



B'nai Israel Reform Temple Bulletin



Rabbi Rosenthal's Message

June is a time of gathering to celebrate accomplishments and milestones.

Many folks have graduations, end of year concerts and awards ceremonies. Still others relocate back to warmer climates and take time to say *l'hitraot* (till we meet again) to their friends in those areas and shalom, to their New York friends and family.

And then there are some who start venturing outside to gather at outdoor concerts, take walks or even garden.

Our congregational life is no different. We too have several celebrations to look forward to. Each Saturday we will celebrate a *b'nai mitzvah*, and throughout the month we will have confirmation, board and sisterhood board installations, and Pride shabbat. In addition, we're going to continue the tradition of adding a welcome home blessing to our snowbirds or travelers who spend time in other areas during the winter months at our family service, on June 14th.

These celebrations are full of accomplishment at having completed a journey, and honoring individuals' hard work throughout the year. They give us a special opportunity to experience joy together. But more than that, they celebrate individuals, friendships and connections.

Our b'nai mitzvah throughout every month fill our sanctuary with joy and celebration and allow us to meet and connect with their greater families more deeply. It is always special to get to see the expressions on each person's face when they share their personal blessings and wishes, and we get to celebrate the individuals on the *bima*.

Our confirmation class this year like many others is filled with participatory individuals who genuinely enjoy being together. We are not only celebrating their accomplishments but the friendship and community that they have fostered in being together for 10 years in our Religious School.

Our Temple and Sisterhood Boards work so hard to plan all of our events, volunteer, set up clean up, procure food, strategize, take reservations and questions and so much more. In doing so, they have forged long-lasting friendships and connections in spending so much time together. It is a great honor to celebrate those who are stepping up to volunteer for the first time as well as those who continue to step up, making our congregation the community that we all love. And it is a great joy to celebrate the friendships and community that exists therein and the potential new connections waiting to be formed.

Our Pride shabbat celebrates the resilience and persistence of those from the LGBTQ community. It celebrates their accomplishments in the midst of challenge and gives us a chance to be allies and friends. Our LGBTQ community is welcome part of our community.

And then there is our welcome home blessing. Each month over the winter, some of our snowbirds have gathered in person together to celebrate shabbat and attend our services as a 'satellite' congregation. And while not all snowbirds can participate, because many travel to other areas, their love for our community is prevalent. So, it's with our great delight, that we welcome them back to the area and to our in-person celebrations.

They are home, a place and community that has held special value and continues to do so.

In addition to marking special occasions, we celebrate the people who make them up. That is the biggest blessing not only this month, but every month.

Thank you to each individual who makes up our wonderful Jewish family. May we continue to find new ways to celebrate not only your contributions but YOU, all of who you are as individuals and a B'nai Israel family.

Wishing everyone a wonderful month of June.





Shalom

One of the principles of Reform Judaism is that of being open and welcoming. We try to follow that at B'nai Israel. Admittedly, there are times that we are better than other times at doing this. I am the first to admit that at times it is hard to get out of our comfort zone especially after a long week on a Friday night.

This principle goes further than just being welcoming to a visitor at a Shabbat Service. After a lot of work and discussion the Temple Board approved a diversity statement that you will see below on this page, the Temple website and in the lobby of building. **Reform Judaism is for all!!!**

A committee has been formed to look at how we handle diversity. We will be guided through the process by a group called Keshet. They have spoken at our congregation in the past and had a lot to teach and I am looking forward to seeing the education they bring to us.

As time goes on you will see more services dedicated to honoring different groups. This month for June once again we will celebrate Pride Month with a special service. Last year we had the opportunity to hear from one of B'nai Israel's own Emily Murphy. She talked about the challenges she has faced growing up as a bisexual woman in a world that is not always tolerant. Plans are underway for this year's service now and I am sure will be as inspirational.

We hope to see you at this service and very Friday night service.

Until next month

I'Shalom and keep an open mind

בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים

Welcome

At B'nai Israel Reform Temple we welcome and celebrate all Divinely created: races, ethnicities, members of interfaith families, physiques, gender identities, gender expressions, ages, national origins, abilities, marital statuses, and sexual orientations.

