

TEMPLE TOPICS

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OCTOBER 2011

TISHREI - HESHVAN 5772

Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe) 5772/2011

The High Holy Days Services
of Temple Beth Am

Services Conducted by Rabbi Irwin A. Tanenbaum, D.D.
and Cantor Sharon Eve Colbert, M.J.S.M.

Shabbat Shuvah

Saturday, October 1, 2011

9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Kever Avot

Sunday, October 2, 2011

1:30 PM White Chapel Memorial Park

Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre

Friday, October 7, 2011

6:00 PM Early Service (M-Z)

8:45 PM Late Service (A-L)

Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 8, 2011

9:00 AM Early Service (M-Z)

11:45 AM Late Service (A-L)

2:15 PM Reflections (open area)

3:00 PM Family Service

4:15 PM Mincha Service

*6:00 PM Yizkor Memorial Service and Ne'ilah

Concluding Service

Break the fast together immediately following
the Service. Sponsored by Marlene Glickman
and Family. RSVP is requested by calling
633-8877. *Approximate Time

Sukkot

Friday, October 14, 2011

7:30 PM Sukkot Service Matanat Siddur
& Kabbalat Torah

Thursday, October 20, 2011

10:30 AM Joint Liberal Shemini Atzeret/Simchat
Torah Service at Temple Beth Am

Get fed. Get entertained. Get acquainted!

Sukkot Pot Luck & Movie Night

Thursday, October 13th

On Thursday, October 13th, Temple Beth Am and Temple Sinai will join together for a Family Pot Luck Supper and Movie Night. All are welcome to this free event. Since Sukkot is a harvest festival, the theme of the dinner will be showcasing fall foods. There are plenty of local fresh fruits and vegetables to use for delicious parve or dairy dishes (no meat or shellfish please). Possibilities include vegetarian chili, bean soups or stews, sweet or white potato dishes, beans and greens, salads, etc.

The Pot Luck will be held at Temple Beth Am at 6:00 PM, outside under the tent. At 7:00 PM, we'll head into the Social Hall to have dessert and watch the movie. (If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll be inside for the whole event.)

There will be music and singing before we view the Israeli Sukkot comedy, "Ushpizin," which will run from 7:15 PM until 8:45 PM. "Ushpizin," which is Hebrew for Sukkot visitors, is about a poor, childless, ultra-orthodox couple who receive several things on the eve of Sukkot, including a Sukkah, money to buy a prize etrog, and the visitors. The comedy unfolds as the couple tries to deal with all their "good fortune."

It's not too late to sign up. Please contact Julia Cohan at 688-6890 or mgtcohan@buffalo.edu. (Volunteers gratefully accepted.)



Don't Miss Out!

Adult Education begins on
October 20, 2011.

(See page 5 for details.)



Upcoming Services October 2011

Parashat Ha'azinu
Deuteronomy 32:1 – 52

Saturday, October 1, 2011
9:00 AM Torah Study

Erev Yom Kippur
Friday, October 7, 2011

Kol Nidre Services
6:00 PM Early (M-Z)
8:45 PM Late (A-L)

Yom Kippur
Saturday, October 8, 2011

Yom Kippur Services
9:00 AM Early (M-Z)
11:45 AM Late (A-L)

3:00 PM Family Service
4:15 PM Mincha Service
6:00 PM Yizkor and Ne'ilah Service

Sukkot
10:30 AM Thursday, October 13, 2011
Joint Liberal Service
at Temple Beth Zion

Parashat Chol Hamoed Sukkot
Exodus 33:12-34:26

Friday, October 14, 2011
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service
Matanat Siddur v' Kabbalat Torah

Saturday, October 15, 2011
9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
Bar Mitzvah of Ben Lackner

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah
10:30 AM Thursday, October 20, 2011
Joint Liberal Service
at Temple Beth Am

Parashat B'reishit
Genesis 1:1 – 6:8

Friday, October 21, 2011
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

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From the Desk of Rabbi Irwin A. Tanenbaum, D.D.

NEW CLASSES – NEW IDEAS – NEW OPPORTUNITIES



Dear Friends,

"Train up children in the way they should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

It is the expression "train up" that raises the difficulties. How do we best "train up" our children? Again and again, Judaism emphasizes the values of significant Jewish education. Yet Jewish parents invest time, money and energy to provide our young people with religious and cultural training; where is the guarantee, "And when they are old, they will not depart from it?"

