

From the Presidents' Desk

April 2009

We are pleased to announce a second Community Shabbat Dine-Around is planned for Friday, May 1. The event, first done two years ago with the help of a grant, was a great success and intended to bring members of the congregation together in home settings. We are bringing it back by popular request and hope everyone will participate. It's a great way to meet new people and enjoy the onset of Shabbat. Hosts and diners are needed for the event. The hosts provide the Shabbat dinner. The Dine-Around is being organized by Jennifer Overton. For now, we need to know who would like to host a dinner, attend one, needs a kosher meal and/or transportation. You can call Jennifer at 485-2762 or the office at 482-8263.

We are also happy to announce that Cantor Theodore "Tony" Perry will be with us once again for the 2009 High Holiday season. Cantor Perry has been with us for a number of years and is well liked by all. Teamed with Rabbi Richard Eisenberg, they provide exciting and inspiring spiritual leadership during this season.

We continue to work on upgrading the interior and exterior of our building. Roofing work continues – we had a small leak recently. It's those flat roofs that cause so much trouble. Many thanks go to Aaron Podos who repaired the Eternal Light in the Sanctuary and is looking at other electrical problems in the building. It's hard to be patient, but a new floor for the main level of the building is in the works. So is a plaque for the entryway honoring donors to this project.

Friday Night Family Shabbat Service, April 10, 2009, 7 p.m. conducted by Rabbi Richard L. Eisenberg. We need hosts for the April Friday night Oneg Shabbat and the one on May 15. Contact the office to volunteer and certainly join us for the services.

News in Brief

- **Yom HaShoah** service. Monday, April 20, 7 p.m. Rabbi Eisenberg will conduct our annual remembrance. Everyone is urged to attend.
- Another event is scheduled in our popular **Lox & Lecture** series on May 17th at 10:00 am. Dr. Ruben Kier will speak on the topic, “**A History of Jews in Astronomy**, from Biblical times to the 20th Century.”
- Congratulations to **Rabbi Richard Eisenberg**. His article, “**Refuat Ha-Nefesh u’Refuat Ha-Guf: Spiritual Dimensions of Addiction Recovery**” was published in the Fall/Winter issue of the Conservative Judaism journal. The rabbi also was the subject of a large article in the Republican-American in March.
- Congratulations and good wishes to **Dr. Dennis Gottfried** on the publication of his book, “**Too Much Medicine: A Doctor’s Prescription for Better and More Affordable Health Care.**”
- Congratulations once again to **Marvin Peyser**, who is pictured in the Winter 2009 issue of The Next Step, a publication of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Condolences to:

The family of Herbert “Hy” Tannor, who passed away in March



Get Well, Stay Well

Joe Ginsburg

Ken and Barbara Weil, parents of Nancy Gottfried

Herb Ginsberg & Selma Ginsberg

Todah Rabah — Thank you

Zena Harris Temkin, who has generously responded to our ongoing fund raiser to refurbish the interior of the synagogue. She has donated a new readers' table cover for the library in honor of her parents, Bess and Mike Harris. So far we have been able to replace three Torah covers, Sanctuary Bimah table covers and the Ark curtain in the library We are grateful to all who helped.

Carol Silver, who continues to provide us monthly with beautiful posters announcing synagogue activities.

Marvin and Harriet Peyser for the February Friday night Oneg Shabbat and Judge Joyce Krutick Craig for the March Friday night Oneg Shabbat.

All those who contributed to the Shalach Manos fund raiser for the Religious School this year. Donna Perreault and crew put the bags together and many helped deliver them.



Todah Rabah to the many generous congregants who donated Shalach Manot basket to me.

I trust that you had a Happy Purim at Beth El.

Wishing you a Joyous Passover season with your families

Irene Haupt





Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

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| Rebecca Pelletier | April 1 |
| Vicki Lynch | April 2 |
| Constance Aronson | April 2 |
| Marc Wiener | April 4 |
| Sondra Reiff | April 5 |
| Wendy Casbolt | April 5 |
| Charlotte Silver | April 8 |
| Lee Ratner | April 10 |
| Arnold Heimler | April 10 |
| Jason Ross | April 13 |
| Brad Boonshaft | April 13 |
| Melissa Lynch | April 14 |
| Jeannette Radom | April 16 |
| Alice Dember | April 22 |
| Barry Boonshaft | April 25 |
| Benjamin Handelman | April 28 |
| Laurie Denenholtz | April 28 |
| Jeffrey Sherman | April 29 |
| Gerald Libby | April 30 |

Anniversaries

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| Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kandel | April 11 | 55th |
| Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lynch | April 22 | 30th |
| Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Podos | April 29 | 25th |



Beth El Blooms

*Congratulations
Vicki and Jack Lynch, on your 30th. and
Linda and Brandon Podos on your 25th
Wedding Anniversaries
Joyce Peck*

Yahrzeits

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

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| Bernard Polinsky | April 1 |
| Tseppe Smith * | April 1 |
| Heinz Markwald | April 3 |
| Esther Stewart | April 3 |
| Herman Edelson | April 5 |
| Anna Baker* | April 7 |
| Gertrude Brenner | April 8 |
| Mark Rice | April 8 |
| Donald Beaudry | April 9 |
| Lillian Libby * | April 9 |
| Hyman Silver * | April 11 |
| William Malkoff | April 12 |
| Benjamin Chwasky | April 13 |
| Irving Josefsberg | April 13 |
| Betty Newman | April 13 |
| Frank Ratner * | April 15 |
| Celia Glickman | April 16 |
| Sylvia Auerbach | April 17 |
| Frank Garbus * | April 20 |
| Rose Schnier * | April 20 |
| Pia Smith * | April 21 |
| Celia Bufferd * | April 23 |
| Robert Glassner * | April 23 |
| Jean Mayer | April 23 |
| Rose Hecht | April 24 |
| Nettie Silverstein | April 25 |
| Freeda Kaminsky * | April 26 |
| Max L. Towbin | April 27 |
| Rose Ginsburg | April 29 |
| Theodore Peyser | April 29 |
| Julius Rabinowitz | April 30 |
| Robert Rubenstein | April 30 |



Candle Lighting Times for Torrington, CT

April 3 7:01 pm April 8, **Passover** 7:07 pm

April 10 7:09 pm April 14, **Passover** 7:13 pm

April 17 7:17 pm April 24 7:24 pm



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

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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 13, 9:30 a.m. Beth El will celebrate the **B'nai Mitzvah of two adults, Stephanie Oakan and Joyce Peck**, They have been studying with Rabbi Eisenberg. Kiddish will follow in the vestry