

Temple e-Talk

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WEDDINGS BETWEEN JEWS & NON-JEWS: WHAT YOUR RABBIS THINK



RABBIS' CORNER

Rabbi Peter S. Levi

Rabbi Rachel Kort

Temple Beth El is fully committed to interfaith families creating Jewish homes and raising Jewish children. We recognize that officiating at interfaith weddings is a tender and sensitive subject for us all. Temple Beth El's clergy are able to act on their understanding of the integrity of the Jewish tradition with respect to officiating at life cycle events. Below are brief statements from your rabbis explaining their positions. We hope you find them informative. You are invited to continue these discussions with your clergy.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WEDDING AND MARRIAGE— RITUAL AND CELEBRATION RABBI PETER S. LEVI

One lesson for me that has continually been confirmed is that while all marriages bring great joy and celebration, intermarriage also brings tears. Adult children feel guilt about rejecting what their parents gave them. Parents feel anxious about potential alienation from their grandchildren. The extended family endeavors to celebrate each other's holidays without confusing the children whose young religious identities are developing. Meanwhile, all are uncertain about where the moving boundaries are.... Almost all our extended families have

OFFICIATING AT INTERFAITH WEDDINGS: A RABBI'S OPPORTUNITY TO HELP INTERFAITH COUPLES CREATE A THRIVING JEWISH FAMILY RABBI RACHEL KORT

I want to use this space to honor the people who helped me reach my decision to officiate at marriages between a Jew and a non-Jew who are committed to creating a Jewish home together.

The people who helped me reach my decision to officiate at interfaith weddings are the interfaith family that I know who fries tostadas for Hanukkah—the family that thoughtfully weaves a spouse's non-Jewish heritage into

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A SPECIAL SHABBAT MARCH 25 & 26

WITH OUR RABBI ALLEN KRAUSE SCHOLAR

RABBI BRADLEY SHAVIT ARTSON

DEAN OF THE ZIEGLER SCHOOL OF RABBINIC STUDIES

Friday, March 25

6pm Services, **7pm** Dinner* (\$18, dairy/fish)

8pm Explore Rabbi Artson's new theology with ideas that resonate with the heart and our intuition.

"Almighty, No Way! Loving the God you Already Know,"

Saturday, March 26

9am Text Study with Rabbi Artson,

"Alexander the Great and the Women Warriors of Africa" *It's really in the Talmud, and it rocks!*

10am Shabbat Worship, **12:30pm** lunch* (no charge)

Rabbi Artson leads a session, **"Life's Lessons from my Son with Autism"** *the incredible and uplifting wisdom learned from his son Jacob's path and the Torah Jacob has taught him.*

*reservations required: please call to make yours!



Check out all of the upcoming events...it's a busy Spring!

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Saturday at 9am: Torah Study

All are welcome to participate in the mitzvah of Torah study as we explore together some of the lessons to be learned from this week's portion. No Hebrew knowledge is necessary, and newcomers are always welcome. Following Torah study there will be a brief lay-led service.

Every Saturday at 9:30am: Conservative Service

Shabbat morning worship, conservative style! Fully participatory, singing, *davening*, Torah reading, followed by *kiddush* and community...all in the chapel!

Every Monday and Thursday at 7am: Morning Minyan

Traditionally, Jews are taught to pray and study Torah every day, and to not have more than three days away from the Torah. To provide for this opportunity, weekly minyanim will be led by fellow congregants.... a great way to start the day!

Early and Late Services alternate each Friday. Early Services are usually the 1st and 3rd weeks, Late Services on the remaining weeks (2nd, 4th, and 5th Fridays) of each month.

For the next several weeks we will be welcoming candidates for our clergy opening. Watch weekly email for specific schedule.

March 2011

Friday, March 4

5:30 Oneg

6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Welcome the Sabbath with the joyous sounds of our Kabbalat Shabbat Band. Everyone, from toddlers to seniors, will enjoy this Shabbat celebration.

Friday, March 11

7:30pm Shabbat Service

Friday, March 18

5:30pm Oneg

6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, March 25

6pm Special Shabbat Service with Rabbi Artson

After the opening hymn, we will ask God's blessing on behalf of those who have celebrated a wedding anniversary during March. If you are observing an anniversary this month and plan to attend this service, please RSVP to Kathryn at ext. 103.

Saturday, March 26

Parashat Shemini: Leviticus 9:1-11:47

9am Text Study with Rabbi Artson

10am Shabbat Worship with Rabbi Artson

12:30pm lunch (no charge, but reservations required) and Rabbi Artson's session: "Life's Lessons from My Son with Autism"

April 2011

Friday, April 1

5:30pm Oneg

6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Welcome the Sabbath with the joyous sounds of our Kabbalat Shabbat Band. Everyone, from toddlers to seniors, will enjoy this Shabbat celebration.

Saturday, April 2

Parashat Tazria: Leviticus 12:1-13:59

10am Sabbath Morning Service

Celebrate an affirmation of Jewish identity with our **Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class of 2011/5771**.

