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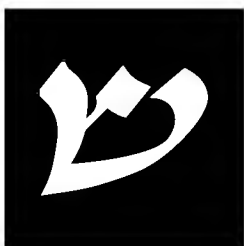
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THIS MONTH

- 8/13 – L'Shanah Tovah Greetings
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- 8/16 – Open Focus Group
- 8/18 – David Novick & Dena
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- 8/21 – TBE Open House
- 8/23 – Wayside Soup Kitchen
- 8/24–25 – Carly Ladd Bat Mitzvah
- 8/31–9/1 – Max David Aronson
Bar Mitzvah



*"If you see what needs to be repaired
and how to repair it, then you have
found a piece of the world that God has
left for you to complete. But if you only
see what is wrong and how ugly it is,
then it is yourself that needs repair."*

—Rabbi Tzvi Freeman
from *Moments of the Spirit*
compiled by Dov Peretz Elkins

T E M P L E B E T H E L shopAR

AUGUST 2007 AV/ELUL 5767

SUMMER THOUGHTS...

August 15 = Elul 1
If this is August, it must be Elul. August and Elul. Elul is the month that we begin to prepare our spiritual selves for the High Holidays. August is the month we feel the need to get in as much of summer as we possibly can before everything starts up in September. Elul is the month we begin to plead with God to forgive our shortcomings and help us to be better partners, friends, and parents. August is the month we plead with God to let our vacation last longer. In August we feel tanned and healthy, in Elul we feel judged and vulnerable. The feelings evoked by these two months, August and Elul, seem like opposites...but they don't have to be.

A friend recently reintroduced me to Walt Whitman's poetry. When I was in college, Whitman seemed like "too much" to me — too much verbiage and too much self-aggrandizement. As I read him now, I am struck by his ability to grab onto life — all life — the good, the bad, and the neutral — to be able to hold it all and then to celebrate it. He too lived during very complicated times — industrialization, slavery, worker's rights, civil rights, territorial expansion, even civil war were among his experiences. Yet, in his poetry, he was able to experience and transcend and promote all of life even through his own personal turmoil as well as through national turmoil. He celebrated his own existence and that of all of humanity. He was Elul and August rolled into one: introspection and celebration. Or, as in his work "Song of Myself," celebration and introspection:

I celebrate myself, and sing myself,

...

*I loafe and invite my soul, I lean and
loafe at my ease observing a spear of
summer grass.*

Actually, our tradition asks us to be introspective and celebratory each day, and not just in Elul. But somehow, at least for me, when I am outdoors reveling in summer, I take the time to notice and to ponder:

R A B B I
CAROLYN BRAUN

*A child said 'What is the grass?' fetch-
ing it to me with full hands,
How could I answer the child? I do not
know what it is any more than he.
I guess it must be the flag of my dispo-
sition, out of hopeful green stuff
woven*

*Or I guess it is the handkerchief of the
Lord,
A scented gift and remembrancer
designedly dropt,
Bearing the owner's name someway in
the corners, that we may see and
remark, and say 'Whose?'*

And so, here it is — August and Elul — a time to read poetry, to take a little time off from work, to reflect on our lives on the most individual and private level as well as the most worldly and cosmic level.

May you continue to enjoy your summer, and may your preparations for the holidays (and school, and work, and

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"Our vision is to be an embracing, supportive and vibrant community which observes Judaism in the Conservative tradition and which is devoted to the perpetuation of Jewish values and culture. Temple Beth El honors the diversity of its members and is committed to their spiritual growth."

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Congregants are encouraged to make regular attendance at Temple Beth El a part of their lives.

DAILY SERVICES

Monday through Friday 6:50 AM
Saturday and Jewish Holidays 9:30 AM
Sunday and Secular Holidays 8:30 AM

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

First Friday Evening, September–June 7:30 PM
Remaining Friday Evenings 5:30 PM

"Do not separate yourself from the congregation."

