



NOTES FROM THE CANTOR



On Thanksgiving

By Cantor Mary Thomas

It was last year around this time when many in the Jewish world first started taking note of a most unexpected of mash-ups to occur on the 2013/5774 calendar: Thanksgiving + Chanukah. I remember remarking, "The first candle is on Erev Thanksgiving! How bizarre!" What I, and the vast majority of my friends, family, and colleagues, did not realize last year, was that Thanksgiving + Chanukah = Thanksgiving + Chanukah, a once in a lifetime celebration of "[Light, Liberty, and Latkes](#)."¹

With much digital ink spilled and media minutes spent, Thanksgiving has taken the Jewish - and non-Jewish world - by storm. Stephen Colbert, in his usual satirical style, has gone down the rabbit hole of Thanksgiving. Articles exploring the phenomenon of the [menurkey](#) (yes, that's a turkey-shaped menorah, the brain-child of a nine-year-old) and what will surely be amazing meals filled with sweet potato and pumpkin latkes or [sweet potato bourbon noodle kugel](#) are peeking out from behind every digital corner. Clever ideas for decorating include cornucopias filled with chocolate gelt.

Thanksgiving is exciting for its novelty. This is only the second time the holiday combo has occurred since observance of the American Thanksgiving holiday in the mid-nineteenth century, and it's the only time it will occur for nearly 80,000 more years. It feels almost like Charlie Brown and the Great Pumpkin to me; Thanksgiving is REAL, if only for a moment!

But what can we learn from Thanksgiving? Well, the p'shat - the simple interpretation - seems to be that both Thanksgiving and Chanukah tell the stories of groups fighting for religious freedom. In both cases, we express our gratitude for the opportunity to partake of those freedoms. I think that relatively few Americans, Jewish or otherwise, spend much time thinking about the meaning of Thanksgiving these days. Much like Halloween, Thanksgiving has become a modern American holiday fairly distanced from its meaning of origin.

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¹ This is the slogan that appears on a Woodstock style T-shirt from www.moderntribe.com.

LEADERSHIP SHABBAT

Friday, November 8th at 7:00pm



Temple Beth El's year-long 70th birthday celebration culminates with our Leadership Shabbat to celebrate our Temple's leadership - past, present and future. Join us for Shabbat worship services on Friday, November 8th at 7:00pm, followed by a festive Oneg. The sermon, entitled "Reimagining Jewish Life - Reform Judaism at a Crossroads," will be presented by Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ).



Temple Beth El is privileged to have 22 Past Presidents living in Charlotte, and these special individuals, as well as current TBE leaders, will be honored during the service. Temple Beth El thanks NCBT (North Carolina Bank & Trust) for its generous 70th birthday gift and sponsorship of our 70th birthday weekend celebrations.

Note there is no Congregational Brunch on Saturday, November 9th. Join us for Shabbat morning worship at 11:00am in the Leslie and Kevin Archer Chapel.

CONGREGATIONAL TRIP TO ISRAEL

Join Rabbi Judy on our 2014 Congregational Trip to Israel, from June 11th - 22nd. Our Jewish past will come alive as we walk through the Old City of Jerusalem and explore the ancient Jewish sites across the land of Israel. We will build community with our Beth El members and Israelis as we enjoy Israeli culture, food, and its modern landscape. We will transform our future as we build connections and memories. Hike up Masada, raft down the Jordan River, dig at an archaeological site, celebrate Shabbat with our sister congregation of Birkat Shalom, and enjoy the trip of a lifetime. For more information, visit www.beth-el.com for the trip brochure and itinerary.

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For Jewish kids and families, that might very well be a good thing, because it enables us to celebrate those holidays as Americans while doing fewer mental acrobatics to reconcile any inconsistencies with our Jewishness. Thanksgiving is simply a holiday about gratitude, family, and food; not another people's freedom story, nor the tale of conquering a new land.

