



# Temple Beth Israel

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### Shabbat Services

**SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, November 4\***

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat  
See box below for Birthday Contributors  
6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat  
November Birthday Blessings

**SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, November 5 at 10:30 A.M.**

Family Services  
Torah Portion “Noach”

**SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, November 11 at 7:30 P.M.**

6:00 P.M. Shalom Shabbat  
7:30 P.M. Veterans’ Shabbat with Koleynu  
Sponsored by Brotherhood

**SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, November 12 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion “Lech-Lecha”

**SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, November 18\***

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat  
Sponsored by Patti & Clifford Levy in honor of  
Clifford’s 70th birthday  
6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

**SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, November 19 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion “Vayera”

**SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, November 25 at 7:30 P.M.**

**SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, November 26 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion “Chayei Sarah”

**SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, December 2 at 7:30 P.M.**

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

**SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, December 3 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion “Toldot”

\*Please note time

## LIK RAT SHABBAT

We would like to thank Linda Janush, Clifford Levy, Jane Page, and Larry Ziegler who made donations for the Likrat Shabbat on November 4 in honor of their **November** birthdays.



### 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!



## Rabbi’s Column

On Yom Kippur morning I spoke about Torah’s demand of each us that we ask ourselves: For what do I stand? For whom will I stand up? What cause will rally me to action? What purpose will motivate me to take a stance? What will be the reason that I stand up and say: *Hineini*, here I am, send me?!

Then I proposed four specific issues for our collective TBI agenda for the coming year, each of which is already being addressed by existing organizations that recommend specific activities

to which we could add our efforts. In this article I want to share with you some specifics about how you can help and where you can find more information.

**Refugee Resettlement:** Join a team to welcome a refugee family: greeting them when they arrive at O’Hare airport, helping to set up their first apartment, preparing a family’s first meal and stocking their pantry with foods that are familiar to them, tutoring adults in English, mentoring the family by accompanying them to the grocery store, helping them navigate public transportation networks and orienting them to the wonderful city of Chicago, and continuing to help them acculturate and become self-reliant over the course of 6 to 9 months. You can recruit your own team or we will connect you with other TBI members who also want to help. You will also be able to donate to support this effort through the TBI Social Service Fund.

Learn more at: [www.RefugeeOne.org](http://www.RefugeeOne.org) or [www.HIASChicago.org/volunteer/](http://www.HIASChicago.org/volunteer/)

**Restoring and protecting our environment:** Join the TBI Green Squad to help us work with the Reform Movement’s Religious Action Center as we work to implement the GreenFaith Energy Shield program and other efforts that can help us reduce our congregation’s carbon footprint and engage our members in environmentally-friendly practices.

Learn more at: [www.rac.org/religious-action-center-greenfaith-partnership](http://www.rac.org/religious-action-center-greenfaith-partnership) or [www.faithinplace.org/our-programs/active-green-team](http://www.faithinplace.org/our-programs/active-green-team).

**Voting Rights:** First and foremost, make sure that you exercise your constitutional right and privilege to vote. If you need help getting to the polls, contact the Temple office and we will help you. You can also take a “pledge to action” by strengthening voter protection and voter participation through our Reform Movement’s program: “Nitzavim: Standing Up for Voter Protection and Participation.”

Learn more at: <http://www.rac.org/nitzavim-pledge-take-action>

**Race Relations:** This is perhaps the most challenging and the most disturbing of the issues that I raise. Its roots run deep in American culture and its reverberations spread widely through American life. We see its effects manifested in the patterns of poverty and hunger in our society. We see its effects in the imbalance in the quality of education. We witness issues of race being played out in the growing violence in our land – especially violence against law enforcement and violence by law enforcement. And even here, in Skokie and Evanston – communities that we tend to think of as diverse and tolerant – there exist deep rifts along racial lines and there remains much work to be done towards healing and reconciliation.

