

February 2010

Temple  
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# bulletin

## Unique Worship Opportunities in February

Friday February 5	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service Guest Speaker: Charles Barkowski III Associate Pastor, Old Paths Bible Baptist Church <i>Returning the Blessing</i> Mr. Barkowski aspired to run 6 marathons on 6 continents in 5 days to raise awareness of Israeli victims of terrorism. Come hear how he fared in his trek.
	6:00 p.m.	Tot Shabbat
Friday February 12	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service (Babysitting Available) Rabbi Gutterman Speaking <i>"Better to Light One Candle than to Curse the Darkness"</i>
Saturday February 13	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Service led by WRJ/Sisterhood
Friday February 19	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service and Birthday Blessings
Friday February 26	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service followed by <i>Shabbat on Stage</i> Entertainment presented by TBK youth/Light dinner No charge - Please RSVP so we know how many to expect - 244-7060 ext. 245 or cleichtner@tbk.org
Sunday February 28	11:15 a.m.	Purim! Megillah Reading followed by Purim Carnival

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## The Clergy Institute

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Barrie Wilson**

***Essenes, Pharisees, Rabbis and Christians - Why the Dead Sea Scrolls Matter***

Friday March 12 at 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

*Sponsored by Temple B'rith Kodesh, The Jewish Chautauqua Society  
& The Philip S. Bernstein Society in Memory of Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein*

Dr. Barrie Wilson, a specialist in early Christianity, is Professor of Religious Studies at York University, Toronto, and the author of the recent best-seller, *How Jesus Became Christian*. In the book Dr. Wilson asks: how did Jesus the Jew, a human teacher, become very quickly the God-human savior of all humanity? How did early Christianity separate from Judaism? Why did it do so in such a hostile fashion?

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Wilson and hope you will plan to attend this Shabbat service and guest speaker on March 12.

***See page 10 for information on  
how to help Haiti following the recent disaster.***



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# All in the Temple Family

## Mazel Tov to...

Kevin Stone, (son of Kathleen and David Stone), who has been accepted by Early Decision to Syracuse University beginning this September.

Nancy Rosenberg, elected president of the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club. The club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month at St. John's Meadow.

Jeff Lurie, who performed in *Welcome to the Neighborhood* at the JCC in December.

TBK family members celebrating special wedding anniversaries: **Laura and Steve Chaba** celebrated 25 years of marriage on December 27; **Sue and Michael Lococo** celebrated 40 years of marriage on December 28; and **Sue and Jerry Marks** celebrated 50 years of marriage on January 3.

Isabel Calkins, (daughter of Tamara Cohen and Barry Silverstein and David Calkins) who was selected as a contestant in *The American Idol Experience* at Hollywood Studios in Orlando, FL.

Rabbi Rebecca Gutterman, whose sermon from Yom Kippur has been selected for publication in the Golden Anniversary Edition of *The American Rabbi Anthology*.

Aaron Braveman, on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Yara Silber. Yara is also the great-niece of Daan and Lorraine Braveman.

Justin Vigdor, named a 2009 - 2010 Best Lawyer in America for Corporate Law.

Warren Heilbronner, named a 2009 - 2010 Best Lawyer in America for Trusts and Estates. Warren has also been named an Upstate New York Super Lawyer for Estate Planning and Probate.

Our Wolk Family members, David and Gail, Marvin and Mari and Jeremy and Melanie, who continue to benefit the Rochester Community through the Louis S. and Molly B. Wolk Foundation. Most recently they funded East House, a residence for those recovering from mental illness or drug dependency.

## Still Time to Nominate for Board of Trustees

The Nominating Committee of the TBK Board of Trustees requests nominations to be considered for an elected 3-year term from June 2010 - June 2013. Any temple member in good standing is eligible for your recommendation or to apply. The Committee will review your suggestions for interviews, and seeks people with expertise in the following areas: Finance, Outreach, Caring Community, Education, Communications, House and Grounds, Israel and World Jewry, Social Action, Membership, Religious Practices, Volunteer Coordination, Leadership Development and the Arts. Your participation makes TBK the great place it is.

*Nominating forms are available on the website [tbk.org](http://tbk.org), in your January bulletin or from the temple office and are due by February 15th.*

## Adult B'nai Mitzvah Alumni Service Saturday, June 12

All congregants who have participated in TBK's Adult B'nai Mitzvah program are invited to help lead Shabbat morning service on Saturday June 12. Participation will be coordinated by Rabbi Gutterman and Lou Spiro, who became Bar Mitzvah in the 2005 class.

There are a range of parts available: speaking and non-speaking, Hebrew and English. Please contact Rabbi Gutterman at 244-7060 ext. 227 or [rabbigutterman@tbk.org](mailto:rabbigutterman@tbk.org) to let us know of your interest.

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Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



There's a popular joke that travels through word of mouth... and these days, email and text message too. You're likely to come across it in the weeks preceding most Jewish holidays. "What are we celebrating?" the joke asks. "They tried to kill us. We won. Let's eat!" And like many jokes, there's a nugget of truth there. By and large, Jewish holidays do celebrate our tenacity in the face of religious persecution, and our survival, time and again, over nearly insurmountable odds. The delicious and distinctive food which graces these celebrations is a common theme too. So what sets Purim apart? And what does it teach us in our day?

Purim is a holiday where, from the beginning of the story, nothing is as it seems. Though it opens with a raucous banquet, darker intentions toward the Jews of Persia are quickly revealed. Esther, the new queen, is a quiet and self-contained presence in the palace until she takes on a singular act of courage to save her people. And Haman, the king's advisor who plans for the Jews' demise, in the end receives the very consequences he had intended for them. Meanwhile, Esther's uncle Mordechai is given the reward Haman coveted for himself.

