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Barry Marks, Rabbi
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December 2011
 Kislev/Tevet 5772

Calendar of Events

Friday, December 2	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Kim Knuuti & Zvi Pasman and Annette & Jeffrey Chesky
Saturday, December 3	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Vayetze Genesis 30:14— 31:16
Friday, December 9	Shabbat Eve Services Temple B'rith Shalom8:00 pm Federation Shabbat Please note later time No Services at Temple Israel
Saturday, December 10	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Vayishlach Genesis 34:1—35:15
Friday, December 16	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Bubby & Me.....5:15pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Jen & Josh Steiman and Rebecca Landsberg & Ross Garmil
Saturday, December 17	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Vayeshev Genesis 38:1— 30
Friday, December 23	Shabbat Eve Services7:00 pm Please note later time Chanukkah Dinner (5:30pm) Oneg Shabbat hosted by Sandy & Barry Weiss and Susan & Jay Mogerma
Saturday, December 24	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Miketz Genesis 41:53— 43:15
Friday, December 30	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat host TBA
Saturday, December 31	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Vayigash Genesis 45:28— 46:27

Other Events

Thursday, December 8	Sisterhood Meeting5:30pm
Tuesday, December 13	Sisterhood Book Club7:30 pm <i>After the Apple by Naomi Rosenblatt</i> <i>Home of Anya Rogovaya</i>
Wednesday, December 21	Board of Directors7:30 pm
Friday, December 23	Chanukkah Dinner5:30pm



**Candle
 Lighting
 Times**

December 2	4:17 pm
December 9	4:16 pm
December 16	4:17 pm
December 23	4:20 pm
December 30	4:25 pm





The Rabbi's ReMarks



Our gala fiftieth anniversary celebration at the Springfield Hilton on Saturday evening, November 19th was a most delightful and enjoyable occasion. The members of the Planning Committee deserve special thanks for their hard work and their creativity. What a fun evening with so many different things to do! I was impressed by the number of folks who dressed in costume – women in their poodle skirts, men with their blue jeans, leather jackets and greased hair – and totally amazed by the attendance. Having one hundred and seventy people at an occasion of this kind is no small achievement. I'm grateful to members of Temple B'rith Sholom and friends from the general Springfield community who came out to celebrate with us. I trust that everyone had a good time.

As a teacher of American Jewish history and comparative Judaism to our young people, I realize that fifty years is not a particularly long span of time for a Jewish congregation to have been in existence. Half a century in the same building, however, does represent a significant milestone. I've been privileged to have been here for thirty-eight of those fifty years and to have known many of the members who were present at the beginning and whose generosity and hard work were instrumental in providing a beautiful and comfortable home for Temple Israel.

Much has happened over the course of fifty years. An anniversary is an appropriate time to celebrate the past and pay tribute to the vision and efforts of our founders as well as to the devoted service of long-time members. But this is also a time to ponder and to plan for our future. The synagogue as an institution has been central to Jewish life for nearly two millennia. It has served as house of prayer, house of study, and house of assembly, and it has been key to the survival of the Jewish people over the centuries. We face some daunting challenges now, first and foremost those involving demography (declining Jewish population, downsizing of state government, high percentage of our young

people who don't return to Springfield when they complete their education). It is possible that something will happen to slow or even reverse these trends, but we can not know with any certainty what the future might bring. What we can do is to convey to our young and our not-so-young an appreciation for the enduring relevance of the synagogue and the importance of what it represents – prayer and the spiritual life, learning and study as the basis for a life of piety, the warmth and closeness of a caring community.

The success of our fiftieth anniversary Shabbat service and of our gala celebration is for me a testimony to the place Temple Israel holds in our hearts. Our continued dedication and support are necessary to assure that our future and the future of Jewish life in Springfield will be strong and vibrant.

Rabbi Barry Marks



President's Message

The last few weeks have certainly been a “Flash to the Past.” Our 50th anniversary celebrations have given us an opportunity to reminisce as we scoured through old pictures, newspaper articles and service hand-outs. Although I was unable to attend, the reports I heard about the Shabbat Service on October 28th were all so very positive. It was wonderful to have Cantor Sam Radwine, who received his early Jewish education here in Springfield, to help us celebrate. The service was well attended (even though the seventh game of the world series was going on at the same time) and voices of Cantor Radwine along with our own congregational choir were inspiring. I was amazed to realize just how many of the families who created our congregation and building are still members and continue to be cornerstones of our current community. In several cases, the fourth generation is being educated, celebrating bar/bat mitzvahs, and heading off into their adult lives. Now we'll see how many of them remain or return to carry on the traditions.