I have two suggestions. They carry a reasonable guarantee, costs no money, and are derived from the above verse. I am especially drawn to these by the season we encounter at this time. The Hebrew word behind the expression "train up" is *Chanok*. It means "to educate," but it also means "to dedicate." It is, in fact, the root for our holiday of Hanukkah – which refers to rededication of the Temple after it had been defiled by the Seleucid armies led by Antiochus IV. All the education money can buy is not the same thing as dedication, the experiencing of that which is learned. Education proceeds from the lessons of the mouth; dedication grows from joint activity, "the way to go."

FIRST: Fortunately, we at Temple Beth Am possess wonderful opportunities for this idea – it is called "Shabbat Worship." I am not being facetious. For many parents, helping with Hebrew lessons may be challenging or even an impossible task. However, sitting together in our Sanctuary is achievable by all. Our children probably feel and remember more from this warm experience than from all the pedagogy, tutoring or homework supervision we foist upon them. Children see and sense their parents' laughter at the Oneg. And they remember, deeply.

Many families have already realized this, and regularly participate in Services with their youngsters. They are the richer for it – both in practical terms of Hebrew literacy and fluency, and for the more intangible but valuable lesson: "Do as I say and as I do!"

Some families await the so-called "Bar/Bat Mitzvah year" to allow their youngsters the opportunity for spiritual expression within a

Jewish community at prayer. This is better than not (and is a requirement for eligibility of that service as well), but implies directly that this as an eight to ten month commitment only, and that being a Jew of Knowledge is only important if a special opportunity for leading a worship service is offered in return.

I suggest that all of our worship is "suitable for children" – this includes regular services, our family services, of course, and our school-led class services too. If we develop the positive habit of regular worship, as everyone knows they should anyway, we will be living up to the ideal of *Chanok* – education and rededication. I invite you to see for yourself. Join us with your children – as many already do – and make your presence a regular routine.

SECOND: In the same vein of "Do as I say and as I do," Temple Beth Am, in partnership with Temple Sinai, is offering opportunities for Jewish learning on an adult level. Rabbi Alexander Lazarus-Klein, Cantor Colbert and myself will be teaching these courses. All classes will take place on Thursday evenings at Temple Beth Am. Please see Cantor Colbert's excellent article within this bulletin for more details. We are excited about this endeavor!

Old Jews, new Jews, and people who are thinking about establishing Jewish homes, are invited. Please consider joining and sharing!

Let your children see you participating, and they will want to also.

Friends, my best warranty for future Jewish participation and living is:

"Train up children in the way they should go" – and walk there yourself once in a while as well.

For more joyful and meaningful Jewish living!

In peace,

Rabbi Irwin A. Tanenbaum, D.D.

From Cantor Sharon Eve Colbert, M.J.S.M.

A new year has blossomed before us. Rosh Hashanah has come and gone and its time to relinquish your grasp on the past years mistakes, missteps, unrealized dreams and petty foolishnesses. That sounds like not too much got accomplished, doesn't it? Unfortunately, those negative images of what could have been seem to take up a lot of emotional space. And, they don't pay rent while accumulating interest and consuming emotional energy!

Yom Kippur is now here. It is a time to shake off all those "what ifs" and recycle them into good, positive stuff. Because I am who I am, "stuff" is acquiring new skills (along with the occasional new pair of shoes). Maybe it is for you too. If you are one of those folks who walk into the sanctuary, pick up a Mishkan T'fillah and follow along with the service, but can't follow the Hebrew, whole new worlds will open up when words have meaning.

Starting Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 PM until December 1st, I will offer you the opportunity to study Intermediate Hebrew. Concurrently, Rabbi Tanenbaum will teach Beginning Hebrew. Intermediate Hebrew assumes you know the Aleph Bet and can read simple phrases. The book I use is "Aleph Isn't Enough" Hebrew for Adults Book 2, published by UAHF press. I will also have supplementary materials. The book is liturgy based. If you took Rabbi's beginning Hebrew class last Fall, and reviewed a bit here and there, you can take this course.

It would be an honor to be your guide in delving more deeply into the Hebrew language as you acquire a new skill, to add to your stuff, and make for a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year of 5772.

L'Shana Tova!

Temple Beth Am Sisterhood Fall Rummage Sale



Sunday,
November 6, 2011
9:00 AM-1:00 PM
\$1.00 Admission

1:00 PM-3:00 PM
\$10 Bag Sale

Saturday,
November 5, 2011
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Set Up

Volunteers needed both
Saturday and Sunday!