I regret to say that on this issue there is not a ready package of activities available for us. There is no website offering us a kit. There is no national organization appealing to us to join in a discrete project. If you are interested in working to combat racism, locally and beyond, knowing that it won’t be an easy journey, and that there will be times when we will be uncomfortable (and I hope times when we will feel elated), please let me know and I will be in touch as we begin to craft an agenda.

We will look to our TBI Social Action Council to coordinate our efforts in these and other important areas of our collective work. Please be in touch with me at [rabbi@tbiskokie.org](mailto:rabbi@tbiskokie.org) to let me know of your interest and willingness to join the effort. Thank you.

*Michael A. Weinberg*

## IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

MAZEL TOV TO:

*Amy & Harell Dolgin and Ety & Giora Dolgin on the birth of their son / grandson Sy Grey Dolgin.*

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY:

The following Temple members are recovering from recent illness or surgery: *Hy Levens, Phillip Klein, and Roberta Liebler.* We wish them all a speedy recovery.

CONDOLENCES:

We note with sorrow the passing of Walter Bonn, brother of *Mary Roth.* May his memory be a blessing.

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### **ROBERT SCHWARZ**

May his memory be a blessing

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### **ILSE HERST**

May her memory be a blessing

## MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

*By Helene Levine, Vice President of Member Services*

As the New Year begins, our Temple Beth Israel Membership Committee led by Fran Meyer, her wonderful committee, and our professional staff liaison Lori Sagarin would like to share the names of our eleven newest member households and the communities where they live. These new member households have become a part of our TBI community between July 1 and September 30, 2016.

- Karen and Sea Asbra and Sean (7) – Evanston
- Jill and Jeff Bishop and Henry (10) – Evanston
- Rabbi Herbert Bronstein – Evanston
- Wendy Gahm and Beverly (8) and Dahlia (6) – Skokie
- Sharon and Joshua Hermann and Jasmine (10) and Jaedon (7) – Skokie
- Sara and David Lapidus and Reagan (6.5) and Madison (2) – Wilmette
- Emily Twarog Miller and Daniel E. Miller and Nathan (10) and Gabriel (6) – Skokie
- Jodie and Brian Pflaum – Chicago, Illinois
- Dawn Li and Eric Wald and Louis (8), Jonah (3.5), and Sebastian (3.5) – Wilmette
- Lauren and Andrew Zalon and Madison (2.5) and Theodore 5 months – Morton Grove
- Lynn Wolff Zaransky and Keith Zaransky and Louis (6.5) – Winnetka

We look forward to welcoming more new member households into our Temple community. If you have family, friends, business associates, etc. who are not affiliated with a congregation and are interested in learning more about Temple Beth Israel, please feel free to contact Helene Levine [skokie31@comcast.net](mailto:skokie31@comcast.net) or Fran Meyer at [franfoxmeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:franfoxmeyer@hotmail.com).

## ATTENTION JOURNALISTS AND ASPIRING JOURNALISTS!

**Reminder:** Material for the bulletin is due electronically to Barbara Seaver at [Bulletin@TBISkokie.org](mailto: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 December bulletin is November 10. *Please note that there won't be a January bulletin.*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*By Linda Perlin*



*This article is adapted from the remarks given at Erev Rosh Hashana on October 2, 2016.*

Last year I spoke of my personal history. This year I want to focus on our congregation's history and future.

This past year has been both rewarding and challenging for me at the Temple level and at a personal level. We have accomplished many significant goals at Temple. On a personal level, I was occupied with my daughter's wedding. I am so pleased to welcome my son-in-law, Ross and his family into our family!

Imagine a neighborhood where the majority of the residents are Jewish. Walking to Shul is the norm. In the early 1900's, Albany Park was this type of neighborhood. Albany Park began to attract Jewish families during WWI. During the 1920s, approximately 28,000 Jews moved into Albany Park; by the mid 1930's the Jewish population was about 60%.

At the end of WWII, the total population of Albany Park was approximately 60,000. Only 22% of residents had parents who were born in the United States and most of the foreign-born were Jewish.

