**Shabbat Services**

**SHABBAT**

- **Friday, October 4**
  - 5:30 P.M. – Likrnat Shabbat
  - 6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat
  - October Birthday Shabbat

Likrat Shabbat is sponsored by Laurie Kimmel and Johanna Fine

In honor of all October birthdays.

**SHABBAT**

- **Saturday Morning, October 5 at 10:30 A.M.**
  - **SHABBAT SHUVAH**
  - Torah Portion “Yavelith”

**SHABBAT**

- **Friday Evening, October 11**
  - 7:30 P.M. – Erev Shabbat Services
  - 6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

Likrat Shabbat is sponsored by Barbara and Bob Agdern

in honor of the naming of their two grandchildren.

**SHABBAT**

- **Saturday Morning, October 19 at 10:30 A.M.**
  - Shabbat Chol HaMond

**SHABBAT**

- **Friday Evening, October 25**
  - 7:30 P.M. – Erev Shabbat Services
  - 6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

**SHABBAT**

- **Saturday Morning, October 26 at 10:30 A.M.**
  - Torah Portion “B’ereshit”

**SHABBAT**

- **Friday Evening, November 1**
  - 5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
  - 6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

November Birthday Shabbat

Likrat Shabbat is sponsored by Jane and Al Page

in honor of their special birthdays.

**SHABBAT**

- **Saturday Morning, November 2 at 10:30 A.M.**
  - Torah Portion “Nashah”

*Please note time

**FESTIVAL SERVICES**

At Temple Beth Israel, 3601 Dempster Street, Skokie

**SUKKOT**

- **Sunday, October 13 – Erev Sukkot Services**
  - Pizza in the Hut at 5:30 p.m.
- **Monday, October 14 – Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.**
  - Kiddush lunch to follow

**SH’MINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH**

- **Sunday, October 20 – Erev Simchat Torah**
  - Supper at 5:30 p.m.
  - Services at 6:45 p.m.
- **Monday, October 21 – Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.**
  - Including Yizkor
  - Kiddush Lunch to follow

For additional information, please call the Temple Office.

**HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES**

Please remember to bring your High Holy Day tickets to services. As a reminder, all adults are required to have a ticket to enter the 10:30 a.m. Family Services and the main Congregational Services for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Ushers will be asking to see tickets upon entry. Please also remember to bring your copy of Mishkan HaNefesh as well. There will not be loaners available.

**L’SANAH TOVAH!**

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**Rabbi’s Column**

In several places in the Torah we find a kind of biblical calendar. There we find listed the special times of the year – the holidays and observances that we Jews use to mark off time. On these holy days we gather together to pray and thank God and to commemorate special events of our collective historical experience. The one major holiday that is conspicuously absent from these Torah calendars is Simchat Torah. That is because the Festival of Simchat Torah likely came into existence long after the Torah was completed. Simchat Torah, meaning “the rejoicing in the Torah,” attached itself to Sh’miNi Atzeret – a festival mentioned in the Torah, falling the day after the seventh day of Sukkot, but without any of its own particular traditions or observances. Simchat Torah became the day that marked the completion of the now annual Torah reading cycle as well as its renewal. To this day, we gather on Simchat Torah and read the last verses of the Book of Devarim (Deuteronomy) from one scroll and then immediately turn to another scroll to read the first verses of Genesis (Genesi). A special honor is given to the person who recites the Torah blessings and, often, all the children are invited up to the Torah to recite the final Torah blessings.

And there is also dancing! When we take the Torah scrolls from the Ark, we conduct a special parade around the synagogue called hakafot. After parading around the synagogue seven times (with different people carrying the scrolls for each hakafah) then we join in festive dancing with the Torah. If you have never experienced this celebration (or if you haven’t for a long time then this year is your year!) It is a celebration for the entire congregation, members of any and every age! Erev Simchat Torah falls on Sunday evening, October 20th. We will begin with a festive dinner at 5:30 pm (reservations required). Then at 6:45 pm we will begin the service and Simchat Torah celebration (including hakafot, dancing with the Torah, special Torah reading, and Consecration of the youngest students as they begin their Jewish education) concluding around 7:45 pm. Of course, you do not have to come for dinner in order to join in the service and celebration – just come a join the festivities whenever you can.

**HELP US GET IT RIGHT!**

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

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**SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES**

at Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Avenue, Evanston (unless otherwise noted)

(In order that we may provide sufficient disabled parking spaces for our congregants at Evanston Township High School, please call or email the Temple office with your request.)

