After adopting both a dog and a cat in September 2013 from the Delaware County SPCA, Anna Danowitz, daughter of Mike and Erica, wanted to give something back to this organization. Since the summer of 2013 when Anna first acquired her Rainbow Loom she has been creating all sorts of jewelry. Scores of twisty-wistys, fishtails, starbursts, hexafishes, and double rhombuses later, Anna had amassed a large collection of rainbow loom jewelry. At the Temple Sholom Holiday Bazaar on November 2, Anna, a fifth grader at the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr, sold her rainbow loom creations with all proceeds going to the SPCA of Delaware County. Sales and donations from Anna’s table at the bazaar resulted in $300 raised for the SPCA in Media. Thank you to everyone who visited the craft fair and who supported Anna in her fundraising!
FROM THE DESK OF RABBI RIGLER

“Jewish tradition distinguishes between two types of generosity. The first is the giving that comes because your heart is so moved that without even the flicker of a thought your hand reaches to dig into your pocket to give. In the Torah, this generosity is called t’rumah, which means ‘gift’…. The other kind of generosity, called tzedakah, is obligated giving, such as tithing and other acts that come from commitment, whether or not the heart is moved to act in that way.” “Everyday Holiness,” Alan Morinis, p. 150.

Although Hanukkah is now finished we all recognize that there is still a sense that it is holiday time. It is usually a time where we feel an extra sense of generosity. We understand this time of year that we should give a little more.

The middah, the value we are exploring this month is Generosity - Nedivut. Generosity is so much more than simply writing a check, or digging into your pocket to give to the needy. Generosity is an attitude, and should translate into all our interactions with others. When you give someone the benefit of the doubt; that is an act of generosity. When you are kind to someone who really doesn't deserve it, that too is generosity. The way we treat other people is the most accurate reflection of generosity. I see generosity every day in my work at Temple Sholom. We are a community blessed with people who are generous with their time, spirit, money and dedication to our Temple Sholom family.

For me, generosity comes from my understanding how blessed we are and having gratitude for those blessings. Every blessing in my life is a reminder of the abundance. Because I have been so blessed, I can afford to be generous with people. I can give to the needy, I can spare the time to listen to a person's problems and give them comfort, I can take someone who has fallen, and help them get up on their own two feet.

There was an old rabbi who was known for giving to the poor. One day his students followed him around all day to see who he was giving money to. The rabbi gave help to 50 people. Of the 50, 49 were frauds. When they confronted the rabbi with this fact, they asked if he felt foolish helping the 49 people who didn't need it. The rabbi said he was thankful to God that he didn't let 49 people stop him from giving to the one person who really needed it.

~ Rabbi Rigler

CANTOR SHAPIRO’S MESSAGE

About thirteen years ago, one of my closest friends and I were both pregnant and busy with graduate studies at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, in preparation to become cantors. We had a close bond before we entered motherhood almost simultaneously. Going through this amazing, life-changing event together brought us even closer.

This year our sons are both preparing to become bar mitzvah, and Isaac (my friend’s son) will be reading from torah this month. I am filled with joy, pride and awe as I think about our two boys reaching this milestone within months of each other. The years have certainly flown by quickly!

For many years, I have had the honor and privilege of studying with young people as they prepare to become bar and bat mitzvah. Watching the children as they grow - not just in stature, but in understanding and discernment - right before my eyes is always a heartwarming endeavor. Each year I have had the privilege of standing by and guiding those who reach bar and bat mitzvah. But it has been just that - standing by.

This year is a little different for me. As I watch family dynamics around preparation and the service itself, I think to myself, “What will my family do?” or, “Will I be the crying mom on the bimah in a few months’ time?” I am no longer an innocent bystander, but a participant in this rite of passage.

When our children become b’nai mitzvah they take on the mantle of “adulthood” in the Jewish community. In this context it means that the children themselves are responsible for performing mitzvot. But bar mitzvah is not just a rite of passage for the child. It is a major lifecycle event for the parents as well.

What a blessing it is to be part of a community where we have the opportunity to celebrate these milestones together.

B’shirah ~ Cantor Shapiro
Two years ago, in a similar article for the Temple Tidings, I spoke about the growth of our preschool. Using an oft-quoted line from the 1989 classic movie, Field of Dreams (“If you build it, [they] will come.”), I praised our Early Childhood Education Director, Liz Sussman, for having expanded our wonderful preschool. In her first year at Temple Sholom, Liz increased enrollment options and flexibility, added classrooms, and opened enrollment to a wider age range for students.

When I wrote that article in December 2011, our preschool had nearly doubled in size from the previous year: from 23 children to 37; from two classrooms to four; from a population of two- to four-year-olds to one that included children as young as ten months. Little did I know that, two years later, our preschool would have nearly doubled in size again!

As of January 2014, there will be 61 children enrolled in the Etta Natalie Rosenblatt Preschool at Temple Sholom. The children range in age from 10 months to five years, and occupy five classrooms, including our new full-day Kindergarten. Our preschool hallways are vibrant, spilling over with the children’s artwork, special projects, and smiling faces. Sixty-one smiling faces.

Which is why, two years later, Liz and the Early Childhood Committee are hoping to do some more building – this time on the playground. When the current playground was originally built, under the direction of Andi Lieberman and with the caring, capable hands of a dedicated group of synagogue members, it was intended to serve 20 to 30 three- and four-year-old children, who would rotate on the playground in shifts. The playground has a rich and important history, beginning as an Eagle Scout project for former synagogue member Martin Doppelt, and including a large piece of equipment donated in loving memory of Temple Sholom member Shari Weiss. Fundraisers have included a tennis tournament and other organized activities to raise money for playground installation and equipment. The playground has amused and catered to the imaginations of many children who have passed through our preschool, allowing them to get much-needed fresh air, physical activity, and free play with friends on a daily basis.

Nonetheless, given that our preschool has nearly tripled in size over the last three years, we are in need of a larger outdoor play space. In October, synagogue members and preschool parents gathered to discuss possibilities for playground expansion. What an exciting project to have on our hands! How wonderful that we have so many young children in our hallways each day that we are in need of more outdoor space in which they can play. More preschoolers equal more potential new members for our vibrant synagogue community. If our preschool is the ‘gateway’ to synagogue membership, then what better way is there to greet our youngest, newest members than with a renovated outdoor play space.

In the coming months, please keep your eyes and ears peeled for information about how the synagogue community can become involved in our playground project. At present, we have been lucky to obtain volunteers with expertise in landscaping and gardening, playground equipment and installation, and fundraising. We can use all the help we can get – so if you or someone you know has knowledge or experience in an area that you think would help us, please contact me (alexisrosenfeld27@gmail.com). We welcome all thoughts and ideas. Let’s keep building together!

