

TEMPLE BETH-EL BULLETIN 22 Adar 11 - 22 Nisan

Reflections & Connections



Rabbi Michael Knopf

Let me start with the pitch: Our congregation is developing an innovative new program that has the potential to transform the

fabric of our community in an exciting, positive, and tangible way, and that would put us on the cutting-edge of Jewish life locally and nationally. And I am looking for your help in making it a success.

It's called "The Havurah Project." The Havurah Project is a community engagement program centered on the Shabbat dinner table and the relational power of small groups. Anyone who has ever been to or hosted a Shabbat meal knows that the Shabbat table is a place where similar and disparate individuals can gather to form meaningful connections with each other, create a larger sense of community, and deepen their relationships with Judaism.

With that in mind, The Havurah Project will connect small groups ("Havurot") of 8-10 congregants (who have similar interests and/ or demographics) with host families (who are demographically distinct from their guests) for monthly Shabbat dinners. Over the course of a year (beginning next fall), each Havurah will attend a Shabbat meal at each host home. round-robin style.

Participants will also be encouraged to participate in activities together like invitation-only Social Action/Tikkun Olam outings and special classes. They will also join for a Shabbat retreat at the end of the year, an offsite Shabbat experience of spirituality, community, education, and fun.

Here's how you can help make The Havurah Project a success:

1.) We need a small group of folks who would like to be part of a leadership team for the Havurah Project. This team would work directly with me on planning, organization, and implementation. If you are interested in pitching in, taking a leadership role and ensuring this program's success (and, indeed, the very success of our community) please email me at rabbi.knopf@bethelrichmond. org.

2.) For the launch year, we are focused on Havurot comprised of interfaith families, young adults and college students, and families with Jews by Choice. If you fit into one of those demographics and would like to be part of the initial phase of this innovative program by being part of a Havurah, please email me at rabbi.knopf@bethelrichmond.org.

3.)We are looking for members over the age of 50 to be part of our inaugural cohort of Shabbat dinner host families. If you fit into that demographic and would like to host a small group once per month for a Shabbat dinner, please email me at rabbi.knopf@ bethelrichmond.org. We will provide hosts Shabbat dinner "bootcamp" training sessions, "Shabbat Dinner Tool Kits" (which will include materials such as scripts, blessings, continued on page 2

New Member Welcoming Shabbat

Celebrate Temple Beth-El's growth: help us welcome our newest members!

Saturday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. Grove Ave.

We will be honoring those who have joined the congregation in the past year with a group aliyah and a special ceremony.

If you are a new member and are interested in reading Torah or haftarah, or participating in any other way in services, please contact Hazzan Marian at

hazzan.turk@bethelrichmond.org

We are excited to welcome all new members of our Beth-El Family!

April 2016

April Services

Friday, April 1 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 2 10:00 a.m. Marom Shabbat Services Group Aliyah for April Anniversaries

Friday, April 8 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services with music by the Mensches of Richmond

Saturday, April 9

10:00 a.m. Welcome Shabbat Services, honoring new members (see ad below) 11:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat

Friday, April 15 6:00 p.m. Family, Camp-Style Service (see pg 4) followed by congregational dinner

Saturday, April 16 10:00 a.m. Learner's Service, casual dress

PASSOVER Friday, April 22 - Erev Pesach 6:45 a.m. Minyan and Siyyum with breakfast 6:00 p.m. First Night Seder (see pg 6)

Saturday, April 23 - Pesach 1st Day 10:00 a.m. Yom Shabbat Services Dedication of Yahrzeit Plaque of Arnold Kornstein 11:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat

Sunday, April 24 - Pesach 2nd Day 10:00 a.m. Services (Grove Ave.)

Thursday, April 28 - Pesach 6th Day 6:00 p.m. Services (Grove Ave.)

