

MEGILLAH



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TEMPLE EMANUEL | THE TEMPLE AT THE BEACH

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Rabbi Howard Mandell

DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

**David Warsof Bar Mitzvah
December 4**



Services to start promptly at 9:30am with Kaddish luncheon to follow at noon. All members are welcome. Please RSVP to Gail Gogan.

**Happy Chanukah!
Celebrate the Festival of Lights from December 1-9**



For more Chanukah photos, see pages 6 & 10.

Light, joy and sacred duties at Chanukah

We have just begun to celebrate, both individually and as a community, the Jewish holiday of Chanukah. May it be a time of much light and joy for the synagogue community and for your families and you!

THE RABBI'S VISION



Howard Mandell

This month I begin my thank yous with a *todah rabbah* to Jeri Furman for the superb job that she did organizing the blood drive last month in honor of Sharon Elstein. I would like to next thank Marty Marin for serving as a greeter to people entering the synagogue each Shabbat morning for services. A thank you to Beth Gross for

planning a Dr. Doolittle Shabbat, at which our children had the chance to ride ponies and experience a petting zoo at the synagogue.

While there are so many others whose commitment to Temple Emanuel is transforming it into a Holy Community, I would like to close by thanking Abbie Korman, Kevin Tabakin, Gail Gogan, Sue Adler, Rev. Pam Bro and the many greeters for helping make the interfaith Thanksgiving prayer service, held on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, such a meaningful and warm evening for all those in attendance.

At a recent class that I taught at the JCC as part of the city-wide Melton program, the following question was explored by the stu-

dents: How does the Jewish tradition, and how do we today, interpret the Toraitic phrase *am segulah*, God's "treasured" or "chosen people"? Do these words primarily connote that we Jews have been given a privileged or elevated status by God, or merely that we have been given special duties or responsibilities by God?

While I must, in all candor, admit that a few Jewish sacred texts teach that being God's *am segulah* means that we Jews are in some way God's favorites, the prevailing opinion by far among our sages and commentators is one integrating the above two positions. While God did, in fact, confer a special status on the Jewish people,

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DECEMBER MILESTONES

Birthdays

- 1 Georgia Breit
- 3 Jeri Ann Furman
- 5 Brittany Ingram
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- 9 Jason Friedman
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- 30 Lisa Richmon
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- 31 Kay Kesser

Anniversaries

- 6 Raymond and Esta Kreisman
- 8 Benjamin and Marci Danzing
- 9 Lance and Joanne Davlin
- 18 Edward and Betsy Karotkin
- 19 Michael and Antoinette Kahan
Ben and Heidi Simon
- 22 Kathy and Mark Silverman
- 23 Lev and Rosa Shikhman
- 28 Morris and Sharon Elstein
- 30 William and Merle Becker

Yahrzeit

- 2 Ceil Dorfman
- 3 Sam Heyman
Ferne Kaps
- 4 Morris Foreman
Sarah Mendelsohn
- 5 Tara Blacher
Carole Lauwasser
- 6 Sarah Karesh
David Mollen
Louis Sussman
- 7 Morris Pekarsky
- 8 Harry Fagin
- 9 Max Meyer
- 10 Irma Sylvia Kaplan
- 11 Tillie Weiner
- 13 Abraham Fischer
Samuel Flasterstein
- 14 Bessie Alper
Emma Kravitz
- 16 Eleanor Kusel
- 17 Michael Diamant
Gerald Lavenstein
- 21 Nathan Rosenberg
- 24 Mary Hirschfeld
Samuel Leiderman
- 25 Selma Flasterstein
Al Radbell
David Steinberg
- 26 Abraham Alper
Mack Cramer
- 29 Bertha Furman
Goldie Levy
- 30 Frances Schuller
- 31 Jennie Meyer
Bennett Salasky

It is a mitzvah to attend services on the yahrzeit of your loved ones, honoring and perpetuating their memories. If you have had a death in your family in the past year, please call the office at 428-2591 and make sure we have the correct information so a reminder card can be sent to you.



Women's League Shabbat Dinner: Friday, January 21

SERVICES & MEETINGS

Candle lighting times

Dec. 3	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	4:32 p.m.
Dec. 24	4:35 p.m.
Dec. 31	4:40 p.m.

