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“All the world’s a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed.”

—Sean O’Casey

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TEMPLE BENEFIT\$ FROM BOOMING ECONOMY
CORPORATE DONATION\$ POURING IN

By Tom and Ellen Froncek

Temple Beth El congregants will be happy to know that a healthy financial future lies ahead for our community thanks to major contributions from corporate sponsors. In gratitude, the board has agreed to display the names and logos of our sponsors throughout the sanctuary and other parts of the building—the kind you see behind home plate and in the outfield at Red Sox or Sea Dogs games. Look for these signs to start appearing soon:

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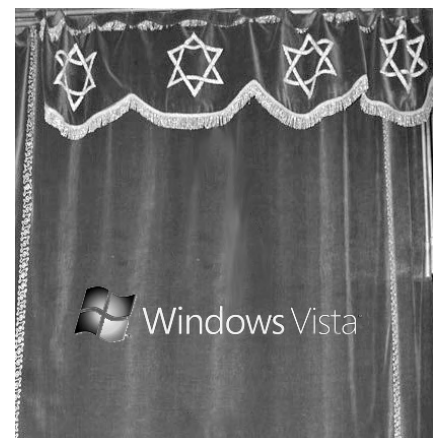
- The Rabbinical Hologram: Director Steven Spielberg and Industrial Light and Magic have donated a special effects program (to be installed by Tom Berman), which will provide us with a larger-than-life

(5’10”) hologram of Rabbi Braun. This will allow the rabbi to sleep late on Shabbat mornings while her hologram leads services.

- A pew-free pew. The Pew Charitable Trust and the Roloids Foundation are funding a section of specially ventilated seats in the last row of the sanctuary, which will be reserved for those suffering from gastric distress during services.

- A new name for the Temple: In gratitude for a generous matching grant from the Chelm Foundation, the synagogue will now be known as Temple Ansche Chelm.

As a result of all this largess, the search committee is busily seeking to expand the temple’s professional staff. We will soon be hiring three full-time assistant rabbis, a full choir of cantors, and 32 full-time staff members for our Beth El Al Hebrew School. 



NEW RELEASE BY CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED AUTHOR JEFFREY K. SALKIN

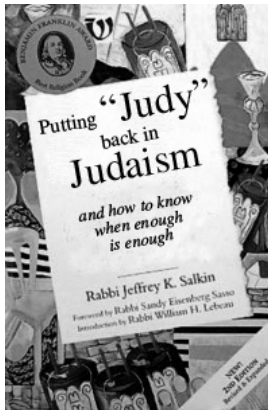
Find yourself surrounded by Saras, Rebeccas, and Rachels every time you come to shul? Feeling like your congregation is balancing on a precipice of the unknown? Not sure what your religious life is missing? You are not alone!

In his new book, *Putting "Judy" Back in Judaism*,

critically acclaimed author Jeffrey K. Salkin, has identified what he calls a key threat to creating sustainable, vibrant Jewish communities in the 21st century: the decline of the Judys. In his opening chapter, Salkin painstakingly details the steady decrease in Jews named Judy, a phenomenon that spans the last four decades.

According to Salkin, the Jewish Community saw a "Judy Boom" during the 1940s and 1950s following the release of MGM's classic film, *The Wizard of Oz*, starring Judy Garland. Garland, though a baptized Episcopalian, was named Frances Ethel Gumm at birth and therefore believed by many to be part of the Jewish bloodline. Jewish Franceses and Esthers throughout the diaspora admired Garland's status as a "Judy by choice" and though few were bold enough to make the switch themselves, many were quick to name their first female child Judy.

The Judy Generation proved to be momentous within synagogue and Jewish community life, producing many Judys who led Sisterhoods, NCJW, and Hadassah Chapters in cities across the United States, eventually becoming the first women to serve as presidents of their congregations. Others of the Judy generation broke unprecedented barriers in public and cultural life including the famous-and-believed-to-be-Jewish, Judy Blume and Judge Judy.