Call Rella Corris at 636-1541 or
Janelle Whitcomb at 834-2549
for details or to volunteer!

(Please bring in your items beginning October 11th.)

Temple Beth Am

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Temple Beth Am is also on facebook.



December 2011 Temple Topics Deadline

The deadline for articles to be submitted for inclusion in the **December 2011** issue of Temple Topics is **October 21, 2011**. Please submit articles to the editor at sbadback@gmail.com.

From Sharon Malek Jacobs, Director of Education

October is a busy month for our Religious School. On Friday night, October 14th, during the Shabbat service of Sukkot, our 6th graders will receive the Torah portions for their bar/bat mitzvah from the 7th grade students. This Temple Beth Am custom demonstrates the importance of being a link in the generational chain that keeps Torah alive. Our philanthropic Sisterhood will also present each of these 6th graders with their own copy of our siddur, Mishkan T'fillah, to study from and use at the Shabbat service when they become a bar/bat mitzvah.

Our Parent Council will be hosting a Sukkot brunch on October 16th. Watch your email for specific details of this celebration.

We are all aware that the Book of Genesis is filled with stories that can be adapted for children to appreciate. Our youngest students are able to learn important lessons about their own relationships from the personalities and situations presented in this first book of the bible. We also know that the best way for children of all ages to learn is through experiential activities. When we can provide those opportunities, we will make lifelong impressions on our children.

This year, we are providing one of these memorable experiences for our kindergarten, first grade and second grade students. They will have the chance to participate in a program at the Buffalo Zoo during the Shabbat when parashat Noah is read. We expect to have great fun while we learn to respect and safeguard all of God's creations. Be sure to look for photos of this trip in an upcoming issue of Temple Topics.

Important Religious School Dates:

- Friday, October 14th
7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service including Kabballat Torah v' Siddur. Grades 6 & 7 will participate.
- Sunday, October 16th
9:00 – 10:45 AM **Ganainu Program**

9:00 – 11:00 AM **Comparative Religions Class**

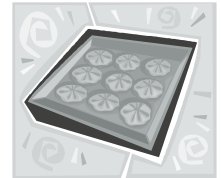
9:15 AM - **Parent Council Meeting** – open to all parents.

10:45 AM – Sukkot Brunch - meet your student for a delightful meal in our Sukkah. Watch for more details from our Parent Council.
- Saturday, October 29th
Grades K – 2
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Shabbat at The Zoo
Celebrate Noah and the animals!

RSVP a must by October 12th to 633-8953.
There is a fee – limited spaces are available.

HELP OUR SCHOOL

Cookie Dough will again be for sale as a major fundraising opportunity for the Religious School. Delivery will be in time for Hanukkah gift giving.



Parent Council meeting to be held at 9:15 AM on October 16th.
All parents are needed and welcome - please attend!

High Holy Days Family Services

Open to the Community.
Invite your family & friends to join us!

Yom Kippur Family Service

October 8th @ 3:00 PM

Remember the Yom Kippur Food Drive

Headed South or West for the Winter?

Please let the Temple know when you are leaving so we can update our data base so you receive your mail in a timely fashion.

Thank you to the many people who donated books, donated baked goods, and volunteered to sell books or baked goods at the Walk Off Hunger event. All proceeds from the two sales went to the Food Bank of Western New York.

Adult Education at Temple Beth Am

Adult Education classes begin on Thursday October 20, 2011.

Most classes run for one hour beginning at 7:00 PM or 8:00 PM at Temple Beth Am.

Rabbi Lazarus Klein – October 20th, 27th, November 3rd and 10th

“Who Wrote the Bible?” 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

“Jewish Parenting 101” 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum – October 20th, 27th, November 3rd, 10th, 17th and December 1st

“Introduction to Hebrew in Six Weeks” 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

“Gender Issues in Traditional Texts and Jewish Thought” 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Cantor Sharon Colbert – October 20th, (no class on October 27th), November 3rd, 10th, 17th, December 1st, and optional review on December 8th

“Intermediate Hebrew” 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Class time can extend beyond 8:00 PM for extra study.) There is a book requirement for this class. The cost for the book is \$18.00. Please see Cantor’s article on page three of this issue of Temple Topics.

Mothers Circle

The Mothers Circle will meet at the Jewish Community Center on October 6th and 27th at 7:00 PM.

Child care is available.

No fee.

To RSVP or ask questions, please call Sharon Jacobs at 633-8877.

Attention Temple Members!



