

# B'Shalom December 2010

## Things They Are A Changing

Please use the school wing doors to access the office.

Friday Shabbat Services will still be held in the Bookey Chapel and the main doors (facing Polk Boulevard) will be open at that time. There is now a ramp!

Saturday Morning Services will now be held at the Senior Life Center.



If families want to purchase keepsakes from the sanctuary or chapel, please contact the office so that all requests can be reviewed.

### Temporary Offices



Classroom 6  
Classroom 7  
Classroom 8  
Classroom 9  
Classroom 11

Conference Room  
Office/Barb  
Gift Shop  
Cantor Shivers  
Rabbi Edelman-Blank



### Caspe Library Update

THANKS to many helpers (especially Mike Kuperman for organizing the Sunday Study Group) the Caspe Library has all been boxed up and successfully moved to room 12 of the school building. Everything is well labeled so if anyone is desperate to find some particular book give me a call and I'll see what I can do.

MaryPaul Even (255-4159)

The Gift Shop has relocated during the remodeling to the school wing. You can find the Gift Shop in classroom 8.

The hours of operation will remain the same:

Sundays 9:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m.

and Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Also available during office hours.

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Happy Chanukah

**Come and see all the new Hanukkah items!**



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## Minyan Schedule

Sundays and most Legal Holidays - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesdays - 7:00 a.m.

## Shabbat & Services Schedule

***December 3-4, 2010 / 26-27 Kislev, 5771***

Shabbat Candle Lighting —4:24 p.m.

6:00 p.m. —Evening Services

9:00 a.m. — Shabbat Morning Services

December Birthday Aliyahs

***December 10-11, 2010 / 3-4 Tevet, 5771***

Shabbat Candle Lighting—4:23 p.m.

**7:00 p.m.**—Evening Services

*Shabbat in Spirit and Song*

9:00 a.m.—Shabbat Morning Services

December Anniversary Aliyahs

***December 17-18, 2010 / 10-11 Tevet, 5771***

Shabbat Candle Lighting—4:25 p.m.

6:00 p.m.—Evening Services

9:00 a.m.—Shabbat Morning Services

***December 24-25, 2010 / 17-18 Tevet, 5771***

Shabbat Candle Lighting—4:28 p.m.

6:00 p.m.—Evening Services

9:00 a.m.—Shabbat Morning Services

***December 31, 2010—January 1, 2011 / 24-25 Tevet, 5771***

Shabbat Candle Lighting—4:33 p.m.

6:00 p.m.—Evening Services

9:00 a.m.—Shabbat Morning Services

**January 7-8 / Shevat 2-3, 5771**

Shabbat Candle Lighting —4:39 p.m.

6:00 p.m.—Evening Services

9:00 a.m. —Shabbat Morning Services

**January 14-15 / Shevat 9-10, 5771**

Shabbat Candle Lighting—4:47 p.m.

6:00 p.m. —Evening Services

9:00 a.m. —Shabbat Morning Services

**January 21-22 / Shevat 16-17, 5771**

Shabbat Candle Lighting —4:56 p.m.

6:00 p.m. —Evening Services

9:00 a.m. —Shabbat Morning Services

**January 28-29 / Shevat 23-24, 5771**

Shabbat Candle Lighting—5:05 p.m.

6:00 p.m. —Evening Services

9:00 a.m.—Shabbat Morning Services

**If you are planning to do a stock transfer,**  
please contact Barb in the office at 255-1137 so  
she can appropriately credit your account.

**We recently received a stock transfer with no  
name attached. Please contact Barb if you  
recently did a stock transfer.**

**Weekly minyan** is an important mitzvah  
showing support for our congregants  
who are observing a yahrzeit for  
someone they love. Our weekday  
minyan takes place on Sundays at 9:00  
a.m. and Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m.

**Please help our community with this  
important, time honored tradition.**



## Feeling Different

This is the time of year that I feel most different. The decorations come out. Every store in which I shop is decked out in red and green. Christmas music is played everywhere. Constantly. Every commercial talks about how many days left to shop. There is so much activity going on around the Christmas holiday. And it has nothing to do with me. I am Jewish.

I have nothing against the Christmas holiday. I think that it is a wonderful holiday with beautiful traditions. It focuses on good will and peace in the world. I understand why our neighbors want to celebrate it both privately and publicly. However, I find that part of me always dreads this time of year. It makes me acutely aware that I am a member of a religious minority. It is hard to ignore the fact that I am part of a group of people so small that we, like other religious minorities in America, can easily fade into the background.

