

# TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

## World War II Vet Honored:

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### FROM the RABBI

*Beth D. Davidson*

#### A New Normal in a New Year

We live in a complicated, and sometimes scary world. Events this fall have made many of us nervous, and I think that being aware of security is important; by the same token, I don’t want to live in a bunker. To do that in fact grants victory to the forces of evil.

As some of you may know, I lived in Israel from July, 1982 to June, 1983. This was the height of the Lebanon situation, and



not too long after the situation in Iran. The American embassy was sufficiently concerned about our safety that all American students had to register and check in with the embassy, so that if the circumstances required it,

we could be collected and sent home.

To your average, middle-class American kid, this was an unpleasant new world, as was some of the reality of day-to-day life in Jerusalem: the only men on the streets were yeshiva students, or soldiers carrying really big guns; garbage cans and mail boxes disappeared from the streets due to bomb threats.

Security personnel and check points were part of EVERY public event: at the bus station, at concerts, and at the movies. Knowing that there was a soldier stationed somewhere with a sniper rifle gave every evening at the movies a disturbing flavor.

My Hebrew Union College (HUC) classmates and I quickly learned to walk away



**Honor Flight Nov. 7, 2015**

*Vet Al Penchansky with son David behind him; and Senator Bob Dole, r. Read story, p. 4.*

from unattended packages and bags, to stay out of questionable areas in the Old City, and to be careful about what information we shared with new acquaintances.

For the first time, we Americans studying abroad in 1982-1983 were faced with what Israelis continue to deal with every day. It was eye-opening, and made me realize just how fortunate we had been. Our national comfort level and the things we take for granted continue to shape me: to this day, I will walk away from a bag left on a sidewalk or bus seat.

So when our world changed on September 11, 2001, it felt like I de’ja vu. I was then serving a congregation in Port Washington, a New York City suburb. Port Washington was fortunate: we didn’t lose many when the Twin Towers came down, but nearly everyone in town knew someone who never came home.

In Port Washington, we lived under the smoke plume for days, and the normally busy flight path for LaGuardia Airport was eerily quiet. (I never thought I would miss hearing and seeing the planes.)

*(Cont. at RABBI on bottom of p. 2.)*

## President's Message: Progress on Temple Renovation & TAY Security Concerns

Alan Kaplan

My Fellow Congregants,  
This month I am addressing two topics:

**First, an update on the Temple Renovation Project** funded through our Capital Campaign. This month I will describe where we are and where we are going with the physical plant.



As of the end of 2015 (6 months into our 3-year Capital Campaign) one quarter of the congregation membership has participated financially in our Renovation Project.

Contributions in any amount are welcome and needed. I hope to see everyone in our community make a pledge or contribution. We will acknowledge all contributors to date in next month's edition of the TAY Bulletin.

If you have not taken the opportunity to attend a temple function in the past two weeks, then you have not yet seen our new carpet in the foyer and Sanctuary. The warm colors and thick under-pad

complement the comfort of the new chairs. The new carpet will be placed in the library in the next several weeks to create a seamless floor from the top of the entrance steps to the Bimah. Come to services or just stop in and enjoy the transformation. Our gratitude to Howard Brodsky—president of CCA Global Partners and former TAY Member—who arranged for the purchase and installation of the carpet at a significant savings to the temple.

Bob Katchen (our building chairman) has interviewed several builders and expects the Bimah extension and handicapped access ramp to the Bimah to be completed in the next month. The ramp will run along the northern side of the the Sanctuary in front of the windows and join the Bimah extension. This will eliminate the struggle to mount the Bimah steps for any one who would be more comfortable going up the gradual incline.

The new lighting is scheduled to be installed this spring. The LED lights will have a warm color temperature consistent with the wood of the ceiling and arches.

Light control is selectable for each fixture to provide indirect up-light; down-light for improved visibility of the prayer books; or a combination of the up- and down-lighting at variable intensity.

Sections of the Sanctuary can be illuminated to accommodate small or large groups. The same lights will carry over to the social hall and a smaller version of a similar fixture in the foyer. The move to LED lights will result in a substantial energy savings and we anticipate a rebate from the electric supplier for transitioning to the energy-efficient lighting.

The functional wall that will separate the Sanctuary and social hall has been reviewed by the structural engineer and design plans are being submitted to the Manchester building department for approval. We hope to have the wall completed by the April B'nai Mitzvah so we can avoid the need to put the old wall back up.

(Cont. at PRESIDENT, p. 3.)

**RABBI**, cont. from p. 1.

I will never forget arriving at a cemetery and having to open the casket, so that the security could insure that there wasn't a bomb. People were afraid, people were angry, people felt violated, and lived with the fear that it could happen again, any time and any where.

Post 9/11, there were bag checks at museums, theaters, ballparks; parking garages required cars to open their trunks; there were concrete pilings in front of institutions as well as new security guards seemingly everywhere; flying became a nightmare. Some of those new behaviors and safeguards have become the norm, and yet those with domestic or

international terrorist ties still manage to find a way to impact our lives.

I don't think we can ever go back to the world before, that kind of innocence is lost to us. And I also think that we need to find a new balance, an everyday existence that is both cognizant of security and is at the same time expresses our American values of openness and tolerance.

