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TEMPLE TALK

January 2011

Tevet—Shevat 5771



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 Caitlin O. Bromberg
 Cantor
 Rabbi Sharon Litwin
 Education Director
 Denis Vogel
 President



Family Service

Friday, January 7
 7:00 pm

Families with children of all ages are encouraged to attend.
 Led by Cantor Bromberg and Rabbi Litwin.
 We look forward to *davening* with the whole family!

Nosh & Drash

Saturday, January 15

9:00 to 10:00am

Preliminary Service and *Shacharit*

10:00 to 11:00am

Light *Kiddush* Breakfast and Communal
Torah Study

11:00 am to 12:30pm

Torah Service and *Musaf*



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Sisterhood Shabbat

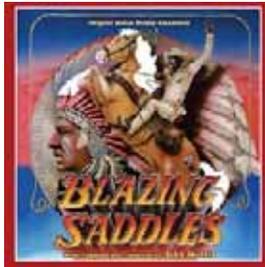
Friday, January 21

8:30 pm

Saturday, January 22

9:00 am

Services led by members of Sisterhood



Movie Night

Blazing Saddles

Sunday, January 23

7:00 pm



Brandeis
 Men's Club

Presents:

Murder Mystery Evening!

Saturday Evening Jan. 29, 2011

8:00pm - 10:30pm appx.

\$36/Person - At T.I. Social Hall

Sign up soon to be included in the plot!

Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Dessert Wines!

The Setting: You are going to the estate of Jonathan Taylor for the social event of the year.
 The Crime: A shot rang out. Two minutes later Taylor was found in the wine cellar and was pronounced dead from a gunshot wound. To be continued Jan. 29th! We need your help to solve this!

Added Bonus!!! We will also have the culmination of a 50/50 cash raffle so make your plans now!

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



Exciting Program of Special Friday Night Services

I am happy to share a program of special Friday night services that Cantor Bromberg and I have been planning. Roughly once a month we will be offering a Friday night service devoted to a specific approach or style of prayer. There are multiple avenues of spirituality and the measure of “success” is not reaching a destination, but rather, effecting movement. Which approaches appeal to us? What music reaches my soul to tell me that it is *Shabbat*? What ideas focus my mind on *Shabbat*? On each of the six Friday nights planned below we will explore a different way of welcoming *Shabbat*, and spend time discussing how it worked. Please join us and journey with us!

January 14: Sephardic/Ladino Friday night. Learn and sing the melodies of the Sephardic/Ladino heritage.

January 28: Carlebach Friday night. The melodies of Shlomo Carlebach have become popular in *Kabbalat Shabbat* services around the world. Experience the *niggunim*. I have no idea how to translate the word “*niggun*” but come that night and you will learn what it is!

March 18: German-Jewish Friday night. Following a March 6 (Sunday morning) lesson by Cantor Bromberg for my German-Jewish history class on German-Jewish liturgical music, we will at this service experience the sounds of the “High Synagogue” music of German Jewry...but without the organ.

April 15: Spiritual Journeys Friday night. Continuing a tradition of Temple Israel, we will listen to the spiritual journey of a few of our members, sharing spiritual reflection and learning how Judaism is both personal and communal, learned and experienced.

May 6: Hasidic Friday night. The melodies of Hasidic prayer will help us feel the joy and celebration that comes with each sanctification of *Shabbat*.

June 10: Renewal Friday night. Come learn about the newest approaches to prayer and spirituality in Judaism.

No individual Jew can be comfortable with all of these approaches. However, experiencing the multitude of voices and sound from within our tradition can help us understand our location on the map of our own spiritual journeys. We will learn, as well, that there is no “one way” to pray. I look forward to learning and experiencing together. I know this will be an exciting series for all of us.

Travel to Germany with Temple Israel & Rabbi Fine, April 3-10!

On this special tour, led by German-Jewish history scholar, Rabbi David J. Fine, PhD, we will visit Berlin, Cologne, Frankfurt, Worms and Munich. Seeing the sites we’ve been learning about all year will truly bring this class to life. However, please note: participation in the class not dependent on a commitment to the trip, nor is trip participation limited to class members.