I want to give credit to those who are considerate enough to include Hanukkah decorations in holiday displays. Also, chorus groups will often include a Hanukkah song in their holiday concerts. However, I feel only a little less isolated when encountering these references to Judaism.

The truth is that Hanukkah is a poor substitute for Christmas. It commemorates a military victory. We can focus on the miracle of the lights, and we can see the holiday as an expression of the ways we need to resist assimilation. But, Hanukkah is not a particularly important holiday in the religion. It is not one of the major holidays, like Passover or Rosh Hashanah. You can see how this is true if you travel to Jerusalem during Hanukkah. You do not see a ton of Hanukkah decorations hung up. The whole thing is pretty low key. In America, we make a bigger deal about Hanukkah in an effort to help our children not feel deprived by not celebrating Christmas.

Essentially, Hanukkah does not teach us a ton about how to live Jewishly. It does not tell us much about God, except that God likes proper illumination and may sometimes favor us in military battles. Please remember that Christmas is ultimately about the birth of Jesus and the salvation Christians believe he will bring. Spiritually and religiously, there is no comparison between the two holidays. This is why I do not find it particularly important to push big public displays of Hanukkah. I think that Jews should enjoy Hanukkah to its fullest. However, I would love for the outside world to associate the Jewish people with other things than oily latkes and a song about a kid's toy. I would rather share the profound wisdom found in our other holidays like Passover.

The fact is that we are different than our neighbors. On some level, unless you live in a city like New York or Los Angeles, feeling different is an inherent part of the experience of being a Jewish American. This is only a bad thing when we do not know why or how we are different. The Christmas season gives us an opportunity to think about our own identity. It can push us to explore our tradition and history and what we really mean when we say we are Jewish. For what do we stand? In the end, being different is only a real problem when we do not know who we are.

*— Rabbi Steven Edelman-Blank*

## A Note from *CANTOR LINDA SHIVERS*



Rabbi Edelman-Blank, Barb Berven and I are now in the process of re-doing our Bar/Bar Mitzvah Handbook for parents. If you have a child who already had a bar or bat mitzvah at Tifereth, please let me know if you have any suggestions of what should be in the handbook. We don't want to overwhelm parents but we do want to make the handbook as comprehensive as possible. If you are a vender of something useful for b'nai mitzvah families, please let me know so it can be considered for inclusion in the book.

If you have a child in your family who is moving toward a bar or bat mitzvah, what would you like to know? Now is the time to make suggestions!

Bar and Bat Mitzvah is a very important part of any cantor's job description. I see my role as much more than bar or bat mitzvah tutor. Teaching the students their Torah and haftara portions are part of the experience but there is much more that I want for and from the students and their parents.

First of all, I want the students to really know that they are part of the Tifereth community. The students should already feel a part of the Hebrew School community and that's good but they should also relate closely to the Tifereth community. The best way to do that is by coming to services. At services they meet all the regular attendees and get a chance to hear the service before their big day. They meet younger and older children and get to know how much our members appreciate seeing students at services. They can't help but realize how much we value our children.

Secondly, they get to lead parts of the services before they are totally on the spot. They learn when to face the Torah and when to face the congregation. They learn what to expect at services. They learn to get over their overwhelming nervousness and scale it back to just standard nerves for their bar/bat mitzvah service. The students also learn the whole range of what different students do since no two are totally alike. Students, who come regularly to services, painlessly learn the melodies.

When parents come to services with their students, the parents also learn what to expect. They learn what is special at the bar/bat mitzvah service and what is standard at every service. They also become part of the community where they can feel comfortable and not like an alien presence among the regulars. It might seem to parents like the regulars are much better at Hebrew and more religious but actually there is a LOT less difference that you'd think.

I want every child who celebrates their bar or bat mitzvah to learn enough to feel comfortable at any Jewish Shabbat service. Learning a haftara or maftir should not be a one-time event. I teach the tools to be able to learn any martir or haftara and also to be able to lead and/or follow competently the Shabbat service. This knowledge should be the minimum requirement for everyone who is part of the Jewish community. We don't have any "secret" knowledge – we want everyone to know as much as possible.

The hardest part but probably the most important, is teaching families about the spiritual part of the journey. Ideally, the bar/bat Mitzvah experience will help families connect to Jewish spiritual practice and strengthen their connection to the One of the universe.