Please plan to have tickets out and available to show ushers upon entry.

*indicates that service will be at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 Dempster Street, Skokie

**SELICHOT – PREPARATION FOR REPENTANCE**

- *Saturday evening, September 21 at 11:00 p.m.
  - Preceded by Study Session at 9:15 p.m.
  - Tickets not required

**ROSH HASHANAH ~ NEW YEAR**

- Sunday, September 29, Evening Service at 8:15 p.m.
  - Monday, September 30, Morning Service at 10:00 a.m.
  - Followed by special activities and snacks for Pre-K – 2nd grade
  - Tickets required for adults

- *Tuesday, October 1, Second Day Service at 10:00 a.m.
  - At Temple Beth Israel 3601 Dempster Street, Skokie
  - Followed by Tashlich Observation.
  - Tickets not required

**SHABBAT SHUVAH ~ SABBATH OF RETURN**

- *Friday, October 4, Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6:05 p.m., preceded by Likrnat at 5:30 p.m.
  - *Saturday, October 5, Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.
  - *Sunday, October 6, Family Service at 10:00 a.m.

**YOM KIPPUR ~ DAY OF ATONEMENT**

- *Tuesday, October 8, Koli Nidah Service at 8:15 p.m.
  - Wednesday, October 9, Morning Service at 10:00 a.m.
  - Wednesday, October 9, Young Families Service at 9:00 a.m.
  - (For families with children 5 and under. Tickets not required)

**LIKRAT SHABBAT**

We would like to thank Laurie Kimmel, Sharon Hermann, Joshua Hermann, Libby Beider, Nancy Goodman, Joel Goodman, and Larry Elsman who made a donation for the Likrat Shabbat on October 4, 2019 in honor of their October birthdays.
VETERAN SHABBAT

November 8, 2019

On Friday, November 8th at 7:30 pm there will be a special Erev Shabbat service honoring Veterans, sponsored by Brotherhood and featuring music of Koleynu. TBI will pay tribute to our members and their relatives who have served or are currently serving in our nation’s military. If you would like to be recognized for your service, or if you would like recognition for a family member’s service, please contact the Temple office. We request you provide: Name, Rank, Branch of Service, and how you wish to be recognized. Research done by Christian Lim of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Robert Putnam of Harvard University examined data from a representative sample of American adults. Their research found that religious participation had a strong impact on happiness for those that studied this that had developed friendships with others in their congregations.

The friendship networks fostered by religious communities create an asset that Putnam and other scholars call “social capital” which not only makes people happier by giving them a sense of purpose and belonging, but also makes a positive impact on the other facets of their lives. In other words, those who frequently attend a house of worship may have more people they can rely on for information and assistance during both good and bad times. Congregational-based relationships may help congregants cope with stress and reinforce their general well-being. Finally, the article concluded by saying that religious activity is associated with greater well-being simply because happier, healthier people have more of an inclination to be active in their communities. While it may be the case that happier people tend to be more active in social groups of all kinds-secular as well as religious-it may also be true that individuals reap well-being benefits from the social connections they build in religious congregations and other aspects of religious involvement.

This article made me think about how many ways my personal involvement with Temple Beth Israel has made me a happier person. I truly enjoy being part of a community that provides me with so many opportunities to connect with other people. For instance, having a cup of coffee at the Noon Cafe on a Sunday morning is one way I do that. I also enjoy working with others on educational or social events as well as singing in our adult choir, Koleynu.

As we begin the new year of 5780, I encourage you to avail yourself within and outside the congregation at the discretion of the Rabbi.

RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Funds provided for charitable uses within and outside the congregation at the discretion of the Rabbi.

EDUCATION FUND

Provides funds for Jewish education at TBI

COFFEE CHAT - DISCUSSION ON READINGS

Sunday, October 6 and Sunday, December 15, 2019; Sunday, February 2 and Sunday, May 10, 2020

10:00 am

Back by popular demand, Roundtable discussions are back. This year grab a cup of coffee at the Noon Cafe and join this salon-style discussion! Discussion topics and readings will be distributed ahead of time online, as well as be available in the office.
SISTERHOOD BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Sisterhood Book Discussion Group will be meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 in the TBI Cohn Library at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, a novel by Heather Morris. Goodreads describes it as a “A vivid, harrowing, and ultimately hopeful re-creation of Lale Sokolov’s experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of thousands of prisoners with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust. The Tattooist of Auschwitz is also a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions.”

