

The Chai Times

EXTRA! EXTRA!

A Simcha Leaf has been added to the tree:

Our gratitude to Dr. Michael Drake for service to TABI as president from 2011 to 2013

Our Sunday School Is Changing

The TABI Religious School Committee is pleased to announce that our own Jessica Pajdo has been appointed as the new Principal of Education. We are enormously grateful to Cheryl Brice for her service and dedication to TABI's religious school, to our teachers and to our children.

Directory Update

TABI is in the process of updating our directory. Please provide Barbie in the TABI office any changes to home address, e-mail, contact and telephone information.
(812) 477-1577
temple@templeabi.org

AUGUST 18, 7:00PM

Temple Adath B'Nai Israel
Sunday Summer Speaker Series
Jennie Ebeling, PhD

Chair of The Department of Archaeology and Art History, University of Evansville

"The View from Jezebel's Window: Recent Archaeological Discoveries at Jezreel, Israel"

Light refreshments to follow
Reservations: (812) 477-1577

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Downtown Evansville

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Click on Race for the Cure and then Teams To join the TABI team, enter Temple Adath B'na Israel and hit search. Select our team and hit continue.

Please contact Davena Day with any questions: dld@woway.com (812) 629-6368

CALENDAR

A Word from the Rabbi



It is hard to believe, but the high holy days are upon us. As August is ushered in this year, so too is the Hebrew month of Elul. Elul is a very mystical, reflective month.

Elul is the month which directly proceeds the month of Tishrei; the month in which we celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Our tradition tells us that the month of Elul is the month set aside for personal introspection and preparation for the high holy days.

In traditional Jewish worship, special penitential prayers called selichot (forgiveness) are added into the daily liturgy during Elul. Towards the end of Elul we have a

special service – the Selichot service – which helps to prepare us for the Holy Days. Traditionally, the Shofar is also sounded in congregations each day of the month (except for the day before Rosh Hashanah) as a means of preparing ourselves for the Holy Days. The blast of the Shofar is supposed to help us look inwards and engage in the process of introspection.

According to the Midrash, Moses ascended mount Sinai on the first of Elul in order to receive the second set of tablets containing the ten commandments. Since our tradition tells us that Moses remained on the mountain for forty days, Moses would have remained on the mountain until the day we know as Yom Kippur.

There is a great lesson to be learned from the very letters of the Hebrew word Elul. The four Hebrew letters in the word Elul are the alef, lamed, vav and lamed. These four letters are the first letters of the four beautiful words from Song of Songs 6:3: Ani Ledodi V'dodi Li (I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.) Biblical commentators inter-

pret this verse as speaking of God's love for God's people Israel. Thus, the month of Elul is a time of reconciliation between the "lovers".

Elul is also a time of reconciliation between ourselves and anyone we have wronged over the year. Now is the time to engage in that ever difficult task of asking forgiveness from those we have wronged. Elul is also the time to let go of resentments and forgive those for whom we have held resentments over this past year. How difficult it is to admit our failings, yet, how rewarding it is to mend relationships which have been torn during this past year.

It is a new beginning at TABI – a new year and many new beginnings. Let us all begin to prepare ourselves for these high holy days by engaging in teshuvah (repentance and forgiveness) during the month of Elul.

B'shalom,

Gary A. Mazo, Rabbi

rabbi@templeabi.org

Birthdays

8/01	Dr. Arthur Lieberman Dorris Downing	8/13	Mark E. Sarett Dr. Merral Lewis	8/23	Hallie Lynn Goldsher
8/02	Edward Somberg	8/14	Seth Solomon	8/25	Leslie Berger
8/04	Alan Howard Siegel	8/15	Marsha Trockman	8/26	Stavete Jade Givon Taylor Abraham Huber Melissa Denise Marver
8/05	Kathy Ellenstein Martin	8/18	Kyle Jonathan Kuzmic	8/27	Pauline Lieberman Arielle Suwanna Moss
8/08	Molly Seligman Sophie Seligman	8/19	Ellen Lieberman Nirit Zukerman-Gast	8/28	Toby Troffkin
8/09	Susan Shovers	8/20	Jami Rae Senzell Lindsay Adler	8/29	Audra Levy
8/10	Bradley Jay Tenholz	8/21	Bess Levy Philip Siegel	8/30	Nathaniel Weinzapfel Davena Day
8/11	Bert Kopelwitz Julia Katz				
8/12	Elaine Dumes				

