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bulletin

The Clergy Institute: Dr. Barrie Wilson

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

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



Dr. Barrie Wilson is Professor of Religious Studies at York University, Toronto, and the author of the recent best-seller *How Jesus Became Christian*. He is a specialist in early Christianity. Dr. Wilson has written a variety of academic publications, books and articles, but *How Jesus Became Christian* is his first book intended for a general audience. In the book he asks: How did Jesus the Jew, a human teacher, become the God-human savior of all humanity? How did early Christianity separate from Judaism? Why did it do so in such a hostile fashion?

Having appeared on a number of radio and television shows in the US, Canada and the UK, including the provocative television series *The Naked Archeologist*, Wilson is one of the expert scholars behind an upcoming 13-part series on the History Channel's *History of Early Christianity*.

Sponsored by TBK, The Jewish Chautauqua Society and The Philip S. Bernstein Society in Memory of Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein

Bessie & Louis Spector Music Shabbat

Friday March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrating Music of the Sephardic Heritage

Featuring Keri Lopatin Berger
The TBK Adult Choir, Jason Berger conductor
Ivanka Driankova, keyboard

Special thanks to the Bessie and Louis Spector Fund for Music Programming

Clifford N. & May Lovenheim Memorial Lecture

Friday April 6 at 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

followed by TBK Shabbat Dinner (see page 5)

Guest Speaker: Jon Entine

Abraham's Children: Identity and the DNA of the Chosen People

Jon Entine is an internationally respected author, public policy expert and Emmy award-winning documentary producer and writer on religion, science and society, and corporate ethics. He writes for academic and popular publications around the world and is a frequent television and radio commentator on CNN, MSNBC, Fox Business, NPR and BBC. A long-time producer for Tom Brokaw, Entine has written and edited five books and has won more than 20 journalism awards, including Emmys for specials on the reform movements in China and the Soviet Union and a National Press Club award in Consumer Journalism.

All in the Temple Family

Mazel Tov to...

Klein Steel, named one of the 40 best companies to work for in New York state. Joe Klein is CEO of Klein Steel, started by his father years ago; David Feinstein is CFO.

Jared Scott Tesler (son of Mindy and Roy Tesler), awarded a Dr. Keith Davis Graduate Scholarship with Honorable Mention by the National Office of Sigma Iota Epsilon Honorary Fraternity. Jared graduated in December 2009 with a Master of Science in Communications from Ithaca College.

Lianna Mendelson (daughter of Linda and Daniel Mendelson) who scored 30 points to help her Brighton High School team win their MasterMinds match.

Carrie and Adam Grossman on the birth of their son, Milo August Grossman, on January 19, 2010. Milo joins big sister Tate in the family.

Jane and Earl Lipman, whose son Dr. John Lipman has been selected by his peers as a top doctor in Atlanta. He was featured in a *Sky Magazine* article on Delta Airlines.

Jan and Sid Shapiro and Carolyn and Dennis Gifford on the birth of their great-grandson, Jacob Michael Bowen, on January 5, 2010. Jacob is the son of Erika Gifford and Ryan Bowen, who reside in Slaterville Springs NY.

Barbara and George Morgenstern, whose son Jordan was made a partner at the law firm of Fix Spindelman Brovitz & Goldman. Jordan specializes in real estate law.

David Beck on the birth of his granddaughter, Naomi Cole Beck, on January 30, 2010. Naomi is the daughter of Karen and Andy Beck who reside in Cincinnati, OH.

Hope for Peace Sculpture Dedication

Friday April 16 at our 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service
Special guests: Sculptor Jim Cunningham and
Imam Dr. Muhammad Shafiq

Please join us as we dedicate a special piece of sculpture entitled *Hope for Peace*. The sculpture has been donated to TBK by world-renowned artist Jim Cunningham.

Philip S. Bernstein Society Announces

April Community Forum Speaker

Dr. Samuel Kassow

Thursday Evening April 29

Dr. Kassow is Professor of History at Trinity College and author of *Who Will Write Our History*.

The Community Forum is co-sponsored by the Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein Society and the University of Rochester. Look for more information in the April TBK bulletin.

Reform Jewish Voice of New York State & InterfaithImpact of New York State

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rjvnys.org or interfaithimpactnys.org

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. (These are currently not recycled in Monroe County.) Look for the containers at temple so you can bring in your #5's. Please be sure they are clean. We will send them to a company in Cortland where items are recycled into high performance products for your bathroom, table, and kitchen.

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From Rabbi Kotok



“Be happy it’s Adar.” So goes the instruction as we enter this Hebrew month that brings us the celebration of Purim and the reading of the Megillah, the Book of Esther. Adar leads us into Nisan and our preparation for and celebration of Pesach. Each of these festivals challenges us in similar and different ways.

So why, you may ask, should Purim and the reading of the Book of Esther make us happy? Surely the story is not great fun. We read how, yet again, another ruler and people wanted to destroy the Jews. We even know the conclusion ahead of time - Esther takes the risk to speak out and identify herself as a Jew, using her status as the Queen to secure survival for herself and her community.

I find great value in the actions of Esther. Hidden within the Persian world, Esther was not known as a Jew. Her disclosure is instructive in our current day. Pesach asks us to live our Jewish identity and consider what freedom means. Yes we are free, but freedom does not mean we are without identity. Freedom for Jews is about the choices we make to live Jewish lives.