—Hillel, Pirkei Avot, 2:5

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Temple Beth El's Sisterhood Gift Shop offers a wide variety of Judaica items: ritual and holiday items, jewelry, mezuzahs, menorahs, candles, and gifts for all occasions. Rosh Hashanah begins on September 12. If you need any supplies such as honey dishes, shofars, kiddush cups, please come see us. If there is anything specific you would like to order through either of the following websites, let us know and we will add it to our order, which will save you shipping costs as well as support our temple: <http://www.yaelimports.com/> and <http://www.riteliteltd.com/>. We will also leave a copy of the catalogs in the shop. These orders will be placed by August 18.

Although the Gift Shop does not have regular hours, the wonderful staff of TBE can help you anytime the Temple office is open. Please keep in mind that all Gift Shop profits benefit Temple Beth El. If you have any questions, you can e-mail or call Debbie Barlock at cestme@aol.com or 774-1080.

CLOSURES

There will be no office closures in August.



Temple Beth El is a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.



Funding for Temple Beth El Religious School has been generously provided by the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine, through its Annual Campaign.

TRY WALKING WITH GOD (AND WITH US) FOR THE COMING YEAR

An exciting new adult education curriculum entitled "Walking with God" has been created by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in partnership with the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism and the Rabbinical Assembly.

The curriculum consists of 12 learning units, which include instructions for each session, essays by leading scholars, and texts for partner or group study. All materials can be downloaded as pdf files from the University of Judaism's website.


Unit topics include An Introduction, God in the Bible, God in the Talmud, God in the Midrash, God in Halakha, God in Medieval Jewish Philosophy, God in Kabbalah, God in Hassidut, God in Modern Jewish Thought, and God and Us, Conclusions and an Epilogue. Participating scholars include Rabbi

Bradley Shavit Artson, Rabbi Elliot Dorff, Reb Mimi Feigelson, Rabbi Alana Suskin, Rabbi Joel Rembaum and others.

While individuals can use the materials on their own, the units are designed to be used in a group setting, with chevruta and

EDUCATION DIRECTOR
AVIS SMITH

group discussion. If there is sufficient interest, our Adult Jewish Learning Committee will gather participants once a month for a study session, as we walk through the year beginning after the High Holy Days.

For a preview of materials, you may go to the Walking with God website (www.uj.edu/Content). If you are interested in monthly discussion groups, please contact Avis at the office (774-2649) or Adult Jewish Learning Committee chairs Tom and Ellen Froncek (725-7950). 


LOOKING AHEAD TO 5768

by Avis Smith, Education Director

Watch for these upcoming educational opportunities at Temple Beth El this fall:

- An exciting Kol Yeladim program with our new leader Amy Brier
- A welcome back to Hebrew School pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 9, in memory of Laura Ullman
- A Day of Jewish Learning on Sunday, October 21, sponsored by the TBE Adult Jewish Learning Committee
- The return of the Maine Jewish Teacher Conference, featuring guest presenters Mel and Shoshanna Silberman, on October 28
- A second year of our citywide Community High School Program for 11th and 12th graders
- Temple Beth El Hebrew School Fall Shabbat Dinner, on Friday November 2, followed by a weekend with a visiting scholar
- Additional Israel programming in the

Hebrew School through our Israel Enrichment Grant


Please watch your Shofar for more details of these and other programs. Registration for Hebrew School is currently being accepted; we still have openings for teachers as well. Please contact Avis at the Temple, 774-2649, or at education@templebethel-maine.org. 

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Tikkun Olam) be fulfilling.

*The Architect of the world
Never does the same thing twice.
Every day is an entirely
new creation. Take as much as
you can from what each new
day has to offer.*

— Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlov

Rabbi Braun 

Carly Ladd Bat Mitzvah



Natalie Ladd (along with loving family & close friends) proudly invites you to join her as her daughter, Carly Rose Ladd, leads the congregation at her Bat Mitzvah on August 24 & 25, 2007.