You will likely notice that here at Temple Adath Yeshurun we are more aware of security concerns. During services, when Adrian is not able to be in the lobby monitoring people coming in and going out of the building, the front doors will be locked. The Board continues discussion of what we can do to make our building and ourselves more safe.

At the same time, we are committed to being welcoming to those in the outside community who are legitimately interested in learning about Jews and Judaism, just as we will continue to be active participants in the civil life of Manchester.

Working together, with our concerns in one hand and our way of life in the other, I do believe that we can build a new normal. And that is, I believe, one of the best ways to respond to those who would have us live in, and be guided by, our fears.

Let us work together in a new year, and do what we can to make this new year a better one. Happy New Year to all.

~Rabbi Beth D. Davidson

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*PRESIDENT, cont. from p.2.*

Lilliana Alverado, the architect who formerly worked with Temple Member and current TAY Renovation Project advisor Steve Clayman, has been hired by the temple board to design the foyer, the patio and the new access to the foyer level from the patio.

The design request includes a second entrance point with a handicapped accessible ramp that begins at the parking lot. The design development is due to be completed by the end of April so that the outside work can be completed during the summer of 2016.

Ms. Alvarado also has experience in building security and her work will include designing changes to the current entrance, office area and school entrances to make them more secure.

**Second, security issues:** While we have been advised that there are no current imminent threats in Manchester, there is a legitimate growing concern regarding security at religious institutions and in particular those with schools. We do get advisories from national Jewish organizations, local law enforcement, Homeland security and the FBI.

The Board believes we need to be proactive and has set up a new Security committee to both gather information and implement suggestions. To begin the process there was a meeting January 5, 2016, with Officer Nate Linstad of the Manchester Police Department to look at structural changes to our facility that will harden it against unauthorized entry. Many of his recommendations are being incorporated into Ms. Alverado's design.

Currently during the day and school hours the doors of the building and school are locked and access to the building requires being buzzed in after individuals identify themselves on camera to the office. Friday evenings the door is unlocked but manned by our custodian until 7:20 PM (6:30 PM on family service nights). The door is then locked and the custodian remains at the door until 7:40 PM to accommodate anyone arriving late.

We will be upgrading the entrance with a keypad system and improved low-light camera capability. All entrances to the building and the parking area are currently monitored by CCTV with digital storage of images. CCTV can be monitored live in the building, or remotely.

We are developing a response plan for a lockdown of the school area in the event of an unauthorized

## Chanukah Family Shabbat Candle Lighting



*12-11-15. Eight family menorahs are lit at the Chanukah family Shabbat: from front right corner: Rabbi Beth Davidson, Ariana Bell, [behind Ariana on right is Jonathan Baron], Benita Lebow, Olivia and Lauren Resnick, Mary Singer with granddaughter Kennedy Ecker, Max Tanzer, Bruce Berk, Simon Ratinoﬀ.*

entry to the building. The plan will include drills with the teachers and students. A plan for unauthorized entry during services or temple gatherings is also being developed.

something, say something." Contact me if you have any specific concerns or questions.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy secular new year.

*~Alan D. Kaplan*

Non-members who wish to visit the temple are asked to contact the office in advance of their visit and provide contact information as well as a photo ID so they can be vetted prior to arrival. They will also be asked to sign in at the office window and show their ID. Please remember, "If you see

### Check Out the Principal's Picture On Page 6

Who is the Jew in the *Principal's Message*? Stay tuned each issue. Parents: if you know,  
**DON'T TELL.**

## A Day of Honor

by David Penchansky,  
Proud son of a vet

On November 7, 2015, my father Al Penchansky along with myself were chosen to go on Honor Flight Mission #10 with the Hudson Valley Honor Flight Organization (<http://hvhonorflight.com/media/>) --out of Westchester County, New York.

Honor Flight is a nonprofit organization that takes World War II veterans to Washington, DC, to see the various sites—including the World War II memorial. The organization advised it would be “a day you will never forget,” and that it was. My father is a centurion who is pretty spry and was the oldest on the flight. (The youngest was 84.)

My dad served in England during the blitz; was stationed in France, England, and Germany; served with Patton's army at the end of the war; and participated in 3 campaigns including the European theater.

He also has been very involved with Jewish war veterans organizations and served as a Post Commander #18 and recently received his long overdue medal of good conduct (seventy years later).

In order to serve as a guardian for this mission, I had to attend mandatory training in New York.

Honor Flight Mission #10 started out at the Westchester NY Community College with 64 WW II vets, including four women. Many used wheelchairs but quite a number of vets could walk on their own.

We then boarded three buses headed for the Westchester County Airport. We were given a motorcycle escort which included approximately 150 members of various motorcycle clubs—including representatives of the various police departments with all their emergency lights flashing.

The 20-minute route was lined with hundreds of well wishers (including fire

departments, Boy Scout troops and many other citizens). They were all saluting and waving flags expressing their gratitude for these men and women.

When we arrived at the airport at a private hanger that was filled to capacity, it was a scene similar to when the Beatles arrived in America. Our buses which were led into the hanger area by a 150-person motorcycle escort led by honor guards who saluted us. As we exited the bus, we were greeted by another army band and hundreds of cheering and flag-waving people who were there to thank the vets for their service.