Are we clear about who we are? Do we agree that our Jewish identity calls upon us to live a life reflecting our Jewish values and practices? Although we can easily evaporate into the secular world, it is not to be our answer or our path, not in our historic past and even more importantly in our own time.

Be happy it’s Adar!

Did you hear the story of the Megillah this year? Will you sit at your Seder and consider the message of freedom with purpose and responsibility? Will this be a time of joy because you know who we are to be, as Jews, and what we are called to do?

Identity calls us every day to take seriously the life of purpose with which we are blessed with as Jews. May we find joy in knowing who we are and living our covenant.

See you at temple.

Say “Count Me In”: Complete Your Survey Now!

Who are we and where do we live? What are we about in terms of Jewish life and practices? What do we need and want from our community? To register your opinions, please be sure to complete the survey sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation. Everyone who completes the survey can register for special prize drawings including gift cards for Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com and more. The study is being conducted via the Internet, although volunteers are available to assist anyone not comfortable with completing their survey online. For questions or assistance contact Susan Gagnon at 461-0490 ext. 242 or sgagnon@jewishrochester.org.



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

Nathan Feld, grandfather of Lynne Krest and great-grandfather of Kayla, Gayle and Lauren Krest

Roberta Lang, member and wife of Lee Lang

Vincent VanScott, brother of Maria Jacobson (Earl)

Deloris Summerset, aunt of Maria Jacobson (Earl)

Helen Mayer, sister of Florence Gordon and aunt of Elyse Capell (Walter)

Norma Ralby, sister of Florence Gordon and aunt of Elyse Capell (Walter)

Sylvia Levy, member, mother of Dorothy Levy and aunt of Karen McArthur and Brian Levy

Thomas Hendry, father of John Hendry (Amy Krebs-Hendry) and grandfather of Alex and Max Hendry

Lois Ruthstein Gross Schneider, grandmother of Sharon Krieger (Jarrod) and great-grandmother of Edie and Pearl Krieger

Joshua E. Wilson, grandson of Nick Brongo (Monica Goldman)

Evelyn Ferraro, member

Harriet Penberg, cousin of Kevin, Monica and Quincy Penberg

Friday, March 5th and Saturday, March 6th

Anna Herman Alent, Anne Alpert, Nancy F. Beck, Evelyn Bernstein, Leon Bernstein, Robert H. Braithwaite, Fani Bratu, Louis Budgar, Joseph Buff, Abe Carr, Erna Cerini, Maria Zlota Chaper, Zelja Chvoinizkaja, Edith Cohen, Ralph Cohn, Shirley Comiez, Meyer Dunsky, Charles Steve Emory, Hyman Farash, Carol Elizabeth Feldman, Matthew Joel Fine, Arron Fridman, Gershel Fridman, Sophie Friedlander, Reva Friedman, Meyer Gesben, Frieda Gold, Jacob Gross, Annette Harris, Ida G. Hurvitz, Sidney Jachles, Sarah Kaplan, Nathan Karchefsky, Mildred Kerstein, Cyrus Khani, Helen Kucker, Roselyn Lebbby, Evelyn Levek, Stanley V. Levey, Donald David Levine, Ruth Levinson, Simon Liberzon, Pearl S. Meyer, Dora Morgenstein, Gordon D. Moscov, Irene Nofer, Harold Nozik, Bessie Ostrosky, Bertey Phillips, Arthur Posner, Betty Posner, Joel Rabinovich, Alyce Raming, Josephine Redding, Joel M. Rosen, Rachel Rosenbloom, Alan Rubin, Fannie Ruda, Sarah Cherkas Sabbath, Sylvia Schwartz, Marjorie Michael Sharf, Rose Shulman, Morris Silverstein, Richard S. Simon, Mortimer Sitomer, Joseph Smiley, Harry Tecler, Margery Weisberg, Betty Wolk, Israel Wortman, Dora Zeesman

Friday, March 12th and Saturday, March 13th

Gerald Album, Betty Alexander, Jack Franklin Atkin, Leslie Berkley, Hortense Bittker, Abraham Brody, Rose Brody, Yetta Brovitz, Jack Brown, Peggy Cameros, Albert Caplin, Leon Doktor, Margaret Enslein, Melvin Fernandez, Harold N. Fine, Bessie Fram, Tillie Friedman, Joseph M. Gerowitz, Hyman Gitin, Faiga Greenberg, Lily Grossman, Leo Hart, Rebecca K. Hirsh, Sylvia Joffe, Solomon Kamil, Sherwood Korn, Harry B. Lackritz, Barney Lavine, Lester M. Lavine, Yankel Lerman, Macy L. Lerner, Mont Levine, Bela I. Lovenheim, Ida Lubosh, Joseph Mesnick, Adolf Metzger, Harry Navis, Belle Cohen Neiman, Alexander Pitlick, Tobias Roth, Lester E. Rubens, Max Samloff, Michael Schulman, Jack Shaffer, Rose Shapiro, Eli Sharf, MaryLou Shulman, Abraham Singer, Mollie Singer, Etta Sklof, Barbara Sloan, Carol Sobo, Esmaiel Toub, Richard Wassing, Milton L. Weiner, Aaron Winetroub, Rachel Wisbaum