Carly is an Honor Student going into 7th grade at Lyman Moore Middle School in Portland and recently won a scholastic computer science award. She is also the recipient of a newly created award for "dedication & commitment" at Temple Beth El Hebrew School. Carly is a founding member of a local chapter of "Schools for Schools," a proactive club that creates awareness and fund raising for The Invisible Children (Ugandan children who are kidnapped and forced to become killer soldiers). This on-going, worldwide effort is also Carly's Mitzvah project. See www.invisiblechildren.com for more information.

Carly has had the honor of working with both Cantor Ross and Avis Smith while preparing for her Bat Mitzvah. She will be joined by family from Texas, Florida, California, Alaska, and of course, locally, as we gather for Carly's simcha during this glorious time of year in Maine.

Max David Aronson Bar Mitzvah



Please join Jenny and Fred Aronson in celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Max David Aronson, on Friday, August 31 and Saturday, September 1, 2007.

Max will be entering the 8th grade this fall at Cape Elizabeth Middle School. Outside of school and studying Hebrew, Max enjoys baseball, skiing, and tennis.

Max will be chanting Torah and Haftarah.

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GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT TBE

Although it is the end of June as I write this article, we will be in our final full month of summer when you read it. I hope all of you have had an opportunity, or will have an opportunity by the time Labor Day rolls around, to enjoy some summertime R&R.

I am pleased to report that the Temple Beth El Board and its many committees have been hard at work.

Rabbi Braun and the Ritual Committee, chaired by Judy Gatchell, have devoted a substantial amount of time developing plans for High Holiday services. We have engaged Rabbi Jonathan Perlman to serve as the hazzan. Rabbi Perlman has extensive experience serving in this role. The Ritual Committee was impressed not only with his credentials but also with his voice. We look forward to his joining Rabbi Braun in leading our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

We have engaged the services of Cantor Deborah Marlowe to provide B'nai Mitzvah training to our fall students. Cantor Marlowe has already started teaching her students. In addition to this teaching, Cantor Marlowe will daven at the B'nai Mitzvah this fall. Cantor Marlowe is also teaching a davening class to interested congregants.

The Budget Committee completed its work on the July '07 through June '08 operating budget under the capable leadership of Linda Jacobs and Jon Brier. The Board approved the recommendation of the Budget Committee and passed a budget that will allow us to maintain membership dues at the current rate. This budget relies heavily on fundraising activities and we look forward to the continued generous support

that so many of our members provide as part of these activities.

As I mentioned in my last article, the budget also includes funds to tackle a number of much needed repairs at Temple Beth El including but not limited

P R E S I D E N T
RICK FINBERG

to the repair of the leaking windows in the sanctuary. Gil Dichter's House Committee is busy overseeing a number of projects. In addition, the three doors

that lead to the courtyard are in poor condition and will be replaced. The replacement and installation costs will be funded by donations made in memory of Jonas Klein. These new doors will help us welcome congregants from the courtyard side of Temple Beth El and will be a fitting tribute to Mr. Klein, who was a beloved member of our community.

The Endowment Committee led by David

Lewis has served our congregation very well. As a result of the careful management of our endowment, the endowment income now covers 30% of our annual budget. Without this Committee's fine work our Congregation would be paying substantially higher dues. Although the dues that our members pay represent a substantial commitment to our synagogue, the annual dues are relatively low when compared to congregations of comparable size, even when geographical influences are taken into consideration.

The Accessibility Committee has worked diligently to make our sanctuary more accessible. As of the writing of this article, the Accessibility Committee,

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... will allow
those who are
unable to
access the
bimah to be
called to the
Torah for an
aliyah...

TEMPLE BETH EL OFFICE UPDATE

by Liz Rose-Cohen, Executive Director

On Sunday June 24, more than 50 members of our Congregation attended morning minyan services and the "Thank You" reception for Ken Levinsky that followed. Rabbi Braun and Avis Smith offered Ken a blessing. Elaine Rosen spoke on behalf of the Board, presenting Ken gifts in his honor to Center Day Camp and to Temple Beth El to be used toward beautifying the grounds. Ken spoke of the pride he has had working for the Jewish community and getting to know the many generations of Temple Beth El members. Fortunately for Temple Beth El, while we will miss Ken's presence in the office, Ken, Nancy and their family will remain active members of our congregation. Many thanks to Karen Lerman for her help sponsoring the event in Ken's honor and to Elaine Lewis for helping with the preparations.

