

# *From the Presidents' Desk*

November 08

We are pleased to report that a number of generous members have stepped forward to help us make interior improvements to Beth El Synagogue amenities and to raise much needed funds. Dr. Walter Davison was the first to donate funds to replace one Torah cover. He actually is replacing a silver plate donated by his parents in his honor on his safe return from Vietnam. The Board of Trustees is replacing the second of three covers in honor of Attorney Steven H. Levy, who has always been there to assist when called upon over the years. Joe and Sherry Ginsburg on donating funds to replace the third Torah cover. Bob and Stephanie Oakan are donating funds to replace the covers for the bimah table and dais. Steve Levy's parents are also making a substantial donation to replace the Library Ark curtain and inscribe a Torah silver plate. We hope to have a special ceremony when these projects are completed.

While we are grateful for these larger donations, we appreciate all contributions, small or large, monetary or voluntary work. The last is very important to us. We have a small staff and many needs. Hosting an Oneg Shabbat or a Kiddush, helping with a mailing, fulfilling a religious school need, cleaning in the kitchen, inputting data into the computer, supplying snacks for the religious school students, other tasks -- all are important contributions to the synagogue well being. All of these efforts go toward maintaining a Jewish presence in Greater Torrington.

**Friday Night Shabbat Service, November 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m.**  
Conducted by Rabbi Eisenberg, The Perreaults and Brandts will host the Oneg Shabbat following the service. Please join us.

## ***News in Brief***

- We are honored that the Interfaith Council of Northwest Connecticut will host the annual **Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at Beth El Synagogue** this year. The service will take place Sunday, Nov. 23, at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the service. We urge everyone to attend. Please bring an item of non-perishable food for donation to food banks.
- Also on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 10:30 a.m. Rabbi Richard Eisenberg will conduct his first **Parents Program**. All are welcome.
- **Wanted:** Mentor for a 16-year-old Jewish girl in foster care in Torrington. For more information, call Charlotte Silver at 567-4173.
- Todah to **Sherry and Joe Ginsburg** who are donating the third of our three new Torah covers. The Ginsburgs are dedicated and active members of our synagogue, touching the congregation in many ways; and we appreciate all that they do. This completes our Torah cover fund raiser and we are grateful to all who helped. The three covers will be unveiled and dedicated at an upcoming service. Watch for details.

### ***Simchas to Share***

#### ***Good News to All***

*Joyce Peck*

Mazel tov and good wishes to Joan and Gerry Libby on the birth of granddaughter, Julian Cordelia, in September to son, Jonathan, and his wife, Stephanie Gallagher. Julian has an older brother, Ira.

Mazel tov and good wishes to the Cohen-Lawlor family on the Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Hannah, in September.

*Today's Rebekah — Thank you to:*

**Carol Silver**, who made a great banner and poster to celebrate the arrival of our new website. Check it out at

**[www.betheltorret.com](http://www.betheltorret.com)**.

The **Perreaults** and **Brandts** who will host the Oneg Shabbat following the Friday night Shabbat service on Nov. 14.

House Chair **Roland Perreault** and crew who set up and took down our Sukkah this year.

**Dennis and Nancy Gottfried**, who hosted the kiddish following a Saturday morning Shabbat service in October, in memory of Nancy's grandmother.

Today to all those who participated in the Supper in the Sukkah, one of our most successful events. The food was yummy and the company wonderful.

**Stephanie Oakan** who continues to input book data in our library onto the library computer. Soon all books and materials will be catalogued on line.

**Harold Breindel** who shopped and cooked up delicious lox and eggs for the Barbara Breindel Break-the-Fast following Yom Kippur services and to the crew who helped serve up the wonderful meal.

**Corinne Johnson**, who once again provided outstanding flower arrangements for the Break-the-Fast as she does for many events at Beth El Synagogue.

**Beth El  
Blooms**



**Congratulations to  
Elly and Becca  
Overton on the  
arrival of their  
cousin, Benjamin Eli**



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



## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### ***Birthdays***

Judith Mubarek	November 2
Michael Broverman	November 3
Rebecca Perreault	November 7
Michael Mand	November 8
Hope Margulies	November 9
Helen Ratner	November 10
Shayna Jenkins	November 12
Gayle Temkin	November 13
Randall Heimler	November 14
Cameron Cunningham	November 14
Lori Brawerman	November 14
Rebecca Silver	November 15
Joel Malkoff	November 15
Rachel Cunningham	November 16
Alan Temkin	November 16
Lewis Ginsberg	November 19
Steven Temkin	November 22
Jonathan Hayward	November 23
Ilana Peck	November 28
Tim Brandt	November 29
Daniel Gottfried	November 30

### ***Anniversaries***

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rothburd	November 2	56th
Mr. and Mrs. William Goring	November 2	39th
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tepper	November 21	65rd
Mr. and Mrs. Khoury Mubarek	November 26	36th
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Freund	November 28	23sth

We at Beth El Synagogue mourn the loss of Stanley Mand, who served as chairman of the board of trustees for a number of years and adult education chairman for even longer. In his honor the trustees have established the Dr Stanley M. Mand Education Fund

### ***Yahrzeits***

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

Dorothy Felser	November 2
Harry Kaplan*	November 2
Sidney Chait*	November 3
Bertha Tashman*	November 3
Ronald Brandt	November 4
Joseph Hochman*	November 6
Jacob Brody	November 7
Evelyn Pollack	November 7
Sally Hyman	November 9
Rose Israel	November 10
Louis Rabinowitz	November 10
Lilyan Goldsmith	November 11
Morris Karasyk	November 11
Leo Radom*	November 12
Abraham Rice	November 14
Dora Shor	November 14
Lillian Mand	November 15
Joseph Corb	November 16
Irving Herlands	November 17
Tena Smith*	November 17
Hilda Carroll	November 19
Anna Marmor*	November 19
Lil Temple	November 19
Louis Feuer	November 20
Philip Levin	November 21
Fave Gersten	November 22
Fred Levine*	November 22
Jack Siegel*	November 23
Adeline Gerson	November 24
Ella Josefsberg	November 26
Morris Sander	November 26
Robert Silverstein	November 26
Merle Rice	November 27
Dr. Myer Dashe	November 28
George Ginsberg*	November 28
Abraham Kandel	November 28
Bessie Shapiro	November 28
Barnett Bufferd *	November 29
Morton Davidson *	November 30

## Candle Lighting Times for Torrington, CT

Nov. 7	4:21	Nov. 21	4:09
Nov. 14	4:14	Nov. 28	4:05



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

**Wanted:** Hosts for upcoming Friday night Oneg Shabbats. Open dates include Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13, April 10 (Passover), May 15 and June 12. The fare may be as simple or elaborate as the hosts wish to make it. Challah, wine and juice, and paper goods are provided by the Synagogue. We ask only that the rules of kashrut be observed, and remember, our kitchen is now no meat. Hosting an Oneg Shabbat is a lovely way to observe an important personal event like an anniversary or birth of a grandchild. Call Patricia in the office or Joyce Peck to volunteer.

Litchfield County Chapter of **Hadassah's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fair Trade Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Torrington Armory. Contact Vicki Lynch (860) 491-3495