Shabbat Services

**SHABBAT**

- **Friday Evening, May 3**
  - 5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
  - 6:05 P.M. – Kabballat Shabbat
  - May Birthday Blessings

Likrat Shabbat is sponsored by Rabbi Jim Sagarin in honor of his wife, Lori B. Sagarin, on her special birthday.

**SHABBAT**

- **Sunday, May 4 at 10:30 A.M.**
  - Torah Portion "Acharei Mot"

**SHABBAT**

- **Friday Evening, May 10**
  - 6:00 P.M. – Shalom Shabbat
  - 6:20 P.M. – Crossover Congregational Dinner
  - 7:30 P.M. – Erev Shabbat Services - Confirmation

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**SHABBAT**

- **Saturday Morning, May 11 at 10:30 A.M.**
  - Bat Mitzvah of Jamie Kimmel-Choldin, daughter of Kate Choldin and Laurie Kimmel
  - Torah Portion "Kedoshet"

**SHABBAT**

- **Friday Evening, May 17**
  - 5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
  - 6:05 P.M. – Kabballat Shabbat

**SHABBAT**

- **Saturday Morning, May 18 at 10:30 A.M.**
  - Torah Portion "Emor"

**SHABBAT**

- **Friday Evening, May 24**
  - 7:30 P.M. – Erev Shabbat Services

**SHABBAT**

- **Saturday Morning, May 25 at 10:30 A.M.**
  - Torah Portion "Behar"

**SHABBAT**

- **Friday Evening, May 31**
  - 5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
  - 6:05 P.M. – Kabballat Shabbat

Likrat Shabbat is sponsored by Doris Simon in honor of her new great grandson.

Baby naming of the great grandson of Doris Simon

**SHABBAT**

- **Sunday Morning, June 1 at 10:30 A.M.**
  - Bat Mitzvah of Jasmine Hermann, daughter of Sharon and Joshua Hermann
  - Torah Portion "Bechukotai"

*Please note time

**Date Material – Please Rush**

Temple Beth Israel is lucky to have those families celebrating Quinquennial anniversaries at Erev Shabbat Services on Friday, April 12. Thanks to the Member Services Committee and to all to help make that evening memorable.

On April 6, families joined together at Cradles to Crayons to sort books and clothes for children in need. Thank you, Cradles to Crayons and YES committee, for offering the opportunity to help out!

And... SCENE! Another Putin Skitrap rapped on March 23. Thanks to all the Skitrapers and the countless helpers who made us laugh, as well as say “what a yummy dinner” and “Wow! This place looks amazing.”

Rabbi’s Column

It is sometimes difficult to make sense of the times in which we are living. During the course of this year, 5779, we have been witness to horrific violence against people gathered for worship. We are still reeling from the shock of the attacks on our fellow Jews last fall at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. We were distraught at the attacks last month on Muslims at prayer in two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. And we were stunned yet again on Easter Sunday to learn of the attacks on church worshippers in Sri Lanka.

It seems that hatred and violence know no limits, not geographic and not religious. And it seems that many who are filled with hate, and with a need to lash out against those who are different than themselves, are feeling newly encouraged and sanctioned both by the vitriol so ubiquitous on the internet and social media and by the careless and irresponsible vocabulary of some world leaders who have found that the rhetoric of fear and anger serve their political purposes.

There are some who will use their words to instill fear – they will tell you that you should be afraid of the “other”. But we must say that we will not be afraid and that we will welcome the “other” as the Bible says: Love the stranger as yourself.

There are some who will claim that the problem is immigration – they will tell you that you should be wary of those who come from somewhere else. But we must say that we are all immigrants, the children of immigrants. We are all travelers who have history in one place and destiny in another. And we only seek shelter and the welcome of words such as those of Emma Lazarus on the Statue of Liberty: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free.”

There are some who will say that we just need more security – they will tell you that we need more guns in the hands of the good guys. But we must say that we really need is less hatred, less incitement, less blaming, and less marginalizing. We must say that we need more acceptance, more tolerance, more respect and more dignity. We should spread globally the sentiment of George Washington when he wrote to the Jews of Newport, Rhode Island in 1790: “It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights, but, unhappily, the Slovemnernem of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens”.

It is time for us to join with like-minded people of every land and every faith to say “enough!” Never again should people of any faith need to worry about being murdered for their beliefs or for their religious practices. Never again should people of any ethnicity need to worry about being harassed for their customs or because of their country of origin. Never again should any people be judged by the color of their skin rather than the content of their character. Never again should any people be assaulted because of their gender or because of whom they love. In the memory of the Jews murdered in Pittsburgh, and in memory of the Moslems murdered in Christchurch, New Zealand, and in memory of the Christians murdered in Sri Lanka, and so many others killed in shootings motivated by racism, and baseless hatred, we must say “enough!”