Don’t forget to save and drop off your “pop tabs” from beverage and other cans in the box in the Temple office to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

Mazel Tov to our B’nei Mitzvah and Their Families



Ben Lackner
October 15th, 10:30 AM



Maddie Ferguson
October 22nd, 10:30 AM

Cell Phones Now Recycled at Temple Beth Am for BATY

Don’t toss out your used cell phone or accessories. Bring them to Temple for recycling!



If you have any pictures or information regarding Temple Beth Am that you would like to see posted on our facebook page, please email the information to facebook@bethambuffalo.org

Annual Sisterhood Paid-Up Brunch

The Annual Sisterhood Paid-Up Brunch will be held on Sunday, October 23rd, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with entertainment by BPO violinist, Sheryl Genco, jewelry by Small Indulgences, and great raffle items!

Thank You to Bagel Jays...

for the lovely challahs you donate to our Temple Beth Am Family each and every Shabbat.



Temple Beth Am Funds

When you choose to honor those whose memories are dear to you, or express your gratitude for a joyous occasion, you are invited to make a contribution of Tzedakah. Below is a list of funds for your donations and a brief description of each fund:

Temple Beth Am Endowment Fund (For the Temple's Future)
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund (For Education, Community & Congregation)
Cantor's Discretionary Fund (For Education, Community & Congregation)
Executive Director's Discretionary Fund (For Education, Community & Congregation)
Educator's Discretionary Fund (For Educational enhancement & Mother's Circle)
Abe and Shirley Marquisee Memorial Fund (For the enhancement of Temple Beth Am as directed by the Rekoon Family)
Anne Bernstein Memorial Education Fund (For Educational enhancement)
Building Fund (For Building Equipment and Repair)
Cantor Susan Wehle Memorial Fund (For assisting our community through caring)
Cantor Susan Wehle Memorial Garden Fund (For Garden upkeep and maintenance)
Capital Repair Fund
Caring Committee Fund (For Community and Congregation)
Cemetery Fund (For purchase of Cemetery Plots)
Dr. Barnett A. Slepian Memorial Fund (For the enhancement of Temple Beth Am as directed by the Slepian Family)
Dr. Max & Jeanette Rivo Memorial Fund (For the enhancement of Temple Beth Am as directed by the Rivo/Solender Families)
Ellen Davis Memorial Fund (For the enhancement of Temple Beth Am as directed by the Davis Family)
Edith & Joel L. Cohen Memorial Prayer Book Fund (For repairing and replacing the Temple's Prayer Books)
Fight Hunger Fund (To feed the needy)

Hyman Midda Memorial Fund (For the enhancement of Temple Beth Am as directed by the Midda Family)
Irving & Helene Fudeman Memorial Fund (For the enhancement of Temple Beth Am as directed by the Fudeman Family)
Jane Oved Memorial Fund (Landscaping in memory of Jane Oved)
Julian Safir Memorial Fund (For the enhancement of Temple Beth Am as directed by the Safir Family)
Landscaping Fund (To enhance the Temple's property)
Library Fund (To purchase, repair and upgrade the Temple's Library)
Marshall L. Glickman Memorial Fund (For the enhancement of Temple Beth Am as directed by the Glickman Family)
Morris & Gussie Spivack Youth Library Memorial Fund (To maintain a Youth Library as directed by the Spivack Family)
Music Fund (To provide necessary materials for musical enhancement)
Nursery School Fund (For the needs of the Temple's pre-school programs)
Rabbi Daniel E. Kerman Memorial Fund (For community grants as stated in the Fund's Mission Statement)
Rabbi Steven & Patty Mason Israel Scholarship Fund (To provide grants for the Temple's B'nai Mitzvah's travel to Israel)
Samuel B. Cohen Memorial Fund (For the enhancement of Temple Beth Am as directed by the Cohen Family)
Sanctuary Fund (For improvements of the Temple's Sanctuary)
Sisterhood Fund (For the enhancement of Temple Beth Am through the Sisterhood)
Social Action Fund (For the enhancement of Temple Beth Am through Social Action)
Thanksgiving Baskets Fund (To feed the needy of Western New York through the Thanksgiving Basket Program)
Yahrzeit Fund
Youth Group Scholarship Fund (To assist the Temple's youth group age children attend Youth Group programs)

Sisterhood Hanukkah Card

Dear Temple Friends and Family,

As we approach the holiday of Hanukkah, searching for the left over candles from years past and our Hanukkah menorahs, we make plans to celebrate the holiday of lights, and think about who should be included in our celebration. How nice it would be to send greetings to all of our Temple Family and, at the same time, support the work of the Sisterhood. All you have to do to share the warmth of this holiday is to have your name included in our Hanukkah card. This card will be sent to the entire Temple Family. Please fill out the form below, and send it in, by December 1st, with a check for \$18.00.