The Jews of Albany Park were mainly middle class and had moved to Albany Park from the west and northwest sides of Chicago. The population peaked around 1950 when an estimated 70,000 Jews lived there. However, by 1980 the number had declined to about 25,000. There were countless businesses that opened and served the community during these years.

According to TBI legend, in 1917 Mr. Novak, a dry goods merchant on Lawrence avenue, discussed the idea of a new Temple with Mr. Tannenbaum in front of his delicatessen on Kedzie Ave. Mr. Tannenbaum gave Mr. Novak \$5.00 towards the rental of a hall for High Holidays. Later that year, they held High Holiday services at Kimball Hall at Lawrence & Kimball. This was the beginning of Temple Beth Israel. During 1917 worship services were led by Rabbi Ungerleider. He also taught the 40 children enrolled in Sunday school. Sisterhood was founded with 35 members. Temple Beth Israel was incorporated on January 31, 1918.

During that year, we received our first Torah from Anna and Charles Benjamin and the first Confirmation service was held. The photos from confirmation classes are displayed just outside of Rabbi's office. There was also a formal dinner held in 1918 to raise money to build a permanent facility.

Rabbi S. Felix Mendelsohn was elected as the first full-time Rabbi in mid-1919. Today his grandson and past President, Dan Berman continues a long tradition of blowing the Shofar on the High Holidays. Land was purchased at Bernard and Ainslie and the first phase of construction began in October of 1922. A volunteer choir had begun and in April 1920 the first issue of the Temple Beth Israel bulletin, called Temple Beth Israel Review, was issued.

In 1920 Charles Benjamin carved the Ark, four matching chairs, and the large wooden Menorahs for use in the sanctuary in Albany Park. These items have traveled with us from location to location and are still in use today.

On September 23, 1923 Arthur Sommerfield observed his Bar Mitzvah, the first one at a Reform Congregation in the greater Chicago area. In 1924 the Brotherhood was founded as the Men's Club. The new school building was dedicated in 1928 and the first annual education dinner dance was held in 1929, a tradition that continues to this day.

By the 25th anniversary of Temple Beth Israel in 1943, we had approximately 350 children attending Sunday School. In 1947 Rabbi Ernst M. Lorge was elected as an associate rabbi. The first Bat Mitzvah was held in 1949 and by 1952 there were 2 concurrent services for High Holidays: one in the lower sanctuary for 600 people and one in the upper sanctuary for 1,000 people. On October 26, 1952 the stained glass windows of the twelve tribes were dedicated in the Sanctuary and we continue to enjoy them today.

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING



My closest friendships at TBI are primarily with folks with whom I shared congregational retreat experiences. There is something about Shabbat together, leisure time together, learning, worshipping, and eating together. I am excited that we are holding a congregational retreat December 2 – 4 this year. Co-chaired by Janis and Mark Fine and Marsha and Dan Swartz, we hope to engage families with children of all ages as well as those long past carpool.

Our theme is *Reimagining from Generation to Generation: A Contemporary Look at Tradition*. We will examine Jewish tradition through a contemporary lens, explore questions such as: What does it mean for something to be traditional? How can ritual infuse meaning? How can we create new ritual that brings new meaning to our family and friends? We will share our own traditions and try on some new ones. This will be a leisurely weekend of fellowship and fun for all.

I understand that going away for the weekend may feel challenging so find a friend to go with you. Invite a group of friends to go away together and share in this experience together. I promise you will not regret it. For more information and to register visit [www.tinyurl.com/tbiskokie](http://www.tinyurl.com/tbiskokie).

The TBI retreat is truly about creating and maintaining community. I look forward to sharing this weekend with all of you.