Friday, April 8

7:30pm Shabbat Service

Friday, April 15

5:30pm Oneg

6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 16

Parashat Acharei Mot: Leviticus 16:1-18:30

10am Sabbath Morning Service

ADAM FASKOWITZ will conduct much of the service on this Sabbath of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah. We invite everyone to worship with us.

Friday, April 22

7:30pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 23

10am Tot Shabbat at Acorn Park (22705 Sanborn, Aliso Viejo)

Friday, April 29

7:30pm Shabbat Service

After the opening hymn, we will ask God's blessing on behalf of those who have celebrated a wedding anniversary during April. If you are observing an anniversary this month and plan to attend this service, please RSVP to Kathryn at ext. 103.

Saturday, April 30

Parashat Kedoshim: Leviticus 19:1-20:27

10am Sabbath Morning Service

JACK FLEITMAN and **GRANT SPIEGEL** will conduct much of the service on this Sabbath of their becoming B'nai Mitzvah. We invite everyone to worship with us.

May 2011

Friday, May 6

5:30pm Oneg

6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Welcome the Sabbath with the joyous sounds of our Kabbalat Shabbat Band. Everyone, from toddlers to seniors, will enjoy this Shabbat celebration.

Saturday, May 7

Parashat Emor: Leviticus 21:1-24:23

10am Sabbath Morning Service

SPENCER REITMAN will conduct much of the service on this Sabbath of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah. We invite everyone to worship with us.

Friday, May 13

5:30pm Tot Shabat & Family Dinner

7:30pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 14

Parashat Behar: Leviticus 25:1-26:2

10am Sabbath Morning Service

MATTHEW BURG will conduct much of the service on this Sabbath of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah. We invite everyone to worship with us.

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES (continued)

Friday, May 20
5:30pm Oneg
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 21
Parashat Bechukotai: Leviticus 26:3-27:34
10am Sabbath Morning Service
ZACHARY MINKIN will conduct much of the service on this Sabbath of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah. We invite everyone to worship with us.

Friday, May 27
7:30pm Shabbat Service
After the opening hymn, we will ask God's blessing on behalf of those

who have celebrated a wedding anniversary during May. If you are observing an anniversary this month and plan to attend this service, please RSVP to Kathryn at ext. 103.

Saturday, May 28
Parashat Bamidbar: Numbers 1:1-4:20
10am Sabbath Morning Service
MASON COLLINS and **ANTHONY LYSTER** will conduct much of the service on this Sabbath of their becoming B'nai Mitzvah. We invite everyone to worship with us.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Get Real! Purim: the Adult Reality TV Show Version

Saturday, March 19th, 7pm
Adults only!

The megillah story like you've never seen it before...
with your favorite reality TV shows and characters!



Snooki says 'They put the Bar back in Bar Mitzvah'

Host Chris Harrison: "Ladies, the final rose.
King, when you're ready."



The Situation reminds Esther and the harem that the true life of a Shushanian is GTL (Gym, Tan, Laundry)...before the party!

This season of "Dancing with the Clergy" will shock judges and viewers when Cantor Shula lambadas, Rabbi Kort tangos, and Rabbi Levi hokie pokies



You can even become the next Ace of Cakes – contact Chef Bonni (bpomush@tbesoc.org) if you want to compete as a team!



Annual Megillah Reading and Family Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 20th

10am Megillah Reading
11am Carnival • Food
Fun • Games • Schtick
Prizes



YIZKOR SERVICES

Special memorial services honoring our loved ones: **April 26, 2011 at 9:30am ~ Pesach**

PESACH

Monday April 18th - April 26th

Services

A **9:30am** Conservative service will be offered for Pesach at Heritage Pointe (27356 Bellogente in Mission Viejo)

Day 1 - **April 19** Day 2 - **April 20**

Day 7 - **April 25**

A **9:30am** Conservative/Yizkor service will be held at Temple Beth El on Day 8 (**April 26**).

Seders

Want to host or be hosted at a Seder?
Please call us at 949/ 362.3999 ext 100.

We will host a community 2nd night seder, April 19th at the Temple! Details to follow.

Resources to Help Us Prepare for Pesach

Need a reminder of what it takes to get ready for Passover? Check out www.uscj.org/koach/Pesach.htm for a comprehensive review of Passover preparations!

This year, search for chametz in your home on **Sunday, April 17th.**

Adult Education Opportunities Abound!!!

Register Online Now, send in a registration form, or call us at 949/362.3999 ext 100

Daytime Book Club

Have you always wanted to read and discuss Jewish-themed books? Our Daytime Book Club provides you with the opportunity to read one of the selected books (list is available in the library) each month and enjoy an exchange of ideas.

Date: 3rd Tuesday of each month

Time: 11:30am - 1pm

Contacts:

Sharon Wolfson shwolfson@sbcglobal.net

Claire Stein originalclarita1@cox.net

Course Tuition: \$18 member, \$36 non-member

Women of the Book

Join a fabulous group of women as we explore Jewish-themed books. This book club will give you the opportunity to read one of the selected books each month and enjoy a discussion of the book's themes.