Open to the entire community, but space is limited, so make your reservations today! Contact Israel Tour Connection for complete information/registration: <http://www.israeltours.com/categories/israel-tours/europe-tours/temple-israel-and-jewish-community-centers-seven-day-seminar-tour-of-jewish-germany.html>

COMMENTS FROM THE CANTOR



Two New Year Celebrations

Judaism is about living our lives consciously. Our rituals and prayers ask us to stop, take notice of the blessings and challenges of life, acknowledge them and celebrate them. Our lunar-solar calendar gives us an awareness of the earth's seasons as

well as the cycles of the solar system. Our heritage in the land of Israel gives us a simultaneous awareness of the seasons of the land of Israel, and of wherever we live – assuming that most of us live in the Diaspora. As Rabbi Fine has been teaching in his Survey of German-Jewish History, the constant dilemma of the Jewish people since the end of the 18th century has been, “how do we live simultaneously in the modern world and in the world of Judaism?”

At every season of the year, there is a holiday on the secular-American calendar that has a counterbalancing Jewish holiday. We are very aware of this in December, with the proximity of *Hanukkah* and Christmas. Despite the many theological and cultural differences between *Hanukkah* and Christmas, what they share is the common symbol of lighting lights at the darkest time of the year. Then comes January. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! January 1 is a noisy holiday of parties, late nights, overindulgence in food and drink, football games and lively social gatherings. The Jewish calendar also has a New Year at this time of year. *Tu B'Shevat*, the New Year for Trees, occurs on January 20. Why is anybody talking about a New Year in what is usually the middle of the season of winter? It is more logical to think of beginnings at a time when the seasons change, not mid-season!

The secular New Year, or more correctly, the New Year of the standard Gregorian calendar, occurs ten days after the Winter Solstice. That is enough time to become aware that the days are just beginning to become longer. A month after the Winter Solstice, approximately the time of

Tu B'Shevat, it is possible to see even more changes in nature, even though in our hemisphere, the weather remains cold. It is interesting that both of these New Year holidays are related to taxation. January 1-December 31 is the secular year in the U.S. for calculating federal and state taxes. In ancient Israel, the period from *Tu B'Shevat* to the next *Tu B'Shevat* was the interval during which the produce of trees was calculated for offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem.

The psychological or superstitious value of both of these holidays is reassurance that spring will come. Human beings are programmed to feel anxious about survival, about the basic needs of food, clothing and shelter, no matter how many centuries of civilization have given us reason to feel secure. The harsh seasons, such as winter in Europe and North America, or summer in the desert, are particularly fearsome. People need regular reassurance, reason to hope that better times are around the corner. The brilliance of Judaism in addressing this need is in the regularity of our holiday cycle as it is tied to the lunar calendar. If holidays are just tied to the solar seasons, there are four main holiday times a year. However, people's emotional needs and life experience seem to wax and wane at shorter intervals, more like the cycles of the moon. Every month we celebrate *Rosh Chodesh*, the New Moon, as the previous lunar month ends and the new begins. Our prayers at that time invite us to reflect on the month past, and to focus our intentions for the month to come. Our holidays tend to come at either the full moon or the new moon, except when absolutely tied to a specific Hebrew date, such as *Hanukkah* on the 25th of Kislev. Therefore, we have an opportunity to become conscious twice each Hebrew month, and to focus our emotional, spiritual, practical and physical energy on the blessings and challenges immediately facing us. So enjoy your New Year celebration....and then celebrate again on *Tu B'Shevat*.



Todah Rabah to December's Torah and Haftarah Readers!

Cheryl Alterman, Pam Cohen, David Cox, Abe Davis, Chris Dobkins, Leonard Eisen, Howard Gilman, Stephanie Gottesman, Jaimie Kreitman, Adi Melamed, Elan Melamed, Jared Miller, David Millman, Allen Rubin, Jennifer Schuler, Elaine Silverstein, Sandy Wechsler, Anne Wolf.