The late 1960s saw a decreased number of Jewish parents naming their daughters Judy, an occurrence that had previously gone unexplained. Through his research, Salkin has closed the book on this long unanswered question, correlating the decrease with the rise of Garland's status as a gay, rather than Jewish, icon.


The trend, already strong, was only bolstered by the 1978 decision of the Rabbinical Assembly not to include Judy among the matriarchs honored during the Shabbat service.

Salkin goes on explain that while many synagogues still benefit from the presence of Judys among their leadership, most have not paid attention to the alarming trend that will leave them Judyless, in the coming decade. Fortunately, Salkin offers readers a detailed plan to approach the coming Judy crisis in a proactive manner. "How

to" chapters on baby naming, conversions, membership outreach campaigns, and the effectiveness of pseudonyms are thorough and well worth the read.

Rabbi Carolyn Braun, a known Salkin devotee, has stated broadly her commitment to bringing Salkin's message to Temple Beth El and scheduled strategic meetings with Early Childhood, Ritual, and Membership committees in the coming month. Her class "Judaism for Curious Judys" will resume this summer following a heightened Spring recruitment effort.

Temple Beth El's incoming President Designate, Judy Gatchell, and Immediate Past President, Judy Wilson were both unwilling to comment on the alarming new evidence, while sources close to JCA Annual Campaign Chair, Judy Bertram, say

Bertram is characteristically on top of the data and expects her insightful counter measures to keep the Campaign afloat for years to come. 

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New Giving Opportunities Also Announced

To encourage congregants to continue their own generous donations, the Fund Raising Committee has created new categories of giving opportunities. Now you can have your name or the name of a loved one attached to a specific contribution, suited to each family's pocketbook. Imagine how your family will kvell when Rabbi Braun announces, "Please rise for the Joe and Ethel Schmendrick Amidah."

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Musaf: \$59.95 (40% off for early purchase)

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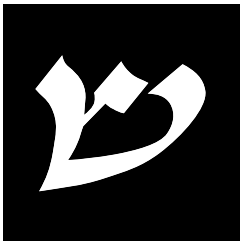
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“We only want that which is given naturally to all peoples of the world, to be masters of our own fate, only of our fate, not of others, and in cooperation and friendship with others.”

—Golda Meir
Address to the Anglo-American
Committee of Inquiry
March 25, 1946

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A PERSPECTIVE FROM ISRAEL ABOUT THE WAR

by Paul Heckler

There is a beautiful Midrash that addresses why, after each of the final five plagues, God hardens Pharaoh's heart. Wouldn't influencing Pharaoh's heart for good have been better than hardening it? The Midrash interprets "hardening" not as the act of influencing Pharaoh, but rather, as the act of freeing Pharaoh from other influences so that he might follow his heart's desire. The result is that Pharaoh's heart hardens itself. And after each plague wrought upon Egypt, Pharaoh, newly freed from coercion, chooses not to let the people go. After blood and frogs and gnats and beasts and disease and boils and hail and locusts and darkness, Pharaoh chooses to keep the people enslaved. Even after the death of his firstborn son, his heir and pride and joy, Pharaoh does not acquiesce to the superior firepower of Israel's God. It is only when the entire Egyptian Army is drowned that we stop hearing of Pharaoh's pursuit of Israel. Even then it is only because Pharaoh can no longer pursue Israel. But he must have stood at the shore of the Sea of Reeds watching the approaching tide and screaming that not even the impending destruction would prevent him from making chase.

I am astounded by the relevancy of this insight into human psychology. My own reaction when faced with a threat – explicit or implicit, real or imagined – is that of Pharaoh. Hit me, and I want to hit back, threaten me with punishment and it makes me angry. Punish me, and I will become angry and resentful, I will not want to compromise. I often stand on the edge of my own personal Sea of Reeds and scream to no one other than myself

that it isn't over.