At that point there was a military ceremony with marine band playing the themes of the various armed forces and asking the vets to stand when their branch was played. There were dignitary speeches—until we were asked to walk around the buses.

To our surprise, a US Airways plane was waiting for to take us to DC. On our walk to the airplane there were TV networks videotaping and interviewing the vets. We then boarded our private decorated plane and began our trip to DC past the cheering fans. As we approached the taxiway we were given water cannon salute which is usually reserved for retiring pilots.

When we landed in DC, we were given another water cannon salute and when we disembarked the plane, we were greeted by another crowd of cheering well-wishers, including many young children who would walk up to the vets and thank them for their service. We boarded 4 buses and received a police escort around Washington to view various sites including Arlington Cemetery, the Iwo Jima memorial and the WW II memorial.

The highlight of the trip was the WW II memorial where the vets were treated to hundreds of people thanking them for their service as well as spending some time with Senator Bob Dole.

We were now on our flight home and there was a mail call just like in their military days. My father received a package with over a hundred personalized letters from family, friends and even school classes thanking him for his service. The day ended returning to the airport to another cheering crowd of well-wishers.

World War II vets are dying at the rate of 1000 per day and for many this will be the only or last time many will see this memorial. If you see a member of what was considered the greatest generation (or any vet), thank them for their service in protecting us for their part in preserving our very existence as a nation, which allows us to live in a culturally diverse and free society as we do. This was a day I will never forget.

*[Editor's Note: See the picture of author David Penchansky—with his Dad and Bob Dole in Washington, D.C., on page 1.]*

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

Linda Rockenmacher

As I write this it seems that winter weather is reluctant to arrive here this



year, but I expect we'll be seeing it soon. Sisterhood will have a Rosh Chodesh celebration for our members at the temple on Monday, January 11 to welcome the new lunar month

of Sh'vat.

Rosh Chodesh is an ancient Jewish holiday for women, marking the passage of each new month. Our sisterhood has tried to provide members an opportunity to celebrate it in each season of the year.

Because winter weather can make parking a challenge in many neighborhoods, we will have our January 11 Sh'vat celebration at the temple. A pot-luck dinner/ Tu B'Sh'vat seder starting at 6 PM will be led by Rabbi Beth Davidson. Please RSVP to Linda at [Rockenmacher@comcast.net](mailto:Rockenmacher@comcast.net).

*Cont. at SISTERHOOD, p. 5.*



## Stephen Fuchs Posts: “A Lovers’ Quarrel”

*Editor’s Note: On Saturday morning, Nov. 21, 2015, Rabbi Stephen Fuchs and Rabbi Beth D. Davidson co-led a special Torah study session at Temple Adath Yeshurun, sharing their varying perspectives about Jacob (“Hero or Heel?”) in the discussion of the parashah for the day. Rabbi Fuchs wrote afterwards about the experience in his on-line blog, and has given the Temple Adath Yeshurun Bulletin permission to re-print the piece here.*

*SISTERHOOD, cont. from p. 4.*

We do not need to limit attendance this time, so I hope many of you will take advantage of this chance to join us.

Thank you to JoAnn Meyers who hosted our fall Rosh Chodesh.

I want to give Karen Rothstein special thanks for another outstanding job in chairing our Fine Craft Fair in November and thank you to all who came to help with sales and raffles, and to shop that day. Fran Short, Cate Tanzer, Emilee Kaplan, and Ruthie Gordon made sure our Judaica and Chanukah Shops were well stocked and available for shoppers before the holiday.

Our Friday night oneigs have continued to provide welcomed treats to worshippers thanks to **Maryellen Bilech, Honey Weiss, Loretta Greenberg, Carolyn Hollman, Anne Licciardello-Hersher, and Jonathan Baron.** Your efforts are appreciated.

Nona Fienberg has selected for our book discussion *Dora Bruder* by Patrick Modiano, winner of the 2014 Nobel Prize for literature. This is the story of a girl who ran away from the people who were hiding her in France during the German occupation.

We welcome all who want to come to join our annual book discussion on **Tuesday, April 12.** This gives you plenty of time to get the book and read it. February is a good month to read.

## A Lovers’ Quarrel

Posted on November 24, 2015 by slfuchs

Quick Comment Parashat Va-yishlach  
(Genesis 32:4-36:43)



*[Ed. Note: The photo above of Rabbi Fuchs and Rabbi Davidson was taken in the TAY social hall the morning of our Torah Study and Breakfast with the Rabbis. Fuchs also posted it in his blog post.]*

Rabbi Beth Dina Davidson and I worked together (she was the first female rabbi in the history of Nashville Tennessee) for six years. We shared similar perspectives on almost every important issue, and enjoyed a wonderful partnership.

**Our patriarch Jacob was the one subject on which we could never agree.**

For me this week’s Torah portion culminates 20 years of change in which Jacob grows from a self centered knave willing to cheat and steal to get what he wants into יִשְׂרָאֵל (Yis-ra-el) Israel, the one worthy to carry on the Covenant God first made with Abraham.

For Rabbi Davidson, though she acknowledges he did some good things, Jacob never changed. He always remained the selfish manipulator willing to do whatever it took to accomplish his ends.