Yasher Koach to Jeffrey Zachem, who read all three *aliyot* at Junior Congregation, December 11!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's January, the cast is off my foot (at least I hope so as I have to write this article long before events actually occur) and we begin the second half of our synagogue year. Our fundraising initiatives are giving us a sense of stability while the excitement created by our programming is creating a buzz that you can feel when you walk in the building.

Shabbat is a time when we can share a weekly celebration of life together as a community. Every Friday night and Saturday morning, we get together to sing, pray and *nosh* together. We form many of our synagogue connections on *Shabbat*, whether it is personal or spiritual.

Recently we celebrated the 70th anniversary of Len Eisen's Bar Mitzvah (earlier this fall we also celebrated a significant anniversary of Abe Davis's Bar Mitzvah). He shared his joy of reaching this landmark with the entire congregation. The sanctuary was alive and full of the spirit of the occasion. It was a priceless event, full of love and *nachas*.

Every time someone shares their *simcha* with the congregation, it enriches all of our lives. We see the joy of learning and accomplishment. We share special occasions in our friends' lives, whether it be birthdays, anniversaries or other life cycle events. The communal nature of sharing enriches the entire community.

So what am I getting at?

Glad you asked.

I want all of you to consider sponsoring a *Kiddush* or an *Oneg* to celebrate an event in your life or your family's life with the entire community. When we all share, we all have a reason to rejoice with you. We build a greater connection to our synagogue and our neighbors. Seeing the joy on Len's face as well as his family's proved to me the power of communal involvement. I would not have missed that *Shabbat* service for the world. Please share your special occasions with us so I don't have to miss yours either.

Denis

EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



December was a wonderful month in our religious school. *Chanukah* started with a bang on the first night, as *Kitot Aleph, Bet and Gimmel* lit the first candle after rehearsing with Cantor Caitlin for our *Chanukah* Cantata. Our entire school celebrated the Festival of Lights together at our annual *Chanukah* Celebration. We were treated to a wonderful magic show, our dreidel spinning contest, latkes with the Brandeis Men's Club, *gelt* donated by the Puritz Family and our amazingly wonderful not-quite-ready-for-prime time *Chanukah* Cantata. We thank the Fels Family for sponsoring our magician again this year, and we hope that we will have the opportunity to see Chris the Magician again-he was fabulous.

On the 7th night of *Chanukah*, our *Kitah Dalet and Kitah Hey* students traipsed across the parking lot through to our neighbors at Van Dyk Manor and brought *Chanukah* greetings to the residents there. We sang a few songs, explained the meanings of the songs, sang the candle blessings and gave chocolate *gelt* to the residents. It was a wonderful experience for the students to spend time in the nursing home and for them to interact with the residents.

Last month, I mistakenly left out Ashley Caruso's name in my list of Project *Yoetz* Volunteers, so I thank her this month as I mention that we have begun our Winter season of high school volunteers at religious school. We welcome our new volunteers who are working one on one with some of our students to help them with their Hebrew reading, *Tefillah* goals, class assignments and other projects. Our Fall volunteers have had an overwhelmingly positive experience in the classroom and four of them have agreed to continue into the Winter!

On December 17, our *Kitah Dalet and Kitah Hey* students led *Shabbat* services for the community. I thank them and Cantor Bromberg for preparing for this special service and thank their parents for sponsoring the *oneg* that evening.

In January our *Kitah Hey* will begin studying about *Tefillin* and will once again "Build A Pair" of arts and crafts *Tefillin* in preparation for World Wide Wrap. *Kitah Dalet* will continue to attend the *Kehillah* Partnership Israel Education through the arts workshops, and *Kitot Aleph, Bet and Gimmel* will celebrate *Tu B'shvat* with a special *Seder* which will include tasting fruits from Israel.

