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Shabbat Services

- SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, December 2 at 7:30 P.M.**
 5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
 See box below for Birthday Contributors
 6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat
 December Birthday Blessings
- SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, December 3 at 10:30 A.M.**
 Torah Portion “Toldot”
- SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, December 9 at 7:30 P.M.**
 6:00 P.M. Shalom Shabbat
 7:30 P.M. Erev Shabbat services with Koleynu
- SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, December 10 at 10:30 A.M.**
 Bat Mitzvah of Grace Murphy
 Daughter of Susan Derex and Jerry Murphy
 Torah Portion “Vayeitzei”
- SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, December 16***
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- SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, December 23 at 7:30 P.M.**
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 See box below for Birthday Contributors
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- SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, January 13 at 7:30 P.M.**
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 Guest speaker: Author, Michal Lemberger
- SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, January 14 at 10:30 A.M.**
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- SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, January 21 at 10:30 A.M.**
 Torah Portion “Shemot”
- SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, January 27 at 7:30 P.M.**
- SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, January 28 at 10:30 A.M.**
 Rosh Chodesh Shevat
 Torah Portion “Vaera”

*Please note time



Rabbi's Column

As 2016 draws to a close and as we begin 2017, we should pause to reflect. This is the season of winter holiday celebrations in accordance with many different traditions. We ought to remember that the message of those holidays should inspire us not to focus on the tangible gifts that we get as much as we focus on the gifts we have been given. This season ought to inspire us to feel and to express gratitude and to look for ways of helping those who have less than we have.

As 2016 draws to a close and as we begin 2017, we also begin a new era in our country. In the coming months we will need to articulate clearly our expectations that our national leaders understand themselves to be the leaders of all citizens, not only those who agree with them. We will need to be vigilant, and to speak up proudly and with confidence to defend the values of equality and justice that are the hallmarks of our American democracy. In his acceptance speech, President-Elect Donald Trump spoke about wanting to unite the country and to end the divisiveness that so strongly characterized the presidential campaign. We must hold him to his word. We must make sure that he understands that words matter and that symbols matter even as deeds matter. We must make sure that he understands that leadership calls for reasoned deliberation and for the protection of the rights of the minority as well as the privileges of the majority.

This season and this coming New Year 2017 ought also to be a time for us to reach out beyond our own communities – especially to those who feel most vulnerable. Just as our biblical prophets demanded that we take up the cause of the hungry and the homeless and the powerless and the downtrodden, so we must take up the cause of the powerless in our own day. Just as the Torah reminds us to love the stranger because we were strangers in the land of Egypt, so we must reach out in our own day to those who are “strangers,” all who are denied access or discriminated against because of the color of their skin, or their country of origin, or their religion, or their sexual orientation, or their ethnicity because we know the heart of the stranger. Just as the Maccabees fought for the freedom of religious expression, so in our own day we must fight to preserve the freedoms articulated in our country’s Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by our Constitution.

Let us speak up and tell our leaders what we expect of them: to administer all affairs of state with justice, honesty, and integrity, so that our nation may be filled with peace and security, freedom, and prosperity, and be an example of righteousness and compassion to all the world; to unite all the inhabitants of our country, whatever their origin or creed; to banish hatred and bigotry from our land. And let us remember our own responsibility to deepen our love for our country and our desire to serve it; to uphold its good name by our own right conduct; and to see clearly that the well-being of our nation is in the hands of all its citizens. Then our nation will be an influence for good and an emblem for peace and freedom throughout the world.

Michael A. Weinberg

LIK RAT SHABBAT

We would like to thank Carl Lieberman, Vera Rubin, Beth Sair, and Susan Zoline who made donations for the Likrat Shabbat on December 2 in honor of their **December** birthdays. We would like to thank Harriet Arons, Ernst Heimann, and Gary Zimmerman who made donations for the Likrat Shabbat on January 6 in honor of their **January** birthdays. We would also like to thank Lillian Rubenstein for her donation in honor of her **November** birthday.

IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

MAZEL TOV TO:

Marty Rabinovitz on the birth of his new grandson Jay Rabinovitz, son of Diana Huang and Dan Rabinovitz.

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY:

The following Temple members are recovering from recent illness or surgery: *Joyce Gartzman, Ian Pritzker, Sue Schneider, and Ken Weine.* We wish them all a speedy recovery.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

The Wenger and Rothman Families want to wish our loving "Oma" Lina Wenger a wonderful special 100th birthday.

She escaped the horrors of Germany in the late 1930s, met her husband Joe in the 40s, settled in Hyde Park and worked six days a week at the family laundry, moved to Rogers Park in the 70s and worked her way up the ladder to be the head restaurant manager at Marshall Fields. And, with all of this, she still has had time to being a wonderful, caring mother, Oma, and great-grandmother to Hailey, Ryan, and Lily. Believe it or not, she is still living on her own.

The Rothmans (since the 50s) and the Wengers (since the 70s) are honored to be part of the Temple Beth Israel family and would like to thank Rabbi Weinberg and the entire TBI community for being such an important part of Oma's personal and spiritual life.



PERSONALIZED INVITATIONS AND CARDS

Do you have a *simcha* coming up? Are you planning to send cards for the holidays? Is there an announcement you or your company would like to share? Sisterhood offers high quality personalized invitations and cards at discounted prices. Elaine Berger can help you meet your needs. Please contact her at ejk99@aol.com or 847-677-8737.

CELEBRATE YOUR SIMCHAS AT TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

Being a member of Temple Beth Israel is like being part of a large family. When a family *simcha* occurs, such as a special anniversary, birthday, baby naming, *aufruf* or Bar/Bat Mitzvah, your friends at TBI would love to celebrate with you and help make your celebration a success. Plan to mark your special occasion by hosting a Friday night Oneg, and let the Catering committee make sure every detail is perfect. You can also help celebrate other *simchas* by volunteering your time to work with the catering committee.

To schedule a date and make arrangements for your *simcha* or to volunteer your time to help others celebrate, please contact Linda Lewison (847.677.9369), Judy Kemp (847.475.5569) or Marcia Satyr (847.679.8673).

All profits from Catering events are donated to the congregation to support programming and daily operations.

FROM THE PRESIDENT COMMUNITY/ DEPENDING ON ONE ANOTHER

By Linda Perlin



It has been 2 months since our daughter was married. I have gained enough perspective to look back on this fabulous wedding weekend and what it meant to our family. As with any complicated event requiring the coordination of many parts, we experienced a few obstacles during the weeks leading up to it. Through perseverance, hope, creativity, and the professionalism of others, we overcame these impediments. In the end, the weather was perfect, the bride was stunning, all of the details perfectly fell into place, and it was an amazing experience. We celebrated with friends and family, both near and far, those we see every week and those we see only once a decade. The amount of love and warmth that all of us felt during the weekend, and especially on the wedding day, was truly priceless. It is hard to express properly the feeling of support within our community.

Someone I know experienced a temporary disability a few months ago. She is fairly young, has 3 young children and a husband who travels for work months at a time. She works full time and depends on her parents and a sitter to help take care of her children. She was debilitated by a back issue for several weeks. Unfortunately, she lacked the support of a community to ease her burden and pain. Instead she had to rely on her parents for cooking, shopping, and shuttling her children to their activities. It made me think about the support many in our own community so willingly give to those of us in times of our need. We have people who cook, run errands, transport children, and provide companionship. This network creates the comfort of being able to rely on a community.

An integral and perennial part of our being able to worship together during the High Holidays in October was the hard work of dedicated volunteers. Heading up this team were Carol Barrington and Judy Kemp, attending to every last detail including ushers, participants in the services, furniture movers, and many others. I thank each of you for your help and participation. This is a feeling of community.