Finally, I get to know families through the bar/bat mitzvah process and they get to know both me and the rabbi. Whether your family likes to go camping or bowling or play string quartets, it's fun to learn the interests of all the Tifereth people. The more we know each other, the more we can support each other in whatever way is needed. I look forward to taking the journey to the bar and bat mitzvah with each one of my students.

*—Cantor Linda Shivers*



you're Invited!!!

And so are you...

We're all invited!

Won't YOU join us, too?!?!



# Community Chanukah Party

at Beth El Jacob Synagogue!

brought to you by

Beth El Jacob Synagogue, Tifereth Israel Synagogue  
& Temple B'nai Jeshurun

**Sunday, December 5th**

**12:15PM - ????**

Latkes & Lunch... Fun & Games... Dreidel Tournament... Open Gym...

Featuring Music by

**The Java Jews**

*The Zarnow Family Music Fund Trust, in honor of Abraham, Regina, Paul, Sidney, Sylvia and Ralph Zarnow, is proud to provide the musical entertainment for this event*

**ONLY \$5!!! Munchies, Music & More... Such A Deal !!!**

We want to have enough latkes and goodies,  
so if you know that you're coming,  
please let us know, too!



Email [office@betheljacob.org](mailto:office@betheljacob.org) or call (515) 255-1137.

On Sunday, November 14th, Women's League held a High Tea to honor Andi Duitch as Woman of the Year. A beautiful book was compiled and a page was inadvertently left out. The omitted page is printed below.

*With love and  
admiration for all the  
things you do for Tifereth  
Israel Synagogue to  
make it a better place.  
You are truly a  
Woman of Valor.*

Love,  
Alice and David Friedgood

**Andi,  
Congratulations on  
this deserving  
honor.  
Also, wishing you  
and your  
family good health  
and happiness.**

Fondly,  
Barb and David Lettween  
Dorice Bassewitz

*Congratulations!  
Woman of the Year!  
Marsha and David Wiggins*

©  
*Mazel Tov!  
We appreciate all you do.  
Rose and Dan Sloven*

©  
*Congratulations and Best  
Wishes.  
Mike Kuperman*

©  
*Mazel Tov!  
Elyse and Howard Levine*

©  
*Congratulations on a well-  
deserved honor.  
Robbie and Marvin Winick*

©  
*Congratulations Andi  
Audrey Rosenberg*

Hilda Meyers

Harriet Pidgeon

Hannah Rogers

**Congratulations  
Andi –  
The Woman of  
the Year!!**  
Carolyn  
Rosenfeld

**Congratulations  
on your award.  
You are  
most deserving.**



Cindy Rovner

**Andi,  
To the most giving  
person I know.  
You do so much for  
so many.  
There is no way  
to show  
How much you  
mean to us.**

*Paulee Lipsman*

*Andi,  
How nice to greet you and say  
Mazel Tov!*

*I wish you many years of good health as  
you continue to use your considerable  
talents that benefit so many.*

Ruth Engman

## Adult Education Fall/Winter 2010

### Jewish Choices

*Thursdays 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.*

*with Rabbi Edelman-Blank*

A look at contemporary issues through a Jewish lens. Upcoming Topics:

- Social Justice  
January 27 — March 3
- War & National Security  
March 17 — April 21

Please note: There is a fee of \$25 for each of the topics to cover cost of texts and snacks.

### S.T.E.P.

#### **Sunday Torah Education Program\***

*\*Formerly known as Perek Yomi*

*Sundays at 10:00 a.m.*

*with Mike Kuperman*

This is an outgrowth of our Pekek Yomi discussion group. We are going to remain Torah study based as we explore different texts and media about Jewish life.

Our informal study sessions will be on a variety of Jewish readings and topics including:

- The Gift of the Jews by Thomas Cahill
- Everyday Holiness by Alan Morinis

For more information or to register for classes, please contact the office at 255-1137.

### Jewish Views on Aging

*Wednesdays 10:00-11:00 a.m.*

*with Rabbi Edelman-Blank*

December 1 — December 22  
and January 5 — 12

A special adult education class for seniors. We will discuss a variety of topics connected with the process of aging.