Perhaps because the plot twists of the Purim story are so

surprising and satisfying, it gives us the freedom to experiment with a lighter reaction to serious events. On Purim we laugh in the face of this story of persecution and near destruction. We celebrate with noise, costumes and opportunities to step out of our everyday selves. We even turn the hat of the villain who nearly annihilated us into a festive delicacy!

## Purim's Unexpected Gifts

With Purim we have wrested comedy from near tragedy. This holiday reminds us that as we take seriously the lessons of our past, it is just as important to make the laughter and joy that lives within Judaism an active part of our religious lives.

To that end, come and celebrate Purim with the TBK family on Sunday morning February 28, beginning with the Megillah reading at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by the always awesome Carnival in the Wolk Family Center.

Our rabbis teach that when the Hebrew month of Adar (in which Purim falls) arrives, our joy increases. For all of us, may it indeed be so.

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## In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the passing of the following and extend our sympathy to the family members who are part of our TBK family:

**Louis Chaba**, father of Steven Chaba (Laura) and grandfather of Claire Chaba and Kevin Chaba (Mia)

**Clyde Van Nostrand**, grandfather of Keith Van Nostrand (Morna Hilderbrand)

**Sara Lee Goldstein**, member and mother of Richard Goldstein (Sherry) and Leslie Goldstein (Doreen)

**Joseph D. Guite Sr.**, member and husband of Arlene Guite

**Richard Bittker**, member, husband of Sally Bittker, Brother of Morton Bittker (Maxine), uncle of Sherry Phillips (Richard Margolis) and great-uncle of Claudine and Samuel Margolis

**Jean Natapow**, member

**Manuel M. Fine**, member, husband of Geraldine Fine, grandfather of Lindsey Kurth (Noel), great-grandfather of Anna and Mollie Kurth, and brother of Paul Fine (Rochelle), Harvey Fine (Barbara) and Irving Fine.

### Friday, February 5th and Saturday, February 6th

Theodore Baumfeld, Abe Beckerman, Herman Berger, Leah Bregger, Ruth Caplin, Theodore Chadkin, Elsie Cohen, Henry Cooke, Jack Cravets, Arnold P. Dunsky, Yelizavicta Dvokina, Sol Engel, Anne Falk, Celia Flicker, David Flum, Leonard L. Gitin, Edythe W. Goldman, Jack Goldman, Jacob Goldman, Ida Goldstein, Sarah Graff, Rae Greenberg, Harold Marcus Gup, Sonya Gurevich, Betty Hochhauser, Benjamin Koren, Beatrice Lehrer, Isaac Levin, Alma Lichtenstein, Theodore H. Lipton, Rose Merimsky, Mortimer Messing, Bella Mindlin, Charles J. Niewood, Khika Oratovsky, Anna Pitlick, Robert Pollock, Blanche Popkin, Fred Pulka, Rose Rappaport, Elizabeth Rosenberg, Mary Rosenblatt, Harry L. Samuels, Esther Sands, Raymond H. Schwartz, Cecelia Shank, Selma Shapiro, Harry Shulman, Joan Sigel, Irving Sokol, Moses B. Spring, Udla Vaisman, Alvin Wicks, Benjamin Young

### Friday, February 12th and Saturday, February 13th

Mark Adams, Anna L. Altman, Miriam Atkin, Miriam Bauman, Libbie Berman, David Ben Yacov Braverman, Michael Callahan, Debra Lynn Chesler, Genevieve Shaney Cohen, Pauline Cooper, Anne Copeland, Gertrude E. Davidson, Ethel Efron, Ralph Erenstone, Irene Falitz, Marla Jane Finestone, Rose Flum, Meyer Forman, Morris Fox, Ida Garfinkel, Jay R. Gelb, Harry Germanow, Anna Gitin, Edna Goldenthal, Samuel Goldman, Benjamin Goldstein, Isadore Goldstein, Sophie Goldstein, Mollie Golove, Israel Gordon, Helen Greenblatt, Israel Gubler, Ekusiel Gurvich, Ida B. Harris, Nona Ivanova, William Kay, Benjamin Kesselman, Suzanne Klein, Jules Lazerson, Ida Levitt, Rachel Lichaa, Alan W. Livingston, James. M. Markin, Todoris Moldavsky, Morris Newman, Shirley R. Nozik, Betty Ouzer, Joseph Redding, Harry Reich, Morris Rosenbloom, Dorothy Rothstein, Rose Satran, Howard J. Schonfeld, Thelma Schwartz, Gerald Segal, Sam Senzel, Leonora Smith, Eli Sokol, Louis Sorman, Norman B. Spero, Jay Alan Starman, Bella Strassburg, Dorothy Solkoff Sukert, Minnie Trott, Sam S. Willis, Rose Winnick, Anne Winthrop, Sam Winthrop

