

From the Presidents' Desk

February 2009

So far, 25-30 of our households have agreed to receive our newsletters via email, and we are still in the process of contacting people. Beth El Synagogue is trying to go green as well as save money by bringing members "From the Presidents' Desk" and the "Voice," our monthly newsletters, by email. Those who agree will get a monthly email message with a link to our web site, telling them the latest newsletter is available on line. Producing newsletters is a major task for staff and volunteers, uses up trees and lots of paper and requires expenditures for paper, printing and postage. We will continue to mail the newsletters to those who don't have computers or prefer to receive them by regular mail. If you haven't heard from someone asking your preference, please email Patricia in the office (besynagogue@snet.net) or call her at 482-8263 to tell her you choice. We need to know one way or the other.

We are "official" members of United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism now. Shirley Morrison, president of USCJ's Connecticut Valley Region of which we are part, visited Beth El Synagogue Jan. 25 to present the USCJ charter to us. We've been members since 2007, but we've been trying to get together for more than a year to do a charter ceremony. Everyone has a busy schedule!

Congratulations to Rabbi Richard L. Eisenberg, who was named a 2008 Mover & Shaker in the Jewish community by the Connecticut Jewish Ledger. He was cited by the newspaper for his career move into substance abuse counseling while maintaining a pulpit connection. Our rabbi recently completed a certificate program in drug and alcohol recovery counseling at Gateway Community College, which included a year-long internship at APT Foundation, an out-patient substance-abuse treatment program in New Haven. He recently became a full-time counselor there. Rabbi Eisenberg is also speaking at area synagogues on addiction recovery and the myth that drug and alcohol dependence are not a problem in the Jewish community. We hope to have him present his program at Beth El Synagogue in the near future. We wish him well in his new endeavor and hope he will remain with us for many years to come.

News in Brief

- Welcome to **Aaron Podos**, who has been appointed to the synagogue's board of trustees.
- The board is looking for an **Adult Education chairman**. We have three possibilities for speakers in the coming months so a new Adult Ed chairman will get off to a quick start. Call Joyce Peck at 482-0717 or email her at joycekp@optonline.net if you are interested.
- The Connecticut Jewish Ledger is now online. You can read the weekly Jewish newspaper at www.jewishledger.com free of charge.
- Speaking of the web, our site is a joy to behold thanks to webmaster Roland Perreault, Please check it out. It's at www.bethelorrct.com (yes, dot com).

Get Well, Stay Well:

Barbara and Ken Weil, parents of Nancy Gottfried.
Joe Ginsburg
Lynn Malkoff



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Barbara Moskowitz	February 3
Ronald Heimler	February 6
Hadassah Tannor	February 8
Nancy Gottfried	February 9
Dr. Isadore Temkin	February 12
Jill Ratner	February 14
Debra Seletsky	February 15
Dr. William Handelman	February 15
Stanley Cohen	February 15
Dr. Lanny Moskowitz	February 16
Marvin Peyser	February 21
Ilene Lieberman	February 23
Robin Faust	February 25
Dr. Walter Davison	February 25

Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Madow Feb. 24 18th



If you'd like to honor someone, send congratulations or thank someone, try a Beth El Bloom for a donation of \$18 in the newsletter or ***The Voice***. Give us the information and we'll do the work.

Todah Rabah — Thank you to:

Sally Bergad for agreeing to do publicity for the synagogue,

Marvin and Harriet Peyser for the Oneg Shabbat for the Friday, Feb. 13, Shabbat service.

Tim, Arielle and Randi Brandt for the January Friday night Oneg Shabbat.

Rabbi Richard Eisenberg for an interesting, informative and heartfelt discussion of the Gaza situation in Israel during a recent Saturday Shabbat service.

Those who generously purchased pre-selected books for the children's shelves of our library.

Simchas to Share Good News to All Joyce Peck

Leslie and Lynn Goldman are the proud grandparents of a new granddaughter, Maya Libby, born Jan. 1 to their daughter and son-in-law, Emily and Ari Yolkut of Riverdale, N.Y. We send many good wishes to the family.



Mazel tov and good wishes to **Marilyn and Wally Wiener** on the marriage of granddaughter, Kaila Wiener to Shaya Levine, in January.

Yahrzeits

Light the memorial candle the night before. *These names have been inscribed on the memorial tablets.

Rebecca Blenner	February 1
Isadore Garbus *	February 1
Rebecca Werbelow	February 1
Samuel Lefsky	February 2
David Libby *	February 2
Robert Sherman	February 2
Ida Jacobson*	February 3
Bessie Silverman	February 3
Miriam Weiner	February 3
Saul Harts	February 4
Gloria Matisoff	February 4
Louis Davidson	February 5
Benjamin Axelrod	February 6
Herman Cohen *	February 6
Nancy Marine*	February 7
Margaret DiVirgilio	February 9
Gussie Garbus *	February 9
Jenny Davison*	February 10
Lillian Knox	February 11
Tamara Leah Ratner	February 11
DorothyRubens*	February 13
Cindy Gaghter	February 15
Ida Cohen	February 16
Max Radler	February 16
Elizabeth Ginsberg	February 17
Morris Kaplowitz*	February 17
Bertha Glasser	February 18
Celia Greenberg	February 18
Beryl Shapiro	February 18
Miriam Pomerantz *	February 20
Aaron Baker*	February 21
Eric Freund *	February 21
Sol Benjamin	February 22
Tillie Cramer*	February 23
Sol Rubens	February 23
Moses Ginsburg *	February 24
Joseph Jacobson*	February 24
Louis Jacobson*	February 24
Rose Moss Smith *	February 24
Maklout Zermati	February 25
Sol Buxbaum	February 26
Ida Fourman	February 26
Selma Weitz	February 26
Shirley Weiser	February 27
Marc Polinsky	February 28
Esther Radler *	February 28

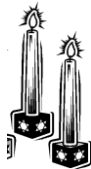
Candle Lighting Times for Torrington, CT

February 6 **4:55p**

February 13 **5:04p**

February 20 **5:13p**

February 27 **5:22p**



Saturday Shabbat services are held each week at 9:30 a.m.
Every person counts.

Friday Night Family Shabbat Service, February 13, 2009,
7:00 p.m. Conducted by Rabbi Eisenberg, Oneg Shabbat will be
hosted by Marvin and Harriet Peyser. Please join us.