### Learn to Chant Torah

*Tuesdays 7:00 — 8:00 p.m. \**

*with Cantor Linda Shivers*

*\*Will be changed for Board Meetings*

**This class has been closed. If you are interested in the next session, please contact Cantor Shivers.**

### Rabbi Home Delivery

*Rabbi Edelman-Blank is still delivering!*

Tifereth Israel members are asked to host an evening at their home. They invite their friends (both members and non-members). The hosting members decide on what topic their friends and they want to gain a Jewish perspective.

All topics are open for discussion. The hosts only need to provide coffee and dessert. Rabbi Edelman-Blank comes to your house and teaches about the topic you choose. The evening will be both fun and educational.

**December Birthdays**

**December 1**  
Sheya Finkelstein

**December 2**  
Albert Mintzer  
Tanya Shoykhet

**December 3**  
Allan Rovner

**December 4**  
Adi Hazan

**December 5**  
Marilyn Nussbaum

**December 7**  
Jeanette Rosen  
Rose Toubes

**December 8**  
Charlotte Raush

**December 9**  
Barbara Lettween

**December 10**  
Cynthia Shulman

**December 11**  
Eli Frankel  
Frank Levy

**December 12**  
Tiffany Deal  
Samuel Engman  
David Greenspon

**December 13**  
Lois Brown  
David Hurkin  
Bernard Levine

**December 14**  
Shelley Kitsis

**December 15**  
Ariel Simon

**December 16**  
Jennifer Metcalf

**December 18**  
Lorraine Neiman

**December 19**  
Mindy Nussbaum Bell  
Joshua Waltman

**December 20**  
Sandra Pomerantz-Reed  
George Shcharansky  
Abby Wahlig  
Alexander Wiczner

**December 23**  
Anya Finkelshteyn  
Harlan Rosenberg  
Eleanor Wolfson

**December 25**  
Jeffrey Marcovis  
Michael Marcovis  
Marcie Morrison

**December 27**  
Aaron Rosenberg  
Tatiana Shcharansky  
Lindsey Johnson

**December 28**  
Elizabeth Sherman  
Robert Singer

**December 31**  
Blaine Bookey

**December Anniversaries**

**December 14**  
Joel Mintzer and Heidi  
Schnieder

**December 17**  
Toni and Tim Urban

**December 18**  
Robin and Philip Bear  
Allyson and Scott Reister

**December 21**  
Laurie and Joe Wahlig

**December 26**  
Siggy and David Frankel

**December 29**  
Vicki and Alan Givant  
Liz and Bruce Lefkow

**December 30**  
Vera and Gennady Aginsky

If you are celebrating a December Anniversary, please join us for a special Aliyah on Saturday, December 11.



If you are celebrating a December Birthday, please join us for a Special Aliyah on Saturday, December 4.



**January Birthdays**

**January 1**  
Betty Bernstein

**January 15**  
Adam Kaplan

**January 27**  
Vera Aginsky  
Molly Bremen

**January 2**  
Jill Cantor

**January 16**  
Benjamin Hockenberg  
Harriet Pidgeon

**January 30**  
Lois Brown  
David Hadenfeldt

**January 3**  
Asher Lipman

**January 17**  
Chelsea Bear  
Andrew Goodman  
Mark Levitt  
Max Putnam

**January 31**  
Ron Rosenblatt

**January 4**  
Louise Kaufmann

**January 5**  
Pauline Altman  
Elisabeth Pusin  
Will Rogers

**January 19**  
Alexsey Resh

**January 7**  
Jacob Fuller

**January 20**  
Roselind Rabinowitz

**January 8**  
Frederick Stern

**January 21**  
Aaron Beckerman  
Laurie Wahlig

**January 9**  
Allison Engman

**January 23**  
Andrew Giller  
Hannah Rogers

**January 10**  
Ron Feder  
Noa Kaufman  
Warren Kruger

**January 24**  
Katherine Levy  
Allison Ohringer

**January 11**  
Martin Rosenfeld

**January 25**  
Jeff Farber  
Kelsey Kupitz

**January 14**  
Deirdre Farr  
Jacob Goldstein  
Rachel Sandler

**January 26**  
Harriet Feder



**January Anniversaries**

**January 1**  
Linda and Robert Carpenter

**January 12**  
Shari and Stanley Engman

**January 17**  
Eleonora and Alexsey Resh

**January 20**  
Elisa and Patrick Jones

**January 25**  
Barbara and Melvin Grundleger

If you are celebrating a January Anniversary, please join us for a special Aliyah on Saturday, January 15.