Shabbat services

Friday evening	6:00 p.m.
Saturday morning	9:30 a.m.

Minyans

Monday thru Thursday	6:00 p.m.
Sunday mornings	9:30 a.m.

Guests are always welcome!

Torah Classes

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	1:30 p.m.
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Book Club

Jan. 3	6:45 p.m. in Social Hall
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Young at Heart

Dec. 9	Noon (luncheon)
Dec. 23	Cancelled

Board of Directors

Dec. 14	7:30 p.m. in Social Hall
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Saturday Night at the Movies

Dec. 18	6:30 p.m. featuring "Exodus"
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Jewry Duty - Minyanim

Please continue to support the Jewry Duty program which makes minyans possible at 6:00 pm on weekday evenings. Please come on time so that those who wish to say Kaddish can do so. You are asked to attend one night per month. If you can't make it, call a friend and switch dates.

Ride Needed

Esther Leiderman needs a ride to Friday Shabbat services. Esther lives near 24th Street and North Birdneck Road. Her telephone no. is 422-6044.

A bounty of seasonal blessings

Chanukah starts this week, another reminder of the cycles of time. This year the holiday comes early, and

PRESIDENT'S VISION



Dr. Morris Elstein

so I am reflective about how we as humans move with the order of time. On a recent drive to Richmond, I marveled at the beautiful colors displayed by the dying leaves. Even in the seemingly final season of the trees, the beauty of nature shines forth.

If we lived in an agrarian society, then we too would be moving with the cycles of nature, having harvested our crops and waiting for the last of the fall vegetables to mature in the cool autumn weather. In our industrialized world that runs 24/7, I wonder how and when we slow down to enjoy our bounty and rejuvenate. I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with friendship and love, as these are more enduring than the food. We seem to need a predestined, scheduled holiday to slow down and enjoy the blessings that God has given us.

Now that winter is approaching, I observe that we are moving in a natural cycle of time. We are prompted to shop for warm clothes (most of us don't make them anymore) and some

of us buy wood for our fireplaces (as we don't chop wood anymore). But we don't seem to slow down any more with the coming colder weather. We prepare for skiing outings, trips to warmer climates, and work every day just as we have done all year.

Perhaps I have reached the point in my life where having a more regularly scheduled day to slow down has become more important. I need to take a moment to be in touch with my inner self and hopefully hear the messages from God. Thankfully, that day comes every week – Shabbat. I realize that finding the beauty and message of Shabbat is a process for most of us, unless we grew up observing Shabbat from our youth.

Lately, I have been reading Psalm 91, and I am particularly touched by this passage, "For S/he (meaning God) will order S/his angels to guard you wherever you go, and they will carry you in their hands..." I reflect on: Where are these angels, and why can't I feel them in my presence? My answer: They are always all around me; they are my friends, the members of Temple Emanuel, my outside friends. I have only to slow down and allow my angels into my life.

As each of us deals with our upcoming winters, I hope and pray that you will be able to feel and know that your angels are always present.

Morris Elstein, President



Nancy Nelson, Helene Silverman and Joy Kaps having some fun making tallit. If you'd like to join the workshop, contact Nancy or Joy.

Rabbi's vision, continued

that status imposed on our ancestors the sacred duty or responsibility to spread and to teach monotheism and Torah law and values to a world which, at the time, was a polytheistic one, believing in many gods, child sacrifice, etc. Today most religious Americans are members of monotheistic religions but our obligation to be a holy people and a "light unto the nations" remains in effect.

The holiday of Chanukah raises another important question for us contemporary Jews: Who is the real hero of the Chanukah story? Is it the Maccabi family, the Hasmoneans, who led the successful rebellion against the Greek Syrian king, Antiochus, in 165 B.C.E., resulting in the

cleansing and rededicating of the Holy Temple? Or is the real hero God who, according to the Talmud, was responsible for the miracle of the vial of oil lasting eight days instead of just the one day? In other words, was it human valor and courage that should be honored and celebrated, or is it God's grace and love for the Jewish people?

I believe that the correct response is not an either-or one but a combination of the two. Our being in an eternal covenantal relationship with God means that there will be times when we Jews will need to call upon God's grace and assistance to provide for our needs while there will be other times when we are going to need to step forward and do

and provide for ourselves. Our challenge, therefore, is to know when we have done all that we need to do, and when it is appropriate for us to call upon and turn things over to God.

