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CARIBBEAN BBQ A HOT BLAST

Temple Israel's Caribbean Barbecue on August 6, originally scheduled for the Renaissance Building, was moved to Ellen and David Klein's backyard to accommodate the sell-out crowd. Thank you, David and Ellen.

It was encouraging to note the largely younger crowd, with about 85 per cent of those present between 30 and 50 years of age. Nevertheless, even the young-at-heart senior contingent was caught up in the youthful frenzy.

It was a super, delightful evening. The weather was perfect. The barbecued food, featuring hamburgers, franks and grilled chicken and all the trimmings, plus fruit and desserts, comprised a savory feast. Caribbean tunes provided pleasant background music and inspired some great dancing, especially by Donna, Robin, Randee, Marci, Sharon, Revi, Elizabeth, Harry Sealine and Simon Berger.

Eight bottles of wine were raffled off; the grand cash prize was won by Robin Landau. The drawing was conducted under the rabbinical supervision of "Dreadlocks" Gradofsky

Special thanks to Robin Landau and Andy Shapiro for chairing the event and doing such a wonderful job.

DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS

Our gala 2006 Dinner-Dance, honoring Elaine and Marc Goodman, held on Sunday, July 9, was truly a night to remember. Why was this night different from all other nights? Well, at all our previous dinner-dances, we did not have a silent art auction, a "Scotch tasting bar," a raffle, a DJ, nor a buffet dinner.

Without analyzing each change, suffice it to say that everyone had a really good, fun evening, no exceptions. Michael and Randee Busch are to be commended for the superb job they did in chairing this event. Special kudos to Ellen Klein, Gert Griboff and Irwin Gordon for their work on the Souvenir Journal. A very special thanks to Marc Goodman for designing and procuring the tzedakah boxes, replicas of Temple Israel.

Candle Lighting Times

Fri. Aug. 11	7:41 p.m.
Fri. Aug. 18	7:32 p.m.
Fri. Aug. 25	7:21 p.m.
Fri. Sep. 1	7:10 p.m.
Fri. Sep. 8	6:59 p.m.
Fri. Sep. 15	6:47 p.m.
Fri. Sep. 22	6:35 p.m.

Shabbot Ends

Sat. Aug. 12	8:43 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 19	8:33 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 26	8:23 p.m.
Sat. Sep. 2	8:12 p.m.
Sat. Sep. 9	8:00 p.m.
Sat. Sep. 16	7:49 p.m.
Sat. Sep. 23	7:37 p.m.

Sports at Temple Israel

Temple Israel Hebrew School Presents the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame on Sunday September 17th at 10:00 AM. This program will include stories and memories about famous Jewish athletes, from Sandy Koufax to Shawn Green. The program is \$4 for children, \$7 for adults, and includes breakfast. Please reserve by September 5th. For more information, contact the Hebrew School office at 432-1783.

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Most people look forward to the summer. The weather is warm, the beach is beautiful, and many of our snowbird friends return to where they belong. In the midst of the summer days, however, Jewish ritual includes the commemoration of one of the great tragedies of Jewish history – the destruction of the Beth Mikdahs, the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, and the dispersion of the Jews who lived in Israel. There are two summer-time fasts – one on the 17th day of Tamuz, commemorating several calamitous events, including the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem during the First Temple time (586). Three weeks later, on Tisha B'Av, the Temple was destroyed. Some 650 years later, the Second Temple was destroyed on the same day. The fast days of the 17th of Tamuz and 9th of Av should renew our sense of tragedy at the loss of our spiritual and communal home, the Beth Mikdash in Jerusalem.

Over the years, Tisha B'Av was often viewed as a time of danger to the Jewish people. On that date, Jews were expelled from England in 1290, and from Spain in 1492. In 1942, during World War II, Polish Jews were removed from the Warsaw Ghetto by Nazis on Tisha B'Av.

For thousands of years our ancestors have dreamt of the day when this calamity would be reversed – so that we might live as a people, in the land of Israel, with peace and harmony. We hope that the modern day state of Israel will be reishit ts'michat ge'ulatenu – the beginning of the flowering of our redemption. Unfortunately, current events threaten the safety of our brothers and sisters in Israel, and threaten the fulfillment of our dream.

Our commemoration of the destruction of the Beth Midrash, this year, is punctuated by our sadness about recent events, and our fervent hope that in the future, Israel may dwell securely, with a sense of peace and brotherhood shared between Israel and its neighbors.

Rabbi Noah Gradofsky

High Holiday Tickets Now Available

To get the seats you had last year, you must purchase your tickets before Sept. 1. After that date, all seats will be offered on a first come-first served basis.

Remember, you must be a paid-up member for the fiscal year starting in July 2006, in order to get membership ticket rates.

To facilitate our bookkeeping, please bring your check to the Temple Israel office when picking up your tickets.