We are a sanctuary, a safe space, a home to pray, learn, wrestle with, seek and practice joyful, relational, Judaism.

Our core Jewish values include: listening (*sh'miah haozen*), loving kindness (*gemilut chasadim*), justice (*tzedek*), questioning (*shoayl/u'mayshiv*), sacred intention (*kavanah*), learning (*Limud/Talmud Torah*), community/welcome (*kehillah*), and joyous and meaningful worship and holiday celebration (*tefillah*).

Welcome Home!

Outreach Committee Report

Alice Lambert

Please remember to bring non-perishable food, personal hygiene, and household items when you come to Temple or Religious School. There are brown bins in the lobbies of both buildings.

There are people in our local communities who are counting on us.

Fundraising Committee

Debby Lyons

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank all who have participated in our most recent fundraisers: Sonkin's Sensational Lottery Raffle, the Passover Wine Sale, the Spring Cleaning/Clothing Drive for Savers, and Fused Glass Mezuzah Making. We also want to thank those who are participating in our current/ongoing fundraisers: the Flyer Sale at Father Nature's Garden Center (which was through May 31st) and, our biggest fundraiser, working the concession stands at The Long Island Ducks games.

Thank you for supporting our Temple and please look for our future fundraisers!

Debby Lyons and the Fundraising Committee

MAZEL TOV!

Alice Lambert on her 50th Anniversary as principal of B'nai Israel's Religious School

Karen & Art Diamond on the birth of their granddaughter,
Emma Bridgette Reedich on April 23rd, 7 lbs. 3 oz.

Alicia & Michael Ulberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Danielle**

Peter Nangle, Marilyn Plawner & Carolyn Livingstone
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter & granddaughter, **Sydney**

Suzanne & Scott Siegel on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Joseph**

Anna & Amir Weiss on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Lia**

Efrat & Dan Bolze & Sandie & Joseph Bolze
on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter & granddaughter, **Anna**

Our Confirmands: Benjamin Bonett, Matthew McCauley, Brayden Rothstein,
Aaron Sacks & Scott Weissman

*We love to wish people Mazel Tov!
If you have some great news, please let us know by contacting the Temple Office.
(631) 563-1660 office@bnai-israel.org*



Join us for a
Bagel Breakfast
Sunday, June 30th
10:00 am



Guest speaker: Andrew Abramowitz
*Client Review Specialist for the US Dept.
of Agriculture*

Andrew will be speaking on Safeguarding
Food and Housing to the Public.

RSVP to the Temple office
631-563-1660 by June 21st
Sponsored by B'nai Israel Brotherhood.

Please bring a donation of non-perishable
food items.



Membership Matters

Continue to build your temple community relationships by joining one of our Temple Interest Groups. Contacts for these groups are as follows:

- Leisurely Single** Barbara Abrams at babrams19@gmail.com
- Interfaith Group** Ed and Ellie Smith at esmith11@sjny.edu
- Business Mixer** Mark Wittenberg at 516-220-1759.
Join Mark at the Business Mixer on Monday, June 3rd at 7:00pm in the Social Hall.
- Couples Connection** Sandy Weber at sandra.webere654@gmail.com.
Let Sandy know if you are interested in joining the group for one of these 2 activities:
Game Night on Saturday, June 15th in the Temple Social Hall at 7:00pm and/or
Musical Show (*Newsies*) event on Saturday, July 13th at the Smithtown Center for
Performing Arts at 8:00pm.

Be on the lookout for details about Temple activities in the weekly email notices. And, the Membership Committee is interested in any ideas you may have for Temple events/relationship building experiences. Contact Fran Leiboff at membership@bnai-israel.org with your ideas or questions.

