



# Temple Beth El



## May 1 is Education Shabbat at Temple Beth El

May is a big month for Temple Beth El! The first Shabbat of the month is our Education Shabbat, when we honor and thank our Religious and Hebrew School teachers. Everyone in the community is welcome to join with us in thanking these dedicated individuals who help to shape and mold the Jewish spirit of our youth. Without their devotion to Jewish education, our Religious and Hebrew schools could not exist! The service is Friday evening, May 1, at 7:30 PM.

## Women of Reform Judaism (Sisterhood) news: Women's Shabbat set for May 15

Sisterhood will be sponsoring their annual Women's Shabbat service on Friday evening, May 15. This service will honor women everywhere, and will be entirely planned by the women of Sisterhood. The service will include women from the entire congregation. If you are a woman, or you have a woman in your life, don't miss this wonderful spiritual experience for Jewish women! Look for more information in the May issue of the Temple Beth El Voice, or call the Temple office for details, 366-1948.

## The Class of '98: Service of Confirmation planned for Shavuot afternoon

Finally, we close out the month of May on Shavuot, with our annual Service of Confirmation for our class of 19 Confirmands at 1:30 PM on the afternoon of Shavuot, Sunday, May 31. Congratulations to: Alissa Abel, Alina Johnson, Emily Moore, Andrew Coen, Kristen Katowitz, Jesse Ordan, Amanda Cohen, Brian Keene, Natillie Rauch, Marissa Elko, Jacob Komisar, Jason Roberts, Rebecca Ferry, Elyse Kopecky, Jennifer Samuels, Danielle Goldfischer, Howard Lintz, Melissa Stewart, and Dana Gottheim

Mondays presents: "Cooking around the Calendar."

- Saturday, May 16, 9:15 AM, Cradle Roll presents the last Tot Shabbat of the year — a holiday extravaganza and rising kindergartners' graduation.
- Monday, May 25, 12 noon, Senior Seminar; bring your own lunch.
- Monday, May 25, 5:30 PM, Service of Healing.
- Wednesday, May 27, 7:30 PM, service for Rosh Chodesh Sivan.
- Thursday, May 28, 7:00 PM, Senior Social Club.
- Sunday, May 31, 9:30 AM, Shavuot and Yizkor Services.

- Shelly and Dave Davies
- Jennifer Sperry and Terry Maskin
- Sarah and Jerry Dorenfeld
- Lisa and Stuart Meyerson
- Janelle and Jason Eger
- Patricia and Eli Polner
- Sharyn and Kenneth Eisdorfer
- Cheryl and Michael Rabinowitz
- Linda and Phil Garfinkle
- Loretta and Stanley Roberts
- Linda and Mark Goldsmith
- Kathleen and Jeffrey Rosenfeld
- Scott Green
- Merrill and Richard Schenkel
- Joan Greenfield
- Eric Winger

## Mazel tov to our May 1998 B'nai Mitzvah:

- Marissa Sherman, May 2
- Marc Dubin, May 9
- Benjamin Austin, May 16
- Emily Mattos, May 23
- Eric Diehl, May 30

## B'ruchim Haba'im: Welcome our new members:

- Shelley and Troy Bear
- Amy and Alan Hertz
- Donna and Eric Brand
- Meryl and Ron Hunte
- Judith Coates
- Lillian Katowitz

## May Activities for adult congregants

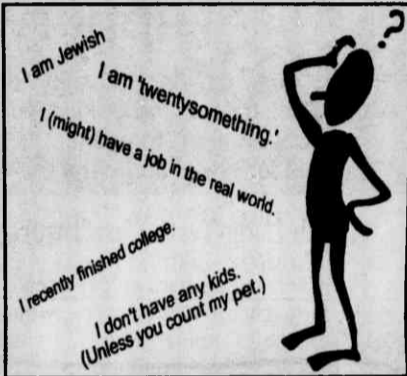
- Monday, May 11, 7:30 PM, Interfaith and Outreach, 2nd

## What do I do with my Judaism, now?

May 11, 1998  
7:30 PM

Borders Bookstore in Morrocroft

- Are you (or do you know) a "Generation X" aged Jewish person (attached or unattached) looking to connect with others at your age in life?
- Join us for an informal discussion with Rabbi Adam Morris.
- Call Temple Beth El at 366-1948 to talk to Rabbi Morris if you have any questions.



