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Shabbat Services

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, May 5***

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, May 6 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion “Achare Mot – Kedushim”

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, May 12 at 7:30 P.M.**

6:00 P.M. Shalom Shabbat
7:30 P.M. Erev Shabbat Services with Koleynu
Conversation about Israel with Rabbi Weinberg
at Oneg Shabbat

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, May 13 at 10:30 A.M.**

Bat Mitzvah of Cooper Dace Choldin
Daughter of Mary Tax Choldin and Tina Dace
Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Kimmel-Choldin
Daughter of KateTax Choldin and Lauren Kimmel
Torah Portion “Emor”

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, May 19 at 7:30 P.M.**

7:30 P.M. Erev Shabbat Services
Confirmation

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, May 20 at 10:30 A.M.**

Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Novak
Daughter of Cyndy and Brian Novak
Torah Portion “Behar – Bechukotai”

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, May 26 at 7:30 P.M.**

7:30 P.M. Erev Shabbat Services
Installation and Consecration of Temple Board.
Sisterhood Board, Brotherhood Board

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, May 27 at 10:30 A.M.**

Bat Mitzvah of Noa Shimovich
Daughter of Dana Rhodes and Benny Shimovich
Torah Portion “Bamidbar”

*Please note time

LIK RAT SHABBAT

We would like to thank Pam Lavine, Cynthia Miller, Doris Simon, John Smyth, Jr., and Rabbi Michael Weinberg who made donations for the Likrat Shabbat on May 5 in honor of their **May** birthdays. We would also like to thank Johanna Fine and Joanne Merritt who made donations in honor of their April birthdays.



Rabbi's Column

On Tuesday May 2nd we will celebrate the 69th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel. Here at TBI, that occasion will be marked on that day at 7:30 p.m, with a festive program produced and presented by Koleynu – our TBI adult choir – including poetry and song and followed by a dessert reception.

While TBI is celebrating here in Skokie, I will be celebrating on the streets of Tel Aviv - along with a group of TBI members who are participating in our TBI Journey to Israel. Over the course of nearly two weeks we will traverse the land, see the sights, study with some of the scholars, and meet many of the people of Israel. On our journey, we will learn of Israel's greatness and of its challenges.

I would like to invite you to a conversation about Israel in honor of its 69th birthday on Friday evening May 12 at the Oneg Shabbat following our 7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat services. I will report on what we learned on our journey and we will discuss together how American Reform Zionism, together with our Israeli Reform Movement, might help Israel meet some of its challenges and build on some of its opportunities. I hope that you will join me.

Michael A. Weinberg



Many thanks to these creative, innovative, and very hard-working Gala chairs and their committees for an amazing evening in April 22.



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!

IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

MAZEL TOV TO:

Sherrel Titlebaum on the birth of granddaughter, Leahallen Darmoni.

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY:

The following Temple member is recovering from recent illness: *Arnie Lev*. We wish him a speedy recovery.

CONDOLENCES:

We note with sorrow the passing of Steven Klein, father of *Abby Murray*; Robert Feinberg, father of *Cyndy Novak*. May their memories be a blessing.

CONGREGATIONAL THANKS:

Dear TBI extended family:

I recently reread all of the cards that I have received from you, after an 18-wheeler and I somehow made contact which resulted in numerous fractures from head to pelvis, my car being totaled (very unimportant), and being comatose in the emergency room, hospital, and then being transferred to a trauma center, and then finally for 3 months to a rehab center. I was very touched by your concern for me and all the personal wishes for my recovery. I am healing physically, but the emotional scars are still with me. Your words of hope, and many references to my resilience, were certainly helpful, and reinforced my motivation to work as hard as I could to regain some of my previous strength.

Thanks again for your concern and your faith in my ability to heal both physically and mentally.

I mentioned rereading the cards that I received, but I also appreciated the phone calls and e-mails I received.

I continue to say "Thank you God for being alive."

— Lee Schur

We appreciate all of the support given to our family following the loss of Steven Klein, father of Abby Murray (Jim) and grandfather of Ellen and Jacob Murray. Thank you for the cards, calls, visits, and donations. These acts of loving kindness provided such strength and help to carry us through this difficult time.