I am pleased to announce that we have hired Stacey Herwitz to fill the bookkeeper position. Stacey and her family are moving to Portland from Fresno, California in mid-August, and we expect her to be worth the wait! Stacey has more than 10 years of bookkeeping and accounting experience, as well as a deep commitment to the Jewish community. Stacey will be in training the week of August 20, so please stop by to welcome her.

During July and the beginning of August, Terry Webster of Account Temps, will be working with us in the office, keeping the books and sharing the reception duties. Terry has been a quick study during a very busy time of year. She's working hard to remember who everyone is, so please take a minute to introduce yourself and the nature of your call. 


TEMPLE BETH EL OPEN HOUSE

Bring 5767 to a close by joining us for Temple Beth El's first annual open house on Tuesday, August 21 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Sponsored by the Membership Committee, the open house will have something for new members, long time members, prospective members, and those in between.

- Chat with Rabbi Braun, Education Director Avis Smith and Temple Leaders.
- Meet your new Hebrew School teachers.
- Arts and Crafts sponsored by the Early Childhood Committee.
- Make plans for your B'nai Mitzvah (caterers, photographers, and Temple staff will

be on hand to answer questions).

- Committee Yourself! Find out what's going on and how you can be involved.
- Check out the summer's improvements to the building.
- Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres.

Please tell your friends and neighbors to join us as we celebrate the start of another year at Temple Beth El. 



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Tikkun Olam News

We are continuing to collect food and personal care items for the Preble Street Resource Center. They have told us that they have been running low on kitchen staples such as beans, rice, pasta and canned tomatoes, and have requested these items, for which they are deeply appreciative. Please bring in any of these food items or a toiletry item each time you come to the building. As you travel this summer, please save the little bottles of shampoo and other toiletry items and bring them to the Temple.

The fourth Thursday of the month continues to be the evening, from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, during which TBE members join with Bet Ha'am and other community members to serve dinner at the Wayside Soup kitchen. For further information, please contact Harlan Baker at 772-9640, or just show up at the soup kitchen on the 4th Thursday of the month.

SAVE THE DATE! On November 4, the Tikkun Olam Committee will be sponsoring a Tikkun Olam Fair from approximately 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The fair will be a fun way to learn about various opportunities for Tikkun Olam in our community. We will be inviting many charitable organizations in the Portland community to let us know about their work and how people could participate in helping them. If you are involved in a non-profit group that needs volunteers and would like your group to participate, please contact Barbara Peisner. We will also be doing a hands-on Tikkun Olam project. More information about the Tikkun Olam Fair will follow.

ANNIVERSARIES

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- 1 Rachelle Mack and Armand Lucier
- 2 Judythe and Daniel Gatchell
- 3 Tom and Jessica Lantos
- 5 Mark and Maybelle Crasnick
- 7 Neil and Phyl Rubinstein (30 years)
- 10 Bruce and Jody Sleeper
- 11 Jim and Faith Elowitch
- 15 Cindi and Steve Berg
- 15 Paul and Susan Korobkin (25 years)
- 16 Dick and Adele Aronson
- 16 Joseph and Marjorie Chandler
- 16 Fred and Karen Farber
- 16 George and Nancy Marcus
- 16 Richard and Nadine Weinberg
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- 18 Neal and Lorry Stillman
- 19 Douglas and Gail Volk
- 20 Gil and Barbara Dichter
- 20 Jerry and Susan Goldberg
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- 23 Sam and Bette Novick
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- 28 Frederick and Jenny Aronson
- 28 Steven and Andrea Berlin

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SUMMER BUILDING PROJECTS

by Liz Rose-Cohen

This has been an exciting summer for our Temple building with renovations, maintenance, and sprucing up happening from the boiler room to the roof and all corners in between. Here's what's going on.