Torah and Haftarah Readings

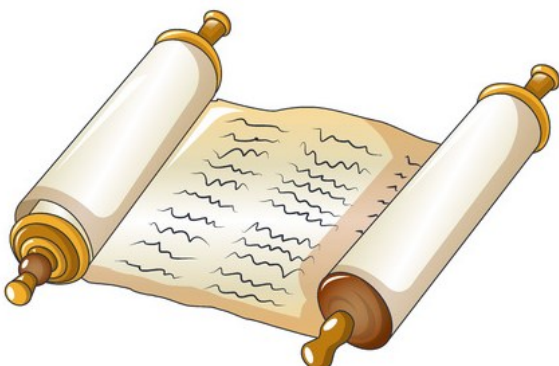
June 1st: Leviticus ch. 26 vs. 3 through ch. 27 vs. 34
Jeremiah ch. 16 vs. 19 through ch. 17 vs. 14

June 8th: Numbers ch. 1 vs. 1 through ch. 4 vs. 20
Hosea ch. 2 vs. 1 through 22

June 15th: Numbers ch. 4 vs. 21 through ch. 7 vs. 89
Judges ch. 13 vs. 2 through 24

June 22nd: Numbers ch. 8 vs. 1 through ch. 12 vs. 16
Zechariah ch. 2 vs. 14 through ch. 4 vs. 7

June 29th: Numbers ch. 13 vs. 1 through ch. 15 vs. 41
Joshua ch. 2 vs. 1 through 24



Lay Led Service Class

Have you ever wondered why we say the prayers we say in services?

Would you like to learn how to lead Friday night services?

Cantor Ilana Plutzer will be giving a class on just that **Saturday June 15th at 12:30pm.**

It is free and will only be in person at the Temple.

**Please RSVP to the office.
(631) 563-1660**

Long Island Ducks **UPDATE**

from the Fundraising Committee

Our 2024 season got off to a rough start due to winter-like weather in late April and early May. Despite that, we cleared close to \$2,000 in the two games we worked with eight Temple volunteers on each evening. By the last week in May the weather improves, crowds get larger and our commission income should increase as well. We are pleased to welcome several first-time volunteers this season and continue to ask for additional help on Wednesday and Saturday evenings throughout the summer and into September.

Games are coming up on June 12th, 19th and 22nd. Then on July 3rd, 10th and 20th. Contact us at ducks@bnai-israel.org.

As a way of saying "thank you" to our Ducks volunteers, Temple member (and long-time Ducks volunteer Bob Kersch) has offered the use of his lake-front vacation home outside Hanover New Hampshire to one volunteer and their family for an extended weekend. The winner of the four-night three-day stay will be selected in a drawing at the end of the baseball season. Volunteers will be entered each and every time they work a game. Bob's home will be available to the winner any weekend it is not otherwise occupied, winter (skiing,) summer (swimming, boating, fishing, kayaking,) or spring/fall, (hiking, biking, mountain climbing.) B'nai Israel and the Fundraising Committee thank Bob for his generosity and hospitality!

If you have the time and physical stamina please offer to pitch in and join us as a Ducks volunteer.

- Joel

Please send an email to volunteer or for more information to

DUCKS@BNAI-ISRAEL.ORG

Religious School News

We would like to thank all the parents, students and staff for their cooperation and enthusiasm and for making this Religious School year so successful!!

Please watch your e-mail for registration packets for the next school year and return them as soon as possible! Packets will also be available on the Temple's website (www.bnai-israel.org), and in the Temple Office.

We will be offering four **evening Hebrew classes** in July and August. The dates are July 9 and July 23, August 6 and August 13 from 7:00-8:30 pm. All Religious School students are encouraged to attend these sessions to maintain their Hebrew competency during the summer months.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!



Summer Religious School Hebrew Classes

The dates for the four **summer evening Hebrew classes** will be Tuesdays July 9, July 23, August 6, and August 13 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. There is a suggested donation of \$18 for all four sessions. These classes will ensure your child's continued success in Religious School. To register please fill out and send in the form below to the Temple office or call the Temple office (631) 563-1660.

_____ will attend ____ summer Hebrew lessons.

He/she was in grade _____ and this year's Hebrew teacher was _____.

parent signature

home telephone

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

SISTERHOOD

June 2024



Thea

Shalom,

As we are about to install a new Sisterhood Board, it is time for a shift in positions. Some are continuing, some accepting new assignments and responsibilities, some taking a hopefully short step away, and some are entirely new faces.