I close with the powerful prayer of Reinhold Niebuhr, a great 20th century theologian:

God, please grant me the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change;

The courage to change the things that I can;

And the wisdom to know the difference!

Chag Urim Samach to All!

Rabbi Mandell

DAVID WARSOF BAR MITZVAH

Steve and Lisa Warsof invite you to join them as their son, David, is called to the Torah on December 4.

Services begin promptly at 9:30 am, followed by a Kiddush luncheon afterward.



Temple Emanuel Fine Gifts

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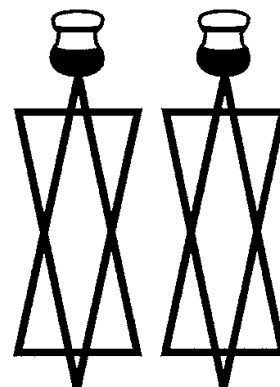
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FINE GIFTS



Temple Emanuel is very proud to announce that Neshama Carlebach will be appearing at our Pincus Forum to lead us in prayer and to teach on Friday and Saturday, January 14 and 15. On Saturday night in conjunction with the Simon Family Jewish Community Center we will be sponsoring Neshama in concert at Roper Theater in downtown Norfolk.

Neshama Carlebach has been described as "one of the leading superstars in Jewish Entertainment". She will be accompanied by her band and five members of the Green Pastures Baptist Church Choir.

You can find out more information about Neshama and hear her music by going to her web site www.neshamacarlebach.com.

To make this a successful event we need lots of volunteers. Help will be needed in transportation, meals, ticket sales, planning an after concert reception and ad book and much more. Please contact the office or Marcus Friedman at mfriedman@ecpi.edu to volunteer

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Neshama Carlebach

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A Spiritual Journey of Soulful Music

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Saturday, January 15th

7:30 p.m.

at the Roper Theater

340 Granby St. Norfolk

Tickets: \$25

To purchase tickets, call the JCC at **321-2338**, or Temple Emanuel at **428-2591**. To purchase online, visit **www.simonfamilyjcc.org**.



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Enjoy a Wappadoodle Chanukah!

The Dr. Doolittle Shabbat was a huge success for all. The children had fun riding the ponies and petting the animals, and the members loved watching them ride. We had 100 people here for the animals and the dinner. Thanks to everyone who helped me that night: Sue Adler for shopping and cooking; Jason Lovitz for his help with the ponies, and Donna Grant and Rachel Anderson for checking everyone in. Look in the halls for new pictures of the children on the ponies.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, the Religious School will celebrate Chanukah with a special holiday performance by the Wappadoodle Puppets. Join us for the fun and for jelly donuts! After the puppet show, the children will sing new Chanukah songs and we'll have a deli lunch (with a vegetarian option). The children have been hard at work making the cutest menorahs ever.

The Religious School participated in the Jewish Family Service Chanukah Wish List. Every class adopted a child, buying Chanukah presents for him or her. It was such a mitzvah. The response was overwhelming from the families. JFS really appreciated all our presents. I know it will put smiles on many children's faces.

Come learn about Jewish camps for your children on Camp Day -- Sunday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Social Hall. You can talk to camp reps from Camp Ramah in New England, Capital Camps in Pennsylvania, Blue Star in North Carolina and Camps Louise and Airy in Pennsylvania. The reps will have videos to see and brochures to take home. There will also be information

about USY summer programs, here in the U.S. and in Israel. Financial aid for campers is available for anyone who needs it. Camps also give great discounts for first-year campers. I will ask the children to wear their camp T-shirts/sweat-shirts that day to show off their camp spirit and promote their camp.

I want to wish every family a Happy Chanukah

B'Shalom,
Beth Weiner Gross
Religious School Principal
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Temple Emanuel Religious School Family Chanukah Celebration with Lunch & Songs



Open to all temple members ~ families & community friends

Sunday, December 5
11 a.m.



Featuring
Alma Beisel
And her
Wappadoodle Puppets
With a Chanukah Show

All the Religious School children will sing Chanukah songs followed by lunch.