Painting: This summer we've contracted with two paint companies to paint the sanctuary, small sanctuary, foyer, and school wing. We will also have the sanctuary windows re-caulked to avoid further paint damage.

Courtyard Doors: This Spring, Phyllis Klein authorized the use of the new Jonas B. Klein Fund to replace the courtyard doors and frames. The old doorframe has rotted beyond repair and the doors, too heavy for the hinge mechanism holding them in place, have become all but unusable in the last year. The Building Committee has contracted with Precision Millworks to replace the doors and frames with a new set to match those in the circular driveway entrance. In order to prevent breakage, the company will be removing the stained glass windows in the foyer while they install the new doors. We thank the Klein family for their generosity towards this important effort.


Foyer leaks to be fixed: Coordinating with the door project, the building committee has hired a mason to repair the sills at the base of the foyer windows to prevent further leakage.

Sanctuary Accessibility: In July, the Accessibility Committee installed the new Torah reading table in the Sanctuary. The beautiful cherry table, built by finish carpenter Jim O'Neil, uses gas pistons to easily adjust to various heights allowing all TBE members to read Torah from the same place. The Committee worked with Bob Bradbury to remove sanctuary seats to make room for the table and additional seats to make room for wheel chairs and walkers throughout the sanctuary.


Small Sanctuary Beautification: Lynn Goldfarb and Susan Goldberg have been working to beautify the small sanctuary

as it has become the site of most TBE services and will continue to be so for the next few years. With generous donations from four members they have made arrangements to commission a set of custom made moveable partitions to enclose the tables and chairs stored in the social hall. In addition, they have secured the donation of a Torah reading table, ark, and ner tamid from a synagogue in New Jersey that is merging with another temple. Thanks to Lynn and Susan for their work and initiative on these projects.


Boiler room: During the April nor'easter the sump pump in the boiler room failed—luckily Bob was monitoring it and was able to fix the problem which could have meant major damage to the hot water heater and boiler. The building committee has contracted with our plumber to install a back up battery generated sump pump to interrupt this problem in the future.

Roof: The installation of the new roof over the sanctuary and social hall was completed this spring, as was the installation of one of the air conditioning units. The other unit will be connected and working by the end of the summer. 

High Holiday Honors

Would you like an honor or an aliyah during High Holiday Services? If you have not had an honor or an aliyah since 2005, kindly call the Temple office at 774-2649, Hedy Cohen at 767-1226, Barbara Epstein at 797-5298, or Paul Muscat at 799-4185. 

GREETINGS DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline for submitting orders for L'Shanah Tovah Greetings has been extended to **August 13, 2007**. Don't miss out on this opportunity to share the warmth and sweetness of the New Year as well as supporting the *Shofar*. See insert in this issue of the *Shofar*. 

TEMPLE BETH EL HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

It's August and we are of course preparing for the High Holidays. Below is a list of services; you will notice that much of the schedule is the same as past years but there have been a few changes. First, we will meet for Tashlich at the intersection of Baxter Boulevard and Dartmouth Street on the first day of Rosh Hashanah at 5:30 PM. Second, please note that we will start Yom Kippur evening services at 5:00 PM, beginning with Yizkor. Please call the Temple Office if you have any questions.

■ Wednesday, September 12, Rosh Hashanah Eve • 7:30 PM

■ Thursday, September 13, Rosh Hashanah First Day

Main Sanctuary:

Shacharit (morning) Service • 8:30 AM
Torah service • 9:20 AM (approx)
Sermon • 10:50 AM (approx)
Musaf • 11:15 AM (approx)
Evening Service • 7:30 PM

Kol Yeladim: (ages 5 & under) in Rooms

1A & 1B • 10:00 AM — 10:45 AM

Family Service: (ages 6–12) in Rooms

4 & 4A • 10:00 AM — 12:00 NOON

Tashlich: Dartmouth St/Baxter Blvd. • 5:30 PM

■ Friday, September 14, Rosh Hashanah Second Day

Main Sanctuary:

Shacharit (morning) Service • 8:30 AM
Torah service • 9:20 AM (approx)
Sermon • 10:40 AM (approx)
Musaf • 11:00 AM (approx)
Shabbat Service • 5:30 PM

Kol Yeladim: (ages 5 & under) in Rooms

1A & 1B • 10:00 AM — 10:45 AM

Family Service: (ages 6–12) in Rooms

4 & 4A • 10:00 AM — 12:00 NOON

■ Friday, September 21, Kol Nidre • 6:15 PM

■ Saturday, September 22, Yom Kippur (Please note change in Yizkor time.)

Main Sanctuary:

Shacharit (morning) Service • 8:30 AM
Torah service • 9:20 AM (approx)
Sermon • 10:50 AM (approx)
Musaf • 11:10 AM (approx)
Yizkor • 5:00 PM
Mincha • 5:25 PM
Neilah • 6:25 PM
Shofar blowing • 7:25 PM

Kol Yeladim: (ages 5 & under) in Rooms

1A & 1B • 10:00 AM — 10:45 AM

Family Service: (ages 6–12) in Rooms

4 & 4A • 10:00 AM — 12:00 NOON

Discussion/Learning in Small Sanctuary •

4:00 PM — 4:45 PM

Healing Service in Rooms 1A & 1B •

4:00 PM — 4:45 PM



Thanks to the following individuals:

■ Ross Goldberg for his initiative and work reinforcing the platform covering the stairs between the sanctuary and social hall.

■ Karen Lerman and Elaine Lewis for their contributions to Ken Levinsky's thank you gathering.

■ Stephen Levine and Shari Brinkman-Young for their many years of service to the TBE Board.

■ Lynn Goldfarb and Susan Goldberg for their work to beautify the small sanctuary.

■ Vilean Taggersell and the Accessibility Committee for their work to secure the new adjustable Torah reading table.

■ Judy Gatchell and the Ritual Committee for coordinating Torah readers and service leaders.

■ Debbie Barlock, Clara Purinton, Pat Reef, and Karen & Geoff Hindall for their work on summer mailings.

■ All of those members who have volunteered to daven and read Torah this summer.

■ Avis Smith for leading services with Rabbi Braun for summer B'nai Mitzvah.

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30 David and Janis Cohen (15 years)

31 Geoffrey and Harriet Rice

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IN OUR TBE FAMILY

Mazel Tov

To Andrea Levinsky, who received the State of Maine Citizenship Award for Lincoln Middle School. Andrea was also one of only two students receiving "All As" in every subject during their middle school years.

We mourn the passing of:

Sol Binder, brother of Shirley Rosen, on June 13.

Sol Sulka, husband of Florine Sulka, on June 16.

Lucky Day Lotto

June Winners

- Mary Spencer
- Peggy & Steve Shapiro
- Vilean Taggersell
- Marvin Seiger
- Steve and Melissa Finberg
- Joshua Klein (\$50 Bonus Winner)

July Winners

- Marvin Seiger (Special Holiday Bonus Winner of \$200)
- Pat Sinclair
- Ken Levinsky
- Anita Bernhardt
- Mary Arnold
- Michael J. Jackson
- Robert Webber (\$50 Bonus Winner)

These lucky folks will take home \$25 (or \$50 and \$200 in the case of our Bonus Winners). They are already earning back what they paid for their Lucky Day Lotto books. It doesn't get better than that! If you don't have a book yet, call the Temple office today or stop in and buy one. You will be supporting TBE and having fun at the same time!!

KADIMA ENDS A GREAT '06-'07 WITH A WINNING SEASON

by Natalie Ladd, Kadima Co-Advisor


The '06-'07 Kadima season wound down with a cold, damp (yet highly spirited) afternoon at the Portland Seadog's game on Sunday, June 3. The game was a Fare-Thee-Well to our 6th graders who are moving on to Jr. USY, and a Welcome to incoming 4th graders. We had 26 kids and parents who watched the game, noshed on junk food, and had a great time overall. Like all Kadima events, the kids made it special.