I want to thank Gloria Schwartz for coordinating the October event. Beryl Feldman who arranged the oneg, Mark Wancket who assisted with the historical presentation, and Rabbi Marks who coordinated the service, backed her up. Thanks to Rabbi Datz and Merle Shiffman for their participation, but most importantly, to all descendants of the families affiliated with Temple Israel's founding. Your continued support in so many ways is amazing.

Three weeks later we went from our serious and meaningful Shabbat to poodle skirts, bobby socks and slicked back hair. If you weren't there, you missed a wonderful party. The 50's party on November 19th was a blast from the past as we sang with “Fast Eddie and the Corvettes,” met Elvis Himself, had caricatures done and won “period” prizes for the trivia contest. So many people dressed up, danced and just had a great time. I can't thank chairpersons, Rita and Jack Victor, enough for their leadership and ability to plan such a wonderful event. So many people told me what a great job I did that night but the truth is, all I did was ask Rita and Jack to take the lead and the rest as they say, was history. The easiest party I ever planned! But Rita and Jack didn't do it alone. An incredible committee of Elissa GoldbergBelle, the Party Consultant, along with Pamela and Elliott Cohen, Paula and Jerry Gruebel, Carol and Jay Kitterman, Josh Kitterman, Susan and Jay Mogerman, Fran and Mo Nagorsky, Julie Seidman, and Sandy and Barry Weiss, backed them up. What a crew! It was obvious that many hours were put into the planning of such a big event and nobody had more fun or looked more authentic than those on the planning committee. Thanks so much to all of you for your vision, energy and enthusiasm. It was awesome.

Finally, we had another event just a few weeks ago that also deserves kudos. Carol and Carl Faingold have been working hard to create our newest program, Bubby and Me. We hope this will be a monthly opportunity for families with younger children to celebrate Shabbat with their real or adopted grandparents. It includes dinner, story telling, arts and crafts and music prior to attending our family Shabbat service in which we hope to get the children more involved. Thanks to all those who attended our first Bubby and Me program in November. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any suggestions. We welcome all of our families with children and anyone who is or wants to play grandparent to join us. Please see the flyer inside the bulletin for more information.



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Barbara Seidman

Community News



Cookbook Errors & Omissions

- Apologies to Julie Seidman for leaving her name out of the acknowledgments.
- Stonehenge Chocolate Whiskey Cake (pg 149). Add 1/2 cup flour to the ingredients

Please make these corrections to your cookbook and pass this information on to those to whom you have given cookbooks.

Calling All Cooks



It's not too early to start thinking about holiday and/or hostess gifts.

If you haven't seen, heard or purchased your copy of "Tasty Temptations From Temple Israel - A Collection of Kosher Recipes for Everyone's Kitchen," it's not too late. This cookbook is a collection of recipes from some of the best cooks from Temple Israel.

Since the cookbooks arrived, more than half of them have been sold. Don't miss out on the opportunity to add this cookbook to your personal collection. Cookbooks are \$20 for one and \$18 for additional books.

To purchase your cookbook, call or visit Temple Israel, 546-2841, or contact Beryl Feldman, 546-9574, or Merle Shiffman, 546-3710. Bon appetit!



Chanukah Gift Shop News



Chanukah's Around the corner, Check out the gift shop for your holiday needs



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For Oneg at Friday night services we would like to have 2 desserts and 2 appetizer/hors d'oeuvres.

Please arrive at the synagogue ½ hour before service to set up. Plan to stay and serve following services which should be over around 7:00pm. If you are unable to attend, please contact your co-host(s) DIRECTLY to make other arrangements.



B'rit Yisrael School News

Pre-k/Kindergarten

The Pre-K/K class has been following the calendar by studying the fall holidays. We have been focusing on providing a basic knowledge of what each holiday is, as well as the different ways to celebrate it. We have touched on Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Shabbat, Simchat Torah, Sukkot, Havdalah, and Israel. We hope that through crafts and classroom projects, your kids are learning while they are having fun.