~ Alexis Rosenfeld, Board Member

**JazzPhest at Temple Sholom**

Temple Sholom partnered with the Israeli Consulate in Philadelphia in this year’s Philadelphia Israeli JazzPhest. We welcomed hundreds of guests into our sanctuary for Kabbalat Shabbat services, followed by a beautiful and innovative concert by the Mattan Klein Ensemble. The concert featured the music of the great Israeli songwriter, Naomi Shemer. Mattan Klein arranged the songs for his group with the idea of taking Ms. Shemer's melodies and lyrics on a jazz-inspired trip around the globe. Each tune gets treated to a different jazz-inspired groove (i.e., Reggae or Samba) maintaining the integrity of the original music, but bringing new life and inspiration to the music. The group even invited Cantor Shapiro to join them for a couple of songs.

Pictured here are Mika Hary, Cantor Shapiro and Mattan Klein.

Thanks to John Barr for his wonderful photo.
Friends,

This month as we focus on the middah of generosity, I am thinking about the many ways we are all generous to one another, one Temple Sholom member to another, and each of us to our Temple community as a whole.

We are generous with our financial donations, our time, energy, expertise, ideas, friendship and kindness. All these ways of generosity, and many more, are what bring us together and enable us to continue, change, grow and strengthen ourselves as a community. Sometimes we are generous in one way, sometimes in another. Frequently we are generous in several of these ways (sometimes at once and at other times spread throughout time). We all have something to offer one another, and it is this mixture of all these ways that helps us be a community.

As you take a moment to consider the ways in which you are generous (at Temple and elsewhere), please consider the following opportunities to share your generosity with Temple Sholom in Broomall. You may be generous financially to our upcoming Annual Giving/Phone-A-Thon Fundraiser, to any of our special funds in honor or in memory of someone, or to any project or cause that interests you. You may be generous with your time, energy and/or expertise by serving on any of our Temple committees (just a sampling of which include: Building & Grounds/ Temple Beautiful, Security, Education, Inclusivity, Scholar-In-Residence, Budget, PATS, Mitzvah Meals, Membership, Tzedakah, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Hilltoppers). You may be generous with your ideas by communicating your thoughts and comments to the temple staff, clergy and board. You may be generous with your friendship and kindness when you welcome prospective and fellow members alike, when you ask about a fellow member's well-being, and, of course, when doing mitzvot/good deeds.

There are many more ways in which we may be generous with one another and Temple. All our individual gestures of generosity help create the special community that we are.

~ Warmly, Abbey Krain
director@temple-sholom.org

December is a great month to connect and reconnect, to stretch yourself a little, to attend an event with a group you might not have participated in before. Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Women's Spirituality, the Hilltoppers and Conversations with Men all have interesting programs scheduled this month. With the seasonal noise and bustle going on all around, it is the perfect time to find some meaning and feed your mind with some fun of a different sort at Temple Sholom:

December 12 Sisterhood is having a Champagne and Shopping event at the Boutique Wearhouse

December 15 Conversations with Men discusses "Are Science and Spirituality Compatible?"

December 18 Womens' Spirituality: Cantor Shapiro and the middah of Gratitude

December 19 The Hilltoppers have Ruth Jenkin speaking on "my Humorous Journey into Senior Nutrition"

December 25 Join Brotherhood for a viewing of the movie "42" (based on the life of Jackie Robinson) and Chinese food

December 26 Hilltoppers Book Group will be discussing "Emily, Alone" by Stewart O'Nan

Basic Hebrew Class with Rabbi Beth Janus to begin on January 6. To ensure that we have enough students to run the class, please sign up by December 19th.

~ B’shalom, Sandy Cohen
skcohen@temple-sholom.org

AUGUST 17 - 28, 2014 TEMPLE SHOLOM CONGREGATION TRIP TO ISRAEL!
INTERESTED?
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CELEBRATING A SIMCHA?
SHARE IT WITH AN ONEG!

Honor your loved ones and the Temple by sponsoring an Oneg and sharing your special day with us. A birthday, anniversary, baby naming, or marriage blessing are all perfect occasions. Please contact the Temple office at 610-356-5165 or info@temple-sholom.org for details.

SOUL PATH MIDDAH: GENEROSITY

The quote for December is "The Generous Heart Gives Freely."

As we contemplate the middah of Generosity, this month we encourage you to look for some meaningful mitzvah projects to get involved in. Opportunities are listed throughout The Tidings, as well as through many community organizations. The theme of Generosity will be followed by the middah of Gratitude in January.

Our Temple’s Mizrach *

When you enter our Temple's Lobby, take a look to the right down the corridor toward the offices. You will now see at the end of that corridor, on the wall facing you, a well-lit picture representing Jerusalem.

Walk up to it and look closely and you will see that this artwork is made up entirely of tiny Hebrew lettering from the Book of Deuteronomy.

For many years this picture had been submerged among other pictures hanging on the walls of the Temple Annex building.

Thanks to Rabbi Rigler; it is now properly on an east wall of the Temple and is like a focus at the end of a path.

*A mizrach is an ornamental or sacred picture hung on the east wall of a house or synagogue in the direction of Jerusalem toward which Jews face when in prayer; and it is also the eastern wall of a synagogue.
**CONVERSATIONS WITH MEN**
*(A.K.A. MEN’S SPIRITUALITY)*

Sunday, December 15th at 9:30 AM

*Understanding the Torah in Light of Science: Does modern science prove the Torah wrong? How well does the Torah hold up to careful examination?*

We look forward to having you with us.

Join us on Sunday morning in the Rabbi's study to explore the wonders of Torah and Judaism. Come. Check us out. Meet new and old friends. Learn something interesting.

Questions and/or comments? Contact Daniel Endy at daniel.endy@gmail.com.

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**TANAKH STUDY WITH RABBI RIGLER**

Wednesdays

December 4 & 18

at 10:30 AM in the Library

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**INCLUSIVE AND SPECIAL NEEDS FUND – NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR DONORS!**

The Inclusive and Special Needs Committee has established a new fund for donations. Donations to this fund will be used to purchase services, supplies, and equipment to assist congregants, students, and guests in need of accommodations that enable them to participate in the Temple Sholom community.

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The number of people seeking support from food banks is higher than ever, and budget cuts have hurt the food banks’ ability to help all who need it.

What can you do?

- Save the date of March 1 for an evening of musical fun where the cost of admission will be a grocery bag of non-perishable food for a local food bank.
- Volunteer to help with the event. We need help setting up, cleaning up, at the door, doing publicity, sound system, or being an accompanist for the performers.
- Be a baker and help with dessert or snack refreshments for the event. Remember, if we can do this with all donated refreshments, all ticket sale proceeds go directly to the food bank.
- Be a performer. We are looking for home-grown talent to perform vocal, instrumental or comedy acts.

