



Beth Israel Bulletin

TISHREI-CHESHVAN 5784/October
2023

Upcoming Events: OCTOBER

Simchat Torah Service

10/08, 6:30PM

Film and Discussion

*Prosecuting Evil: The Extraordinary World of
Ben Ferencz*
10/22, 2PM

Shabbat Services

- 10/06, 6PM: Shabbat T'filah
- 10/13, 7PM: Shabbat T'filah
- 10/21, 10AM: Shabbat T'filah
- 10/27, 7PM: Shabbat T'filah

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 **From the Rabbi**

Happy October Temple Beth Israel,

As we enter into the month of October and the Hebrew month of Cheshvan, we pause to reflect on where we have been and where we are going. The summer heat has cooled. The students have returned, and we are at the end of a busy holiday season. On Sunday, October 8th we will meet to celebrate Simchat Torah; the joyful return of our Torah scrolls to the beginning of creation and our early Jewish heroes. Simchat Torah is a holiday that commemorates the fall harvest, and the festive occasion is marked with music, singing, dancing, and plenty of Torah. Simchat Torah follows the week-long celebration of Sukkot where Jews dwell in Sukkahs (temporary wooden huts/booths), shake the lulav, and rejoice in the sweet smells of the etrog.

I am also very proud to announce the start of a few new projects at T.B.I. We have relaunched the Men's Club, with our first event on Thursday, Sept. 21st at the Butcher Block. On Sunday, October 1st, the Rabin Religious School will host their first Sunday school session, and we are all truly excited for the opportunity to help foster a new generation of Jewish learners and leaders. For the adult learners, starting on Tuesday, October 10th, from 5-6pm via Zoom, we will dive into a weekly discussion of Jewish Philosophers. We will begin the twelve-week class debating the merits of Baruch Spinoza, but check out the Rabbi's Blog for the complete list of all the Tuesday philosophers.

Lastly, on Sunday, October 22nd we will host a viewing and discussion of the film entitled **Prosecuting Evil: The Extraordinary World of Ben Ferencz**.

If you have any questions or would like to attend any of these events, please feel free to reach out to the Temple or the Rabbi. Wishing your loved-ones a Chag Samaech and Shanah Tovah, Rabbi David Joslin; rabbi@plattsburghtbi.org

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Notes from the President

Over the last several years, the Temple has made a major investment in streaming technology. We have installed special video broadcasting of religious service, upgraded our WiFi and purchased speakers which helps us broadcast meeting and other events to include both in-person and virtual participants. This allows us to have people participate no matter where you call home.

There are many benefits to this new technology. People who live in Florida, St. Croix, Arizona can enjoy Temple's Friday night services, and many other events, such as adult education. If you are feeling under the weather, stay home and enjoy services from bed. This has also helped with membership to various Temple committees, since we have many snowbirds (lucky!) who maintain their commitment to the various committees they care on, while enjoying the sounds of the ocean from their lounge chair.

For those who decide to experience our services and events remotely, how do we connect them to the rest of the Temple community? We can try through zoom to reserve time before or after an event for schmoozing, but the current technology that we have does not allow this kind of interaction. Creating community while at the same time connecting to people remotely remains a real challenge.

We at Temple Beth Israel need to do a better job in understanding and addressing what our congregants, and potential congregants, want from a religious institution. Fewer and fewer amongst us place religion at the center of our lives and put participation in religious activities as a top priority. What is Temple's vision of its relationship with its current and prospective members? What beyond holding a music performance, a lecture, a Friday night service should Temple provide?

Questions related to what Temple Beth Israel should be and what it should offer are at the core of how we define ourselves as a religious institution. No matter what else we may be, our distinctive identify related to religion and what role and meaning religion can play in the modern world. Addressing these questions will be at the center of what we do this new year in our on-going attempts to make Temple Beth Israel a better, more dynamic, and relevant place for its members.

-Cheryl Kabeli, President

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The Michelle and Lenny Zelkowitz donation challenge.

The Zelkowitz Challenge is on and the clock is ticking!! Michelle and Lenny Zelkowitz, long standing members of Temple Beth Israel, are challenging members and friends of Temple Beth Israel to join them in opening their hearts and pocketbooks by donating to Temple Beth Israel's General Fund. Every single donation made to the General Fund, until 1 December 2023, will be matched by the Zelkowitz's up to \$10,000!