Friday, April 29 - Pesach 7th Day 10:00 a.m. Services (Grove Ave.) 6:00 p.m. Friday Night Live Services (see pg 7)

Saturday, April 30 - Pesach 8th Day 10:00 a.m. Yom Shabbat Services with Yizkor and Yahrzeit Plaque/Tablet Dedications (see pg 8) *Group Aliyah for April Birthdays*

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Reflections & Connections *cont'd from pg. 1* songs, and Jewish text-based discussion material), and electronic-based resources, all of which will give you the skills you need to confidently host a beautiful Shabbat experience.

If you want more information, please email me at rabbi. knopf@bethelrichmond.org. I will be glad to answer any questions you have. And if you don't fit any of the above demographics but still want to help make this program a success, please email me, too! This project will only work if everyone in the congregation gets involved!

For nearly a year and a half, our congregation has been engaged in a process of envisioning our future. We've striven to listen to as many voices as possible within our community, through house parties, town halls, small group conversations, and many, many one-on-one meetings with members, past members, and non-members. We've also reviewed the local and national landscape for patterns, trends, and best practices; and we have spent hundreds of hours reflecting upon and synthesizing data, and discussing possible directions forward.

The vision we've developed for our community's future is encapsulated by the Havurah Project, transforming a Temple into an Intentional Spiritual Community, a community in which we all help each other grow Jewishly, flourish personally, and build a better world together, a place where every aspect of congregational life nurtures Jewish growth, personal fulfillment, and one's role in repairing the world.

The Havurah Project will intensify congregants' relationships with each other, with the community as a whole, and with the Jewish tradition. It will help us build a cohesive community that celebrates, supports, and nurtures each other's Jewish journeys. I hope you will join me in making it - and our sacred work together - a success.

Rabbi Knopf Rabbi. Knopf@bethelrichmond.org

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Strengthen your connections with Temple Beth-El's newest initiative.

3 ways to get involved:

Are you a young adult or college student, part of an interfaith family, or a Jew by Choice?

Join a Havurah, or small group.

Are you over 50 and would you like to welcome people in your home?

Become a host.

Do you have ideas? Vision? Passion? Be a part of the Havurah Project Leadership Team.

Join us! email Rabbi.Knopf @ bethelrichmond.org

President's Message Ben Lewis

For nearly two years now I've written a column for each monthly Beth-El bulletin. Last month I did not. Did anyone notice? What is the purpose of the president's column – to share my perspective on the temple's well-being? What topics in particular would you like me to write about?

Similarly, given the weekly Good Shabbos emails, Beth K'vel News and other correspondence from the temple, does TBE need to continue publishing its bulletin on a monthly basis? Would bi-monthly be sufficient? Please share your thoughts with me at president@bethelrichmond.org.

I'd like to address three other topics this month:

Scholar-in-Residence This year's event, featuring Rabbi Naomi Levy, was another major success. Over 150 attended Friday night services with most staying afterward for Shabbos dinner! Rabbi Levy's fresh perspective on prayer (particularly her prayer writing workshop on Sunday) dovetailed perfectly with Beth-El's yearlong focus on the concept of prayer. Special thanks go to all who donated their time, talents and treasures to help ensure the event's success!

Social Hall Renovations From December through February, the social hall under the Grove sanctuary went through major (long overdue) renovations. Both structurally and aesthetically enhanced, this effort has presented Beth-El with a magnificent new space for a wide range of meetings and affairs. If you haven't seen the finished product before then, please be sure to attend the dessert reception following the May 1 annual meeting.

Ruach is Going to the Top!

WHO: Ruachers (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th graders) WHAT: Pack a dairy/pareve, peanut-free lunch to eat and then we'll indoor rock climb!

WHEN: Sunday, April 10, 2016, 12pm-2pm WHERE: Peak Experiences (11421 Polo Cir, Midlothian, VA, 23113) RSVP to <u>debbie@falik.net</u> or 804-677-9642 by 4/5/16 COST: \$10 per child* plus a homemade card/note for new TBE members**



* A BIG THANK YOU TO SISTERHOOD for subsidizing the cost of climbing

** As a way to build community, I'm asking that each child bring a card or note that will be included in a "Welcome to Temple Beth El" packet that is given to new members. Please have your child include their name (first name is fine) and age on the card.



daily basis. Thank you all very much! **Annual Meeting – May 1** Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, May 1. In addition to voting for the new slate of officers, board members and Endowment Committee members, we will have an opportunity to recognize people within our community who best represent the four core values that were announced at last year's meeting – We are Mensches, Heymish, Passionate and Dynamic. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Open to all USY & Kadima members. Please visit www.seaboardusy.org to register online by April 4th.