Shalom,
Diane Symons, on behalf of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am

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Please include our name on the Hanukkah card sent to our Temple Family. (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN ORDER FOR YOUR NAME TO APPEAR CORRECTLY.)

(Sample: Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Symons; or Diane and Jerry Symons; or Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Symons and family.)

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ made payable to: Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am.

Include our name: _____

**NOTE: IF YOU ALREADY
PAID FOR THE NEW YEAR
AND HANUKKAH CARD,
PLEASE DISREGARD
THIS FORM.**

Send to: Temple Beth Am, Attention: Sisterhood Hanukkah Card, 4660 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville NY 14221

All checks and names must be received by December 1, 2011.

Upcoming Services October 2011

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Saturday, October 22, 2011

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Maddie Ferguson

Parashat Noah

Genesis 6.9-11:32

Friday, October 28, 2011

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 29, 2011

9:00 AM Torah Study

High Holy Day Service Information

Kever Avot Graveside Memorial Service

Sunday, October 2, 2011

1:30 PM

It is traditional to visit the graves of loved ones in the time before the Days of Awe. Please join our clergy as we gather at the Temple Beth Am section of White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery at Niagara Falls Boulevard and Tonawanda Creek Road. After a brief Service, there will be time for private reflection.

Family Services

Saturday, October 8, 2011

3:00 PM

Our Family Services on Yom Kippur will be led by our Clergy with music by guitarist Andy Symons. These Services are open to the entire Community.

From the VP of Education

A happy, healthy and sweet New Year from the Reich-Duquette family.

Shari Jo Reich

Fasting

Every Jewish person over the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah is expected to fast on Yom Kippur. Besides the lessons that fasting teaches about self-denial and appreciation of what we are, it provides a physical complement to the emotional and spiritual cleansing of the Day of Atonement. Children should be encouraged to fast if they show an interest in doing so. For a pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the fast may involve skipping a meal during Yom Kippur rather than a full day's fast. **Pregnant women and nursing mothers should abstain from fasting as should any person who is ill or who has been advised against fasting by a physician.** Let common sense guide you in the fulfillment of this mitzvah.

Child Care available for High Holy Days

Temple Beth Am provides complimentary childcare for children in third grade and younger during morning services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Children in fourth grade and above are expected to attend services with their parents. Older children should not find it difficult to sit through the entire service. Every parent must be responsible to assure that his/her child does not linger in the foyer, become unruly, or disturb the childcare services.

Families interested in child care are asked to make reservations by calling the Temple office at 633-8877 with the names and ages of each child.

Please indicate which service (early or late) you will be attending. High Holy Day childcare will be provided by our BATY Beth Am Temple Youth Group. Donations are appreciated.

Your Family. Our Heritage. Israel's Future.

**State of Israel Bonds
High Holy Days Campaign
2011-5772**

Calling all Shofar Blowers

Come blow your horn at the Ne'ilah Service, the last Service of Yom Kippur Day, Saturday, October 8, 2011. Bring your own Shofar, or borrow one of ours. Let's end the High Holy Days with a big communal blast!

High Holy Day Ticket Policy Reminder

High Holy Day Tickets have been sent only to those members in "good standing." "Good standing" is defined as being current with your Dues payments. If you did not receive your tickets, or if you any have questions, please call the Temple Office at 633-8877.

Tickets will be available to all members at a **Ticket Will Call Window conveniently located at the entrance to our Temple's Kitchen.**

Ushers will be at Temple to assist you for this and any other concerns you may have throughout the Services.

Parking

Please Note: Additional parking is available on Tristan Lane, Indian Trail, and at the Church at the corner of Indian Trail and Sheridan Drive. Do not block fire hydrants or driveways. Thank you!



Temple Beth Am Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop



Come and see our wide variety of
Judaica items for every occasion!

Gift Shop Hours during Religious School:
Sundays: 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Tuesdays: 4:15 PM to 6:15 PM
By appointment, call Jean at 634-3504.

TBA Men's Group

Come to our meeting on October 16th at 9:00 AM and join with the fellowship and conversation regarding our Temple and the community.