Rabbi Sharon



Please keep the following dates in mind as you plan for January and February:

January 7 – Family Services

January 8 and 29 – Junior Congregation

January 16 – *Kitah Dalet to Kehillah*

January 16 – No Religious School – Martin Luther King Weekend

February 5 – Junior Congregation

February 6 -- World Wide Wrap

February 11 – Family Services

February 11-12 – *El Al and Kadima Shabbaton*

February 20-27 – No school for Presidents Week Vacation



MILESTONES

Births

Meirav Goldberg, granddaughter of Sandy & Joe Wechsler

We wish our newborns and her family strength, good health, and joy

REFUAH SHELEIMAH

Chuck Adrian Rabbi Selig Salkowitz

We wish complete healing of body and spirit to all who confront illness.

DEATHS

Richard Hochman, uncle of Laura Brody

May the families be comforted among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

ONEG/KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

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| Jan 7 | OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP-FAMILY SERVICE |
| Jan 14 | OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP |
| Jan 21 | Sisterhood in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat |
| Jan 28 | Temple Israel in honor of our Chai Campaign donors |

Kiddush Sponsors

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| Jan. 1 | OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP |
| Jan 8 | Robert & Rita Obeiter in honor of the 44th anniversary of Robert's <i>bar mitzvah</i> and Linda & Jordan Joseph in honor of the aufruf of their son Jeffrey and Lisa Bennett |
| Jan 22 | Sisterhood in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat |
| Jan 29 | OPEN FOR SPONSORSHIP |



Do YOU have something to celebrate?

Please celebrate with us on *Shabbat* by sponsoring an *Oneg* or a *Kiddush*.

No upcoming celebrations? Then join the *Kiddush Club* for \$144. Just send your check marked "*Kiddush Club*", to the synagogue office. We'll do the rest. All you need to do is come to *Shabbat* services and enjoy!

SIMCHA FAIR

**Sunday, January 9, 2011
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



Simcha Fair!

**Free
Admission**



*Prepare now for your upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah, or other Simcha.
Many vendors of services you may require will be in attendance:*

**Caterers
Kosher Foods
Party Favors
Invitations
Florists
Photographers
Religious Articles such as Kipot, Talesim, etc.
And many others!**

Discuss, or help refine your ideas, with these vendors that target these kinds of events!

They will all be on hand at our Simcha Fair!

CIRCLE OF HONOR

The Circle of Honor campaign is an ongoing campaign for operational support of the synagogue.

The Circle of Honor:

Ensures we can continue to welcome individuals and families at all levels of support.

Enables us to provide our high quality and essential program and services.

Provides long-term financial stability for the synagogue.

Those listed in the Circle of Honor have pledged funds to the synagogue above dues and other fees for three consecutive years. Goodwill and Ways and Means support are included within the Circle of Honor pledge, at the various levels.

Our Circle of Honor continues to grow. Please consider joining in support of Temple Israel. Call the office and a member of the Circle of Honor Committee will be more than happy to meet with you.

Benefactor's Circle (\$10,000)

Annual Listing on Lobby Plaque

Recognition in Temple Talk

4 High Holiday Pew Seats

4 tickets to Ways & Means Dinner

Platinum Full Page Journal Ad

Year round reserved parking space

Patron's Circle (\$5,000)

Annual Listing on Lobby Plaque

Recognition in Temple Talk

2 High Holiday Pew Seats

2 Tickets to Ways & Means Dinner

Silver Full Page Journal Ad

Sustainer's Circle (\$7,500)

Annual Listing on Lobby Plaque

Recognition in Temple Talk

4 High Holiday Pew Seats

4 tickets to Ways & Means Dinner

Gold Full Page Journal Ad

High Holiday reserved parking space

Pillar's Circle (\$3,600)

Annual Listing on Lobby Plaque

Recognition in Temple Talk

2 High Holiday Pew Seats

2 Tickets to Ways & Means Dinner

Half Page Ad Journal

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Annual Listing on Lobby Plaque

Recognition in Temple Talk

2 High Holiday Pew Seats

2 Tickets to Ways & Means Dinner

Quarter Page Journal Ad

The Circle of Honor will be displayed on a lobby plaque that will appear in early 2011. The design will allow us to reprint the names on an annual basis. All pledges closed on or before December 31, 2010 will appear on the 2011 plaque.