Contact Leah Frommer for more info 513-218-8611 or KadimaTBE@gmail.com

Notes From Hazzan Marian Turk Director of Congregational Learning & Music Singing the Seder Order

There are people who have a habit of, first thing in the morning, taking a quiet moment of meditation to set their intentions for the day. This might involve some personal affirmations and saying out loud what one's goals are for the day. Of course, Judaism asks that we pray in the morning, and there is a set liturgy for that prayer. It can also be grounding and empowering to do a little self-affirmation and goal-setting each morning. But what if we were to sing these affirmations and goals? Can you imagine your spouse, child, parent, or roommate springing forth from bed each morning singing, "I am a strong, caring person, worthy of all the love in the universe!" Or perhaps, "Today I am going to greet everyone I meet with a warm smile!" Would this burst of song disturb you? Or would it inspire you to set your own positive goals for the day?

Is it silly to suggest that we sing out our personal goals for the day each morning? That's actually what we do each year at the Passover seder. At the beginning of the ritual—way before any matzah is broken or charoset consumed we sing the order of the seder, known as Kadesh Urchatz. I'm sure you are all very familiar with this ritual, and you may even have a particular attachment to a certain tune for the seder order. But have you ever thought about why we do this?

Kadesh Urchatz, a listing of the 15 steps of the seder, is a mnemonic rhyme whose exact authorship is unknown, but has been attributed to Rashi in 11th-century France. There are many reasons to say out loud, or outline, the events of the seder to come. First and most obviously, it gives some order and organization to the evening to come. Instead of just having one long seder ritual, when we enumerate the steps of it, it allows us to order, in our minds, and anticipate what lies ahead. This out-loud enumerating of the seder steps also allows us to mentally prepare ourselves for the journey from slavery to freedom—both physically and metaphorically—that our seder represents. Saying things out loud has power and represents a commitment—when we say the order of the seder out loud, we commit to undertaking the journey our Haggadah asks us to take.

But why sing Kadesh Urchatz? Why not just say it? Well, since Kadesh Urchatz is meant as a memory device, singing is very helpful. It's often easier to remember text that is sung rather than spoken. That's why you can still remember the words to your favorite song in high school many years later. It's also why we chant the Torah and other Biblical texts, instead of just saying them. But in addition to helping remember a text, singing can help us connect emotions to that text. The text of the Haggadah has developed in many different ways in different places around the world. But no matter where in the world you are, no matter what your Jewish community's customs are, every seder includes the 15 steps out-



lined in the Kadesh Urchatz. Singing those steps out loud confirms the unity of our seder ritual, the unity of the Jewish people, and the unity of our commitment to God. Hopefully it can help us give focus and purpose to our goal for seder night—experiencing the journey from slavery to freedom, as our ancestors did. And maybe it can help us bring the joy of freedom and the understanding of what it takes to go from servitude to freedom into our daily lives, infusing each day with gratitude and strength to meet the challenges that face us.

So, perhaps you won't start bursting forth from your bed each morning joyously singing your daily affirmations. But I do hope that you will bring a focused mind and a heart full of gratitude and song to your seder table.

I wish everyone a joyful Passover, and I look forward to seeing you at school and in synagogue!

Shalom uvracha, Hazzan Marian

Please join us for a Camp-Style Service & Shabbat Dinner Friday, April 15, 6:00 pm Grove Ave.

We invite you to wear white to bring in the spirit of Shabbat. Enjoy a tuneful, joyful service led in part by religious school students.

Shabbat dinner is \$16/adult, \$8/child sign up with Debbie 804-355-3564 ext 105

Shulift Do you need a ride to services? Can you give someone else a ride?