Nominations for the 2012 – 2013 Slate Of Officers will be accepted at this meeting. Nominations will be for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Consider yourself, or your fellow congregational members for these important posts. The term of office will be for two years, and a great many accomplishments can be achieved within that time.

TBA Men's Health Project

This seasons programming of The TBA Men's Health Project will start on the 3rd Sunday of January 2012 at 10:00 AM. I have a few subjects and lectures scheduled, but I would like to round out the presentation schedule with 3 more lectures. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Jan Berg at menshealth@roadrunner.com. Lectures should be given by Health Care professionals within their field. The format is a lecture of approximately 45 minutes followed by a question and answer session. Provisions for A/V and refreshments are available at no cost.

Greetings From Sisterhood, by Julia Cohan

This past summer, a group of Temple Beth Am Sisterhood members heard Rabbi Anat Hoffman speak at Chautauqua Institution. Her lecture was part of the Interfaith series "Women Transcending Boundaries." Rabbi Hoffman was an engaging speaker whose humor did not disguise her passion to fight the powerful Orthodox who currently dictate lifestyle choices for the secular population of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Hoffman spoke about her work leading IRAC, the Israel Religious Action Center, where she strives to promote Jewish pluralism, tolerance, and equality. Last year, she spent 60 days in the Israeli Supreme Court, arguing cases on behalf of justice and equality for under-represented groups, including more than 200,000 Palestinian residents of Jerusalem. Sixty days! That is more than one day per week. In addition to other cases she brought to the courts, Rabbi Hoffman spoke about the Women of the Wall, who have fought, since 1988, for 11 hours per year for women to be able to pray audibly, not silently, with Torah and tallit, at the Western Wall. All women want is one hour, once a month, except during the High Holy Days. Instead, they are banished to pray at a location of their choice – either an archeological dig, or a dump site.

In the United States, we take our religious freedom, and our abundance of water, for granted. Israelis are faced with daily struggles for social justice. What does Anat Hoffman want us to do to help? She asks for us to write letters to US leaders to put pressure on Israeli policymakers to incorporate pluralism (religious freedoms) and equality for all into Israeli law.



Between the Covers

Do you read just for pleasure? Here is a great Temple program to try! One-hour meetings stay on topic with the literature, always. Participants are friendly. Discussion leadership rotates monthly. The books, chosen carefully for us by our Rabbi's wife, Marta Braiterman, are highly acclaimed, well-written, 21st Century books by Jewish authors with strong characters and diverse settings. In sum, the book series offers a soulful, witty and sometimes challenging romp through Jewish history and geography.

There are several ways to obtain your advance copy of the book. **ONLINE:** if you use www.Amazon.com, please start your order from the TBA website to generate a small donation back to the Temple. Save money with Amazon's Used Paperback and Used Hardback order options (average \$3-\$8 per book). **LOCAL LIBRARY:** many (not all) titles are available early in the month or through InterLibrary Loan (free). **RETAIL BOOKSTORES:** all shiny brand new books, a browser's delight. All of our booklist titles have paperback editions fewer than 400 pages (average cost \$13-\$16). If not on the shelf when you visit, any bookstore will special-order the book for you with advance notice.

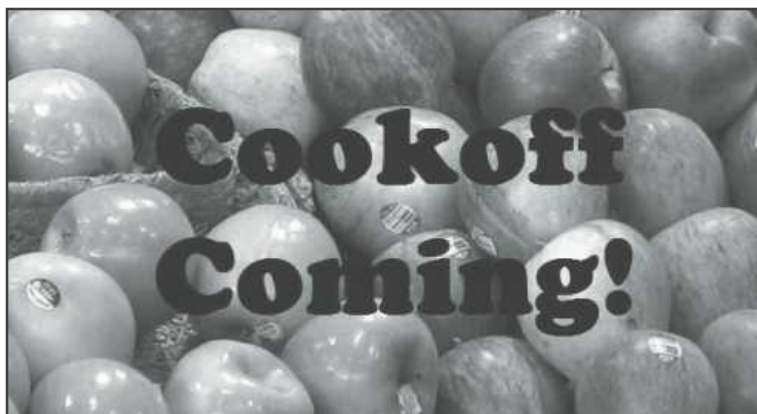
Caught with no book in hand by the meeting date? Come anyway, hear the discussion, meet the folks who share your joy in reading.