Birthdays Over 90 Years

Mrs. Bert Kopelwitz: 8/11/18

Sam Goldberg: 8/21/21

Pauline Lieberman: 8/27/22

Anniversaries

8/03	Mark & Wendy Frumkin	8/20	David & Stacy Barancik	8/27	Jeff & Nancy Trockman
8/10	Marc & Cindy Fine	8/21	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kessler	8/28	Bob & Becky Gold
8/11	Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Schachne	8/22	Scott & Dana Lobel	8/29	Sylvan & Patricia Haas III
8/14	Alan & Susan Shovers	8/23	Mr. & Mrs. George Helmbock		
8/16	Mr. & Mrs. Neal Bloomfield Eugene & Joy Fine	8/24	Dr. & Mrs. Barry Yusman		
		8/26	Raymond & Susan Allen		

Contributions

Library Fund

Irene Rechnic in memory of Bob Levi (Gold)

Irene Rechnic in memory of Fanchon Sabel (Gold)

General Fund

Joy Fine in memory of Bradley Trockman (Gold)

Joy and Eugene Fine in honor of Ron & Alvrone Sater's great grandson Liam Avi Bachrad (Silver)

Joy and Eugene Fine in honor of Rabbi Gary and Gloria Mazo's granddaughter, Josephine Fredriks (Silver)

Joel & Mary Brooks in memory of Sandy Brooks and Gussie Brooks

Education Fund

Alvrone Sater in memory of William & Yidus Scrinopski (Ruby)

Yahrzeit Observances

August 1 / 25 Av	John Magazine, Minnie Kornblueh Solar
August 2 / 26 Av	Samuel Alcalay, Alexander Eron, Jerome Schear
August 3 / 27 Av	Esther Gross, Bobbie Kopley, Samuel Weiman, Louis Weiner
August 5 / 29 Av	Shirley Kamanitz, Chana Rivka Lieberman, Annie F. Reed, Myra Sachs, Benjamin Weil
August 6 / 30 Av	Mary Gumberts Joseph, Randall C Nathan, Janet Yabrove
August 7 / 01 Elul	Yetta Colman, Morris Green, Salvador Nelson
August 8 / 02 Elul	Ethel Fishman, Edith Goldstein, Ady Rebecca Hass, Ethel Schamberg
August 9 / 03 Elul	Jesse Fishman, David Slater Levi
August 10 / 04 Elul	Rozyland Sabel Lefton, Bea Winkler
August 11 / 05 Elul	Molly Bronstein, Rose Haas, Edith Rosenblum, Alice Siegel
August 12 / 06 Elul	Paul Fenster
August 14 / 08 Elul	A. Robert Hass, Sylvia Leeser, Joseph Snyder, Mandell Yosowitz
August 15 / 09 Elul	Ernest W. Adler
August 16 / 10 Elul	Rose Eskind, Hattie Green, Ferd Henry Kluga, Jr., Daniel Pellett
August 17 / 11 Elul	Solomon Alcalay, Elvin Downing, Hannah Weinstock
August 18 / 12 Elul	Isadore Goldben, Edward David Rechnic, Frances Segal
August 19 / 13 Elul	Sarah Woll
August 20 / 14 Elul	Max Adler, Samuel Davis
August 21 / 15 Elul	David Eskind, Ann Levin
August 23 / 17 Elul	Morris Forman, Meyer Gordon, Louis B. Levi, Hilda R. Present
August 24 / 18 Elul	Irene Dumes, Alex Hamburg
August 25 / 19 Elul	Ben N. Yosowitz
August 26 / 20 Elul	Anne Abels, Philip Siegel, Ralph Siegel, Sam Stone
August 27 / 21 Elul	Irving A Eskind, Himan L. Greenberg
August 29 / 23 Elul	Hannah H. Kahn, Ethel Kessler, Benjamin Lieberman, James Naiman
August 31 / 25 Elul	Ruth Pellett