This is an amazing opportunity for all of us to participate in a fund raiser for Temple Beth Israel without having to do anything more than click this link

www.plattsburghtbi.org/donate or write a check.

Let's give Michelle and Lenny a run for their money!!



**Prosecuting
Evil:
*The Extraordinary
World of
Ben Ferencz***

**Sunday,
October 22
2:00 p.m.**

“The fascinating story of Ben Ferencz—the last surviving Nuremberg prosecutor and lifelong advocate of “law not war.” After witnessing Nazi concentration camps shortly after liberation, Ferencz became lead prosecutor in the Einsatzgruppen case at Nuremberg, which has been called the biggest murder trial in history.” (CBC)



A discussion led by Dr. Jonathan Slater, Director Emeritus of SUNY Plattsburgh's Ethics Institute, will follow the 83 minute film. Sharing our thoughts and ideas will be part of what makes this cultural program special.

Refreshments will be served!

Temple Beth Israel, 1 Bowman St., Plattsburgh, NY

Questions? Contact Diane Fine, finedc@gmail.com



Yahrzeits

It is customary to honor the anniversary of the death of a loved one by lighting a memorial candle, reciting Kaddish at a congregational service and making a donation. We hope you will do all. A donation can be made to the [Temple Beth Israel Fund of your choice.](#)

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OCTOBER 13

Samuel Rubin Bolker
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OCTOBER 21

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Samuel Goodrich
Samuel Kaufman
Pauline Balkan
Alex Goodrich
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Michael B. White
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OCTOBER 27

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- **Cheryl and Sabieli Kabeli** to thank Beth Brumfield for her wisdom and guidance these last years. You will be missed.

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- **Jonathan Slater**
- **ElizaBeth Brumfield and Tom Dufore** in appreciation of my TBI Family. Tom and I have found so much warmth and love here. Thank you all or shall I say ya'll.
- **Mary Francis Hensel** to thank Temple Beth Israel for attempting to "go digital" with the Bulletin.
- **Marcia Wolosz** in celebration of Sarah and Harvey Hurwitz 60th Anniversary and in honor of Stan Haas
- **Susan Albert** on behalf of the Zelkowitz Matching Donation Challenge

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- **Cheryl and Sabieli Kabeli** to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

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It is easy to honor or remember friends and family with a contribution to any Temple Fund.
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A little something from the Yenta...

Kul Tov to **Beth Brumfield** and **Tom Dufore** on their move to Charlottesville, Virginia. We look forward to their visits when they return HOME!

Mazel Tov to **Brianna & Noah Wolkowicz** on the birth of their daughter **Maeve**. She's beautiful! Grandparents **Marla & Joel** are beyond ecstatic.

Refuah Shleima to **Cheryl Kabeli** after her recent foot surgery.

Also to **Jim Godfrey** who is home awaiting surgery after his recent hospitalization.

David Freedman was in town visiting old friends. He extended a working visit in Montreal to attend his 40th high school reunion at PHS. He looks wonderful. We missed his lovely wife **Lyn**. Daughter **Mimi** is now working as a literary agent and son **Nathan** is attending university. Where have the years gone!

Sarah Davis and family made a quick 48 hr trip to the "burgh". They picked up **Jerry's** car and took it back to a new home in Minnesota. The **J Davis family** is now a one vehicle home.

The **Hurwitz's** have had numerous visits from family over the summer. Granddaughter **Arielle** came over Labor Day and shared her stories about her summer hiking vacation in the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone Park.

Best wishes to **Sharon and John Schenkel** on their move to their permanent home in St Croix. You will be missed. Please stay in touch!

Jen Shutts and kids, the **Ghelman-Sanders** and **Jason & Jaclyn Marx and sons** were seen in downtown Plattsburgh enjoying the 1812 celebrations. **Ronnie and Alice Marx** enjoyed spending time with them. It's rumored that **Ronnie** climbed the MacDonough monument and could barely walk the next day? Hmm...

 Please send your Yenta news to tbiyenta@tbi.com with "Yenta" in the subject line!



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