First/Second Grade-Rae Lipsky

Mrs Lipsky is both the Hebrew instructor and the Religious instructor for our first/second grade class this year. The children are learning Hebrew through workbooks and fun games. In the religious portion of the class, the children are learning about the Sabbath and going through bible stories as well as some of the prayers.

Third/Fourth Selma Melamed -

Now that the Holidays are over, the 3rd/4th graders are full swing into the Mensch program and the Bible. I have been reading stories from the Midrash that teach a moral lesson and are great for discussion. We have been studying Bible stories from the Book of Exodus dealing with Moses in the desert and the story of the Golden Calf, moving onto Caleb and Joshua in the Book of Numbers. We are also continuing with the Mensch handbook and learning how to make ethical choices and treat all people (including ourselves) with integrity and respect. I try to bring it to life by having the children write thank you notes and make cards for various occasions.

Our snack supply has been depleted so I would appreciate your sending healthy snacks on a regular basis. Thanks.

We welcome Noah Flynn to this class as an aid. Noah is one of our high school students who is volunteering in the class. Noah is able to help students individually with projects, especially when all the students are in attendance. Noah assists Mrs. Melamed, one of our retuning teachers, with reading and other projects.

Fifth/Sixth-Sherry Flynn

We have just finished up the book Who was Anne Frank? Each child received a book; the books were purchased by me and Mary Schwartz.

And we completed the following chapters from the Sefer Haggadah/ The Book of Legends for Young Readers. Light and Fire; How Shall You Be Blessed?; What is a Promise Worth?; Loving The Small Things?; A Time to Pray, A Time to Act; God's Marvelous Voice; Shall There Be One Law for Man and Another for Woman?

Seventh/Eighth Grade- Rabbis Datz and Marks

The Seventh grade class is dividing their time between general Jewish history and comparative Judaism. We began with a field trip to the Lincoln Presidential Museum and, in the

general history class, have proceeded from the Biblical period to (currently) the Hellenistic and Roman periods. We have considered how "history" is written and, most recently had a debate over Chanukah and Christmas, to illustrate the debate centuries ago over how much we should allow Hellenism to influence our Judaism. Both rabbis were delighted to see many of the students attend the make-up lecture with Rabbi Porath. As our framework for understanding Comparative Judaism, we have studied the history of the successive waves of Jewish immigration to America and their influence on the shaping of American Judaism. . We are focusing on the beliefs and practices as well as the organizational structure of each of the major American Jewish denominations. We have completed our study of Orthodox Judaism and have begun considering the era of Emancipation in Central and Western Europe which was the background for the emergence of Reform Judaism.

Music/Barbara Seidman

We worked on High Holiday music and practiced some music for the Simchat Torah celebration.

4th Grade Hebrew-Sharon Snyder

My class is busy learning to recognize the cursive letters and writing them. We are working on vocabulary in each chapter and write the words in both block and cursive in their machberots and flash cards. The object is for the children to use the flash cards so they can read and recognize the words in both block and cursive. They need the repetition of the flash cards to reinforce the vocabulary.

We are also working on reading and chanting the v'a'havta prayer. We have completed about half of it and should have it done before winter break. We will then continue with another prayer from the siddur.

The idea of a little homework each week is again to reinforce and strengthen their skills. If they do a little bit each day it will make a big difference. Thank you for your support.

5th Grade Hebrew-Rabbi Marks

Rabbi Marks's Hebrew Class has completed the first three lessons of the Hebrew and Heritage Siddur Program, Book Two. The program is designed to familiarize students with the basic prayers and blessings, to teach Hebrew vocabulary, and to impart an understanding of how the Hebrew language is based on three letter roots.

In addition to reading and completing exercises in our workbooks, we learn through games such as Hangman, Simon Says, and Word Search.

6th Grade Hebrew-Rabbi Datz

The students have finished level 2 and will be starting level three in just about a week. There continues to be an emphasis on prayers and increasing vocabulary and language skills.

