



Tikvahite

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Welcome New Members

Esther & Gary Efrom

Camp Tikvah

The first session of Camp Tikvah starts on June 23th. The second session starts on July 7th. Campers...we can't wait to see you there!!!! Look for more info. to come home soon.

Any final questions?

Call Amy at 847-363-9087

or e-mail her at alg23@comcast.net

BETH TIKVAH'S HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DAY

The project we will be working on is through the "Building on Faith" program, an interfaith program that Habitat has asked Bob Mandell of the Social Action Committee to participate in to encourage Jewish participation. Contact Bob Mandell at graustark@aol.com or (847) 540-0184 if you are interested in helping. Please also indicate if you would be able to help with car-pooling from the Temple. You will be contacted with car pool information and directions to the site in Waukegan.

As this is in lieu of our traditional "Mitzvah Day", please use this event to help teach your children the importance of helping others in the community.

On Sunday, June 8th, the Habitat Lake County has slotted our congregation to work on a house project in Waukegan. If you are able bodied, have lots of energy, and are at least 16 years old (16 to 17 need parent permission), please join us for this very important social action day. We have been asked to be on the worksite from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be available for all participants. Go to www.habitatlc.org for more information.

URJ Great Lakes Council WRJ Midwest District Regional Biennial Convention

November 6-9, 2008

THE PFISTER HOTEL, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Exploring Our Tree of Life – Etz Chaim Hi. What is our Tree of Life? Respect for the environment, enriching our Jewish identities, enhancing our congregations, connecting with new and old friends – these combine to form our Tree.

Plans are underway to create an enriching, stimulating, and spiritual weekend for you to meet with new and old friends. You will have the opportunity to study with esteemed scholars, to worship with clergy from all over our region, to be entertained by some of the Reform Movement's most exciting artists, and to share experiences with congregants and leaders from our area.

Every two years our region gathers for four days for study, prayer, instruction and connection. Without you: temple leaders, temple members, clergy, staff and others, none of this can take place. For the second time in a row, the Women of Reform Judaism – Midwest District and the Union for Reform Judaism Great Lakes Council will hold their Biennial in the beautiful and historic Pfister Hotel in downtown Milwaukee.

We have an amazing scholars, teachers and leaders to facilitate programs and share their experiences with us. Our guests include: Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, President of the URJ, Mark Pelavin, Associate Director of the Religious Action Center, Kathy Kahn, Director of the URJ Department of Outreach and Membership. Additionally, we are honored to welcome Dr. Andrea Weiss, Associate Professor of Bible at HUC-JIR and co-editor of The Torah: A Women's Commentary and rabbis and lay leaders from our own region.

This weekend is not only for leaders, but for anyone interested in a very special study, worship, and community experience. We will fill your days with activities and we will celebrate a restful and meaningful Shabbat together. And we will nourish our community so that it will grow healthy and strong.

Mark your calendars now. Make your plans. Please join us. More information will follow soon and you can always check: www.urj.org/glc.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

We received a note from the folks in our Sister Temple in Krasnodar, Russia regarding our last shipment through Chicago Action Yad L'Yad. Among our normal shipments of clothing, over-the-counter medications and school supplies for the children, we were also able to provide blood pressure monitors, glucometers and prescription medicines for the ill in the community. Thanks to funds raised at our annual Chili Cook-Off, we were also able to provide the exorbitant shipping costs.

“Dear friends!

Thank you for your assistance (that you sent us and we received it at 26 April). We are very grateful to you for all these things. It's a real help for our community as a whole.

Happy Passover! We wish you good health, joy and prosperity for your community!

With best wishes

Chairman of the Makor Community

Georgy Gonik (Russia, Krasnodar)”

The Beth Tikvah Social Action Committee also reached out to the following groups in the past year-

- Provided pizza and other treats to troops of Israeli soldiers
- Sent Chanukah items to Jewish American soldiers overseas
- Sponsored ARK families at Chanukah providing gifts of new clothing and household items.
- Purchased items and assembled “turn-away” kits for homeless persons who are turned away from shelters because of over-crowding
- Sponsored Life Source Blood Drives
- Provided new uniform school shirts to underprivileged students in an inter-city school.
- Co-sponsored and made a donation to a fundraiser for Bomba Israel- a volunteer Jewish Fire Department in Chile.
- Delivered truck loads of food donations to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry during High Holidays and Chanukah including new hats, gloves and scarves for food pantry families

Thanks to all of you for your support.