*B'Shalom,*  
Lori B. Sagarin

## KRISTALLNACHT REMEMBRANCE

*By Susan Zoline, TBI Jewish Life Council*

November 9, 2016 marks the 78th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass," in which the Nazis burned Jewish businesses and synagogues in Germany and Austria. Sources indicate that over 1,000 synagogues were burned or destroyed, 7,000 Jewish businesses were looted and burned, many Jewish homes were destroyed, and approximately 100 Jews were killed, with many more injured, all within the span of two days. Additionally, the Jewish community was fined one billion Reichmarks (\$400 million dollars) for the cost of the damage.

Approximately 30,000 Jews were arrested and sent to concentration camps as a result of Kristallnacht. In addition to the damage sustained, Kristallnacht presaged the beginning of the Holocaust in Europe. Sadly, the world community did not respond strongly to condemn the events of Kristallnacht, allowing Hitler to further escalate his attack on Jews and to carry out the Shoah.

The poem below eloquently expresses the horrors of Kristallnacht

### KRISTALLNACHT by Leandra Guy

*Broken glass, broken lives,  
Glass in shards, like crystal knives-  
On a night of broken glass.*

*Broken hopes, broken dreams,  
The shards reflect our lives, it seems-  
On the night of broken glass.*

*Broken homes, broken hearts,  
Parents, children; torn apart-  
On this night of broken glass.*

*Broken buildings, broken souls,  
Broken synagogues and torah scrolls-  
On this night of broken glass.*

*Broken pride, broken stand,  
We are shamed with our religion brand-  
On that night of broken glass.*

*Broken city, broken town,  
Within disconsolation we drown-  
During that night of broken glass.*

*Broken country, broken land,  
Ruined lives, once so grand-  
From the night of Broken Glass.*

It is important that we remember the events of Kristallnacht and continue to speak up against hatred, intolerance and violence towards oppressed persons, Jews and non Jews alike. There are two community events to commemorate this year's anniversary of Kristallnacht: 1) Chicagoland Kristallnacht Commemoration, Wednesday November 9th at 7:00 PM at Beth Hillel Congregation, featuring Dr. Robert Watson, author of *The Nazi Titanic*, in conversation with Clifton Truman Daniel, grandson of President Harry Truman, and a musical program with Cantors Benjamin Warschawski and Pavel Roytman and soloist Laurie Akers; and 2) The Illinois Holocaust Museum will sponsor *Commemoration: Kristallnacht, 78 Years Later*, Wednesday November 9th at 6:30 PM at the museum. The program will include a presentation by historian Richard Breitman, as well as a Kristallnacht survivor, music, and prayer. Online pre-registration is required. For more information about this event, you may activate the link below to the Illinois Holocaust Museum. <http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org/pages/programs/events/>

The following websites provided information for this article:

- <http://www.whisperingsoul.net/kristallnacht.html>
- <http://voiceseducation.org/content/kristallnacht-november-9-10-1938>
- [http://www.holocaustcentermilwaukee.org/docs/Kristallnacht\\_Curriculum.pdf](http://www.holocaustcentermilwaukee.org/docs/Kristallnacht_Curriculum.pdf)
- [http://www.wiesenthal.com/site/pp.asp?c=lsKWLbPJLnF&b=6212365#.VCBAJlfp\\_Aw](http://www.wiesenthal.com/site/pp.asp?c=lsKWLbPJLnF&b=6212365#.VCBAJlfp_Aw)
- [http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/education/learning\\_environments/kristallnacht.asp](http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/education/learning_environments/kristallnacht.asp)
- <http://www.whisperingsoul.net/kristallnacht.html>

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 8:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON.

Save 3 lives by donating blood at the next TBI blood drive in Mendelsohn Hall. If you are eligible and able to donate, please contact Mick Siegel at [Micksiegel@gmail.com](mailto:Micksiegel@gmail.com) to set up an appointment to keep waiting to a minimum. Walk in life savers are also welcome, of course.