If you are celebrating a January Birthday, please join us for a Special Aliyah on Saturday, January 8.



## Donations: October 18—November 19, 2010

### Bookey Rabbinic Fund

Dorothy and Harlan "Bud" Hockenberg  
In Memory of Zeldene Lipsman

### Building Revitalization Fund

Alice and David Friedgood  
In Honor of Alyseann Galinsky's Special Birthday  
In Honor of Kay Myers' Special Birthday  
Speedy Recovery – Marilyn Hurwitz  
Ann and Stuart Kaplan  
In Honor of Andi Duitch  
Rose Koufer  
In Honor of Molly Sandler's Birthday  
Ethel Norman  
In Honor of Harriet Pidgeon's Birthday  
Maddie and Don Schoen  
In Honor of Kay Myers' Birthday

### Camp Ramah Fund

Roselind and Sheldon Rabinowitz  
In Honor of Andi Duitch  
In Memory of Zeldene Lipsman  
In Memory of Alex Pomerantz

### Caspe Library Fund

Simma and Michael Stein  
In Memory of Zeldene Lipsman

### General Fund

Jeanette Bear  
In Honor of Kay Myers' Special Birthday  
Margo and Don Blumenthal  
In Memory of Rose Altman  
In Memory of Joe Blumenthal  
In Memory of Edith Sylvan  
Karen and Arny Engman  
In Memory of Zeldene Lipsman  
Suzanne and Larry Engman  
In Memory of Irving Cohn  
Ruth Engman  
In Honor of Alyseann Galinsky's Birthday  
In Honor of Alyseanne and Harry Galinsky's Anniversary  
In Memory of Sam Krantz  
David Farber  
In Memory of Samuel Rimmerman  
Joyce Galinsky  
In Memory of Zeldene Lipsman  
Gwen and Harry Griger  
In Memory of Mary Griger  
Florence Hirsch  
In Memory of Samuel Sher  
Marilyn and Lou Hurwitz  
In Honor of Kay Myers' Special Birthday  
Thelma Kardon  
In Honor of Andi Duitch  
Speedy Recovery of David Rabinovitz  
In Memory of Tillie Kardon

### General Fund con't

Susie and Josh Kimelman  
In Honor of Kay Myers' Special Birthday  
Jeanne and Richard Levitt  
In Memory of Zeldene Lipsman  
Lorraine Neiman  
In Memory of Rose Neiman  
Gail Pearl  
In Memory of Leah Passman  
Frances Rosen  
In Memory of Zeldene Lipsman  
In Memory of Minnie Rimmerman  
Nate Ruben  
In Memory of Abe Subotnik  
Elizabeth Sherman  
In Honor of Kay Myers' Special Birthday  
In Memory of Mother, Celia Arenson  
Betty Shindler  
In Memory of Marlan Scharf Bookey  
Norma Wallace  
In Memory of Zeldene Lipsman

### Marcovis Youth Fund

Shirlee and Jim Marcovis  
In Honor of Andi Duitch  
In Honor of Daniel Khalastchi's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
In Honor of Harriet Pidgeon's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
In Memory of Linda Fishman  
In Memory of Lenore Schwartz

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Tammy Abdulghani  
In Honor of Andi Duitch's Birthday  
In Honor of Kay Myers' Birthday  
In Memory of Sharon Smithson  
Ann Baum for the Linda Fishman Trust  
In Appreciation of Service for Linda Fishman  
Lois Brown  
In Memory of Richard "Dick" Brown  
Barb Hirsch-Giller and Harvey Giller  
In Honor of Andi Duitch  
In Memory of Esther Hirsch  
Gail and Bob Mabel  
In Honor of the Reister Family;  
Allyson, Scott, Mallory and Ryan  
Dorothy Newmen and Nancy Waldman  
In Memory of Max Newmen  
Allyson and Scott Reister  
Thank you for Ryan's Naming Ceremony  
Simma and Michael Stein  
In Memory of Bernard Stein  
Edgar Zerr and Family  
In Appreciation of Service for Evelyn Zerr