— Abby Murray and family

SECOND NIGHT SEDER THANK YOU

Thank you to the Second Night Seder Committee for all your enthusiastic help creating a successful and meaningful congregational community event! The matzo balls were once again delicious thanks to Karen Gray-Keeler. Gale Nudelman, Joanne Merritt, Barbara Seaver, Muriel Goldberg, Jeanette Franklin, and Sandra Terman helped with food preparation. Table setters included Gale, Barbara, Muriel, Cynthia Miller, Sofia Ligum, and Eunice Burns. Gale, Joanne, Barbara Cynthia, and Beth and Ralph Sair joined in on clean up. Gale penned the place cards. Joanne and Barbara were greeters. Bruce Crane washed the table cloths.

All your efforts were most appreciated!

Carol Barrington, Chair

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 June bulletin is May 10. **Please note that there will not be a July bulletin.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT THE GARDEN

By Linda Perlin



The sun is shining and it is almost time to plant the garden. I look forward to this every year. Some flowers, some vegetables, and some herbs. There is nothing like the taste of a home grown tomato or cooking with fresh herbs. And it is soothing to walk into the yard and see beautifully colored flowers. I am always amazed by the growth of the plants; how they go from a small seed or small plant to a beautiful flower or a vegetable. This is the beauty of nature.

We know that nature comes from God. Rabbi Dov Lev in *Aish.com* 32. *The Jewish Garden* points out that Maimonides taught that one way to love God is to focus on the wonders of creation. There is evidence of this in the Torah. Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden to look after and cultivate the beautiful garden that God prepared. There are many blessings that give us the opportunity to appreciate nature. Rabbi Lev notes there is a blessing for the first sighting of a new blossom of fruit trees, the aroma of trees and flowers and herbs, and an all-inclusive blessing to be recited over any good aroma produced by a plant. Jewish tradition and practice recognize the meaningfulness of nature and how it demonstrates God's presence in everyday life.

We can learn a wonderful lesson from trees, from their growth and perseverance under difficult conditions. A tree has to be planted in the earth so that it can have nourishment and space for its roots. Rabbi Lev points out that people also need many roots. If we appear successful on the outside but have no connection to our heritage or to others, we are vulnerable to being swayed by trends that are not in our best interest, just like a tree with weakly anchored roots.

One of the meditations during private reflection on Shabbat evening services reminds us essentially to stop and smell the roses. We are urged to reflect on the magical beauty of nature and how it is manifest in the simplest of God's creations. Like the feeling I derive from tending my garden, this reflection always brings me to a state of deep appreciation for nature. I always feel calmer and at peace after Shabbat services. This reflection, along with the familiar melodies and prayers, allow me to release the stress that accumulated throughout the week. Although I admit that the perceived effort to attend Shabbat services is sometimes daunting, I never regret having made the effort.

Every season has its own kind of beauty. The earth is blessed with majestic mountains, lush forests, and magnificent canyons to name a few of the most spectacular features. But the wonderment of nature remains close to home as well: the reliable signs like the first appearance of green grass, buds on trees, birds flitting about, or when our wild peonies start to bloom again. These amazements might be in our backyards, on our street, or in a nearby park or forest preserve. Everyday life has a way of distracting us from what should be obvious.

So this year plant a garden, visit someone else's garden, take a walk in a forest or otherwise enjoy nature. Then reflect on it during a Shabbat service to bring us the peace that God offers through these little miracles.



HELP US GET IT RIGHT!

Please help us recognize your upcoming simcha *correctly* in the *Bulletin*. If you are planning a bar or bat mitzvah, aufruf, baby naming or other life cycle event, please make sure we know *exactly* how you want your names to be listed. Without prior notification, the *Bulletin* will list names as they appear in our official TBI records. Please contact Barbara Seaver via email at Bulletin@TBISkokie.org with your information.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING



In April, we celebrated our congregation's 99th year with our Spring Gala, Supper Club 99. Each time I engage with TBI members in the planning and executing these kinds of events, I am reminded of how special our community is. There are not a lot of institutions that can say they have a rich and proud history that spans 99 years. It is something to be celebrated, commemorated, and remembered.