Friday, March 19th and Saturday, March 20th

Benjamin Altman, Fern Arden, Anna Bartell, Irving Berman, Isabel Berman, Esther Bernard, Esther Bernhard, Solly Birnfield, Gerald Bobry, Irene Braverman, Fannie Brown, Freida Spring Cohen, Jerome B. Cohn, Rose Croog, Molly Efron, Morris Efron, Ephraim Eidlin, Carl Estreicher, Leonid Feldman, Riva Fishkop, Esther F. Florescue Goodman, Yetta Gesben, Belle S. Gitelman, Louis Gold, Louis Goldstein, Max Harris, Harold Hoblit, Gertrude Kahn, Shirley Klein, Bernard S. Kristal, Maya Kushnir, Sheldon A. Lane, Evelyn Lasser, Helen S. Lefkowitz, Adeline K. Levine, Edith Beatrice Levine, Moshe Melnick, Sara L. Messinger, Phillip Movsky, Reginald Myers, Bennett Phillips, Florence Rappaport, Joel M. Rosen, Selma H. Roth, Phoebe Rouss, Melvin Schlesinger, Mary Seeley, Harold M. Senzel, Ruth Hershberg Silverstein, Theda T. Sloan, Misha Stone, Moe D. Trott, Harry Weingarten, Rose Winn, Eli Al Zelomek

Friday, March 26th and Saturday, March 27th

Bernice M. Ackerson, Harold Armon, Samuel S. Axelrod, Blair Beinhaker, Max Bernhardt, Philip Block, Pearl Braiman, Aaron Gershon Brim, Dora Cohn, Rebecca M. Cohn, Violet Davidson, Nathan Drobner, Frances A. Edelstein, Anne R. Epstein, Hyman Feinstein, Irving B. Fischer, Moysey Shmulevich Fishkop, Bessie Friedman, Michael Hart Gallant, Donald A. Gifford, Fannie C. Gittleman, Ethel Gold, Sarah Goldberg, Perry Goldenthal, Jacob Goldman, Thomas E. Goldman, Samuel Goldstein, Mary Goodman, Rabbi Solomon Gordon, Faina Gubler, Jennie Lapidés Gup, Joseph Gurell, Joseph Harris, Ann Hoffman, Sophie Isaacson, Myron Jacobs, Samuel Kahn, Ben Kaplow, Alice Klonick, Jacob Kosoff, Morris Kowal, Leo Lerner, Arthur Lind, Eva Lubosh, Abe M. Miller, Sadie Milstein, Harold Moll, Dorothy Morris, Helen Bach Moss, Jacob Nast, Sol Neiman, Frances Ofsowitz, Henry Ofsowitz, Bernard Pearlman, Sadie Pollard, Gail Rolick, Harold Rosenberg, Florence Stein Rubens, Anne Rubinovitz, Harry Rubinson, Anna Sherman, Victoria Beniaminovna Vekslarskaya, Sarah Billie Vick, Samuel H. Weingart, Ida Weinstein, Isabel Weinstein, Janet Wurtzman, Ethel Zimmerman



On a chilly winter evening, our building was packed with people experiencing and learning about Judaism. In our Harold & Joan Feinbloom Center for Life Long Jewish Education Rabbi Sandra Katz was teaching about Jewish life cycle events to the students of Basic Judaism. What a thrill to realize young people have a deep yearning to learn more about Judaism.

In the Ames-Amzalak Atrium Elliot Fix was working with a special group of adults, his Jewish Living class. Friend of our Community, Jim Anderson, was leading amazing folk dancing!

In the Benjamin Goldstein Chapel another 175 members of the community were transfixed as Professor Reuven Hazan expounded on Israeli politics in the headlines.

In the Wolk Family Center 175 students listened as a Catholic Deacon and a Protestant Minister taught about Christians and the Holocaust.



A few weeks later, still a chilly winter evening, the 14-week class *The 2,000-Year Road to the Holocaust* was coming to an end. In an emotional last session, the class quietly walked from our Wolk Family Center to the Sanctuary. Father Joseph Hart, Chief Operating Officer of the Rochester

Catholic Community, addressed the class in an extraordinary plea for interfaith understanding, continuing dialogue and Holocaust study. He expressed hope in humanity, even in the shadow of evil.

A Place of Life

Dr. Moe Wortman led a moving final ceremony filled with images of unspeakable horror and tender humanity, the music of Bonnie Abrams and Carol Thompson, and a few moments to honor inspired teachers Henry Silberstern, Warren Heilbronner, Steven Hess, Tom Driscoll, Tony Sciolino and Ted Weeden. Each lit a candle: six candles burning in remembrance of six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust. In the end the entire class rose to sing the words of *Hatikvah*, the anthem that expresses the yearning and hope for a homeland, a haven.

TBK is a haven for learning, exploration, worship, friendship and more. This place is happiest when bursting with congregants and community members. We have the Board of Rabbis, the Rochester Kollel, the Jewish Community Federation and the Holocaust Study Group to thank for all these programs. TBK members and the entire community benefit.

If you or someone you know needs to rent meeting or party space, think about TBK. The space is welcoming and flexible; the rates are reasonable. Contact Carol Leichtner at 244-7060 ext. 245 or leichtner@tbk.org.

Clifford N. & May Lovenheim Memorial Lecture Series Shabbat & Dinner

Friday April 9

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service
Guest Speaker: Jon Entine
Abraham's Children: Identity and the DNA of the Chosen People

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

No refund 48 hours prior to event. Please call ASAP to cancel.

High chairs & booster chairs available on advance request.


Please RSVP by April 5th


Buffet Dinner

Rotisserie chicken,
roasted potatoes, coleslaw,
corn bread, dessert & beverage

Vegetarian option available with
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\$10 for Adults
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 Send your check to Carol Leichtner, TBK, 2131 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14618 with a note indicating the name of the event, your name and phone number, # of dinners and special requests.