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**Harry Simon Fund**

Andi and Bob Duitch

In Honor of the Wedding of Liz Rodgers and David Adelman

In Honor of Alice Friedgood's Special Birthday

In Honor of Kay Myers' Special Birthday

In Honor of Barb Hirsch-Giller and Harvey Giller's Grandson – Max Giller

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Recovery of Marty Rosenfeld

Recovery of Dorothy Schatz

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In Memory of Etta Polsky

Trudi and Marty Rosenfeld

In Memory of Max T. Lasky

In Memory of Etta Polsky

Suzann Simon

In Honor of Andi Duitch

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Get Well Phil Bear

Get Well Marty Rosenfeld

Get Well Dorothy Schatz

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Lora Lee Spiro

In Memory of Zeldene Lipsman

**USY Fund**

Ameena Abdulghani

In Memory of Sharon Smithson

Logan Abdulghani

In Memory of Sharon Smithson

**YAD**

Thelma Kardon

In Honor of Michael Mintzer's Birthday

Pictures from the Groundbreaking for Jewish Federation Community School at The Caspe Terrace



Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Louise Kaufmann on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Brett Kaufmann of Munster, Indiana. Great Grandmother is Esther Sandler.

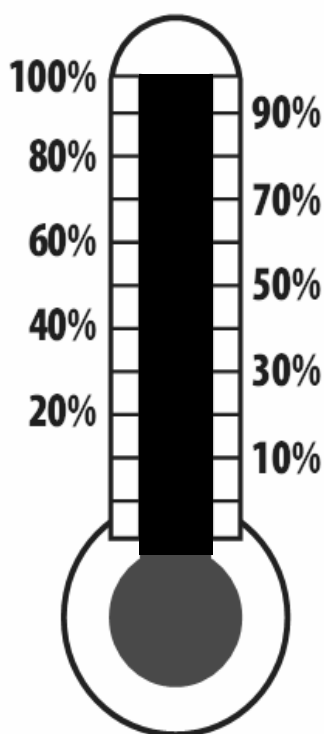
Mazel Tov to Dorothy Schatz on the birth of her great-grandson in Texas.

## Rejuvenation Campaign Needs Your Help

The Tifereth Foundation advanced the money for the campaign to move forward on the building project. Through your continued pledge support we will be able to replenish and secure the Tifereth Foundation endowment and ensure the ongoing support of our synagogue.


# Tifereth Israel Revitalization Fundraiser

**Our Goal: \$2.2 Million**



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for updates on the  
Revitalization project.*

## Totals Through November 24, 2010

\*All contributors are listed below

\*\*Current month's contributors are in *bold*

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The Marcovis & Khalastichi Families

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The Bear & Carpenter Families  
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Judy & Marshall Flapan  
Lori & Brad Long

**Leadership: \$150,001<sup>00</sup>—\$250,000<sup>00</sup>**

Rose Lee Pomerantz & Family

**Visionary: \$250,001<sup>00</sup> and above**

Maddie & Don Schoen  
Tifereth Israel Foundation

Hannukah Yad Shabbat

Friday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm  
Tifereth Israel Synagogue

Come join us for a child friendly service followed by a light dairy dinner (latkes and sufganiyot included).

We will be having a gift exchange for the children. If you would like your children to participate, please bring a wrapped gift (\$5-\$7) for each child who will be participating. (If possible, please make it gender neutral and let us know what age range the gift is for).



Please RSVP to Alla Mintzer Zaprudsky at  
[mikeandalla@msn.com](mailto:mikeandalla@msn.com) by Wednesday, December 1st



Happy Hanukkah



**Tifereth Board of Trustee Meeting  
October 26, 2010**

**Present:** Mindy Nussbaum-Bell, Peggy Altman, Phil Bear, Josh Kimelman, Maddie Schoen, Alice Friedgood, Frank Marcovis, Brad Long, Steve Weiss, Jody Jacklin, Sheldon Ohringer, and Hannah Rogers

**Also Present:** Mike Mintzer, Barb Berven, Rabbi Edelman-Blank, and Cantor Shivers

**Call to Order:** Steve Weiss

7:05 pm

**Approval of Minutes:** Steve Weiss

Approved

**D'Var Torah:** Rabbi Edelman-Blank

What are 3 things that a congregant should feel when they leave the building, Tifereth, for the day

**Rabbi's Report:** Rabbi Edelman-Blank

Working on 2<sup>nd</sup> Interfaith Outreach, November 30<sup>th</sup> with Jennifer Thompson