What I'm really interested to see this year is how the timing of Chanukah - almost a month before Christmas - impacts the feel of our December dilemma. Typically, Chanukah is readily subsumed in the culture surrounding Christmas in America, for better or for worse. But what of this year? We will be two candles into Chanukah before Black Friday even occurs. Will Chanukah's conclusion before the retail season is in full swing diminish the consumer culture of gift giving? Perhaps, this will be the year when we see Chanukah shake off some of the pressure of trying to hold its own ground beside Christmas? Perhaps this will be a year when Jewish Americans see Chanukah more clearly - as eight days of gratitude, family, and food?

I wonder still what will this change of dance partners feel like for our interfaith families? In my own family, where we have quite a few non-Jewish relatives, and in Matt's family, Thanksgiving was a safe zone, completely free of any of the things that divide us and just a time to be and enjoy one another. Will that particular freedom be lost this year as we infuse Thanksgiving with Chanukah? Will the distance between Chanukah and Christmas this year hurt or help those family and identity issues that crop up every year in December. Only time will tell.

What does seem most certain to me is that families will be together to celebrate Chanukah this year, gathered around their Thanksgiving tables, the chanukiah a welcomed addition. As we embark on this most unique festive season, I pray that we all find opportunities for gratitude and especially a little extra joy in the welcomed absurdity of Thanksgivukkah.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING

Join the Community for the 38th Annual Citywide Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1000 East Morehead Street.

This yearly interfaith worship experience brings together people of faith from all over Charlotte to give thanks and share in one another's prayer traditions. The Thanksgiving message will be shared by Dr. Ron Carter, President of Johnson C. Smith University. The music will be provided by Mecklenburg Ministries Interfaith Children's and Adult Choirs, VOX under the direction of David Tang, and Cantor Mary Thomas as a featured soloist.

SING AT INTERFAITH SERVICE

Sing in Mecklenburg Ministries Citywide Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 26th.

Children and adults of all ages and singing abilities are encouraged to participate in this once-a-year interfaith music experience. To sign-up, please visit www.volunteerspot.com/group/496868098050, or contact CantorMary@beth-el.com for more information.

ONEG SPONSORSHIPS

Thank you to our October Oneg sponsors:

Bobbi and Don Bernstein sponsored the October 11th Oneg in honor of Don's birthday.

Elizabeth and Walter Klein sponsored the October 25th Oneg in honor of Walter's birthday.

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The Temple Beth El Whisper is published on the first of alternating months by Temple Beth El, a Reform Congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism.

Due to its size, the Whisper will only include upcoming Temple programs and events, the monthly calendar, b'nei mitzvah for the month and limited other features. Community information will be included in the Voice on alternating months.

The Whisper is published 6 times a year.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Jeffrey and Betsy Freeman
Michele Hart
Sunshine Robbins

Courtney Rosenthal
Melissa Wesley
Sergei and Alina Zagin



BEING "OUT" AS A STRAIGHT ALLY IN THE BIBLE BELT

Inclusion Shabbat at Temple Beth El, November 15-16th

Temple Beth El holds an annual Inclusion Shabbat Service emphasizing a variety of issues surrounding building a truly inclusive community. Temple Beth El's LGBT advocacy group, the Keshet Committee ("Keshet" is Hebrew for Rainbow), sponsors this event to raise awareness and strengthen the bonds between our diverse congregants and community members. We invite you to join our Inclusion Shabbat on Friday, November 15th at 7:00pm. Krista Tillman, a leader in our community with Novant Health, Queens University, and formerly Bell South, will share her thoughts on advocacy and changing hearts and minds regarding human rights and LGBT issues, including the economic importance of inclusion.

On Saturday morning November 16th, we will conduct a Shabbat Workshop from 9:00-10:30am, looking at issues of transgender education and inclusion. Marcia Rogers, a cherished participant in Beth El life and experienced presenter on this topic, will share her personal story entitled, "Being T [transgendered] or the World of Tall Women and Short Men."

This workshop provides a tour of the transgender experience, especially as it impacts individuals who are transgendered, their families, and their careers. It provides an overview of the status of transgendered persons as currently defined by the psychiatric, medical, and legal communities. Participants will be encouraged to ask the questions (there are no bad questions) they may have always wanted to ask about living as a transgendered person. The program will include discussion of Jewish sources on the topic with Rabbi Judy Schindler. Bagels and coffee will be served. Please consider a donation of \$5.

