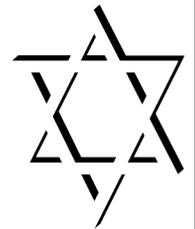




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JANUARY 2015

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Rabbi Carla Freedman



Several times recently during services, I have urged people to take a registration card for the coming elections to the World Zionist Congress, so that we can be part of the major effort underway to elect enough Reform Jews to the congress to influence life in Israel.

The World Zionist Organization is made up of representatives of the political parties in Israel which act on behalf of the Jews of Israel, and the Zionist organizations of other countries which act on behalf of the Jews outside of Israel. Those representatives allocate the funds of the WZO in Israel, and until relatively recently, there was very little representation of non-Orthodox Jews outside of Israel at the congress, so very little money was allocated by the congress for non-Orthodox institutions and programs in Israel.

That changed when the last election to the congress took place, because the Association of Reform Zionists of America, ARZA, and its partners around the world organized a "get out the vote" campaign, and Reform Jews the world over responded enthusiastically, electing a significant number of representatives. There are 500 delegates to the congress; in the last election, ARZA won 56 seats of the possible 145 allocated to the United States. World-wide, Reform Zionists held 83 of the 500 seats. As the result of this, Reform Zionists were able to form a voting block with some Israeli parties who share our agenda, and together they were able to pass resolutions calling on the government of Israel to support such things as the establishment of an egalitarian prayer location at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, and the passage of a civil law governing marriage and divorce.

The WZO Congress influences appointments to important bodies in Israel, and has control of or influence over various budgets. This makes it possible for significant amounts of money to be directed to non-Orthodox institutions, programs and projects, money that would not be allocated in this way by the Israeli government because of the control of the Orthodox over budgetary priorities.

So it is really important that we take full advantage of this opportunity to impact the direction of religious pluralism in Israel. **If you took a card at temple, please sign it and mail it in.** You will receive from ARZA directions on how to proceed thereafter. You will be asked to pay \$10.00 to cover the cost of the election itself. ARZA will send you the slate of names they are supporting, and when the ballot comes, you will know how to vote so as to extend the influence of American Reform Jews on the religious issues in Israel that really matter to us.

You can also register online to vote at REFORMJEWS4ISRAEL.ORG.

So much of what goes on in Israel is frustrating to us as Reform Jews, but right now, we have the chance to make a difference in those things. **So please take this seriously and VOTE.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JOANNE SUDMAN



The following was Joanne's acceptance speech given to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on December 17, 2014.

Thank you for your vote of confidence and for the honor of serving as your President for the next two years. When I stepped into the position of President three months ago, I had a big wakeup call about the time commitment and knowledge one needed. It has been a real learning curve, and I know it will continue to be one for some time. I am fortunate that I am surrounded by lots of expertise in our officers and directors who will be able to guide me, when necessary.

My goal as your President is very personal. So let me start my telling you about me: I am a Libra, a middle child, and have always been a caretaker. That should tell you just about everything, but there is more! My family comes first--always. My strong Jewish identity began when I was ten years old and attended Goldman camp in Zionsville, Indiana. I love to dance and sing (my sister who is visiting this week will tell you I sing off key); I am not very good remembering names, as some of you already know; I am losing my hearing and I can have a meltdown (as many of you have seen), for no apparent reason. I believe there is a plan for all of us and that while we may not like the opportunities put in front of us, a lesson will be learned from them.

Now you probably wonder why I am telling you all of this. As I said, my goal for **us** is very personal. Let me begin by sharing a story I heard just several weeks ago. A member of St. John's Episcopal Church, whose name is Liz, began coming to Temple for Torah study on Saturday mornings, several years ago. She was a "regular", never missing a week. When Bible study classes were introduced Liz was there too. She is not shy to offer her opinion; mostly she sits, quietly nods her head, takes notes, and listens. She told me not too long ago that we saved her life spiritually. You see, when Liz started coming to study with us, Father Tracy was no longer the Pastor of St. John's and she was no longer feeling spiritually uplifted. She found it uplifting here in our study, in our friendship, in our caring, and in our connection. She calls us her extended spiritual family.