When Rabbi Davidson invited me to serve as scholar-in-residence in her current congregation, we led Torah study together on Shabbat morning. We decided to consciously model our disagreement about Jacob to an eager group of participants.

We saw the session as an opportunity to

show how two individuals who are avid students and lovers of Torah could disagree sharply about one of Torah’s most significant figures.

I will always treasure Rabbi Davidson’s comment that, “Your chapter about Jacob in *What’s in It for Me? Finding Ourselves in Biblical Narratives* makes your case for him as strongly as possible. But I still disagree that his character changed as you contend.”

**The word Yis-ra-el means “One who struggles with God.”**

I know that my book’s chapter on Jacob is much stronger because of the “struggles” Rabbi Davidson and I shared while we worked together. When two people deeply love Torah, our disagreement about Jacob proves for me both the value of “struggle” and the conclusion of our Sages about sincere disagreements: “Both are the words of the living God.” (Babylonian Talmud, Eruvin 13b).

### Fuchs 2016 INVITATION to TAY:

Rabbi Fuchs extends “a warm invitation from me to have TAY congregants peruse any or all of the 280... essays on my blog.”

Over the past two years Rabbi Fuchs has spent two 10-week stints in Germany discussing his book *What’s In It for Me? Finding Ourselves in Biblical Narratives* (2013), and engaging in interfaith dialogue. Ursula Sieg’s translation of his book was released in Germany in 2014, and she now serves as his weekly blog translator, from English to German.

To read his work online you can visit his website at <[www.rabbifuchs.com](http://www.rabbifuchs.com)> and click on BLOG; or go directly to his blog by typing in the subtitle of his most recent book: <[www.findingourselvesinbiblicalnarratives.com](http://www.findingourselvesinbiblicalnarratives.com)>.

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## Principal's Message

*Stephen Dolman*

I would first like to wish everyone a happy and healthy secular new year. Secondly I would like to thank the Brotherhood for sponsoring our Chanukah Party. B.J. Hickman the magician was fantastic and magical. The food was delicious, and special thanks to Gelman family for their scrumptious potato latkes. I would also like to thank Nancy Frankel (or should I say Corky the Clown?) whose surprise appearance added to the excitement of the festivities.

The second half of the school year will begin with the students focusing on the upcoming holiday TuB'shvat which is the celebration of the new year of the trees. One of the customs of this holiday is to have a seder where we will "rejoice in the tree." It resembles The Passover Seder with the drinking of four cups of wine (in our case apple and cranberry juice). Then the eating of fruit particularly the ones mentioned in The Torah such as figs, dates, olives, grapes, and pomegranates.



Another way to honor TuB'Shvat is the planting of a tree. The school will have a drive to collect money to send money to The Jewish National Fund in Israel for the purpose of purchasing certi-

ificates for planting trees in honor or memory of friends and family. In the younger grades they will do activities such as planting parsley so it will be ready for Passover. In the upper grades they will learn the history of the holiday.

Our TAY music program is now in full bloom, just like the trees of Spring. Our temple president Dr. Alan Kaplan comes every other Sunday and works with our children on songs and prayers that go along with upcoming holidays and are read in our prayer books.

In the 2nd grade they will continue to discuss The Sabbath and work in their



## Brotherhood Chanukah Party 2015

*Dec. 13, 2015. Magician B.J. Hickman has young and old under his spell. Many children participated with him in his act: Mataya Oppenheim tied him up; Yellin answered his questions; Jacob Herlicka wrestled with rings, plus many others. ~We ran out of room for all the pictures. Thanks to David Rosenzweig, who captured our Chanukah events.*

*Below, right, Mr. Dreidl (A.K.A. Dave Penchansky), Corky the Clown, and S. Rockenmacher.*

Hebrew workbooks to review letters.

In 3rd and 4th grade Hebrew they are learning the V'ahavta and reviewing the Shma. They continue to work in their workbooks.

In the 5th and 6th grade Hebrew the students will continue reviewing the V'ahavta and learning the blessings for before and after Torah. Students are also learning to chant The blessings for before and after Haftorah. Along with the Torah and Haftorah blessings, they are learning to read the Yotzer and Maariv Aravim blessings for the Shabbat morning service. The students continue to work in the Time of Prayer workbook.

For the 5th and 6th grade Judaica class they have been researching prophets, what it means to be a prophet, discussing and comparing prophets from long ago with modern day prophets.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION TO BE A PROPHET ARE

STILL BEING ACCEPTED! DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

On a personal note I would like to remind our readers who are 18 or older, to please remember to vote on Tuesday, February 9, 2016—in the first-in-the-nation primary. It does not matter what your views may be, or what party you support: it is just important for you to exercise your right to vote.

Please read in our Bulletin and watch your emails, so you can attend the Brotherhood's candidate night.



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## Brotherhood Mitzvah & Brotherhood Chanukah Party

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Clan Dolman gets ready to make Christmas Day deliveries to the city fire stations. From l., Alea, Caleb, Joshua, Donna, with Steve in front.