SPECIAL BLESSING FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Friday, November 15th at 7:00pm at Temple Beth El

Join us for a special blessing to honor veterans and active duty military personnel for their service to the United States.



TBE UNIVERSITY

Wednesdays, November 6th, 13th, and 20th, from 7:00-9:00pm

The Coen Brothers – Do they make Jewish movies?

Session 1: A Serious Man and the Book of Job

Session 2: The Big Lebowski and Jewish comedy

Session 3: The Two True Grits – Jewish stories of redemption?

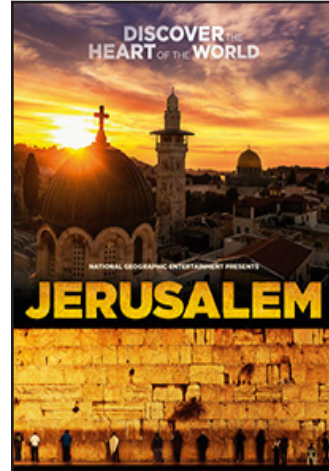


All classes will include movie clips. Watching them ahead of time will be helpful but not necessary. Stop by Temple Beth El to sign out copies of A Serious Man (2009), The Big Lebowski (1998), and True Grit (both 2010 and 1969). TBE member discounted price \$36; regular price \$52. Please call 704-749-3070 to register.

KRISTALLNACHT CONVERSATIONS - IMPROVE THE FUTURE, REMEMBER THE PAST

Saturday, November 9th, 5:00pm at Temple Beth El

Join Dr. Susan Cernyk-Spatz and Rabbi Jonathan for intriguing discussions of the history of this day on the Jewish calendar, the Night of Broken Glass, and the ways in which we can use this memory to transform the present and future for the better. BYO Wine or Beverage. The program will open with Havdalah. Cost \$5 per person for hors d'oeuvres.



CHANUKAH EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

Chanukah Helper Class

Monday, November 18th from 7:00-8:30pm at Temple Beth El

Learn how to light the menorah and recite the blessings, hear the story of Chanukah and the Maccabees, spin a dreidel, and pick up some recipes. No cost. RSVP at 704-749-3070 or email jmeyers@beth-el.com.

Night of One Hundred Lights

Third Night of Chanukah - Friday, November 29th at 6:00pm (Family Shabbat Dinner) and 7:00pm (Service)

Join us for a Congregational Family Shabbat Chanukah dinner followed by a festive family service. Bring your menorah and four candles to the sanctuary and join us as we light our menorahs together at the beginning of the service. The TBE discounted member price is \$10/adults and \$6/child; Regular prices are \$12/adults and \$8/child. RSVP at 704-749-3070 by Wednesday, November 27th at 5pm.

Community Chanukah Celebration

Fifth Night of Chanukah - Sunday, December 1st at 5:00-6:00pm at Sam Lerner Cultural Center at Shalom Park

Candle lighting, latkes and jelly donuts, dreidels, Chanukah sing along, and fun for the entire family.

Chanukah to the Max

Sixth Night of Chanukah - Monday, December 2nd at Discovery Place

6:30pm Gathering for music, latkes, refreshments and Chanukah candle lighting

7:30pm Viewing of IMAX Film "Jerusalem"

Temple Beth El goes to Discovery Place's IMAX Theatre for a special showing of Jerusalem. This IMAX film features an inspiring and eye-opening tour of our Holy City through the eyes of three young Jerusalemites and their families: Jewish, Christian and Muslim. It also follows archaeologist Dr. Jodi Magness as she explores some of the most extraordinary historical sites in the region. There is limited seating. Cost is \$15 per ticket for the evening. Purchase your tickets at the Temple lobby beginning November 4th.

Latkes and Line Dancing

Seventh Night of Chanukah - Tuesday, December 3rd from 7:30-9:00pm

Join DJ Ken Markovitz of Eklipse Entertainment Charlotte, a professional dancer, and our own Rabbi Judy as we work off our latkes and light up the David Silverman Social Hall with our lit chanukiah and latest dance moves. Learn the newest line dances as we prepare for all the upcoming celebrations in our lives from bnei mitzvah to weddings. No cost. RSVP at 704-749-3070 by Friday, November 29th at 5pm.

