeman*	Hugo Lobenstein*	Nathan Savett*
Anna Berger*	Pierce Goldberg	Leah Mettelman*	Harry N. Savett*
Jerrold D. Berkeley*	Renna Goldstone*	Bessie Finer Meyers*	Dr. Jacob Savett*
Herbert H. Bernstein*	Allen Goldstein*	Julia Melzer*	H. Samuel Slater*
Harold Burger	Hyman (Hy) R. Herman*	Herbert Philipson*	Gertrude Smith*
Samuel Berman*	Esther L. Harris*	Fritzi P. Rizika*	Sadie Savlov*
Bessie Brill*	David Howard Harris*	Avis Joan Reines	Pincus Targer*
Myron Cohen*	Sandra Sugarman Jocknowitz*	Sarah Rothstein*	David N. Wilcove*
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JUNE 2021

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