### ...December Kept Brothers Busy!

Above, at the Chanukah party for the Religious School, Lamyai Schwartz and her lots of latkes. Gail Gelman & family prepared the latkes in memory of Phil, who passed in November, 2016. Phil was known for his culinary skills—especially his latkes and chicken soup.



### Brotherhood Kitchen Krew for the 2015 Chanukah Party:

From left: Sol Rockenmacher, Bruce Harrison, Michael Bank, Jay Hodes, David Penchansky, Lamyai Schwartz, Llei Schwartz, Gail Gelman, Ted Yegerman, Dick Lutsk, David Rosenzweig.

Chanukah party pics on pages 6 & 7 by D. Rosenzweig.

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## Brotherhood Mitzvah Program 2015~*Gemilut Hasadim*

[Editor's Note: See Sol Rockenmacher's summary on the program on page 10 of this paper, under GEMILUT HASADIM.]

**At right, New Horizons servers** on 12-24-15: Bob & Judith Jolton; Cliff Lopate (Rabbi Beth's spouse) in the back row; Lisa Cole next to her friend Bennett Freeman; Rabbi Beth D. Davidson, Joel Gordon, JoAnn Meyers, Judith Wolff. Ruthie Gordon was on the other side of the camera—taking the photo.



**Delivering trays to the Bedford Fire Station** on 12-25-15: Kylie Harrison, with Dad Bruce Harrison and brother Alexander Harrison pose with the fire fighters and the engine behind them.



## Sharing Light in December: A Mitzvah

by Beth D. Davidson

In December, I don't think it is enough for us to simply light the Chanukiyah and recall the great miracle that happened there.

It isn't enough just to remember; we should, I believe, be called to take action, to become, as President George H.W. Bush put it, "a thousand points of light."

If and when we work together—Atheists, Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, Wiccans; people of every skin tone, every ethnic background, and every socioeconomic group—to feed the hungry, house the homeless, treat the sick, and comfort those in need, then we are in fact celebrating this season by "being" the light.

And so I am proud every year of those in the TAY family who volunteer for Brotherhood's Mitzvah Day Program. We are

not only enabling our Christian neighbors to be home celebrating with their families; we are extending helping hands to those in our community who need the warmth of human touch as well as the tangible help that we can provide.

My family helps out at New Horizons, where, as many of you may already know, I am sometimes asked to serve ham. I guess the kitchen staff knows that I won't be tasting what I am serving.

Someone asked me if I was offended by the rabbi being asked to dish out pork products. The answer is no. The hungry people who come through our line need protein, and I am honored to be able to help them by serving them a nutritious dinner.

Giving helps those in need; I believe that giving is also good for us. When we share our bounty with those in need, we are, I think, thanking God for the many gifts with which we have been blessed.

Have a happy, safe, and peaceful new year. May we each do our part to spread a little light in the short days of January and February, 2016.



**At left, New Horizons workers** take a break on 12-25-15: Elda Cordero-Goodman standing behind Steve Soreff; Rachel Spierer standing behind husband Mel Spierer; Paul Gladstone, Lauren Kane (seated), and Roseanne Ronner.

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## Seniors Forever Young: Chanukah Fun for All

by Brenda Schadick

### A Very Good Time Had By All

Seniors Forever Young had their Chanukah Party on December 10, 2015, at Temple Adath Yeshurun with over 30 in attendance. The Social Hall was decorated for Chanukah and the Chanukah candles were lit by Rabbi Beth. We then had a delicious lunch, catered by Heidi Miller with her famous soup and latkes, among other lunch goodies.

After lunch, Marlena Phillips and Joe MacDonald entertained us with marvelous music. There was singing, dancing, clapping, and a wonderful feeling for all. David Rosenzweig used his talent as a photographer to take great photos of the festivities, and we thank him very much.

In the planning stages is a movie afternoon in January with dessert. We welcome all seniors to join us in fun.



*12-10-15. At the Seniors Forever Young Chanukah party at TAY: Seated is Millie Eisman and Eleanor Freedman; standing is Roberta Silberberg, Roz Levitt, Sarita Abrahams, Renee Brenner and Frankie Shapiro.*

*Below left: Heidi Miller with her tray of hot latkes. TAY custodian Adrian Creteau assists her. Below right: Audrey Rondo standing with Brenda Schadick, author of article on this page; seated in front are Gail Gelman and Elaine Rabinowitz.*



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## Manchester Mosque Interfaith Event

January 23, 6 p.m.  
373 South Willow Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire  
[next to Shaw's supermarket]

You are welcome to a gathering on Saturday evening, January 23rd at 6 pm. There will be a potluck dinner (no pork or shellfish), and a presentation of "Raising Religious Kids in America ... Raising Children in One's Faith in Present Day America," which will include our children's participation.

## GEMILUT HASADIM

by Sol Rockenmacher

The Jewish Almanac notes: "In Jewish tradition, *gemilut hasadim* are a category of mitzvot (good deeds) that obligate the individual to act in certain ways on certain occasions as a mark of basic human decency and respect towards others, living or dead, rich or poor, using one's time, effort, and money whenever necessary."

*Gemilut Hasadim* are deeds of loving-kindness involving "a degree of gentleness, extreme care, affection, tenderness—a summoning of all the human resources of sympathy for the benefit of others."