 Call TBK at 244-7060 x 245; please have a credit card handy.

Time Change in Early March Spring Forward!

Clocks are set forward one hour March 14th

InterfaithIMPACT of NYS Annual Program

On Sunday April 11 InterfaithIMPACT of NYS (IINYS) will present its Annual Legislative Briefing entitled *Can NYS Dysfunction Be Fixed? Pros and Cons of a Constitutional Convention*. The program begins at 2:15 p.m. at The First Unitarian Church, 220 S. Winton Rd. Women of Reform Judaism/Northeast District and Temple B'rith Kodesh are members of IINYS, as well as several individual temple members. Rabbi Kotok serves on the Clergy Advisory Board.

The panelists are Stuart Berger, president of Citizens for a Better NY; Shirley Eberly of the League of Women Voters and NYS Assembly member Brian Kolb.

IINYS is proud to present this program on the Constitutional Convention. Remarks will focus on the convention as we know it; ideas to modify the convention procedure (to alleviate prior concerns and make it more responsive to constituents); and why a convention was not held when last brought up in the NYS Legislature. There will be a Q and A period.

The program is free and open to the community. For more information call Judy Schwartz at 442-5111.



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Kollel: Sunday Series

Program 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Coffee and bagels available at 9:30 a.m.
TBK Adult Lounge

- March 7 *Passover Palate Pleasers*
Featuring desserts made by WRJ/Sisterhood members - recipes available!
10:00 a.m. Joel Elliot will present a talk on Passover foods from different Jewish cultures. Tasting begins at 10:30 a.m.
Cosponsored with WRJ/Sisterhood
- March 14 *Connections vs. Isolation - Exploring ways to feel a part of our community*
Dr. Kimberly Kalish
- March 21 *Financial Planning* - Neil Ruda
- March 28 *Over the Rainbow with Yip Harburg*
Michael Lasser
- May 2 *Jewish Jazz* - Bob Sneider

Dedicate Copies of *Mishkan T'filah*, the new Reform Siddur

The Religious Practices Committee invites members of the congregation to pay for a copy (or copies) of the *Mishkan T'filah* to honor and memorialize family and friends with a special commemorative book plate. Information and an order form was mailed to all congregants - if you need another order form please call the TBK office at 244-7060. The cost for this dedication is \$36 per book.

And note - the Rochester Kollel Spring 2010 brochure describes a *Mishkan T'filah* class with Rabbi Gutterman. Students will explore the new prayer book while learning about our rich liturgical tradition and reflecting on Judaism's many and varied prayers and blessings.

The Rochester Kollel Brochure is in the mail!

The Spring 2010 Kollel brochures have been mailed - look for yours in your mailbox or contact the Kollel Office (see below) for more information.

If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Herb Skerker, Director of the Rochester Kollel and Lifelong Jewish Learning, at 244-7060 ext. 242. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

The Rochester Kollel: The Temple B'rith Kodesh Center for Lifelong Jewish Exploration, in memory of Ida Dosberg DeLeeuw, is deeply thankful to the Paul P. Dosberg Foundation for its generous support. The Rochester Kollel has been named to honor the memory of longtime resident, and member of Temple B'rith Kodesh, Ida Dosberg DeLeeuw.

Legos Needed

Congregant Mike Slade asks for donations of genuine Lego parts and Mindstorm sensors, motors and bricks for the School 52 FIRST Lego League team. Team members need parts to design their own robots, training for next year's competition. Please contact Mike at megade1@rochester.rr.com or 442-6526 or drop off your donations at the TBK administrative office.



Passover Schedule 2010

- March 29 Passover Begins at sundown - First Seder
- March 30 First Day Passover
Passover Service at 10:00 a.m.
Temple offices closed in observance of holiday
- March 31 TBK open all day and evening
- April 5 7th Day Passover
Passover/Yiskor Service at 10:00 a.m.
Temple offices closed in observance of holiday

Passover - Are You Prepared?

Your Judaica Shop can help. Stop in to purchase new or additional haggadot, a Seder plate or matzo dish, Miriam's cup, matzo cover, candlesticks or special Shabbat candles. Lovely organza bags will hold that gift bottle of wine, and other hostess items are available. "Baby's First Passover" bibs and selection of children's items are also in stock. Special orders for haggadot and Seder plates will be accepted through March 18.

Your purchases help support WRJ/Sisterhood projects.

TBK - Share your Seder with Others

Did you know there are families who want to host you for the Passover Seder? Are you one of the families who would like to host others?

TBK has a tradition of helping these two groups of people find each other. Last year's Passover was enriched by TBK host families welcoming fellow congregants to their Seder! This year, the first night Seder is on Monday, March 29th and the second night is Tuesday, March 30th.

If you are looking for a Seder to attend or if you wish to host a few guests, please call Carol Leichtner at 244-7060 or email leichtner@tbk.org to start the ball rolling.

Some of the consideration she needs to know about:

- First night or second night Seder?
- # of people to be hosted /# you will host?
- # of children/will you host children? (specific ages...)
- Special dietary requirements/can you accommodate these?
- Pet allergies/pets in the household?

Donate your Chometz

As you clean your food pantry in preparation for Passover, please remember those in need. Bring unopened, nonperishable items to temple. Let's fill the shopping carts, conveniently located around the building.

