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Shabbat Services

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, April 1***

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat

Sponsored by Jane and Al Page

in honor of the public naming of their granddaughter

6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

Naming of the granddaughter of Jane and Al Page

April Birthday Blessings

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, April 2 at 10:30 A.M.**

Shabbat Parah

Torah Portion “Sh’mini”

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, April 8 at 8:15 P.M.**

6:00 P.M. Shalom Shabbat

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, April 9 at 10:30 A.M.**

Shabbat HaChodesh

Rosh Chodesh Nisan

Torah Portion “Tazria”

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, April 15***

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat

6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, April 16 at 10:30 A.M.**

Shabbat HaGadol

Torah Portion “Metzora”

EREV PESACH **Friday Evening, April 22**

First Seder

No Shabbat Services at Temple Beth Israel

SHABBAT / PESACH **Saturday Morning, April 23 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion “Pesach”

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, April 29***

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat

6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

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

Torah Portion “Pesach VIII”

*Please note time

LIK RAT SHABBAT

We would like to thank Nina Henry, Mary Jane Klein, and Ralph Sair who made donations for the Likrat Shabbat on April 1 in honor of their April birthdays. We would also like to thank Mark Fine and Aviva Sadkin who made donations in honor of their March birthdays.



Rabbi's Column

I absolutely loved reading *The Day of Atonement* by David Liss. And I absolutely loved reading *A Conspiracy of Paper* by the same author. That's why I am so excited that David Liss is coming to Temple Beth Israel on Saturday evening, April 9th.

During March an invitation was mailed to you – and to every TBI member. It is an invitation that could have easily been overlooked and so I want to highlight its content and reiterate its message. It is an invitation to come to our JUF Dinner and Dessert Reception here at TBI on Saturday, April 9th. Of course, coming together with fellow TBI members is a great opportunity for camaraderie and stimulating conversation – especially over a nice meal - and especially when it only costs \$20 per person. And this dinner is no exception; it will offer both good food and good conversation...and more.

This dinner will also feature a talk by renowned author, David Liss whose books I enjoy reading, and I think you will, too. In addition to the books mentioned above, Liss also wrote *The Coffee Trader* and *The Ethical Assassin* and a few more. I can't wait to listen to him talk about his work.

Additionally, this evening is an opportunity to learn about and support the good work of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago. Whether it is in the neighborhoods of Chicago, or rebuilding Jewish communities in Eastern Europe, or with the immigrant communities in Israel, JUF is there on the front lines initiating new projects, supporting ongoing successes and, in many ways, working toward the betterment of our world. At our April 9th JUF Dinner I will have the honor of sharing with you some specific examples of the depth and breadth of JUF's reach that I have witnessed personally. I think that you will be impressed and moved. Of course, you will be given the opportunity to join me in supporting JUF financially but all requests for financial support are private and unpressured.

If you can't find the invitation, don't worry! You can reserve a place at the Dinner simply by calling the Temple office. Good food, stimulating conversation, an engaging speaker and a worthy cause – all for only \$20 (and, if you can only make it for dessert and the program, it's \$10). Won't you please join me?

Yom HaShoah at TBI
Wednesday May 4 at 7:30 pm
Our special candle-lighting service

followed by a showing of the film *Refuge*
and a conversation with guest speaker
filmmaker Ethan Bensinger

IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

MAZEL TOV TO:

Joy Wasserman and Rob Weinberg, on their son Aaron Weinberg being named as the Jewish Outreach Director for the Democratic National Committee.

Paula and Larry Hyman and Evelyn Hyman on the birth of their granddaughter / great granddaughter, Jordan Isabelle, to Elitza and Steve Hyman.

Mary Roth on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Sydney Tomlinson

Lillian Gerstner on being honored by the Skokie Village Board for 25 years of education work at the Illinois Holocaust Museum

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY:

The following Temple member is recovering from recent illness or surgery: *Harriet Arons*. We wish her a speedy recovery.

ANNUAL MEETING



Mark your calendars
and plan to attend the

Temple Beth Israel Annual Meeting

on

Wednesday June 1, 2016
at 7:00 pm.

Further information will be sent to you
(including the report of the TBI
Nominating Committee and a summary
of the coming year's budget) following
the April meeting of the Temple Board.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Linda Perlin



"Do you prefer *heritage* or *technology*?" was one of the questions posed in a recent magazine interview. While the interviewee answered, "technology," he noted that in the absence of heritage there can be no technology. With fields of study based in science and math, the base of knowledge continues to build and refine over history, allowing for greater achievements. The great scientists of the 1800's were most likely just as smart as those of today. But, without the benefit of the last 100+ years of research and thought, they could only distantly imagine what is now possible.