### Friday, February 19th and Saturday, February 20th

Irma Angell, Martin Braiman, Virginia 'Ginger' Brovitz, David Brzowsky, Bessie Cherry, Maria Cilio, Evans D. Cohen, Freda Cohen, Samuel S. Cohen, Estelle Cole, Erwin Drexler, Albert Farash, Anna Mae Fink, Ida Fridman, Samuel Galinsky, Lillian Garber, Louis Garfinkel, Jacob Goldblatt, Marian Goldfarb, Bertha W. Goldman, Jack Goldstein, Alan Gottlieb, Barnett Graff, Rose Harrison, Harry Hellman, Gabriella Herz, Sherwin Isaacson, Sylvia Jotkofsky, Morris Kaiser, Barry Kaplan, Perl Kaplan, Leon Kastner, Rae Kaufman, William J. Kaufman, Irving Kellner, Irving Kintisch, Ida Klass, Rose Kosoff, Charles Kroll, Paul Lasser, Nisson Levin, Elezabeth Levina, Nancy Phillips Lidman, Morris Metzger, Pearl Brenner Miller, Yefim Minevich, Walter Mock, Rhea Morse, Max Nobel, Sydney Oberman, Richard L. Perlman, Becky Rockoff, Adele Roth, Herman Rudin, Nathan Satloff, Jess G. Schiffmann, Mendell Schneider, Maurice Schollnick, Sophie Bluman Schwartz, Eric Warren Sellers, Sigmund Shamus, Mariya Shmidt, Hanus B. Silberstern, Yetta Silver, Maurice Skirboll, Evelyn Smith, Saul Standard, Dudley A. Striker, Shirley Umof, Rita P. Underberg, Arthur Vick, Roselle Weingarten, Benjamin Paul Wolff, Frances Wolin, Joan Wolk, Freda Yudelson

### Friday, February 26th and Saturday, February 27th

Max Abramowitz, William Appelbaum, Sarah Armon, Tillie Bloch, Khena Boykina, Dora Brauer, Bessie Brown, Ira Brown, Dora Carron, DeVera Clar, Gertrude Cooper, Reneé Tulin Eck, Bertha Panfiel Feinglass, Michael M. Feldman, Sigmund Firestone, Kimberly Levy Fitzsimmons, Usher Fooks, Charles Frank, Sophia L. Friedman, Bronislava Gekht, Morton Goldberg, Rae Goldberg, Avram Gubler, Louis Gwirtzman, Leo Hoffman, Florence C. Jacobs, Samuel L. Jacobs, Shirley Jacobson, Rose Kaufman, Ralph Kizer, Rudolph Levinson, Mary Lucity, Annie Mandelbaum, Julius Martel, Monroe A. Meyer, Philip Michelson, John Michael Mossey, Anna Mymit, Jack Mymit, Kievie Mymit, Pauline Neivert, Sahny Olenikov, Sidney Osten, Frieda R. Pasternack, Hashmat Pastour, Rose Raskin, Fannie Rechter, Nathan Rogan, Tillie Rogan, Stella Rothstein, Dorothy Schaeffer, Rus Schay, Flora Schiffmann, Betty Ann Schooler, Rudolph Silberstern, Thelma Gitin Silverman, Dorothy Simmons, Sophie Smiley, Hilton H. Smith, Belle Susman, Joseph Vick, Frieda Rose Weinstein, Morris Weisler, Nicholas Winkler, Roman Zelter, Millie Ziff



“These three are the characteristics of a Jew - a tender heart, self-respect and charity.”

This Hebrew proverb reverberates from history as it speaks to us today. Two or three times a year I use this space to report on financial issues of importance to Temple B'rith Kodesh. Today, please consider the connection between a tender heart, self-respect and charity toward the financial support of our congregation.

Each and every week I receive a phone call or visit from a TBK member in distress. “My Mom is in The Jewish Home, on Medicaid, and can't afford to be a member of temple.” “I lost my job; I don't have any idea how to pay my bills.” “I have three kids in college and another in high school. There aren't enough loans in the world!” “I saved my whole life for retirement. Now I've lost it in this terrible economy.”

Caring for parents, finding satisfying work, making it possible for children to get a solid education and planning for a long, successful retirement are blessings. Caring for parents, searching for a new job, financing expensive education and watching retirement savings evaporate create real, significant stresses and strains.

TBK is able to respond, at least in small, meaningful ways. We're here for each member. Come learn Torah, celebrate Shabbat, study at The Rochester Kollel, get involved in a project, attend a program, serve on a committee or join the Brotherhood or WRJ/Sisterhood.

Membership commitment is flexible. Yes, membership levels have been set by the Board of Trustees, but any person or family may be members of TBK without the limitation of financial resources or special circumstances. Some members are willing and able to support TBK beyond the regular commitment of \$1,800 per year. Many others are able to participate as full members, providing generous gifts that are more modest. There is no stigma associated with adjusted or proportional membership commitments. It is our policy, our culture and our commitment to the Jewish people. We ask that each member make a reasonable commitment of their resources.

## Heart, Respect & Charity

I am very pleased to report that the Board of Trustees is working to establish changes that simplify our membership levels and structure. More information will be coming to you in the next few months. These decisions were made after a full year of debate and two successful Town Meetings, with true thought given to the voices of our congregation.

With tender hearts we open temple membership to all those who seek Jewish connection. With self-respect, we ask each member to support TBK to their full capability. In the spirit of charity, we ask that those who are able to provide more, do so with their tender hearts filled with joy.



*Sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation*

The Greater Rochester Jewish community will be surveyed for the first time in a decade. The organizations serving the Greater Rochester Jewish community want to know what makes us tick. What kind of home care would make the difference for you, or the senior in your life, to remain independent? Do your children partake in formal Jewish education? Informal Jewish education? If you are not currently engaged in the Jewish community, is there more that could be done to welcome you?

*For more information visit [JewishRochester.org](http://JewishRochester.org) If you would like to volunteer to assist members of the community who need help to complete the survey, please contact Susan Gagnon at the Jewish Community Federation, 461-0490 ext. 242 or [sgagnon@jewishrochester.org](mailto:sgagnon@jewishrochester.org)*

## Be a Tempro Study Buddy

The Study Buddy program provides one-on-one tutoring for children throughout the school year. Volunteers provide motivation, aid in academic development and provide mentoring relationships.