We are so fortunate to be part of this vibrant congregation; to have Rabbi Carla, wonderful programs, challenging classes, stimulating discussions. Yet I sometimes see and personally feel a big disconnect among us. I see new members coming into the congregation and sitting alone, feeling isolated during services and at onegs. I see long-time members who may now be alone feeling isolated as well; I see some of you not coming into the onegs because you don't feel comfortable--you might feel isolated. I have actually had this experience myself. I also hear about our fellow congregants who don't drive anymore and can't get to the temple because they don't have anyone to call.

So here is my challenge to **you and to me**. Let's get connected to each other, not only to our new members, but all of our members. Sit with different people during services, not just the ones you see all of the time in your neighborhoods or committees; sit with different people during the onegs, not just members of your chavurah; make a connection with each other. Each of you have stories to tell and I know that somehow, somehow we connect with each other through these stories.

It is my vision that in the future we will put into place some different programs and procedures that will make all of us feel like family in which no one will ever feel isolated or left out. I first want to establish an active caring committee that will help all congregants in their time of need whether it be a loss of a loved one or recovery from a fall or surgery or just because they are isolated from the rest of us. I want to make sure that we will no longer be strangers in the sanctuary or social hall or each other's homes; that we will feel connected. I would like to offer rides to those who no longer drive to Shabbat services, Sunday programs, and Men's Club and Sisterhood events. I would like to see those who live alone be invited over for a Shabbat dinner. Please know that what I am asking of you, I ask of myself as well. If you are interested in being a part of this committee or have some ideas of your own, please let me know.

We know that Beth Israel is our spiritual home, but we can't forget that it is also a business. Each of the Board members has a fiduciary responsibility. I will do my best to continue to run the "business" of Beth Israel smoothly so that it remains fiscally sound.

In closing I would like to share the words of Dianna Ross:

Why don't you reach out and touch someone's hand. Make this world a better place if you can. Try a little kindness, you'll see it's something that comes very naturally. Why don't you reach out and touch someone's hand. We can change things if we start giving. Why don't you reach out and touch someone's hand. Make this world a better place if you can.

L'shalom



Spotlight on Sisterhood



**SANDRA HURWITZ,
SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT**

Happy New Year,

Thank you to Rochelle Lafer for the wonderful job she did in organizing the Chanukah party in conjunction with the Men's Club. Thanks also go out to everyone who helped make this event a success. I am truly sorry we were not able to share in the fun. Martin and I, along with the Marshalls celebrated Chanukah aboard the Golden Princess as we sailed around South America.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our meeting on January 6. Rabbi Carla will be sharing photos and experiences from their trip to Israel. She is planning another trip in the spring of 2016. If you have never been, you should try to join her on this next trip. There is something special about stepping off the plane in Tel Aviv and the feeling you get as you arrive in Jerusalem cannot be explained adequately.

I am happy to welcome so many new Sisterhood members. In February our nominating committee will begin looking for new board members. I encourage all of our members to become more involved by volunteering to join the board or work on a committee. Just let me know what your interests are. Call me at 634-4444 or e mail

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Looking forward to seeing many of you on January 6,
Sandra



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IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO FILL THE POSITION OF PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR BETH ISRAEL IN 2014.

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO MY COMMITTEE, ARLENE COHEN, JOANNE SUDMAN, IDALEA RUBIN, CYRILLE COBE, PAUL SPIEGAL AND RABBI CARLA. COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION FOR ATTENDING PLANNED EVENTS AND GIVING ME IDEAS FOR PROGRAMS, PLEASE KEEP IT UP FOR YOUR NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR.

AS OF RIGHT NOW, THERE WILL NOT BE A PROGRAM FOR JANUARY, BUT KEEP LOOKING IN YOUR EMAIL FOR PROGRAM INFORMATION.

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SPECIAL GIFTS

If you are thinking of a way to remember or honor a loved one, don't forget our Memorial plaques or Bricks at the Meditation Garden. The Tree of Life is available for honors or celebrations only. Bricks, chair plaques, and prayer books may be purchased for any purpose

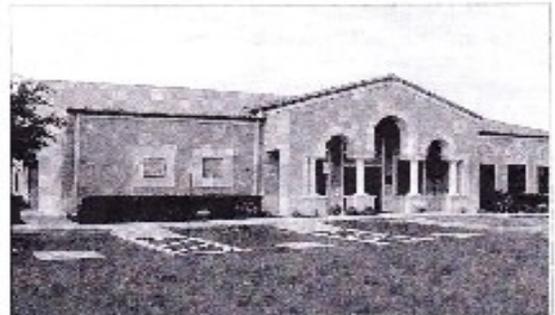
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RITUAL DIRECTOR

FRED LEVINE

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I want to start by telling you a story---

A long time ago there was a young man in New York, in his early 30's, who was ASKED to join the Congregation Shaara Tefillah Young Leadership Group.