**For more information on Passover -
what to eat and how to conduct a Seder -
visit the TBK website at
tbk.org
and look for the "Holidays" tab.**

Charitable Giving Begins at TBK

As previously reported, the role of the TBK Commitment Committee is to assist in increasing charitable commitments by its members so that we can balance our budget in the future. With thanks to the committee members for their hard work, we are pleased to report that increased giving for the 2008 - 2009 fiscal year was \$43,874. In the present fiscal year we have increased commitment contributions by \$49,535. We are pleased with our progress, but we know we have a long way to go to take TBK to where it should be.

The TBK Board of Trustees has developed a list of giving categories to recognize those who are willing and financially able to increase their membership commitment. Their generosity makes it possible for all to participate in temple life, even those members unable to pay the full commitment rate. The categories are as follows:

Kavod (Honor)	Commitments up to \$3,000	Bracha (Blessing)	\$7,501 - \$10,000
Simcha (Joy)	\$3,001 to \$5,000	Tzedek (Justice)	\$10,001 and over
Shalom (Peace)	\$5,001 to \$7,500		

We urge each member of Temple B'rith Kodesh to envision a Rochester Jewish community without its synagogues. What would that community be like? Most observers of modern Jewish life believe that without the synagogue, the Jewish people would quickly disappear.

We need your help. Please contact the TBK office if you would like to assist with an increased membership commitment or gift.

Thomas A. Fink
Chair, TBK Commitment Committee

Day	Date	Time	Service	Location
Wednesday	3	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Minyan	AT
Friday	5	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service	AT
Saturday	6	Ki Tisa	Torah: Exodus 30:11 - 34:35 Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:22 - 36	
		9:15 a.m.	Torah Study	AL
		10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Service	AT
Wednesday	10	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Minyan	AT
Friday	12	6:00 p.m.	Tot Shabbat	AT
Friday	12	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service/Clergy Day Speaker: Dr. Barrie Wilson <i>Essenes, Pharisees, Rabbis & Christians - Why the Dead Sea Scrolls Matter</i>	SANC
Saturday	13	Vayak'heil- P'kudei	Torah: Exodus 35:1 - 40:38 Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16 - 25	
		9:15 a.m.	Torah Study	AL
		10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Service/Bar Mitzvah of Jake Leve	SANC
Wednesday	17	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Minyan	AT
Friday	19	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service/ <i>Searching for Shabbat</i> Birthday Blessings (Babysitting Available)	SANC
Saturday	20	Vayikra	Torah: Lev. 1:1 - 5:26 Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21 - 44:23	
		9:15 a.m.	Torah Study	AL
		10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Service/Bat Mitzvah of Mira Bodek	SANC
Wednesday	24	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Minyan	AT
Friday	26	7:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service/Bessie & Louis Spector Music Shabbat	SANC
Saturday	27	Tzav	Torah: Lev. 6:1 - 8:36 Haftarah: Malachi 3:4 - 24	
		9:00 a.m.	Babies & Toddlers Shabbat	AT
		9:15 a.m.	Torah Study	AL
		10:30 a.m.	Shabat Service/Bat Mitzvah of Bayley Axelrod	SANC
Monday	29		1st Night of Passover - 1st Seder Tonight	
Tuesday	30	10:00 a.m.	Passover Service/First Day Passover	CH
Wednesday	31	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Minyan	AT
April				
Friday	2	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service	AT
Saturday	3	Chol Hamoed Peshach	Torah: Exodus 33:12 - 34:26 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1 - 14	
		9:15 a.m.	Torah Study	AL
		10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Service	AT
Monday	5	10:00 a.m.	7th Day Passover - Passover/Yiskor Service	CH

Join us for Torah Study

Every Saturday morning from 9:15 - 10:15
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Temple Events

March Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	1	9:30 a.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Exercise
		6:45 p.m.	Kollel: Beginning Hebrew
		7:45 p.m.	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class
Tuesday	2	12:15 p.m.	Kollel: Further Taste Torah
		7:15 p.m.	Committee Night D'var Torah
		7:30 p.m.	Committee Meetings: Israel & World Jewry, Religious Practices, Religious School & Youth, Social Action
Wednesday	3	9:30 a.m.	Kollel: Tanach - Kings I
		10:30 a.m.	Kollel: Gnostic Gospels
		12:00 p.m.	Kollel: <i>Mishkan T'filah</i>
		12:00 p.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Mah Jongg
		1:00 p.m.	Kollel: Parashat HaShavua*
		6:30 p.m.	Kollel: Spiritually Literate Films
Thursday	4	7:00 p.m.	Basic Judaism Class
		9:30 a.m.	Kollel: Religious Literacy
Sunday	7	10:00 a.m.	Kollel: Sunday Series <i>Passover Palette Pleasers</i> (Bagels at 9:30)
		10:00 a.m.	Kollel: Beginning Hebrew
Monday	8	9:30 a.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Exercise
Tuesday	9	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Wednesday	10	9:30 a.m.	Kollel: Tanach - Kings I
		10:30 a.m.	Kollel: Gnostic Gospels
		12:00 p.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Mah Jongg
		6:00 p.m.	Kollel: Jewish Cooking
		6:30 p.m.	Kollel: Spiritually Literate Films
Thursday	11	7:00 p.m.	Kollel: Jewish Living
		9:30 a.m.	Kollel: Religious Literacy
Sunday	14	10:00 a.m.	Kollel: Sunday Series <i>Connections vs. Isolation</i> Dr. Kimberly Kalish (Bagels at 9:30)
		10:00 a.m.	Kollel: Beginning Hebrew
Monday	15	9:30 a.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Exercise
		6:45 p.m.	Kollel: Beginning Hebrew
		7:45 p.m.	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class
Tuesday	16	12:00 p.m.	Kollel: Intro to Talmud*
Wednesday	17	9:30 a.m.	Kollel: Tanach - Kings I
		10:30 a.m.	Kollel: Gnostic Gospels
		12:00 p.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Mah Jongg
		12:00 p.m.	Kollel: <i>Mishkan T'filah</i>
		1:00 p.m.	Kollel: Parashat HaShavua*
		6:00 p.m.	Kollel: Jewish Cooking
		6:30 p.m.	Kollel: Spiritually Literate Films
		7:00 p.m.	Basic Judaism Class
		7:00 p.m.	Kollel: Jewish Living