Cost \$12.50 ~ Adults

\$6 ~ Children under Bar/Bat Mitzvah age

Deli ~ Hot Dogs ~ Vegetarian Options

Please RSVP to the Temple Office by Dec. 1

Bring a \$5 gift wrapped for a boy or girl to exchange!

Prizes will be given away during the program for the children



Second and third graders learn the fine art of menorah crafting at our religious school.

Fun times at the Dr. Doolittle Shabbat



Ellie Carson (above); Bennett Yue (right)



Asa Zitron & his grandma, Lynn (above);
Aaron Grant (below)



Jordan Amual, Sarah Yue & Brianna Arluk



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Blood drives: a gift of life

By Lynn Feigenbaum
Reprinted from the Jewish News



When Sharon Elstein was diagnosed with acute myelocytic leukemia in September, friends and fellow Temple Emanuel members wanted to know how they could help. A blood drive at the temple was one answer. "It's Tikkun Olam," said Sharon's husband Morris, president of the Virginia Beach congregation, "helping repair the world and our community; helping support each other."

It's also appropriate. Even before the diagnosis, Sharon needed life-giving blood and platelet transfusions – 20 units since this summer. On Sunday, Nov. 14, the synagogue was able to repay that "debt" and more to the American Red Cross' mid-Atlantic division. More than 80 donors showed up at Temple Emanuel, at Baltic Avenue and 25th Street. The temple's social hall, usually the scene of Bar Mitzvah luncheons or High Holy Day services, was filled with white-coated nurses, med-

ical equipment and donors waiting or giving or recovering with a choice of kosher snacks.

Blood drives by houses of worship, civic groups and schools are now more common, and more essential, said Kim Karangelen, who coordinates American Red Cross donor drives in Virginia Beach and the Eastern Shore. Once, company workforces were a mainstay for such drives. But with the economy putting a strain on businesses, "we're relying more and more on community groups," she said. That Sunday, Karangelen was shuttling between the Temple Emanuel blood drive and another at nearby Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

"The need is ongoing," said Karangelen. "It's wonderful that so many



American Red Cross team leader, Avis Butts, along with JoAnn Derway and Morris Elstein.

showed up in honor of Sharon Elstein. But blood has a shelf life. We're going to need all those people coming back."

Other Jewish groups are ensuring that happens. Congregation Beth El in Norfolk will hold its second blood drive on Dec. 5. Mark Schneider, head of the temple's Social Action Committee, sees it as a way to help the community at large and also to "let people know they're going to need blood at some time in their life and that it's very important to donate blood."

The Simon Family JCC held a blood drive in September and plans two more next year -- on Jan. 12 and May 4. "There is such a great need," said Terry Corrigan, the JCC's membership director. Another Norfolk temple, Ohel Sholom, has held a blood drive for nearly 20 years; the next will be on April 10. "It became an obvious part of our Mitzvah Day, because what better mitzvah than sharing life with others," said Dr. Meredith Rose, who's in charge of the temple's blood drive.

To make sure its inventory meets community needs, the Norfolk-based



(above) Lynn Feigenbaum reading (sleeping?) a Red Cross cookbook -- a gift to donors; (right) Joanne Davlin and her daughter, Ilana.

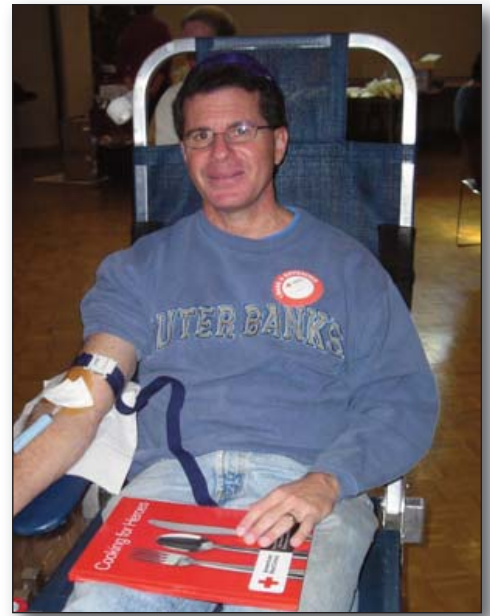


American Red Cross counts on collecting 300 units of blood a day, with all donations going to local hospitals and medical centers. But only 38 percent of the U.S. population, age 16 and over, is eligible to give blood, and of that, only 5 percent are regular donors. Plus at least 15 percent of donations must be rejected for a variety of reasons.