Following an orientation each volunteer buddy will be scheduled to meet with a student for 2 hours a week at the Holyoke Apartments in Greece. The Tempro program social worker will be at the site office during study hours.

This Study Buddy program is provided in cooperation with Sojourner House. It supports children of mothers in the process of overcoming multiple disadvantages/disabilities while living in Tempro supportive housing. As a Tempro volunteer you can help a child succeed in school, thus aiding the parent toward family success.

*Interested? Contact Portia Chiarella, Sojourner House, at 437-7100 ext. 117 or [Portia\\_Sojourner@yahoo.com](mailto:Portia_Sojourner@yahoo.com)*

Tempro, and your heart, will thank you!

## Help us Set a New Record with the TBK Tzedakah Campaign

This year's Tzedakah Campaign has the potential to set a new record, according to Campaign co-chairs Sue and Michael Lococo.

To date the 2009 - 2010 Campaign has raised more than \$25,000 from 149 donors, 27 of whom are first-time donors to the Tzedakah Campaign. Last year's Campaign raised more than \$36,000 from 171 donors. "This is a great start," said Sue Lococo. "We know we can exceed last year's totals with your help! If you haven't already done so, please consider making a contribution to the 2009 - 2010 Tzedakah Campaign today."

Your participation in the Tzedakah Campaign, at any level, will help TBK balance the budget. You may feel that a modest contribution won't make a difference. But when you add your gift to those made by other members, it can have a huge effect on the temple's operating expenses!

Membership dues cover only half of TBK's operating costs. The annual Tzedakah Campaign, along with endowment income, grants, special gifts, school tuition and rental income makes up the difference.

Please join in helping to set a new fundraising record at TBK. Thanks in advance for your generous support, at whatever level is comfortable for you.

## Kollel: Sunday Series Offers Season of Free Informal Discussions

All are welcome to join the discussions in the Adult Lounge on Sunday mornings. Coffee and bagels are available at 9:30 a.m. and programs begin at 10:00 a.m., unless otherwise noted.

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| February 7 | <i>A Look Inside Bernie Madoff's House of Cards</i><br>Judge Karen Morris & Lorraine Wolch  |
| March 7    | <i>Passover Palate Pleasers</i><br>Featuring desserts made by WRJ/Sisterhood members - recipe copies available!<br>10:00 a.m. Joel Elliot will present a talk on Passover foods from different Jewish cultures. The tasting will begin at 10:30 a.m.<br>Cosponsored with WRJ/Sisterhood |
| March 14   | <i>Connections vs. Isolation - Exploring ways to feel a part of our community</i><br>Dr. Kimberly Kalish  |
| March 21   | <i>Financial Planning</i> - Neil Ruda   |
| March 28   | <i>Over the Rainbow with Yip Harburg</i><br>Michael Lasser  |
| May 2      | <i>Mellow Jewish Music</i> - Bob Sneider  |



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## The Rochester Kollel

*To Explore, to Learn, to Engage...  
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Spring 2010 classes will begin in March, so keep your eyes on your mailbox for the Spring Kollel brochure - coming soon!

Check out a variety of new offerings, as well as our regular, thought-provoking classes. *Jewish Cooking* is back!

## Listening Campaign Wants You!

At TBK we're always looking for new ways to strengthen our community and be responsive to our members' needs. This past year the TBK Listening Campaign gained constructive, insightful feedback from congregants. In response to their input we've launched a number of new initiatives, including distribution of nametags at services, development of a membership directory and enhanced Kollel programming.

*If you would like to participate in the Listening Campaign and share your thoughts with one of our trained listeners, please contact Staci Henning, Listening Committee Chairperson, at [staci.henning@gmail.com](mailto:staci.henning@gmail.com). We're sure you'll enjoy this opportunity to help guide future TBK programs.*

## Megillah Reading and Purim Carnival

Sunday February 28

The Persians are coming! The Persians are coming!  
And with them ... the annual TBK Purim Carnival!

Temple members and friends are warmly invited to join us at our annual Purim Carnival on the last day of this month. We'll gather for the Megillah reading at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The Carnival will start at approximately 12:00 p.m. in the Wolk Family Center. There will be games, refreshments, raffle items and more!

*For information on how you can lend a hand with the Carnival, please contact Lisa Buchholz in the Religious School Office at 244-7060 ext. 252.*



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## Purim begins February 27 - Join in the Purim fun and send a Shalach Manot box.

*Support WRJ/Sisterhood fundraising efforts to raise money for Temple programs.*

One of the mitzvot of Purim is to send Shalach Manot gifts to friends and family. WRJ/Sisterhood has made it very simple to participate in this mitzvah by preparing Shalach Manot boxes filled with traditional Purim goodies and delivered to local friends and family. Boxes cost \$6.50 each. Out-of-town gifts may be sent for an additional fee.

Forms may be picked up in the WRJ/Sisterhood office or you may have one sent to you by email by contacting Harriet Renzi at [hrenzi4nyps@aol.com](mailto:hrenzi4nyps@aol.com). The deadline for purchasing the Shalach Manot boxes is February 22, while supplies last.

*We are looking for volunteers to help assemble the boxes the week of February 8 and to deliver boxes locally February 24, 25 and February 28. Please email Harriet Renzi if you would like to volunteer.*

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## TBK Foundation News

*"I have seen the future and the children are ours."*

As I write this we are celebrating Chanukah. We enjoyed latkes in the Wolk Family Center, joined our grandchildren at Tot Shabbat in the Ames-Amzalak Atrium and attended Shabbat service in the Philip S. Bernstein Chapel, where our Confirmation Class lit candles and told us the story of Chanukah.