TODAH RABBAH TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

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Beth & Freddie Kotek

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ADULT EDUCATION

It's Not Too Late to Study German-Jewish History with Rabbi Fine on Sunday mornings, 10:30 am-Noon!

Join the dozens who are enjoying this fascinating survey course from our own German-Jewish history scholar-in-residence, Rabbi David J. Fine, PhD. New students always welcome.

Remaining Class Dates: January 9, 23, 30; February 13; March 6 (German-Jewish music with Cantor Bromberg), 13, 27 (German-Jewish music with Cantor Bromberg) (last scheduled class before trip)

Plus...

✦ **Tuesday Evening Talmud with Rabbi Fine** at 8:00 pm: Tractate Sanhendrin in English translation. New students always welcome, and no prior knowledge required

✦ **Music & Meaning with Cantor Bromberg**—January 29. A 4 session mini-course with Cantor Bromberg following Kiddush. Study how music and prayer combine to create spiritual meaning and learn new melodies. (3/12, 4/16, 5/14).

✦ **Prayerbook Hebrew**, a 6-session mini-course on Shabbat, following Kiddush, with Educational Director Rabbi Sharon Litwin. Next date: January 8

Sunday Night at the Movies: January 23 at 7:00 pm will feature “*Blazing Saddles*,” Mel Brooks’ 1974 send-up of the traditional Western is known for its Jewish humor and Yiddishisms

***Todah Rabah* to our Adult Ed donors!**

Our sincere thanks to Temple Israel members who have already made donations this year to adult education to help keep our programming vibrant. Donations are still being accepted, and additional names will be published in subsequent editions of *Temple Talk*.

Susan Amsterdam -- Friend
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Johanna & Michael Rosen, in memory of Amy & Samuel Resnick -- Other
Jane & Richard Rosen -- Patron
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Linda & Robert VanGrover

WAYS AND MEANS

Happy 2011!

Among your new year's list of resolutions and other "to-do's," we hope you've resolved to help make Temple Israel's Jubilee Anniversary on Grove Street a great success!

There are many ways to participate, all of which may be easier than dropping ten pounds, cleaning the clutter out of the garage or getting to bed by midnight. Simply:

- Place a personal tribute or business ad in the commemorative tribute journal, and/or contact businesses you frequent to do the same
- Donate a gourmet dinner at your home or favorite restaurant, a pair of tickets to a hot Broadway Show, the week at your timeshare you never get to use or a coveted piece of sports memorabilia, etc. to enrich our silent auction
- Gather friends to buy tickets for the event, especially former Temple members you've been meaning to catch up with
- Volunteer for one of the event committees to have fun, connect with others and strengthen your ties to the Temple community

As always, the more the merrier and the easier it will be to reach our fundraising goals!



**Sunday, March 13, 2011
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Lavishly Catered Buffet~Vodka Bar~Jazz Ensemble~DJ~

Silent Auction

To volunteer and join the fun, contact Jo Rosen, 201-670-8199 or joresnickrosen@gmail.com

Jo Rosen
Chairperson

JUBILEE AD JOURNAL



JOURNAL FORM 2011

Circle your Tribute / Ad Selection:

<i>Platinum (Full Page)</i>	\$3,600
<i>Back Cover (Outside)</i>	\$3,600
<i>Back Cover (Inside)</i>	\$1,800
<i>Gold (Full Page)</i>	\$1,800
<i>Silver (Full Page)</i>	\$1,000
<i>White (Full Page)</i>	\$750
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<i>Quarter Page</i>	\$250
<i>Business Card</i>	\$125

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Address: _____
Telephone: _____
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Ad solicited by: _____
Date: _____

Checks payable to "Temple Israel" and ad copy must be received by our office no later than February 21, 2011. Ad copy in electronic form may be submitted to party11@synagogue.org

All ads need to be "camera ready"

All contributions are tax deductible

Thank you for your generous support!

