



Temple Beth El



Temple Youth Groups End Year In A Flurry Of Activity

By Sharon Damsky

As the school year comes to an end, the Youth Groups of Temple Beth can look back at a terrific, fun-filled year. Special thanks to Youth Activities Chairperson Ellen Martin for her strong leadership and dedication. Also, our sincere appreciation to Debbie Goldstein, Club 345 Advisor and Cherie Flitton, LIBERTY Advisor for all the time and hard work they put in. Finally, thank you to all the parent volunteers and Brian Hitt who helped plan and chaperone the wonderful events. We couldn't have done it without you! The youth groups participated in a variety of activities this year including ice skating, roller skating, bowling, skiing, Lazer Quest, holiday celebrations, sports events, theater, social action, community service events, and more. It is our hope that each and every youth member of Temple Beth El found at least one event of interest. With your participation and support, next year will be even better.

As mentioned last month, a group of twenty-three 5th and 6th graders from Temple Beth El attended a Charlotte Checkers Ice Hockey game on March 15. Afterwards everyone indulged at

Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream. A big thanks goes to Jackie Stutts and Debbie Goldstein for planning the evening and to Claire Lind and Ellen Martin for chaperoning.

On, April 5, Club 345 went to the Omnimax Theater at Discovery Place Museum to see 3-D Lazer Show featuring the music of the Beatles. The evening was a huge success with over 35 Temple Beth El youth participants and 11 TBE adult chaperones. This was a joint adventure with the youth group of Temple Israel who had 20 members attend. The fabulous show was enjoyed by all and the evening culminated with a pizza dinner. Special thanks to Susan Marx and Estia Wernikoff for coordinating this event. This month, Club 345 will meet on Sunday, May 4 for an afternoon of bowling at Carolina Lanes. This fun event is scheduled from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. The cost is \$5.95 which includes 2 games, bowling shoes, chips and soda. Please call Tammy Goldner (542-2710) or Jodie Iagnocco (541-6103) for further information.

LIBERTY, Temple Beth El's senior Youth Group has been busy this spring, as well. In March, several members (Mayim Meyers, Gerry Feldman, and

Anna Johnson) attended a NFTY-MAR (the Reform Temple's Regional Youth organization) weekend in Kensington, Maryland. The event incorporated a simulation contest in which LIBERTY competed. The youth members were assigned different roles to play and had to make choices about how to handle a simulated dilemma of a group of refugees heading to a British controlled Palestine. The scene was one of chaos as "press secretaries," "UN Ambassadors" and "Lobbyists" from different countries discussed and debated the different options for the United Nations Plan for the Partition of Palestine. The weekend was filled with creative services, programs, music and the excitement of meeting other Jewish kids from around the country.

On Saturday night, March 29 LIBERTY members participated in one of their more unusual programs this year: a combination Bowl-In/Shul-In. What is a combination Bowl-In/Shul-In? Well, the evening began at 11:00 pm at Carolina Lanes where over 30 kids, grades 8th-12, bowled until 3:00 am. Then the group (driven by adult chaperones) headed over to Temple Beth El. At the "Shul-In", a few actually slept, while others decided that Ultimate Frisbee might be a good idea! LIBERTY members wish to thank Ellen Martin for her support in planning this event, Paula White (past president of LIBERTY) and two of her college friends for chaperoning at Carolina Lanes. Special thanks also goes out to John Flitton and Roz Meyers for spending a sleepless night at the Temple chaperoning the "Shul-In" and to Judy and Bob Kufert for supplying the bagels for breakfast.

April ushered in Passover

season and LIBERTY held their annual Chocolate Seder on Sunday, April 13. This amusing Seder is read from "The Chocolate Haggadah" and led by LIBERTY members. Participants tasted the chocolate, searched for the chocolate covered afikomen, drank the four glasses of chocolate milk and who knows, maybe "next year in Hershey, PA"!