October is for Oz

Israel's most celebrated novelist and essayist is coming to Buffalo. We are getting ready:

TBA Book Group discussion (FREE): Saturday, October 29th at 11:00 AM in the TBA Library. *The Amos Oz Reader*, by Amos Oz (2009). This well-organized volume of fiction and non-fiction "showcases Oz's beautifully mythic prose... Fluent in social matters, Oz finds meaning in the lives of individuals, each a cosmos of pain and love. Timely and illuminating."

Author visit (\$35) to Kleinhan's Music Hall, Thursday, October 27th at 8:00 PM, Babel Series. Buy your ticket at www.justbuffalo.org or by phone at 832-5400.



Back by popular demand! The Kugel Kookoff in May was such a hit, we're going to do something similar!

This time, to help usher in a sweet New Year, we're having an Apple Cookoff following Family Service on Friday, November 4th.

Winning could be as easy as pie. Or cake. Or even kugel. The rules are simple. Bring your entry, fully baked or cooked, to Services that night. All entries will be judged anonymously. And the winner will receive a \$50 gift card for the Walden Galleria Mall.

If you want to enter, call Bruce Corris at 636-8387, or contact him at corrisb@hotmail.com, by Friday, October 28th, with the name of your entry (optional) and the ingredients (not the recipe, we just need to list the ingredients for allergy purposes).

Good luck, and good eating!

Meeting with the Rabbi

If you need the Rabbi for guidance, advice, or if you just want to schmooze, every Tuesday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM is your opportunity. Check with N.Jo to make sure you're on his schedule, or just stop by his office and he will see you on a first come, first served basis.

Parkinson's Support Group Meeting October 13, 2011

The Parkinson's Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 13th, at 6:30 PM at Temple Beth Am. Connie Jo Bish, who is certified to teach QiGong, will explain QiGong and lead the group in QiGong exercises.

For additional information, call Joyce Gafter at 689-1559.

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A big Temple turnout helped make this year's Walk Off Hunger a big success. Nearly 500 people registered for the 4th annual walk to benefit the Food Bank of WNY. The walk and Summer Fest raised enough money to help the Food Bank provide hundreds of thousands of meals for Western New Yorkers in need! And thanks to our generous sponsors, Summer Fest was a successful fundraiser for the Temple as well. This year, the Temple received wonderful publicity, including a prominent article in the Buffalo News and a feature story about Jennie Pohl and Helen Hersh on Channel 2 News. You can find links to those stories on the Temple's website, along with a gallery of pictures of the walk and festival.

See you next year!

In Memoriam

Our Temple extends its sympathy to the families of:

Elizabeth Bell
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The following names have been added to the **Carl Shubert Memorial** in the Sanctuary by the families of:

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Sisterhood members attended an afternoon tea at the Asa Ransom House in August. Dressed for the event and pictured above (top) are Cantor Sharon Colbert and N. Jo Tufts, enjoying the event, along with (lower picture) Tracy Shapiro and three of her daughters, Yve, Haley and Jaclyn.

October 2011 Memorial Anniversaries

October 7, 2011

David Abrams, Bette Arwitz, Leah Berke, Edward Cohen, Charles Colbert, David Cytryn, Curtis Jack Davidson, George Engel, Ralph Epstein, Alfrieda Feldman, Thaddieus J. Gardon, Marshall Levi Glickman, Daniel Goldenberg, Lillian T. Goodman, Anne Helfant, Jane Selya Heskins, Feyga M. Kolnik, Lillian Kossoff, Eva Leshaw, David Levey, Max Lieberman, Jean Lyons, Albert Meyers, Adele Mueller, Leo Mueller, Herman Rosenthal, Simon Rubin, Chuck Schepart, Edward M. Schulman, Norman Schulman, Tammy Esther Siegel, Abraham Julius Silver, Esther Stein, Louis Topper, Jack Yallof.

October 14, 2011

Ben Antonoff, Minnie Baker-Silverman, Marvin Braiterman, Martyn F. Cominsky, Mildred Engel, Richard Engelhardt, Bonnie Sandler Feinman, Isaac Feldman, Selma Fortgang, Martin Friedland, Zelda B. Goldenberg, Hyman Guttman, Solomon Kusnitz, Pauline W. Lindenfeld, Sheila Macoff, Harry Raiken, Anna Rosenthal, Ida Saran, Macy Savatsky, Annette Schaefer, Lillian Schaefer, Selma Siegel, Betty Levin Simon, Samuel Sirkin, Paul Strauss, Esther Stromberg, Joseph Stulberg, Evelyn Bikki Swados, Morris Taksen, Frank Tripi, Herman S. Umof, Jeanette Wasser, Stephen Weinstein, Charles Weitzner, Irwin Winer.