Rabbi Kotok taught about an event that happened 2,178 years ago, when the Macabees defended their Judaism and rededicated their place of worship. I realized how fortunate we are to join together in peace, celebrate our children, and practice our religion. Indeed, our children are our future and TBK's.

We continue as a people and congregation thanks to those who came before us. Because of their actions, we have the freedom to practice our beliefs. Now it is our turn to stand together and strengthen our future. A gift or bequest to the Temple B'rith Kodesh Foundation will help assure the future of our congregation and Judaism. The sole purpose of the Foundation is to financially support the temple's future.

*For more information please contact Debbie Zeger, Director of Development, at 244-7060 or [dzeger@tbk.org](mailto:dzeger@tbk.org).*

*Jerry Zakalik, Foundation Chair*

## Religious Practices Committee Announces Mishkan T'filah, the new Reform Siddur

*Mishkan T'filah* will become a part of our worship soon! Congregations throughout the country have begun using this prayer book introduced in 2007. There will be many opportunities to experience the new prayer book, including a Kollel class led by Rabbi Gutterman.

The format is quite different from our current prayer book. Each prayer is written in Hebrew and English with a transliteration on the right page. On the left page there are poetic versions of the prayer to be spoken or sung. Prayer leaders may select various choices, so that each service has continuity and tradition as well as a contemporary expression of our love of God and thankfulness for God's blessings.

Many individuals, organizations and funds within our TBK family have contributed toward the purchase of the new books. No funds from the Operating Budget will be used. Members of the congregation have the opportunity to buy books as gifts and to honor and memorialize family and friends. For \$36 per book, a special commemorative book plate may be inscribed. Letters will be sent to TBK members detailing this process.

*Lois Tucker and Barbara Braverman  
Co-chairs*

Day	Date	Time	Service	Location
Wednesday	3	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Minyan	AT
Friday	5	6:00 p.m.	Tot Shabbat	AT
		6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service/Guest Speaker Charles Barkowski III <i>Returning the Blessing</i>	CH
Saturday	6	<b>Yitro</b>	Torah: Exod. 18:1 - 20:23 Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6; 9:5 - 6	
		9:15 a.m.	Torah Study	AL
		10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Service/Bar Mitzvah of Brian Shneydman	SANC
Wednesday	10	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Minyan	AT
Friday	12	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service:/Babysitting Available Rabbi Gutterman: " <i>Better to Light One Candle than to Curse the Darkness</i> "	AT
Saturday	13	<b>Mishpatim</b>	Torah: Exod. 21:1 - 24:18 Haftarah: II Kings 12:5 - 12:16	
		9:15 a.m.	Torah Study	AL
		10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Service led by WRJ/Sisterhood	SANC
Wednesday	17	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Minyan	AT
Friday	19	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service/Birthday Blessings	AT
Saturday	20	<b>Trumah</b>	Torah: Exodus 25:1 - 27:19 Haftarah: I Kings 5:26 - 6:13	
		9:15 a.m.	Torah Study	AL
		10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Service/Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Conrad-Reingold	CH
Wednesday	24	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Minyan	AT
Friday	26	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service followed by <i>Shabbat on Stage</i>	AT
Saturday	27	<b>T'zaveh</b>	Torah: Exodus 27:20 - 30:10 Haftarah: Esther 7:1 - 10; 8:15 - 17	
		9:15 a.m.	Torah Study	AL
		10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Service/Bar Mitzvah of Kendall Mirsky	SANC
Sunday	28		Purim	
		11:15 a.m.	Megillah Reading followed by Purim Carnival	SANC
<b>March</b>				
Wednesday	3	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Minyan	AT
Friday	5	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service	AT
Saturday	6	9:15 a.m.	Torah Study	AL
		10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Service	AT

# Temple Events

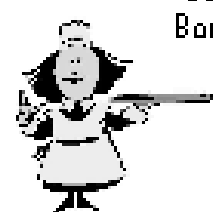
# February Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	1	9:30 a.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Exercise Kollel: Beginning Hebrew Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class
Tuesday	2	12:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Kollel: Further Taste of Torah Committee Night: Israel & World Jewry: Religious Practices; School & Youth; Social Action
Wednesday	3	12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Mah Jongg Kollel: Parashat HaShavua (Summit) 2,000-Year Road to the Holocaust Basic Judaism Kollel: Jewish Living
Sunday	7	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Kollel: Sunday Series <i>Inside Bernie Madoff's House of Cards</i> K. Morris & L. Wolch (Bagels at 9:30) Kollel: Beginning Hebrew Opera Guild: <i>Attila</i>
Monday	8	9:30 a.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Exercise Kollel: Beginning Hebrew Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class
Tuesday	9	12:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Kollel: Introduction to Talmud (Summit) Board of Trustees
Wednesday	10	12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Mah Jongg 2,000-Year Road to the Holocaust Kollel: Jewish Living
Monday	15	9:30 a.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Exercise
Tuesday	16	12:15 p.m.	Kollel: Further Taste of Torah
Wednesday	17	12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Mah Jongg Kollel: Parashat HaShavua (Summit) Kollel: Jewish Living