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It is difficult to believe that school has ended for this year. We have had an exciting year watching all the children grow. Our end of year picnics were May 22 and May 23 and each child received a ***Preschool Memory Book*** with pictures of them throughout the year. My thanks to the teachers who worked so hard to put these books together and for everything they have done to make this a wonderful year of learning.

Please remember Summer Fun Camp begins **June 16** and our 2008-2009 school year begins September 8th registration forms are in the office or on the preschool shelves. **P.S.** I am still looking for 1 or 2 more helpers for camp. Please call me if you are interested.

There will be a **Summer Challah program**- order forms are in the office or on the preschool shelves in the hall.

As always, if you know anyone who might be interested in our preschool, please let me know and I will be happy to contact them.

Shalom,
Ellen Grossman



My contribution to this month's Tikvahite is mostly about money. If you attended the Board of Directors Installation Shabbat just a couple of weeks ago, you've already heard this information. So you are pardoned from reading this article (however, if you've never read any of my previous articles, then this pardon isn't for you). Please use your additional free-time time wisely!

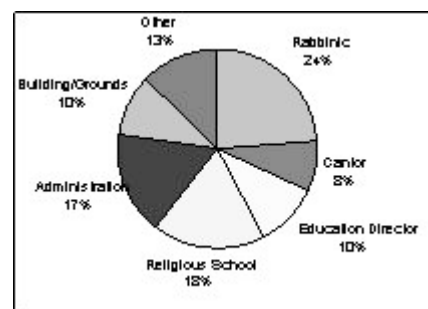


This fiscal year, which runs from June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 is my last year as temple president. As I entered my first year, I indicated at the Installation Shabbat that the two areas I would concentrate on the most were membership and our facilities. I'm pleased to report that we actually made a little progress in each area during the past year.

As examples, our Membership Committee created an Operations Manual that should help guide current and future committee members in executing the actions needed to grow and retain our membership. And our facilities received a big upgrade with the remodeling of our classrooms thanks to the fundraising efforts of the 50th anniversary celebration. For the next year, however, I expect to spend a great deal of time concentrating on, even worrying about, money.

You see, just after my term ends, the multi-year contracts for our Rabbi, our Cantorial Soloist, and our Congregational Educator all end, and it will also be time for the annual renewal of our agreement with the JCC for the wonderful services of our Pre-school Director, Ellen Grossman. That's a lot going on from a contractual perspective!

To provide a little perspective, the costs of the rabbinic, Cantor, and Educator positions represent 42% of our budget. Therefore, about 42% of our dues are directed toward these expenses. The graph depicts the top expense categories with Religious School, Administration, and Building & Grounds rounding out the list of top expenses.



Now I need to provide one more aspect to this story. Recently our past due amount related to dues collections (or the amount that is at least 90 days past due) surpassed the \$100,000 level for the first time in our history. Clearly for our congregation to meet its financial obligations, especially with so many non-discretionary contractual dollars in our budget, we all need to pay our dues on time.

When congregants run into financial issues, please call myself or our Financial Secretary, Sam Kossoff, to discuss the situation and to make arrangements. Please help us meet the congregation's financial obligations. Please don't simply ignore your dues statement. It represents the congregation's electric bill, a teacher's or spiritual leader's salary, the cost of snow removal, the printing costs for this bulletin, all the programming utilized by so many of our members, and many more expenses both big and small.

Toda raba,
Mike Myers

Book Nook With Leslie and Cathy

This month we'd like to discuss checkout and return procedures. When checking out items, please sign and date the library card from within the book pocket and leave the card on the library desk. Items may be checked out for two weeks, after which they must be returned or renewed. If you do not return the item, you will receive an overdue notice. Upon receipt of that notice, you will have two weeks to return the item. If you have not returned the item by that date, you will be charged for the replacement cost of the item. If you have lost or damaged the book, please contact the librarian immediately at library@beth-tikvah.org and she will assist you in replacing the item. When returning an item, please place it in the collection box outside the library or on the library desk. Do not look for the book card or attempt to reshell the item. The items in our library represent a great investment by the congregation. Please treat them with care and return items promptly. These policies are also outlined in our Collection Development Policy which is available on the Beth Tikvah website. Please contact the librarian with any questions.

Bar Mitzvah

Mazel Tov

Jason Newman
June 7th



Sam Nudelman
Bar Mitzvah will take
place in Israel.