Elissa GoldbergBelle

Tributes

GENERAL FUND

Yahrzeit Of:

Jerri Cross By Irene Castles

In Honor Of:

Rabbi Marks and Nancy Sage by Barbara Crabill

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Rabbi Marks and Nancy Sage by Lois & Richard Bass

Harriet & Alan Josephson by Bette Kaiserman

Harriet & Alan Josephson by Fran & Mo Nagorsky

Rabbi Marks and Nancy Sage by Lindy & Bill Seltzer

Rabbi Marks by Lois & Richard Bass

Harriet & Alan Josephson by Sari & Mark Wancket

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Wancket

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Harriet & Alan Josephson by Selma & Caleb Melamed

Rabbi Marks and Nancy Sage by Delores & Harvey

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In Memory Of:

Rabbi Moshe Zemer by Annette & Jerry Schwartz

Rabbi Moshe Zemer by Brian Schwartz

Rabbi Moshe Zemer by Kari, Steve & Talon Basiewicz

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Yahrzeit Of:

Julius Draznin By Anne Draznin

In Honor Of:

Rabbi Marks and Nancy Sage by Betty & Tony Florian

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Rabbi Marks and Nancy Sage by Rebecca Landsberg & Ross Garmil

Rabbi Marks and Nancy Sage by Kim Knuuti & Zvi Pasman

Rabbi Marks and Nancy Sage by Laurel Garber & Stan Gralnick

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Rabbi Marks by Sandy & Larry Jennings

Rabbi Marks and Nancy Sage by Gail & Martin Megeff

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In Memory Of:

Ronald Levine by Gail & Martin Megeff

FEUER-BROZGOLD ENDOWMENT FUND

In Honor Of:

Harriet Josephson by Frances, Annette and Sara Feuer

MUSIC FUND

Yahrzeit of:

Matthew Becker by Joyce Lee

In Honor Of:

Rabbi Marks and Nancy Sage by Fran & Maurice Nagorsky

Jojene Sabath by Fran & Maurice Nagorsky

Harriet & Alan Josephson by Laurel Garber & Stan Gralnick

SPECIAL EVENTS FUND

In Memory Of:

Henrietta Hoffman by Julie Seidman

BUILDING FUND

In HonorOf:

Harriet & Alan Josephson by Evelyn & Rick Grimmer

Rabbi Marks by Ellen & Neil Matlins

Community News



Jewish Federation's Annual Shabbat

Friday, December 9
8 p.m.

Temple B'rith Sholom
(1004 S. 4th St.)

Speakers: Jamie Myers, Ralph Loewenstein & Philip Rukosuev

Joint Temple B'rith Sholom & Temple Israel Choirs

**TBS Monthly Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Yahrzeits—December

1	Morris Kaiserman
1	Rabbi Irvin Melamed
2	Betty Fischhoff
3	Katherine Cohen
3	Gilbert Liberman
3	Chester Skier
4	Ida Baer
4	Ida Potish
5	Irving Charney
6	Eva Potish
6	Florence G. Yaffe
7	Rebecca A. Dunas
7	Betty Fishman Yaffe
8	Adolph Goldman
8	Celia Kerstein
9	Lillian Cross
9	Sadie Greenberg Sherman
9	John Spiegel
10	Louis Cohen
10	Yetta Seidman
10	Sarah Weiner Sherman
11	Mitchell Alan Cohen
11	Sarah Simpson
11	Jeanne Stein
12	Goldie E. Feuer
12	Marvin Levine
14	David Damashek
15	Herman Goldberg
15	Mary Block Kitterman
15	Frank Lerman
16	Sam Robinson
16	Seymour Schriar
16	Margaret Stern
16	Ann Stetson
17	Dr. Ephraim Fischhoff
17	Elizabeth Nathanson
18	James E. Myers
19	Ida Bass
19	William Marks
20	Abram Brown
20	Rose Snyder Stern
21	Solomon Davidovitch
21	Rosa Hornstein
23	Meyer Eisenberg
23	Louis Ochman
24	Esther L. Cohen
24	Lizzie Custin
24	Leah LeBlang
24	Pearl Weinberg
25	Gail Lieberman
28	David Greenberg
28	Molly Katz
29	Rose Epstein
30	David H. Cohn
30	Isaac Dubinsky

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