Thea Gunther has been our President for the past two years. She has been a significant force in leading us out of the darkness and isolation of the pandemic into this new normal.

Thea is the epitome of Eshet Chayil, a Woman of Valor. She is kind and dedicated, wise and funny, caring and strong. Thea: daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, balabusta extraordinaire, leader, teacher, girlfriend. Thank you for all you are and all you do.

Joi Garvin, incoming Sisterhood President

End of Year
Dinner

(Invitations
to follow)

Tuesday, June 18
6:30pm

sisterhood
shabbat &
Installation

Friday, June 21
8pm



Gather. Connect.
Celebrate.

Sisterhood Shabbat and Installation

**Friday, June 21, 2024
8pm**

Parashat B'haalot'cha

All are invited for a special Shabbat service led by Sisterhood members, followed by a delicious oneg.



Temple New Year Card

Sponsorship Deadline is August 30

We will be incorporating the last name of every Temple member and Religious School family in the design of the annual card.

Card Sponsorship Opportunity!

Card sponsors will have their name recognized on the inside or back of the card.
The minimum donation to sponsor the card is \$18.

How do I submit in my Sponsorship?

If you prefer to **donate online using a credit card** visit bnai-israel.org.
If you prefer to **mail** it in, please use the form below
and mail it with your sponsorship donation.

All sponsorships must be received no later than August 30, 2024

— Sponsorship Form —

Your Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Sponsorship Amount (Minimum sponsorship is \$18)

__ \$18 __ \$36 __ \$72 __ \$144 __ \$180 Other (Please specify amount) _____

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**To donate via Credit Card, please visit bnai-israel.org
and use the online form.**

Thank you from Alice Lambert



“Surprised?” “Were you really surprised??” Yes!! I was 100% totally surprised by being honored at the family service on May 10, 2024. I had no idea that for months, there had been an active committee meeting covertly, to plan the most amazing and exciting evening to celebrate my 50 years as Board of Ed chairperson and principal of the B’nai Israel Religious School.

A special thank you to the committee who worked to make the evening so special: Joi Garvin, Gayle and Mike Lambert, Paige Sacks, Rabbi Rosenthal, Joel Silverman, Karen Smollins, and Sandy Weber.



I would like to thank everyone who came from far and wide to participate in the service; I was so thrilled to see you. Thank you to everyone who sent a letter or picture for the scrapbook, made a donation to the Temple, or spoke flattering words throughout the Service; I appreciate all of you.

Everyone knows that I have not run the school or done anything at the Temple alone for the past 50 years. It has always taken a village. There has always been an amazing group of teachers, Board of Ed. members, supervisors, and teachers’ assistants who made the school what it has been. Most of the teachers today were former students and then assistants. I know it makes me sound very old, but I love seeing the generations that have come through the school; we now have children of former students who are today’s students.



As the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, my Judaism has always been extremely important to me. Providing a Jewish education has seemed like a perfect way to help ensure that there would never again be another Holocaust. I have always tried to live up to the life lessons that my parents taught and I thank everyone at B’nai Israel for giving me the opportunity to do that over the past 50 years.



Proclamation

Suffolk County Legislator Anthony A. Piccirillo is proud to recognize those outstanding individuals who serve their community; and

WHEREAS: each year, the Suffolk County Legislature recognizes a **Jewish-American Person of Distinction** from each Legislative District; and

WHEREAS: the **Jewish-American Person of Distinction** is awarded to an individual who lives, works and volunteers in Suffolk County and actively participates as a role model to make a difference in the lives and successes of Jewish-Americans in Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS: **Alice Lambert** has been the volunteer Principal of the B'nai Israel Reform Temple Religious School, ensuring thousands of students receive a meaningful Jewish education from pre-kindergarten through high school; and

WHEREAS: **Alice Lambert** has held key leadership positions within B'nai Israel Reform Temple and its Sisterhood, spearheading community outreach efforts across Suffolk County's South Shore; and