In memory of Barry Gadlin

Jill & Robert Berlan
John & Carmen Blasucci
Jill, Ben & Maxwell Crane
Avery & Jacqueline Delott
Tony Freixas
Barbara Fryzel
Barbara Goldberg
A. Christine Iacullo
Rochelle & David Jones
Laury Katz & Cindy
Smith
Marjorie Kessler
Robert & Irene Koralik
Macbeth & Associates
Rose Mandell
John & Anne Mitchell
Carole & John Monaco
Pangkong Moua & Paul
Fox
Veronica Murphy
Albert, Larry & Sandy
Profeta
Robert & Jacqueline
Ptaszek
Matthew & Barbara Rekar
Norma Richman
Eric & Cynthia Singer
James & Kathleen Slomka
John Soderstrom
Stuart & Marianne Switt
Margaret & Robert Tilley
Edith Tragasz
James & Patricia
Wicklund

Coming to the end of a school year is always a time for reflection. This year has been a banner year for Beth Tikvah's Religious School in so many ways. We experienced fantastic programming within each of the classrooms, maintained an updated website to facilitate parent / teacher communication, and implemented incredible multi – age holiday programs throughout the year. All of this would not be possible without a team of people coming together, with a common purpose, for the good of our Jewish youth. I want to say THANK YOU to everyone who had a part in this monumental effort. It takes people doing the big stuff, the small stuff, and everything in-between to make our Religious School a success. Supportive parents, enthusiastic students, passionate teachers, and a supportive community are all necessities in allowing us to do what we do. BRAVO to everyone who has helped in making this year such an incredible success.

Finally, I want to thank you again for all your comments and suggestions this year, on many different topics. I very much appreciate the input; I would encourage you to let us know when something has worked particularly well or when you have a concern. Now that we have finished our Religious School year, one of the things you might consider doing is writing a note to one of your child's teachers. One of the major rewards of teaching is knowing that you have made a difference; if your child has had a good year, learned a lot, or appreciated something special about a particular teacher, one of the best and most appreciated things you can do is write a short note to that teacher letting him or her know about it. If you have the time during this most busy time of year, I would encourage you to do that.

As always, thank you so much for your partnership and support. All of us at Beth Tikvah's Religious School want to wish you and your family the best for a healthy, happy, safe summer. See you in the fall!



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certificates for items you use on a regular basis, like groceries, books, restaurants and local stores, from the Temple, at face value. The Temple buys them at a discount and makes a little on each certificate. For example, if you buy a \$100 card for Dominick's the Temple makes about \$4; \$100 worth of Lettuce Entertain You Restaurant cards makes the Temple about \$10. You are going to spend the money anyway, so why not buy certificates from us? Father's Day is this month, how about a card for Home Depot:? Plan ahead – get your scrip cards right away!

Men's Club News

- Although the Men's Club monthly meetings
- are on summer hiatus until September, we
- continue to have Game Night on the first and
- 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 in the
- Chaveron. For the summer, those dates are
- June 9th & 23rd, July 7th & 21st, and August
- 4th & 18th.

Villa Olivia

- The annual Golf Outing will be held on
- Sunday July 13. Join us for brunch at the
- temple at 10:00 and then a best-ball
- tournament at Villa Olivia. The first tee time is
- 12:30. All are welcome to attend. The cost is
- 78.00 per person and includes golf, cart,
- brunch & prizes. You can register by leaving a
- check payable to Beth Tikvah Men's Club in
- the Men's Club mail slot in the office or with
- Lucy. For further information, please contact
- Jeff Altman (847-991-2031 or) or Ira Kopin
- (847-289-0458 or
- ikopin@dmhingredients.com). We look
- forward to seeing you.

An image – of dedicated women working together to create things that would not exist without them — is what Laura and I will remember our last three years as Sisterhood presidents. The energy that has been created and the lives that have been enriched in many small, but important ways by the dedication and hard work of the women of Sisterhood is truly magical. This energy has given birth to many things and has taken a variety of forms, too numerous to completely acknowledge here.



However, there have been two very recent events that we think are iconic of the best that Sisterhood is – **The Women’s Seder** and **The Volunteer Appreciation Event**.

This year, the **Women’s Seder** was even more beautiful and meaningful than usual, based on it being the 50th year celebration. As in all recent years, our very beautiful Seder was artfully led by **Gayle Kopin** and **Eileen Schur**, together with **Ilana Axel**, **Linda Holland** and **Sherry Richards**. Interwoven throughout the Seder were memories of Past Presidents, including our own **Alice Rosenberg** who read from the minutes of some of the very first Sisterhood meetings.

Then, just a few weeks later, the Chaveryon was magically transformed into a 50s sock hop, replete with Elvis, 50s memorabilia, “price is right” trivia and 50s comfort foods. We owe this wonderful night to the creativity and hard work of **Anne Gruettner** and **Nancy Mau**. Every year, this night is dedicated to the volunteerism of many who pitch in to allow Sisterhood to best serve the Beth Tikvah community.