There are a great many Pharaohs involved in the Arab-Israeli Conflict. One of these Pharaohs is Hamas. When Israel sealed the borders of Gaza, Hamas fought on with rockets. When Israel declared it could no longer tolerate the rockets, Hamas fired more rockets. As Gaza was destroyed and 1300 people were killed, Hamas continued to fight. If all the weapons in Gaza were removed, Hamas would pick up rocks. If all the rocks were removed, Hamas would pick up sticks. Hamas is not an army that can be swept away in the deluge of a more powerful opponent. It is as much an ideology as an organized fighting force. Ideologies do not acquiesce to force.

In the Exodus, Pharaoh's defeat is total and unequivocal. The text is unclear whether Pharaoh has lived or died. It is clear that the entirety of his host is destroyed. This is how the Second World War ended. The German Army was completely destroyed, the Third Reich, and all of Berlin, reduced to rubble. But the ideology of Anti-Semitism was not destroyed. Ideologies cannot be destroyed by force, only discredited by education.

Israel is not exempt from responsibility in this cycle. Israel cries injustice about the rockets that explode over the south of Israel. And Israel is right. The rockets are an injustice. To live under the constant fear of having to run for the safe room is paralyzing and wrenching. To worry constantly about the safety of one's children is unjust. But that injustice cannot be the justification for another plague of destruction to rain on Gaza. Each death in Gaza only serves to harden the hearts of people who lack food, medicine, fuel and

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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

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THE LEGACY AND LOSS OF THE COALITION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF JEWISH EDUCATION

In the shadow of the Yom Kippur war in 1973, a group of passionate, young American Jewish educators began talking about their frustration with the state of Jewish education, particularly in synagogues, and the national organizations supporting them. They knew that too many synagogue schools were failing to motivate Jewish children and that the national institutions focused almost all of their attention on school administration and administrators. In August of 1976 the first Conference for Alternatives in Jewish Education was held at Brown University with 350 people in attendance. There was only one professional staff person with all other support being provided by volunteers. Two years later CAJE 3 was to see the largest ever attendance it would ever attract with 2400 people joining at Rutgers University. The magic of CAJE was its grassroots character. Sessions were aimed predominantly at the average, volunteer Hebrew School teacher and emphasized innovative ideas that could be implemented directly into any Jewish classroom. Perhaps most importantly, anyone with a good idea could present a session. CAJE became famous for the groups of educators who would stay up into the wee hours of the morning singing Jewish songs and participating in Israeli dancing. And unlike almost any other Jewish event, CAJE was truly pluralistic with Jewish educators from across the religious spectrum learning with and from each other and establishing genuine friendships. Young Jews with little more than a guitar and enthusiasm for spreading Jewishness became national stars on the growing Jewish pop music stage. No musician, artist, performer or presenter was ever paid to appear at CAJE, but for a young singer or storyteller performing at CAJE was the Jewish equivalent to appearing on the Tonight Show.

In a relatively short time the upstart CAJE (Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish

Education) had co-opted the Jewish educational establishment. As it became the pre-eminent Jewish educational organization in America it changed its name to the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education offering a variety of year-round, full-time services, the premiere one being, of course, the annual Conference for Alternatives in Jewish Education. Even as the full-time professional staff grew to 14, CAJE tried to cling to its origins as an out of the box generator of alternative

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ideas. Despite the continued involvement of countless volunteers, many felt that CAJE had lost its way and had strayed from its original values. No one doubted that CAJE did many important things and had moved Jewish education to center stage in the world of Jewish concerns, but many still wondered if CAJE had become too establishment. This past August some 1500 Jewish educators from as far away as Australia gathered at the University of Vermont for CAJE 33. Again the conference seemed a great success. No one had an inkling that this CAJE would be the last.

