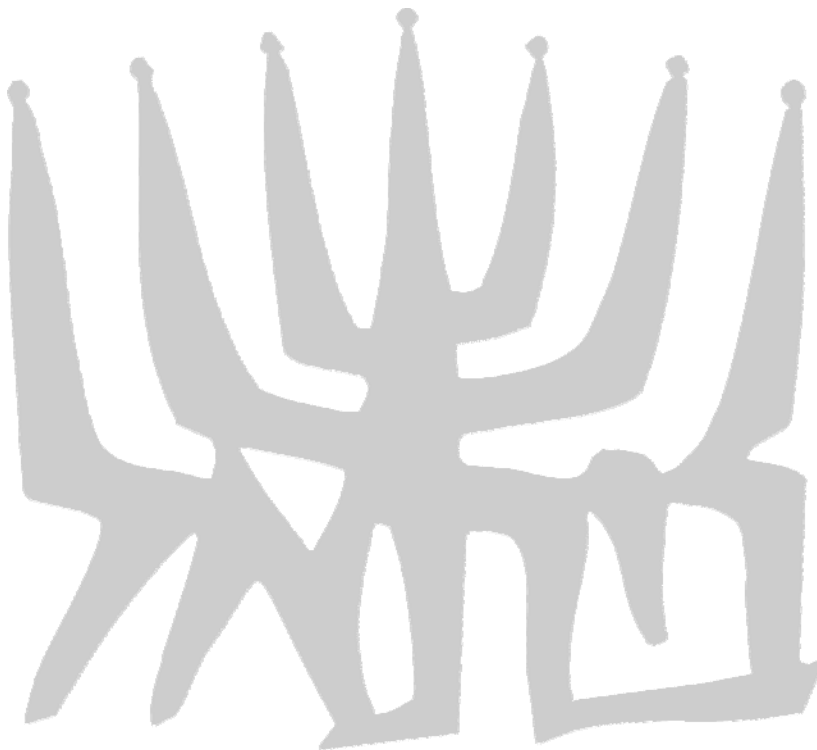


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## Reflections from the Rabbi

For the past several months I, with the help of members of the congregation, have been undertaking the task of updating our master *Yahrtzeit List*. The goal is to produce a current list that identifies not only the date the person died, but the relation to the Congregation Beth El member.

The word *yahrtzeit* comes from Yiddish meaning anniversary. Of course we know it as the anniversary of the death of a loved one. Many customs exist about how to commemorate someone's *yahrtzeit* and different families and communities often have their own variations. Traditionally, a *yahrtzeit* is commemorated on the Hebrew date of the person's death. Generally a special candle is lit at home on the evening before the date and it is allowed to burn until sundown at the end of the day. Immediate relatives of the person being remembered will often go to synagogue on that day (or the Shabbat prior) to say *Kaddish*. The tradition of giving *zedakah*—usually in the form of a donation in the person's memory—is more common than another tradition: study a passage of the Mishnah in the deceased's honor. Both of these traditions are meant to uplift the memory of a loved one and to continue the blessing that she or he offered in life.

In our congregation, as in most, we maintain a *Yahrtzeit List* on behalf of our members. The list contains the names and Hebrew dates of relatives who have died, supplied by each of you. Also on the list is the *yahrtzeit* information for any person whose name is commemorated by a memorial plaque on our *yahrtzeit* board in the rear of the sanctuary. Each month the bulletin lists the name and Hebrew date of death for the person on the list. The Shabbat prior to the Hebrew date, names are read aloud at the end of each service, giving relatives the opportunity to rise to say *Kaddish*. In addition, at the start of each Hebrew month, I turn on the light on the *yahrtzeit* board for anyone who died in that month.

Over the long history of Congregation Beth El we have accumulated a long list of names. Each of the people remembered on the *yahrtzeit* list was beloved, and added something important to the lives of their family and friends. Reading these names each week gives us a chance to honor their memory. However, we also have names on the list of relatives of former members, and in some cases people we no longer recognize. It is generally assumed that when a person leaves a congregation, they add their relatives'

names to the *yahrtzeit* list at their new synagogue. This is how we end up taking names off our list—though anyone with a memorial plaque will stay on in perpetuity.