In the face of hatred, let us forge understanding; In the face of violence, let us build peace; In the face of bigotry, let us breed tolerance; In the face of discrimination, let us seek justice; In the face of darkness, let us spread light.
IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

MAZAL TOV TO:

Evelyn Hyman on the birth of her new great-granddaughter and Paula and Larry Hyman on the birth of their new granddaughter, Jori Skee, daughter of Marissa and Eli Amstaldt.

Ellie and Gioa Dolgin on the birth of their new granddaughter and Amy and Harrell Dolgin on the birth of their new niece, Mali Dolgin, daughter of Yaniv and Michal Dolgin.

CONGRATULATIONS:

We note with sorrow the passing of Magda Yankovitch, grandmother of Nir Leher. May her memory be for a blessing.

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Beth Israel announces with profound sorrow the passing of ELIZABETH ROSEN.

Beloved wife of Rabbi Ernst M. Lorger.

Beloved mother of Michael M. Lorger.

Beloved grandmother of Ayssa Dryer

May her memory be for blessing.

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Beloved wife of Stephen Epstein

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MAZAL TOV – B’NAI MITZVAH!

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Jamie Kimmel Cholodin on becoming Bar Mitzvah and being called to the Torah on May 11, 2019. Jamie is a young woman with a talent for reading poetry and a great sense of humor.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Jasmine Hermann on becoming Bat Mitzvah and being called to the Torah on June 8, 2019. Jasmine is a seventh grader at Old Orchard Junior High, where she is a member of the cheer leading and glee club teams. She is a fun-loving and kind-hearted young lady with a great sense of humor.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Jon Schneider

There is a dissatisfaction that I have heard a lot recently regarding the issue of keeping score at sporting events for young children. On one side are those who believe that keeping score can lead to hurt feelings and an emphasis on winning and losing rather than just having fun. On the other side are those who believe that scoring is an integral part of sports and that it helps children learn to be good losers, good winners, and how to follow all the rules.

One of the most common criticisms of the first group is that those children are getting an unrealistic view of life; one where everyone wins, and we all have fun and enjoy ourselves rather than the hard reality that we all must learn to lose sometimes in life. While there is some truth to that assertion, in life there is no scoreboard.

Of course, all face disappointments as we go through life: we lose jobs, we have health problems, we get passed over for promotions or don’t get the raise we thought we earned or deserved. But in sports, the scores are a zero-sum game. One side wins; one side loses. In life there is no scoreboard. Sometimes, we can win, and no one loses. When we experience joy, it is not at someone else’s expense, most of the time.

There are so many aspects of life where the joy is in the process, not in an outcome. How many of you know people who have great jobs, and are unhappy? How many know people who struggle to get through each month financially and generally remain happy? In life, there is no scoreboard.

Living in the moment, enjoying what we do, spending time with friends, our community, singing together, laughing together, learning together, playing games – these are the ways we can live our lives to the fullest. We do this with our friends, our families, our community, and we all win together. Life is no scoreboard.

I enjoy a good competition. Ask anyone who plays words with friends with me. I am a big fan of my favorite sports teams, especially the Chicago Bears. I want them to win, yet, sometimes I think about how silly it is. It is not how much we win, but our sports teams and the games we watch on TV.

I am reminded of the recent losses in our family and in our greater community. Each person who passed on was on their own path. Each had their pain, their pleasure, their joy, their sadness. They may have won or lost, they had their pain, their pleasure, their joy, their sadness. They may have won or lost, they had their pain, their pleasure, their joy, their sadness. They may have

I am not suggesting one should not try to “win”. We should always strive to do our best, whether it is in our jobs, on a sports team or in volunteer work. But winning is not meaningful if we haven’t enjoyed the experience, treated our opponents with respect, treated our teammates or our coworkers appropriately, played not only within the letter of the rules, but also within the spirit of the game. Because in the end, when you are in a basketball league, there will likely be a scoreboard which determines who wins or loses, in life, there is no scoreboard. Maybe your co-worker who used to keep score at the fish market will get the promotion, but did they “win” in life, there is no scoreboard.

How does this affect TBI? TBI is like the rest of our lives. We try to be a place where everyone can experience joy and gain, a place where we can celebrate, to learn, to pray, to cry and to live. At TBI, there is no scoreboard. We play hard. We do the right thing. If we do it right, we all win.