Todd Benenson
Ticket Chairman

We extend sincere get well wishes to:

Fedor Adler
Don Axelrod
Karl Brodzansky
Phyllis Brodzansky
Millie Eagle
Lillian Friedman
Marc Goodman
Milton Jonas
Helen Lax
Rochelle Altarac Pachman
Hedda Pessin
Rachel Scharman
Max Siegel
Meyer Stein
Sal Valensi
Michael Weitz
Ben Ziselman



Hebrew School Happenings

We hope that everyone is having a great summer. The cast is finally off my foot, and I'm raring to go.

We have lots of plans for the coming school year, with a new teacher for the Hey, Vav and Zayin classes. Revi attended a seminar at the Board of Jewish Education, and as a result, we will be updating our textbooks and using readings, acting, music, movies and lots of discussion to teach Jewish history. Our students said they wanted to learn more about modern Israel. They spoke, and we listened, so Israel will be a major part of our new curriculum.

Alex Davidson, our student, will run a toy drive for needy children. It will start early in the school year, so we hope to have lots of great stuff for Chanukah.

The National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame will visit us on Sunday, September 17. Plan to bring your family and friends.

If you know any families with children of Hebrew School age, please give me their names or have them call me, and I will follow up. (You can get my home number from Marcie in the office.)

As I write this, I am terribly concerned about the news from Israel. We will be giving the balance of our tzedakah fund to help make life a little easier for those who are under attack.

We hope that the balance of your summer is most pleasant. Revi, Shlomit and I are working on plans for a great enhanced program for the new school year.

Barbara Semel

FREE HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL

Temple Israel will offer a Free Hebrew High School this coming year. Classes will be Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 7:15 PM, starting September 13th. These tuition-free classes are open to all students in grades 8-12, regardless of synagogue affiliation. Classes will cover Hebrew reading refreshers, the basics of Judaism, and modern day topics that are important to teens (drugs and alcohol, relationships, peer pressure etc). Please see the flier or Rabbi Gradofsky. Sign up early. Space is limited.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Congratulations to Marci Ross and her board, who were installed by Hon. Zelda Jonas. The installation was very festive and well-attended. A very warm welcome to our new board members, Marsha Shapiro and Lisa Simon Weitz, and our newest members, Carol Pertchik, Bonnie Kurtz and Rhoda Silver.

The synagogue's Dinner-Dance was fabulous; Mazel Tov to Elaine and Marc Goodman, our worthy Guests of Honor. Everyone had a fun time, and our Sisterhood members proved that they are great dancers.

Our July 23 showing of the lighthearted Israeli film "Ushpizin" was a delight. Many thanks to Pam Garfinkle for making the arrangements.

Set aside your new or gently-used merchandise for our annual White Elephant Sale, scheduled for Sunday and Monday, August 13 and 14. (No clothing, please,) Chairs Grace Levie, 432-6034, and Robin Garfinkle Mahler, 432-3546, need volunteers to assist them.

Best wishes for a Refuah Shlemah to Rochelle Pachman, daughter of Bernice Altarac, who is recovering from surgery.

Our heartfelt condolences to Joyce Peckman and family on the loss of her beloved father, Fred Ross.

Don't forget to get your money to Rita Berger, 432-3157, chair of the 52 Club.

It's that time of the year again. You have received the form for New Year Greetings in the mail. Please fill it out and return it with your check. This is a very big project; if you can help, please call Bernice Altarac, 431-2606.

Mazel Tov to Gert and Dr. Sol Griboff on the Bar Mitzvah of grandson Yonatan, son of Renee and David Griboff.

Chairperson Robin Mahler still needs recipes for our cookbook. So please hurry and write them up for her.

Francine Wurman

MAZEL TOV to

- Melissa Alter on her graduation from Brandeis University Magna Cum Laude on May 21, 2006. Melissa is the daughter of Bonnie and Charlie Alter, granddaughter of Mildred Lefkowitz and great-niece of Rebecca Lefkowitz. Melissa will be going back to Brandeis for one additional term to complete her Masters Degree in International Economics and Finance. She will be studying abroad in Barcelona for the fall semester.

- Sandie and Dr. Peter Oppenheimer on the engagement of their son, Benjamin, to Simone Lindenfeld.

- Susan and Stanley Alt on the occasion of their 50th anniversary, celebrated by a Shabbat Kiddush on June 24th.

- Rita and Stanley Birnbaum on their farewell Shabbat Kiddush in June. (More news about their departure in the next issue). We shall miss them.

- Shelly Herman, on her installation as Internal President of Jewish Women International.