He didn't know much about it, he thought he would enjoy it, so he said "yes." Next, this young man was ASKED to join the membership committee.

He didn't know much about it, he thought he would enjoy it, so he said "yes."

After several years he was ASKED to serve on the Board of Trustees.

He was a bit intimidated but nevertheless felt honored to serve.

He didn't know much about it, he thought he would enjoy it, so he said "yes."

Next, he gets a call from the synagogue president, and ASKED him to serve as Chairman of the High Holy Days Committee. He didn't know much about it, he thought he would enjoy it, so he said "yes."

A few years go by and he got phone calls from the president and the Rabbi. They ASKED him to serve as the Gabbi (assistant Rabbi / Ritual Director). He did know very much about it, he knew he would enjoy it, so he said "yes." He kept saying yes to being ritual director for over 20 years.

I'm sure you have figured out by now, that young man was me. Now I am writing to you as your Ritual Director. I was ASKED to get involved

I'd bet that there are many others like me. They want to get involved, they think they would enjoy it, but they hesitate. Maybe they don't know what will be expected of them or they don't know the time and commitment it takes, or they don't know if they will fit in. They are waiting to be ASKED.

If you are waiting to be ASKED, well, I am personally ASKING you to get involved. I want to make sure that it is easy for you to get involved here at Beth Israel by defining what will be expected of you, and providing the support and encouragement you need. We are fortunate to have great volunteers here at Beth Israel, and we really could use more. We need more volunteers to partake in our Friday evening Shabbat services to do the mitzvahs of lighting the Shabbat candles, opening and closing of the ark, raising and dressing the Torah, and being called up to the Torah for an Aliyah.

In the Torah portion, T'rumah, God says: Ve'asu li mikdash veshachanti betocham. "Build me a Sanctuary that I may Dwell among them." You may recognize these words. Read carefully: "Build me a Sanctuary that I may dwell AMONG THEM". Not "that I may dwell IN IT" but "AMONG THEM." I interpret this to mean God's presence is not found in a building. It is found in the hearts and souls of the people who fill Beth Israel with prayers and hopes, joys and sorrows. In other words, Beth Israel is a "Kehillah Kedosha," a sacred community.

During my second term as your ritual director, I would like to build on the efforts initiated by our ritual committee and Rabbi Freedman, by strengthening Beth Israel as a Kehillah Kedosha: a warm, caring, sacred community.

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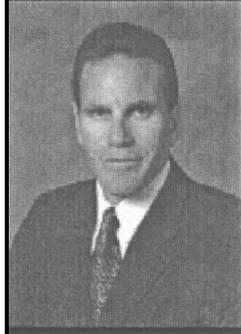


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- Jan 05 Joseph & Ann Graff
- Jan 08 Sam & Joanne Sudman
- Jan 15 Martin & Erika Beverly
- Jan 16 Susan & Nick Fader
- Jan 29 Neil & Diana Raphael

**JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS**



Apologies to Ed Berkun whose birthday was inadvertently left out last month.

Happy Birthday Ed!

- Jan 01 Sandra Hurwitz
- Jan 01 Roslyn Shapiro
- Jan 02 Erika Beverly
- Jan 07 Marsha Marshall
- Jan 09 Stephen Blesofsky
- Jan 09 Stephen Tabin
- Jan 12 Ann Graff
- Jan 13 Norman Karp
- Jan 14 Frances Sheff
- Jan 15 Neil Raphael
- Jan 16 Nanci Goodstein
- Jan 17 Lynnette Martasin
- Jan 17 Michele Patterson
- Jan 17 Cookie Tabin
- Jan 26 Ruth Moss
- Jan 29 Herbert Berman
- Jan 30 Gary Natbony
- Jan 31 Fred Levine



Please welcome our new members when you see them, and please add their information to your Beth Israel Membership directory.