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Shabbat Dinner 6:30pm

Shabbat Sefirah Services 7:30pm

CONFIRMATION SERVICES

Shabbat, Friday May 10, 2019

Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat 7:30p.m. As they near the end of 10th grade, our Confirmands reaffirm themselves to participation in Jewish life.

There will also be a Congregational Shabbat Dinner (6:30pm).

Sign up on ShulCloud or by calling the Temple office.
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Now residing in Chicago’s Logan Square neighborhood, the couple loves to travel, cook, cheer on the Iowa Hawkeyes and play with their adorable cat named Puff. They are looking forward to developing enduring relationships with their new TBI family.

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First Impressions: In Morgan’s words: “We have felt very welcomed and comfortable and are looking forward to participating in the adult education classes and those geared for interfaith families.” She adds that being in a diverse community and one that is open to and welcoming of interfaith families is very important. Morgan grew up attending a conservative synagogue in Highland Park while Tom was raised Catholic. The Vances look forward to making new friends at TBI and getting to know the community better.

Getting to Know You: Tom is an attorney at an accounting firm in Chicago’s loop and Morgan is a psychotherapist at a group practice in Ravinia. The couple met at the University of Iowa during their undergraduate studies. Following college, they lived in Chicago for a year and then joined the Peace Corps in Berlin, West Africa. Later, the couple moved to New York so Morgan could attend graduate school at NYU while Tom moved on to Brooklyn Law School and then a job offer in Milwaukee, which is where the young, growing family lived for seven years. Kieran and Asher now attend Sauganash Elementary and are getting adjusted to new surroundings. Kieran enjoys track, cross-country and has played the guitar since he was six. Younger brother, Asher loves acting, cooking and art.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

Dear Friends,

This has been a wonderful year of learning and engagement at TBI. Our adult education program has quite literally brought hundreds of folks into our building to view films, listen to nationally known authors, learn from internationally known scholars, as well as our learned staff. We have adults who sing in KolYom, study Hebrew weekly and those who are involved in one of several book groups.

We are a congregation of learners and we are proud of that fact. In the next few weeks, we will be thinking about ways in which to continue to encourage learning opportunities we offer to our congregants and those outside of our community. We are looking to make TBI a center, a Mercaz, of Jewish learning and we are looking for your input.

What are the kinds of things you would like to learn about here at TBI? Would you come to TBI to play Canasta? Bridge? Mah Jong? A daytime Hebrew class? A daytime short story discussion group? What kind of learning calls to you now that you have some time, or where you would want to put your energies given your current time period?

Jim Bernstein, our incoming Education VP, is anxious to hear your thoughts and want to be responsive to your learning needs. Please let me know via email or stop by to share your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Congregational Thanks: Thanks so much for the many donations and cards sent in honor of my 90th birthday. It was great celebrating with my Temple Family! I look forward to many more celebrations with all of you.

Ernie Heimann

Notes from the Social Action Council

TalRon Obst or repairing the world is something that we can incorporate into our daily lives. Check out the “Tarah in Action” page on the TBI website and you can find some ideas of things you can focus on.

Also, you can do little things that can make a difference as a community. Here are some:
1. Compost yard waste and kitchen waste.
2. Walk or ride a bike instead of driving your car.
3. Use less water when you shower, brush your teeth, or water your yard (rain barrels).
4. Make sure you have energy-efficient lighting.

There are members that can help you accomplish any of the above. Please send them an email in care of the social action council.

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TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL LGBTQ KESHEM SUMMIT

When we joined TBI six years ago, we felt welcomed from the start. We now know that this feeling of acceptance and community fostered by TBI is both intentional and organic. However, I also feel that some members of the Jewish community, who identify as LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) may not expect the same from us. As a TBI community, we are doing to intentionally welcome current and future LGBTQ TBI members, and that should be the primary goal of our community.

EATING YOUR WAY TO SELF-ESTEEM: A JEWISH PERSPECTIVE

My name is Helene Levine and I love to eat! Recently I came across an article that I found on Israels.org called "Eating Your Way to Self-Esteem: A Jewish Perspective" written by Michal Silverman. I found it intriguing and thought you might enjoy it also.

For better or worse, food is an important part of American culture. Lunch with friends, birthday parties, b'nai mitzvah and weddings - we all love good food. Food has invaded more than our bodies. It affects our sense of self. The bathroom scale has become a barometer of self-esteem. With such an unspoken culture of failure or success, it is no wonder some continue to lose weight beyond reason, disciplining themselves onto the path of uncountable diets and food addiction. Sometimes we lose our ability to discern food from depth, body from soul. The perception of our inner essence can be disturbed by our attachment to physical ideals unattainable by most.