The Temple Adath Yeshurun Christmas Mitzvah Program, organized by the TAY Brotherhood, has been in existence now for well over thirty-five years. It is a fine example of

how members of our Manchester Jewish community have been giving back to their non-Jewish community, with enthusiasm, feeling and caring.

This year, once again, more than 100 adults and children participated on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. They staffed the Information Desks at city hospitals, brought luncheon platters to the police and fire stations, served and prepared food at New Horizons Soup Kitchen on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and helped with the evening Bingo game at the Veterans Hospital in Manchester.

The volunteers came from not only from TAY, and other temples, as well. We worked side-by-side with Christian and Muslim colleagues, providing another pathway toward helping to improve interfaith relations.

"Think globally, act locally," can be one starting point directive in the process of tikkun olam (healing the world).

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## Choir Exchange: TAY and Temple Beth Jacob Choirs Led by Cantor Shira Nafshi

Something new and exciting in 2016 is our first choir exchange with Temple Beth Jacob in Concord.

Since our two congregations share the effervescent and uplifting Cantor Shira, we thought it would be a lovely idea to build camaraderie through music.

On **Friday, January 15**, the Temple Beth Jacob singers will join some of our choir members singing a program selected and led by Cantor Shira during our 7 PM Shabbat service.

On Friday, **January 22**, the TAY choir will sing with Cantor Shira at Temple Beth Jacob in Concord.

Please support this initiative, and come

worship with us on **January 15, at 7 PM.**

And even though the choir will be in Concord on January 22, services will still be held at TAY, also at 7 PM. Please come and add your voice to the rabbi's.

## Price for Cemetery Plots Increases Jan. 1, 2016

The Temple Adath Yeshurun Board of directors has voted to increase the cost of plots at the Manchester Hebrew Cemetery.

Plots will increase as of January 1, 2016: to \$1200.00 for a TAY member; and to \$2,000.00 for people who are not members of TAY.

Michael Litvin and I would be happy to help any person who is interested in more details about purchasing plots in the TAY cemetery. I truly believe that you are doing a mitzvah for your family when you pre-plan and pre-buy your cemetery plots. It is always much easier to do these things when you are not under any undue stress.

Please call me at **603-644-1508**. Mike and I are glad to give you any information we can to help make this process as painless as possible.

**Sue Niederman & Mike Litvin**  
Cemetery Committee

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## December Birthdays

Madeline Kasten  
Jack Krasnof  
Nina Levine  
Jacob Littlefield

## Birthday Blessings

At FAMILY SERVICE (usually the first Friday of each month) children under the age of Bar or Bat Mitzvah are called to the Torah for birthday blessings. A community pot-luck supper usually follows.

December's Family Service was on Dec. 4, followed by a Chanukah Family Service and potluck on Dec. 11.  
January's Family Service was on Jan. 7. February will be Feb. 5.

*See you on Shabbat.*



## January Birthdays

Alexa Cannon  
Spencer Cannon  
Adam Flanders  
Jacob Herlicka  
Daniel Lahnstein  
Aaron Littlefield  
Ryan Rosenberg  
Elias Rosenfield  
Jesse Sag  
Justin Silver

## DONATIONS

*Donations are listed from November 2, 2015 through January 4, 2016.*

### Special Purpose Funds

*Created with a minimum donation of \$5000; may only be used for a specified purpose.*

#### Building Fund

By Marc Rubenson to Cantor Lori Salzman, in memory of Beth Ann Salzman.  
By Marc Rubenson to Gary and Rochelle Lindner, in memory of Raymond Lindner.  
Brotherhood Fund  
By Linda and Sol Rockenmacher to Gail Gelman and family, in memory of Phil Gelman.  
By Karen and Steven Rothstein to Gail Gelman and family, in memory of Phil Gelman.

#### Bud Baron Ritual Fund

By Eileen and Jack Resnick to Lea Levy. Get well wishes.  
By Ruthie and Joel Gordon to Rochelle and Gary Lindner, in memory of Raymond Lindner.

#### Mazon

By Marsha and Denis Paiste.

#### Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Fund

Rabbi Beth Davidson in memory of Mollie Davidson.

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

By Marc Rubenson to Susan Grodman, in honor of the marriage of Adam Grodman and Amy Elitzer.  
By Marc Rubenson to Brian Grodman, in honor of the marriage of Adam Grodman and Amy Elitzer.  
By Marc Rubenson, in memory of George Rubenson.  
By Lori Salzman and Randy Salzman to Rabbi Beth D. Davidson, in appreciation.  
By Nancy and Gerald Zidle to Melinda Berman, in memory of your beloved father.  
By Lisa Schechtman to Rabbi Beth D. Davidson, in appreciation.  
By Dorothy Krasner to Rabbi Beth D. Davidson, in appreciation.  
By Karen Silverstein to Gail Schwartz, Ariya and family, in memory of Phil Gelman.  
By Linda and Sol Rockenmacher to Lea Levy, with wishes for healing and a return to community activities.  
By Paula Blank, in memory of Stanley I. Blank.  
By Susan Stahl Hardy to Rabbi Beth D. Davidson, in appreciation.  
By the Dubinsky family to Rabbi Beth D. Davidson, in appreciation.  
By Rachel and Mel Spierer to Gary and Rochelle Lindner, in memory of Raymond Lindner.  
By Nancy and Gerald Zidle to Neil and Alan Pincus, in memory of Marvin Pincus.  
By Harriet Cannon, in memory of Samuel Bayer.  
By Paula Blank, in memory of Alan L. Dressler and David C. Dressler.  
By Rochelle and Gary Lindner, in memory of Philip Haller.