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ASK THE RABBI

Question: I noticed a sign on the door to the Ladies' Room in the temple about hanging a tallit on a hook...but I don't understand what this is all about. Please explain.



Tallit etiquette 101

Answer: There has been a sign on the door to the Men's Room all along, which tells men entering the washroom to leave their tallitot outside that room. The tallit is not worn into a washroom. And there was a hook beside the door for a tallit.

But recently, women have begun to adopt the practice of wearing a tallit during services, and so now we need the same reminder on the women's washroom, to leave the tallit outside the washroom. And now we have the sign and a hook outside the women's washroom exactly like the one available for men. In both cases, the hooks are mounted near the water cooler.

You can also leave your tallit on your chair in the sanctuary, if you are leaving that room to use the washroom.

If you take off your tallit to use the washroom, it is not necessary to say the blessing again when you put it back on. But you should still put it on by holding it up and swirling it over yourself, as you do when you say the blessing and put it on at the beginning of a service.

Incidentally, traditionally the tallit is worn during morning services, and especially when Torah is read. Since we read Torah Friday evenings, I have noticed that some people bring their tallit and put it on as we begin the Torah service; they take the tallit off when the Torah is returned to the Ark.

If one is wearing a tallit during the whole service, one does not put the tallit on until the service is about to begin. It is not appropriate to put on a tallit and then walk around to visit friends, etc. The tallit is a garment that helps us focus on prayer while we are wrapped in it, and we should not treat it as a scarf or shawl.

If one is wearing a tallit throughout a service, the correct time to take it off is after we have said mourners' kaddish; technically, that is the formal end of the service, though most congregations follow kaddish with announcements and a closing hymn or prayer. You should also make an effort to fold your tallit up without getting in the way of others, as they should be trying not to get in your way.



January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1:00 Beginning Hebrew 3:15 Bible study	2	3 <i>VA-YECHI</i>
4	5	6 1:30 Hebrew 3:00 Bnai Torah 1:00 Sisterhood	7	8 1:00 Beginning Hebrew 3:15 Bible study	9 7:30 Shabbat service	10 10:00 Shabbat Service 12:00 Torah Study <i>SHEMET</i>
11	12	13 1:30 Hebrew 3:00 Bnai Torah 7:00 Temple Board	14 10:00 Men's Clb	15 1:00 Beginning Hebrew 3:15 Bible study	16 7:30 Shabbat service	17 <i>VA-ERA</i>
18	19	20 11:00 Wholeness 1:30 Hebrew 3:00 Bnai Torah	21	22 1:00 Beginning Hebrew 3:15 Bible study	23 7:30 Shabbat service	24 10:00 Shabbat Service 12:00 Torah Study <i>BE</i>
25	26	27 9:30 Sisterhd Board Mtg 1:30 Hebrew 3:00 Bnai Torah	28 12:00 Men's Clb	29 1:00 Beginning Hebrew 3:15 Bible study	30 7:30 Sisterhood Special Shabbat service	31 <i>BE-SHALLACH-SHIRAH</i>

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MEN'S CLUB REPORT

January 2015

Stephen Levine, President



As Paul mentioned in last month's Shalom News the Men's Club has a new board. The positions have been assigned as follows: Stephen Levine President; Neil Raphael Executive VP; Stephen Blesofsky Program VP; Dave Unterlack Secretary; Bob Conti Treasurer; Ralph Shaw Membership Vice President; and Gil Daniels Vice President at Large.

We will surely miss Ron Boyarsky and Paul Grossman for all of their outstanding efforts, contributions, and guidance. Paul served as board President over the last three years and our membership has grown from 50 to 90 members and meetings were always kept punctual. Ron not only served on the board but along with Bob Guzinsky picked up all of the food for every Bagels and Discovery program.

Our next General Meeting is Wednesday January 28th and the scheduled speaker will be Jay Feaster from The Tampa Bay Lightning. As Jay will be our special guest it might be a nice gesture for some of us to leave our Ranger shirts at home. As of this writing we are still working on a topic/speaker for the February 11 General Meeting. For our Bagels and Discovery/Ladies Day breakfast on February 22nd the Kern Singers will be performing. The Ameriprise sponsored luncheon is scheduled for March 18th. Please watch for these notices in the near future.

The entire Board is excited about the coming year and looking forward to providing new and interesting events. We are currently reviewing the suggestions members made on their renewal notices and we'll see what we can put in place.