Then the economy collapsed. The prominent CAJE Conference, which had at one time been a source of revenue for the organization, had become over the years a money loser as the conferences became increasingly ambitious. CAJE was dependent on its success in attracting major donors to support the conference and its many worthwhile activities. Synagogues and Jewish Federations around the country began tightening their belts and informed CAJE, worthy though it was, that they would not have the funds to support sending educators to the 2009 conference. So a month ago CAJE cancelled the conference, began paring its activities, and made a careful analysis of its finan-

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- 17 Steve and Peggy Shapiro
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- 21 Rob and Annette Elowitz
- 21 Oscar and Gussy Gottschalk (74 years)
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- 24 Stan and Doris Pollack
- 25 Mark and Shelley Chorney (30 years)
- 26 Brewster and Muriel Branz (59 years)
- 27 Joe and Becky DeLois
- 27 Fred and Ruth Miller
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NCJW Offers Scholarships to Area Students

National Council of Jewish Women Southern Maine Section is pleased to announce that it will again award scholarships to Jewish students from the Greater Portland area that plan to continue their education.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need with consideration for academic achievement, Jewish commitment, and general community involvement. We welcome all students who fulfill the criteria to apply for these scholarships for the upcoming school year (2009-2010). FMI contact Patty Weber and Mary Herman at ncjwscholarship@gmail.com or contact Patty directly at Shooz61@myfairpoint.net.

Application deadline: April 30, 2009.

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Thanks to the following individuals:


- David Miller and Pat Reef for organizing the Classic Jewish Film series in January and to Tom Berman for his technical assistance.
- Linda Jacobs for her ongoing assistance in the office.
- Debbie Barlock for her service in the gift shop during Hanukkah and year round.
- To the Sisterhood for sponsoring a staff lunch.
- To Lynn Goldfarb for overseeing the ordering of the new Torah covers.

MIXING IT UP!

On Sunday, January 25th seven Kol Yeladim families gathered in the TBE Social Hall to learn how to make challah. The children measured flour, cracked eggs, and mixed all the ingredients together. Then it was time for the real fun...kneading the dough. There were many sticky hands and smiling faces! After the dough was prepared everyone sampled some challah that had been made using the same recipe. Both the children and parents real-



ly seemed to enjoy the activity, though it might be safe to say that the parents were thankful they were not experimenting with challah making at home!

Mark your calendars for these Kol Yeladim programs in March. On March 9th, join us in making groggers prior to the Megillah reading. On March 20th at 5:30 PM we will celebrate Shabbat with songs, games, and a delicious dinner. Kol Yeladim is open to families with children from 0 – 5 years old. 


KIDS KEHILLAH

Kids Kehillah Shabbat morning services for children in grades K-6 will be held on March 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11, and 25 in the school wing. Debbie Kanter leads an age appropriate one-hour service starting at 9:30 AM. Bob and Elijah Tabachnick read from the Torah, and parents and siblings are always welcome.

Kids Kehillah provides an opportunity for children to practice the songs/prayers they are learning in Hebrew school and to become familiar

with new ones. It's also a great time for families to meet each other.


Hebrew School classes leading in March and April:

- March 7 – Kindergarten/1st grade leading (Breakfast at 10:30 AM with congregation)
- March 14 – 4th grade leading
- March 21 – 3rd grade leading
- April 4 – 5th grade leading (Breakfast at 10:30 AM with congregation)
- April 11 – 2nd grade leading
- April 25 – 3rd grade leading 

Encountering Islam: An Introduction for American Jews

Join us on March 1 for the start of a fascinating series of lectures by Rabbi David Freidenreich, Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies at Colby College. Rabbi Freidenreich will introduce us to Islam's sacred texts, its beliefs and practices, and its history from Muhammad to modernity. He will pay particular

attention to Islamic attitudes toward Judaism and the experiences of Jews in Muslim lands. All classes will be held at Temple Beth El from 1-3 PM on the following dates:

- Sunday, March 1 – “Fundamentals of Islam”
- Sunday, March 22 – “From Muhammad to Modernity”
- Sunday, April 5 – “Islam in America” 



ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BUT A CONGREGATION CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

by *Patty Weber, Chair, Fundraising Committee*

At his recent inauguration, President Barack Obama called Americans to action with the following: "What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility – a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character than giving our all to a difficult task. This is the price and the promise of citizenship."