Date: 2nd Wednesday of each month

Time: 7:30pm in the Adult Library

Coordinator: Wendy Levin wenlevin@comline.com

Course Tuition: \$18 members: \$36 non-members

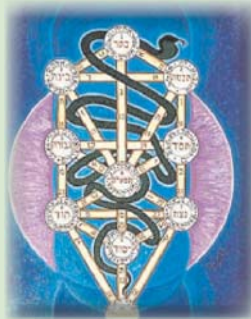
Lunch & Learn: Jewish Mysticism Study

Join us for an enlightening discussion of the texts and ideas of the Jewish mystical tradition which has intensified our people's connection to God and enhanced daily life throughout our history. All who are interested in gaining knowledge from these stimulating texts while learning, exploring, and deepening your relationship with Judaism are welcome. No prior Torah knowledge is necessary.

Dates: 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month

Time: 12-1pm

Instructor: Rabbi Peter Levi



Chanting Torah

If you've ever wanted to acquire the skills to chant Torah, this is your class! Learn "trope," the traditional Torah chanting system, at a comfortable pace in an atmosphere of enjoyable camaraderie with your classmates. You MUST be able to READ Hebrew reasonably well, while no Hebrew comprehension is required.

Dates: Monday evenings

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Instructor: Cantor Shula Kalir-Merton

Course Tuition: \$18 member; \$36 non-member



Jewish Papercuts: Crafts with the Rebbitzin

Enjoy creating your own traditional Jewish papercuts. No artistic talent or prior skills required...just an openness to have fun and be creative. Ruth Levi is an accomplished artist and teacher in the mediums of paper cutting and calligraphy [Hebrew and English]. She has worked as an artist exclusively since 1997 mainly creating Jewish art: custom *ketubbot*, *mezuzot*, *mizrachim*, and various other sacred text and paper cut pieces. She has shown her work in the major Jewish artisan shows in New York City and Los Angeles. During the 1990's Ruth studied the art of paper cutting with a master Jewish paper cutter, calligraphy in Jerusalem and learned the art of writing and restoring Torah Scrolls with a *Sofer*/Torah Scribe in New York City.

Tuesdays:

March 1, 8, & 15

Time:

7:30pm - 9pm

Instructor:

Ruth Levi

Course Tuition: \$36

includes instruction and all materials



Yiddish Conversational Group

Let's celebrate the Yiddish humor and culture of our parents and grandparents, with a Yiddish Class! Starting February 28th at 10am, and continuing every other week, we'll meet in the library at 10am (February 28, March 14, and March 28.)

Please contact Bea Wohl at 949/472-6050 or by email at beewohl@aol.com with any questions.

Torah Trek Shabbat Hiking

Come and enjoy a spiritually lifting Shabbat hike in our beautiful environment. Shabbat and the wilderness share spiritual significance. One is a period of time and the other is a defined place; both are untouched by human hands where we can visit and then return renewed and refreshed. **Date and location of the next trek to be announced in weekly emails.** It is not just a spiritual value. Science verifies that it is good to get out in nature. Some scientists argue that heavy technology use [cell phones, emails, texting] can inhibit deep thought and cause anxiety, and that getting out into nature can help.



A University of Michigan study showed that people can learn better after walking in the woods than after walking a busy street because learning centers in the brain become taxed when asked to process information, even during the relatively passive experience of taking in an urban setting. Nature can refresh the brain. In nature, our senses recalibrate — you notice sounds, smells, sights... you become more connected to the physical environment, the Earth.

Learning Opportunities For Families with Little Ones!

Saba & Savta

All of these sessions for grandparents begin at 9:30am with our ECC Shabbat Experience. Grandparents and children will share this special time together. After celebrating Shabbat, the group will move to a comfortable spot where discussion pertinent to grandparenting today will take place, followed by group social time and discussions with the Rabbis and Terry Fierle.

Dates: Fridays Apr. 15 and May 20

Time: 9:30-10:30am

Facilitators include: Rabbis Levi and Kort, ECC Director Terry Fierle

Course Tuition: Free

Coffee, Chat, and More!

Join ECC Director, Terry Fierle and clergy for inspiring, fun discussions on relevant topics related to Jewish living and children's development.

These **Friday** discussions will take place at **10:15am**.

December 10: Soul Talk

April 1: Help...Passover is coming!

June 3: Preparing young children for change



Torah on Shabbat with Rabbi Peter S. Levi

Fridays: 4:15-5:30pm before Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Saturdays: 9-10am when *Shabbat Chai* meets

Each session is an independent one-hour lesson introducing essential texts, principles, and traditions. The learning will be interactive, informative and transformative. No prior knowledge necessary.

**Come whenever you can.
Each lesson is independent of the others.**

A different theme will be offered each year so our learning and growth never ends. For the 2010-11 year we will explore "The World of the Rabbis," the great sages who lived 2000 years ago and reinvented Torah Judaism into the Judaism we know today.