WHEREAS: **Alice Lambert** has been a Youth Group leader, contributed to various temple committees, and served on important community task forces, including the Town of Islip Anti-bias Task Force and the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission; and

WHEREAS: **Alice Lambert's** tireless commitment and selfless contributions make her a deserving candidate for this honor, reflecting her lasting impact on B'nai Israel Reform Temple and the broader multifaith community in Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS: it is an honor to know **Alice Lambert** as she is a wonderful person who is always looking to make a difference and help our community any way she can.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony A. Piccirillo, as Suffolk County Legislator of the Eighth Legislative District, honor and congratulate

Alice Lambert

For her continuous work and tremendous dedication to the 8th Legislative District and recognize her as the 2024 Jewish-American Person of Distinction for the 8th Legislative District in Suffolk County, New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: I have hereunto set my hand on this first day of May, two thousand twenty-four, and caused the Seal of the Legislature to be affixed.




Anthony A. Piccirillo
Suffolk County Legislator; 8th LD

SPECIAL INSERT

The proximity of Memorial Day just a week ago and D-Day only days away makes a re-print of this 79 year old sermon worth repeating. (Few of us were around to learn about it when the words were first spoken)

Reflect on what (if anything) has changed in the two generations since. Bigotry? Antisemitism? Progress?"

If you have any comments, please let us know.

- Joel Silverman

Rabbi Gittelsohn's Iwo Jima Sermon

A rabbi's eulogy for World War II heroes became famous after a bigoted attempt to ban it.

BY MICHAEL FELDBERG *for MyJewishLearning.com*

The fight for Iwo Jima in 1945 was one of the bloodiest of World War II. A tiny island in the Pacific dominated by a volcanic mountain and pockmarked with caves, Iwo Jima was the setting for a five-week, nonstop battle between 70,000 American Marines and an unknown number of deeply entrenched Japanese defenders. The courage and gallantry of the American forces, climaxed by the dramatic raising of the American flag over Mount Suribachi, is memorialized in the Marine Corps monument in Washington, DC. Less remembered, however, is that the battle occasioned an eloquent eulogy by a Marine Corps rabbi that has become an American classic.

Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn (1910-1995), assigned to the Fifth Marine Division, was the first Jewish chaplain the Marine Corps ever appointed. The American invading force at Iwo Jima included approximately 1,500 Jewish Marines. Rabbi Gittelsohn was in the thick of the fray, ministering to Marines of all faiths in the combat zone. He shared the fear, horror and despair of the fighting men, each of whom knew that each day might be his last. Roland Gittelsohn's tireless efforts to comfort the wounded and encourage the fearful won him three service ribbons.

When the fighting was over, Division Chaplain Warren Cuthriell, a Protestant minister, asked Rabbi Gittelsohn to deliver the memorial sermon at a combined religious service dedicating the Marine Cemetery. Cuthriell wanted all the fallen Marines –black and white, Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish — honored in a single, nondenominational ceremony. Unfortunately, racial and religious prejudice was strong in the Marine Corps, as it was throughout America. According to Rabbi Gittelsohn, the majority of Christian chaplains objected to having a rabbi preach over predominantly Christian graves. The Catholic chaplains, in keeping with church doctrine, opposed any form of joint religious service.

To his credit, Cuthriell refused to alter his plans. Gittelsohn, on the other hand, wanted to save his friend Cuthriell further embarrassment and so decided it was best not to deliver his sermon. Instead, three separate religious services were held. At the Jewish service, to a congregation of 70 or so who attended, Rabbi Gittelsohn delivered the powerful eulogy he originally wrote for the combined service:

Here lie men who loved America because their ancestors generations ago helped in her founding, and other men who loved her with equal passion because they themselves or their own fathers escaped from oppression to her blessed shores. Here lie officers and men, Negroes and whites, rich men and poor . . . together. Here are Protestants, Catholics, and Jews together. Here no man prefers another because of his faith or despises him because of