Our new President has tried to bring social responsibility to the forefront of our nation's collective consciousness. As we face the most challenging economic era since the Great Depression, I ask that you not forget some of the fundamental core values of our faith. As our nation begins to embrace the importance of joining together we must also remember our ties to this Jewish Community as members of Temple Beth El. As we have all chosen to be a part of the TBE community, we must honor these commitments, obligations and responsibilities that go along with being a Jew.


As challenges abound, there is a greater need to reach out to others. Our winters are long and debilitating; reaching out to one another warms the soul. We must remember Tikkun Olam (as it is part of our faith) and honor our responsibility to help those less fortunate. Volunteering at the Wayside Soup Kitchen every Fourth Thursday of the month is a commitment that Bet Ha'am and Temple Beth El share. We should be thankful for what we have and remember the less fortunate. By volunteering as a family along with friends from this

congregation, we will encourage social responsibility and make a potentially unpleasant task one that can be quite satisfying. As a larger group this commitment is small, but if we rely on the few the task can become insurmountable. We must not forget to support one another as we support the Temple.

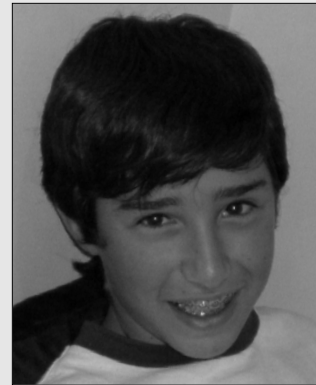
As times get tough, we must join within the Beth El community and devote to her with as much passion and enthusiasm as possible. You should find comfort in the knowledge that we have all chosen this Synagogue to worship in. As our nation retrenches so must we. Please help join me by signing up for ONE night at the Soup Kitchen. Volunteer to host ONE Friday night Kiddush a year and help support this Temple with its upcoming social programs. We need a vibrant community to help lift up our spirits and people.

If we all do our small part, larger things can happen. Help make our Temple community as alive and healthy as it should be. As we help build support for the change we need in this country we must also help inject vibrant energy back into Temple Beth El.

Sign ups will be available in the front entrance of the Temple and by phone through the front office.

Thank you for your consideration and support. 

Sam Freedman Bar Mitzvah



Jodi and Jon Freedman invite the congregation to join us as our son, Sam, becomes a Bar Mitzvah on March 28, 2009.

Sam is an honor student in the seventh grade at Waynflete Middle School. He plays on the school's tennis and basketball teams. Sam also enjoys skiing and participates in the ski program at school. Sam is also a great piano player.

Sam enjoys reading and is hoping to incorporate reading to children or the elderly into his mitzvah project.

Thank you to Sam's Hebrew school teachers, Dov and Rabbi Braun for all of their help in preparing for this day.



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IN OUR TBE FAMILY

Mazel Tov

To Liat Serok, daughter of Suki (former shaliach in Portland) and Etti Serok, who graduated Officer School on January 21 and has more than 18 months to serve in the Israeli Army.

To the following Portland High School students for making the first quarter Honor Roll: Marc Korobkin, Jeffrey Peisner, Leonard Schwartz, and Andrew Schwartz.

We mourn the passing of:

Nissel Rosenbaum Byers, former Temple Beth El member, on December 14, in Missouri.

Martin Clenott, husband of Esther Clenott and father of Michael Clenott, on December 17, in Portland.

Frances Isaacson, on December 19, in Portland.

Max Milstein, father of Lorry Stillman, on December 22, in Falmouth.

Ida Forsko, on January 7, in Portland.

Esther Shuman-Stailing, niece of Ilene and Myron Berman, on January 19, in Portland.