Is the same true of the progression of Jewish thought? Was the most profound thinking completed centuries ago, with our only role to comprehend those great thinkers and developers of Jewish philosophy? Or does there remain at least a continuing component leading to new ideas and adapting old ideas to a changing world? The latter would seem to be true.

The Sanhedrin might be considered the start of the application of Jewish law to everyday life. In general terms, this was a body composed of 23 to 71 men who served essentially as a Supreme Court for the Jewish People. The Sanhedrin began during the time of Moses, as mandated in Numbers 11:16. It eventually became centralized in Jerusalem. After the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE, it continued as an institution of mainly religious law for about 300 more years.

Around 200 CE with growing concern that the oral traditions of Jewish law would be lost, Rabbi Judah haNasi undertook to codify in a single work, all existing Jewish law divided into 6 main categories and 63 sub-categories. In addition to compiling rules that had primarily been oral, it organized them by subject. It also contained sayings and proverbs of scholars. This entire work is known as the *Mishnah*.

Scholars began to debate and contemplate the contents of the *Mishnah*, which often lacked explanation. This process led, over a period of about 300 years, to the development of the *Talmud*. The *Talmud* takes a law from the *Mishnah* and then presents the Rabbinic deliberations on its meaning. The *Talmud* is considered the ultimate treatise of Jewish learning.

Jewish thinking continued to develop throughout the middle ages with scholars such as Moses Maimonides, Baruch Spinoza, and Moses Mendelssohn. The 1800's saw the birth of the Reform and Conservative movements. The one constant throughout the centuries has been continuing development of thought, with little aversion to controversy.

Today in the age of jet airplanes, instantaneous telecommunications, and microprocessors there are a number of serious opportunities for Jewish learning. For example, locally, we have the Spertus Institute. Our Reform movement maintains a high level of Jewish education through the Hebrew Union College.

One prominent contemporary institution for Jewish thought is the Shalom Hartman Institute (SHI), headquartered in Jerusalem. SHI describes itself as:

... a pluralistic center of research and education deepening and elevating the quality of Jewish life in Israel and around the world... We are redefining the conversation about Judaism in modernity, religious pluralism, Israeli democracy, Israel and world Jewry, and the relationship with other faith communities.

SHI was founded in 1971 by David Hartman, an Orthodox Rabbi, who left his congregation and made Aliyah to Israel with his wife and 5 children. He was ordained from Yeshiva University in New York and went on to earn a PhD in Philosophy from McGill University. Part of his mission was to create greater understanding between Jews of diverse affiliations, as well as better understanding with non-Jews. David Hartman served as a professor of Jewish Thought at Hebrew University, as well as a visiting professor at UCLA and UC Berkeley. He won two National Jewish Book awards and served as advisor to the Education Minister of Israel from 1977-1984.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING



I am grateful to the affiliates of Temple Beth Israel who do so much to support the school and youth programs with unwavering enthusiasm. I don't know if all of you are aware of how much the school and youth programs benefit from their generosity, so I want to share a bit about these programs and initiatives that are sponsored by Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel and the Brotherhood.

This past year we were able to launch two new school initiatives, *Rosh Chodesh: It's a Girl Thing* and *Shevet Achim*. These programs benefit our 7th graders and are underwritten by Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

What would the opening day of Beit Midrash look like if not for the Sisterhood Bake Sale and the Brotherhood picnic? The holidays are covered coming and going. There are snacks for the children during high holy day services, Sukkah decorating treats, and a cake at Confirmation, all provided by our Sisterhood. Love the TBI Purim Carnival? It wouldn't happen without the loving touch of the Brotherhood who sets it up, buys all of the prizes, and feeds us as we celebrate the holiday.

Supporting the youth programming is something both Sisterhood and Brotherhood do by supplying funds for busses and scholarships so that all TBI youth can participate in any youth program.

I want to publically thank both of these wonderful organizations for their gracious and unwavering support for the children at Temple Beth Israel. I could not do all of it without them; nor would I ever want to.

So now you know, and I hope all of you will join these wonderful organizations and support the work they do within the school and around TBI.

B'Shalom,
Lori B. Sagarin



Lee Schur, a long-time member of TBI can cross another item off her spiritual bucket list! In her winter home in Florida, she worked with a *sofer* to complete a *raish* in a Torah that was saved when a Czech town was destroyed by the Nazis. The rededication of this Torah took place at the synagogue in Tavernier, Florida. Mazel Tov, Lee. What a wonderful moment that we are sure you will treasure forever.

A MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

by Helene Levine, Vice-President Member Services

Over the past few weeks Member Services has been actively engaged with a variety of member integration activities. The most recent was the New Member Orientation which took place on Sunday, March 13. The one hour "Taste of TBI" included Rabbi Weinberg discussing our TBI mission statement; Linda Perlin, TBI President, sharing information about TBI's Board; and each Vice President sharing highlights of programs and activities that fall within their respective departments. Member households that joined TBI during 2014-2016 were in attendance.

JUF DINNER AND DESSERT RECEPTION

with guest speaker David Liss



Please join us on Saturday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Israel for dinner catered by Hel's Kitchen and a program featuring internationally known author, David Liss. We will end on a sweet note as we sample goodies from a fabulous dessert buffet.

David Liss is the author of nine novels. His most recent novel, *The Day of Atonement*, is a story of intrigue during the days of the Inquisition. His previous bestselling books include *The Coffee Trader* and *The Ethical Assassin*, both of which are being developed as films; and *A Conspiracy of Paper*, which is being developed for television. Liss has also authored numerous comics, including *Mystery Men*, *Sherlock Holmes: Moriarty Lives* and *Angelica Tomorrow* as well as his first book for younger readers, *Randoms*.

The cost for the evening is \$20 for TBI members and \$25 for non-members. (This event is open to the public so feel free to invite friends.)

To register for this wonderful event, go to:

<http://www.juf.org/congregants/TempleBethIsrael.aspx>

Questions? Contact our co-chairs, Wendy Kabaker Arnold at 312-209-2566 or Gail Weiss at glw375@gmail.com.

USED INK, TONER, & COPY MACHINE CARTRIDGES – OH MY!



Recycle your used ink cartridges by donating them to StreetWise. StreetWise turns used cartridges into cash to support its social service operations. If you are not donating your cartridges for your, or another agency's benefit, please drop them in the box in the basement lobby, near the TBI office. Little activities add up; be part of the StreetWise math! Contact Bruce Crane with any questions.



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 May bulletin is April 10.



CHAI NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



Our tradition teaches us that we are obligated to celebrate the rituals of Passover, to observe the Seder and tell the story of our redemption from slavery. As it is written in Torah:

You shall observe the month of springtime and perform the *pesach* offering for Adonai, your God, for in the month of springtime Adonai, your God, took you out of Egypt at night... For seven days you shall eat matzot because of it, bread of affliction, for you departed from the land of Egypt in haste – so that you will remember the day of your departure from the land of Egypt all the days of your life (Deuteronomy 16:1-3).

We are encouraged to find a personal connection to the Festival of Pesach – to envision ourselves as slaves, not just story-tellers retelling our history.

One way I have found to make *Pesach* more personal, is to write a Haggadah. Throughout my life, I have used several Haggadot for our family seders, including the *Maxwell House Haggadah*, and the maroon and gold *Passover Haggadah* by Rabbi Nathan Goldberg. For several years our family used a Russian-Hebrew-English Haggadah to help our newly immigrated Russian-Jewish guests feel more comfortable around the table. As an adult, I have come to know the Reform Movement's Haggadah, with its beautiful illustrations. Each of these Haggadot fulfills the obligations of observance, but on the quest to think of myself as having personally made the exodus from Egypt, I craved a different kind of seder, and thus a different Haggadah.

After much research, I discovered <http://www.haggadot.com/>, a free website which allows you to create your own Haggadah. There are templates from which one can choose, including all the pertinent texts, with the flexibility to customize with articles, poetry, pictures, reflections, and songs. The result of my discovery was *The Bentley Family Haggadah*. Using it for the first time last Pesach, our guests and family were able to experience a completely unique and highly personal seder. Whether it is with the help of the internet, or your own family's distinct Passover traditions, I hope each of us is able to find a greater connection to this holy festival.

Temple Beth Israel has many opportunities for us to celebrate Passover together. Michael Lorge will present a Sunday Morning Seminar about different Passover traditions entitled "A Wine Stained Tablecloth is Best for Conducting a Passover Seder" on April 3 at 10:00 a.m. That afternoon the Sisterhood Women's Seder will begin at 2:00 p.m. The congregation will gather for the Second Seder on Saturday, April 23, at 6:00 p.m. Check elsewhere in this bulletin for a complete list of Pesach and other spring holiday observances and opportunities to gather with our TBI community.

Joy & Blessings,
Marla Aviva Bentley

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!



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!