Day	Date	Time	Event
Thursday	18	9:30 a.m.	Kollel: Religious Literacy
Sunday	21	10:00 a.m.	Kollel: Sunday Series <i>Financial Planning</i> Neil Ruda (Bagels at 9:30)
		10:00 a.m.	Kollel: Beginning Hebrew
		4:00 p.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Women's Seder
Monday	22	9:30 a.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Exercise
		6:45 p.m.	Kollel: Beginning Hebrew
		7:30 p.m.	Brotherhood Meeting
		7:30 p.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Open Board Meeting
		7:45 p.m.	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class
Tuesday	23	12:15 p.m.	Kollel: Further Taste Torah
Wednesday	24	9:30 a.m.	Kollel: Tanach - Kings I
		10:30 a.m.	Kollel: Gnostic Gospels
		11:00 a.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Interfaith Event: <i>3 Cups of Tea</i> with Marjorie Relin
		12:00 p.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Mah Jongg
		12:00 p.m.	Kollel: <i>Mishkan T'filah</i>
		6:00 p.m.	Kollel: Jewish Cooking
		6:30 p.m.	Kollel: Jewish Living
Thursday	25	9:30 a.m.	Kollel: Religious Literacy
		12:00 p.m.	TBKers: Dr. Joel Owerbach <i>Generic Drugs</i>
Sunday	28	10:00 a.m.	Kollel: Sunday Series <i>Over the Rainbow with Yip Harburg</i> Michael Lasser (Bagels at 9:30)
		9:30 a.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Exercise
			No Evening Activities - 1st Seder
Tuesday	30		Temple Office Closed - 1st Day Passover
Wednesday	31	12:00 p.m.	WRJ/Sisterhood Mah Jongg

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TBKers Korner

The date for our January meeting turned out to be a particularly rotten day, even by Rochester standards. However, a group of hardy TBKers turned out to hear our speaker, Henry Silberstern. Henry's talk, describing his experiences in the Terrezin and Auschwitz concentration camps, was unlike any other presentation we have had at our TBKer meetings, and we are deeply grateful to him.

Returning to the present, our speaker for March will be Dr. Joel Owerbach, director of pharmacology for the Excellus organization. His topic will be *Generic Drugs*.

As you may have noticed, there has been a renewed surge of interest in these drugs lately, set off by the protracted debate on health care. All other questions aside, there seems to be no doubt that health care costs will continue to explode, and one way to lessen the explosion is to use generics. The speaker will review recent developments in this field and discuss various aspects of their use.

Health care reform is one of the most important questions facing us, and we are going to need all the information we can get to arrive at a good answer to it. So come to hear an expert analysis of one facet of the problem.

If you're not a TBKer but would like to hear Dr. Owerbach, please bring a sandwich and join us. We welcome all temple members to our sessions. We will meet in the Ames-Amzalak Atrium on Thursday March 25, starting with lunch at 12:00 noon. Coffee and tea are always provided.



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Sunday March 21 at 4:00 p.m.

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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 15.

Babysitting, Story Time, Playtime

Friday March 19 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: April 23 for the 6:00 p.m. service.

Tot Shabbat

Friday March 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Atrium

Tot Shabbat is 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 arts and crafts activity for Passover, coming up at the end of March. 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.

Please help welcome our congregants and visitors

How about honoring your loved one by greeting on a Yahrzeit?

Please contact the TBK office if you can volunteer a little time before service on Friday night or Saturday morning to be a greeter/usher. Once a month - twice a year - it doesn't have to be all the time. We would love to have a roster of people we could call on occasionally.

Consider being a greeter/usher when you are recognizing the anniversary of a death. TBK members who take this opportunity find a sense of comfort as well as pride in honoring their tradition.

If you would like to benefit our community by welcoming members and visitors, wishing them Shabbat Shalom and handing them a prayerbook, please be in touch - Joanne Mabb at 244-7060 ext. 240 or jmabb@tbk.org

Caring Community - Caring Connections

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

Spector Music Shabbat March 26

In the 11 years I've been at TBK, Spector Music Shabbat has become a chance for our TBK adult choir to study and learn together, culminating in an innovative service with new and old music looked at in a new way. We've studied music by famous Jewish composers like Michael Isaacson and Samuel Adler. We studied with world-renowned composer Judith Lang Zaimont in a collaboration with the Eastman School of Music. We've also premiered new styles of services: the first Jazz and Rock services happened at Spector Music Shabbat.

This year, during the month of March, the choir will be prepare music from the Sephardic Heritage including our Middle East background, as well as a piece in the Ladino language (a combination of Spanish and Hebrew.) Please join us on March 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we sing, listen, and learn together about our rich Jewish musical traditions.