I'd like to thank the TBE Youth Commission (especially Fred F. and Olivia S.), for their support and for encouraging me to take on such a great group of kids during this important developmental moment in their Jewish identity. At a time when pending B'nai Mitzvah take over, it's good to have an outlet (Kadima!), to have fun with other Jewish kids. I must also thank next year's Co-Advisor, Steve Berg, who will bring his endless sense of humor and commitment to the mix. Lastly, thanks to the kids themselves for reminding me how good it feels to give back to the Jewish community; and for the privilege of being able to catch a glimpse of the world through their eyes. That said...

Attention all Kadima Age Kids & Parents: Mark Your Calendars! The schedule of events for next year, '07-'08,




Carly Ladd, Jessica, Ethan, and Rebecca Goodman with Slugger at the Kadima Seadogs Game on June 3.

is complete (It's going to be wicked fun and full of new stuff, as well as old favorites), and will be distributed at the Kadima registration session taking place on the first day of Hebrew School on Sunday, September 9, at 9:15 AM, in the foyer at Temple Beth El. Although Kadima (Hebrew for "forward") is an affiliate of USY, *all* Jewish children of Kadima age are welcome and encouraged to join in the festivities. Steve B. and I are looking forward to seeing all of you there and for a great Kadima year to come. 

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under the leadership of Vilean Taggersell, is finalizing plans for the installation of a new Torah reading table in the sanctuary. This Torah reading table will allow those who are unable to access the bimah to be called to the Torah for an aliyah and/or to read from the Torah. I thank Vilean for her diligence in completing this challenging but very important project.


The above-mentioned work is just a sampling of the fine work that many vol-

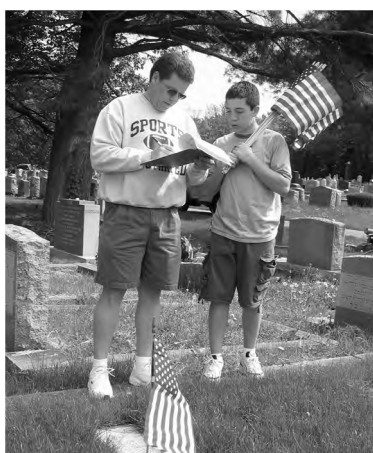
unteers are doing for the benefit of Temple Beth El. Finally, please consider joining us at morning minyan. We are the only congregation in this area that provides a morning minyan Sunday through Friday morning. This morning minyan allows congregants to observe a loved one's yahrzeit and allows those in mourning to say Kaddish. The services, led by a number of capable lay leaders, start at 6:50 AM and end between 7:20 AM and 7:30 AM, depending on whether there is a Torah reading. Enjoy the rest of your summer. 

REPORT ON FLAG PLACING ACTIVITIES

by Fred Farber

The Jewish War Veteran flag placing held Sunday, May 27, was a huge success. More than thirty people gave up their Sunday morning to place flags at the headstones for Jewish Veterans buried in the Mt. Carmel, Mt. Sinai, and Temple Beth El cemeteries. The weather cooperated and the task was completed in under an hour at the TBE cemetery and in less than 90 minutes at the other two.

I wanted to take the time to thank everyone (too numerous to mention by name) who helped make this vital link to our veteran ancestors a reality. The most gratifying aspect for me was helping families to participate solidifying the children's link to our Jewish-American heritage. I hope that we have started an annual tradition for the TBE congregation and look forward to participating again next year. 



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TBE Board Member Steps Down After Four Decades of Service

Steve Levine stepped down from the TBE Board last winter. Steve was a member of the board for more than forty years during which time he served as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Levine was also an attentive member of the Budget Committee and most recently worked on the By-Laws Committee. Steve Levine, thank you for many years of dedicated service to Temple Beth El.

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If you are interested in participating, please mark your calendars for Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

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