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	22	9:30 a.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Exercise Kollel: Beginning Hebrew WRJ/Sisterhood Interfaith Discussion WRJ/Sisterhood Open Board Meeting
Tuesday	23	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m. 12:00 p.m.	Brotherhood Meeting Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class Kollel: Introduction to Talmud (Summit)
Wednesday	24	5:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Foundation Governors WRJ/Sisterhood Mah Jongg Basic Judaism
Thursday	25	12:00 p.m.	TBKers - Nina Kalen Book Review <i>Last Lion: The Fall and Rise of Ted Kennedy</i>
Friday	26	6:45 p.m.	<i>Shabbat On Stage</i> Entertainment with Light Dinner
Sunday	28	10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Kollel: Beginning Hebrew Megillah Reading followed by Purim Carnival

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## TBKers Korner

Thirty-eight people attended the TBKers Chanukah luncheon in December, brought together by the attraction of a gourmet lunch with friends and a talk about Bing Crosby. The speaker was Doris Adamek, who told us about Crosby's life and played excerpts from more than a dozen of his biggest hit recordings. It was incredibly nostalgic to hear those tunes again, and we certainly thank Doris for her talk.

For February the program committee is delighted to welcome back our resident book reviewer, Nina Kalen. She will review the book *Last Lion: The Fall and Rise of Ted Kennedy*, written by a team of reporters from the *Boston Globe* and edited by the Globe's Washington Bureau Chief Peter S. Canellos. It was published in 2009 by Simon and Schuster.

Our reviewer, Nina Kalen, is well-known to TBKers, having reviewed several other books for us in the past few years. She describes herself as "a retired social worker who gives book reviews all over."

Her report will be given on Thursday February 25 in the Ames-Amzalak Atrium, starting with the usual lunch at 12:00 noon. As always, TBKers cordially invite all temple members to our meetings. If you are interested in Ted Kennedy and his life, please bring a sandwich and join us. Coffee and tea are always provided.



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### Welcome New TBK Members

Please join in welcoming the following new members to the TBK family. We look forward to many wonderful years together!

David Sandler and Marci Chodroff and their children Julie and Emily  
Jack Kosoff

Cindy and Jeff Hirschberg and their children Marty, Nathan and Justin

### Babysitting, Story Time, Playtime

Friday February 12 for the Shabbat Service at 6:00 p.m.

Babysitting for children between infancy and age 7 is in Room 109. Adult caregivers provide snacks and activities. There is no charge but reservations are required. To make a reservation call Linda McCullough, sitter-coordinator, no later than noon on the Friday of the service. Please also call Linda at 461-0015 or 733-1749 to cancel the reservation.

Please pick up your children immediately after the conclusion of the service and mark your calendar for the next date when childcare will be available: March 19 for the 7:00 p.m. service.

### Tot Shabbat

Come on out of the cold for Tot Shabbat - our monthly Shabbat experience especially for children five years old and younger. Join old and new friends for a brief service including songs, simple Shabbat prayers, and a special story for Purim, coming up later this month. We'll finish with a kiddush of challah and grape juice. *For more information contact Rabbi Gutterman at 244-7060 ext. 227 or rabbigutterman@tbk.org.*

### Shabbat on Stage!

On Friday February 26, TBK is proud to present an encore of Shabbat on Stage! After our 6:00 p.m. service we'll gather in the Wolk Family Center for a light Shabbat dinner and a Beit Café (coffeehouse) style performance by a group of TBK teens, encompassing vocal and instrumental pieces, Jewish short stories, original spoken word and humor.

There is no charge for this program, but please RSVP to so that we may know how many to expect: [leichtner@tbk.org](mailto:leichtner@tbk.org). For more information, contact the Clergy Study at 244-7060 ext. 227 or [rabbistudy@tbk.org](mailto:rabbistudy@tbk.org). We look forward to sharing the talents of our TBK teens.

### Haitian Relief

The Reform Jewish Community has a long history of generosity when natural disasters devastate communities around the world. Here are 3 organizations with great track records for response. Please consider sending support through one of the following agencies.

The Union for Reform Judaism  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
American Jewish World Service

[www.URJ.org](http://www.URJ.org)  
[www.JDC.org](http://www.JDC.org)  
[www.AJWS.org](http://www.AJWS.org)

### Get Ready for Spector Music Shabbat Friday March 26

Sign-ups are happening soon for our annual Spector Music Shabbat. This year we will again try something new - we will focus on Sephardic style with our own version of a Sephardic Shabbat. Rehearsals will begin in early March and mailings with details will go out soon. You're eligible to sing if you have some experience reading music and are above bar/bat mitzvah age. If you are not already on our mailing list, let us know!

### Upcoming Music Events:

Friday February 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Michael Gladstone, guitar  
Shabbat Service followed by

Friday February 26 at 6:00 p.m.

*Shabbat on Stage* Youth Production

Friday March 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Michael Gladstone, guitar

If you are interested in planning for events or helping with our music committee, please contact the Music Office at ext. 231, email [music@tbk.org](mailto:music@tbk.org), or call Sandra Arnold, our music committee chair. Vital music programming can happen only with your support!

*Keri Lopatin Berger*, Cantorial Soloist and Director of Music

### Eager Volunteers Prepare Christmas Dinner

On December 25 volunteers from TBK cooked and served a delicious Christmas dinner to about 70 people at Blessed Sacrament Church. The diners were regular participants in the Blessed Sacrament Supper Program which offers dinner five nights a week to those in need. Our volunteers made roast beef with gravy, rice, peas and cranberry sauce and brought fresh fruit to give out to the diners. The kitchen was well staffed with long time as well as first time workers. It was great to see a cooperative effort of TBK members and friends from ages 9 to 90 participate.

Mary Jo Lightholder, director of the Supper Program, recognized Art and Hildegard Herz who have been involved with this program since its inception more than 25 years ago. Thank you to everyone who participated by donating, cooking, serving, cleaning or socializing with our guests.