Thanks very much. Stephen

JANUARY YAHRZEITS

Yahrzeits are read at the Shabbat Service on the date listed which includes the yahrzeits for the following week-Friday through Thursday.

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RACHEL KAGNO, Grandmother of MARK NECKES
JAMES RUBIN, Father of ELLEN OFFENBACH
DAVID OFFENBACH, Father of STUART OFFENBACH
HELENE SHANE, Mother of SHEILA RUBINSTEIN
SARAH SPIEGAL, Mother of PAUL SPIEGAL
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TUBA RAISE LERNER
JULIUS SPIELER
BRIAN BALKANY
NATHAN MILLER
JOSEPH MALONE
HYMAN JONES

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RACHEL IMHOFF, Mother of JUNE BELL
PHILIP R. BELLER, Father of JEFFREY BELLER
MAX LAFER, Father of WILLIAM LAFER
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DOROTHY SPIELER
GERALD PAUL FURMAN
LEO OXORN
ALBERT FURMAN
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JANUARY 30, 2015

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DAVID GROSSMAN, Grandfather of MICHELLE ATKINS SCHAEFER
LOUIS JEFFREY GOLD, Brother of CAROL BALENT
JOHN IMHOFF, Father of JUNE BELL
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Oneg Shabbat Chairperson

Lyn Safian (634-6013)

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Our thanks to those people who sponsor Onegs.

Supporting an Oneg Shabbat is a mitzvah. If each member would sponsor just one Oneg a year, our calendar would be full.

Please check the Oneg Shabbat list on the bulletin board and sign up to celebrate your special occasion. If you want information about sponsoring an Oneg, please contact the chairperson.

The committee is willing to shop only for those members who are physically unable to shop for themselves. Thanks for your participation. Also, if you have just signed up, please call the chairperson to confirm the date.

January Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

January 2:

Lil and Bob Solin

in honor of their birthdays

January 9:

Joanne and Sam Sudman

in honor of their anniversary

January 16:

Ann and Charles Spivack

in honor of their granddaughter's bas mitzvah

January 23: *Marsha and Dick Marshall*

in honor of Marsha's Birthday

January 30:

Sisterhood Shabbat

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Shelly Grossman & Sheila Rubinstein

Co-Directors

Happy 2015! May this year bring all good things to you and yours.

This is my last article for the Shalom News. I have served as membership co-director for 4 1/2 years, have really loved my "job". My co-director Sheila Rubinstein is staying on with the help of new co-director, Marlene Spiegel. I leave you in very warm and capable hands.

Please keep on supporting and participating in as many temple events as you can. The more you do, the more friends you make, and you will feel more a part of our temple family. I know we will be seeing each other very often, and again, thank you all.

Shelly Grossman

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After serving as Beth Israel's Membership Director for 2 1/2 terms, Shelly Grossman has become, as she said, a "civilian".

I, Sheila Rubinstein, along with Marlene Spiegel, will now have the happy task of greeting you all on Shabbat evenings. We look forward to seeing you all and sharing many happy and meaningful times.

Sheila Rubinstein

Marlene Spiegel

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Many of you have probably noticed the signs leading you to the Nearly New shop each Wednesday and Saturday.

Each House of Worship is responsible for placing and removing these signs during the month they host the meeting. Our turn is February. In the past this responsibility has fallen to our six representatives. We would appreciate some assistance with this task from members of the congregation. You would be assigned one day to place the signs within the plaza by 8:30 am and remove them by 11:30. A map is provided and this task usually takes about 20 - 30 minutes. If you are willing to help, please call or e-mail me.

Sandra Hurwitz

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Correction:

SISTERHOOD'S LUNCHEON FOR PAID-UP MEMBERS

November 11, 2014



Barbara Grossman introduces the entertainers who presented readings from Nora Efron's "Love, Loss and What I Wore".

L to R: Dina DiPilato, Myra Rudin, and Susan Melchior. (mis-named as Carol)

Beth Israel Library News

January 2015



THURSDAY, January 22, 12:30

Book and Author – Maggie Anton

Come and meet Maggie Anton, award-winning author of the historical fiction series ***Rashi's Daughters*** and recent ***Rav Hisda's Daughter***. Raised as a secular socialist with little knowledge of Judaism, she discovered the Talmud in adulthood, becoming a recognized Talmud scholar with expertise in Jewish women's history. Please note that to accommodate Maggie's travel schedule, the day and date of the program are switched to Thursday, January 22. Beth Israel is her only engagement in the Tampa Bay area and we do expect attendees from congregations in neighboring Jewish communities.