My Spiel



It isn't art and it isn't a peace symbol or a smiley face. It is unbridled proselytizing and advertising (and I would prefer to think that "they" are being inconsiderate rather

than the intentional, in my face, evangelism I know it to be). And, as unpalatable as it is, I can and will accept it for what it is. I believe it is "their" right. Whether "they" know or not "they" have built a wall and created the Trojan horse at the same time.

As a result of the polarizing public discourse either for or against the display, Rabbi Gary Mazo along with Chaplain Tammy Gieselman from the University of Evansville and the Interfaith Council of the University of Evansville have been working together to use this opportunity to build an inclusive and unit-

ing movement of fellowship of all faiths and denominations within the participating Evansville religious community (yes, Muslims, Buddhists, Rastas, atheists and agnostics, too).

Rabbi Mazo and his cohort on the Interfaith Council and hopefully you and I will pronounce that when it comes to faith, it is better to teach our children a respect and acceptance of all religions and beliefs, rather than to foist upon them a "We're number one" mentality by a public display.

Bob Goldman

Minutes from an Important Meeting



WELCOME!

The local B'nai B'rith Lodge had a special meeting at the Peephole and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously passed that the entire membership welcome Gary and Gloria Mazo to Temple Adath B'nai Israel, Evansville and Newburgh, Indiana and we promise to support the Temple and extend our hands to help the new Rabbi and his wife, Gloria.

DO YOU LIKE BEING JEWISH?

The next order of business was for B'nai B'rith member to tell why he likes being Jewish. The top answer was "It doesn't bother me that Santa Claus isn't real", second place was "I met my wife at Hillel" and third place

was "Sonnie Cibull's mandel-bread".

GOOD FRIENDS

"Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's greatest blessings." The Lodge thanks Phyllis and Andy Present, now living in Louisville and Florida, for their continued contributions to the Teddy Bear Project. It was told at the meeting that "a friend is there for you, when all others leave." In this situation the Present family lived in Evansville for many years and then moved to Louisville. We greatly appreciate their support. Phyl and Andy believe that it is more blessed to give than to receive and set the example for members of our community to follow so that others may know that the local Jewish men and women care about those in need.

LODGE SWEETHEARTS

The minutes also show the fastest election of Sweethearts in the history of the Lodge to be Jennifer Wampler and Robynn Merkel for making CHAI Time possible and Andy Goldman their successor, for taking this responsibility. For some reason when Andy's nomination was

made, one of the members yelled "Go Hoosiers".

Meeting adjourned.

MORE TEDDY BEARS

Mail your contributions, large or small, to:

Philip H. Siegel
100 NW First Street #202
Evansville, Indiana 47708

Thank you!

Phil Siegel

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Although it seems early to think about the High Holidays, we would like to remind you that Yom Kippur is September 14th. Again, we are providing a memorial book for remembrance of our departed loved ones. Please use the form below to ensure that the names of your departed are properly inscribed in the High Holy Day Book of Remembrance.

YIZKOR BOOK SUBSCRIPTION
YOM KIPPUR 5774/2013

Please include the following names of departed family members and/or friends in the High Holyday Book of Remembrance for this year.

DEPARTED DURING THE PAST YEAR

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

DEPARTED IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

In memory of the loved ones listed above, I/we enclose a donation to Temple Adath B'nai Israel of _____ dollars.
(A minimum tribute of \$10.00 for each name is suggested.)

By _____
(Print your name(s) as it will appear in the book.)

Please return this form by **September 4th** to:
Temple Adath B'nai Israel
PO Box 5265
Evansville, IN. 47716-5265