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PARTY REGISTRY 2011

Please help us reach our goal of raising \$75,000 (net) or more for operating our beloved shul.

Dues cover only ½ of our total operating expenses. Goodwill and other donations cover the balance. Please give generously and from your heart.

I would like to contribute: (check on the line)

\$10,000.00 _____

\$ 7, 200.00 _____

\$ 5,000.00 _____

\$ 3,600.00 _____

\$ 1,800.00 _____

Please recognize my contribution as a sponsor of:

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All donations are fully tax deductible.

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SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

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Jubilee Celebration On March 13, 2011

For Office Use Only

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TIKKUN OLAM

Hebrew School Kids Keeps on Giving

In addition to our quarterly Homeless Feeding program, Yom Kippur Food Drive and donations to Mazon, Rabbi Litwin and the children of the Hebrew School have incorporated the act of providing food for those less fortunate into their ongoing activities. Each month during the school year, one class selects and collects one to three food items to donate to Ridgewood Social Services. The results to date are:

October	<i>Kitah Hey</i>	Macaroni and Cheese
November	<i>Kitah Dalet</i>	Peanut Butter
December	<i>Kitah Gimmel</i>	Tuna Fish

We applaud this act of making Tikkun Olam part of our ongoing activity as the number of those who go hungry has increased during these very challenging economic times.

Save the Dates:

Homeless Feeding—February 8

Blood Drive—March 6

If you would like more information on either of these programs, please contact Nadine at nzgnzg@aol.com

OPEN MIC



Second Open Mic – Sunday, January 30, 2011 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

If you would like to reserve time to perform please contact me at mrosen5670@aol.com or 201-670-8199.

Performers of all ages are welcome and bring your family and friends to enjoy our talented congregants.

November's Open Mic proved to be a wonderful afternoon of incredible music and art - as well as laughter and fun.

Michael Rosen

BRANDEIS MEN'S CLUB

Brandeis
Men's Club



BMC provided and served latkes, apple sauce and drinks at the annual Chanukah party. Thank you to Howard Schreiber, Lou Levene, Alex Rothschild and David Millman. Thank you to Evan Dobkins for supplying the apple juice.

We also raffled off an Xbox 360 Elite which was donated by our member Wayne Miller and raised \$360. Thank you to Wayne. The lucky winner of the Xbox was Evan Dobkins.

On Sunday December 12, we held the first of what we hope will be many programs in the Hearing Men's Voices series sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Barry Kaplan lead a heartfelt and meaningful discussion regarding caring for aging parents. Thank you to David Millman for spearheading the event.

The annual Ski Trip to Belleayre Mountain is scheduled for January 16. Last minute participants should call Denis Vogel 201-670-1642 or e-mail bmc@synagogue.org. \$35.00/person for, lift and lessons if desired. Beginners welcome. \$23.00 equipment rental. Open to all Temple Israel members & their families. Car pools available to the slope.



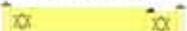
On Sunday, February 6, please join us for the World Wide Wrap. *Kitah Hey* students attend *Shacharit* service with a parent. Rabbi Fine will offer instruction and discussion. Rabbi Litwin and David Millman will also be on hand for assistance.

Two books of **raffle tickets** were mailed to Temple Israel members. (Please note there were errors in the cover letter: Each book contains 5 tickets, not 12 or 6 tickets.). The price for one ticket is \$25. The price for a 5- ticket book is \$100. First Prize: 35% of Raffle Proceeds. Second Prize: 10% of Raffle Proceeds. Third Prize: 5% of Raffle Proceeds. Please help the Men's Club by purchasing and selling raffle tickets and books.



Winners will be announced at the January 29, 2011 Murder Mystery Night and notified by phone or mail if they are not present at the event.

Brandeis
Men's Club

 *Presents:*

Murder Mystery Evening!