ADULTS**Dreidels and Drinks with ChaiLytes** (Temple Beth El members in their 40's and 50's)

Saturday, November 23rd at 7:00pm at Avie Goodman and Jason Le Clair's home (6419 Morven Lane, Charlotte)
 BYOB. Latkes, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and dessert provided. Cost is \$8 per person.
 RSVP at 704-749-3070 by Wednesday, November 20th at 5pm.

SPICE Latke Party (Special Programs of Interest and Concern to Everyone - 50 and above)

Sixth Night of Chanukah - Monday, December 2nd at Temple Beth El
 11:00am Talk by Rabbi Judy – Miracles: Oil, Israel and Jewish Survival
 12:15pm Latke Party – latkes, tuna salad, and jelly doughnuts
 The TBE discounted member price is \$8; Regular price is \$10.
 RSVP at 704-749-3070 by Tuesday, November 26th at 5:00pm (before Thanksgiving).

BOOMERS! (Temple Beth El members in & around their 60's)

Saturday, December 7th at 7:30pm at Temple Beth El
 Join us for an evening of Drinks, Dinner and Live Music!
 Cost \$25 per person - BYOB
 RSVP at 704-749-3070 by Wednesday, December 4th at 5pm.

**YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUNG FAMILIES****Southern Fried Chanukah - Thanksgivvukah Edition!**

Saturday, November 23rd at 5:00-8:00pm at the Beverly Crest Clubhouse,
 7100 Hensey's Way



Join The Porch community to celebrate Chanukah with food, friends, and havdalah. We will provide fried chicken and a very grown up Porch Punch; you provide the latkes, other drinks, and sides. All members of The Porch community - singles, couples, and families - are encouraged to attend. Email ThePorch@eth-el.com to RSVP.

Community-wide Young Adults Post-Chanukah Party

Ninth Night of Chanukah - Thursday, December 5th from 7:00-10:00pm

Join young adults from TBE, TI, Federation and the JCC to celebrate Chanukah with trivia, music, and amazing Israeli-style donuts. Email ThePorch@beth-el.com for more information.

YOUTH**KATANTY K/1** (Kindergarten-1st Grade) Chanukah Party

Saturday, November 23rd at 5:00-7:00pm at Temple Beth El
 Cost is \$10 - RSVP at 704-749-3070 by Wednesday, November 20th at 5pm.

KATANTY 2/3 (2nd– 3rd grade) Chanukah Party

Saturday, November 16th at 3:00-5:00pm at Temple Beth El
 Cost is \$10 - RSVP at 704-749-3070 by Wednesday, November 13th at 5pm.

KATANTY 4/5 (4th-5th grade) Winter Wonderland Chanukah Party

Saturday, December 7th at 4:00-6:00pm at Temple Beth El
 Cost is \$10 - RSVP at 704-749-3070 by Wednesday, December 4th at 5pm.

LIBERTY 6/7 (6th-7th grade) Chanukah Party

Saturday, December 7th at 4:00-6:00pm at Temple Beth El
 Cost is \$10 - RSVP at 704-749-3070 by Wednesday, December 4th at 5pm.



SHALOM BAYIT

Please come to us if you think you are in an unhealthy relationship. We are here to help. Abuse is about one partner trying to control the other. It can be as obvious as a slap or as subtle as an insult. It can include humiliation and bullying, control of finances, isolation from friends and family. Learn more at www.shalombayit-nc.org.

DONATING AN OLD CELL PHONE CAN SAVE A LIFE

Our Temple, in conjunction with Shalom Bayit and Safe Alliance's Victim Assistance Program, is collecting cell phones for victims, or potential victims, of domestic violence. Unwanted cell phones will be reprogrammed to call 911 and used in the event of an emergency. Simply bring the cell phone and battery charger (in a bag or box, if possible) by the office for collection. For more information, check www.shalombayit-nc.org.