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

As we begin the final quarter of the programming year, I reflect on all that Brotherhood has done, as an inspiration for how much more I want Brotherhood to do, including setting up the Gala, preparing a year-end religious school breakfast, organizing a summer outing (a Cubs or White Sox game), and providing more support at B'nai Mitzvah luncheons.

As journalist Mark Shields has remarked, "There is always strength in numbers. The more individuals or organizations that you can rally to your cause, the better." And so I am looking to build strength in numbers and in participation.

First, if you are not already a Brotherhood member, you can join now and your membership will continue through June of 2017.

Second, while we have 100 members, I am looking to expand our nucleus, so that we have a larger group to help with upcoming programming.

Third, I would like you to tell me which Chicago baseball team you would like to see.

As I mentioned in the fall, I know how hard it is to balance work and family responsibilities, particularly when our kids are younger. I also know what it is like to be a newer member and wonder what it takes to feel part of the TBI community. Even if you attend just one event, Brotherhood is a great first step into the community. I welcome the opportunity to talk with you more about joining and/or participating in Brotherhood. Please contact me at dlevinson21@gmail.com or at 773-255-7797.

And don't forget to let me know if you would rather see the Cubs or Sox!

David Levinson
TBI Brotherhood Co-President

UPCOMING BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

- April 17, 9:00 a.m.Lox & Bagels Breakfast/
Saul Bellow discussion with Richard Reeder
- April 19, 7:00 p.m.Brotherhood Executive Board Meeting

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.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Do you enjoy lively book discussions about controversial issues? Do you like historic fiction? Are you open to learning about new topics? Do you enjoy sharing your opinions in a friendly, non-judgmental setting? Do you like to sink your teeth into an intriguing novel or a fascinating piece of non-fiction? Two of us, friends and members of Sisterhood, love doing just that. Several years ago we decided to form an evening Sisterhood Book Discussion group so we could share our interest with others.

On a typical evening, between fifteen and twenty lovers of reading gather at Temple Beth Israel prepared to talk about a chosen book, nibble on cookies, and catch up with friends. The discussions, however, are anything but typical. Although the leaders come prepared with questions related to the book, we also focus on issues that are timely or controversial. *Me Before You*, by Jo Jo Moyes in which one of the main characters is a quadriplegic led us to a discussion about assisted suicide. Our discussion of *The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd, a novel about two female abolitionists and the slave they try to help, led us to discuss current racial issues. *The Warmth of Other Suns*, Isabel Wilkerson's work of nonfiction about the great African American migration featured the true stories of three characters who fled the South to escape the terror of Jim Crow. We learned about their very different experiences and the risks they took on their journeys to the north and west. This work of history was a fascinating summer read and we became attached to the characters and missed them when we finished reading the book.

The Book Discussion Group prides itself on variety and on being open to books we might not otherwise read. *The Boys in the Boat* taught us about the sport of crew, and about how a group of young men from the University of Washington rose from painfully humble beginnings to win gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. It may sound surprising that a women's book group would have a fascinating discussion on a coming of age novel about baseball. When we talked about Chad Harbach's novel *The Art of Fielding* we empathized with the main character, Henry Skrimshander, the unlikely, but very talented shortstop at a fictitious college in Wisconsin, when self-doubt threatened his prospect of a major league career.

Some of the books we read relate to Judaism. We recently talked about R.D.'s Rosen's book *Such Good Girls* about Jewish children who were hidden by courageous Gentile families to escape Nazi persecution. One of our Sisterhood members whose parents were hidden during the war shared their story and how they were affected by the trauma of the Holocaust. When we read *I am Forbidden*, a novel by Anouk Markovits, we learned about the insular Satmar Hasidic sect and its impact on four generations of a family. We laughed and sympathized with the characters in *The Outside World*, by Tova Mirvis as they struggled to fit into the modern world.

The best part of the Sisterhood book group is its openness to new books, new members, and new ideas. Please watch for our bi-monthly announcements in the bulletin and join the discussion.

Jane Page and Linda Crohn
Co-Leaders

SISTERHOOD COUNTS ITS BLESSINGS

We have counted our blessings and there are a lot to go around. Nearly 131 individual blessings were checked off Sisterhood's "Count Your Blessings" gift forms. We would like to thank the following donors for their generous contribution to Sisterhood: Harriet Arons, Judy Dorfman, Madelon Gryll, Roslyne Heimann, Nina Henry, Linda Janush, Pam Lavine, Sharon Levine, Patti Levy, Joanne Merritt, Cynthia Miller, Ione Novak, Jane Page, Paula Sabin, and Janice Samberg.

