



Temple Beth El



5758th annual Laugh 'til you plotz Gala

By Diana Ades

Robert Menchin is quoted as saying that the 20th century is the Golden Age of Jewish-American humor. A variety of platforms such as books, theater, radio, films, vaudeville, records and TV launched Jewish humor into the mainstream of American life.

Comedy clubs and nightclubs featured Lenny Bruce, Don Rickles, Buddy Hackett, Schecky Greene, Mort Sahl, Rodney Dangerfield, Alan King, Jackie Mason and Joan Rivers.

And now, Temple Beth El invites you to spend the funniest night of your life with Steve Rizzo

and Jerry Farber at The Comedy Zone.

"Laugh 'til you Plotz" takes place on April 19 and features not only two nationally known comedians, but also plenty of surprises, food, drink and Jewish humor.

You may know Steve Rizzo from his appearances on Showtime, Fox Television and USA Network. He can imitate an audience so abuzz with chatter that it sounds like a fly.

Rizzo, a native of Long Island, has a wonderful talent for voices. His humor has been showcased in comedy clubs throughout the

country. He has performed with the late Sam Kinison, Rodney Dangerfield and Bruce Willis.

Jerry Farber specializes in entertaining and message-sharing for dinner and comedy clubs across the country. When speaking of her son, Sophie Farber says, "If only he had studied harder, he could have been a neurologist."

Fans have voted Jerry one of the top five celebrities in Atlanta, which puts him in the same league as Ted Turner. Atlanta Magazine has voted him the Entertainer of the Year three times and the American Lung Association voted him Man of the Year. Jerry Farber is a true "mensch."

Temple Beth El is showing their "chutzpa" by bringing these funny comedians together and throwing quite a night on April 10. The night begins at 6:30 PM with cocktails and a scrumptious Italian buffet. Trust us when we tell you it will make you "kvell."

After "noshing" for awhile, you will be able to sit and hear Steve and Jerry's "shtick" so you will laugh until you "plotz." Special Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be NBC6's Larry Sprinkle.

Tickets are selling fast so you will need to call to get more information and to secure your table. Tables are \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000 however, all the \$2,000 and \$1,500 tables are sold out. Each table seats eight. In addition; limited seats are available for couples at \$100 per couple. And, to make every "shadchen," happy, Temple Beth El has a special place for singles. At \$50 a ticket, this is a great way to meet your "mensch."

Prices include drinks, food and these wonderful nationally known talents. Steve Rizzo and Jerry Farber are excited to be part of this wonderful evening and cannot wait to "kibitz" with all of you.

So, go to the phone and call the Laugh until You Plotz hotline at 945-7005 before your guilt gets the best of you. Trust us, there are many surprises in store . . . and gags.

Yiddish Translations:

- Chutzpa** Unmitigated nerve or gall
- Kibitz** Unsolicited comments
- Kvell** Swell with pride and pleasure
- Mensch** Upright, trustworthy person
- Nosh** A snack
- Shadchen** Matchmaker
- Shtick** Attention stealing actions

Temple News

Quiet Heroes

They are the quiet heroes, people whose gifts of generosity are not accompanied by loud fanfare or bolts of lightning. Instead, they perform their acts of tzedakah and kindness more privately, more personally, calling less attention to themselves, and more attention to the deed.

There is the woman who calls the elderly couple to ask about their welfare when she misses seeing them at Shabbat services. There is the man who drives anyone anyplace, no matter what the reason. There is the couple who lovingly cares for children when parents are in a bind.

They live among us, these quiet heroes. Whether they donate a few hours a week to a hospital or a neighbor, whether they give of their time or their hearts, we know who they are and we appreciate them.

Who are your favorite quiet heroes?

Temple Beth El would like to start recognizing the Quiet Heroes among us. Send us your recommendations for the Quiet Heroes of the month and we'll recognize them and their deeds.

Mitzvah Day

Here's a chance for all of us in the Temple Beth El community to become heroes of some kind. Mitzvah Day 1998 will be June 7th. On that day, there will be numerous opportunities for you and your family to perform an act of tzedakah with many others. Watch this space and the TBE bulletin for more information on Mitzvah Day. And keep June 7th open.

Poetry/Essay Contest for TBE Religious School Students

The students of Mrs. Seigel, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Valenstein, and Mr. Bober participated in an Essay/Poetry contest. All papers were to be based on books borrowed from the Speizman Jewish Library. The entries were outstanding and were submitted to Shofar Magazine. While Shofar Magazine has not made any selection to publish as of this writing, the teachers and Mrs. Warshenbrot chose the following poem by Robbie Gould of Mrs. Seigel's class as their favorite.

Friendship

By Robbie Gould

Helen and Lydia were best of friends, They thought their friendship would never end. Soon Helen would be turning nine, During the party they would try some wine. During the party Lydia had on a star, So the Nazis would know who the Jews are.

While Lydia and Helen were having fun, Madam Eleven and Midnight Ghost were on the run. Madam Eleven was able to hide, But Midnight Ghost had to say goodbye.

"I must go home!" Lydia cried that night, Which made Helen and Lydia have a fight.

"You are leaving my party, you are not my best friend!" Helen shouted again and again. But Lydia went home, to warn mom and dad. She ran with all the might that she had.

But Helen never saw Lydia again, But in her heart, they were still best friends.

Beth El University

Spring Semester

Our Adult Education Committee is proud to present our Beth El University. These classes are designed for the beginner, intermediate, or advanced student—all are welcome! All classes will be held at Temple Beth El.

Four Tuesday Evenings-March 17, 24, 31, April 7; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

A. The Basics: Shabbat and the Jewish Holidays 101

March 17: The Jewish Calendar; An Overview; Shabbat Hands-on Learning
March 24: Major Holidays
March 31: Minor Holidays
April 7: Preparing for Passover; Hands-on Judaism
 Instructors: Raqbbi Adam Morris, Cantor Linda Shepherd

B. The Prophets 101

March 17: Overview of the Prophets; An Introduction to Prophetic Writings
March 24: The Prophet Isaiah; His Message and His Medium; Text Study
March 31: The Prophet Amos; Text Study
April 7: The Prophet Micah; Text Study
 Instructor: Rabbi Israel Gerber

C. God in Reform Judaism

March 17: Biblical and Rabbinic View of God
March 24: Jewish Medieval and Philosophical Theologies
March 31: Modern Jewish Philosophies and Reform Jewish Theology
April 7: Contemporary, Personal Views of God
 Instructor: Rabbi Jim Bennett

Classes will meet from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. A social hour for all students will take place from 8:30 pm - 9:00 pm. All classes are free; no tuition; guests and drop-ins are welcome.

For more information on any of the courses offered, call the Temple Beth El office, 366-1948.



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