## CHAI NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



First, I would like to express my deepest gratitude and thanks for this High Holy Day season and everyone who participated in it. The High Holy Day Choir, accompanied by Jennifer McCabe, was inspirational. Their hard work during many hours of practice and preparation was evident and I thank them for their time and beautiful gift to the congregation. I also want to publicly express my gratitude to my professional staff partners, Rabbi Michael Weinberg and Lori Sagarin, Director of Congregational Learning. I feel supremely lucky to be a part of this team. Thank you to Linda Perlin and the officers and members of the Board of Trustees for your leadership. Thank you to the office staff who have kept everything running smoothly: Marlene, Anne, Eunice, and Tanya. Thank you to the members of the maintenance staff who have cleaned, organized, set-up, and prepared our building: Tommy, Benji, and Nancy. A special thank you to everyone who volunteered during this season, especially Judy Kemp and Carol Barrington.

Recently, I was approached by a group of young people who eagerly asked about joining Koleynu, the Temple Beth Israel Choir. They heard the magnificent choir during the High Holy Days and wanted to take part. I gladly told them that Koleynu is open to anyone who has become bar or bat mitzvah and has a desire to sing. Koleynu is blessed to have several generations of singers singing together. If you have a desire to sing and to be a part of fun, loving, and excellent music ensemble, we welcome you to Koleynu. Contact [MusicDirector@TBISkokie.org](mailto:MusicDirector@TBISkokie.org) or call the Temple office for more information.

If you are a lover of music who would rather sing as part of the congregation than as part of the choir, I encourage you to attend the first Shabbat in which Koleynu will sing for this season, Friday, November 11th at 7:30 pm. Brotherhood will be honoring our Veterans at this service and all are welcome!

Joy & Blessings,  
Marla Aviva Bentley

## A HIGH HOLY DAYS THANK YOU!

A resounding *todah rabah* (thank you) to the many individuals who helped to make High Holy Days 2016/5777 a success!

To begin with, of course, is our appreciation to the professional staff of our congregation: Rabbi Michael A. Weinberg; Lori B Sagarin, RJE, Director of Congregational Learning; and Marla Aviva Bentley, our Music Director. Thanks also to the glorious voices of our High Holy Days choir. The stirring sound of the shofar is even more special because of the talent of Daniel Berman, Abigail Sloan, and Rabbi Weinberg. To Rob Weinberg, Jeremy Seaver, Michael Lorge, Susie Lorge, Ellie Trefz, Joe Winner, and the staff and aides of the school program, we say thank you for adding meaning to the Family Worship and activities. To Joy Wasserman, thank you for leading a thought-provoking study session following Yom Kippur morning services. April Levy and Fran Meyer, Sisterhood Vice Presidents of Youth and School Activities, made arrangements for all the food supplies needed for the children's programming. Alyce Heman, Karen Gray-Keeler, Ted Lavine, and Lisa Wynn saw to the distribution of bags for the ARK.

Outstanding efforts by our office staff, Marlene White, Eunice Burns, Anne Richtman-Kaplan, and Tanya Frid, saw to the details of all the communication regarding tickets, money, aliyot, and the myriad of questions! Extra hands in the office to help with these tasks were Phyllis Cantor, Alyce Heman, Ina Hill, Karen Gray Keeler, Lone Novak, and Kathy Passman. Linda Perlin did her usual superb job as Book of Remembrance chair. Ira Satyr handled all aspects of the High Holy Days Appeal mailing.

Special thanks to Rachel Willens for scheduling and coordinating the assignment of ushers. Mark Fine, Steve Friedland, Karen Gray-Keeler, and Richard Rotberg, our Head Ushers, ably assisted by all of the ushers, helped our congregants as they entered and moved about ETHS.