You can help in our effort to create a comprehensive *yahrtzeit* list in several ways:

1. Contact me if you want to add anyone to the list, or to check to see if a relative is on the list
2. Keep an eye on future bulletins and e-mail—names for which we are unable to find information will be posted before being permanently removed from the list—any information you have will be helpful in ensuring no name gets removed by mistake
3. Consider purchasing a memorial plaque to add to our board. Contact Dave Marateck: [dbmarateck@aol.com](mailto:dbmarateck@aol.com)
4. Let me know if you spot any errors or omissions on our current *yahrtzeit* list.

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### **A Great Way to Help Our Congregation**

What is the best way you can help defray the expenses of our congregation without it costing you a penny? With the purchase of Weis Gift Certificates through our Congregation, we can earn thousands of dollars. The Congregation buys the "Weis Bucks" at a discount and then resells them to you at face value. You purchase your groceries at Weis Markets with these "Bucks" at cash value. Our Congregation makes a profit which goes into the general fund and it doesn't cost you a thing.

It may seem like a small amount, but in the past year we made a profit of approximately \$8,000. If ALL of our congregants used the "Bucks" and sold them to their friends, we could realize an even greater profit, and at no additional cost to us.

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## Men's Club and Sisterhood

There will be a **Men's Club** planning meeting on Sunday, February 8th at 1:00 pm in the synagogue. Bring your ideas on what you would like our Men's Club to do in the coming year.

We will be hosting a spaghetti dinner with Sisterhood on Saturday evening, February 28th.

If you have questions please email me at [ftobgyn@yahoo.com](mailto:ftobgyn@yahoo.com) or call 523-7810.

Fred Teichman  
Men's Club President

**Sisterhood** had a great meeting in January and planned many activities for the coming year. We will cosponsor a Spaghetti dinner with the Men's Club on Saturday evening, February 28th. To have a successful dinner we will hold a planning session on Sunday February 8th at 1 pm. If you have any questions please email me at [pdgkaren@dejazzd.com](mailto:pdgkaren@dejazzd.com) or call 523-7810. A complete calendar of events will be sent out by email. If you haven't yet joined Sisterhood, please come to our meeting on February 8th - we'd love to have you be part of our group!

Karen Teichman  
Sisterhood President



Planning for the **100th Annual  
Congregation Beth El Spring  
Dance** is underway.

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Watch for details in this space and support your congregation by planning to attend this year's landmark gala occasion!



# Congregation Beth-El

## 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Dance

**Deadline** for Ad (camera-ready) copy is **April 24, 2008**

**Quality of ad copy:**

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**Your help is needed to make this project a success. Thank you in advance.**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7 Shvat	2 8 Shvat	3 9 Shvat	4 10 Shvat	5 11 Shvat	6 12 Shvat	7 13 Shvat
8 14 Shvat	9 15 Shvat	10 16 Shvat	11 17 Shvat	12 18 Shvat	13 19 Shvat	14 20 Shvat
15 21 Shvat	16 22 Shvat	17 23 Shvat	18 24 Shvat	19 25 Shvat	20 26 Shvat	21 27 Shvat
22 28 Shvat	23 29 Shvat	24 30 Shvat	25 1 Adar	26 2 Adar	27 3 Adar	28 4 Adar

## February Events

2/1	Hebrew School	9:30am
2/4	Talmud Torah: Contemporary Jewish Philosophers	7pm
2/6	Shabbat service	8pm
2/7	Shabbat service	10am
2/8	Hebrew School	9:30am
	Men's Club and Sisterhood Meetings	1pm
2/11	Talmud Torah- Contemporary Jewish Philosophers	7pm
2/13	Shabbat Service	8pm
2/14	Shabbat Yeledim	10am
2/15	NO HEBREW SCHOOL	
2/18	Talmud Torah: Contemporary Jewish Philosophers	7pm
2/20	Shabbat Service & Pot-luck — Ein Gedi Class Hosts	6:30pm
2/22	Hebrew School	9:30am
	Board meeting 1:30 pm / Finance Committee 12:30pm	
2/25	Talmud Torah: Contemporary Jewish Philosophers	7pm
2/27	Shabbat Service	8pm
2/28	Sisterhood and Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner	tbd