Working with Beth El, and Temple in regards to the Community Hanukkah Party

Adult Education continuing, along with Senior Programming

Scholar in Residence Program being reviewed

USY and Youth Programming

**Cantor's Report:** Cantor Shivers

Working on the B'nai Mitzvah Handbook

Adult Education

Choir Meeting

Youth teaching and 4 B'nai Mitzvah students

Article in the Jewish Press

Motion to vote Michael Mintzer as a new Board Member, by Phil Bear; Seconded by Sheldon

Ohringer **Approved – unanimously**

Judy Flapan requested to transfer the restricted "Torah Fund" funds to "Building" funding \$25,000 to assist in building revitalization and working around the Torah

Hannah Rogers motioned, second by Sheldon Ohringer - **Approved**

**Office Administrator:** Barb Berven

**Update on Move**

Movers are set up to start Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>, and finish Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Looking at getting a roll-off, or use our own dumpster and having additional pick-ups

School is wired for network capability and can work efficiently

**Update of possible move of Board Meetings**

If not the "day" then possibly time

**Deborah Edelman-Blank will maintain a website and update 2x a month**

**Treasurer's Report:** Frank Marcovis

Presented September Financial Statement

Expected revenue to maintain through December, however tail off starting in January

Stock used for payment (dues, general, etc) – Contact the office to notify who is presenting it

Financially ahead currently than were expected to be at this point in time

**Committee Reports**

**Building and Grounds:** Steve Weiss

Contract at \$2.2mm within a plus/minus range

Scheduling volunteer organization for the next 3 Sundays to assist in packing

Estimated completion date is June 15<sup>th</sup>

target date to have substantial completion of the social hall is 4 months

There needs to be flexibility of building use and access during construction

Events – The Board will assist in getting locations but they should look for only access is sanctuary and school

Mark Trost working with the Day Care and Sr. Life Center on a continuous basis

**Fundraising** – Alice Friedgood

During construction – in the sanctuary have a farewell event, dinner

Re-grand Opening, possibly in conjunction at Arts & Heirlooms

**Membership:** Maddie Schoen

Patrick Courtney is joining as a single member

Sheldon Ohringer moved to accept, Steve Weiss seconded - **Approved**

**Personnel:** Steve Weiss

Developing Cantor Shivers' goals

Rabbi Edelman-Blank's goals are in place

Working on setting goals for Louie Sloven

**Programming:** Rabbi Edelman-Blank

Community Hanukkah is possibly December 5<sup>th</sup> at Beth El

School celebration will not involve the entire community

**Ritual:** Rabbi Edelman-Blank

Junior Congregation

Not all Kaddishs will be in standing position

**Tikkun Olam:** Peggy Altman

\$400 raised check for Hunger Hike

November 4<sup>th</sup> additional program meeting at 5:15

**Women's League:** Jody Jacklin

November 14<sup>th</sup>, honor Woman of the Year – Andi Duitch

Gift Shop sales are continuing will be available through November 14<sup>th</sup>

Welcome Brunch for Cantor Shivers successful

Dillard Fashion show was well attended

Possibly Regional Women's League President, Karen Lukin, will be visiting Tifereth Israel. Initially looked at having International Women's League President, Cory Schneider, visit, however due to limited interest outside of Des Moines in the Iowa area that has been canceled

**Old Business – Revitalization Update**

**Revitalization Update:** Brad Long

Larry Engman is still planning on having a meeting for additional potential donors

**Letter from Avi Luban** (see attached): Brad Long

To review and include as a reference

**New Business –**

**Michael Mintzer to replace Frank Levy on Board:** Steve Weiss

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**Next Meeting:** 6:00 on Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> in School Wing

**Adjourn –** Steve Weiss

**Motion to Adjourn:** 8:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jody L. Jacklin, Secretary





**Office Hours:**

Monday—Thursday\* 9:00a.m.—5:00p.m.

Friday 9:00a.m.—3:00p.m.

\*Closed Monday through Thursday from 12:30p.m.—1:30p.m.

*The Rabbi and Cantor are usually in the building except on Mondays. Please feel free to call the office and set up an appointment.*

**Staff:**

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Stacey Siepmann, Shamas

Louis Sloven, USY Director

**Tifereth Board Executive Committee:**

Brad Long & Steve Weiss, Co-Presidents

Sheldon Ohringer, 1st Vice President

Frank Marcovis, Treasurer

Jody Jacklin, Secretary

**PIDGEON GIFT SHOP HOURS**

Sunday 9:00a.m.—12:00p.m.

Wednesday 9:30a.m.—12:00p.m.

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