#### Short Family Youth Involvement Fund

By Fran and Steve Short to Marsha and Denis Paiste, in memory of Ruth Starr.

#### Whitaker Music Fund

By Marc Rubenson to Dr. Mary Singer & family, in memory of Neil Singer.  
By Lori Salzman and Randy Salzman to Rabbi Beth D. Davidson, in appreciation.  
By Edith Strouse to Dr. Mary Singer & family, in memory of Neil Singer.  
By Karen and Steven Rothstein to Marsha and Denis Paiste, in memory of Ruth Starr.

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## DONATIONS *(cont. from page 12)*

### Named Funds

*Created with a minimum donation of \$1500; income helps fund Temple operations.*

#### **Maurice and Dorothy Katz Fund**

By Joan Katz and Mary Jane Clark to Barbara and Barry Scotch, in honor of Barbara and Barry Scotch.

### Yahrzeit Fund

By Nancy and Gerald Zidle, in memory of Goldie Lovitt.

By Jeannette Popovsky, in memory of Harry Popovsky & Molly Popovsky.

*Please Note: Minimum Donation to any specific fund is \$18.*

## Joke for January

by Ted Yegerman



A rich American Jew who was traveling to Moscow by train was compelled to lay over for a few hours in a small remote village while the train took on coal and water. He happened to consult his watch and noticed that the minute hand had become detached. He decided to look around the main street of the town for a watchmaker.

On the main street he found a small store with dozens of clocks displayed in the shop window. He entered the store and found a venerable old Jew quietly reading the Talmud in the back of the store.

"I have to stay in this town a few hours," said the visitor. "I am wondering if you could repair my watch for me while I wait."

The old Jew looked up, slowly shook his head no, and without a word returned to his reading of the scriptures.

The visitor, obviously irritated, raised his voice: "Are you going to repair my watch or not?"

The old man looked up and said, "I cannot possibly do it for you."

"Why not?"

"Because I am not a watchmaker. I'm a mohel!"

The visitor was stupefied. "What in the name of God are all those clocks and watches doing in your window?"

The old man replied, "If you earned your living circumcising babies, what would you put in your window?"



## December Anniversaries

Cheryl and Jeremy Waldman

## Getting Names RIGHT For Couples & All Members

Beginning with the **May 2015** issue, we will list anniversary couples with first and last names. If the couple has different surnames, we will so note. We will omit Dr., Mr., Ms. and other address titles.

*If we make errors—or if your TAY mailing labels are not as you prefer—please let us know:  
669-5650.*



## January Anniversaries

Shirley and Jeff Ginn  
Nancy Frankel and Mary Atwell  
Barbara and Kenneth Lerner

*Tevet/Shevat 5776*

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## Judaica Shop Features Glass by Flaisher

The TAY Judaica shop carries the beautiful work of Amalia Flaisher, a local Jewish artist who sells her pieces throughout the United States. She paints each piece of recycled glass with her beautiful colors and designs. Examine her work in person by visiting the Judaica shop during Temple office hours, listed on p. 15.



Amalia Flaisher in her studio.

Below Amalia Flaisher shares her story:

*I have chosen glass as my medium. I love to paint and with glass as my canvas I can view the infusion of light and color through its transparency; like sunlight streaming through a stained glass window.*

*My inspiration comes from my love of nature and the spectacular hues created by the bright warm glow of the sun and the deep blues and greens of the sea that I fondly remember from my childhood living along the Mediterranean coastline.*

*As I look at an object, from still life to nature, I see with both eyes and capture its essence within my soul. My eyes capture reality, but my soul translates that essence into my art.*

*Colors, shapes and bold lines are recurrent themes in my work. As my hand starts to draw and the piece begins to take shape, I am inspired by ideas that guide me and mold my art. Each one of my pieces takes on a unique and different look depending upon the angle in which the light penetrates or reflects off the glass.*

*While glass crafting is a pure form of art, its splendor resides not only in the piece but in the duality of its beauty and functionality. I deeply believe that art should be enjoyed not just displayed. I have crafted each piece of glassware to be practical and useful.*

*Nothing gives me greater joy than creating art that lifts the spirits of those who use it.*

*Art on Glass products are created from glass that we hand paint with special glaze, and the original designs are painted on the glass pieces and fused together in our kiln.*

Come to the shop and see her unique work, from bowls to covered dishes and napkin rings to mezuzahs. Treat yourself or give as a gift.

## Coming to Manchester: The Sisters Rosensweig

Manchester Community Theatre Players (MCTP) is pleased to present *The Sisters Rosensweig* on February 12, 13, and 14, 2016 at the MCTP Theatre at the North End Montessori School, 698 Beech St. Manchester.