Donor resource coordinators like Karangelen help religious and civic groups plan and set up the drives. At Temple Emanuel, she worked with congregant Jeri Furman, advising her on the minimum number of donors required (50) and the logistical needs such as space, chairs and tables. Furman began planning the drive in October, sending out regular e-mail alerts to temple members and put-

ting posters in the hospital where Sharon Elstein is a patient and in the public library. Other volunteers from Temple Emanuel and friends of the Elsteins staffed the blood drive. In the end, there were so many walk-ins that a few had to be turned away. But an impressive 56 pints were collected.

The Elsteins are grateful for the drive's success. "For all the local friends that participated, I give you a big hug, kiss, and thank you!" Sharon wrote in her CaringBridge journal, which she has used to post updates on her condition and treatment. "It is very nice for me to know that my friends are helping replenish all the blood that I have had so far and I know that I will get many more units in the days to come."



Michael Holtz and his cookbook.

2010 holiday bazaar was a big success

Thanks to the hard work of Nancy Nelson (below), Joy Kaps, Sheila Friedman, Paula Levy and Roberta Alprin, the 2010 holiday bazaar was a big success. We had 25 vendors and over 250 shoppers. It was especially great to see Sharon Elstein (top right) at the market.



Reminder...pay dues in 2010 & save on taxes!

Pay your Temple Emanuel dues by the end of the year for a tax write-off!

If you have not yet submitted your 2010-11 Financial Commitment for Dues or Sunday School tuition, it is imperative that you do so now.

Please make your commitment today (whether by sending the tem-

ple's official form to the office, by an e-mail to me or by making a payment in full).

I want to thank each congregant who has submitted his/her commitment.

Karen Shepherd
kshepherd10@cox.net

Happy Chanukah from our kids!!!



Clockwise from top left: Madelyn Resnick, A.J. Lovitz, Sydney Callagy, Courtney Anderson.

Although I could not get every movie that was suggested, I think this is a pretty good line up for the season.

Dec 18, 2010

Exodus (1960)

Find a comfy seat for this epic (nearly 4-hour) tale about the founding of Israel. Directed by Otto Preminger and starring Paul Newman, Eva Marie Saint, Lee J. Cobb and Sal Mineo, Exodus is based on the Leon Uris novel of the same name. Israeli resistance fighter Newman attempts to bring 600 European Jews from British-blockaded Cyprus into newly partitioned Palestine after World War II.

Jan 29, 2011

Sophie's Choice

Aspiring author Stingo (Peter MacNicol) shares a Brooklyn boarding house with winsome Polish émigré Sophie (Meryl Streep) and her mercurial lover, Nathan (Kevin Kline) -- a union unsettled by Nathan's violent behavior and Sophie's disturbing recollections of her wartime experience. Stingo uncovers the truth about Sophie, however, when her accounts of her stint at a Nazi concentration camp unravel, laying bare the real source of her torment.

Feb 26, 2011

The Believer

Danny Balint (Ryan Gosling), a young Jewish man from New York City, is struggling with the conflict between his beliefs and his heritage and eventually joins a neo-Nazi organization, rising up the ranks to become a leader in the white supremacy movement. Director Henry Bean's gripping drama, which won the 2001 Jury Prize at Sundance, is a psychological examination into the forces of intolerance, both on the individual and society as a whole.

April 2, 2011 : **Yentl**

April 16, 2011: **I Have Never Forgotten You**

May 21 2011: **Cabaret**

Benefiting the Torah Fund

By Mimi Karesh

As you light the Chanukah candles this year, the Women's League of Temple Emanuel asks you to think of the education of our future rabbis and educators. Your donation to the Torah Fund will benefit the Jewish Theological Seminary.

At the benefactor level of \$180 you will receive the 5771 Torah Fund pin. The pin commemorates the energizing power of women's community. Kehillah Kedoshah (at the top of the pin) was the common term for the Jewish community in Eastern Europe, but it also implies a community bound together by similar values and beliefs. The images contained within this stylized hamsa (hand) reflect women in celebration, dancing and praising. The flame of the Women's League logo alludes to a common purpose and the unbreakable bonds of sisterhood.