This Year's Topics Include:

- The Torah is True, But That Doesn't Mean It Happened
- It is Not in Heaven: The Divine/Human Origin of Torah
- The Rabbinic Revolution: Radical Reinvention
- Jerusalem versus Athens
- Old World Thinking for a New World
- The Divine Encounter Through the Rabbinic Mind
- Fear/Awe of God - Let's Get Medieval
- Who Stole the Torah? An Eternal Battle with the Angels
- The Rabbi's Hanukkah - History versus Myth
- Lusting after Learning: Torah, Sex, and More
- Truth or Truth?
- Contradiction in the Name of God
- The Crazy Creation of Rabbinic Literature



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join Men's Club at AIPAC's Annual Dinner

Each year Orange County AIPAC holds an event with outstanding speakers and presentations. Temple Beth El's Men's Club is a sponsoring table captain. The event will be held in Irvine on Sunday, March 13. It will be an evening affair. First time attendees are guests of the Men's Club on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Alan Cherow about attending: acherow@us.ibm.com

BE Sisters Events

Mah Jongg: **March 21 at 6:30pm; April 13 at 10am, May 16 at 6:30pm, June 14 at 10am**

Cooking Event: **Sunday, May 15th, 2pm**

Cooking with Trader Joe's by Deana Gunn, co-author of the cookbook series featuring Trader Joe's ingredients will do a cooking demo, tasting, and book signing for BE Sisters! Come and hear how to solve the

6 o'clock, "What's for dinner?!" puzzle and bring a friend! Cost: \$10, includes, demo, tastes, recipes and a complimentary reusable shopping bag.



BE Sisters Presents Synplex Shabbat: **Friday, May 13th**

Men's Club and BE Sisters Join Up for...

An Evening of Bunko.

Saturday, April 9, 7:30pm at the Temple.




Men's Club Breakfasts

The Men's Club **breakfast** is the 2nd Thursday of each month at Coco's on Alicia Pkwy in the Vons/Walmart center in Laguna Niguel at 9:30am. Please email Mel Zimmerman if you're coming: InOtherWords@MSN.com

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WITH SPECIAL GUEST DALIA TAFT
MONDAY, APRIL 4TH AT 11:30AM

**THE HISTORY OF
ORANGE COUNTY'S JEWS**

Includes lunch for only \$10
Make your reservation by calling
949/362.3999 ext 100
or emailing bpomush@tbesoc.org



TEMPLE BETH EL HONORS YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Yom HaShoah, also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, is commemorated through a variety of programs and services.

~ Remember ~

Pick up a yellow memorial candle (available at the Temple's front desk in mid-March) and light it on **Saturday evening, April 30**



~ Educate ~

Read the short story "Yosl Rakover Talks To God" by Zvi Kolitz (appropriate for adults & teens and available on the Temple's website: www.tbesoc.org/shoah.html)

Participate in a discussion of the short story:

- Daytime Book Club: Tuesday, April 12th at 11:30am
- Women of the Book: Wednesday, April 13th at 7:30pm

~ Never Again ~

Join the Temple Beth El team or Sponsor the Rabbi on the "Walk to End Genocide" taking place April 3, 2011.

Sign up online (www.walktoendgenocide.org) to register to walk with Temple Beth El (click on "join a team") or sponsor a walker (enter Peter Levi or anyone else on the Temple Beth El team!)

UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS: Kids' Corner!

Temple Beth El Senior Youth Group (grades 8 through 12)

Check out these great Jewish opportunities for teens going on this spring. There are many ways for our Temple teens to connect with other Jews in our area whether it's through our Temple Youth Group (BESTY), USY, NFTY, or the Bureau of Jewish Education. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about events or organizations.

Rabbi Kort rabbikort@besoc.org



Look us up under "BESTY" in the groups section!

Teen Events



March 2011

- 1st – Torah Institute
- 4th - 6th – NFTY:
Social Action Kallah
- 4th - Shabbat Dinner
- 7th - Lounge Night
- 8th – Torah Institute
- 15th - Torah Institute
- 19th -Jewbilation: Purim Event
- 20th - Purim Event
- 22nd - Torah Institute
- 25th-27th - USY SATO/HeChalutzim Kinnus
- 29th - Torah Institute

April 2011

- 3rd – Talit: Social Action Sunday
- 8th-10th - USY 12th Grade Kinnus - VBS
- 10th - BESTY Lunch & Movie
- 12th – Torah Institute
- 15th - 17th – NFTY: Elections
- 15th - Shabbat Dinner
- 17th - USY J-Serve – National Community Service Day
- 29th – May 1st – Talit: Weekend Retreat

May 2011

- 3rd - Post Confirmation & Torah Institute
- 10th - Torah Institute
- 14th – Talit: Siyyum
- 14th – Jewbilation (Talit members only)
- 15th - USY Israel Festival
- 17th – Torah Institute
- 20th - Shabbat Dinner
- 20th - 22nd – NFTY: Spring Kallah
- 22nd – Talit: Social Action Sunday
- 27th-30th - USY Regional Convention



Save the Date!
 We are celebrating
 Temple Beth El's 30th Year
 Saturday May 7th, 2011
 at our Masquerade Gala
 Honoring our president
Alan Fenning
 and past president
Cindy Mirsky

It's time to get those contributions for the silent auction!

- Have a friend who owns a business?
- Are you a regular at a particular coffee shop, restaurant, specialty store, etc?
- Know someone who knows someone who...?