- Light Luncheon - \$10.00.
 - By Reservation Only at 12:30.
 - Program with Maggie at 1:00.
 - Books will be available for purchase.
- Cyrille Cobe: 813-633-9078 or bac.cobe@gmail.com by Monday, 1-19

Maggie's books In the Temple Library

Rashi's Daughters:

Book 1: Joheved

Book 2: Miriam

Book 3: Rachel

Coming soon to the Temple Library

Rav Hisda's Daughter:

Book 1: Apprentice

Enchantress: A Novel of Rav Hisda's Daughter

Meet the Author with Brenda Barrie was a delightful event with over 40 attendees. Many, many thanks to the Library Committee, Arlene Cohen, Barbara Nova, and Sharon Privitera, for all their help.

Thanks to all of you for supporting our library.

WAYS AND MEANS

Carol Balent/Paul Spiegel, Co-Directors

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

PLEASE START SAVING YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS FOR OUR ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE WHICH WILL BE HELD ON **MARCH 15, 16 AND 17.**

All of your unwanted items may be dropped off at the temple on Sunday, March 15, and Monday March 16. Drop off hours will be advertised closer to the sale. No merchandise will be accepted on Tuesday March 17 - day of sale.

We will not accept computers; unless brand new, computer software, old unsafe electrical items or old TV's. Please be sure all of the clothing is clean and in good condition. If you have a question regarding your donation please contact me at monkeyandwife@yahoo.com.

In conjunction with the rummage sale, Paul Spiegel will be selling excellent quality fashion jewelry at unbelievable prices. His inventory will include high end fashion rings, bracelets, necklaces and other pieces. More info to follow!

Pop's Q will be providing lunch at a phenomenal price!



Women of Distinction 2014

Nina Malinak *Beth Israel Jewish Congregation of Sun City Center*

Nina has been dedicated to Beth Israel for nine years. Since 2011, she has served as corresponding secretary, technology chair, co-webmaster, Sisterhood membership vice-president, and photographer. Nina had a successful teaching and counseling career. She served as executive director of the Connecticut Counseling Association from 2000 to 2009. The Association recognized her outstanding contributions with the creation of the Nina R. Malinak Service Award in 2009. Nina also served as secretary of the Connecticut School Counselor Association from 1998 to 2005. She has been treasurer of the Connecticut Career Counseling and Development Association since 2012. Nina was honored by the Trumbull, Connecticut public school system with a nomination as Teacher of the Year in 1996. She received the U.S. Army's Planning for Life Recognition Award with the support of the National Consortium of State Career Guidance Supervisors in 1995. Nina has been listed multiple times in various Who's Who publications since 1983. Additionally, she has been treasurer of the Kensington Condominium Association since 2006, and membership vice-president and publications chair of the Eagle Audubon Society since 2007. In Connecticut, Nina was an active volunteer for the Special Olympics as an athlete escort from 2000 to 2004. She also volunteered for the Swim Across the Sound Foundation as a counselor in the Women Helping Women Program, and she was a participant in Relay for Life from 1998 to 2011.

Women of Distinction Program 12/4/14



L to R: Arlene Cohen, Idalea Rubin, Bob Rubin, Marsha Fader, Marlene Spiegel, Laura Reuterfors



L to R: Ann Graff, Mariane Finke, Bob Cobe, Arlene Cohen, Idalea Rubin



L to R: Delyse Axinn, Carol Katz, Barbara Grossman



L to R: Joy Rosen, Judy Zirolsky, Barbara Grossman and Charna Bogdany



Herb Cashvan and Marianne Finke

Women of Distinction Program 12/4/14



Rabbi Carla Freedman and Nina Malinak



Nina Malinak, our Woman Of Distinction for 2014



L to R: Rabbi Carla Freedman, Charna Bogdany, Joanne Sudman, and Nina Malinak



Past and present

Women of Distinction Honorees:

L to R: Idalea Rubin, Nina Malinak, Delyse Axinn

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