Thank you to last year's benefactors: Bertha Chenman, Jeri Furman, Paula Gordon, Mimi Karesh, Jeanne Magowitz, Reva Kelberg, Paula Levy, Stephanie Morrison and Carolyn Osman. And thank you to the others who made us go over our goal to \$2,124: Yardena Abrons, Susan Alper, Roberta Alperin, Gloria Brown, Sheila Friedman, Trudy Friedman, Pearl Glassman, Dorothy Kahn, Sylvia Kaplan, Joy Kaps, Betsy Karotkin, Pamela Levinson, Carol Marx, Norma Milhiser and Lynn Zitron.

My appeal for your donations comes from personal experience. I became involved in the Torah Fund when my daughter Sara studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary from 1992 to 1994, receiving her master's degree in Judaic studies. She loved her time there and made many lasting friendships. So the least I could do was continue our Torah Fund campaign to help strengthen



the seminary.

Sara went on to the University of California at Santa Barbara to get her PhD in comparative religion and now, as Dr. Coxe, teaches Holocaust and Israeli history to 9-12th graders at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville, Md., one of the largest Jewish day schools in the country.

The Torah Fund campaign will help future students like Sara. To make a donation, send your check (made out to Torah Fund) or credit card information to:

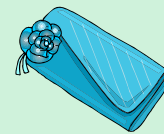
Mimi Karesh
8206 Ocean Front
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

If you have questions, contact Mimi at 422-1386 or malka43@cox.net. Thank you for your contribution. When in New York, please visit the seminary. Or you can visit its web site at www.jtsa.edu.

Holiday Shopping Extravaganza

Sunday, December 5th

12-5pm



Join us for an afternoon of holiday shopping. Great buys on holiday gifts, trendy jewelry, purses, accessories, Pashmina shawls, home décor, Judaica, and MORE!!

Proceeds will benefit the Virginia Beach Maccabi Athletes and Artists traveling to Israel in July 2011.

*The JCC Maccabi Games and ArtsFest are an exciting mix of sports competition, artistic performances, cultural programming, and social activities that give Jewish teens a greater understanding and appreciation of Jewish values.

Where:

Simon Family JCC
5000 Corporate Woods Drive,
Virginia Beach 23462

Phone: 757-321-2338



HAPPENINGS

YOUNG AT HEART

Thursday, December 9, at noon: Our Young at Heart speaker is Dr. Gary Siegel, on osteoporosis. Be sure to RSVP by Monday, Dec. 6, to Fay Rappaport (422-0235) so we can plan on the number for lunch.

Young at Heart is cancelled for Thursday, December 23.

HOLIDAY ROAD CLOSINGS

Saturday, Dec. 4, The annual Holiday at the Beach parade (5:30 – 7 p.m.) will close off oceanfront roads at the following times:

3 – 5 p.m. (limited access) 7th - 15th Streets on Atlantic Avenue and 200 blocks.

5 - 8 p.m. (no vehicular access) for entire route: 7th – 29th Streets.

BEGINNERS HEBREW

Don't know your aleph from your bet? Can't read the Siddur during services? An adult beginners' Hebrew class, taught by Rabbi Mandell, is held on Sunday mornings from 10:45 to noon (after minyan). Drop your kids off at Sunday School, then stay on and learn to read Hebrew. You will enjoy participating more at services.

G'MACH FOOD DRIVE

Help feed the needy at the JCOC

Four times a year, we at Temple Emanuel prepare hot meals and serve the hungry at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center. Our next date to feed the hungry is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Please contact Joy Kaps to sign up as soon as possible; e-mail her at Joy2624@verizon.net or call 422-2624. The dates for 2011 are Jan. 9, April 10, July 10 and Sept. 11.

If you don't have time to shop, Joy will do it for you. The JCOC is at 1053 Virginia Beach Blvd., near Bird-neck Road.

BOOK CLUB MEETING

"The Plot Against America" by Philip Roth will be the featured selection at the book club's next meeting on Jan. 3, at 6:45 in the temple's Social Hall. Wikipedia describes this 2004 novel as "an alternate history in which Franklin Delano Roosevelt is defeated in the presidential election of 1940 by Charles Lindbergh. The novel follows the fortunes of the Roth family during the Lindbergh presidency, as anti-Semitism becomes more accepted in American life and Jewish-American families like the Roths are persecuted on various levels. The narrator and central character in the novel is the young Philip, and the care with which his confusion and terror are rendered makes the novel as much about the mysteries of growing up as about American politics."