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Now then, the link between a Jew and the Divine can be facilitated by physical means such as the food we eat. The connection to G-d engenders a sense of purposefulness in our lives that is at the heart of true self-esteem. By recognizing that the core of our existence transcends size and shape and be happy with our healthy relationships with food and a reverence for the body, we acknowledge that our life force comes not from the physical aspect of our being but, ultimately from the spiritual nourishment it provides.

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First Impressions: In Morgan’s words: “We have felt very welcomed and comfortable and are looking forward to participating in the adult education classes and those geared for interfaith families.” She adds that being in a diverse community and one that is open to and welcoming of interfaith families is very important. Morgan grew up attending a conservative synagogue in Highland Park while Tom was raised Catholic. The Vances look forward to making new friends at TBI and getting to know the community better.

**Getting to Know You:** Tom is an attorney at an accounting firm in Chicago’s loop and Morgan is a psychotherapist at a group practice in River Forest. The couple met at the University of Iowa during their undergraduate studies. Following college, they lived in Chicago for a year and then joined the Peace Corps in Berlin, West Africa.

Later, the couple moved to New York so Morgan could attend graduate school at NYU while Tom moved on to Brooklyn Law School and then a

Morgan & Tom Vance • Chicago, IL

**UNSGN HERO – MAY**

Have you ever noticed all the great pictures in the TBI Bulletin? Have you seen the pictures on ShulCloud from recent TBI events? Have you been to a recent annual meeting and enjoyed the incredible photos in the video montages we have been showing lately? We have one person, primarily, to thank for all those amazing photos – Richard Perlin. He is at most major events throughout the year, with his camera, doing his best to take pictures to memorialize the events. He has also served in various roles at TBI, including chairing our Investment Committee recently and participating in our Professional Development Committee. He has also been a great sport with his unique camera in Purim Shpiels. I should also note that he is an all-star door opener during L’cha Dodi during Kabbat Shabbat Services. For all of these reasons, we would like to honor Richard Perlin as our latest Unsung Hero. Thanks, Richard, for all you do for TBI!

**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING**

Dear Friends,

This has been a wonderful year of learning and engagement at TBI. Our adult education program has quite literally brought hundreds of folks into our building to view their information, listen to nationally known authors, learn from internationally known scholars, as well as our learned staff. We have adults who sing in Kolyma, study Hebrew weekly and those who are involved in one of several book groups.

We are a congregation of learners and we are proud of that fact. In the next few weeks, we will be thinking about ways in which to continue to encourage learning opportunities we offer to our congregants and those outside of our community. We are looking to make TBI a center, a Mercaz, of Jewish learning and we are looking for your input.

What are the kinds of things you would like to learn about here at TBI? Would you come to TBI to play Canasta? Bridge? Mahjong? A daytime Hebrew class? A daytime short story discussion group? What kind of learning calls to you now that you have some time, or where you would want to put your energies given your current time limit?

Jim Bernstein, our incoming Education VP, and I are anxious to hear your thoughts and want to be responsive to your learning needs. Please let me know via email or stop by to share your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you!

B'Shalom,

Lori B. Sagarin

**MIDNIGHT AT THE OASIS**

The TBI Community gathers on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. for delicious food, fantastic music, and wonderful company for the 2019 Spring Gala. RSVP now by calling the Temple office.

**CONGREGATIONAL THANKS:**

Thanks so much for the many donations and cards sent in honor of my 90th birthday. It was great celebrating with my Temple Family! I look forward to many more celebrations with all of you.

Ernie Heismann

**NOTES FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COUNCIL**

Talain Osten or repairing the world is something that we can incorporate into our daily lives. Check out the “Torah in Action” page on the TBI website and you can find some ideas of things you can focus on.

Also, you can do little things that can make a difference as a community. Here are some:

- Compost yard waste and kitchen waste.
- Walk or ride a bike instead of driving your car.
- Use less water when you shower, brush your teeth, or water your yard (rain barrels).
- Make sure you have energy-efficient lighting.

There are members that can help you accomplish any of these.

Tell us if you have a great idea for an article? Send it in!

Prepared by Norwin Maren, TBI Membership Committee

**HELF US GET IT RIGHT!**

Please help us recognize your upcoming simcha correctly in the Bulletin. If you are planning a bar or bat mitzvah, auftuf, baby naming or other life cycle event, please make sure we know exactly how you want your names to be listed. In order to clarify the, the Bulletin will list names as they appear in our official TBI records. Please email Bulletin@TBIskokie.org with your information.

