

### Temple Beth El News

The Women of Reform Judaism (Sisterhood) of Temple Beth El will host a Congregational Seder on Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 PM. Please contact the Temple office for details on reservations.

Temple members are encouraged to participate in the Seder Exchange Program as either a host or guest for the First Seder on April 3. If you would like to share your Passover, please contact the Temple office.

Special Shabbat services in April include: First Friday Family Shabbat on April 5. A family-style service celebrating Pesach will begin at 7:30 PM. A Sermon in Song will be led by Cantor Shepherd on April 12 at 8:00 PM. Rosh Chodesh Shabbat on April 19 at 8:00 PM will include participation by women who participate in the monthly Rosh Chodesh service. The Adult Choir will sing Social Action Shabbat on April 26 at 8:00 PM will feature special guest Peter Ascoli who will speak about the Neighborhood Partners Project.

Religious School parents and students, please note that, due to the Passover holiday, there will be no Religious or Hebrew School on the following dates: Wednesday, April 3, Sunday, April 7, Monday, April 8, and Wednesday, April 10. 2nd Mondays will meet at 7:30 PM on April 8 in Silverman Social Hall. The topic will be *Choosing Judaism*.

The Pesach Yizkor Service will be held at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, April 10. The Temple office is closed for business on that day.

The Service of Healing will be held on Wednesday, April 10 at 5:30 PM in the Gold Chapel.

Tot Shabbat will feature a Pesach celebration on Saturday, April 13 at 9:15 AM.

Attention Seniors! Join Rabbi Bennett on April 22 at 12:00 PM for the monthly Senior Seminar, a lunchtime educational forum. Bring your own lunch—the Temple will provide drinks.

A PEP Talk (Parallel Education for Parents) will be held on April 28 in 2 sessions, beginning at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM. The topic is *The Bible as Literature*.

The SPICE Committee sponsors the 2nd in a series MUSEUM I Art Lecture on Monday, April 29 at 1:00 PM. This session features the work of Renoir. The lecture is free and open to the community, but RSVP's are requested to 366-1948.

Mazel Tov to the following on becoming a B'nai Mitzvah in April: April 13 Karen Hill, daughter of Henry and Susan Hill April 20 Rachel Martin, daughter of Tim and Ellen Martin

April 27 Benjamin Kufert, son of Robert and Judy Kufert

Best wishes on the arrival of: Alexander Stefan Katz, son of Ken and Susan Katz, born on January 27. Zachary Jordan Brandt, grandson of Anne and Helmut Brandt Matthew Robert Wicker, son of Susanna Fox and Robert Wicker, born February 8. Samuel Alexander Koch, son of Philip and Lisa Koch, born on February 10. Stanley Joseph Berman, son of Steven and Nancy Berman, born on February 8.

Mazel Tov to Ben Adelman and Jenifer Shrewsbury on their marriage on February 11.

Welcome to the following new members of Temple Beth El: Benjamin and Jennifer Adelman. Nancy Ascher, William and Amy Benedix, Ken and Susan Katz, Richard and Patricia Levine, Kenneth and Cecile Lipack, Robert and Emily Louer, Rebecca Olshan, Ron and Susan Pollack, George Rapport, Jerry and Susan Rittenberg, Steven and Lideway Skal, Robert and Suzanna Wicker, Howard Wollner

- Committee and Auxiliary Meetings for the month of April include:
- Anshei Mitzvah Class Every Tuesday 8:00PM
  - April 1 Board of Directors 7:00 PM
  - April 11 Choir Practice 7:00 PM
  - April 15 Religious School Board 7:30 PM
  - April 18 Choir Practice 7:00 PM
  - April 21 Brotherhood 10:30 AM
  - April 22 Sisterhood Board 9:45 AM
  - April 25 Social Action Committee 7:30 PM
  - April 29 Executive Board 6:30 PM

### Celebrating New Life! Jewish Rituals and Traditions for Newborn Children

An opportunity for expectant parents and parents of newborns to socialize and learn more about:

- \* Brit Milan (Bris), Circumcisions, and Naming ceremonies
- \* Jewish prospectives on choosing names for your children
- \* Special blessings and celebrations surrounding childbirth

Rabbi Bennett will lead the workshop on Sunday, May 5, 1996 from 4-6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Baby-sitting available upon request.