A Program Sponsored by Temple Beth El

## Temple Beth El Youth Events

### Upcoming Events by Grade Level:

- Grades 3 & 4: May 3 - Family Bingo & Dessert Party
- Grades 5 & 6: May 16 - FAED Center/Community Service
- Grades 7 & 8: May 3 - Lazer Quest
- Grades 9-12 (LIBERTY): May 9 - A Day at the Lake (8th graders welcome)

volunteer Youth Group Leaders who headed up each age group: **Debbie Goldstein**, Grades 3 & 4; **Susan Marx and Esta Wernikoff**, co-advisors for Grades 5 & 6; **Linda Spil**, grades 7 & 8; and **Cherie Flitton**, Grades 9-12 (LIBERTY.) These dedicated women, along with many parent volunteers, planned and coordinated a variety of monthly activities. The events of the year included a great assortment of things to do, including: rollerskating, iceskating, cooking, swimming, horseback riding, rock climbing, celebrating holidays, Shabbat services, bowling, pottery and ceramics, pizza parties, ice cream parties, and several out-

standing community service projects such as volunteering time at the Metrolina Food Bank, the Homeless Shelter, FAED Center and the Room at the Inn program. The list goes on, but hopefully we provided a little something for everyone. If you are interested in being part of Temple Beth El's Youth Activities Program for next year, please call Rabbi Adam Morris at the Temple, 366-1948. Whether you'd like to head up an age group, lead an activity, be a committee member or simply chaperone or drive to an event, **WE NEED YOUR HELP** and look forward to your participation on whatever level you would like! ☆

As the school year begins to wind down, the Temple Beth El Youth Activities Committee hopes that friendships forged at our monthly activities will continue to blaze through the summer. Our sincere appreciation goes out to the

## Do a mitzvah: Don't forget Mitzvah Day '98!

By Diana Ades

On June 7, Temple Beth El will once again sponsor Mitzvah Day. Mitzvah Day '98 co-chair Bob Lidz said he expects over 500 Temple Beth El congregants to participate this year.

According to co-chair Ellen Block, there will be three general areas of "mitzvah-making" in which congregants can participate: "Caring for Your Neighbor" includes projects relating to Habitat for Humanity, Jewish Family Services and Reading for the Blind. The Relatives, which is a teen shel-

ter, and Crisis Assistance Ministry are also included in the category of "Caring for Your Neighbor" mitzvot, explained Ms. Block.

The Great Park Sweep, Hebrew Cemetery and Animal Rescue at Petsmart are projects included in the "Caring for Your City" mitzvot. Mr. Lidz adds, "Grier Heights and Glorious Gleaning fall under this category, too."

The final category is "Caring for Temple Beth El," and that includes special mitzvot just for the Temple. "We welcome other 'mitzvah-making' ideas," Mr. Lidz and Ms. Block emphasized. "And we are looking forward to another terrific Mitzvah Day on June 7."

If you would like to volunteer for Mitzvah Day or be a Mitzvah Captain for one of the projects, call Ellen Block at 554-8553. ☆

## LIBERTY elects '98-'99 leadership team

As they do every spring, LIBERTY elected their new leadership team for the coming fall. The board will now be called Temple Youth Manhihoot (Hebrew for "leadership") and will go by the acronym TYM. The new board members are:

- **Rosh** (President) - Alina Johnson
- **Makor Tochnit** (Program Resource) - Mayim Meyers
- **Makor Tzedakah** (Social Action Resource) - Brian Keene
- **Makor Nefesh** (Spiritual Resource) - Jacob Komisar
- **Makor Ruach** (Membership Resource) - Jesse Ordan
- **Makor Kesef** (Treasury Resource) - Rebecca Ferry
- **Makor Hoda'ah** (Publicity Resource) - Sara Blazek
- **Makor Roshaym** (Historical Resource) - Devin Klein

Mazel tov to our new leadership team! We wish you a great year. ☆



As part of Temple Beth El Sisterhood's "Hands-On Helping" program, participants recently crocheted squares for "Warm Up America." The donated squares were later made into afghans and distributed to people in need by the American Red Cross. Pictured clockwise from top left: Debbie Avise, Beverly Darienzo, Sue Klein, Judy Kaufman, Bernice Cohen, Ana Resnik, Jo Minchew and Evelyn Goodman.



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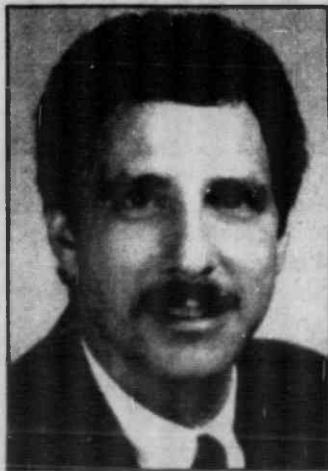


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