TBK, along with Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, regularly serves dinner for the Blessed Sacrament Supper Program on the fourth Wednesday of every month. If you are interested in working with our monthly volunteers, please contact the TBK office.

### The Guild of Mercury Opera Rochester

The final program of *Beat the Winter Blahs with Song* season, Verdi's *Attila*, is scheduled for February 7th at 1:00 p.m. The DVD will be shown in the Wolk Family Center at TBK, so park at the back of the building and come in the South Entrance.

For more information contact Agneta Borgstedt at 334-2323.



Brian Shneydman, son of Lolita Nemirovsky and Alexander Shneydman, on February 6



Hannah Conrad-Reingold, daughter of Mary Jo and Bruce Conrad-Reingold, on February 20



Kendall Mirsky, son of Janet and David Mirsky, on February 27

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## WRJ/Sisterhood Slate of Officers for 2010

The WRJ/Sisterhood Nominating Committee members Sherry Goldstein, Joyce Heilbronner, Harriet Heller, Carol Shulman, Beverly Weinstein, Gladys Wolsky and Judy Schwartz, Chair are pleased to announce the slate of officers for 2010 - 2011 as follows:

**President:** Gertrud Lind

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**Vice President of Membership:** Carol Stamm

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**Directors for 2010 - 2012:** Barbara Festenstein,

Joanne Mabb, Gail Pogal, Liza Robbins-Theuman

**Director for 2010 - 2011:** Harriet Stekloff

In accordance with the WRJ/Sisterhood by-laws, Harriet Heller and Gladys Wolsky will resign from the Nominating Committee, as officers cannot be members.

## Women's Seder

Sunday March 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Come enjoy a light dinner, WRJ/Sisterhood-led Seder and music by Gene Spiro

Cost: \$25, Patron: \$36

*May'an Hagaddah* can be purchased for only \$8 (not \$12) if you do not already own one!

*Send your name, address, phone number and email address, with your check made out to WRJ/TBK Sisterhood, to TBK, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester NY 14618. The deadline is March 12.*

## Todah Rabah

Thanks to TBK members and friends, this year's Chanukah Bazaars were a rousing success. Profits realized from purchases made at your WRJ/Sisterhood Judaica Shop enable the WRJ/Sisterhood to continue its support of TBK, provide funds for special projects and enhance all our efforts.

A special round of applause is due the energetic volunteers who serve as Sales Associates for the Bazaars and throughout the year in the Judaica Shop.

## 49th WRJ/Sisterhood Women's Interfaith Event

Wednesday March 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Keynote Speaker: Marjorie Relin

A well-known Rochesterian, Ms. Relin will speak about her son, acclaimed author David Oliver Relin, and his book *Three Cups of Tea*. *Three Cups of Tea* is the story of Greg Mortenson, who worked to build more than 50 schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Greg's work continues to be an ongoing struggle.

Lunch and discussion follow the talk. Please bring your own non-meat sandwich. Beverages, fruit and dessert will be provided. TBK members and friends are welcome. There is no charge for this event, but reservations are requested. Phone Sue Eckhaus at 244-7060 or email [seckhaus@tbk.org](mailto:seckhaus@tbk.org).

## Pads for Power, Part II

Our WRJ/Sisterhood Social Action Committee is once again making cotton sanitary pads for the young girls in Akot, Sudan. We are in great need of cotton fabric - clean sheets, cotton remnants - at least a yard, medium thick washcloths (new), or newly purchased cotton fabric.

*Call Judy Schwartz at 442-5111 if you have any questions, wish to participate or wish to donate fabric. We welcome any TBK member or friend to join us on this project.*

## Expanded Recycling at TBK

WRJ/Sisterhood is spearheading a campaign to increase recycling in the community. We will be collecting plastic containers with the number 5 on them, which are not currently recycled in Monroe County.

We will put out some type of container at temple so you can bring in your #5 plastic's. They must be clean and have all paper removed. We will be sending them to a company in Cortland where they are recycled into other high performance products for your bathroom, table, and kitchen.

## Thanks to Oneg Bakers and Hosts

Many thanks to those who recently baked and/or hosted a Friday night Oneg Shabbat: Ruth Fried, Beverly Weinstein, Bobby Zakalik, the family of Cara, David and Haley Misch and the family of Nathan Scott.

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For more information contact Joel Elliot or Debbie Zeger  
at 244-7060

# Lifelong Jewish Learning

## TBK Religious School from Suzie Lyon

**Values:** Young people face many challenges and need safe places to talk about important things - from the normal issues of adolescence (relationships with parents, friends and dating) to issues of crisis (drugs, violence and teen suicide). Judaism offers important insights about these issues and provides the safe place to learn to make decisions based on Jewish values.

**Acceptance:** TBK is one of the few places where you are accepted for being you. Young people are judged in so many settings. Are they the smartest, the best, or the most popular? Do they have the right friends? At temple they do not have this worry. In Deuteronomy 29:9 Moses is preparing to leave the Israelites after 40 years. He says, "You are standing this day, all of you, before the Eternal your God." Everyone is included as part of the covenant community with God.

**Jewish Continuity:** Youth programming helps insure the future of the Jewish people. Continuity is a great concern for our community. Youth programming provides children and teens with positive feelings about actively participating in the Jewish community, teaches how Judaism can enrich their lives, and helps them gain the experience and knowledge to participate in the Jewish community throughout their lives.