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Martin Silfen at 496-0360, Pamela Brown at 470-0476 or Paula Krukin Levy at 467-6677. If you need an audio version of this book, contact Pamela Brown.

G'MACH COOKING

The G'Mach Committee will be cooking in the Temple kitchen on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 12:30 pm to restock the freezers. Please contact Paula Levy at 467-6677 to volunteer.

FOOD PANTRY

Juice, box milk, peanut butter, jelly (no glass), fruit cups and cereal are needed. Donations may be dropped off at the Temple office during normal office hours. A food bin is also placed at the back of the Sanctuary for your convenience. Monetary donations can be designated for the Food Pantry as well.

ADULT EDUCATION

TIKKUN OLAM LECTURES

Our monthly lecture series focus on Tikkun Olam, emphasizing people and organizations that strive to make the world a better place. Join us for Minyan at 9:30 a.m., breakfast at 10 and our speaker at 10:30. Please RSVP to the Temple office.



Dec: 5: Maggie Kirsh will discuss the rehabilitation of child Holocaust survivors in Britain and Palestine/Israel. Kirsh, born and raised in Virginia Beach, began her exploration of Jewish studies at the College of William and Mary. Before undertaking a PhD in history at the University of Wisconsin, she received a masters in Jewish Studies from Oxford University in England, where she also researched questions of identity concerning Jewish children hidden as Catholics during the Holocaust. Kirsh has interned at the Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation in Oswiecim, Poland, and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. After a year as visiting instructor of Jewish Studies at William and Mary, she is now at work on her dissertation on the rehabilitation of the child holocaust survivor. Last year she took time out to get married – at our own Temple Emanuel!

If you plan to attend any activities or classes, it would help if you call or e-mail the temple office so we know how many to expect.

TZEDAKAH

ANGEL FUND

The Havel family: Thank you to all our Temple Emanuel family for your help with Julia's Bat Mitzvah.

Roza and Lev Shikhman: In honor of Sharon Elstein and wishing her a speedy recovery.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY

The Havel family: Thank you, Rabbi Mandell, for all your help and support preparing for Julia's Bat Mitzvah.

Marcia Hofheimer: Thank you, Rabbi Mandell.

The Feigenbaum family: Thank you, Rabbi Mandell.

Elayne Lavenstein Axel: In honor of Hal and Judy Abroms receiving Outstanding Philanthropist award and in honor of Carole Weinstein receiving Woman of Valor award.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Louis Osman (multiple donations): In memory of my mother, Carolyn Osman.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Paula and Jim Gordon: To Sharon Elstein, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

G'MACH

Toby Pekarsky: Praying for Sharon Elstein's recovery.

The Havel family: Thanks to Yardena Abroms for all her help preparing Julia and our family for her Bar Mitzvah.

Bob and Donna Fischer: In memory of my mother, Sally Fischer, and my father, Abraham Fischer, on their yahrzeits.

Joseph and Irene Weinstrob: In honor of Robert Alperin's recovery.

G'MACH FOOD PANTRY

Paula and Ronnie Levy: Wishing Suzanne Weinstein a complete and speedy recovery.

Joy Kaps, Martin Schuman and families: In memory of Carole Sclar's dear sister Gloria Kaminsky.

GENERAL

Joy Kaps: In memory of my husband, Sandford Kaps, on his yahrzeit.

Aides Maggy, Fran, Terry and Dee: In honor and celebration of Bertha Chenman's 88th birthday.

Martin Marin: In memory of my father, Samuel Marin, on his yahrzeit.

Carol and Stanley Wilner: In memory of Betty Rosenblatt on her yahrzeit.

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Dec. 4: Steven and Lisa Warsof in honor of their son, David Warsof's Bar Mitzvah.

Dec. 11: Eileen Fleishman in honor of Lisa Manley's conversion.

