

From the Presidents' Desk

October 2008

We are so proud and pleased with almost completed renovation project that we want to take a moment to thank all those who contributed to the fund. As you know, we were able to remove trees and an oil tank, replace the roof over the library/office part of the building and gutters, replace deteriorating exterior facade tiles, add new drainage, and replace the front stairs. Floor tiles throughout the main level will also be replaced. It was the largest single renovation project undertaken since the building was constructed in 1949.

We were able to raise more than \$61,000 and forestall having to take out a second mortgage or loan for the project. Every gift helped; none was too small; and all were greatly appreciated.

A plaque will go up later this year recognizing the major donors, but we would like here to acknowledge all who made contributions. The list shows that more than half our membership helped. The donors as of this writing are as follows:

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In memory of Bertram Kessler
Joseph & Sherry Ginsburg
Tim & Debra Brandt
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Stanley & Lenore Mand
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Scott Fein & Patricia Martinelli
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Benjamin & Debra Freund
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Vicki Lynch
Brandon & Linda Podos.

We wish everyone in the congregation a healthy, happy and successful New Year.

Mike Madow, Alan Cohn, Joyce Peck, Tri-Presidents

News in Brief

- Members and friends of Marvin Peyser and the congregation are invited to the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Connecticut Valley Region annual meeting and installation of officers on Sunday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Beth Hillel Synagogue, 160 Wintonbury Road, Bloomfield. Marvin will be among those presented with Leadership Awards by UCSJ. The event includes brunch and a Cantors' Concert. The cost is \$40 per person. Send checks payable to USCJ, to USCJ, 1800 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 171, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Mention that you are from Beth El Synagogue. The deadline is Oct. 28.
- Our new website is up and running, a continual work in progress, thanks to Roland Perreault, who is also serving as webmaster. Check it out at www.bethelorrct.com. Let us know what you think! Tell your friends.
- Help us grow our membership! If you know of someone in the area who is Jewish and not a member, please let us know. Send us a name, address and phone number so that we may contact them. We will be discreet and low key.

Please RSVP for the Annual **Break-the-fast** following Yom Kippur services by calling Beth El Synagogue. The cost is \$20.00 per adult, \$8.00 children under age 12, \$50 limit per family.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Rhonda Ginsburg	October 1
Nathan Matisoff	October 4
Jerome Kaplan	October 9
James Pelosi	October 14
Eric Moskowitz	October 17
Craig Faust	October 17
Brandon Podos	October 19
Danielle Soss	October 20
Michael Libby	October 20
Harvey Ginsberg	October 25
Alexis Davison	October 25
Eli Cohen-Lawlor	October 25
Susan Levine	October 26
Estelle Ginsberg	October 26
Hollis Cunningham	October 30
Aaron Cohn	October 30
Hazel Radler	October 31
Linda Podos	October 31

Anniversaries

Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Mand	October 29	58th
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Anderson	October 29	8th
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ginsburg	October 30	59 th

**Beth El
Blooms**

If you'd like to honor someone, send congratulations or thank someone, try a Beth El Bloom for a donation of \$18 in the newsletter or ***The Voice***. Give us the information and we'll do the work.

Todah Rabah — Thank you

To **Vicki Lynch**, who polished the silver ornaments in our Ark just in time for the High Holidays and Hannah Cohen-Lawlor's Bat Mitzvah. Vicki also lined the back wall of the Ark with fabric so that everything looks clean and new. Many thanks, Vicki.

Stephanie Oakan who continues to input book data on the library computer. It's a slow, detailed task that will eventually result in information on all our books and materials available on the computer.

Marvin and Harriet Peyser who donated DVD player in time for Shlichot services at the start of the High Holiday season.

House Chair **Roland Perreault** and crew -- **Mike Madow, Alan Cohn, Tim Brandt, Aaron Podos, Marvin Peyser, Joe Ginsburg** -- who spent a Sunday morning in September cleaning up the rear yard of the synagogue so they could set up the Sukkah. It looks wonderful!

Bea Guralnick and **Dennis Gottfried** who are helping our adult Bat Mitzvah students learn Hebrew. Rabbi Richard Eisenberg is teaching the class which will result in a group Bat Mitzvah in June. Watch for details.

Bob and Stephanie Oakan and **Joyce Peck** for hosting the September Friday night Oneg Shabbat



Simchas to Share

Good News to All

Joyce Peck

Wow! Good wishes to **Ann Temkin**, who grew up in Torrington, and was recently named chief curator of painting and sculpture at MoMA, the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. She has been at the MoMA since 2003 and before that was curator for 13 years at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Ann is the daughter of longtime member Joann Temkin and the late Abe Temkin.

We want to share your good news, but we can't unless you tell us. Email your news to:

Joyce at joycekp@optonline.net,

or Patricia at besynagogue@snet.net,

call the office, or mail a note to the synagogue

Yahrzeits

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

Ruth Kandel	October 2
Louis Tunick*	October 2
Samuel Fass	October 3
Freda Reisman	October 4
Julius Schlesinger *	October 5
Isaac Silverstein	October 5
Chester Bufferd *	October 6
Harry Jacobson*	October 8
Hyman Hecht	October 9
Max Denenholtz	October 10
Sylvia Lambert	October 10
Elizabeth Rice	October 10
Pearl Harnett Orlofshy	October 11
Max Bergad	October 14
Rifka Perl	October 14
Pauline Stemple*	October 17
Molly Temkin*	October 17
Henrietta Dember	October 18
Harvey Frankel	October 18
Andrew Gottfried	October 18
Ruben Whithall*	October 18
Sam Manowitz	October 20
Clara Radom *	October 20
Anthony James Apruzzese	October 21
Jessica Faith Apruzzese	October 21
Henry Rubens *	October 24
Rose Brody *	October 25
Kalman Fass	October 27
Sadele Chain	October 28
Pauline Flower *	October 29
Edward Paletsky	October 30