October also brought post-season baseball. The Chicago Cubs brought us emotional highs and lows with each game. I was fortunate to be able to attend several games, including a World Series game, something I didn't think I would ever be able to do. Certainly a year ago I never imagined that 2016 would be THE YEAR. I attend many games every year, but none have made me feel the way the World Series did. The crowd connected by some electric energy, stood for most of the game, and never lost hope. Everyone witnessed the first pitch and stayed until the very last pitch. Watching the last game at home was enough to cause a panic disorder in someone not previously afflicted. But unbelievably and with appropriately unparalleled drama, the Cubs prevailed and were baseball's (and maybe everybody's) World Champions for the first time in over 100 years. Reveling in the magnitude of the Cubs accomplishment, I was compelled to attend the Parade. There was a sea of Cubby blue everywhere; it seemed for that moment everyone in the world was a Cubs fan. I felt a kinship, a sense of community, with millions of other Cubs fans. It is hard to imagine the sense of community the players experienced battling through the World Series, knowing the unconditional love and support of the fans. (As many of you may know, Steve Goodman, writer and performer of "Go Cubs Go" was a product of our own TBI Religious School.)

A few weeks ago we had our fall fundraiser; we decided to go out of our comfort zone and put the "fun" in fundraiser. The *Bowling for Shekels* event, held at Wilmette Bowl, was an idea developed by Michael Lorge. There was some concern about how this event would be received. Who would sign up to bowl, eat pizza, and spend time with fellow congregants at a bowling alley on a Saturday night? A lot of folks, it turns out! The creativity and hard work of Michael Lorge, Jeff Dorfman, Neal Gussis, and Amber Wood turned this into an event that was not only financially successful, but also received rave reviews from the participants. We enjoyed each other's company while talking, bowling, eating, and just being together. This, of course, was a very satisfying feeling of community.

As I think back about the wedding, the baseball championship, the fundraising event, and the High Holidays, I think about the support and love each of us experiences from the communities that form parts of our lives.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING



Adult learning is a strong priority at Temple Beth Israel. January and February are rich with opportunities for increasing knowledge about several disparate and unique topics.

Souper Study begins on Monday, January 16th as we kick off a series of 3 evenings of learning with local scholars on the topics of the Hebrew bible, the Dreyfus Affair, and the role of censorship in Russia. Each evening brings a different soup (always with vegetarian

options), salad, and more. The 3 evenings are \$25 as a package, or \$10 each. Reservations are required. There is a flyer in this bulletin to make it easy for everyone.

Havdalah and a Movie is another way we get through the winter months at TBI. This year's offerings are *Dough* on January 7th preceded by a delicious deli dinner and *Race* on February 4th after a pizza dinner. Each evening is \$10 including dinner. Invite friends and join us for these two compelling films.

The **Sunday Morning Seminars** continue on January 15th with scholar in TBI member, Rabbi Herbert Bronstein speaking on *The Kaddish: Its Real Meaning and Purpose*. This will be followed by our March 19th seminar led by Rabbi Weinberg on *How to Lead a Shiva Minyan*.

For the readers out there, we will welcome Michal Lemberger to our Friday evening service on January 13th when she will speak on her new book, *After Abel*.

There is truly something for everyone to inspire us, teach us, and help us grow in Jewish learning and living in these next few months. I look forward to sharing these experiences with you.

B'Shalom,
Lori B. Sagarin

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF FIFTH GRADERS!

If you have a child who is currently in the 5th grade and would like to select a Bar/Bat Mitzvah date for 2018 – 2019, please contact the TBI office or notify Rabbi Weinberg by Tuesday, December 6th. There will be a one-hour preliminary orientation meeting for students and parents on Wednesday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m. at the Temple.

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

By Helene Levine, Vice President of Member Services

The TBI Membership Committee encourages our community to share the names of their friends, family, business associates, etc. who are not affiliated with a congregation and are interested in learning more about Temple Beth Israel. The following are the names of 6 new member households that have become part of our TBI community in October and November of 2016. Please feel free to contact Helene Levine skokie31@comcast.net or Fran Meyer at franfoxmeyer@hotmail.com if you have names of households that would like to learn more about becoming a TBI member household.