New members are welcome. The book is available at the public library. Please RSVP to Jane Page, janepage87@gmail.com or Paula Sabin, paulasabin@gmail.com.

B’RUCHIM HABA’IM! WELCOME!
JOINING THE TBI FAMILY

Our coverage of new Temple Beth Israel members continues. We’re delighted to welcome the following TBI households who have discovered just how friendly, supportive, and inclusive our community is. As it begins its second century, TBI offers a vibrant and welcoming presence in Skokie, the North Shore, and beyond.

Diana & Jerry Binder • Skokie, IL

Welcome Diana & Jerry Binder to Temple Beth Israel. The couple grew up in tight-knit Jewish communities on Chicago's north side. Diana graduated from Sullivan High School and Jerry graduated from Mather High School and fell in love at Mayfair Junior College in Chicago. Additional details on their schooling and business careers follows below.

First Impressions: “We had been going to TBI with Diana's aunt for High Holiday services and were very impressed by the Temple's strong sense of community and inclusiveness. Diana and I recently decided it was time to rediscover our Jewish roots and thought that the time had come to reconnect with the community.”

Getting to Know You: Following Jerry’s graduation from the University of Illinois at Chicago and Diana’s from Roosevelt University, the couple established themselves in their professions. Jerry worked for WTTW-TV Channel 11 as a broadcast engineer for 47 years until his retirement. Diana was an accountant until she retired. The couple is now enjoying a less frenetic paced life while making new friendships at TBI and taking short and longer trips. According to Jerry, fellow Temple members, staff and Rabbi Weinberg have made the Binders feel at home and welcomed as part of TBI's congregational family.

Riva Blechman • Morton Grove, IL

Say hello to Riva Blechman who joined the Temple over the summer after having been an active member at the Jewish Reconstructivist Congregation (JRC) in Evanston. During her JRC years, she was involved in the choir, fundraising and the Synagogue on the Hill project. Riva grew up in metro Detroit, MI and graduated from Mumford High School. She then pursued her college studies at Wayne State University with a double major in English literature and the combined sciences. Following graduation, Riva relocated to the Chicago area and embarked on a career initially as an advertising copywriter.

First Impressions: “I’m favorably impressed with Temple Beth Israel and all that it represents. My neighbor, Debbie Kohl, is a TBI member and encouraged me to join her by attending services and other events. While I was getting acquainted with the Temple, my daughter, Mari Plotnik was hired by TBI and is now part of its office administrative staff.” In short order, Riva plans to join the Sisterhood, its book discussion group and pursue her love of singing with the adult choir.

Getting to Know You: Riva rounded out her professional career working in educational publishing for many years with leading firms in suburban Chicago. Besides Mari, she has twin sons, Jonathan and Jamie, and three grandchildren. She is employed part time as a care manager working with seniors following years as a docent at Skokie’s Holocaust Museum.

THANKS FOR YOUR BRIEF D’VAR’I TORAH IN E-BLAST

At the end of my year as coordinator of the brief D’var’i for the weekly TBI News in a Flash [e-blast], I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the effort by doing one or more brief D’var’i Torah. Thanks to Dorothy Anderson, Jordan Barman Cutter, Laura Finkele, Cindy Franklin, Nina Henry, Helene Levine, Sharon Levine, Bill Levy, Barry Lewison, Dan Sabin, Paula Sabin, Gary Zimmerman, and Sue Zolne. A special thank you to Gary Zimmerman, who has agreed to take over the job of coordinator for this coming year. Anyone wishing to contribute a brief D’var’ Torah for the e-blast please contact Gary at gzimmer20@gmail.com or 847-376-8213.

Harold Levine

ATTENTION JOURNALISTS AND ASPIRING JOURNALISTS!

Reminder: Material for the bulletin is due electronically to the Bulletin Editor at Bulletin@TBI@skokie.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 November bulletin is October 11th. Have an idea for an article? Send it in!

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

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Attire: Casual."
I would welcome to express my deepest appreciation for all those who have made a contribution to our recent "Back to School" event. I want to thank our volunteers, donors, and partners for their support. We are grateful for all the unique and meaningful ways that you have helped us in our mission. Thank you for sharing your time and resources with us. We could not do it without your help. I look forward to working with you again soon.
In his conclusion, Harold praised the time and efforts (in the rain) that resulted in event success for TBI’s Brotherhood, program chair Arnie Osinkin and all those who contributed their time and talents. More than 35 men and their sons stepped up to assist us. We would be remiss if we didn’t acknowledge the devotion of Amber Wood, TBI’s Director of Operations, for her ongoing assistance and insight.