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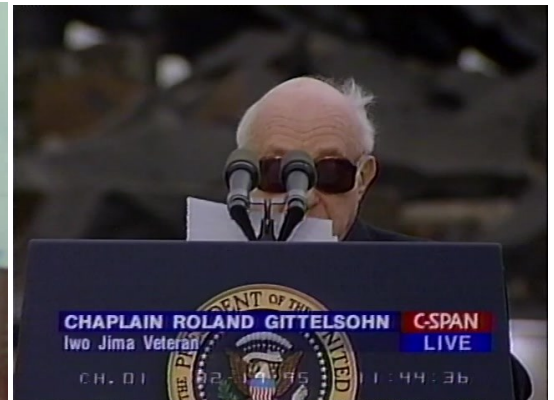
his color. Here there are no quotas of how many from each group are admitted or allowed. Among these men, there is no discrimination. No prejudices. No hatred. Theirs is the highest and purest democracy ...

Whosoever of us lifts his hand in hate against a brother, or who thinks himself superior to those who happen to be in the minority, makes of this ceremony and the bloody sacrifice it commemorates, an empty, hollow mockery. To this, then, as our solemn duty, sacred duty do we the living now dedicate ourselves: to the right of Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, of white men and Negroes alike, to enjoy the democracy for which all of them have here paid the price ...

We here solemnly swear that this shall not be in vain. Out of this and from the suffering and sorrow of those who mourn this will come, we promise, the birth of a new freedom for the sons of men everywhere.

Among Gittelsohn's listeners were three Protestant chaplains so incensed by the prejudice voiced by their colleagues that they boycotted their own service to attend Gittelsohn's. One of them borrowed the manuscript and, unknown to Gittelsohn, circulated several thousand copies to his regiment. Some Marines enclosed the copies in letters to their families. An avalanche of coverage resulted. Time magazine published excerpts, which wire services spread even further. The entire sermon was inserted into the *Congressional Record*, the Army released the eulogy for short-wave broadcast to American troops throughout the world, and radio commentator Robert St. John read it on his program and on many succeeding Memorial Days.

In 1995, in his last major public appearance before his death, Gittelsohn reread a portion of the eulogy at the 50th commemoration ceremony at the Iwo Jima statue in Washington, D.C. In his autobiography, Gittelsohn reflected, "I have often wondered whether anyone would ever have heard of my Iwo Jima sermon had it not been for the bigoted attempt to ban it."



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food cards to the Temple's
Outreach Committee
to help others in our community
who are in need of some assistance.

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**Dynamic Chair Yoga
with Bonnie Rubell**

Dynamic Chair Yoga is an intermediate level yoga class held at our Temple every Thursday morning at 10:30 am.

This is an active yoga class for fit seniors who want to start or continue their yoga practices. This class presents modifications for many yoga poses. Students choose the modifications which work best for them. This is a Hatha chair approach aimed at building body strength for balance and flexibility for life activities such as walking, hiking, travel, dog walking, kayaking and more. Special therapeutic exercises on the Yoga mat will address typical age-related physical changes and conditions. Senior Yoga is strengthening, therapeutic and protective for body and mind. It's also social and fun. This class is also appropriate for all ages who want to get back to an exercise program after a long break.



Share a **SIMCHA**

Sponsor an **ONEG**

Let everyone celebrate with you for your
Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, or any
simcha you would like to share.

Contact the Temple Office for Details

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We gratefully acknowledge the following donors for their contributions to B'nai Israel Reform Temple:

Ethan William Snair Memorial Fund

Gammie In loving memory of my beloved grandson Ethan William Snair
Roberta Snair Saraceni In loving memory of my beloved grandson Ethan William Snair