If you can help, please let Laurie Albert know by email at lgalbert@verizon.net.

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**TS DISCUSSION GROUP**

The next meeting of the Temple Sholom Discussion Group will be Sunday, December 22nd at noon at the home of Arline and Warren Lieberman, 408 Hidden Valley Road, Media. Potluck brunch and enlightened conversation will be served.

The topic will be "The Middle East post the Arab Spring; what is next?"

If you want to be on the invitation list send an email to bobnmarians@aol.com or call 610-527-4138. Invitations and RSVPs will go out in early December.
One Family’s Generous Hanukkah Celebration

Hanukkah affords us the ultimate teaching experience in teaching about generosity. Our family is changing the way we celebrate Hanukkah as a family by focusing on giving to those in need instead of giving gifts to each other. We are donating small amounts of money each night after we light our menorah in an effort to teach our daughter Miriam about tzedakah (charity) and tikkun olam (repairing the world). Here are some small ways (31 to be exact - one for each day of December) to have a big impact this holiday season (care of MSN and Glamour Magazine: http://living.msn.com/life-inspired/31-days-of-giving-9):

1) Give lifesaving meds. $5 to www.faceaids.org will give an HIV-positive pregnant woman in Rwanda vital drugs to help prevent transmission of the virus to her baby.

2) Save a pet. A gift of $50 to www.animaladvocatesalliance.org bails a dog or cat out of a high-kill shelter and provides vet care and medicine to help it get healthy for adoption.

3) Teach Gen Next. A full 67 million children worldwide aren’t attending elementary classes today. Just $25 to www.pencilsofpromise.org sends one child to a new school in a developing country for 78 days; $118 covers an entire year.

4) Give the jobless a leg up - with a pair of slacks or other office clothes your guy is no longer wearing. www.careergear.org coaches down-on-their-luck men on how to land a job and loans them the attire to ace the interview.

5) Donate your old cell phone to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (www.ncadv.org), which will refurbish and sell it, then use the proceeds to get survivors back on their feet.

6) Send a teddy bear to the child of a deployed marine. For $25, www.jonathancollins.org gives a plush toy with a voice message recorded by the parent, which will play when the paw is pressed.

7) Pick up the grocery tab for a senior. Some 3.5 million Americans over age 50 don’t have enough to eat; $8 to www.drivetoendhunger.org feeds one of them healthy meals for a day.

8) Protect newborns in India. $50 helps keep nine babies alive with a genius incubator-like invention. Go to www.embraceglobal.org.


10) Provide clean H2O. Your gift of $30 to www.wellsbringhope.org gives one villager in West Africa access to safe water and good sanitation for more than 30 years, drastically reducing child mortality.

11) Inspire the next Taylor Swift. www.fendermusicfoundation.org uses your $50 to give a guitar to a struggling music program, letting 20 kids play through the school year.

12) Play fairy godmother to a teenage girl who can’t afford a prom dress. Donate the old gown gathering dust in your closet (or any special-occasion accessories) to www.princessproject.org.

13) Shop for art’s sake. Heart of Haiti gifts ($10 to $120) at macy’s.com provides steady work for many Haitians.

14) Start a reading chain. Guatemala has the highest illiteracy rate in Central America; $10 to www.readingvillage.org helps pay school fees for rural teen leaders, who in turn teach younger children to read.

15) Clear the air. An estimated 20 million Americans suffer from debilitating asthma, and dirty air can trigger attacks. Any donation to www.cleartheair.edf.org defends our breathing supply from polluters.

16) Coupon for a cause. Here’s a win-win: At http://couponsforacause.blogspot.com/ you get deals on everything from scrapbooks to luxurious spa services, and 20 percent of the site’s proceeds goes to a variety of charities in your community.

17) Help shape a new Egypt. A gift to www.vitalvoices.org will support the Egyptian women who have fought so hard for change, and give them a voice in their country’s future.

18) Make a difference in your zip code. www.volunteermatch.org connects you with ways to improve your neighborhood, like working at a food bank, clowning around with seniors and coaching a girls’ soccer team.


20) Pass on your copy of Twilight and other faves to www.globalliteracyproject.org, which will get books to deprived youth, helping them learn to read.

21) Put sexual abusers behind bars. Your donation to www.equalitynow.org helps provide legal support, counseling and job training to victims pursuing cases against their assailants around the world.


23) Get girls up to speed. Your $50 gift to www.afghaninstituteoflearning.org will allow two Afghan girls to take computer lessons for six months.

24) Stop bullying - for good. Laura and Kirk Smalley lost their tormented son, Ty, 11, to suicide; $25 dollars to www.standforthesilent.org helps them speak to student groups and prevent more deaths.

25) Preserve our precious oceans. Save half a mile from overfishing and pollution with a $38 gift to www.conservation.org.

26) Pay a student’s bus fare. $40 to Olivia Wilde’s www.artistsforpeaceandjustice.org gets a child from the slums of Haiti to a new school for two months.

27) Buy a counseling session for a soldier returning home after serving in Iraq or Afghanistan with your $17 donation to www.giveanhour.org.

28) Care for a chimp orphaned or harmed by hunters or pet sellers. Just $10 to www.janegooodall.org buys 22 pounds of food at the renowned primatologist’s clinic in the Republic of Congo.

29) Help women in war-torn countries start a business: $25 buys one woman a sewing kit so she can earn a living as a tailor. Go to www.womenforwomen.org.

30) Aid a woman while stopping deforestation. $2 to www.greenbeltmovement.org, started by the late Nobel Prize winner Wangari Maathai, pays a disadvantaged gal in Kenya to plant a tree.

31) Get a salad on the table and an at-risk teen on a healthy path. For $25, www.whylunger.org helps needy kids grow produce, both for their family’s fridge and to sell at farmers’ markets.

~ Dina Stonberg and Rich Pickett

Editor’s Note: Many thanks to Dina and Rich for sharing with us the middah of generosity. The above list of world-wide charities is just a small sampling of organizations and worthy groups that need our support. Please take the time this holiday season to reach out and be generous! ~ Hugs, e.
We welcome our Newest Families:
~ The Lenz-Pessin Family ~
Joseph, Tracy, Michael, Jacob & David
~ The Zlotkin Family ~
Sloane, Tara, Max & Ari

Havdalah at Home
The next Havdalah at Home will be on December 7th at the home of Ed and Gloria Kresch in Havertown from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM. A potluck meal and friendship will be shared.

A more formal reminder will come later this month to those on the mailing list. Please contact Bob at bobnmarians@aol.com or call 610-527-4138 to join the invitation list. Everyone is welcome!