Dorothy Ann Bernstein Dubin, cousin of Pat Reef, on February 1, in New York.

Bill McCallum, father of Nancy Brenerman, on February 3, in Scarborough.

Gladys Berlow, mother of Betsy Weber and grandmother of Amy Brier, on January 31, in New Haven, Connecticut.

George Darkis, father of Kim Baker, on February 5, in Westbrook.

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opportunity. And with each new hard heart comes a new desire to launch a rocket.

I have a friend here named Sharif. Sharif is a name given to boys who can trace their patrilineal heritage to the Prophet Mohamed, the Muslim equivalent of Levi or Cohen. He is a thoughtful and reasonable eighteen-year-old (I was neither thoughtful nor reasonable at eighteen) Sharif and I are in Hebrew Class together at the Jerusalem Municipal Ulpan (language school). We have had a good number of conversations about my family's history, about his family's history, about movies and music, about Michael Jackson and about the relationship between Jews and Muslims. We're all sons of Abraham he says, I agree. Recently, Sharif has been very honest with me about how hopeless and angry he feels about the situation in Gaza. And within the past three weeks, the moderation and thoughtfulness of my friend have started to give way to language that alarms me. His absence of hope is a vacuum. It is a vacuum that Hamas is waiting to fill.


During his first week in office, President Obama reached out to the Arab


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cial situation. Days ago this wonderful organization finally concluded that with the loss of so many major funders it would have no choice but to close its doors at the end of February.

Many of us are heartbroken, both for the organization and conference we love, and for the devastating impact on professional development in Jewish education. Reconnecting with conference friends each year was an annual highlight of so many Jewish educators. Some have wondered if they'll ever again see so many of those friends made at conferences past. And I have wondered if I'll ever again feel the overwhelming power of looking around a room and seeing over a thousand Jews from different backgrounds, locales, beliefs, and spiritual orientations that are nonetheless united in their passionate commitment to Jewish education.

World. His offer of a new way forward startled Al Qaeda. It bypassed them and their ideology of hatred and violence. Past administrations (not only the Bush administration), without formally recognizing Al Qaeda, have given Al Qaeda legitimacy by investing such vast resources into the war against Al Qaeda's ideology without also investing in alternatives. The most recent intercepts of Al Qaeda's internal communication show that its leadership is frightened by this new approach.

The American Jewish Community must do the same. We are Israel's most frequent tourists, its fiscal sponsors, its spokespeople and its extended family. We are in many ways responsible for what happens here. So we must think of ways that we can engage Sharif and the great many thoughtful and moderate people caught in his situation. We must think of ways we can provide the people of Sderot with safety and security that require neither the deaths of 1300 people nor the calling up of my friends and the friends of my friends to Reserve Duty. We must think of ways we can engage the angry and hopeless Pharaohs in Israel who, standing on the edge of yet another Sea of Reeds, scream that there is no compromise to be had. 

But, this loss comes with an opportunity. Can the original spirit of CAJE rise from the ashes to recapture the grass roots enthusiasm that revolutionized Jewish education in America over the last three decades? Jewish educators and the American Jewish community have the opportunity to rethink how to support and grow with Jewish education in the 21st century. CAJE leaves a profound legacy on the teaching and transmission of the Jewish tradition. Whether they know it or not, all of those who are connected to synagogues and Jewish schools in North America, as well as many other places around the world, are heirs to the CAJE legacy. As we mourn the loss of such a profoundly important institution in American Jewry, I recognize the path ahead of us in the words of, Dr. Steven Kee, a dear personal friend and colleague: "cry a river, build a bridge, get over it!" 

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We are grateful for the following gifts to our Temple Funds. Donations not designated for specific funds will be placed in the General Fund.

Donations to a Temple Fund provide a wonderful opportunity to remember loved ones, honor friends and family and continue to bring strength to our Temple Beth El community. We encourage your donations and welcome your thoughtfulness.

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Bob Brenner, In Memory of Max Milstein

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