Saturday Evening Jan. 29, 2011

8:00pm - 10:30pm appx.
\$36/Person - At T.I. Social Hall
Sign up soon to be included in the plot!

Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Dessert Wines!

The Setting: You are going to the estate of Jonathan Taylor for the social event of the year.
The Crime: A shot rang out. Two minutes later Taylor was found in the wine cellar and was pronounced dead from a gunshot wound. To be continued Jan. 29th! We need your help to solve this!

Added Bonus!!! We will also have the culmination of a 50/50 cash raffle so make your plans now!

SISTERHOOD

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for Sisterhood *Shabbat*, Fri. and Sat., Jan. 21-22. As always, the *davening* and torah reading will be done exclusively by Sisterhood members. Please contact Sandy Wechsler or Anne Wolf for a part in the service (Friday evening or Saturday, English or Hebrew). Join us in this wonderful event.

This year we will honor the first group of Sisterhood members to be inducted into *Kolot Bi K'dushah*, Women's League's honorary organization of torah readers and daveners. Torah reading by congregants is an important Temple Israel tradition, and we hope to honor additional people each year. This year's honorees are:

Cheryl Alterman
Debbie Cantor
Chris Dobkins
Tamara Freeman
Stephanie Gottesman
Beth Kotek
Elyse Levene

Eve Mensch
Peri Namerow
Nanette Rosenbaum
Barbara Schneider
Elaine Silverstein
Sandy Wechsler
Anne Wolf

Thanks

Thanks to everyone who attended Progressive Dinner, to committee chair Cheryl Alterman, and to all our host families:

Tamara and Barry Freeman
Debbie and Marc Cantor
Hayley and Jeff Gluck
Suzanne and Fred Holden
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YOUTH

EL-AL

I had a great time hanging out with the El Al-niks and baking *Hanukkah* cookies, playing *dreidel* and eating *gelt* at our post-*Hanukkah* Party on December 12. We have a great time together and it is wonderful to see the kids getting along so well. In January we will be making a map of Israel out of ice cream. Stay cool in the winter with a tasty creamy treat, on January 23, 12:45pm-2:15pm. And please plan to attend our El Al *Shabbaton* in February 11-12. We will be having special family services, lots of fun programming especially for 4th and 5th graders, sleeping overnight in the *shul*, and having a great time together over a whole *Shabbat*. I hope you will attend and I hope we can have 2-3 parents to chaperone as well.

Happy Secular New Year!
-Rabbi Sharon

Hi Everyone!!! I hope everyone had an excellent school vacation! In January Kadima is celebrating winter at its best. Sunday, January 9 we are going to go ice skating at The Ice House and Lounge Night will be held on Wednesday the 19. **Reminder:** Don't forget the Weekend of February 11 is the *Shabbaton* and I hope everyone is going to join us Friday, Saturday and/or for the entire event!! It will be a fun time spent with your friends and of course me!!

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We encourage any and all donations to Temple Israel. The following are suggested giving opportunities in which the funds are used to support all aspects of synagogue life:

Temple Israel Operating Fund	any amount
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<i>Siddur Sim Shalom</i> for Weekdays	\$54
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January 2011