Save the Date

Scholar-in-Residence
Welcomes
Rabbi Alan Moinis
Dean of the Mussar Institute
March 21 - 23, 2014

Brotherhood Movie Night and Chinese Food
Join us for our annual December Chinese Dinner and Movie night on the 25th!

Brotherhood will show the movie "42" in the Multipurpose Room.

Please RSVP by December 20th to Brotherhood (brotherhood@temple-sholom.org), if you plan to attend. Our celebrations will start at 5:00 PM on December 25th!

“42” is based on the real life of Jackie Robinson becoming the first African American baseball player to become a major leaguer. It is more than baseball movie. It shows racial issues in post-World War II America.

The movie stars: Chadwick Boseman, Harrison Ford, Nicole Beharle, Christopher Meloni and Lucas Black; with a running time of 128 minutes.

The movie is free. Each of us will order Chinese food from a menu that the Brotherhood will provide and we will pick it up for everyone. You just pay for your own meal order. We will find a good point in the movie for an intermission to eat, relax and talk about the movie.

Please note: This movie is rated PG-13; it has racial themes and profane racial language.

~ Elliot Wunsh, Brotherhood President
Sisterhood’s Holiday Bazaar was a huge success! We had 32 fabulous vendors, great raffles, including a week of restaurant dining, beauty products, and gift certificates from Eddie Bauer, Boutique Wearhouse, Floors USA as well as many other fantastic prizes. Many thanks to all Sisterhood bakers for filling our baked goods table with loads of yummy treats. A heartfelt thank you to Linda Phillips, who chairs our Gift Garden tables, which displayed many wonderful Hanukkah items. Brotherhood provided us with delicious food. Thank you to the Sisterhood women who worked setting up the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 2nd and to those who worked at the Holiday Bazaar on November 3rd. Melissa Fein, who chaired the Bazaar for the first time, did an astounding job of making this year’s event bigger and better than ever before. Thank you so much, Melissa, for going beyond the call of duty to make our Holiday Bazaar so successful.

Last month, Sisterhood hosted a fabulous and informative evening event with guest speaker Lawrence Husick. We learned about the history of privacy in America, the erosion of privacy in the age of the Internet and the future of privacy. Thank you to Lawrence, for this thought provoking discussion, and to Margaret Husick, chairwoman of the evening, and her committee.

Interested in new, different and edgy fashion? Join us for a champagne evening at the Boutique Wearhouse in Newtown Square on Thursday, December 12 where you’ll receive individual personal shopping advice on discount designer clothes. What could be a better way to shop than in the company of friends while sipping champagne? While Sisterhood will receive a portion of your purchases all day on December 12, we hope you’ll join us at the Boutique Wearhouse that evening beginning at 7:00 PM. Many thanks to Lauri Sila and Ellen Covner for co-chairing this event.

Mark your calendars NOW for Wednesday, March 26, 2014, to join other Sisterhood members and Temple Sholom women as we come together with many other women in our community for Matzah Mia 2, a community-wide Women’s Seder to be held at Har Zion in Penn Valley. We can’t wait to share many more exciting details with you as the date approaches. Temple Sholom in Broomall Sisterhood is one of the sponsoring congregations.

The Sisterhood Gift Garden’s December special is on Hanukkah merchandise. Need the perfect gift for that special occasion, why not buy it at Sisterhood’s Gift Garden?

When the Sisterhood Book Club last met, 15 enthusiastic members joined in our book discussion. Our next meeting is on January 9 at 7:30 PM at Stefanie Adams’ house. We will be discussing “The Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls,” by Anton DiSclafani.

Please join us for our Sisterhood Board Meeting on Thursday, December 5 at 7:30 PM in the Temple Library. Our meetings are open to everyone and we value your ideas and suggestions.

The Sisterhood is a great way to become involved Jewishly with Temple Sholom women. Come join us! We also encourage you to check out Sisterhood’s webpage on the Temple’s website at temple-sholom.org to see our yearly calendar and photo gallery!

We look forward to seeing you soon. If you have questions about any of our events or to become involved in Sisterhood, please contact sisterhood@temple-sholom.org or call Donna Hendel at 561-445-0021 or Fran Epstein at 610-789-0784.

Support the Scrip Program by Signing up Today!

All Temple members are encouraged to support the Scrip program to Giant, Acme, Superfresh, and Shoprite Supermarkets. These store cards, as well as CVS, and Starbucks cards, are available in the Temple office and Sundays during Religious School hours. Many other gift cards to Department stores, Specialty shops, and Restaurants can easily be ordered through Nertila in the School Office. Each card is worth its full face value. The flyer with the names of all the gift cards is on our information table in the lobby. Gift cards are especially nice for Holiday gifts or to say 'thank you' or 'I care about you' to someone special. Please call Evie Elias at 610-449-0357, for further information. It’s a Mitzvah to support the Scrip program to benefit the the children in our Religious School.
I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year’s Holiday Bazaar. So many Sisterhood members helped set up, bake, help work the fair and shop!! Special thanks to: Donna Hendel, Fran Epstein, Lisa Schubert, Cindy Meyer, Harriet Schultz Rosenblatt, Linda Hershman, Ellen Covner, Annilee Seitchick, Evalyn Elias, Shirley Birenbaum, Alissa Goodkin, Linda Phillips, Barbara Barr, and our honorary Sisterhood Members: Jim Meyer, Robert Fein, and Steve Hendel.

I also want to thank the many local merchants who provided the wonderful prizes for our raffles and I encourage everyone to patronize them: Applebees, Curtis Schmitt, Krispy Kreme, Floors USA, Neda Couzens Interiors, Bright Lights, Eddie Bauer, Philadelphia Chocolate Tour, Talent Salon, Bravo Pizza, Mike Missinelli, Corporate Sedan Service, Freddy’s Steakburgers, Philly Pops, Chic-fil-a, Jimmy John’s, Belvedere Flowers, leBus, Original Bagel, Boutique Wearhouse, Phil-A-Mignon, 24 Hour Car and Dog Wash.

And of course our wonderful vendors!!!

Join us again on November 2, 2014 - next year’s Holiday Bazaar

Thanks again, Melissa Fein
Holiday Bazaar Chair

On October 17th, Jewish Learning Venture proudly hosted the Sivyum honoring the first cohort of the Jewish Education Technology Fellows, including Temple Sholom’s very own Lori Green and Marla Sones. The Jewish Educational Technology Fellowship equips participants to expand their abilities to incorporate innovative high-impact practices into their teaching.