All of the above could not have happened without the behind the scenes teamwork of those who helped pack, polish, transport, schlep, and store all the items we use to create our own sanctuary at Evanston Township High School. We are indebted to the willing and able hands and leadership of Bruce Crane, with the help of: Erwin Barrington, Laura Cooper, Jeff Dorfman, Josh Fine, Mark Fine, Cindy Franklin, Steve Franklin, Steve Friedland, Ari Goldstein, Ron Goldstein, Karen Gray-Keeler, Bill Klopsch, Ben Kogan, David Levinson, April Levy, Morris Levy, Naomi Lewis, Michael Lorge, Susie Lorge, Joanne Merritt, Steve Novak, Gale Nudelman, Michael Passman, Marc Raven, Jeff Rhodes, Richard Rotberg, Mark Samberg, Marc Shaykin, Mick Siegel, Marty Silverman, Arlyn Tratt, Linn Ullenbrauck, and, of course, our maintenance man, Tommy Ross. A special note of gratitude to our special crossing guards Steve Novak and Mark Fine on Yom Kippur morning.

We also want to thank the Cohn Family for their donation of our beautiful pulpit flowers and the Village Market Place for donating apples distributed following the Family Services.

May the blessings of a good, sweet, and peaceful year be bestowed upon you! Many thanks!

Carol Barrington & Judy Kemp  
High Holy Days Coordinators

## BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Brotherhood is a wonderful way that our TBI men can get together to support our school children with family fun activities, to develop friendships by going out to dinner and beer tasting events, to support the Temple, and to celebrate life cycle events.

Brotherhood is sponsoring Veterans Shabbat this year on November 11th at 7:30 p.m. Services will be led by Brotherhood members and Veterans of our Congregation. Ernie Heimann, a Holocaust Survivor and Korean War Veteran, will present prepared remarks. Marla Bentley and Koleynu will lift our spirits in patriotic musical selections, paying tribute to our Veterans.

If you would like to have a family member recognized and honored as a veteran in our service, please contact Marlene at the TBI Office with name, rank, branch of service, and period of service. If you have pictures or memorabilia to display, please contact Marlene with your name and a description of what you would like to display.

Arnie Oskin  
Brotherhood Vice-President

## UPCOMING BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

November 11, 7:30 p.m. . . . . Veterans Shabbat  
November 20, 9:00 a.m. . . . . Breakfast with U of I/  
NBA/Tel Aviv Maccabi great  
Deon Thomas  
November 29 6:45 p.m. . . . Jeff and Janis: The Jewish Journey:  
The Great American Songbook  
December 18, 11:00 a.m. . . . . Chanukah Party

## SISTERHOOD NEWS SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The annual Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel Membership Luncheon took place earlier than usual this year due to the High Holy Days in October. Over seventy Sisterhood members gathered to participate on September 25, a beautiful early fall Sunday afternoon. The group included new and returning members, board members, Sisterhood past presidents, and Temple staff. The tables were draped in our lovely teal Sisterhood tablecloths, and were decorated with baskets of apples. Jody Weinberg gave the opening blessing, and Eudice Lorge concluded the luncheon with a benediction and wishes for the New Year.

The afternoon started with an ice-breaker based on a Chicago Tribune column about how girls and women used to be told they could not do something just because they were girls. Sisterhood members gave examples from their own experiences growing up. Typical answers included becoming doctors or CEOs, receiving higher education, and engaging in sports. However, a large number of women reported that they were encouraged by parents, family, and teachers to do and achieve anything they aspired to do. Notably, this occurred across generations, and is borne out by the accomplished women of all ages who are members of Sisterhood TBI. Among our membership we have attorneys, doctors, business owners, educators, and talented women in many professions. How fortunate we are to be able to use our full potential to contribute to our families and friends, our workplaces, our community, our country, and our Temple.

Our appreciation and gratitude go to all the wonderful volunteers, too numerous to mention by name, who helped to make the 2016 Sisterhood Membership Luncheon a huge success.