- Elizabeth Kline and Harry Bauer III
- Libby and Andrew Beider
- Debra and David Berk and Samantha (7) and Ella (4)
- Danielle Perlin and Ross Good
- Scott Resnick and Rebecca Pollack and Felicity (4) and Owen (8 months)
- Jessica Kirsch and Michael Rowe



VISIT OUR LIBRARY

Come and visit the Cohn Library located on the lower level. Take time browsing through our wonderful collection then check out your selections. You will be glad you did!

THE BRASS TZEDAKAH BOX OF ALBANY PARK

By Michael M. Lorge

Once it was one of the first things a person would encounter when entering the original Temple Beth Israel school building at Bernard and Ainslie streets in Chicago. You would come into the 4-story building with its tall hallway and painted steel staircase, past the display case of activities, and before you turned right into the Temple office or left to go up the stairs, there, in front of you, was the grand looking *tzedakah* box mounted in the wall. Children would put money into it on their way up the stairs to class, wondering how the money was ever taken out of the wall. Adults would put money into it on their way to the small assembly hall for a class or meeting. The sound of change clunking into the box would echo in the cavernous hallway and every few days the door on the front of the *tzedakah* box would be opened and the box would be emptied.

It was one of the last items we grabbed when we vacated the Albany Park building at 4850 N. Bernard Street. Not because we had a destined use for it, but because we should not leave behind such a symbol or Jewish life. It had been given to the Temple as a gift in honor of its rabbi who challenged the congregation to a prophetic message of action and giving. No matter what our circumstances, we must act to help others. And Rabbi Lorge liked the idea that, when the *tzedakah* box was emptied, no one knew who had given and those who had given did not know who would benefit from their gift; one of the highest forms of *tzedakah* in Jewish tradition.

Unlike many items that immediately found a home in our Dempster Street building from the original Temple Beth Israel, somehow this *tzedakah* box never found a spot for itself when TBI moved from Albany Park. The brass *tzedakah* box with its broken door managed to survive the move from Albany Park to the TBI Howard and Crawford Street building in 1983, the move into the Dempster Street building in 1987, the Temple flood of 1989, and the risk of simply getting lost on a shelf for almost 20 years in the storage room at Dempster Street.

Then something changed. When discussing the old Albany Park building during TBI's 90th year celebration we began to recall and describe the old building. People remembered the famous *tzedakah* box in the hall and it was found in the storeroom. But while the memory of it was bright, the actual box was tarnished and the door broken. But a congregant took the *tzedakah* box to be stripped, cleaned, and repaired. What came back was a beautiful, shiny, brass *tzedakah* box that catches one's eye and calls out, "Please drop in some *tzedakah* so I can help people in need again!" If it is possible for an object to know its purpose, then our *tzedakah* box still remembers its mission: to draw children and adults near to deposit their change without knowing exactly who will benefit.

So, this grand, beautiful, restored *tzedakah* box was placed right next to the sanctuary doors for everyone to see. Please join us as we fill it and use it. Strange, that after sitting dormant in storage for over 25 years, it was returned to service in the life of our proud congregation, steeped in the message of social justice, in some of the most difficult times of national financial distress. We promise it will be emptied and the money will not be stuck in the wall. Give it a try!



ATTENTION JOURNALISTS AND ASPIRING JOURNALISTS!



Reminder: Material for the bulletin is due electronically to Barbara Seaver at Bulletin@TBISkokie.org on the 10th of the month prior to publication. If you do not have access to a computer, please submit paper copy to the Temple office by the 7th of the month prior to publication so that it can be transcribed and sent by the 10th. The deadline for the February bulletin is January 10. *Please note that there won't be a January bulletin.*



CHAI NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



In these days following the election, many of you have expressed your grave disappointment, angst, and fear. I share your feelings and your concerns over the fate of our nation. I have felt an ache in my gut that grows with each day as we hear accounts of hate crimes, the defacing of property with swastikas, and increase of fear for personal safety. The ache in my gut has evolved to a burning fury, a need to rise up and speak out. More than ever, I have found myself seeking opportunities to support my neighbor and welcome the stranger. I will do whatever is within my power to speak out against injustice, hatred, and bigotry. In these challenging times, I urge you to channel your feelings into action.