During the Siyyum, Fellows presented their final projects demonstrating their mastery of the tools and the thoughtful and creative ways in which they are actualizing the potential of technology to enhance congregational education. For more information go to: http://jewishlearningventure.org/engaginginstitutions/edtechfellowship/.

A big "Todah Rabah" (thank you) to all the volunteers who have helped get the Rimon Café off to a great start!

We are still looking for a handful of volunteers to help us in the café during December and January. We need help staffing the Café as well as folks to bring in baked goods (store bought or homemade), fruit, boxed juice, snacks, etc. If you are interested in volunteering or have a suggestion, feel free to call or email Rebecca Parmet at 610-322-4356 or drparmet@gmail.com.
**Mitzvah Meals: Sign Up Online!**

Many of you have already signed up to help with the Mitzvah Meal project, where our congregation prepares and serves a hot meal to hungry people at the Life Center shelter at 63rd and Market. Temple Sholom's turn to participate in this opportunity is the second Tuesday of every even-numbered month.

The next meal is **Tuesday, December 10**. To help, please contact Adam or Robin Weinstein at ab_weinstein@yahoo.com or weinsteinrobin@yahoo.com, to see if help is still needed for this meal.

You may also sign up, if you are reading this online, by clicking here: [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0948A4AE2AA31-life](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0948A4AE2AA31-life). You may use this link to sign up for any future Mitzvah Meal, as well. If you are reading this on paper, you will need to copy the above link into your browser. Or, you can go to "Signupgenius.com" and click on "Find a Sign Up," and then enter the email address of our "Signup Genius Genius," Dina Stonberg, which is dinamph@gmail.com. This will then take you to a place where you can select "Life Center Meals" and sign up for your opportunity to serve.

We look forward to another great year of participation in this important mitzvah.

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**Mitzvah Core Cares!**

Please let us know if you are aware of someone:

- Entering the hospital
- With a new baby
- Death in the family
- Shut-in
- Other

We want to help! Working together we are truly a caring community.

**PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT 610-356-5165**

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**Sisterhood Book Club**

The Sisterhood Book Club would like to thank Jackie Blumberg for being such a gracious hostess for our October meeting and providing delicious treats.

Our next Book is “*The Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls*,” by Anton Disclafani. The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 9th at the home of Steffanie Adams, 1307 Sussex Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096. Her phone number is: 610-642-6402.

RSVP to Lisa Warner alissamgm@aol.com by January 2nd.

About the book:

Weaving provocatively between home and school, the narrative powerfully unfurls the true story behind Thea’s expulsion from her family, but it isn’t long before the mystery of her past is rivaled by the question of how it will shape her future. Part scandalous love story, part heartbreaking family drama, “*The Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls*” is an immersive, transporting page-turner - a vivid, propulsive novel about sex, love, family, money, class, home, and horses, all set against the ominous threat of the Depression - and the major debut of an important new writer.

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**Our Caring Hospice**

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A quick and easy way to honor and/or remember a friend, relative or event is to have one or more trees planted in Israel. Or a donation may be made to help meet Israel's water needs. In either case a lovely certificate is sent to the honoree and/or family. For details and to make arrangements through the Jewish National Fund, please call Shirley Birenbaum at 610-328-2171, or email surabassa@aol.com.

A tree was planted by Liz Mellman in memory of Karen Becker, beloved sister of Roberta Lutton

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The Gift Garden

Featured in December:
All Things Hanukkah Related!

Look for our sidewalk sales throughout the year on Sundays.
Visa and Mastercard accepted for purchases over $25.00.
If you don't see something you like, please ask!

Gift Garden Hours*
Sundays, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Mondays, 6:00 - 8:30 PM
Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:30 PM
Fridays, 9:00 - 9:45 AM

*Hours are subject to change. Please check The Gift Garden door for updates

Learn Basic Hebrew - Last Chance to Sign-up for January Class!

Learn to read Hebrew in 10 weeks! Starting with the Alef-Bet. No previous Hebrew knowledge required.

Rabbi Beth Janus will be teaching a 10 session Basic Hebrew Class.

The class will be held on Monday evenings 7:00 - 8:00 PM at Temple Sholom from January 6, 2014 to March 24, 2014. To ensure that we have enough students, please register by December 19.

Basic Hebrew Cost: $136 for members of Temple Sholom / $218 for non-synagogue members.
Students will be asked to purchase one or two books for the class.

This class will serve as a launching pad for those interested in studying for an adult bar or bat mitzvah at Temple Sholom.
Hello Everyone! Well, ToaSTY is having so much fun this year! In October, we went to Sky Zone with a record setting 17 teens! It was a great night! We did a special Havdalah that was put together by Peri Leavitt and Alison Prager, followed by a night of jumping at Sky Zone in Oaks. It was a truly wonderful evening out with friends, old and new!

Each month I have encouraged our teens to share with the congregation their summer experience by writing a short article. Here is another amazing story for you, this one from Sam Weiner, who also went to Israel with NFTY:

This summer, I embarked on a journey to a land more than 6,800 miles away said by many to be an active war zone along with 63 other Jewish teenagers, half of whom I had never met before. This fabled land that I found myself traveling to was nothing more than a dream to me; a utopia, if you will. I had only ever experienced Israel through readings, Sunday school lessons, and prayer. This should have been a daunting task. However, I cannot say I ever felt even the slightest trepidation when faced with this journey. There was nothing I wanted more than to finally travel to the holy land that so many of my ancestors had fought and died for. I wanted to live it for myself and absorb all that the tiny nation had to offer. As it turned out, it was the single greatest five week period of my short existence.

Every day since returning from this trip, I have been overcome with the sweetest feeling of jubilation coinciding with the most bitter of sorrows. I have not missed a day in which I remember this life-altering trip. I have not missed a day in which I was reminded of these great memories and the friends that I had made, and yet along with these memories comes the stunning realization that I will most likely never be as happy as I was when in Israel. This fills me with the aforementioned jubilance as well as the sorrow. But I do not allow myself to dwell on the latter reality; rather, I choose to rejoice every day in the memories that I have gained and appreciate the opportunity I was given.

After five hours of airport security and waiting in the terminal at JFK, we sat on the tarmac for an additional two hours before finally embarking on the draining 11 hour flight to Prague, Czech Republic. Despite all of the hardships of our rough beginning, there was not a frown to be seen upon our arrival in the beautiful city. For the next four days, we navigated the streets of Prague, exploring the few remaining synagogues as well as the Nazi occupation memorials. The next destination was Poland. I was amazed as we journeyed on foot from the Warsaw Ghetto to Oskar Schindler’s factory and then to the Holocaust Museum. In what became the most impactful experience of the entire trip (as well as my entire life), we entered Auschwitz and trekked through the remnants of the gas chambers, wandered through the barracks, gazed at the torturous facilities. Although this day was especially hard on all of us, we emerged more learned and grateful for the burden. The reward was our arrival in the land flowing with milk and honey: the time for our plane ride to Israel had arrived.