Next year we will begin our centennial year in the fall. Again, a devoted team of volunteers has already been meeting and planning to present a year that will be filled with numerous opportunities to gather, celebrate, and plan for the future. We have some ideas but would love to hear from you, involve you, celebrate with you. I especially would love your input on ways we can engage the children as TBI celebrates our 100 years.

I look forward to hearing from you in the coming weeks and months and to bringing our centennial to you as a year of tribute and fun!

B'Shalom,
Lori B. Sagarin

WANTED

The Temple facilities committee is looking for a volunteer or two to provide regular hedge trimming around the building and general yard cleanup in the two planting areas in front of the building. If this is you, please contact Lorri Fishman at lorri.fishmantbi@gmail.com or 847-583-1626.



CHAI NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



The flowers are blooming, the grass is green again, and the temperature is beautifully warm and mild – well we can hope about that last part; it is Chicago after all. We have observed Pesach and are now counting the Omer toward Shavuot; it is officially Spring. Spring is the time that we begin chanting “Morid hatal,” the prayer for dew, during the *t'fillah*. We traditionally pray for dew in the Land of Israel from the start Pesach through Simchat Torah. From Simchat Torah until Pesach, we ask God to bring rain to the land with the reciting of “Mashiv haruach umorid hagaschem.” This shift in our prayers from rain to dew marks the literal shift in our environment from hibernation to wakefulness, from a seed dormant in the ground to our hope for growth and a successful harvest.

Spring is also the time of year where I begin to look forward to the preparation and planning for the coming High Holy Days and this year is no exception. For months, Rabbi Weinberg and I have been studying our new High Holy Day prayer book, *Mishkan HaNefesh*, and have been working together to craft services that will be both new and familiar. The prayer book itself is new, and how we interact with it during services will be a new experience. Some aspects of this *machzor* will be welcome and wonderful, such as the transliteration and translation of every prayer. Congregants who are not completely comfortable with Hebrew reading will no longer need to flip to the back of the prayer book to find the transliterations handy. *Mishkan HaNefesh* integrates the transliteration and translation into every prayer (like our Shabbat prayer book, *Mishkan T'filah*). These additions allow for a more complete and fulfilling High Holy Day experience for every congregant, including my own children who have yet to learn to read Hebrew, my husband, who did not learn Hebrew growing up, and my mother, who never had the benefit of Hebrew school. The beautiful diversity of our congregation will benefit from this small but significant change in accessibility of our prayers.

Joy & Blessings,
Marla Aviva Bentley

THE FOLLOWING HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 2017 MAOT CHITIM FUND:

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Cindy & Steve Franklin	Debra Miller	Carol & Mark Winston
Nancy & Joel Goodman	Barbara Nidetz	Lynne Wolff & Keith Zaransky

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO BREAKFAST?

The Congregation's Annual Meeting is on Sunday, May 21st at 9:30 a.m.; this is also the last day of Sunday Bet Midrash. Since it has been a tradition to serve breakfast on the last day of school, Brotherhood is expanding its efforts to prepare breakfast (beginning at 8:45 a.m.) for the meeting in addition to the parents and students.

There will be enough variety to please all palettes. Think lox and bagels, fresh fruit, yogurt, eggs, and some traditional Israeli breakfast items.

What a wonderful way to finish the official business of the 99th year of the congregation and begin the 100th. I hope you will join us.

David Levinson
Brotherhood President

UPCOMING BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

May 7, 9:00 a.m. Brunch/Board Meeting
May 21, 8:30 a.m. End of School Year Breakfast

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Often when someone says "it's a mitzvah" she is referring to a charitable and/or beneficial act which falls into the category of *gemilut hasidim*, doing acts of loving kindness. One way that Sisterhood TBI transforms *gemilut hasidim* into a concern for social welfare for Jews and non-Jews alike is by hosting a Nursing Home luncheon. Our annual luncheon will be at TBI on Wednesday, May 17th. We share this event with the women of BJBE, a congregation in Deerfield.

The kitchen here at TBI will be lively with women from both TBI and BJBE making tuna salad, warming homemade kugels, and plating home baked desserts. In the hours leading up to the arrival of our guests, we will scurry about setting the tables, attractively arranging the meals on individual plates, and making sure every detail is just perfect.