Print out a copy of the Contribution Form (they're available on the temple's website) and ask the business if they'll make a tax-deductible donation to the temple for this fund raising event! Give them an idea of what we need (i.e., vacation rentals, airline miles, restaurant dinners, movie tickets, salon treatments, gift shop merchandise, wine, books, toys, coffee, jewelry, golf course passes, sports equipment, museum passes, surf lessons, amusement park passes, grocery store certificates, sporting event tickets).

Once you've secured the donations, please drop them off (with the donation form) no later than Friday, April 22.

Questions? Email Al or call him at 949/362.3999 ext 104.

Gordon & Sklar Early Childhood Center Upcoming Dates

March 2011

14th – 18th – Purim baking/celebrations in classrooms
20th – Purim Carnival

April 2011

4th – 8th – Spring Break – school closed
11th – Passover Exodus
14th & 15th – Passover Seders
18th – First Seder – school closes at 12:30pm
19th – First day Pesach – school closed
23rd - Tot Shabbat in the Park
25th - Last day Pesach – school closed

May 2011

6th – Mother's Day Tea – 9:15am
13th - Tot Shabbat Family Dinner

Shabbat Chai-lights

The goal of Shabbat Chai is simple: learn through authentic experience. We are continuing to learn about Shabbat and holidays by celebrating them together. We are learning about Jewish values by going out in the community and living them.

Important Dates in our Spring Curriculum Include:

- Purim Celebration, **Sunday, March 20th:** Megillah Reading, Shpiel, and Carnival
- Mitzvah Day, **Sunday, May 1st:** Use your hands to help fix our broken world!
- Grade Level Shabbat Dinners: Family learning, community building, and a great Shabbat meal
3rd-5th Grades, Friday, **March 18th**
6th-7th Grades, Friday, **May 6th**

ECC Now Taking Registrations for Summer 2011 and Fall 2011/12

Temple Beth El....

...Where Jewish learning is fun! Join us!



Serving children 10 months through first grade.

Summer 2011:

"THE WORLD AROUND US"

Session I June 27 – July 22
Session II July 25 – August 19

2011-12 School Year

Begins September 7th 2011



Check out these pictures from our January Mitzvah Day!



The Community Comes Together for the *Kol Isha Shabbat Service*

"*Kol Isha*" means both "every woman" and "woman's voice" and this year's *Kol Isha Shabbat Service*, aptly held on *Shabbat Shira*, truly celebrated all Temple Beth El women. The January 15, 2011 *Shabbat* morning service provided the opportunity for every woman, no matter what her age or background, to feel at home in the synagogue. This year's event, which brought together old and new friends, was particularly special as members from throughout our community came together on a Saturday morning to celebrate *Shabbat*. The list below identifies those who helped make this year's event so special by their preparation, participation, financial contribution or other support. Each person on the list gave of herself (or himself) to create a truly remarkable *Shabbat* experience. Rabbi Arielle Hanien graciously shared her "*bima*," added her beautiful voice and capably "pinch hit" during the service.

It was wonderful to see the Sidney Eisenberg Chapel filled with people who care about Judaism and the wonderful women in our synagogue. With today's busy schedules it is hard to find time to learn something new or to take the time to be there for your community. But that's exactly what the people on this list did. I am proud to be included in this wonderful group of women and in our synagogue family.

BE Sisters, Arnold Bennett, Anna Berezin, Steve Berezin, Nancy Berzon, Jill Birch, Steve Birch, Ana Campo, Caryn Chernin, Jeff Chernin, Bobbi Cherry, Roxanne Cherry, Charna Cone, Joel Cone, Shiffy Crane/Advocates for Senior Choice, Max De Liema, Rose De Liema, Sue De Liema, Amy DeLoach, Mark DeLoach, Hazzan Susan Deutsch, Luz Diaz, Rina Dolensky, Kathryn Eastman, Phyllis Frank, Christine Fugate, Howard Goldman, Pat Goldman, Anna Gross, Mark Gross, Laurie Gutell, Mitch Gutell, Rabbi Arielle Hanien, Bob Hanna, Terry Hanna, David Hillburn, Miriam Hillburn, Heather Kartzinel, Joan Kirschenbaum, Goly Kohanteb, Bev Kritzstein, Sharon Kuritzky, Barbara Lebovitz, Joseph Lebovitz, Norma Levenson, Wendy Levin, Abbie Levine, Barry Levine, Lynnda Levine, Vicki Londy, Charlie Lupul, Liela Majedi, Jane Moss, Pete Moss, Debbie Motenko, Amy Packer, Michelle Pardes, Heidi Penkava, Richard Penkava, Lita Pickman, Carl Pittler, Floris Pittler, Bonni Pomush, Rebecca Quevedo-Prastein, Elaine Reisch, Elly Rosen, Iris Rosenfeld-Ameen, Cindy O'Neill Ross, Michael Rothberg, Sandy