For the duration of the following three weeks, I enjoyed the splendors of Israel. I hiked for four days in the Negev desert, climbed the highest mountain in Israel, floated in the Dead Sea, heckled merchants at the shuck (market), and of course prayed at the Kotel. As a whole, my stay in Israel was magnificent. I was changed by the friends I made, places I went, and memories I now have. I do not think I shall forget these experiences for a long while. My identity as a Jew, student, friend, and son was dismantled and rearranged into its current form. I have learned to appreciate the people whom I get to spend my days with and I have learned to accept the flaws of my peers and elders. I am extremely grateful for my Israel trip and look forward to returning to my homeland someday soon.

~ Sam Weiner, ToaSTY Programming VP

Thank you Sam for sharing your summer experience in Israel! Truly life changing I can tell you! I am beyond excited to see that our youth are really enjoying their Jewish life and experiencing these wonderful, life-changing moments that have been offered to them. Keep them coming!

We’ve got a special evening planned for our next ToaSTY event. Please join ToaSTY on Saturday, December 7th, for our first Shul-In. Spend a fun overnight with your friends! We’ll see you there!

If you have questions, concerns or just want to say hi, please feel free to email me at toasty@temple-sholom.org.

B’Shalom,
~ Joanna Gould, ToaSTY Youth Group Director
DECEMBER PHOTO GALLERY
A Lesson from Menschy on this month’s Middah

December Middah: Generosity

Our middah for December is Generosity. This concept is integral to living a Jewish life and is important to teach our children. Here are three things you can do every day to teach your children about living a generous life using an example of food security/hunger (adapted from the blog Food for the Hungry: http://blog.fh.org/2013/06/three-ways-raise-generous-children):

Watch your language

- Be aware of the way your kids talk about hunger. Find teaching opportunities.
- Avoid using the word “starving” when we feel hungry.
- By pointing out language that trivializes poverty, you can help your whole family to honor the poor.

Create generous moments

- Whenever your children interact with money, look for opportunities to teach generosity.
- It’s important to teach children about money from an early age, whether it’s through a weekly allowance, paying them for chores, or finding other spending and earning experiences.
- Allowance is an opportune time to teach children about deciding to give a portion of their weekly amount for Tzedakah. By choosing to donate some of their weekly allowance, children are learning about generosity. Also, letting them choose their charity will help them own this decision to be generous.

Be the example

- Talk with your children about ways in which you give to others in your daily practice and how you integrate these acts into who you are and what you do.
- Your kids are watching how you spend your money. Every spending opportunity is also a chance to show your kids what generosity looks like.
- Next time you forego buying something you wanted, tell your child about it. Mention that you’d rather give to the poor than have whatever it was that you sacrificed.
Etta Natalie Rosenblatt Preschool at Temple Sholom in Broomall

Pajama Havdalah & Movie Night

Saturday, December 7, 2013
at 5:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room
$10 per family

Join us in your PJs & bring your favorite stuffed animal

Havdalah, Movie & Pizza Dinner for kids
Please RSVP by December 2

Parent café in the lobby

Temple Sholom in Broomall
55 North Church Lane
Broomall, PA 19008
Contact Preschool Office
610-886-2065
As many of you know Temple Sholom’s theme of the year is Middot - values! Driven by our Temple’s Soul Path initiative the middah for December is nedivut - generosity. Our tradition is full of examples of nedivut. In Genesis we learn of Rebekah’s kindness and generosity to Isaac’s servant, Eliezer, by drawing water for him and his camels, and inviting him to her family’s home. In the Book of Exodus God speaks to Moses instructing him “Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart is so moved” (Exodus 25:2). God is asking for gifts to build the Tabernacle. God asks for gifts only from those whose hearts were so moved. When the Israelites built the Golden Calf, they thought only of their personal cares and concerns. Here, God asks them to open their hearts to something greater than what they can see and touch.

Additionally, our holidays and celebrations are overflowing with examples of nedivut. On Purim we offer Shalach Manot – gifts of treats to neighbors and friends. Life cycle events such as birthdays, B’nai Mitzvah, Confirmation and weddings all involve the giving of gifts. And, central to our Jewish tradition, the giving of tzedakah! All of these examples involve the middah of Nedivut - generosity - given freely with a full heart.

Our Rimon program is beginning a new tradition so that all of our children can participate in the middah of nedivut. Introducing the Birthday Bank! Birthdays are a perfect time to reflect on how many blessings there are in our lives and how important it is to share those blessings. At this year’s birthday, ask your child to identify one present that he or she would be willing to give to someone whose family cannot afford to buy them presents. Come with your child to the office of the Education Director to present the gift. During monthly family Shabbat celebrations (the second Friday of every month) a beautiful certificate of appreciation, signed by the clergy, will be presented recognizing your child’s generosity.

Experiencing the Seeds of Rimon

Did you know that our Rimon program isn’t just for our children who attend on Sundays? Rimon also encompasses our Hebrew program, our high school Academy program and our Family Engagement program.

Rimon Hebrew looks very different from Hebrew school in the past. Hebrew now begins in Kindergarten with our youngest children (Kindergarten - 2nd grade) experiencing Hebrew language through entitled, “Hebrew Through Movement.” Just as the name implies our children are learning to speak Hebrew through commands and movement. I am in awe of how much they have already mastered and absorbed! Our third grade children are continuing their learning using “Hebrew Through Movement” and, at the same time, learning the Hebrew Alphabet, vowels and decoding skills.

The weekday Rimon Hebrew program offers six different 45-minute choices of when to attend Hebrew as well as offering small classes. By keeping our classes at five children or less, students receive individual attention and can progress at their own rate. Our faculty and children are doing such an awesome job and we should all be proud.

Seventy-five (plus) strong our 7th - 10th grade Rimon Hebrew Academy draws teens together for friendship and exploration of Jewish topics that reflect our teens’ interest. Modern Israel, Holocaust studies, Jewish Comedy, Modern Midrash, Social Justice, the Arts and Teen Philanthropy are just a few of the topics that our teens explore. Maybe even more important is the community building and friendships that occur when our teens come together to celebrate, share and explore.

Rimon encourages our families to “be Jewish” as a family unit. No longer are families asked to attend a Sunday and create something Jewish. Rimon families participate in our Meyuchad (special) program and are encouraged to go outside of the synagogue walls and participate in any number of Jewish Journeys together. The Greater Philadelphia area offers a rich and robust opportunity to learn about and celebrate everything Jewish. Plays, concerts, art exhibits, museums, historical sights, nature, social action opportunities and so much more are all there just waiting to be enjoyed. Our families are required to participate in four experiences of their choosing and post their family reflections of the experience on a special Meyuchad Family blog.