Upcoming Music Events

- Friday March 5 at 6:00 p.m. Michael Gladstone, guitar
Friday March 12 at 6:00 p.m. Bob Sneider, guitar & Ivanka Driankova, keyboard
Friday March 26 at 7:00 p.m. Spector Music Shabbat.

If you are interested in helping with our music committee please contact the Music Office at 244-7060 ext. 231 or email music@tbk.org

Keri Lopatin Berger, Cantorial Soloist and Director of Music

Be a Tempo Study Buddy

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

Following an orientation each volunteer buddy will be scheduled to meet with a student for two hours weekly at the site office, Holyoke Apartments in Greece. The Tempo program social worker will be on-site office during study hours.

A Tempo volunteer you can help a child succeed in school, aiding the parent toward family success. Interested? Contact Portia Chiarella, Sojourner House, at 437-7100 ext. 117 or Portia_Sojourner@yahoo.com. Your heart will thank you!

Federation Camp & Israel Need-Based Scholarships Application Deadline is March 26

The Jewish Community Federation has funds available for need-based scholarships available to Jewish students 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. Contact Josh Boress, Federation Coordinator of Teen Education and Israel Trips, at 461-0490 or jboress@jewishrochester.org



Jake Leve, son of Michele and Harold Leve, on March 13



Mira Bodek, daughter of Priscilla Auchincloss and Arie Bodek, on March 20



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49th Annual Interfaith Tea Event

Three Cups of Tea

On Wednesday March 24, native Rochesterian Marjorie Relin will share the development of her son's well-known book *Three Cups of Tea*. Its acclaimed author, David Oliver Relin, tells of Greg Mortenson's struggle to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. A slide presentation will augment Ms. Relin's talk. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, followed by lunch and discussion. Please bring your own non-meat sandwich. Fruit, dessert and beverages will be provided.

Reservations are requested. Please contact Sue Eckhaus at 244-7060 ext. 233 or seckhaus@TBK.org

Lunch 'n' Learn Monday, April 12

Please join us for our first Lunch 'n' Learn of the season at the home of Sharon Trest. Daan Braveman will be speaking on *Colleges and Civic Engagement*. Mr. Braveman needs no introduction - he is currently the president of Nazareth College.

Join us for a wonderful lunch and good conversation at Sharon's house, 14 Framingham Lane, Pittsford, at 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$15 for WRJ/Sisterhood members and \$20 for non-members. *Please send your check made out to WRJ/TBK Sisterhood to 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester NY 14618. We can only accommodate a limited number so sign up fast.*

Our Next Open Board Meeting

Monday March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

We meet in the Adult Lounge. You don't have to be on the board to attend, but it's the best way to learn what WRJ/Sisterhood is up to. We'd love to see you there!

WRJ/Sisterhood Thanks Sponsor

WRJ/Sisterhood is very grateful to Judge Karen Morris for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat on Friday evening January 15th, in honor of our guests from Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

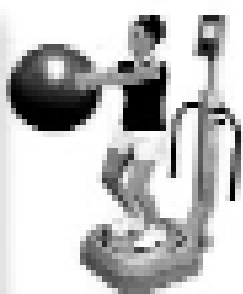
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Thank you to Gene and Lou Spiro for their contribution to College Connections, a WRJ/Sisterhood program that sends care packages to students and strengthens their ties to the TBK community. The contribution was made in memory of Sylvia Hymes and in memory of Vincent VanScott and Deloris Summerset, brother and aunt of Maria Jacobson.

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TBK Religious School from Suzie Lyon

We have all heard the story of the man who asked Rabbi Shammai to teach him the entire Torah while he stood on one foot. Shammai scoffed and chased the man away. Not to be discouraged, the man then went to Rabbi Hillel with the same request. Hillel responded, "What is hateful to you, do not do to another. That is the Torah; the rest is commentary, go and learn it."

When denied entry to the Promised Land, Moses faced his final choice - fight for his reward or prepare the Israelites for their future. In the end, he chose to prepare his beloved people.

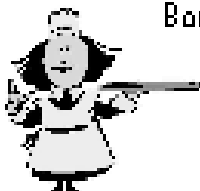
What do we learn from these two great teachers, and from Shammai's disappointing response? From Hillel we learn that strong personal ethics are at the core of Judaism. In the Reform movement, our strong commitment to social justice issues is prominent. Moses understood that the highest stage of leadership is to look beyond one's self. Though you may fall short, it's about preparing others to succeed without you.

In just a few months I have had many opportunities to observe our teachers, our students and to be with our parents at Family Education programs. Our teachers live Hillel's and Moses' notions when they teach. From our youngest Gan students to our 12th grade madrichim, I have watched our teachers guide our students with wisdom, patience and love; with kindness and consideration; with pride and strength.

Who will our children turn out to be? They are young people with a consciousness of how they should be treating each other. They are asking the right questions, listening to the answers and formulating their own educated responses. They are joyfully developing pride and love for their Jewish identity. All this because we have teachers who encourage their questions, help them sort out answers, and give them the tools to move forward as they navigate their Jewish world.

As you read this, we will be in the month of Adar - when we are all encouraged to "Be Happy." Warmer weather is just around the corner, the sun will shine more often, and there will be fewer clouds. Combined with the successes of your children in our school, their joyful laughter, their ability to share their knowledge with you - we've got it made.