**ATTENTION JOURNALISTS AND ASPIRING JOURNALISTS!**

Reminder: Material for the bulletin is due electronically to the Bulletin Editor 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/July bulletin is May 10th. Have an idea for an article? Send it in!

**Copy of this Bulletin not necessarily the final, or final in any way. Please let me know if you have any questions.**

Richard Perlin

Richard with his daughter, Danielle, at Shabbat in the Park

A special thanks to Harold Levine as the TBI community kvells over his fantastic Yiddish lecture at the end of March.
**IN MEMORIAM**

Temple Beth Israel announces with profound sorrow the passing of ROZANNE EPSTEIN.  
Beloved wife of Stephen Epstein  
May her memory be for blessing.

**MAZAL TOV TO:**

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Jamie Kimmel Choldin on obtaining her Bar Mitzvah and being called to the Torah on May 11, 2019. Jamie is a young woman with a huge heart. She is wise beyond her years and has incredible depth and empathy. At her core is a creative free spirit that manifests itself in designing and making her own clothes, cooking, baking, and making beautiful jewelry by hand - tiny bead by tiny bead. Jamie is accepting and tolerant. She does not see skin color and she is incredibly open to LGBTQ. She has friends of every shape and size and color and type. Jamie is a young woman with a huge heart. She is wise and manifests itself in designing and making her own clothes. Jamie is a family person. She loves her moms, her sisters, and all of her grandparents and cousins. She is a bundle of love and incredibly generous.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Jasmine Hermann on becoming Bat Mitzvah and being called to the Torah on June 10, 2019. Jasmine is a seventh grader at Old Orchard Junior High, where she is a key player on the basketball team and the goalie on her soccer team. Jamie is a fierce advocate for the LGBTQ community and has been selected to speak to various school and community groups about acceptance and inclusion. Among her many interests are painting, creative writing, and performing. She has been dancing since age four and our home is filled with her colorful works of art. Jasmine is a born nurturer who treasures being surrounded with young children. This summer will be her second year as a Counselor in Training at the Sidney I. Cole Camp. Jasmine also enjoys swimming, dancing, and playing the violin for the school orchestra. She is a passionate advocate for the LGBTQ community and has been selected to speak to various school and community groups about acceptance and inclusion. Among her many interests are painting, creative writing, and performing. She has been dancing since age four and our home is filled with her colorful works of art. Jasmine is a born nurturer who treasures being surrounded with young children.

From the President

**BY JON SCHNEIDER**

There is a disagreement that I have heard a lot recently regarding the issue of keeping score at sporting events for young children. On one side are those who think keeping score can lead to hurt feelings and an emphasis on winning and losing rather than just having fun. On the other side are those who think being made to look bad is good for parents, good winners, and how to follow all the rules.

One of the most common criticisms of the first group is that children are getting an unrealistic view of life; one where everyone wins, and we all have fun and enjoy ourselves rather than the hard reality that we all must learn to lose sometimes in life. While there is some truth to that assertion, in life there is no scoreboard.

Of course, we all face disappointments as we go through life: we lose jobs, we have health problems, we get passed over for promotions or don’t get the raise we thought we earned or deserved. But in sports, the scores, the numbers, the wins and losses, are not as relevant.

There are so many aspects of life where the joy is in the process, not in an outcome. How many of you know people who have great jobs, and are unhappy? How many know people who struggle to get through each month financially, and generally remain happy? In life, there is no scoreboard.

Living in the moment, enjoying what we do, doing what we enjoy, spending time with friends, our community, singing together, laughing together, learning together, playing games – these are the ways we can live our lives to the fullest. We do this with our friends, our families, our community, and all we win together is life. There is no scoreboard.

Enjoy a good competition. Ask anyone who plays words with friends with me. I am a big fan of my favorite sports teams (especially Kentucky basketball). I want them to win, yet, sometimes I think about how silly it is how much it means to me. I’m not sure why it’s so important. It can even embarrass me how much I care about whether these people I don’t know, who play for a school I didn’t attend, win a sporting event. I get good winners, and how to follow all the rules.

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Likrat Shabbat is sponsored by Rabbi Jim Sagarin in honor of his wife, Lori B. Sagarin, on her special birthday.

Likrat Shabbat is sponsored by Doris Simon

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And... SCENE! Another Purim Shpiel rapped on March 23. Thanks to all the Shpielers and the countless helpers who made us laugh, as well as say “what a yummy dinner!” and “Wow! This place looks amazing”.

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