Rothberg, Susan Samueli, Larry Schack, Marion Schack, Lezlie Schreiber, Lauren Schwartz, Lynda Schwartz, Wendy Schwartz, Brad Shapero, Sophie Shapero, Stacey-Ann Shapero, Kathy Shapiro, Kymberly Spector, Linda Stein, Shelley Tanner, Jake Tatel, Leslie Tatel, Temple Beth El Men's Club, Marilyn Teitelbaum, Gaby Timsit, Joy Timsit, Audrey Tomovich, Sue Treshansky, Lois Weiss, Merritt Weiss, Bea Wohl, Evan Wohl, Sarah Wood, Fay Zeramby

Isn't this an impressive list? My sincere apologies – and gratitude – to those whose names I might have omitted. Thanks to all the daughters (and sons) who helped their moms prepare and to those who joined them on the *bima*. In particular, I thank Michelle Pardes for delivering an inspiring *drash*. I know I speak for all of us when I express my appreciation to those (included in the above list) who donated to offset the cost of our sumptuous *Kiddush* Luncheon. I extend a special note of gratitude to Caryn Chernin for coordinating the *Kiddush* Luncheon and to Charna Cone for creating the lovely table and *bima* decorations. And of course we are most grateful to Rabbi Arielle Hanien who every week teaches us "the importance of everyone's voice in song when a whole community joins to praise G-d."

It was truly a pleasure to coordinate this event. I am already looking forward to next year's *Kol Isha Shabbat Service*; so if there's a part of the service you would like to lead next year, sign up for it now, and then you will have a whole year to work on it! (Or please feel free to contact Fay (FZeramby@tbesoc.org) if you would like to lead a part or read Torah during our regular *Shabbat* morning services!)

Wendy B. Lupul
Coordinator of the *Kol Isha Shabbat Service* 2011/5771



DEDICATION

By Jacob Weisberg

The dictionary defines dedication as: complete and wholehearted devotion, especially to a career, ideal, etc. Members of Temple Beth El of South Orange County declare that the personification of that word is given by the spiritual leader of their conservative minyan, Rabbi Arielle Hanien. Here's why: everybody's been expecting the rabbi to have her baby right after the first of the year. It will be her second child, another girl. The leaders of the Conservative *minyan* were making plans to "cover" while the rabbi had her baby, recovered and nurtured her family.

She constantly maintained that she would resume her rabbinic duties, leading services much sooner than expected. SHE CONSIDERS HERSELF DEDICATED TO HER PROFESSION, TO HER CONGREGATION, TO HER RELIGION, AND TO HER FAMILY, and she believed she could do it all.

Never doubt the dedication of a woman, especially this woman. So, on Wednesday January 5th, while her husband was driving her to the hospital to have her baby, SHE DELIVERED IN THE CAR. No, that's not dedication, but it is the beginning of the story. They arrive at the hospital, enter through emergency, but there's no emergency, mother and daughter seem to be doing fine. They're kept for two days, so the rabbi and daughter are released on Friday, January 7.

Where do we find Rabbi Hanien on Shabbat, Saturday, January 8th? At Temple Beth El of South Orange County's Conservative *minyan*, conducting services. For Rabbi Hanien, this means leading the service as rabbi and cantor, offering insights into the prayers, reading from the Torah and offering the *drash*.

What about the baby? She's right there at services with the rabbi, entwined within a cleverly created wrapping that keeps the baby warm, close to mommy, yet still allows mommy

to have both hands free, turn pages and express her warmth and dedication.

Fast forward one week to Saturday, February 15, the special annual service called *Kol Isha Shabbat*, dedicated to the role of women, the role of Miriam after the crossing of the Sea of Reeds. What's the rabbi supposed to do at this service? Far less than usual, because most parts of the service are taken by the women members of the congregation, including the role of cantor, Torah readers, interpreters, and sermon presenter.

Yes, she's there, again with her baby (8 plus pounds) in the same personal carrier, when an accident to one of the congregants forces the congregant to go to the hospital. The congregant's role was to read the inspiring tale in that week's Torah portion of crossing the Sea of Reeds and Miriam leading the women in song and dance. WHO WILL READ THAT TORAH PORTION? It is reported that the congregant had been spending the last

two MONTHS in preparation. It's a LONG portion....I mean a L O N G portion. Guess who? Right. Rabbi Hanien....has half an hour to prepare. Who knows, maybe her training allowed her to chant with no preparation, but whether it did or not, not only



do we see dedication at work, because, remember, it's only 10 days after the baby was born, she could have been home, but she was there. Do we call that dedication? Do we say it's *bashert*. Who cares? The women of Temple Beth El offered inspiration and dedication to membership with their wonderful *Kol Isha Shabbat Service*, and the outstanding *Kiddush* luncheon that followed. Rabbi Hanien offered her own form of dedication. The congregation is enriched by it all.

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Steve and Lynn Kagel announce the engagement of their daughter, **Allison Kagel** to **Zachary Gerin**. They will be married on July 24, 2011.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!

Karen and Philip Schlesinger welcomed twin baby boys on February 16th. Their names are **Morgan Hunter** (birth weight 3 pounds, 14 ounces) and **Eli Loren** (birth weight 3 pounds, 12 ounces) Schlesinger.