I applaud Jewish organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, and our own Reform Movement's Religious Action Center who have set an example. At Temple Beth Israel there are many ways to become involved in fighting injustice: become a part of the Social Action Council; volunteer at the Soup Kitchen, *Maot Chitim* or the Ark; donate coats for the Coat Drive; or give blood.

I also strongly believe that our work towards combatting injustice must begin at home. As a parent of young children, I think it is critical to teach our children to love not to hate, to be tolerant, and to stand up for anyone around them who they see being bullied. It is important to teach our children not to be color-blind but to embrace every person's uniqueness. This is a time to teach by example, not only to volunteer and speak out, but to encourage every member of our families to do so as well.

Whatever your feelings or political leanings, I challenge the members of Temple Beth Israel not to stand idly by in the face of injustice. Speak out; make yourself heard; listen; and work for *Tikkun Olam*, the repair of our world. *Tzedek, tzedek tirdof* – Justice, justice shall you pursue.

Joy & Blessings,
Marla Aviva Bentley

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Chanukah is magical this year.

Join Brotherhood for the TBI Chanukah party on Sunday, December 18th at 11:00 as we enjoy lunch and are amazed by the magic of Mike McDonald. An event for all ages, Mike will first perform in the sanctuary and then go from table-to-table during the delicious lunch that will be highlighted by Bruce Crane's magical latkes. Watch future e-blasts for more details.

Family fun will continue on Sunday, January 15th at 3:00 p.m. as Brotherhood goes bowling. On the eve of Martin Luther King Day, this will be a nice way to wind your kids up so that they sleep well into the following day off from school. Please watch future e-blasts for details.

Are you looking for a magical holiday gift for yourself or that special someone? I suggest Chad Harbach's *The Art of Fielding* – a baseball-themed book that is about much more than baseball. On Sunday February 5th, Mike Swartzman will lead a discussion about this book. The event is open to all and will begin with a lox and bagel brunch at 9:00.

Happy Chanukah.

David Levinson
Brotherhood President

UPCOMING BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

- December 18, 11:00 a.m. Chanukah Party
- January 10, 7:00 p.m. Brotherhood Board Meeting
- January 15, 3:00 p.m. Family Bowling
- January 29, 9:00 a.m. Brunch and Open Meeting
- February 5, 9:00 a.m. Brunch and Book Discussion
– *The Art of Fielding*
- February 9, 6:30 p.m. Dinner Out
- February 25, 6:30 p.m. An acapella evening with
The Cat's Pajamas

VETERANS DAY – 2016

By Ernst Heimann

These words are excerpted from the sermon presented on erev Shabbat on November 11, 2016.

Here we are on Friday, November 11, 2016 observing Veterans Day.

Why and for what reasons? Obviously, we are here to honor our Veterans; but what is the difference between this and Memorial Day? Memorial Day honors those who died while serving in our Armed Forces. Veterans Day honors all those who served in our Armed Services. Veterans Day was originally Armistice Day, observed to mark the end of World War I on the day that major hostilities ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 and it now honors all veterans who served in our Armed Forces.

But let me get to what I consider most important to reflect upon on Veterans Day. Yes, it is important to honor our veterans, but also let us consider the origin of the day, the end of World War I. The victors were very hopeful that it was the war to end all wars. On November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson addressed the nation expressing the following sentiments. The end of hostilities a year ago

gave the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new more just set of international relations..... To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those that died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show sympathy with peace and justice in the council of nations.

Unfortunately, World War II showed us that we did not accomplish

these lofty goals and we again lost millions and millions of lives. There is, however, a glimmer of hope that we have learned something from past experiences, as indicated by events since the end of World War II. Now the primary challenges are from various dictators, splinter factions, religious fanatics, and tribal groups. So far these challenges have not resulted in another World War.