If you need a ride: Call or email by Wednesday of the same week you want a ride for Friday, Saturday, or both!

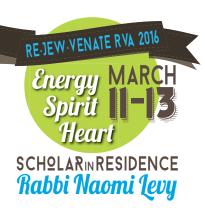
If you can give a ride: Call or email with your name and preferred telephone number, and we will add you to our list of available drivers.

We will do everything we can to provide a ride for everyone who wants one, but no guarantees.

Contact Information

Anna Soffin Email: shulift@gmail.com Phone: 804.355.3564 Ext. 110 Beth-El's recent Scholar-In-Residence Weekend was a huge success! Our special guest, Rabbi Naomi Levy, was a great inspiration to congregants of all ages.

Plans are already in the works for next year's event, and we would love more volunteers to help plan! Join us! Contact Rabbi.Knopf@bethelrichmond.org.



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for Making the Scholar-in-Residence Program Possible

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Old News, New News, Good News, GREAT News!

OLD NEWS For nearly two years, Temple Beth-El's **Visioning Steering Committee (VSC)** has reached out to the congregation through house parties, town halls, small group conversations, and many one-on-one meetings with members, past members and as yet non-members. In this way, we have worked towards maximizing our community's considerable talents and building a vision that encompasses the warmth, kindness, passion for Judaism, and dynamic approach to Jewish life Beth-El's congregation has historically shown.

NEW NEWS The main vision is one that will transform a "Temple," a physical center where Jews gather for Jewish experiences with other Jews, into an Intentional Spiritual Community, where we envision every aspect of congregational life nurturing Jewish growth, personal fulfillment, and each of our roles in repairing the world.

That's our vision. That's our Promised Land. So after a yearand-a-half of work, where are we?

GOOD NEWS The VSC has arrived at a pivotal point where we can enthusiastically share some of the outcomes of our due diligence. We look to our congregation once again for support, suggestions and continued participation – this time in response to what will become regular correspondence about progress. Our comprehensive report, including the work of task force committees assigned to examine and reshape the areas of **Brand & Marketing, Membership & Dues, Youth Education and New Member Recruitment & Engagement** will debut at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 1, 2016. Please come and be a part of this exciting new chapter in Beth-El's history!

GREAT NEWS Not only have we redefined our vision, we can implement some of the practical pieces with this coming year. Once the preliminary results of our committees' efforts have been communicated, we invite you to tell us more of what you'd like to see. We will need you – your continued thoughts, voices, time, talents, and generosity – to forge our intentional spiritual community. Above all, tell us how you'd like to contribute to our bold move to the Promised Land. Please partner with us in making our sacred work a success!

Sincerely, The Visioning Steering Committee

Judy Gary, Chair; Marsha Feldstein, Stephanie Goldberg, Ari Hirsch, Debbie Minden, Hilton Rubin, Lisa Zasler, Roy Zeidman, Ben Lewis, President, Michael Knopf, Rabbi



Morning Minyan followed by a Siyyum & Breakfast to end the "Fast of the First Born"

The "Fast of the First Born" is a unique fast day in Judaism which usually falls on the day before Passover. Typically the fast is broken at a siyyum (usually made at the end of the morning services), which celebrates the conclusion of the study of a torah portion, and according to prevailing custom, creates an atmosphere of rejoicing that overrides the requirement to continue the fast. **All are welcome!**

Friday, April 22, 6:45 a.m. sponsored by Willa Siegel Kalman in loving memory of her husband, Malcolm Kalman, & father, Charles Siegel

Temple Beth-El's Passover first-night Seder Salado Grove Ave. Service - 6:00 p.m. Seder - 6:30 p.m.

Gefilte fish · Vegetarian Matzah Ball Soup · Roasted Chicken · Vegetarian Option · Roasted Red Potatoes · Carrot Tzimmes · Steamed Broccoli · Matzah · Assorted Desserts

Don't miss the community-wide, interfaith seder. We will be joined by members of Hill City Church, including founders- Pastor John & Lacy Wagler.