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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
Friday	5	7:00 p.m.	Teen Oneg After Service
Friday	5-7	NFTY-NEL Debates in Canada	
Sunday	7	9:30 a.m. - 12:00	Religious School
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
Saturday	13	10:30 a.m.	6th Grade Families Service and Brunch with Rabbis
Sunday	14	9:30 a.m. - 12:00	Religious School
Tuesday	16	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Wednesday	17	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Thursday	18	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Hebrew
Sunday	21	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 12:15 p.m.	Religious School Youth Group 4-6 Chocolate Seder
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 - 9:00 p.m.	Youth Group 7-8 Chocolate Seder
Sunday	28	9:30 a.m. - 12:00	Religious School
Tuesday	30	No Midweek Hebrew until April 13	
April			
Friday	2	7:00 p.m.	Teen Oneg After Service
Saturday	3	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	BRiKTY Chocolate Seder
Sunday	4	9:30 a.m. - 12:00	Religious School

The Israel and World Jewry Committee

We are looking forward to being part of the Israel 2010 program of the Rochester Jewish Community Federation. Several of their programs will be featured at TBK. The first will be Ami Nahshon, CFO of the Abraham Fund Initiatives, on March 4. The Yom Ha'atzmaut program will be here on April 19. More information can be found at JewishRochester.org.

As part of our ongoing program to create relationships with Israel we are thinking about ways of connecting with TBK families (or members of extended families) who have moved to Israel. If you know people who have moved to Israel and you think that they would be interested, please send their names and email addresses to Lou Spiro at the email below.

We hope that you will join our committee and help us develop programs to encourage linkages with Israel and World Jewry. We meet on Committee Night, the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:15 p.m. Contact Lou Spiro at 461-1085 or levbentsvi@yahoo.com to be added to our distribution list.

Youth Programs

Searching for Shabbat

Friday March 19 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Have you ever wondered about the meaning of the prayers you say at services? Or wanted to find your own relationship with Shabbat that is personal and unique? Join us for a new TBK program: *Searching For Shabbat*. Interactive stations throughout the Wolk Family Center will give participants a chance to experience Shabbat as never before, through art, music and creative learning, and of course, Shabbat dinner!

Searching For Shabbat is especially geared for families with school age children, though all congregants are encouraged to attend. There is no cost for the evening.

For more information, or to let us know you'll be joining us, please contact Lisa Buchholz in the Religious School Office at 244-7060 ext. 252, or lbuchholz@tbk.org.

Teen Travel in Israel - Temple can help!

Hey TBK teens - it's hard to believe, but summer's getting closer. We hope you're considering a trip to Israel! There are many ways to go, and organizations to choose from. In particular, NFTY (the North American Federation of Temple Youth) offers a range of summer or semester programs for 9-12th graders go to Israel.

At TBK we believe experiencing Israel is an essential part of lifelong involvement with Judaism. Please visit NFTY's website (nfty.org) and click on "Israel" to learn more about opportunities for Reform Jewish teens to go to Israel in the Summer of 2010.

Scholarship assistance is available for you; contact Rabbi Gutterman at 244-7060 ext. 227, or rabbigutterman@tbk.org.

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TBK - School 52 Partnership is going strong!

TBK formed its partnership with School 52 in 2005. We have been working ever since to help students succeed in school.



Don Ginsberg (left with student) is the TBK founder and leader of the partnership. Don and Denise Rainey, School 52 Principal, (pictured column right with Assistant Principal Felecia Drysdale) created a Partnership Committee that meets monthly to guide the partnership.

TBK volunteers support School 52 teachers and students in many ways. Some volunteers help teachers in their classroom during student instructional periods. Other volunteers assist Academic Intervention Services (AIS) teachers to provide additional one-on-one academic support with AIS students. Bruce Pollock (left with student) is the TBK volunteer coordinator. He works with Tanya Homer and Michelle Calogero, School 52 AIS teachers (pictured below), to make volunteer assignments.



Most classroom and AIS volunteers provide literacy and math academic support to students. Over the years, Temple B'rith Kodesh members have donated library books, school supplies, winter clothing, and equipment to the school. TBK has obtained *Weekly Reader* magazines and Rochester library cards for students. We've also supported a summer reading program for the past four years to help students avoid the summer reading slump.



Every year our partnership has gotten stronger. We currently have over 50 volunteers, including these TBK volunteers:

Susan Edelman, Jan Fink, Tom Fink, Ruth Fried, Don Ginsberg, Harriette Ginsberg, Al Kesselman,

Joe Klein, Irving Koff, Arthur Kolko, Jill Kravetz, Sue Lococo, Babs Michael, Richard Mink, Bruce Pollock, Ellen Rosen, Arline Seideman, Warren Seideman, Judy Slade, Michael Slade, Irwin Solomon and Ken Stone.

The teachers really appreciate the TBK volunteers and so do the students. Here is what School 52 teachers said about our volunteers in the 2009 teachers' survey:

Ms. Hatch, 1st Grade: *Students were given the extra time and help they needed to reach or get close to meeting the reading standard.*

Ms. Adams, 1st Grade: *Volunteers were very valuable to either maintain or increase reading abilities. I couldn't live without my volunteers; they are a major part of my teaching.*

Ms. Luong, 2nd Grade: *Volunteers were able to provide the extra assistance that students needed. The extra time provided by the volunteers does make an impact in student learning.*

Ms. Johnson, 4th Grade: *When students get individualized attention, work on specific goals, and can speak with an adult in a smaller setting, they gain confidence and work harder. With the increase of students who passed the State English Language Arts exam, the success is apparent.*

Thanks so much to all the TBK volunteers who are helping students succeed in School 52!