

July, 2009

From the President's Desk

Joyce Peck, President

It's no secret Beth El Synagogue is having financial difficulties along with the rest of the country in these troubled economic times. We are grateful to a number of people who responded to our recent letter of appeal, donating upwards of \$8,300 to help us complete the 2009 fiscal year. (The new fiscal year will start July 1.) Donations ranged from \$25 to several thousands of dollars and we are grateful for every single contribution we received no matter the amount. There is no donation too small.

Now that we are certain of successfully finishing out the fiscal year, we must begin to rebuild our savings and investments. We have seriously depleted both in recent years to meet our budgetary commitments – not a good practice.

A new Financial Committee, headed by financial officer Mitchell Soss, has begun to meet to address these issues and has come up with a number of ideas we hope to implement in the coming year. We have looked at ways to further reduce our expenses such as switching power companies. We are also looking at a number of fund raisers. You will hear more from the committee and Harold Breindel about a charitable annuity fund for members.

You will also hear more about purchasing pew plaques, library shelf plaques and reserving memorial plaques as well as adding your family names to our Tree of Life and purchasing “scrip” for use area area businesses. You also will see an annual appeal letter.

We hope everyone will stay with us and support us as you can.

Have a safe and happy summer.

News in Brief

- **Memorial Plaques:** The cost of memorial plaques, placed on the yahrzeit boards in the main hallway, is going up as of Jan. 1, 2010. As of that date, plaques will cost \$400 each. You can reserve plaques for future use until then at the present cost of \$350 each. It's not something we often like to think about, but a number of people have already done so. It is a savings and something to consider. Talk to Patricia in the office for more information

- **Grow the Tree of Life** **The Tree of Life** at the bottom of the stairs in our vestry still has lots of room for growth. You can add your family's name or those of individual family members. A leaf is \$36, a branch or limb is \$72 and the one remaining stone is \$108. It's a lasting memory and fun to look up names of those we know. Call Patricia in the office for more information.

- The next **Dr. Stanley M. Mand Lox & Lecture** is Sunday, Aug. 30, 10 a.m. **Abe Gittelson**, who often lectures at Camp Isabella Freedman, will return to talk about "The Possibility of Peace in Israel. Please join us. Programs are free, but a donation would be appreciated to cover the cost of the breakfast

Friday Night Shabbat Service July 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Conducted by Rabbi Eisenberg. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service. Please join us. The August Friday night Shabbat is scheduled for Aug. 7.

Todah Rabah — Thank you

Kudos and best wishes to officers and trustees who stayed on for new terms. Almost everyone did. Special thanks to **Joan Libby** who is new to the Board of Trustees this year. A heartfelt thanks and many good wishes to **Wendy Casbolt** who retired from her position as financial officer after many, many years on the job. And thank you to **Mitch Soss** for assuming Wendy's duties.

Todah to **Stephanie Oakan**, who is our new **Adult Education Chairwoman**. She takes over for the late Dr. Stanley Mand, who served for many years, and has some interesting new plans in the works.

Many thanks to **Jennifer Overton** for organizing a membership Shabbat Service in June. We have two new member families and several prospects for membership.

Simchas to Share

Mazel tov and many good wishes to **Bea and Mal Guralnick** on the birth of their very first great-grandchild, John Moses Burkhard, on June 9 in New Hampshire. The baby is also the grandson of the Guralnick's daughter, Joan, and her husband Daniel Burkhard of Stockbridge, MA.

Mazel tov and good wishes to Joyce **Peck and Stephanie Oakan** on their B'not Mitzvah. Ceremonies were held on June 13. Joyce is synagogue president and Stephanie is a board member, library committee member and now Adult Education Chair.

Condolences to:

The Brandt family on the loss of Debra's grandmother in June.
The Jacobson family on the loss of Helen's daughter, Elinor, in June.



Get Well, Stay Well

Ronald Garber

Joe Ginsburg

Ken and Barbara Weil, parents of Nancy Gottfried

Barbara Schwab, mother of Debra Brandt



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Michael Madow	July 2
Richard Arum	July 3
Joseph Ginsburg	July 8
Greg Overton	July 9
Joyce Peck	July 11
Gabrielle Richard	July 13
Meredith Davison	July 13
Ann Cohn	July 14
Sandra Lowe	July 18
Justin Faust	July 20
Lois Rothburd	July 21
Alan Matisoff	July 21
Daniel Lowe	July 23
Judith Richard	July 27
Alyssa Temkin	July 28
Rachel Paletsky	July 30

Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Libby	July 2	42nd
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gersten	July 3	43rd
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cohen	July 3	49th
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Temkin	July 4	5th
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Richard	July 14	52nd
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kaplan	July 14	46th
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Faust	July 15	25th
Mr. and Mrs. David Silver	July 26	11th
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Denenholtz	July 31	21 st

Yahrzeits

Light the memorial candle the night before. *These names have been inscribed on the memorial tablets.

Harry Baker*	July 1
Philip Malkin*	July 3
Jerome Alexandre	July 6
Benjamin Stemple	July 6
Harry Ossen*	July 7
Murray Kaizer	July 9
Murray Kare	July 9
Irving Mohr	July 9
Benjamin Bernstein	July 10
Hilda Brenner	July 11
Ida Rubin Kirsner	July 11
Joseph Schnier	July 12
Edith Edelson	July 13
Benjamin Israel Goldstein	July 13
Ann Louise Nelson	July 13
Gertrude Wolk*	July 13
Judith Abrams	July 14
Sonia Derwin*	July 14
Sam Temple	July 14
Lilly Weilheimer	July 15
Louis Wolf*	July 15
Howard Katz	July 16
Anna Temkin*	July 16
Siegbert Markwald	July 17
Rose Alexandre*	July 19
Sylvia Misthal*	July 21
Adele Schimerling	July 21
William Zinderman	July 22
Barbara Breindel*	July 23
William Cramer*	July 27
David Dember	July 27
Joseph Goldman*	July 28
Jacob Mand	July 28
Esther Kantor*	July 29
George Weiser	July 29
Dora Fass	July 30
Jennie Wolf*	July 30
Lonia Manheimer*	July 31

Candle Lighting Times for Torrington, CT

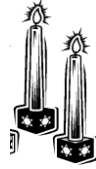
July 3 8:13 pm

July 24 8:02 pm

July 10 8:11 pm

July 31 7:00 pm

July 17 8:07 pm



Saturday Shabbat services are held each week at 9:30 a.m. Every person counts.