Approximately 80 men and women from various area nursing homes will begin arriving at 11:00 a.m. Several volunteers will be ready outside to meet the buses and escort the people to their tables. We often hear our guests express how much they look forward to this luncheon. They enjoy the upbeat atmosphere, have a great meal and an opportunity to meet new people, and participate in conversations and a sing-a-long of familiar tunes that bring back fond memories. For many of these folks, this is an experience that does not come very often.

Seeing the expressions on their faces as they leave and hearing about the great time they had tells us that we have successfully fulfilled this act of loving kindness, of *gemilut hasidim*.

Jane Page and Sheila Rosenfeld
Co-Presidents

UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENTS

May 15, 7:15 p.m. Board Meeting/Open Program Meeting
May 17, 11:00 a.m. Nursing Home Luncheon at TBI
May 26, 7:30 p.m. Temple/Sisterhood/
Brotherhood Installation
June 4, 11:00 a.m. Earning Fund Luncheon
June 21, 7:00 p.m. Book Club: *The Husband's Secret*
by Liane Moriarty
June 25, 9:00 a.m. Board Orientation

SISTERHOOD ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Lisa and Steve Katz	6/1/2012
Jinny Colin and Aaron Greenberg	6/4/1989
Pam and Ted Lavine	6/10/1979
Janet and Dr. Michael Jablon	6/11/1970
Peggy and Theodore Fiala	6/12/1977
Linda and Richard Perlin	6/12/1983
Sandy and Paul Sabin	6/15/1975
Linda and Erwin Janush	6/16/1970
Ilene and Douglas Klegon	6/17/1971
Linda and Alan Nidetz	6/17/1979
Wendy and Marc Raven	6/22/1986
Helene and Chuck Levine	6/23/1974
Keryn and David Groner	6/23/1991
Lorri Fishman and Andrew Segal	6/23/1996
Linda and Milton Benjamin	6/24/1981
Elaine and Alan Bers	6/24/1973
Sheila and Eddie Rosenfeld	6/26/1977
Lisa and David Spector	6/26/2005
Jann and Lane Corday	6/29/1980
Barbara and Sidney Gross	6/29/1958
Harriet and Richard Arons	6/30/1968
Rozanne and Stephen Epstein	6/30/1963
Maryjane and Phillip Klein	6/30/1968

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Dale Davison	6/2
June Levin	6/2
Sara Belkov	6/3
Laura Goone	6/3
Helene Levine	6/5
Jolie Rubin	6/7
Laura Finkel	6/11
Judi Weinstein	6/13
Carol Brazen	6/20
Cindy Franklin	6/20
Nancy Koenig	6/23
Cyndy Novak	6/23
Barbara Nidetz	6/25
Michelle Brand	6/27
Barbara Gross	6/27
Yvette Lewis	6/27
Tracey Kite	6/29

Would you like to celebrate simchas and benefit Sisterhood TBI? Send a Uniongram, \$2.00 each, by contacting: Rozanne Epstein, rke7350@gmail.com, 847-676-3299; or Candy Siegel, maltesepeanut-biz@yahoo.com, 847-679-4707..

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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.

LIK RAT SHABBAT SPONSORS

On the first, third, and fifth Friday of each month our worship is Kabbalat Shabbat (welcoming Shabbat) at 6:15 p.m. This short service filled with Shabbat songs and music is preceded at 5:30 p.m. by Likrat Shabbat when we approach Shabbat by greeting friends and enjoying a "nosh" together.

We invite you to host Likrat Shabbat in celebration of a family simcha or other special event. Please contact Flo Berman at 847.673.9191 for information on underwriting the cost of food and refreshments for Likrat Shabbat.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT TBI

Temple Beth Israel has so much to offer – a diverse, involved, and caring community, a top-notch professional staff, a warm and welcoming home for worship and spiritual exploration, outstanding schools and adult education, friendly and active Sisterhood and Brotherhood, a commitment to community service and social justice, and lots more. So let your friends know about us. Invite them to join you for services and programs throughout the year . . . and invite them to join us!

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