October 21, 2011

Leo Bachner, Seymour Berger, Joseph Block, Moisey Bronshteyn, John S. Fine, Irving Finkelstein, Fanny Friedman, Jacob Fruchtbaum, Mark G. Hirschorn, Gorden Kantrowitz, Irving Kaprove, Irving Korn, Ruth Koven, Morton Levy, Sidney Mador, Jack Mann, Albert Markel, Hyman Mednick, Herman Nadel, Sarah Pliss, Arthur Reichard, Rudolph Remson, Milford Sarfaty, Helen J. Silver, Sylvia Simon, Barnett Slepian, Stephen E. Sweet, Rosebelle Weissman, Joan Zinderman.

October 28, 2011

Sheila Abrams, John W. Atkinson, Mary Jane Atkinson, Fannie Avrunin, Mildred Bluestone, Angela Cimato, Sara Cohen, Nelson Foigelman, Evelyn Fox, Nancy Frankfort, Jack Friedfertig, Abraham Friedman, Allen Gilman, Anne E. Godshaw, Louis Goodman, Herman Haber, Dora Heskins, Daniel Seth Holmlund, Simon Jacobs, Simon Kareff, Randall A. Kenyon, Veronica Kilian, William Lesser, Alan Lieberman, Fanny Meyers, Ernesto Perez-Carrillo, Rachel Powsner, Fanny Pritikin, Allan Robbins, Theodore Rose, Harry S. Rubin, Harold S. Ruslander, Richard Ruslander, Sylvia Adler Safir, Max Schmeidler, Sam Serotte, Carl Silber, Minnie Baker Silverman, Harry Louis Smith, Abe Sohinki, Lewis Toubkin, Ruth Wallins, Irving Weiner, Belle Weiss, Bernard Zinderman.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Our calendar is prepared more than one month in advance of publication and is subject to change.	The Judaica Shop is open during Religious School Sun. 9:00—11:30 AM Tues. 4:15—6:15 PM					1 9:00 AM Torah Study
2 9:00 AM Religious School 1:30 PM Kever Avot	3 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM BINGO	4 3:00 PM Meet with Rabbi 4:30 PM Religious School 7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting	5 6:30 PM H.S.J.S.	6 6:30 PM Knitting Group	7 Erev Yom Kippur 6:00 PM Early (M-Z) Kol Nidre Service 8:45 PM Late (A-L) Kol Nidre Service	8 9:00 AM Early (M-Z) Yom Kippur Service 11:45 AM Late (A-L) Yom Kippur Service 2:15 PM Reflections 3:00 PM Family Service 4:15 PM Mincha Service 6:00 PM Yizkor and Ne'ilah Service 7:00 PM Break Fast
9 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	10 OFFICE CLOSED NO BINGO	11 3:00 PM Meet with Rabbi 4:30 PM Religious School	12 NO H.S.J.S.	13 10:30 AM Sukkot Joint Liberal Service at Temple Beth Zion 6:00 PM Sukkot Family Pot Luck & Movie Night 6:30 PM Parkinson's Group	14 9:30 AM Vus Tut Sich? 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Matanat Siddur v' Kabbalat Torah	15 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Ben Lackner 7:00 PM Israeli Folk Dancing
16 9:00 AM Religious School 9:00 AM Ganainu 9:00 AM High School Comparative Religions 9:00 AM Men's Group Mtg. 9:15 AM Parent Council Meeting 10:45 AM Religious School Sukkot Brunch	17 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM BINGO	18 3:00 PM Meet with Rabbi 4:30 PM Religious School 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	19 11:30 AM Sisterhood Bible Study NO H.S.J.S.	20 10:30 AM Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Joint Liberal Service at Temple Beth Am 7:00 PM Adult Ed. Begins	21 Articles Due for December Temple Topics 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	22 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Maddie Ferguson
23 9:00 AM Religious School 11:00 AM Sisterhood Paid-Up Brunch	24 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM BINGO	25 3:00 PM Meet with Rabbi 4:30 PM Religious School	26 11:30 AM Sisterhood Bible Study 6:30 PM H.S.J.S.	27 7:00 PM Adult Ed.	28 9:30 AM Vus Tut Sich? 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	29 9:00 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Between the Covers Book Talk 11:00 AM Shabbat at the Zoo Grades K-2 with RSVP
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