A MESSAGE FROM SISTERHOOD'S NEW PRESIDENT

Installation has come and gone and I am alone with my thoughts. It's been an enjoyable 2 years being Co-President with Malky Asarch and I thank her for every minute. As I look toward a new year, as the President, it's a little bit scary, but I know that I have an excellent Executive Board and General Board behind me. I wish to thank all those women who had the faith in me to continue their positions or take on even greater ones. Thank you, Linda Davidson, Marsha Shapiro and Lisa Simon Weitz, for accepting Sisterhood's invitation to join our General Board. I hope that your work on our board gives you the same rewarding feeling that it has given me.

Please, always check your mailbox for fliers on some of Sisterhoods upcoming events. July 23rd Sisterhood had a movie night featuring "Ushpizin". If you missed the movie and wish you hadn't, please contact me. I will lend it to you, but wish that you return it within a week, allowing others to do the same.

Sisterhood's White Elephant Sale will be on August 13th and 14th. We are planning an Antique Road Show in the fall, so everyone start searching through their collectibles. Join us at a meeting or event. Come alone or bring a friend or two, I know you'll have an enjoyable experience.

For information on joining or getting involved, talk to our membership chair, Evalyn Rintel or any of our members. We are always there to answer a question or two or lend a hand.

**Marci Ross
President**

Condolences to

- The family of Ruth Karmiel on her untimely passing.

- Phillip Brettschneider and his entire family on the loss of his father, Saul Brettschneider, a long time member of Temple Israel.

- Mindy Segal and family, on the loss of her beloved grandmother.

Yahrzeits

Yahrzeit will be observed for:

AUGUST

- 2 Alice Kaskel
- 3 Inez Siegel
- 4 Hannah Samuels
- 5 Edwarad Leyendecker, Chaim Tzvi Klein
- 6 Arthur Ainbinder
- 7 Henry Lebowitz, Paul Prager, Peter Michel Gray, Imanuel Adler
- 8 Max Polonetsky
- 9 Blanche Levy
- 10 Hilda Singer, William Zuckerberg
- 11 Jacob Hoffman
- 12 Milton Frank, Celia G. Abramson, Mindel Reichbart, Seymour Post
- 13 Clara Komanoff, Ethel Fishman, Elias Peckman
- 14 Lena Gelfond
- 15 George Eiberson, Gladys Surnamer Langer, Ethel Ziselman
- 16 Betty Cohen, Jacob Lang, Pearl K. Whitehead
- 17 Lillian Bernstein
- 18 Rabbi Benjamin Frank
- 19 Bessie Gross
- 20 Richard Baum
- 21 Henrietta Milstein, Mollie Goldberg
- 22 Anna Eiberson
- 26 David Reiter
- 27 Rose Haber, Sylvia Knopf

- 28 Joseph Goor, Charles Lefkoff
- 29 David Kohut
- 30 Ira Berkowsky
- 31 Dvorah Cohen

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Lazar Danilov
- 2 Anna Berger
- 3 Arthur Eiberson
- 4 Hy Thaler
- 5 Rose Engel, Moshe Rapoport
- 6 Andrew Geller
- 7 Irving Abrahams
- 12 Marcus Klausner
- 13 Celia Silbering, Kate Peckman
- 14 Ben M. Prager, Jack Greenberg
- 15 Phil Moskowitz
- 16 Meyer S. Rosenthal, Agnes Moelis, Clara Kleiner, Abraham Fishman, Edward Samuels
- 20 Hyman Lefkowitz
- 21 Daniel Gordon
- 22 Jacob Samuels
- 23 Isabel Kaskel
- 24 Zvi Elieser Adler, Arthur Riefe
- 26 Mollie Stein
- 27 Beatrice Halper
- 28 Sam Katz
- 29 Hilda Polinger, Jack Gross
- 30 Fannie W. Rosenthal

BASIC JUDAISM

Everything you ever wanted to know! Rabbi Gradofsky's Basic Judaism course runs on Thursdays at 7:30PM. Our current subject is "Jewish Literature, from Torah to Today," which will include an overview of Jewish literature, including each book of the Bible, different forms of Rabbinic literature, later commentaries, philosophy, and works of history. If you have not attended these classes yet, now is a good time to start.

SHABBAT & YOM TOV SERVICES

Shabbat/Holiday Eves: 6:30 PM

Mornings: 8:45 Beth Midrash, 9:00 Main Synagogue

Afternoons: Approximately 15 minutes before candle lighting of the previous evening in the Beth Midrash (see "TILB Events" for exact time). Mincha is followed by a seudah shelishith. Ma'ariv is at the conclusion of Shabbat.

During Daylight Savings Time, there will be a class each week one hour before Shabbat Mincha.

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GOLDEN BOOK

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Temple Israel Elections

At the general meeting on July 9th, Marc Goodman and Leonard Ross were reelected co-presidents of Temple Israel. A complete slate of the new officers and trustees will be listed in the next issue of the CHAI-lites

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