STERLING ELEMENTARY PARTNERSHIP

Volunteers and Supplies Needed for the 2013-2014 School Year

Our Temple currently has 21 volunteers in the classrooms, but we always welcome more! Please contact Linda Hindel at lbhindel@carolina.rr.com or 704-543-9190 if you would like to get involved. At a recent Sterling Elementary meeting, local community partners shared their many classroom needs:

- The YMCA is giving swim lessons to all 2nd graders. Do you have gently used kids bathing suits, towels or goggles?
- Classroom storage is needed! Do you have plastic milk crates or any type of shelving for books?
- If your children have gently used books (especially paperback graded readers), please consider donating them.
- We need children's underwear (new), socks, hand sanitizer, paper towels, thermometer covers, and Clorox wipes.

Supplies can be dropped off in the Sterling Elementary barrel in the Temple lobby. The needs are great, but the joy of helping others is even greater!



**Mecklenburg
Ministries**

**38TH ANNUAL CITYWIDE
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE**
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2013 7:00 PM
(6:30PM MUSICAL PRELUDE)



**Covenant
Presbyterian Church**
1000 E. Morehead Street
Charlotte, NC 28204

*Thanksgiving Message by
Dr. Ron Carter - President, Johnson C. Smith University*

*Children's Message by
Mr. Srikanth Rajagopalan - Representing the Hindu Tradition*

*Music by the Mecklenburg Ministries
Interfaith Adult Choir and Children's Choir*

Thank you in advance for bringing canned goods
to the Thanksgiving Service to benefit Loaves and Fishes.



For more information, please contact meckmin@meckmin.org or 704-565-5455.

S.P.I.C.E.

Monday, November 4th - Join us on a luxury bus to the NC Zoo in Asheboro. We will be leaving the temple at 9:00am and returning about 4:00pm. Limited to the first 50 members to sign up.

Monday, November 18th - Suly Chenkin, a Holocaust survivor, will speak, and Rabbi Schindler will discuss "Women of the Wall" and her trip to Israel to celebrate the group's 25th anniversary.

To RSVP, please call 704-749-3070. To pay for your lunch prior to the program, kindly mail a check to Temple Beth El at 5101 Providence Road, Charlotte, 28226, or call Peggy at TBE at 704-366-1948 to give her your credit card information. If you have a credit card on file at TBE and would like it charged for your lunch reservation, please specifically indicate this in your voicemail on the RSVP line.



Left: SPICE members enjoying dinner at Greek Isles before a performance of "Bloody, Bloody Andrew Jackson" at Actors Theatre at the first SPICE NIGHT OUT program on October 3rd.

WRJ/SISTERHOOD**Member of the Tribe Mixology**

Sisterhood Paid Up Dinner

Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00-8:00pm at Temple Beth El

In Judaism, hospitality is a great mitzvah. Make your parties even more fun by learning how to make the latest and greatest drinks. Bartender Bill Scott, who has won regional competitions for his Cosmopolitans, will share with us the secrets of his success. Not only will we learn the basics but also recipes will be shared for Temple Beth El innovative cocktails (non-alcoholic, too) such as the Goldshlager Meir, the Long Island Jew, the Hillel Wallbanger, the Shirley Fytelson Temple, the Shabbatini, the White Russian Jew, and the J&S Fizz (as we honor outgoing co-chairs Judy Szatmary and Shelley Leibman for their tremendous work). This dinner is hosted each year by Sisterhood to thank its members. The event is free to all Sisterhood members (you can join Sisterhood at the door), but reservations are required by Friday, November 8th. Please RSVP at 704-749-3070.

Save The Date

February 11, 2014 - Spa Night

Sisterhood
 **TEMPLE BETH EL**

BROTHERHOOD**Food, Drink and Fellowship**

Thursday, November 7th at 7:00pm at Hickory Tavern in Ballantyne

Charlotte Sports Breakfast

Sunday, November 10th at 10:00am

Scott Fowler, Charlotte Observer Sports Columnist, will fill us in on the Panthers, Bobcats and Knights and all that is happening in Charlotte sports. \$10 for a 5-Star breakfast. RSVPs are required - Email brothertbe@gmail.com.