Dec. 18: *Sponsor needed*

Dec. 25: *Sponsor needed*

Sponsor or share a sponsorship for a delicious Shabbat Kiddush for \$100 to honor someone or to celebrate a simcha. To reserve a date, contact Joy Kaps at 422.2624 or joy2624@verizon.net

DONATIONS TO TEMPLE FUNDS

Temple Emanuel requires payment at the time of the donation, when cards are sent in honor or in memory of someone. The minimum donation is \$7.50. You may mail in or drop off your request. You can even send an e-mail and put a check in the mail at the same time. Be sure to include the full name and address of the recipient and the name of the fund that you have chosen.

The funds are:

- ❖ Angel Fund
- ❖ Earl Boster Torah Fund
- ❖ Building Fund
- ❖ Endowment Fund
- ❖ Deutsch Scholarship Fund
- ❖ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- ❖ Flower Fund
- ❖ General Fund
- ❖ Library Fund
- ❖ Pincus Forum Fund
- ❖ Religious School Fund
- ❖ Prayer Book Fund
- ❖ G'Mach (Acts of Loving Kindness) Fund

Party's Etc.

- +Catering
- +Floral Art and Parties
- +Party Planning
- +Homemade Baked Goods
- +Kosher Catering

Call for Sue Adler for consultation - 588-2276

Leave a message or email:

PartyEtc@aol.com



Gail Gogan shows off coats she purchased for a needy family at Chanukah, collected by JFS.

December 2010
24 Kislev 5771 - 24 Tevet 5771

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1 6:57AM/4:48PM Erev Hanukkah 24 Kislev	2 6:58AM/4:48PM \$5:33PM Hanukkah I 1:30 pm Torah Class 25 Kislev	3 6:59AM/4:48PM \$5:33PM/ij4:30PM Hanukkah II 26 Kislev	4 7:00AM/4:48PM \$5:33PM Hanukkah III David Warsof Bar Mitzvah Kiddush luncheon sponsored by Steven and Lisa Warsof in honor of David's Bar Mitzvah 27 Kislev
5 7:01AM/4:48PM \$5:33PM Hanukkah IV 10:30 am Maggie Kirsh 11:00 am Hanukkah Program & Lunch 28 Kislev	6 7:02AM/4:48PM \$5:33PM Hanukkah V 29 Kislev	7 7:03AM/4:48PM \$5:33PM Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VI 30 Kislev	8 7:04AM/4:48PM \$5:33PM Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VII 1 Tevet	9 7:04AM/4:48PM \$5:33PM Hanukkah VIII 12:00 pm Young at Heart 1:30 pm Torah Class 2 Tevet	10 7:05AM/4:48PM ij4:30PM 3 Tevet	11 7:06AM/4:48PM \$5:33PM Kiddush luncheon sponsored by Eileen Fleischman in honor of Lisa Manley's conversion Shabbat Children's Service 4 Tevet
12 7:07AM/4:48PM 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Camp Day 12:30 pm G'Mach Cooking 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Kadima USY Ice Skating at Iceland 5 Tevet	13 7:07AM/4:49PM 6 Tevet	14 7:08AM/4:49PM 7:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting 7 Tevet	15 7:09AM/4:49PM 8 Tevet	16 7:10AM/4:50PM 1:30 pm Torah Class 9 Tevet	17 7:10AM/4:50PM \$5:35PM/ij4:32PM Fast of Tevet 10 New Member Shabbat Dinner - following services 10 Tevet	18 7:11AM/4:50PM \$5:35PM Saturday Night at the Movies featuring Exodus 11 Tevet
19 7:11AM/4:51PM 12 Tevet	20 7:12AM/4:51PM 13 Tevet	21 7:12AM/4:52PM 14 Tevet	22 7:13AM/4:52PM 15 Tevet	23 7:13AM/4:53PM 1:30 pm Torah Class 16 Tevet	24 7:14AM/4:53PM ij4:35PM Office Closed 17 Tevet	25 7:14AM/4:54PM \$5:39PM 18 Tevet
26 7:15AM/4:54PM No Religious School 19 Tevet	27 7:15AM/4:55PM 20 Tevet	28 7:15AM/4:56PM 21 Tevet	29 7:16AM/4:56PM 22 Tevet	30 7:16AM/4:57PM 1:30 pm Torah Class 23 Tevet	31 7:16AM/4:58PM ij4:40PM 24 Tevet	