Cynthia Miller and Lone Novak  
Co-Vice Presidents, Membership

## UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENTS

November 13 . . . . . Board Meeting  
November 20 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. . . . . Artisan Faire  
November 29 at 7:00 p.m. . . . Sisterhood/Brotherhood present  
Jeff and Janis in Concert  
December 7 at 7:00 PM . . . . . Social Action Program:  
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society presentation

## 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.**

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

The 2016 Sisterhood Bake Sale and Cookie Walk that was held on Sunday, September 11th "was a huge success, socially, financially, and gastronomically," according to Rabbi Weinberg. Not only did we surpass last year's earnings, but we had an amazing choice of sweets from which to choose. TBI bakers really outdid themselves this year with a large variety of pies, cakes, muffins, cupcakes, quick breads, rugalach, brownies, mandel bread, gluten free items, and giant chocolate covered marshmallows, which were a big hit with the kids.

This was the second year of the Cookie Walk and there were over 100 different varieties of cookies. The cookies filled the room with a wonderful aroma that enticed people to come in and shop. Children and adults alike shared in the enthusiasm for the event, electrifying the room. It was fun watching kids and adults choose their favorite cookies.

We cannot name all of the wonderful people who were involved with this successful event this year. We want to thank our Saturday crew for their help preparing for the sale. They worked for hours wrapping the goodies and setting up. On Sunday there was another hard-working crew of volunteers. Another thank you to the cashiers and the "Cookie Man," who worked tirelessly for the duration of the sale, as well as the angel who donated the electronic scales to weigh the cookies. And of course, thanks to all the fabulous bakers and buyers, without whom this sale would not have been possible. The Skokie Police Department and Fire Department were the lucky recipients of the leftover cookies, which was appropriate since it was 9/11. Looking forward to next year's event!

Paula Hyman and Sharrel Titlebaum  
Bake Sale Co-Chairs

## SISTERHOOD ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy and Joel Goodman	12/1/1974
Dale and Joe Cone	12/5/1993
Carole and Robert Arenson	12/7/1958
Lillian and Alan Gerstner	12/12/1976
Wendy and Mitch Singer	12/18/2004
Susie and Michael Lorge	12/19/1976
Diane and Edward Mehlman	12/20/1970
Bonnie and Philip Gorelick	12/27/1975
Dawn and Michael Strauss	12/31/2006

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Evelyn Hyman	12/4
Vera Rubin	12/6
Debby Talsky	12/6
Ellen Baygood	12/7
Meryl Smyth	12/11
Shana Johnson	12/14
Rita Pomerance	12/21
Estelle London	12/22
Linda Benjamin	12/23
Lisa Katz	12/24
Beth Sair	12/24
Janet Jablon	12/27
Michelle Agrest	12/28
Helene Rowe	12/28
Eleanor Rosen	12/29
Marcia Satyr	12/29
Susan Zoline	12/29

Would you like to celebrate simchas and benefit Sisterhood TBI? Uniongrams are only \$2.00 each. Contact: Rozanne Epstein, rke7350@gmail.com, 847-786-3299 or Candy Siegel, maltesepeanut-biz@yahoo.com, 847-679-4707.

### ADDITIONAL NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM SISTERHOOD TBI

The following people should have been included in the list of well-wishers in the October bulletin: Joan Abern, Wendy and Marc Raven, and Rachel and Michael Willens. Also, Sisterhood apologizes for misspelling Helene Levine's name in that list.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

*A minimum contribution of \$15.00 (unless otherwise noted) for donation to be acknowledged with a card and published in the bulletin.*

### SIDNEY I. COLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides camp scholarships for our students who attend Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute Camp

Donor	In Memory of
Hedy Stone	Sidney I. Cole

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Provides funds for charitable uses within and outside the congregation at the discretion of the Rabbi

Donor	In Memory of
Carole & Robert Arenson	Tess Arenson
Steven A. Bookshester	Blanche Bookshester
Elayne Dunn	David Shapiro
Iris & Jim Friedlieb	Irene Friedlieb
Kathy & Marc Rocklin	Leah Rocklin

### EDUCATION FUND

Provides funds for Jewish education at TBI

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Barbara & Bob Agdern	With our heartfelt appreciation ..... for your friendship
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Rabbi Mendelson passed away in 1953. The social hall was named in his honor.