**Meet our Youth Advisors:** Their most important responsibilities are to be Jewish role models for every child in our youth programs. They each have the sense of humor, integrity, sincerity and commitment to guide our next generation of Jewish leaders. We are proud of our youth and encourage our parents to help us get your children involved. Please see the Youth page for upcoming programs.

**4th - 6th Grade:** Dan and Monica Gurell feel that it is important to give back to the temple community. Dan has been a member of TBK for over 30 years. Monica joined 5 years ago. In addition to their love for temple, they love to hang out and 'do cool Jewish stuff.' Monica teaches in our school and has been a teacher in Rochester for 10 years. They enjoy working together to get our youngsters excited about being Jewish!

**7th - 8th Grade:** Brad Rader spent three years as president of his temple youth group in Glastonbury, CT. Presently a Senior at R.I.T., he lived and worked for six months on an Israeli kibbutz, where he learned Hebrew. He is very excited to be working here and can't wait for our next event!

**BRiKTY (9th - 12th Grade):** An active member of his congregation in Washington, Ben Phelps was NFTY Programming vice-president in 2007 and Program Coordinator at URJ KUTZ Camp in Warwick, NY. A U of R student, Ben is very involved in Hillel and is dedicated to bringing new knowledge, attitudes and ideas as he guides our High School youth to help them establish their goals and find the means to reach them.

## February School & Youth Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday	2	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Wednesday	3	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Thursday	4	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Sunday	7	9:30 a.m. - 12:00	Religious School
		12:15 p.m.	6th Grade Family Education
			4th - 6th Grade Youth Group Bowling
Tuesday	9	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Wednesday	10	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Thursday	11	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Sunday	14	No Religious School or Midweek Hebrew until Tuesday, February 23	
Tuesday	23	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Wednesday	24	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Thursday	25	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Saturday	27	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Set-up Purim Carnival & Chinese Food - all students grade 7 and up
Sunday	28	9:30 a.m. - 12:00	Religious School
		11:15 a.m.	Megillah Reading followed by Purim Carnival hosted by Junior Youth Group & BriKTY

## March

Tuesday	2	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Wednesday	3	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Thursday	4	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Sunday	7	9:30 a.m. - 12:00	Religious School

## Federation Need-Based Scholarships

The Foundation for the Jewish Community of the Jewish Community Federation has funds available for need-based scholarships. These scholarships are available to Jewish students, having a permanent Rochester address, who are studying Jewish content for high school and college credit and for Jewish teens who participate in an accredited summer, semester, or year long Israel experience program.

Application deadline is March 26. For more information or an application contact Josh Boress, Federation Coordinator of Teen Education and Israel Trips, at 461-0490 or [jboress@jewishrochester.org](mailto:jboress@jewishrochester.org).

### Caring Community Caring Connections

Call 244-7060 for more information on the group forming to support this initiative.

# Youth Programs

## 7-12th Graders - The Purim Carnival needs a few good helpers!

All students in grade 7 and above are invited to join in our annual tradition of Chinese food and setting up booths for the Purim Carnival. You can also help by running the Carnival booths and games the next day!

Saturday February 27 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Set up booths in the Wolk Family Center, then enjoy Chinese food for dinner.

Sunday February 28 11:15 a.m.

Purim Service & Megillah Reading, followed by fun at the Carnival! (Approximate start time - 12:00 p.m.)



To RSVP for Saturday and Sunday contact Lisa Buchholz in the School Office at [lbuchholz@tbk.org](mailto:lbuchholz@tbk.org) or 244-7060.

## Chanukah Rocked!



On Sunday December 13 Religious School students had a blast celebrating Chanukah with games led by Showcase Sound, music, arts and crafts and holiday learning with our wonderful teachers. Many latkes were served up by our 20's/30's Group.

The fun continued with Chanukah stories,

music and activities at the Rochester Museum and Science Center that afternoon. Many thanks to our dedicated teachers, youth leaders and other adult and teen volunteers who made this great day possible.

## Teen Travel in Israel - Let TBK Help!

Visit NFTY's website at [NFTY.org](http://NFTY.org) or contact Rabbi Gutterman at [rabbigutterman@tbk.org](mailto:rabbigutterman@tbk.org) or 244-7060 ext 227.

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*Nathan Shank*  
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*Nelson Farber*  
  
*William Sulkes*  
*Sally Tecler*  
  
*David Thaler, MD*  
*Frances R. Susman*  
*Ethel Viener*  
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*Mary Wolsky*

### The Israel and World Jewry Committee

Several Rochester Jewish Community Federation *Israel 2010* programs will be held at TBK and we are pleased to be part of this wonderful programming. Ami Nahshon, CFO of the Abraham Fund Initiatives, will be here on March 4. More information can be found at [JewishRochester.org](http://JewishRochester.org).

Our December 4 Kumzits program following Shabbat services was wonderful! If you missed it, look for another date soon. We ate, talked, told stories and sang - what better way to continue the Shabbat experience as a community?

There were a number of teachers from Modi'in with us in December. It was a special treat to host Orly Hazroni from our matched school - Nitzanim School. Orly brought Israel to life for our Religious School students.

Our supply of the *Shabbat Melodies* CD by Rebekka Dohme has sold out, with great success and to wonderful endorsements. If you would like a copy, which supports the Hameln synagogue, please call the WRJ/Sisterhood office at 244-7060 ext. 233 to place your order. More information about our friends in Hameln is at [JGHReform.org](http://JGHReform.org).

*Join our committee and help us develop programs to encourage linkages with Israel and World Jewry. Contact Lou Spiro at [levbentsvi@yahoo.com](mailto:levbentsvi@yahoo.com) or 461-1085.*