There have been so many other times when we’ve been at a Sisterhood event and thought “who did all this”? All of these uplifting, energy-creating activities would not be possible without the hard work, creativity and dedication of all of us who joyfully volunteer to be a crucial energy cell of the Girl Gang.

To quote the famous words of the original World War Two Feminist — Rosie the Riveter “We can do it” and together, throughout the past three years, the women of Sisterhood certainly have.

It has been an honor to serve as the orchestrators of your wonderful efforts over the past three years. Thanks for allowing us the privilege!

With Caring,
Ilene and Laura

LAFF News

On Saturday, June 7th, LAFF will attend “Annie Get Your Gun” at Cutting Hall in Palatine at 8:00. Tickets are \$15.00 each and guests are welcome. For those interested in getting together for dinner before the performance, meet at Dirty Nellie’s on Smith Street, just north of the railroad station in Palatine at 5:30.

For more information call Leora Mager at 1-847-359-0439. Please send your check to her at 429 W. Parkside Drive, Palatine, 60067.

Cookbooks

The Holocaust Survivor Cookbook is a compilation of survivor’s favorite recipes along with stories about each person. The book normally costs \$36.00 but if we order 50 or more, the price would drop to \$20.00. If you have not seen this book, you can check it out at survivorcookbook.com

If you would like to buy one of the books, please e-mail Larry Bernstein at larberns@sbcglobal.net or call Larry at (630) 307-0325. If we get to 50, he’ll let you know how to send your payment.

Jewish Employment Network

Job Seekers experience many hopes and challenges in the job market. If you have been recently downsized or are thinking of changing careers, the Jewish Employment Network offers numerous options to assist you with your career goals: career counseling, job search strategies, networking opportunities, and access to monthly round tables and support groups. For more information go to www.jewishemploymentnetwork.com or call Joyce Bogolub, JVS Career Counselor, at 630-889-0548

NEW YEAR’S GREETING BOOKLET

If you wish to have your family name(s) listed in the Booklet, please send your check for \$10.00 made payable to Beth Tikvah Sisterhood to: Linda Rudman 197 Camden Court Schaumburg, IL 60194 by September 12, 2008 For an additional \$5.00 you may add a 2nd line greeting.

Yahrzeits

June 6

Sima Africk
Florence Berzosky
David Joseph Damlich
Felix Dreifuss
Martin Fels
Ruth Grinker
Jane E. Harris
Harry Mekow
Rosalma Mondray
Philip Perlson
Mildred H. Roth
Harry Shoub
Ruth Smith
Allen Spinka
Lillian Tovrog
Mamie Witz
Ethel Wolfson

June 13

Ruth Bernstein
Goldie Brounstein
Allen Bublely
Avrom Buxbaum
Ida Dailey
Lou M. Gardin
Celia Goltz
Sarah Rose Gorell
Jean L. Grobart
Helen Lopatin
Louis Kamiel
Bernard Marks
Sam Pfeifer
Sarah Jeanne Pokorny
Joseph C. Rafilson
Abraham Reitman
Frances Roth
Anna Rubin
Herman Rudolph
Morris Wolf

June 20

Leah Africk
Sandy Bernstein
Esther Gold
Edith Halperin
Elizabeth Pevsner
Julius Pokonsky

June 27

Thomas Glennon
Herman Harris
Craig Katz
Roberta Kier
Sema Levin
Alexander Schatzer
Jack Shilling
Sadie Smith
Rosetta Tovrog
Sophie Yosem

Donations

Donations are made to honor, remember, thank and celebrate those about whom we care and who care about us — and the important occasions in our lives. For more information, contact the Temple office at

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In appreciation – Carrol & Ed Gold
In memory of Eudice Lehman – Paula & Mason Saltzman
In memory of Lee Horvitz – Dolly Carniol
In honor of Leland and the Confirmation Class – Jay Kaplan
In memory of Barry Gadlin – Linda, Shana & Mindy

In Memory of Barbara Lesht

Advanced Dentistry
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Beth Tikvah Searchers Group
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E to the 5th Investment Club
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Harvey & Darlene Pokorny
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Joel Sacks
Karen Santelli
Eileen & Vic Schur
Jeff & Hope Shamberg
Kathleen & Lawrence Sicher
Eric & Cynthia Singer
Florence Sloan
The Delavan Club
Debbi & David Weil
Robert & Joanne Zitter