Save These Dates

December 5th at 6:30pm – Behind the Scenes Tour at Panther Stadium

December 8th at 10:00am – Annual Brotherhood Bowling and Clothing Drive

Brotherhood
 **TEMPLE BETH EL**

B'NEI MITZVAH



JAMIE LAUREN ROBERTS

Parshat Tol'dot
November 2, 2013

Jamie is the daughter of Jodi Roberts and Glenn Roberts. Her grandparents are Victor and Rita Goldberg of Boynton Beach, Florida. Jamie is the sister of Bryan and Michael.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR B'NEI MITZVAH STUDENTS

Read about their mitzvah projects and more at
www.beth-el.com/b_neimitzvahstudents.

B'NEI MITZVAH RETREAT

November 22nd and 23rd

This retreat is an essential part of the Temple Beth El b'nei mitzvah program. You will:

- Get answers to your questions about b'nei mitzvah preparation
- Spend Shabbat with our clergy and staff exploring everything involved in becoming a bar or bat mitzvah at TBE

Two adults and b'nei mitzvah students are invited. At least one parent must attend.

The retreat is for 6th graders with assigned b'nei mitzvah dates and 5th graders with b'nei mitzvah dates before October 31, 2015. You will receive an individual invitation by email. Please let us know if you do not receive your invitation by the second week of November. Email Julie Dalli at jdalli@beth-el.com with any questions.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Check out our Chanukah events on page 5!

LIBERTY 8-12 Party

November 9th from 4:30-7:30pm at Temple Beth El
Cost \$10

RSVP by phone only: 704-749-3070 by Wednesday, 11/6

Fall Kallah in Roswell, Georgia

November 15-17th

Kallot (plural: kallah) are the best part about being in LIBERTY! In the Fall, Winter, and Spring, all the Temple Youth Groups from the Southern Area Region (SAR) gather for a weekend filled with bonding and Jewish leadership. Every Fall Kallah is the trip of a lifetime, so don't miss out- register online today!

Visit: <http://www.nfty.org/sar/events/>
Register by Thursday, November 7th.
Cost is \$150.

LIBERTY Llamapalooza Lock-In

Save the Dates: December 6-7th

NOW IN FULL SWING - THE PORCH!

The Porch is Temple Beth El's Young Adults and Young Families community, geared towards participants in their 20s/30s and families with children under age 6. We provide meaningful Jewish community, connections and conversations. Like our Facebook page to keep up-to-date at [Facebook.com/ThePorchTBE](https://www.facebook.com/ThePorchTBE). Email ThePorch@beth-el.com or CantorMary@beth-el.com with questions, comments or ideas. If you are interested in belonging to a private facebook with other parents with kids the same age, message us on Facebook and we will add you to the private groups we are slowly building.



The Porch Torah Study

Thursdays in November from 7:30-8:30pm at Whole Foods Cafe

Join The Porch community for Torah study each week led by one of our very own members! November's Torah Guide is Courtney Rosenthal. Stop by Whole Foods for dinner, dessert, coffee, wine - whatever - and casual, no-pressure Torah study. Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own Tanach. (No meeting on Thanksgiving.)

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, November 9th at 9:00am

Tot Shabbat is a once a month Shabbat morning service, craft, and social time brought to you by The Porch, TBE clergy, and Ms. Patty. No fee and no reservation required, although donations of time and funds are always needed; clean up help after is REALLY appreciated. Contact Tots@beth-el.com for more information.

TEMPLE BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IS SABABA!

On opening day we learned the word SABABA! It's an Arabic word that Israelis have adopted, and it means COOL! All of our students looked SABABA wearing their new TBERS sunglasses.

We also had a surprise visit from guest singing sensation, SABABA. Sababa is an a capella group from Hillel at UNC-Chapel Hill. Four of the members are former students, and we were so proud to welcome them home.

Check out the fun on jewTuBE Charlotte: Visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IF_Dsyz9WA.

DISCOVERED TRADITIONS GIFT SHOP

The first night of Chanukah is November 27th. Oy Vey – the next day is Thanksgiving!

We can't fry your latkes and roast your turkey, but we can reduce your stress by providing you with the only place to do all of your Chanukah shopping. It's a mitzvah supporting religious school education and youth programs when you shop at Discovered Traditions.

Discovered Traditions is one of the premier establishments for gifts and Judaica in the Southeast, and we have expanded our Chanukah merchandise this year.

