

Temple Beth El_{ectronic} News

Visit our temple website at <http://www.templebe.org>

Cheshvan 5769

November 2008

Upcoming Lay Shabbat Service

The worship committee is working to put together the lay-led service for Friday, November 14. Our goal is maximum participation, so please contact Barb Alexander (alexgalena@aol.com) if you would like to read a line of the Torah portion, or Rebecca Gottlieb (gottlieb@uwplatt.edu) to lead any other portion of the service. The service may not be perfect, but it will be meaningful as well as fun!

Sisterhood Organizational Meeting

Possible dates for the first Sisterhood meeting of this year are November 16 or November 23. Please let Rebecca Gottlieb know if you have a preference or if you are able to host the meeting. All women associated with the congregation are eligible to join WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism).

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The DACU (Dubuque Area Congregations United) Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service will take place on Wednesday, November 26, at 7:00 PM at Resurrection Catholic Church. The speaker will be Rev. Rick Mihm, Director of the Dubuque Rescue Mission. A collection will be taken to benefit People In Need (PIN). Music will be provided by Dr. Charles Barland of the University of Dubuque and an old-fashioned "sing-along" of favorite Thanksgiving hymns. Everyone is warmly encouraged to attend.

Another Article on our Community

Karin Pritikin has written a long article about the Jewish community in Dubuque. This piece appears in November's *Julien's Journal*. Way to go, Karin!

Saturday, December 6th, 12:00 pm @ Temple Beth El – The Great Kugel Cook-off!

That's right, a kugel cook-off! Think you have a fantastic kugel recipe? When you serve it are guests always asking for more? Or perhaps there's a kugel recipe you've always wanted to try. A noodle kugel? Potato kugel? Matzah kugel? Well, here's your chance.

The rules: Bring your kugel to the temple *already cooked* (the oven will be available for re-heating only); use a disposable cooking tin so all entrants look the same; and bring copies of your recipe to share. Guest "celebrity" judges will do the official judging, but all in attendance will have the chance to sample. Most importantly, **please email Rabbi Stephanie at stephalex75@msn.com by November 21st** to register your potentially prize-winning kugel entry.

Oneg, Rabbi Dinner, and Adult Study Hosts

To host an oneg, contact Fern Reinstein (threeamstamper@yahoo.com)

To host a rabbi dinner, contact Cindy Mikel (mikelcinkc@aol.com)

To host an adult study, contact Rina Sirk (rinadbq@aol.com)

From Our Members

Jacquie Dyrke writes:

I would like to thank everyone who helped with my Bat Mitzvah, and that means ALL OF YOU! Everyone has been so encouraging during the past 1 ½ yrs. as I have been studying for my Bat Mitzvah.

Special thanks to Rabbi Stephanie who has been very patient with me even when I started to freak out. Thanks to Eileen Collins and our own Sheila Rudin who helped me learn Hebrew. Teaching this old dog new tricks hasn't been easy!

Without the help of Rebecca and Phyllis, I would have had to stop the service so I could run downstairs to put up the food for our meal! Thanks also to Phyllis for making the wonderful challah!

Of course, my family has been absolutely wonderful in supporting me from the day that I joined Temple Beth El. My husband has become almost a member –taking me to almost all the services for the past eight years. My daughter went beyond the call of duty to her mother when she helped make most of the food and with the decorating for my Bat Mitzvah. Peter, living in Iowa, encouraged me from a distance.

I hope my Bat Mitzvah will encourage other members, who may have not had the opportunity when they were young, to have one!

Bei Rutten writes,

Would anyone be interested in learning to play mah jong? I'd love to be part of a group that learns to play, and am wondering about how to get the word out. Any suggestions?

Hank Goldstein writes,

Linda and I spent a day at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. It would be a vast understatement to say that it was a highly moving, emotional experience that will always be indelibly etched in my memory.

November 9th and 10th are the 70th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*. Here is a brief statement about it from the Holocaust Memorial Museum's website: "Seventy years ago, on November 9–10, 1938, the Nazis staged vicious pogroms—state sanctioned, anti-Jewish riots—against the Jewish community of Germany. These came to be known as *Kristallnacht* (now commonly translated as "Night of Broken Glass"), a reference to the untold numbers of broken windows of synagogues, Jewish-owned stores, community centers, and homes plundered and destroyed during the pogroms. Encouraged by the Nazi regime, the rioters burned or destroyed 267 synagogues, vandalized or looted 7,500 Jewish businesses, and killed at least 91 Jewish people. They also damaged many Jewish cemeteries, hospitals, schools, and homes as police and fire brigades stood aside. Kristallnacht was a turning point in history. The pogroms marked an intensification of Nazi anti-Jewish policy that would culminate in the Holocaust—the systematic, state-sponsored murder of Jews."

Hank also notes,

On Iowa Public Television, the provocative and powerful "God on Trial" finds a group of Jews at Auschwitz convening a rabbinical court to put the Lord on trial for breaking his covenant with them while waiting for the Nazis to come and take some of them to the gas chambers. There's more information on Public Television websites. **[Iowa Public Television (also available on Wisconsin and Illinois public television), Sunday, November 9, 8:00pm,]**



Service and Mitzvah Schedule for 5769

(Updated 11-08-08)

NOTES:

- Rabbi Stephanie has brought a new dimension to our temple by offering a slew of activities on the weekends she is here. The schedule below does NOT include those specific activities. Refer to each newsletter for the specifics of an upcoming weekend.

November 14...7:00pm Lay Shabbat service	oneg: Reinstein
Friday, December 5...7:00pm Shabbat service	dinner: Sirk, oneg Silverberg
Saturday, December 6...7:00pm adult study	dinner: TBD, study: TBD
Friday, December 19...6:00pm Hanukkah Service	(dinner hosted by Ruthie Silverberg & Randy Sirk with menorah lighting to follow)
Saturday, December 20...7:00pm adult study	dinner: Gottlieb, study: TBD
Wednesday, December 24...REFLECTIONS IN THE PARK (assuming we are doing this for 2008)	
Friday, January 9, 2009...7:00pm Shabbat service	dinner: Goldberg-Scheinman, oneg: Ruetten
Saturday, January 10...7:00pm adult study	dinner: TBD, study: TBD
Friday, January 30...7:00pm Lay Shabbat service	oneg: Goldberg-Scheinman
Friday, February 13...7:00pm Shabbat service	dinner: Mikel & Pearce, oneg: Garfield
Saturday, February 14...7:00pm adult study	dinner: TBD, study: TBD
Friday, March 6...6:00pm Purim service with dinner to follow	(need a Purim Dinner host)
Saturday, March 7...7:00pm adult study	dinner: TBD, study: TBD
Friday, April 3... Passover and Visitors' Service.	Details for the weekend to follow
Saturday, April 4...7:00pm adult study?	dinner: TBD, study: TBD
Friday, April 24...7:00pm Lay Shabbat service	oneg: Aidenbaum
Spring Congregational Meeting—Details to follow	
Friday, May 8... 7:00pm Shabbat service	dinner: TBD oneg: Dyrke
Saturday, May 9...7:00pm adult study	dinner: Dyrke, study: TBD
Friday, June 5...7:00pm Shabbat service	dinner: TBD, oneg: Alexander
Saturday, June 6... time TBD	End-of-Year Adult Social hosted by the Alexanders