But back to Armistice/Veterans Day. It took Congress until June 4, 1926 to adopt a resolution, requesting President Calvin Coolidge to issue annual proclamations calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. On May 13, 1938 Congress finally approved an Act making the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday: "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'."

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower supported the idea of National Veterans Day, and Weeks led the first national celebration in 1947 in Alabama and annually until his death in 1985. It took Congress until 1954 to enact a bill establishing the holiday and it was President Dwight Eisenhower who signed it into law on May 26, 1954. Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice Day" with "Veterans Day," as it has been known ever since.

So now that we know the historical perspective of this day, let us honor our veterans and let us pray for the fulfillment of the lofty goals expressed at the end of World War I with the words from Isaiah 2:4 "That Nation shall not take up sword against nation; they shall never again know war."

Ken y'hi ratzon

SISTERHOOD NEWS WRJ MIDWEST DISTRICT CONVENTION

On a beautiful fall weekend at the end of October, we attended the WRJ Midwest District Convention held at the Doubletree Suites in Downers Grove, IL. We reached out to two women who had leadership roles, a first-time attendee, and our Woman of Valor to get their perspectives on the weekend. This is what they shared with us.



Linn Ullenbrauck – Convention Co-Chair:

Two years ago I was asked to serve as convention co-chair; I was responsible for the marketing and communications. 125 women from eight states representing twenty-eight sisterhoods or women's groups attended the convention. Sisterhood TBI was very well represented. At the Kavod luncheon, our sisterhood was thrilled to learn that we had two first place winning projects for the Rhoda Hauptman Memorial Award for Excellence. We also honored our Woman of Valor, Alyce Heman. Planning and coordinating all aspects of this convention took a village; all the behind the scene details were handled smoothly. I am thankful and blessed to be part of this magnificent sisterhood and have much appreciation for everyone who volunteered their time to make this convention a success.

Joanne Merritt – Co-Chair of Volunteers:

When first asked to take on my role I thought it would be a fairly easy and straight forward commitment. Not necessarily the case. In August 2015 when we started, my co-chairs and I thought we just needed to find folks for the registration table and greeters for the workshops and meals. As we got closer to the event, our jobs evolved as the number of roles we had to fill increased. I discovered that people really want to step up to help. Most of the TBI participants signed on to help; three of our members came to volunteer even though they were not registered attendees. We realized that it takes the work of many hands to ensure a successful event. Although I spent most of the weekend volunteering myself and did not actually attend many of the workshops, by helping to get the Convention off the ground, I walked away with a much more meaningful experience than I remember having at previous events. I got to meet and bond with many women who I only knew by name in the past. I discovered that helping, volunteering, and pitching in really do enhance your experience. I will certainly do it again next time.

Alyce Heman – Woman of Valor:

By any measure, the WRJ Midwest Convention was a huge success. Everything was seamlessly organized, workshops were interesting, worship services were inspiring, installation of the new board was very well done, and the entertainment Saturday evening was a smash. At that point some of us really didn't want the day to end, so we played Mah Jongg until 1:00 am! What was different about this convention, for me, was seeing my Sisterhood through my children's eyes. Because my sisters had chosen to honor me with the Woman of Valor Award this year, I invited my children to the luncheon on Saturday at which this award was presented. I think they were somewhat overwhelmed seeing these women in action, the regard we have for one another and how many schlepped to the Doubletree in Downers Grove to share this special moment. I had feared they would be totally bored, but instead heard them thank me several times for allowing them to come and be a part of it. Who knew?

Karen Weine – Convention First Timer:

I admit I was skeptical at first, but as the weekend progressed I realized how much I learned about WRJ and the wonderful things they do. My favorite event was the Saturday morning service. It was very inspiring and truly spoke to me. Most of all I enjoyed being with my TBI sisters for a weekend of bonding and Maj playing.