The membership grew to over 600 families with over 700 children by 1955. There were 3 divisions of Religious school!. In 1961, Dr. Arnold Cohn purchased land in Skokie at Howard and Crawford and offered it to the congregation for a "Satellite School."

In June of 1963, Rabbi Lorge was invited to the White House by President John F Kennedy to discuss national civil rights issues. Rabbi Lorge was very active in the Civil Rights movement throughout the 1960's.

In 1977 the "Menorah" tapestry by artist Ben Shahn was dedicated by the Glicken Family and hangs in in Mendelsohn Hall today.

July 10, 1981 was the last Shabbat Service at Bernard Street. The service ended with removal of the Torahs by past presidents and turning off the Ner Tamid by Rabbi Lorge. Two days later the dedication of the new sanctuary at 3939 Howard Street was held with a procession of the Torahs from Albany Park to Skokie.

During our stay at the Howard Street location, the Sisterhood made latch hook hangings replicating the stained glass windows which are still on display in Mendelsohn Hall. The sisterhood women who worked on this were nicknamed the "sisterhood hookers."

Rabbi Lorge was honored at the tribute dinner June, 1984 and retired as senior rabbi after 37 years of service to Temple Beth Israel. On July 1, 1984 Rabbi Frederick L. Wenger was elected as the new Rabbi. He served for 3 years; on July 1, 1987 Rabbi Michael A. Weinberg was elected as our Rabbi.

In 1989 the Howard Street building was sold and construction began at the Dempster Street location. Our last Shabbat service at Howard Street was September 16, 1989. This service ended with the removal of Torahs by past presidents, turning off the Ner Tamid and 2 days later the procession of the Torahs from Howard Street to Dempster Street with the dedication of the new building.

On February 4, 1990 Rabbi Ernst M. Lorge passed away; the Sanctuary is now dedicated in his name.

Since we have moved into our current home, we have been blessed with a wonderful professional staff and lay leaders. We have adapted

the building to create a warm, caring, welcoming community and I am proud to be a part of it. We have come together as a Congregation, to worship, to celebrate, to mourn, to study, and to have fun, for almost 100 years.

As you can see, our Congregation, from its inception until today, has continued with rich, deep, and innovative traditions. The 100 year anniversary occurs on January 31, 2018 and the leadership is well on its way to have a year-long celebration from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. We have a 100 year committee ably chaired by Lisa Drucker and Judy Kemp to plan activities and programming. We also have a Long Term Sustainability committee chaired by Bill Levy and Dale Cone. The work of this committee will serve to insure that our Congregation will be in great financial shape for at least another 100 years.

Michael Lorge, the son of Rabbi Ernst M. Lorge and a past President, remains active in the leadership of our Congregation. I thank you, Michael, for providing much of the historic material for this address. When Michael was honored for serving 13 years as Temple Educator in June, 1996, we were fortunate to hire Lori Sagarin a month later. Lori (with the hard work of lay leaders) has expanded this role to serve the needs of both our children and our adults. We have had notable authors come to speak; at our new "souper study" adult evening lectures are combined with soup during the cold months of winter; and the Story of Israel podcast was performed live in our Sanctuary. We look forward to expanding our adult education opportunities in the future.

We are blessed to have Rabbi Weinberg as our Rabbi. Serving us for over 29 years, his wisdom, support, energy, and talents cannot be matched. Rabbi has distinguished himself not only as our spiritual leader but as a Jewish scholar. This past summer, he was invited to participate in a 3-year program at the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. I thank you for all of your help and support.

As I sat in Selichot services last week, I could not help but be grateful for our music director, Marla Aviva Bentley. Her singing and the choir add a dimension to worship that words cannot express. Thank you, Marla.

I am so proud to be the leader of such a wonderful Congregation. I thank my officers, board, committee chairs, and all the volunteers of this fantastic community and look forward to celebrating our special birthday with all of you.