> \$32 adult members \$34 adult non-members \$16 children ages 5-12 children 4 & under, free

RSVP by April 11

Online at bethelrichmond.org/events/seder

OR mail/fax the form below OR call Debbie 804-355-3564 ext. 105

Reservist Name				Phone		
Guests' Names:		/		/		
# of Member Adults	@ \$32 each=_		Special diet_			
# of NonMember Adults	@ \$34 each=_		Special diet_			
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Mail to Temple Beth-El Seder, 3330 Grove Ave., Richmond, VA 23221 OR Fax to 804-257-7152



Did you love Rosh Hoshanah Live? This event builds on the same concept!

Contemporary Jewish Worship featuring music by Susan Greenbaum & Chris Parker Friday, April 29 • 6:00 pm • 3330 Grove Avenue

Don't miss this Rousing Musical Shabbat! followed by a festive Oneg in the Social Hall

Beth-El Wedding Photos Wanted!



Did you or a family member get married at Temple Beth-El? Adira Knopf is collecting photos to frame and hang in the Mikveh area.

Send your digital/scanned photo(s) to adirarose@gmail.com*

OR mail your print(s) to

Temple Beth-El, 3330 Grove Ave., Richmond, VA 23221 Attn: Krista*

*Make sure to include the names of the marrying couple and the date of the wedding. We will gladly return your photos upon request.

Yoga by Robin

Raver offered at our

Grove Ave Campus

RobinRaverWellness.com 213 Roseneath Rd. Room 201 Email robin.raver@yahoo.com

Mondays 6:00-7:15 p.m.- All Levels Wednesdays 9:30-10:45 a.m. -Beginner Thursdays 4:30-5:45 p.m.- Beginner



There is a beautiful custom of immersing in a mikveh (ritual bath) before Passover, whether on the first day or all three days. Jews have for millennia immersed in mikva'ot in order to stand before God in a state of spiritual purity, and for many of us, this becomes an especially meaningful act close to Passover. Additionally, the immersion is symbolic of conversion. Just as a Jew by choice immerses in a mikveh and becomes a "new person," so, too, on Passover, we seek to become "new people" by facing our fears, receiving a new identity, experiencing transformation, and living our new-found freedom.

Spiritually Prepare for Leaving Egypt in our Mikvehl

Since our congregation is so blessed to have a beautiful Mikveh, this year we are proud to announce that ours will be open for all to use on Wednesday, April 20, Thursday, April 21, and Friday, April 22. Please refer to the schedule at right for availability; no appointment is necessary. If the Mikveh is in use when you arrive, kindly wait until it becomes available. We are pleased to offer this sacred opportunity free-of-charge, but, since giving tzedakah is also a crucial way to prepare for the holidays, we encourage you to consider making a contribution to the Temple (page 15).

Passover Mikveh Schedule

Wednesday, April 20 half-hour limit

Men's Hours: 11:30 am - 2:30 pm Women's Hours: 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 21 half-hour limit

Women's Hours: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Men's Hours: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday, April 22 half-hour limit

Women's Hours: 8:00 am - 11:30 am Men's Hours: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

What to bring

- Towel
- Shower Supplies (shower needed before immersion)

Please be mindful of the Mikveh's cleanliness after your use. Thank you!

Yizkor Memorial Service 8th Day of Passover Saturday, Apríl 30 at 10:00 am Main Sanctuary

Yahrzeit Plaque Dedication Diane Deutsch • Edna pson Morrís Kaplan • Frank Seldes

> Yahrzeit Tablet Dedication by Hilda Kaplan, Children & Grandchildren in Loving Memory of Morris Kaplan

What is hametz? Wheat, oats, rye, barley, or spelt

became hametz (fermented) if they came in contact with water for 18 minutes after harvesting. The term hametz is also applied to dishes and utensils which have been in contact with hametz foods during the year.

The Torah prohibits the ownership of hametz during Pesach. Therefore, we arrange for mekhiratz hametz, the sale of the hametz to a non-Jew. This transfer is accomplished by appointing an agent, the rabbi, to handle the sale. It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of the ownership of the non-allowed hametz. If the ownership of the hametz was not transferred before the holiday, the use of the hametz is prohibited after the holiday as well.

