



*A great miracle happened there.*  
**Happy Chanukah!**

Temple Beth El JCC

**December 2005**

**Cheshvan - Kislev 5766**

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

				<b>1</b> Torah Study 12:30	<b>2</b> Interfaith Family Dinner 6:15pm  Interfaith Shabbat Service 7:30pm  Shofar Deadline	<b>3</b> Minyan, 10am David Goldstein Bar Mitzvah 10:15am
<b>4</b> Jewish A Lot 9:15am Hebrew II 9:30am Basic Judaism 11:15am <b>Children's Book Festival 11-3pm</b> Rosh Chodesh Kislev 7:30pm Temple School	<b>5</b> Games, Etc. Day (Debut Senior Activities Club Event) 1:30-4pm	<b>6</b> Minyan 8am Hadassah Meeting 1pm Meditation Circle 7:30pm  Election Day	<b>7</b> Hebrew School 4pm 7th Grade 7pm Hebrew High 7pm	<b>8</b> Torah Study 12:30 Yiddish Circle 2pm	<b>9</b> Shabbat Service 7:30pm 2nd Grade Oneg Shabbat 8:30pm	<b>10</b> Minyan, 10am  NFTY Fall Inter Weekend
<b>11</b> 4th Grade Family Learning 9am & 10:30am Hebrew I 9:30am Basic Judaism 11:15am <b>Hillel Book &amp; Bake Sale 1-4pm (at Hillel)</b> Temple School	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Minyan 8am Exec Committee Mtg 7:30pm (out) Meditation Circle 7:30pm	<b>14</b> Hebrew School 4pm 7th Grade 7pm Hebrew High 7pm	<b>15</b> Community Forum with John Laird 10:30am Torah Study 12:30pm	<b>16</b> Simcha Preschool Family Holiday Party 6:15pm  Simcha Preschool Shabbat Service 7pm  Shabbat Service 7:30pm	<b>17</b> Minyan 10am
<b>18</b> 6th Gr Family Learning 9am & 10:30am Hebrew II 9:30am Basic Judaism: Beliefs 11:15am Youth Group Chanukah Party 2-5pm Temple School	<b>19</b> Sisterhood Book Group 7:15pm (out)	<b>20</b> Minyan 8am Meditation Circle 7:30pm	<b>21</b>  No Hebrew School No 7th Grade No Hebrew High	<b>22</b> Yiddish Circle 2pm	<b>23</b> Shabbat Service 7:30pm	<b>24</b> Minyan 10am  Christmas Eve
<b>25</b>  First Night Christmas Day No Temple School No Adult Ed	<b>26</b>  Second Night	<b>27</b> Minyan 8am Meditation Circle 7:30pm General Board Mtg 7:30pm  Third Night	<b>28</b>  Fourth Night No Hebrew School No 7th Grade No Hebrew High	<b>29</b>  Fifth Night	<b>30</b> Chanukah Family Service with Youth Choir 7:30pm  Sixth Night	<b>31</b> Minyan 10am  Seventh Night

**Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund**

The following letter is from Rabbi Robert H. Loewy,  
spiritual leader of Congregation Gates of Prayer in Metairie, Louisiana.  
This congregation was a recipient of our Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

*Congregation Gates of Prayer*

October 26, 2005  
23 Tishri 5766

Robert H. Loewy, Rabbi

To: Temple Beth El

Dear Kathy Goldenkranz, Temple President

Our congregation and community are in the midst of recovering from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. While we all know that a storm could have devastating effects, we kept hoping that it would pass us by, as other had done before it. Obviously, our luck ran out.

Many of my congregants have sustained major damage to their homes and businesses. About 50 percent have returned to the area, while others remain away from Greater New Orleans. We estimate that between 10 to 20 percent of the congregation will simply not return. Our building is now being renovated after having to tear out carpeting and sheet rock, and discard furniture. Nonetheless, we began holding regular services the second week of October. Religious school will resume in November.

Thank you for your generous donation to the Gates of Prayer Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Please know that you have my most sincere appreciation...I have been able to use the donations to help countless individuals for a variety of purposes including paying rent, buying medicine, fixing cars, paying bills, purchasing food and clothing and much more. Donations have also enabled me to travel to the various cities where our people are now living and sponsor services, programs and dinners. In addition, they will go to help support the synagogue, which will have difficulty running normal activities while our members are unable to provide their customary support.

We are going to be challenged for quite some time. However, with the support of wonderful people such as you, we will emerge, rebuild and renew our congregation and community.

On behalf of Congregation Gates of Prayer, I am grateful for your support and expressions of caring.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Loewy, Rabbi