If you want to see the seeds of Rimon up close and personal, feel free to visit us on Sunday mornings (9:30 - noon), Mondays (4:45 - 8:30) or Tuesdays (4:00 - 5:30) or visit our website at: www.temple-sholom-school.org.

~ Lori Green, Education Director

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**THE HILLTOPPERS**

**Board Meeting**

The Hilltoppers Board will meet on **Thursday, December 5th at 10:30 AM** in the Temple Library. All Hilltoppers members are welcome.

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

On **Thursday, December 19th at 7:30 PM** we will be pleased to welcome our guest speaker, Ruth Jenkin, who will present her witty and charming dialog, "My Humorous Journey into Senior Nutrition."

Ruth is a graduate of the State University of New York, where she earned a BS degree in Education as well as an MS degree in American Literature from City College of New York. After graduation, Ruth spent 12 years teaching in a classroom setting and 25 years as a high school recruiter for the Art Institute.

She has been working for 'Weight Watchers of Philadelphia' for 30 years where she has gained many followers who love to listen to her informative, clever and humorous delivery on the benefits of better nutrition.

The meeting will be followed by a social hour and refreshments will be served. It is free to Hilltoppers members. A $2.00 donation is suggested from nonmembers.

**Book Discussion Group**

**Thursday, December 26th at 1:15 PM** in the Temple Annex. Our book this month will be "Emily, Alone" by Stewart O'Nan. Eleanor Weinberg will facilitate.

**Donations**

Please direct your donations to the Hilltoppers Fund by making checks payable to: “Hilltoppers of Temple Sholom” and mailing them to the Temple. Your donations will be listed in The Temple Tidings.

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**THE HILLTOPPERS**

**Singer/Songwriter Denise Moser Featured At Opening Hilltoppers Event**

Accompanying herself on guitar, Denise Moser enthralled the audience of Hilltoppers members and friends with original songs and lyrics as well as special explanations of her selections. The crowd of nearly 60 listeners just couldn't hear enough of Denise during her concert, even listening carefully to an excerpt of her "flash fiction" from her blog.

Denise, who is a Temple Sholom in Broomall member, and also the choir director and Cantorial Singer at Beth Chaim Reform Congregation in Malvern, featured songs during her concert from her two CDs, "Here Right Now" and "I Believe."

Stalwart Denise Moser fans, as well as all her new fans from this Hilltoppers event, are welcome to follow her on her website www.denisemosermusic.com.

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**Volunteer to Change A Life: Become a Literacy Tutor**

If you have time, talent, and energy, you can make a difference by becoming a volunteer literacy tutor to a Delaware County adult. The Delaware County Literacy Council (DCLC) is offering 10 hours of free tutor training on January 14, 16, 21 and 23, 2014, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at DCLC, 2217 Providence Avenue, Chester, PA 19013. March training dates are also available. Pre-registration and attendance at all training sessions are required. To learn more about this and our other tutoring programs, including math and English as a Second Language, visit [http://www.delcoliteracy.org/](http://www.delcoliteracy.org/) or call Melina at 610-876-4811.
**Women's Spirituality**

As Women's Spirituality continues to journey along the Soul Path; join us on **Wednesday, December 18th at 7:30 PM** in the Temple Library when Cantor Kerith Spencer-Shapiro will lead us as we explore the *middah* of "gratitude."

Gratitude - Awaken to the good and give thanks. From Alan Morinis' book “Everyday Holiness” - the Hebrew term for gratitude is "hakarat hatov," which means literally, "recognize the good." The good is already there. Practicing gratitude means being fully aware of the good that is already yours.

What is good in your life?  
To what and whom should you feel thankful?  
Gratitude does not come easy.  
Blessings can often be disguised.

Meet with Cantor Shapiro on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30 PM as we search for the good that is already there and say thank you for our many blessings.

If you wish to begin your search for gratitude; join us for peaceful, quiet meditation led by one of our members in the Temple sanctuary at 6:25 PM. At the conclusion at 7:15 PM, we will follow our Soul Path as we explore Gratitude - "recognizing the good-saying thank you."

Additionally, please mark your calendars for **January 22, 2014** for our book discussion on "The Dovekeepers" by Alice Hoffman. We will be unraveling the secrets of four mysterious, bold, resourceful and sensuous women who have come to Masada by different paths and each of them are dovekeepers.

All women from Temple Sholom are welcome to join us on Wednesday, December 18th as we explore the *middah* of "gratitude" and our many blessings.

*Women's Spirituality welcomes your donations and thanks you for any contributions that you have made. All funds donated help make it possible for us to invite the knowledgeable scholars who teach us so much.*

~ Linda Tarash

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**Jewish Meditation**

The year is rushing by . . . STOP . . . give yourself the gift of some quiet time for reflection. Take time . . . pause . . . listen to your breath . . . it is always there, but how often do we pay attention to it?

This year, as we journey through the Soul Path, why not plan on joining us in the Temple Annex on a Wednesday morning whenever it is convenient for you. No previous meditation experience is required. You might be surprised what meditation can bring to your busy life and where the journey will take you. The journey can be mysterious, but it can also bring inner joy and peace along the way.

All Temple members are welcome to join our circle in the Temple Annex on Wednesday mornings from 9:25 - 10:15 AM when we meditate on Jewish teachings, chants and prayers. Please help by planning to arrive by 9:25 AM.

**Meditation dates to remember:**

December 4, 11 and 18

When: Wednesdays 9:25 am - 10:15 am  
Where: Temple Sholom Annex

If you plan to share in the meditation experience, please help by arriving by 9:25 am.

We look forward to meditating and sharing time with you. There is always room in our warm and welcoming circle.

Questions? Please contact the Temple Office or call Linda Tarash at 610-446-2101 or linda.tarash@gmail.com.
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  - iPads
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- Laptops

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  Established by the Confirmation Class of 2008 to support Preschool Music Programs.

- **Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund**
  Contributions to this fund will be used at the discretion of our Rabbi.

- **Religious School Education Fund**
  To support programs, special events and materials for education at all levels. Contributions can be earmarked for Women’s Spirituality Group studies at the donor’s discretion.

- **Cantor Kaplan Chair for Sacred Music Endowment**
  To endow the cantorial position at Temple Sholom, ensuring the future of Jewish music in our congregation.

- **Sanctuary Book Fund**
  To defray the cost of purchasing books for our sanctuary. A book plate is placed in each book indicating the donor’s name and the occasion, for a minimum donation of $36.

- **Technology Fund**
  To maintain and improve all aspects of technology, including our new Webcast used by Temple Sholom.