Sara and Eli Marcus welcomed a new baby girl on January 29th! Her name is **Lila Eden** Marcus, and her birth weight was 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

Rabbi Arielle and Nir Hanien welcomed a new baby girl on January 5th! Her name is **Lenore Naomi** and her birth weight was 8 pounds.

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intermarriage somewhere. And someone has felt the struggle.

When it comes to a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, everyone knows the difference between the party and the service. One is a celebration and the other is a ritual that honors the transformation of taking on the holy obligations of being a young Jewish adult. One time a Christian family I knew through my interfaith work expressed interest in their family learning Judaism. They understood their own Christianity was born out of Judaism and their spiritual lives were enhanced through learning and experiencing aspects of the Jewish tradition. However, when they requested their son become a Bar Mitzvah [after all, he knew as much and was prepared to work hard to acquire the skills necessary to read Torah and lead a service] I knew this was completely inappropriate. A Christian could not become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. It is not about learning Hebrew and the tradition in order to stand in front of the community reciting the words. Bar/Bat Mitzvah is about the transformation of Jewish identity and the taking on of the spiritual responsibilities of *Torah*/learning, *avodah*/observance of Jewish holy times, and *gemilut chasidim*/acts of loving kindness. It just doesn't make sense for a non-Jew to do so.

Judaism has boundaries. There are certain actions only appropriate for Jews like having an *aliyah* to the Torah or reciting a blessing in front of the congregation that says: "God has commanded me as a Jew to fulfill this holy act...". While anyone can enjoy Shabbat worship and challah, the integrity of the Jewish tradition is intact when transformative Jewish rituals are held only for Jews. Bar/Bat Mitzvah transforms Jews from children to religiously responsible young adults. The Jewish wedding ritual transforms Jews from single persons by creating a couple and a Jewish home. A non-Jew would be something like a tourist in his/her own wedding.

As a rabbi, I perform transformative rituals, like the wedding ritual, only for Jews. There are appropriate secular wedding rituals for interfaith couples. The holy integrity of the Jewish tradition needs boundaries. Just because someone has paid synagogue dues does not afford that person all Jewish privileges. One must cast their lot with the Jewish people in order to be called to the Torah as a Bar/Bat mitzvah, and to have a Jewish wedding ritual. At the same time, I sincerely and genuinely honor and recognize interfaith marriages and embrace those families in our congregation. Interfaith families have beautiful Jewish homes and raise children with healthy Jewish identities. While I can't do interfaith weddings as weddings are transformative rituals [both civilly and religiously], I can celebrate interfaith marriages—honor them and bless them publicly in front of the congregation.

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the narrative of the Hanukkah story. The person who helped me reach my decision is the non-Jewish partner who buys his spouse flowers every Shabbat—the interfaith couple that makes Shabbat their sacred time to spend together and their time to nourish their relationship. The person who helped me reach my decision is the non-Jewish widow who lost her Jewish husband far too young, but continues to be a part of synagogue life and provide her two young children with Jewish education because she and her husband both committed themselves to raising a Jewish family when they were married.

I view my role as a rabbi as someone who helps to weave meaning into people's lives through Jewish values, tradition, ritual, text and community. I view my role as a rabbi working with a couple who plans to marry in the same light. In working with a couple planning to marry, I help them shape their commitment to each other, their future home and their future family through Jewish values, tradition, ritual, text and community. I am willing to work with couples to make meaning of their collective life together through Judaism regardless of whether both members of the couple are Jewish or not, so long as both members of the couple are committed to actively and thoughtfully working to weave Judaism into their lives.

How does an interfaith couple show me they are committed to doing this? I need to know that each member of the couple has the resources to help create their Jewish home and family. For this reason, I ask that the couple takes an Introduction to Judaism class together. Being a Jewish family means being in relationship with a larger Jewish community—I ask that the interfaith couple participates in a Jewish world beyond immediate family, either through a synagogue, a Jewish 20s and 30s group, or another Jewish community organization that is appropriate and meaningful for the particular couple. I also spend one-on-one time with the couple, meeting with them as their rabbi, personally helping them to articulate their vision of their future Jewish home.

I know what you are thinking, 'Rabbi Kort, this is a lot of work!' In my experience working with interfaith families, creating a thriving Jewish family is also a lot of work—it must be an intentional endeavor. As I work with interfaith couples choosing to frame their marriage and family within a Jewish context—the last thing I want to do is merely meet them under the chuppah and wish them good luck on their future—I want to give them resources to succeed as a Jewish family. I want to be their rabbi.