Tevet – Shevat 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>Vaera</i> 9:00 am Service 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i>
Babysitting Available during service at 9:00 am, Rm # 5						
2 No School 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i>	3	4 6:00 pm Torah Club 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i> 8:00 pm Talmud w/Rabbi Fine	5	6 Rosh Chodesh	7 4:26 pm Candle Lighting 7:00 pm Family Service	8 <i>Bo</i> 9:00 am Service 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i> 10:30 am Jr. Congregation 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 1:00 pm Siddur Hebrew w/Rabbi Sharon
9 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> Pre-K 10:30 am Sunday Morning w/Rabbi Fine 10:30 am B'nei Mitzvah Parent's Mtg & Fair Kadima Ice Skating	10 Men's Club Mtg (offsite)	11 6:00 pm Torah Club 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i> 8:00 pm Talmud w/Rabbi Fine	12 12:30 pm Hazak 8:00 pm Board of Directors	13	14 4:33 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	15 <i>Beshalach</i> Shabbat Shira 9:00 am Nosh & Drash 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i>
16 No School 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> BMC Ski Trip	17 Martin Luther King Day Office Closed	18 6:00 pm Torah Club 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i> 8:00 pm Talmud w/Rabbi Fine	19 6:30 pm Kadima Lounge Night Tu B'Shevat Cooking Class w/Tamara Freeman 7:30 pm Tikkun Olam Mtg 8:00 pm School Mtg	20	21 4:41 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	22 <i>Yitro</i> 9:00 am Service Sisterhood Shabbat 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i>
23 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> 10:30 am Sunday Morning w/Rabbi Fine El AL Event 7:00 pm –Movie Blazing Saddles	24	25 6:00 pm Torah Club 7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i> 8:00 pm Rabbi's Class	26 7:30 pm Membership Mtg 8:00 pm Tikkun Olam Mtg	27	28 4:50 pm Candle Lighting 8:30 pm Service	29 <i>Mishpatim</i> 9:00 am Service 10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i> 10:30 am Jr. Congregation 1:00 pm Music & Meaning w/Cantor 8:00 pm Men's Club Murder Mystery Evening
30 9:30 am <i>Minyan</i> 10:30 am Sunday Morning w/Rabbi Fine 3:00 -5:00 pm Open Mic	31					

February 2011 Shevat – Adar I 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">Babysitting Available during service at 9:00 am, Rm # 5</p>		<p>1</p> <p>6:00 pm Torah Club</p> <p>7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i></p> <p>8:00 pm Talmud w/Rabbi Fine</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Rosh Chodesh</p> <p>4:59 pm Candle Lighting</p> <p>8:30 pm Service</p>	<p>5 <i>Terumah Rosh Chodesh</i></p> <p>9:00 am Service</p> <p><i>Bat Mitzvah</i> Rebecca Rosenthal</p> <p>10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i></p> <p>10:30 am Jr. Congregation</p>
<p>6 World Wide Wrap</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Minyan</i></p> <p>12:45 pm Cooking for the Homeless Shelter</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Homeless Shelter Feeding</p> <p>6:00 pm Torah Club</p> <p>7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:30 pm Hazak</p> <p>8:00 pm Board Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:07 pm Candle Lighting</p> <p>6:00 pm Youth Dinner</p> <p>7:00 pm Family Service</p>	<p>12 <i>Tetzaveh</i></p> <p>9:00 am Service</p> <p>Youth Shabbat</p> <p>10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i></p> <p>11:00 am Tot Shabbat</p>
Rabbi Fine – Conference (Germany)					El Al & Kadima Shabbaton Friday – Saturday Night	
<p>13</p> <p>9:30 am <i>Minyan</i></p> <p>Pre-K</p> <p>10:30 am Sunday Morning w/Rabbi</p> <p>10:30 Men's Club Mtg</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Men's Club Mtg (offsite)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00 pm Torah Club</p> <p>7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i></p> <p>8:00 pm Talmud w/Rabbi Fine</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Sisterhood Ladies Night Out</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:16 pm Candle Lighting</p> <p>8:30 pm Service</p>	<p>19 <i>Ki Tisa</i></p> <p>9:00 am Service</p> <p>10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i></p>
Rabbi Fine – Vacation					Rabbi Fine – Vacation	
<p>20 No School</p> <p>9:30 am <i>Minyan</i></p>	<p>21 President's Day Office Closed</p>	<p>22 No School</p> <p>7:45 pm <i>Minyan</i></p>	<p>23 No School</p> <p>7:30 pm Membership Mtg</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:24 pm Candle Lighting</p> <p>8:30 pm Service</p>	<p>26 <i>Vayakhel</i></p> <p>9:00 am Nosh & Drash</p> <p>10:30 am <i>Na'areynu</i></p>
<p>27 No School</p> <p>9:30 am <i>Minyan</i></p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">Rabbi Fine – Vacation</p>	<p>28</p>					

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