The pièce de résistance was when our Sisterhood won first place Rhoda Hauptman Memorial awards for two of our programs. The first one was for our membership program *Sweat, Sip, and Snack* and the other was for our *Fighting Sex Trafficking- A Jewish Response* program.

Convention was a wonderful experience; networking, eating, laughing, praying, and of course attending enlightening and enriching convention sessions. It went by too fast and ended too quickly, which is what happens when you are having a great time.

Jane Page and Sheila Rosenfeld
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

SISTERHOOD ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Jessica and Michael Hornick 1/4/2003
Linda and Barry Lewison 1/26/1969
Marlene and Chuck White 1/20/1989

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Leah Beth Ostrar 1/2
Kathy Kirn 1/3
Rochelle Berne 1/6
Cheryl Manilow 1/6
Paula Hyman 1/7
Peggy Fiala 1/10
Sylvia Arnold 1/14
Lorri Fishman 1/16
Marilyn Sklair 1/16
Linda Lewison 1/17
Lisa Gelfond 1/20
Harriet Arons 1/21
Rozanne Epstein 1/21
Amber Wood 1/21
Alice Solovy 1/24
Gale Nudelman 1/25

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara and Sandy Alper 2/2/1969
Minna and Marvin Einhorn 2/8/1959
Rita and Allen Pomerance 2/14/1971
Anne Richtman-Kaplan and Bob Kaplan 2/20/1983
Nadine and Stephen Meltz 2/26/1966

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jean Freeman 2/4
Sandra Terman 2/6
Laura Cooper 2/7
Joyce Gartzman 2/8
Bonnie Gorelick 2/11
Barbara Alper 2/13
Clarisse Irwin 2/16
Nadine Meltz 2/17
Ina Hill 2/18
Suzanne Sherman 2/18
Karen Nolan 2/23
Dawn Strauss 2/23
Rachel Willens 2/24
Lotus Greene 2/26

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THE SISTERHOOD EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Sisterhood Evening Book Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the TBI Cohn Library when we will discuss *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. This novel tells the story of two sisters separated by years, experience, ideals, passion, and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path to survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied war-torn France. New members are welcome. The book is available at the public library. Please RSVP to Linda Crohn, evportia@aol.com or Jane Page, janepage67@gmail.com.



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to the Temple Beth Israel Family

Baruch Atah Adonai
Eloheinu Melech Haolam
Asher Kidshanu B'mitzvotav
V'tzivanu L'hadlik Ner Shel
Chanukah.

Praised are You, Adonai our
God, Sovereign of the
universe, Who hallows us with
mitzvot, commanding us to
kindle the Chanukah lights.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך
העולם, אשר קדשנו
במצותיו, וצונו להדליק
נר של חנוכה.

Baruch Atah Adonai
Eloheinu Melech Haolam,
Sheasa Nissim L'avoteinu
Bayamim Hahem Bazman
Hazeh.

Praised are You, Adonai our
God, Sovereign of the
universe, Who performed
wondrous deeds for our
ancestors in days of old at this
season.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך
העולם, שעשה נסים
לאבותינו בימים ההם
בזמן הזה.

First night only:

Baruch Atah Adonai
Eloheinu Melech Haolam
Shehechyanu V'kimanu
V'higyanu Lazman Hazeh.

Praised are You, Adonai our
God, Sovereign of the
universe, for giving us life, for
sustaining us, and for enabling
us to reach this season.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך
העולם, שהחיינו וקימנו
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Only in the crazy sports town of Chicago, Illinois could such a quintessential event occur. It was the fall event people would talk about forever. In fact, for many there was no other sporting event in history quite like it. Some of the players who walked into that fateful night had been in the game for years and some of the most exciting players were rookies, but they came to be part of the team and win the night. We are talking about *TBI Bowling for Shekels* that was held November 5, 2016. Teams bowled for points while we raised money for TBI. 100 people attended and everyone had a great time. We want to thank our sponsors:

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