The form below allows for the funds provided to the needy for Passover foods.

Passover Sale of Hametz Appointment of Agent for Sale of Hametz

Name	 	
Address		

Signature

I have enclosed \$

for the Ma-ot Hittim.

Return this form to Temple Beth-El before the morning of Friday, April 22, 2016.

, hereby authorize Rabbi Michael Knopf to act as my agent to sell any Hametz that may be in my possession, wherever it may be-at home, place of business, car or elsewhere, in accordance with Jewish law.

> Make check payable to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund & mail to Temple Beth-El, 3330 Grove Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221

Westbury Apothecary & Market

Your Passover Headquarters! 8903 Three Chopt Road Richmond, Virginia 23229 (804) 285-0962 (market)

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Yehuda Matzo 5 Pound Box \$9.99

Kosher Chickens, cut-up	\$2.79/lb.
1st cut Kosher Brisket (frozen)	\$7.99/lb.
Benzi Gefilte Fish (22 oz.)	\$6.99/loaf
Dagim Tilapia or Flounder	\$4.99/pack
Gold's Horseradish, red or white (8 oz.)	\$1.89/jar
Dagim Solid White Tuna (6 oz.)	\$1.99/can
Coke/Diet Coke (2 liter)	99cents

Wines for your Seder Celebration

Manischewitz Wine - 750 ml	.\$3.99
Gabriele Pinot Noir - 750 ml	.\$9.99
Gabriele Pinot Grigio - 750 ml	.\$9.99
Ein Karem Cabernet Sauvignon	.\$8.49

Kosher Wines from France

La Fille du Boucher (The Butcher's Day Bordeaux	
Foncastle Merlot	
Foncastle Chardonnay	\$6.99

A complete line of Passover Dairy and frozen items, desserts and pastries; grocery items also available

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Sisterhood News

Chris Greenberg, President

Thank you to all of our Sisterhood and Men's Club members who participated in last month's Men's Club – Sisterhood Shabbat. It was a wonderful weekend.

Thanks also to Men's Club for Friday night's pre-neg and to Josephine for preparing the tasty Kiddush luncheon sponsored by Sisterhood. As I mentioned in my D'var Torah on Saturday, Sisterhood is working hard to plan programs that appeal to a broader base of our congregation and is looking at coordinating with some of Beth-El's other programming groups to deliver more cohesive programming in the future.

Sisterhood held our annual game day in February with a great turnout of ladies spending time together socializing, playing and noshing. Thank you to Fran Broeder for planning another wonderful menu and organizing her team to cook, set up and serve. Those who helped were Susan Beller, Barbara Shocket, Marian Winer and Judy Crocker.

Sisterhood was happy to support the renovation to the Social Hall ceiling and we are looking forward to the finished product being available for everyone to enjoy.

There has been some shuffling in our Sisterhood schedule and several events and speakers are still being finalized.

Look for the following upcoming events with times, dates and, in some cases, places to be determined and publicized through email and the listserv at a later date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Another Sisterhood Happy Hour
- Our annual Donor Program to benefit the Jacob and Selma Brown Religious School

• A speaker event featuring Dr. Claire Rosenbaum speaking on Southern Jewish Culture and Heritage



Home-hosted Shabbat Dinner Friday, April 8,7:00 pm

at the home of Deborah Karp

Attendance is capped at 18. RSVP to **thebridgerva@gmail.com** or on The Bridge's Facebook group

facebook.com/groups/TheRVABridge

April – PaintNite. Date to be determined but plan on joining your sisters for a Sunday evening at 5:00p.m. We will each create a beautiful painting (with instruction) while enjoying food and drink at a local restaurant. Fee will be \$25 per person plus food and drink and space is limited to 40 participants. As soon as we finalize the details, we'll let you know how to sign-up.