- **Temple Beautiful Fund**
  To improve and maintain the aesthetics of the Temple, including decor, furnishings, grounds and gardens.

- **Tzedakah (Food) Fund**
  To feed the hungry in our community. Contributions are distributed at the close of each fiscal year to outside charities at the discretion of a special Tzedakah committee.

- **Youth Scholarship Fund**
  To send Temple Sholom Youth Group members to National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) sponsored events. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need.

Contributions also may be made directly to the Temple Sholom Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Hilltoppers or Women’s Spirituality.
William Riffkin
father of Marsha Rosenboom
December 7
Anna Fayer
aunt of Loraine Bailie
Roy Glazier
Leon Phillips
father of Linda Phillips
David Schwartz
grandfather of Ilene Berger

December 8
Joseph Babad
grandfather of Barbara Goldstein
Alex Berger
grandson of Irvin & Betty Berger
nephew of Steven & Ilena Berger
Marvin Bogen
brother-in-law of Allan & Diane Jaffe
Reubin Cohen
father of Allan Jaffe
Esther Milchinksky

grandmother of Carl Miller

December 9
Maxine Feldesman
mother-in-law of Sherry Halpern
Minnia Friedman
aunt of Mayer Selekman
Roslyn Garfinelk
mother of Debra Kirsch
Leonard Jacobs
father of Barry Jacobs
Morris Ross
father of Susan Friedman
William Shapiro
father-in-law of Sara Shapiro
Ruthie Silverstein
aunt of Brett Amdor

December 10
Rubin Block
father of Rosalyn Smolinsky
Anna Jenkins
grandmother of Rachel Brococe
Evon Malarek
son of Tim & Stephanie Malarek
Nathan Phillips
uncle of Linda Phillips
Oscar Reiner
grandfather of Steven Querido
Todd David Satell

Mary Stone
mother of Mary Weiner
grandmother of Mollie Plotkin
Sharon Weinberg
cousin of Cynthia Fastman

December 11
Louis Glick
Sylvia Gesoff Thomas
mother of Lisa Pottiger

December 12
Helen Amdur
grandmother of Brett Amdor
Bradford Axelrod
son of Jerome Axelrod
Rose Itzko
mother of Mitchell Itzko
Martin Metoxen
brother of Yvonne Brockman
uncle of Leslie Greenfield
Harrist Perlman
mother of Cheryl Lazzaros

Murray Satell
December 13
Tillie Klein Gooa
mother of Susan Dorfman
Solomon Mellman
father-in-law of Elizabeth Mellman
Morey Wolin
father of Barbara Blinder
Marvin Young
brother of Sara Shapiro

December 14
Joseph Apple
grandfather of Carol Bortoff
Edith Epstein
mother of Rebecca Parmet
Ruth Eskowitz
grandmother of Stacy Rigler
Jules Faktor
brother of Sylvia Oxman
Alice McElroy
mother of Cynthia Verbofsky

Nathan Bender

December 15
Selma Bender
Harry Brown
father of Geraldine Joseph
Grace Rapoport
brother of Lynne Klemper
Arthur Rogosin
father of Phoebe Resnick

December 16
Jacob Cohen
grandfather of Dana Querido
Goldie Goldberg Fastman
mother of Beverly Joie
David Perelman
father of Caryl Gourley
Selma Shandler
father of Michael Shandler

December 17
Marie Garfinel
mother of Julie Lasorsa
Vyla Hays
sister-in-law of Ronald & Nancy Hays
Peter Isaacson
father of Robert Isaacson
Dorothy Ross
aunt of Irene Brodu
Meyer Zamler

December 18
Leslie Groce
Jean Gubkin Brown
grandmother of Judi Brownsoel
Fritzi Scherr
step-sister of Gerri Sassler
Shirley Szabad

December 19
John Fisher
cousin of Frederick Keiner

December 20
Lillian Kirsch
mother of Alan Kirsch
Norma Minsky
Adele Parmet
mother of Daniel Parmet
Frances Solomon
aunt of Carol Jacobs

Wendy Stone
sister of Mary Weiner
aunt of Mollie Plotkin

December 21
Jean Friedman
aunt of Eileen Buckwalter
Betty Reinier
grandmother of Steven Querido
Philip Schecter
uncle of Laurie Burstin-Maxwell
Richard Sork
brother of Lisa Rosenfeldt
Armnd Spilce
step-father of David Smilk

December 22
Philip H. Damsk
father of H. Sue Zackroff
Shirley Grabovos
sister-in-law of Betty Grabovos

December 23
Albert K. Besterman
father of Ardeth Pink
Morris Freedman
father of Reina Robbins
Elliot Levin
father of Kenneth Levin

December 24
Eva Burns
girlfriend of Renee Campion
Martin Goldfish
father of Beverly Cylinder
Christopher Massey
brother of Kent Massey
Edna Strauss
sister-in-law of Elizabeth Meilman

December 25
Dorothy Biederman
grandmother of Susan Miller
Ken Bower
friend of Carol Herman
Max Burns
father of Renee Campion
Mark Gottleib
brother of Harry Gottleib
Fannie Solomon
mother of Louise Schmidt

December 26
Eileen Berger
mother of Merraine Rein
Milton Bricker
grandfather of Jeffrey Toren
David Chinitz
father of Florence Bortnick
Sonia Gladsden
grandmother of Julian Gladsden
Soloy Lubenskaya
grandmother of Ellen Bendentko

December 27
Wilma Barron
aunt of Eileen Fisher
Abe Cohen
father of Steven Cohen
Samuel Fisher
father of Ellen Fisher

December 28
Sonia Bolotsky
mother of Michael Bolotsky
Frieda Brooks
mother of Robert Brooks
David Cooper
husband of Matthew Cooper
Solomon Kaspin
uncle of Barbara Goldstein

Esther Roth
grandmother of Matthew Frankel
Morris Willis
uncle of Loraine Baille

December 29
Milton Cooperstein
father-in-law of Michele Cooperstein
Joyce Dichter
mother of Beth Verman
Samuel Drizin
husband of Barbara Drizin
Jean Fine
mother of Judy Newman
Mary Gladstone
mother of Julian Gladstone
Goldie Neff
mother of Robert Neff
Jack Rein
father of John Rein
Mayer B. Weinstein

December 30
Alexander Cohen
uncle of Elyse Endy
Mark Leman
brother of Charles Leman
David Prager
father of Jay Prager
Freeda Presser
mother of Roni Kozin
Dori Riesenfeld
mother of Mark Riesenfeld
Murray Plotkin
uncle of Pam Haas

December 31
Issak Baskin
brother of Myra Rios
Michael Tenner
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