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Laura Weisberg In honor of Alice Lambert and all her many years of service, and all the families that she has touched!
Always there, always willing to help.
Honoring Alice Lambert
Marcia & Bob Peare In honor of Alice Lambert
Marlene Goldstein In honor of Alice Lambert's 50th Anniversary
Ann & Zion Armoza In honor of Alice Lambert's years of service to B'nai Israel
Toby Bolson In honor of Alice Lambert
Fran & Stan Baker In honor of Alice Lambert, Love & L'chaim
Lesli Vohwinkel In honor of the very fabulous, caring, devoted educational professional, Alice Lambert, in honor of her 50 years of service to B'nai Israel family, friends, and students. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do!
Beth & Stu Menis In honor of Alice Lambert
Sue Wiener & Family In honor of Alice Lambert
Suzanne & Mark Wittenberg In honor of Alice Lambert
Fran Leiboff In honor of Alice Lambert
Mary & Paul Fink In honor of Alice Lambert with thanks for her many years of devotion and outstanding service to B'nai Israel!

Ira Rosenfeld Memorial Scholarship Fund

Thea & Ken Gunther In memory of Ira Rosenfeld
Sheila & Jerry Kessler In memory of Esther Berkowitz
Thea & Ken Gunther In memory of Rita Porwick, a lovely lady
Thea & Ken Gunther In honor of Alice Lambert's 50 years of dedication to B'nai Israel

General Fund

Alice & Mike Lambert In memory of Rita Porwick
Linda & Nick Monaco In memory of Rita Porwick
Ellen & Richard Motlin In memory of Rita Porwick
Karen & Tom Smollins In honor of Alice Lambert
Bea & Leroy Horn To honor the 50 years of service by Alice Lambert to the Temple as principal of the Hebrew School
Sharon Inkeles & Mark Gudesblatt In honor of Alice Lambert
Sandy & Paul Weber On the birth of Karen & Art Diamond's new granddaughter, Emma. Mazel tov to the family!

Prayer Book

Mary & Paul Fink In memory of Rita Porwick

Outreach

Debby & Rich Lyons In honor of Alice Lambert
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Eve & Tom Mattina In honor of Alice Lambert

Passover Appeal/60th Anniversary of B'nai Israel

Alice & Mike Lambert Donation
Suzanne & Mark Wittenberg Donation
Natalie & Semsettin Berhumoglu Donation
Mary & Paul Fink In honor of the 60th Anniversary of B'nai Israel

Help-A-Family Fund

Rochelle & Gerald Slochevsky Donation
Toby Bolson In loving memory of my mother-in-law, Mary Leah Bolson

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online please visit
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June 2024 - Please see website and weekly email for updates, changes, and corrections.

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						1 9:30am Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Danielle Ulberg
2	3 7pm Business Mixer 7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	4	5	6 10:30 am Chair Yoga	7 8:00 pm Shabbat Service, Temple Board Installation, Shavuot & Confirmation	8 10am Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Syndey Plawner
9	10 Bulletin Deadline	11	12	13 10:30 am Chair Yoga	14 7:15 pm Family Service & Welcome home blessing for snowbirds	15 10am Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Siegel 12:30 pm Lay Led Service Class 7pm Couples Connection Game Night
16	17 7:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting	18 6:30 pm Sisterhood End of Year Dinner	19	20 10:30 am Chair Yoga 7:30 pm Temple Board Meeting	21 7pm Kid-ish Shabbat 8pm Shabbat Service & Sisterhood Installation	22 10am Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Lia Weiss
23	24	25	26	27 10:30 am Chair Yoga	28 8pm Pride Shabbat Service	29 10am Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Anna Bolze 10am Interfaith Group get together at Hauppauge Palace Diner
30 10:00 am Bagel Breakfast with Guest Speaker						

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Condolences: The B'nai Israel Reform Temple extends its deepest condolences to the Brass family on the loss of their mother, Joyce Brass; and to the Porwick family on the loss of their mother, Rita Porwick. May they find comfort in the blessings of good memories that will always be theirs.



Yahrzeits

June 7th

*David Bobrowsky
 *Harry Bobrowsky
 *Kimberley Brandt
 *Jacob Bukzin
 *Irving Cotten
 *Dr. Theodore Eden
 *William Egelman
 *Thelma Erdman
 *Hyman Farfel
 *Louis Freeman
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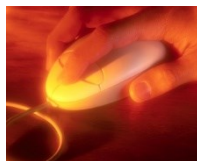
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