## **P r e s i d e n t i a l   A d d r e s s**

As we enter February, I want to take the opportunity to share my optimism with all of you. Despite the fact that the snow continues to fly as I write this note, I am encouraged to notice in recent days that daylight now continues past 5:30 each evening, and Baseball's Spring Training in Florida and Arizona is less than a month away. Could SPRING in Pennsylvania be far behind? Hope springs eternal!

Hope and optimism also come in the form of our Congregation and its members. I am pleased to share with all of you that we have a new Editor for our Bulletin as of this month. Michael Drexler, one of our newer members, has stepped forward and offered to take over this vital task. You may be aware that he has also served as our newest Board Member for the last six months. The willingness of new members like Michael to step forward and become engaged as they volunteer their time and expertise continues to enrich our small but growing congregational family. He provides a wonderful example for members, new and old! Please join me in wishing him success and satisfaction in his endeavors for Congregation Beth El, and in extending your appreciation, cooperation, and assistance to our new Editor.

Likewise, please also consider taking the time to drop a note of thanks to Justin and Jessica Charles, our former Bulletin Editors, for all of their many efforts on our behalf. Many of you are aware that their work on behalf of Congregation Beth El continued for many months, even after they moved away. Let them know that they remain in our thoughts as they continue in their new endeavors.

I urge all members to make a commitment to attend the dance in this special year and to offer your personal time and expertise when called on to help sell ads, obtain or donate auction items, or provide help in bringing this gala event to successful fruition. You, too, are and will be my cause for optimism!

Rich Daniels, President

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### **A N o t e f r o m t h e E d i t o r**

Within the next few months, we intend to begin more widely disseminating the temple Bulletin electronically. The primary motivation is to save money on photocopying and mailing expenses. E-distribution is nearly costless, but there will be other nice benefits as well. We will no longer be restricted to a four page format and it will be possible to include photographs in full color. Down the road, we may even be able to adopt a internet-based format that will be searchable, user-friendly, and readily updateable. Of course, we will always have printed copies to distribute to those members who still prefer a paper copy and to make available for our guests at the synagogue.

## Thoughts of Strength

Our voices and minds are joined as a community to ask for the strength to see our friends and family through times of sickness and strife. May our thoughts help bring healing to those in need:

Deborah Abowitz

Nettie Amdurer

Shelly Bernstein

Anita Buckler

Mildred Daniels

Claire Goodman

Shari Gutfinger

Connie Heyman

Dean Klick

Lisa Chaskin Perlmutter

# Yahrzeit

Feb	Shvat	Feb	Shvat		
2	Bernard Salesky Edna Bernstein	8	15	Lillian Shane	21
3	Max Minker	9	17	Moses Karner	23
4	Hannah Kauffman	10	18	Morris Rosenblatt	24
7	Louis Aaronson Ralph Harris	13	20	Abraham Lipkin Jacquie Stiefel Lillian Kahn	26
8	Minnie R Levy Richard Solomon	14	21	Deborah Bernstein Simon Nagel	27
9	Morris Cohen	15	22	Hedy Rich Hyman Luers	28
10	Dr Max Friedman	16	24	Joseph Daniels	30
11	Celia L Apfelbaum	17	25	Lester Cohen Alfred Levinson George Cohen	Adar I 1
12	Lillian Buntman	18	26	Kenneth Buckler Kenneth Nadel Paul Levitan	2
13	William Fehr Morris Gubin Ida Weinberg	19	27	Edward Kaplan	3
14	Selma Hartman Milton Zabitz	20	28	Naomi Buckler	4

Those in the first year of passing

Lina Friedman   Sue Cohen

May their memories be  
bound up in the Book  
of the Righteous.



Remember to kindle the  
memorial candle on the  
evening before the

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