MARCH 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30pm Post Confirmation 6:30pm Torah Institute 7:30pm Jewish Papercuts Class	2	3 7am Minyan	4 9:15am ECC PTO 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7pm Teen Shabbat Dinner	5 9am Torah Study 9:30am Conservative Service
6 10am Men's Club Meeting	7 7am Minyan 6pm Teen Lounge Night 6:30pm Chanting Torah Class	8 6:30pm Torah Institute 7:30pm Jewish Papercuts Class	9 7:30pm Women of the Book	10 7am Minyan 9:30am Men's Club Breakfast (Coco's at 23760 Alicia)	11 7:30pm Shabbat Service Women's Retreat	12 9am Torah Study 9:30am Conservative Service Women's Retreat
13 5:30pm Men's Club/AIPAC Dinner Women's Retreat	14 7am Minyan 10am Yiddush Class 12pm Jewish Mysticism 6:30pm Chanting Torah Class	15 11:30am Daytime Book Club 6:30pm Torah Institute 7:30pm Jewish Papercuts Class	16	17 7am Minyan	18 4pm Shabbat Chai 4:15pm Torah on Shabbat 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	19 9am Torah Study 9:30am Conservative Service 7pm Adults: Get Real Purim Event
20 10am Megillah Reading & Family Purim Carnival	21 7am Minyan 6:30pm Chanting Torah Class 6:30pm Mah Jongg	22 6:30pm Torah Institute	23	24 7am Minyan	25 6pm Shabbat Service 7pm Dinner 8pm Rabbi Allen Krause Scholar - Rabbi Artson - Lecture	26 9am Shabbat Chai 9am Text Study with Rabbi Artson 10am Shabbat Worship 12:30pm Lunch & Artson Lecture
27	28 7am Minyan 10am Yiddush Class 12pm Jewish Mysticism 6:30pm Chanting Torah Class	29 6:30pm Torah Institute	30	31 7am Minyan		

APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10am ECC Coffee, Chat, & More 4pm Shabbat Chai 4:15pm Torah on Shabbat 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	2 9am Torah Study 9:30am Conservative Service 10am Service & Adult B'nai Mitzvah
3 Walk to End Genocide	4 ECC Closed 7am Minyan 6:30pm Chanting Torah Class No Hebrew School	5 ECC Closed No Hebrew School	6 ECC Closed	7 ECC Closed 7am Minyan	8 ECC Closed 7:30pm Shabbat Service	9 9am Torah Study 9:30am Conservative Service 7:30pm Bunco
10 BESTY Lunch & Movie	11 7am Minyan 12pm Jewish Mysticism 6:30pm Chanting Torah Class	12 11:30am Daytime Book Club 6:30pm Torah Institute	13 10am Mah Jongg 7:30pm Women of the Book	14 7am Minyan 9:30am Men's Club Breakfast (Coco's at 23760 Alicia)	15 9:30am Saba & Savta 4pm Shabbat Chai 4:15pm Torah on Shabbat 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7pm 3-5th grade dinner	16 9am Torah Study 9:30am Conservative Service 10am Service & Faskowitz Bar Mitzvah
17	18 Pesach 7am Minyan Temple offices & schools close at 12:30pm 1st Seder	19 Pesach Temple Offices & Schools Closed 9:30am Passover Service (at Heritage Pointe) 2nd Seder	20 Pesach 9:30am Passover Service (at Heritage Pointe)	21 Pesach 7am Minyan	22 Pesach 7:30pm Shabbat Service	23 Pesach 9am Torah Study 9:30am Conservative Service 10am Tot Shabbat in the Park
24 Pesach	25 Pesach Temple Offices & Schools Closed 9:30am Passover Service (at Heritage Pointe)	26 Pesach 9:30am Passover Service (Yizkor)	27	28 7am Minyan	29 9:15am ECC PTO 7:30pm Shabbat Service	30 9am Torah Study 9:30am Conservative Service 10am Service & Fleitman/Spiegel B'nai Mitzvah

MAY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Yom Hashoah Shabbat Chai Mitzvah Day	2 7am Minyan 6:30pm Chanting Torah Class	3 5:30pm Post Confirmation 6:30pm Torah Institute	4	5 7am Minyan	6 4pm Shabbat Chai 4:15pm Torah on Shabbat 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7pm 6-7th Grade Dinner	7 9am Torah Study 9:30am Conservative Service 10am Service & Reitman Bar Mitzvah Masquerade Gala
8	9 7am Minyan 12pm Jewish Mysticism 6:30pm Chanting Torah Class	10 6:30pm Torah Institute	11 7:30pm Women of the Book	12 7am Minyan 9:30am Men's Club Breakfast (Coco's at 23760 Alicia)	13 5:30pm Tot Shabbat & Family Dinner 7:30pm Shabbat Service	14 9am Shabbat Chai 9am Torah Study 9:15am Torah on Shabbat 9:30am Conservative Service 10am Service & Burg Bar Mitzvah
15 2pm BE Sisters Cooking Event	16 7am Minyan 6:30pm Chanting Torah Class 6:30pm Mah Jongg	17 11:30am Daytime Book Club 6:30pm Torah Institute	18	19 7am Minyan	20 9:30am Saba/Savta 4pm Shabbat Chai 4:15pm Torah on Shabbat 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7pm Madrichim Dinner	21 9am Torah Study 9:30am Conservative Service 10am Service & Minkin Bar Mitzvah
22 Shabbat Chai Lag B'Omer Picnic	23 7am Minyan 12pm Jewish Mysticism 6:30pm Chanting Torah Class	24	25	26 7am Minyan	27 7:30pm Shabbat Service	28 9am Torah Study 9:30am Conservative Service 10am Service & Collins/Lyster B'nai Mitzvah
29	30 Temple Offices & Schools Closed (Memorial Day) 9am Minyan	31				

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