RSVP Temple Beth El 366-1948

#### WORSHIP SERVICES

##### Friday Night

8:00 p.m.

(3rd Friday each month)

6:00 p.m.

##### Saturday Morning

Preliminary 9:00 a.m.

Shacharit 9:20 a.m.

Torah 10:00 a.m.

Musaf 11:00 a.m.

##### Monday-Thursday

Evening Minyan.

7:30 p.m.

##### Thursday Morning

7:30 a.m.

##### Sunday Morning

9:00 a.m.

Saturday/Sunday Eve. 5:30 pm

Congratulations to the following B'nai Mitzvahs: Mitchell Gartner, son of Peggy and Elliot Gartner of Charlotte. Grandparents are Lore Schifman of Asheville and the late Herbert Schifman, and Max and Leona Gartner of Atlanta, Georgia. Al Lepow, son of Susan and Dan Lepow of Charlotte. Grandparents are Esther Snyderman of Miami, Florida and Dina Spector of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

We welcome with joy the following new arrival: Tyler Gene Whisnant, son of Ellen and Tyndall Whisnant of Durham, North Carolina, born February 17.

Grandparents are Sandi Rothman-Carlsh and Mark Rothman of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Whisnant of Mint Hill, North Carolina.

Welcome to our newest members: Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Ostrow, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Stier, and Mr. & Mrs. Mark Rosen.

#### BABY CHAVARAH

The Baby Chavarah group will meet on Thursday, April 11, 9:00 - 11:00 at Temple Israel. All moms and babies born between 10/15/94 - 10/15/95 are invited (give or take a few months). If you are unable to attend, but would like to be included in the mailing list, please call Stacy Gorelick at 366-1842 for further information.

### Community Blood Drive at Temple Israel Hug Success

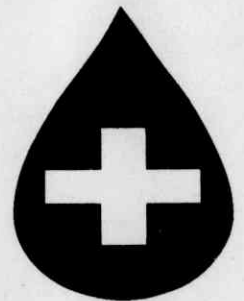
On Sunday January 21st, the Temple Israel Men's Club hosted a Red Cross Community Blood Drive, which turned out to be the most successful blood drive at Shalom Park

Over 120 units of blood were collected by the Red Cross during what is normally a time of the year when blood supplies are dangerously low.

A hearty thank you to everyone who came to donate and volunteer and in so doing demonstrated to the Red Cross that the Jewish Community really cares.

Also, a special thanks to the following sponsors of the Snoopy - "Gave Blood, Got Kosher Cookies!" T-shirts that all donors received:

- Temple Israel Men's Club
- Temple Beth El Brotherhood
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### Temple Israel Book Club Meetings To Feature Folktales, Poetry

The charm of Howard Schwartz's folktales that he delightfully told at the People Power Weekend continues. Temple Israel's April 22 meeting will feature selected folktales, short stories and fairy tales found in his publications. It's your choice.

You may purchase from local book stores or borrow from the Speizman Jewish any of the following: *Elijah's Violin* and *Other Jewish Fairy Tales*, *Miriam's Tambourine: Jewish Folktales From Around the World*, *Lilith's Cave: Jewish Tales of the Supernatural* or . Copies of some of the stories will be available from the JCC desk as well.

Poet Judy Goldman will appear IN PERSON at the May 20th book club meeting to read and discuss selections of her collection *Wanting to Know the End*. The book is available at local book stores for \$5 and at the Speizman Jewish Library. Attend the April 22 and May 20 book club meetings for inspirational, entertaining literary experiences and camaraderie. Meetings are held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday evening at Temple Israel. Call Linda Levy at 366-6362 or Micki Schifman at 364-0041 if you have questions. Remember — drop-ins are welcome.

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