Spring Kallah (another NFTY-MAR convention will be held May 1-4 in Wilmington, Delaware. Mayim Meyers is running for a Regional office on the NFTY-MAR Board. We wish her the best of luck in pursuing the office of Southern Vice

President. Mayim has been an active participant in regional events for the past two years and shows great enthusiasm here at home, too. LIBERTY's own elections will be held on Saturday, May 17. Applications for positions on the Executive Board have been sent out. If you did not receive one, please call Darren Katz, President at 846-4042 or Cherie Flitton, Advisor at 537-0068. Thanks to all who participated, volunteered, planned/coordinated and/or chaperoned any of the fantastic Temple Beth El youth happenings this year. Have a great summer and keep in touch. Shalom. ✧

Welcome to the newest members of our Temple family:

Scott and Donna Boyar
Gary and Laura Kaplan
David and Marcia Zielinsky
Weltman
Anita Zeldin

We celebrate the following Simchas in our Temple family:

Joe and Wendy Vandehey on the birth of a son, Alec Benjamin, on February 16, 1997.
Lawrence and Kelly Nabatoff, on the birth of a son, Sebastian Brant, on February 21, 1997.
Burt Gellman, on the birth of a grandson, Samuel Martin Gollub, on March 8, 1997.
Mark and Allison Lerner on the birth of a son, Sean Heath on March 13.
Norm and Donna Levin on the birth of a granddaughter, Sterna Sarah Levin, on March 6.
Sterna is the daughter of Rabbi Frank and Flora Levin of Pennsylvania.
Dr. Jeffrey and Tanya Musler on the birth of a son, Parker Edward, on February 12, 1997. Parker is the grandson of Norman and Paula Musler.
Joe and Sandy Freiberg, on the marriage of their daughter, Beth, to Chris Ewell.
Dr. Robert Yudell on his retirement from his medical

practice on April 1 after 37 years.

Paul Myron Berk, grandson of Helene and Jerry Howard, has been awarded a full four year scholarship by the U. S. Navy R.O.T.C. program. He will be attending Jacksonville University in Jacksonville.

Mazel Tov to those becoming B'not Mitzvah in April:

April 5 Rachel Mazur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mazur
April 18 Chris Schuller
Liz Wahls
Sharon Katz
Lee Bierer
April 19 Stephanie Katz, daughter of Peter and Jeanie Katz

With sorrow, we note the passing of

Lillian Lehner, grandmother of Sara Benfield
Judith Joffe, mother of Phil Joffe
Wilbur Moye, father of Susan Kramer
Jamshid Nastarin, uncle of Kati Blitz
Annette Foxman, mother of Elaine Olshan
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B.A.G.E.L.S Got The Beat

By Allison Levinson

For those who haven't yet heard about us, B.A.G.E.L.S. is a new organization for adults between the ages of 25 and 40, both single and married. The idea behind the organization is to combine social and educational elements into a single event that appeals to people in that age group. Hence, the name B.A.G.E.L.S. which stands for Beth El Adults Gathering for Entertainment, Learning and Socializing.

B.A.G.E.L.S. members were spotted boogying to the disco beat of the 70's at the Spring Fling held April 15 in Silverman Hall. The event was cosponsored by several of the Temple Beth El organizations. Said B.A.G.E.L.S. chairperson, Diana Ades, "This event was a great way to meet

others in a 'let your hair down environment!' Where else can you see people of all ages dancing to the song YMCA?"

Second Night Seder was the more traditional setting for the second B.A.G.E.L.S. event of the month. Members were given an opportunity to sit at one of several "B.A.G.E.L.S." tables. From the looks of it and sound of all the laughter, it appeared that everyone who attended genuinely enjoyed themselves.

The next B.A.G.E.L.S. planning meeting will take place at Temple Beth El on May 21 at 7:00 pm. Other upcoming events include Shabbat Services on May 16, Mitzvah Day on June 1 and a Bagel Nosh with the Rabbi on June 8. Watch for further details. ✧