SISTERHOOD ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Roslyne and Ernst Heimann	5/5/1974
Brenda and Benjamin Kogan	5/14/2006
Dale and William (Skip) Davison	5/15/1988
Janice and Mark Samberg	5/20/1984
April and Morris Levy	5/22/1994
Sharon and Joel Garson	5/23/1970
Marsha Richman and Richard Lanyon	5/23/1982
Jolie and David Rubin	5/23/1993
Susan Derex and Jerry Murphy	5/25/1997
Kathy Kirn and David Levinson	5/25/1986
Michelle and Warren Brand	5/26/1991
Ione and Steve Novak	5/27/1990
Ellen and Steve Sontag	5/27/1972
Michelle and Jeff Agrest	5/28/2000
Madelon and Charles Gryll	5/29/1977

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sandie Rubin	5/5
Diane Mehlman	5/7
Carole Arenson	5/8
Keryn Groner	5/10
Mollie Bawer	5/11
Barbara Agdern	5/14
Candy Siegel	5/14
Janis Fine	5/15
Lisa Spector	5/16
Pam Lavine	5/20
Cynthia Miller	5/22
Dr. Elaine Morgan	5/22
Elaine Kropveld-Berger	5/25
Doris Simon	5/26
Cynthia Roth-Garfield	5/28
Alyce Heman	5/30
Lori Sagarin	5/30
Sylvia Berry	5/30

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UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENTS

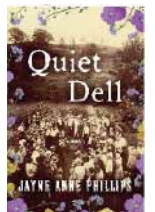
April 3	Women's Seder
April 4, 11, 18 & 25	Monday Morning Study with Rabbi
April 6	Open Meeting with Rabbi Weinberg
April 8-10	WRJ Midwest District Kallah at OSRU
April 17	Board Meeting (New Date)
April 27	Evening Book Club

EVENING SISTERHOOD BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Evening Sisterhood Book Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Cohn Library at Temple when we will discuss *Quiet Dell*, a novel by Jayne Anne Phillips.

The story takes place in Chicago in 1931. Asta Eicher, mother of three, is lonely and despairing, pressed for money after the sudden death of her husband. She begins to receive seductive letters from a chivalrous, elegant man named Harry Powers, who promises to cherish and protect her, ultimately to marry her, and to care for her and her children. Weeks later, the family is dead. Emily Thornhill, one of the few women in the Chicago press, covers the case and becomes deeply invested in understanding what happened to this beautiful family, particularly to the youngest child, Annabel, an enchanting girl with a precocious imagination and sense of magic. This promises to be an intriguing story and discussion.

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.



Let's do Lunch!

SAVE THE DATE

Earning Fund Luncheon

June 26, 2016
at 11:30 a.m. at Jolane's



Spring
5776

First Seder
(no Erev Shabbat Services at TBI)
Friday, April 22

Shabbat / Pesach Morning Services
Saturday, April 23 at 10:30 a.m.

Congregational Second Seder
Reservations Required
Saturday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m.

7th Day Pesach Services
Friday, April 29 at 10:30 a.m.
followed by luncheon

Yom HaShoah observance
Wednesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Yom HaZikaron observance
Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m.
Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration
Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Erev Shavuot
Saturday evening, June 11
Shavuot
Sunday June 12
Plans are underway;
watch for more information

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..... Marjorie Schneider

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The Institute occupies a large area on Jerusalem's Cultural Mile, having been granted that space by former Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. Rabbi Hartman's son, Donniel Hartman, continues his father's exceptional work with over 50 scholars. SHI is at the forefront of modern Jewish thinking and culture. One of the cutting edge programs offered by the Institute is the "Rabbinical Leadership Initiative." SHI describes this program as:

A transformative fellowship experience, immersing rabbis in the highest levels of Jewish learning.

The intensive three-year Rabbinic Leadership Initiative (RLI) exposes an elite cohort of 25 to 30 North American rabbis, from all the streams of Judaism, to the highest levels of Jewish learning. The program equips them to meet contemporary challenges

with ever-increasing intellectual and moral sophistication.

Participants spend a month each summer and a week each winter studying at the Hartman campus in Jerusalem, including serious text-study classes with world-class Hartman scholars based on the 3-year Hartman curriculum model: *Foundations for a Thoughtful Judaism* and *Great Books...*

I am very proud to announce that the Chicago Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago has selected our own Rabbi Weinberg to be a fully-sponsored participant in this elite and selective program. Although some of us would contend that Rabbi Weinberg could not become any wiser, undoubtedly this program will accomplish that, as well as provide others the benefit of Rabbi Weinberg's wisdom. We wish Rabbi the best on this exciting endeavor.

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