PLEASE JOIN TEMPLE BETH-EL SISTERHOOD FOR OUR 2016 Spring Donor Event PRESENTING DO-OVOP 505 Bash FEATURING MUSIC BY Don Wade & Freddy C. 505 ATTRE • BEST DRESSED AWARD • DOOR PRIZES • DANCING SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016 1:00 PM | 3330 GROVE AVENUE, SOCIAL HALL RSVP: 2016-TBE-DONOR.EVENTBRITE.COM

Temple Beth-El Adult Education 2015-16



Matriarchs in the Amidah

Sunday, May 8 9:45 a.m. at the Religious School see ad below

Who is God? 3 Mondays 7:30 p.m. in the Kiddush Room with Rabbi Knopf, see ad at right

Hasidic Havurah 1st Wednesday of every month through June 1

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. at Grove Ave. KR with Rabbi Knopf Bring a dairy or vegetarian lunch and join Rabbi Knopf as we unlock the spiritual secrets of the great Hasidic masters. This year we will focus on what these mystic sages teach us about prayer.

Talmud Every Tuesday 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. at Grove Ave. KR with Rabbi Creditor

> Temple Beth-El Adult Education presents

Matriarchs in the Amidah

with Rabbi Knopf Class, Discussion & Brunch

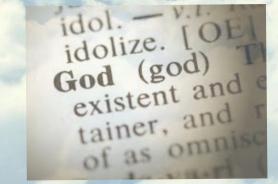
sponsored by Men's Club

Sunday, May 8, 9:45 a.m. at the Religious School

WHO IS GOD?

3 Adult Ed. Sessions with Rabbi Knopf

These Mondays APRIL 18 • MAY 2 • MAY 16 7:30 - 9:00 P.M. GROVE AVE. KIDDUSH ROOM



Men's Club Matters Josh Cane, President

Thank you to those who attended and participated in the Scholar in Residence events. It was good to see such a turnout at services to meet and be inspired by Rabbi Naomi Levy. The weekend culminated with Men's Club serving a delicious brunch for the students, teachers, parents, staff, and our guest.

Also in March, we got to serve our World Famous Hot Dogs and other tasty foods at the annual JCC Purim Carnival.

Later this month Passover begins and we at Men's Club hope you have a joyous time celebrating with those dear to you.

Temple Beth-El Men's Club meetings are open to all and are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Brown Religious School on Parham Road. For more information about Men's Club, please contact me at joshcane@aim. com.



APRIL 1 22 ADAR II Samuel Radman

APRIL 2

23 ADAR II Samuel Manger Charlotte Zeidman

APRIL 3 24 ADAR II Pearl Gordon Abe Wilensky

APRIL 4 25 ADAR II Anne Bellman

APRIL 5

26 ADAR II Reda Cohen Samuel Isaac Seldes Bella Michelson

APRIL 6

27 ADAR II Shirley Dinetz Sarah Nadell

APRIL 7 28 ADAR II

Jean Sturman Levin Herman Hirsch

APRIL 8 29 ADAR II David Feldman

APRIL 9, 1 NISAN Ralph Amernick Myron Berman Helene Goodman Betty Brill Hampden

Fannie Rosenbloom Celia Tronfeld

APRIL 10, 2 NISAN

Samuel Kalman Edward Lapkin Tillie Levine Rose Lewis Morton Schneider

APRIL 11, 3 NISAN

Helen Bernstein Samuel Hollander Samuel Licker Bernard Miller Hyman Moore **Richard Stammer**

APRIL 12, 4 NISAN

Ephraim Berman Pauline Burke Sonia Gossack Betty Jeffrey Samuel Menlowe

APRIL 13, 5 NISAN

Moe Backer Polly Ellenson Gilbert Freedlander Oscar Halpert Anna Rothman Nathan Sharove Norman Sisisky Mary Young

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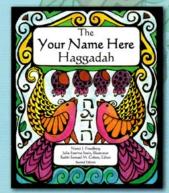
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Monday			Minyan Minyan Calendar Meeting	Minyan Minyan	Minyan Minyan Adult Ed: Who is God?	Pesach III (CH''M) Minyan Minyan
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