*The Sisters Rosensweig* is a play by Wendy Wasserstein which focuses on three Jewish-American sisters and their lives. Sara, who lives in London, is a representative for a major Hong Kong bank and is about to turn fifty-four. Her sisters, Gorgeous Teitelbaum and Pfeni Rosensweig, arrive to help celebrate the day.

Gorgeous is Dr. Gorgeous with a radio advice program; Pfeni is a world traveler. Various friends and boyfriends also arrive for the party. Mervyn, a friend of Pfeni's boyfriend Geoffrey, falls instantly in love with Sara.

Wasserstein has said that the play is "about being Jewish." She "wanted to write a play that celebrated the possibilities of a middle-aged woman who, unlike her other protagonists, does not end up alone. Part of MCTP's mission is to continue to provide Jewish-themed theater for southern NH audiences.

Past shows with Jewish themes have included musicals such as *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Children of Eden*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, in addition to straight plays such as *Golda* and *The Chosen*.

*The Sisters Rosensweig* provides unexpected romance), suspected partings, recriminations, reconciliations, and above all...newfound love and acceptance.

"Just right for Valentine's Day!" exclaims company manager Steve Short.

For more information, see [www.mctp.info](http://www.mctp.info).



## New This Year

TAY members  
whose child is not currently enrolled  
at the JFNH Preschool

Register for the 2016/17 school year:  
You will receive \$100 off your first month's tuition  
with a paid registration

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**DATES & TIMES : *MARK YOUR CALENDAR***



## JANUARY

### Monday, Jan. 4

Sisterhood Meeting 6 PM

### Tuesday, Jan. 5

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

Brotherhood Meeting 7 PM

### FRIDAY, Jan. 8

Shabbat Family Service 6 PM,

Followed by Potluck Supper

### SATURDAY, Jan. 9

Torah Study 10 AM

### Sunday, Jan. 10

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

Brotherhood Breakfast 10 AM

With John Clayton, speaker

### Monday, Jan. 11

Seniors Forever Young Board 10 AM

Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh 6 PM

(Sh'vat Potluck Dinner)

Ritual Meeting 7 PM

### TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

The **Sisterhood Gift Shop** is open during normal office hours. Office hours sometimes vary due to holidays/construction.

### Normal OFFICE HOURS:

**Mon.** 9 AM—5 PM

**Tue.** 11 AM—6 PM on school days;  
on non-school days, 11-5

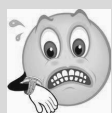
**Wed.** CLOSED

**Thu.** 9 AM—5 PM

**Fri.** 9 AM—2 PM

(Call to check before you drive over.)

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## Tuesday, Jan. 12

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

## FRIDAY, Jan. 15

Shabbat Service 7 PM

With Cantor Shira

and combined choirs

## SATURDAY, Jan. 16

Torah Study 10 AM

Sunday, Jan. 17

NO SCHOOL

## Monday, Jan. 18

Martin Luther King Day

OFFICE CLOSED

## Tuesday, Jan. 19

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

## Thursday, Jan. 21

TAY Board Meeting 7 PM

## FRIDAY, Jan. 22

Shabbat Service 7 PM

## SATURDAY, Jan. 23

Torah Study 10 AM

## Sunday, Jan. 24

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

Tu B'Shvat Seder and Dinner 5 PM

led by Cantor Shira.

## Tuesday, Jan. 26

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

## FRIDAY, Jan. 29

## SATURDAY, Jan. 30

NO Torah Study

Brotherhood Deli Night

## Sunday, Jan. 31

Religious School 10 AM--Noon

## GOT ROOM for GUESTS?

### Winter Wonderland, 2016

by Adam Klein, MANTY advisor

Please mark **Winter Wonderland — February 5-7, 2016**—on your home calendar. We would like to extend an invitation to help during the weekend. If you are interested in helping by hosting participants, please email the MANTY advisor, Adam Klein, at

**<ark5494@yahoo.com>**

(If you've got space, see if you can help place an out-of-town guest or two for a couple of nights.)

## FEBRUARY

### Tuesday, Feb. 2

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

Brotherhood Meeting 7 PM

### Thursday, Feb. 4

Presidential Political Candidates'

Reception 6—9 PM

## FRIDAY, Feb. 5

MANTY'S Winter Wonderland

Shabbat Service 8 PM

## SATURDAY, Feb. 6

Winter Wonderland activities

## Sunday, Feb. 7

Brotherhood Breakfast

For MANTY 9 AM

Religious School 11 AM—Noon

## Monday, Feb. 8

Seniors Forever Young

Board Meeting 10 AM

## Tuesday, Feb. 9

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

## Thursday, Feb. 11

Seniors Forever Young Program

## FRIDAY, Feb. 12

Shabbat Family Service 6 PM,

Followed by potluck supper

## SATURDAY, Feb. 13

Sunday, Feb. 14

Religious School 10 AM--Noon

## Monday, Feb. 15

OFFICE CLOSED.

## Tuesday, Feb. 16

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

## Thursday, Feb. 18

TAY Board Meeting 7 PM

## FRIDAY, Feb. 19

Shabbat Service 7 PM

## SATURDAY, Feb. 20

Torah Study 10 AM



## Welcome

### New Members:

A warm welcome  
to **Eric and Heidi Pound**  
and their son **Elias (Eli)**.

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