Need gifts for family members, friends, hostesses, teachers, children, or that special person in your life? We can help you find the perfect gift. We offer gift wrapping and a gift registry, if you would like to have some hints dropped to simplify your shopping experience. Our items are crafted by Jewish and Israeli artists. Our featured artists include Lalo, Michael Aram, Michal Golan, and Gary Rosenthal. We have everything you need to make Chanukah special.

Open Monday to Friday 10:00am-3:00pm, as well as Friday before/after early services and Sunday during Religious School 11:00am-1:00pm. Call the gift shop directly at 704-749-3060 or email giftshop@beth-el.com for more information.

SHARING OUR LIVES

The Board of Directors of Temple Beth El and the entire congregation extend deepest sympathies to the families of

... Selma Schwartz, grandmother of Julie Dalli
 ... Eric Wand, son of Thelma Wand, brother of Debra Ferry, uncle of Rebecca Ferry
 ... Marian Brawer, long time cherished member of Temple Beth El and wife of Walter Brawer
 ... John Arthur Schilling, grandfather of Beth Warshauer
 ... Mayya Maryamova, mother of George Valdman
 ... Michael Leighton, son of Eddie Leighton
 ... Ilene Brodsky Garcia, sister-in-law of Joe Machicote

MAZEL TOV TO...

... Tonda and Mitch Rifkin on the engagement of their daughter Mollie to Benny Godin. A 2014 wedding is planned.
 ... Jane and Lee Diamond on the birth of their granddaughter, Addie Rae. Proud parents are Jeff and Molly Diamond.

MILESTONES - NOVEMBER 2013

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

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 Martin Multer
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 Lyndi Gura
 Mara Sikora
 Charlotte Weisblat
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 Noah Humphrey
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 Ryan Mucatel
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 Norman Levin
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 Lori Handler
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 Bill Klein
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 Neil Handelsman
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 Stewart Warne
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 Sidney Cojac
 Chuck Raburn
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 Richard Jacobson
 Raenea Siegel
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 Harry Sparks
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 Jill Hirschfeld
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 Stewart Richter
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 Elizabeth Daniel

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 Marsha Smith
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 Barry Greenblatt

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

40th
 Ilya and Sophia Margolis
 30th
 Jack and Laurie Leader
 25th
 Andrew and Elka Bernstein
 20th
 Harvey and Tammy Chesler
 Oscar and Shana Suris
 10th
 Jeremy and Andrea Davids
 Kevin Levine and Louis Sinkoe

NEW LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

Temple Beth El recognizes those individuals and families who are leaving gifts to Temple Beth El as a result of our Create a Jewish Legacy (CJL) program. They are:

*David Lash
 Carol and Jack Lash
 Bobbi and Don Bernstein
 Susan Spatz
 Amy Seitlin*

"We deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of all of our Legacy Society members," said Rick Glaser, President of Temple Beth El. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our former Temple Beth El members and leaders who made sure that we would have a strong and viable Temple today. Now it is our turn to help ensure the future of Temple Beth El.