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Torah Fund

In memory of Nettie Gold – Carrol & Ed Gold
In memory of Barb Lesht – Ruth, Mike & Michelle Minkoff

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

In appreciation – Carrol & Ed Gold
In memory of Anna & Max Kopin – Gayle & Ira Kopin
In appreciation of the 2nd Passover Seder – Rosalyn Saltsberg
In appreciation – Steve Lesht
In memory of Barry Gadlin – Linda, Shana & Mindy

Ahava Fund

In memory of Helen Lopatin & Allen Spinka – Jackie Roth
In memory of Harry Shore – Libby Parks

Brottman Ark Fund

In memory of Rose Brottman – Sandra Brottman

PreSchool Fund

In memory of Barb Lesht – Darlene & Harvey Pokorny

Religious Education Fund

In memory of Joseph Risberg – Marion & Mel Bublely
In memory of Armen Damerjian – Diane Damerjian

In memory of Kevin Hersh – Cathy Hersh Troyka
In memory of Sema Levin – The Rosell Family

Yahrzeit Plaques

In memory of Barbara Lesht – Joel & Sherri Nemirow, David & Lynsey Winner & Bruce Bohrer
In memory of Shirley Rovin – Ron & Adrienne Rovin
In memory of Eugene B. Rovin – Ron & Adrienne Rovin
In memory of Morris Sirkin – Ron & Adrienne Rovin
In memory of Violet Sirkin – Ron & Adrienne Rovin

Yahrzeits

July 4

Dora Cooper
Bernard Ephraim
Mary Epstein
Dorothy Peskind
Hadassah Roth
David Rush
Gertrude Wynbrandt

July 11

Frances Becker
Arthur Bernstein
Doris Evans
Morton Friedman
Benjamin Mirsky
Marjorie Rudolph
Sidney H. Siegel
Marilyn Splansky
Cecilia Sturm
Bob Zeitlin

July 18

Louis Black
Sarah Blechman
Saul Cohen
Scott Kaufman
Rudolph Lachmann
Ann Minkoff
Rita Niederman
Eugene Rovin
Jacob Rudolph
Minnie Rudolph
Carl M. Tandy

July 25

Joseph Bluver
Irving Braverman
Pearl Finkelstein
Isaac Hanok
Shirley Marks
Ricky Rosenberg
Eli Rubin
Ruth Siegel
Grace Unger

June 2008


Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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This calendar was prepared before all dates were submitted. Check www.beth-tikvah.org for updates.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Habitit for Humanity Day 8pm Shavuot Services and Study Session	7pm BT book club	7:30pm Israel Trip Meeting	Executive Committee mtg. 7:30pm.	Shabbat Service Sisterhood Installation 8pm	9am Torah Study 10:30am Jason Newman Bar Mitzvah 7:30pm Laff Program	9am Torah Study 10:30am Jason Newman Bar Mitzvah 7:30pm Laff Program
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Shavuot 10am Shavuot Services including Yizkor	Shavuot Mtg.	Sisterhood Board Mtg.	7:30pm Temple Board Mtg.	Shabbat Service 8pm	9am Torah Study	9am Torah Study
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Camp Tikvah session 1	Camp Tikvah session 1	Camp Tikvah session 1	Camp Tikvah session 1	Picnic 6:30pm Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	9am Torah Study	9am Torah Study
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	<p>BT Book Club</p>  <p>Join us for our next Book Club meeting. We meet on the first Monday of each month.</p> <p>June's book is <u>An Empire of Their Own</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>How the Jews invented Hollywood</u> by Neal Gabler. </p> <p>In July, we will be discussing <u>The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit</u> by Lucette Lagnado. This is a story of an Egyptian Jewish family's exodus from Cairo to the new world.</p>				

June 2008 Schedule of Services

Shabbat Services

Fri., June 6th

Sisterhood Installation
Services
8:00 pm

Fri., June 13th

Shabbat Svs.
8:00 pm

Fri., June 20th

Picnic 6:30pm
Family Shabbat Svs.
7:30pm

Fri., June 27th

Shabbat Svs.
8:00 pm

B'nai Mitzvah

Saturday, June 7th, 10:30am
Jason Newman

**Sam Nudelman will be celebrating his
Bar Mitzvah in Israel**

The family of the B'nai Mitzvah invite the
entire congregation to celebrate with them.

Rabbi Max Weiss
Cantorial Soloist Iana Axel
Director of Congregational Education
Rokki Parrinello
President Mike Myers
Early Childhood Director Ellen Grossman
Rabbi Emeritus Hillel Camoran
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