Create
 Your Jewish
 Legacy
 COMMUNITY PARTNER

NOVEMBER 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 WOMEN OF THE WALL MISSION TO ISRAEL 8:00 am Torah Yoga 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Family Shabbat Worship 8:00 pm Late at Eight Shabbat | 2 WOMEN OF THE WALL MISSION TO ISRAEL 9:30 am Fiji Torah Study 11:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Jamie Roberts |
| 3 WOMEN OF THE WALL MISSION RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:30 am Finance Committee 1:15 pm Religious School Committee Meeting 5:00 pm TVE Rehearsal 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring | 4 WOMEN OF THE WALL MISSION HEBREW SCHOOL 11:00 am SPICE OUT 7:00 pm Board Meeting Boomers Committee Meeting | 5 WOMEN OF THE WALL MISSION 4:30 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring 5:45 pm Sisterhood Board | 6 WOMEN OF THE WALL MISSION HEBREW SCHOOL 10:00 am Senior Sage Hebrew Class 11:00 am Adult Hebrew Class 6:00 pm TVE Rehearsal 7:00 pm TBEU Hebrew High School | 7 WOMEN OF THE WALL MISSION 11:00 am Anshei Mitzvah Class 4:45 pm Teen Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal | 8 8:00 am Torah Yoga 7:00 pm Leadership Shabbat | 9 9:00 am Tot Shabbat Service 9:30 am Fiji Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 4:30 pm LIBERTY 5:15 pm Havdalah and Kristallnacht Commemoration |
| 10 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 12:00 pm Brotherhood Outside Event 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring | 11 NO HEBREW SCHOOL 11:00 am SPICE Committee Meeting 4:00 pm Endowment Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Comparative Religion Committee 7:00 pm Youth Engagement Committee Tzedek Council | 12 3:30 pm CJL Team Meeting 4:30 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring 6:30 pm Sisterhood Paid Up Dinner | 13 NO HEBREW SCHOOL 10:00 am Senior Sage Hebrew Class 11:00 am Adult Hebrew Class 6:00 pm Ways and Means Meeting 7:00 pm TBEU Hebrew High School 7:30 pm Communications Meeting | 14 11:00 am Anshei Mitzvah Class | 15 8:00 am Torah Yoga 6:15 pm Service of Healing & Comfort 7:00 pm Inclusion Shabbat | 16 9:00 am 7 th Grade Sheva Inclusion Shabbat Morning Workshop 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Worship 3:00pm KATANY 23 |
| 17 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 11:45 am Torah Study Group 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring | 18 HEBREW SCHOOL 11:00 am SPICE Program 6:30 pm Brotherhood Board Meeting 7:00 pm Chanukah Helper Class 8:00 pm Sacred Study Squad | 19 4:30 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring 7:00 pm Personnel Committee | 20 HEBREW SCHOOL 10:00 am Senior Sage Hebrew Class 11:00 am Adult Hebrew Class 7:00 pm TBEU Hebrew High School | 21 11:00 am Anshei Mitzvah Class | 22 8:00 am Torah Yoga 12:00 pm Sunshine Psalms 6:15 pm Bereavement Service: Finding Consolation after Loss 7:00 pm Community Shabbat 8:15 pm B'nei Mitzvah Retreat Vendor Fair | 23 9:30 am Fiji Torah Study 11:00 am B'nei Mitzvah Retreat Service 5:00 pm KATANTY K1 5:30 PM The Porch 7:00 pm ChaiLytes |
| 24 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring | 25 NO HEBREW SCHOOL 12:00 pm Senior Sage Class 6:00 pm Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm Keshet Meeting | 26 4:30 pm B'nei Mitzvah Tutoring | 27 NO HEBREW SCHOOL NO HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL | 28 OFFICE CLOSED | 29 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm Chanukah Dinner 7:00 pm Chanukah Shabbat Service | 30 9:30 am Torah Study 11:00 am Shabbat Morning Service |



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WORSHIP SERVICES - NOVEMBER 2013

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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| Kabbalat Shabbat | 6:00 pm |
| Family Shabbat Worship | 6:00 pm |
| Late at Eight | 8:00 pm |

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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| Adult Tanach (Bible) Study | 9:30 am |
| Shabbat Morning Service/Bat Mitzvah | 11:00 am |
| Jamie Roberts | |
| Daughter of Jodi Roberts | |

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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| Community Shabbat | 7:00 pm |
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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| Tot Shabbat Service | 9:00 am |
| Adult Tanach (Bible) Study | 9:30 am |
| Shabbat Morning Service | 11:00 am |

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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| Service of Healing & Comfort | 6:15 pm |
| Community Shabbat | 7:00 pm |

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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| Adult Tanach (Bible) Study | 9:30 am |
| Shabbat Morning Service | 11:00 am |

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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| Bereavement Service : Finding Consolation after Loss | 6:15 pm |
| Community Shabbat | 7:00 pm |

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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| Adult Tanach (Bible) Study | 9:30 am |
| Shabbat Morning Service/B'nei Mitzvah | 11:00 am |
| Retreat | |

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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| Chanukah Shabbat Service | 7:00 pm |
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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| Adult Tanach (Bible) Study | 9:30 am |
| Shabbat Morning Service | 11:00 am |