Event photos are part of this month’s bulletin column coverage. We have also prepared a special “thank you” insert acknowledging those who helped us make the day so meaningful.

It is our hope that other TBI men will be motivated to join our ranks during 2019-20 and inform us of their special skills and volunteer interests. In fact, participation in “one off” programs is an excellent way of getting involved and testing the waters. Such involvement is commonly referred to in non-profit and association circles as micro-volunteerism.

This participation affords a chance to get involved in an organized fashion (with Brotherhood) and become familiar with a specific, focused activity and in the process identifying with a cause or event while making new friends and contacts.

As part of last month’s Brotherhood membership mailing, we included a Volunteer Request form encouraging participation from our base of more than 300 TBI men. A diverse list of programming options and events were identified for men to select from. At the end of the day, it’s all about getting involved and becoming engaged. Again, micro-volunteerism affords opportunities and opens the door to many possibilities at Temple. Interested in participating in TBI’s karaoke night fundraising event on November 16? Let us know soon.

A list of scheduled programs through next month follows below. Isn’t it time for you to join us and become part of a thinking TBI Brotherhood? Our recipe for success need not end with a back to school event for our kids. Take advantage of the upcoming opportunities and join in. A happy, healthy, and inspiring year at TBI for all of us – L’shanah Tovah!

November 8, 2019 – Veterans Shabbat -- Followed by Oneg

Again, this year, Arnie Osinkin will coordinate our Shabbat where we remember and salute all those who have served or are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces, home and abroad. Our special guest speaker will be Marvin Sussman, a World War II veteran.

Two Brotherhood Hopleaf “Brew” Dates Confirmed: November 14 & 21

Thanks to Jeff Dorfman for confirming plans for two Hopleaf brew programs. Noted in 2019: Two Hopleaf social events: Thursday, November 14 and 21 in Chicago’s Andersonville neighborhood. Additional information will follow soon.

Also, congratulations and mazel tov to Alyce Heman for recently being named and recognized as Brotherhood “Person of the Year” for 2019 – a richly deserved honor.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel is an affiliate of Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) and WRJ Midwest District. WRJ is the umbrella organization for Sisterhoods and Women’s Groups of Reform congregations and organizations worldwide.

WRJ strengthens the voice of women and empowers them to create caring communities, nurture congregations, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and advocate for and promote progressive Jewish values.

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IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

MAZAL TOV TO:

Great-grandparents Jack and Richard Fawish on the birth of their great-grandson, Great Gideon Garber.

CONGRATULATIONS:

We note with sorrow the passing of Allie Kurtz z”l, granddaughter of Doris and Allen Lapporte. May her memory be a blessing.

We note with sorrow the passing of Erid Roth z”l, mother of Megan Abraham. May her memory be a blessing.

CONGREGATIONAL THANKS:

A special Thank You to all the folks that made our 50th Wedding Anniversary Likrat Service so very special. Thank you to all who helped that evening including: Beth Sair, Lisa Wynn, Regina Klezman, Muriel Goldberg, Linda Lewis, Barry Lewis, Pattie Levy, Rainie Nelson, and our maintenance staff Nancy Boronika and Nate Boronika.

ANNUAL HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

We are participating in our annual ARK High Holiday Food Drive. Thousands of people in the Chicagoland area get food from The ARK and it is important to keep their shelves stocked. Bags with attached shopping lists will be distributed at the end of Rosh Hashanah services. The shopping list is also available on the TBI website and the ARK website. PLEASE stick to the items on the list.

Bags and boxes filled with groceries can be dropped in the TBI foyer by Friday morning, October 18. Please contact the TBI office or Social Action Council if you have any questions. Help those in need during this holiday season by contributing to this food drive.

VETERAN SHABBAT

NOVEMBER 8, 2019

On Friday, November 8th at 7:30 pm there will be a special Shabbat service honoring Veterans sponsored by Brotherhood and featuring music of Koleyni. TBI will pay tribute to our members and their relatives who have served or are currently serving in our nation's military. If you would like to be recognized for your service, or if you would like recognition for a family member's service, please contact the Temple office. We request you provide: Name, Rank, Branch of Service, Period of Service, awards recognition, given. We would be honored to display any mementos that you might like to share with us. Please email Info@TBIskokie.org with your submission.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Social activity, religion and the happiness dividend

A few months ago, I came upon an article that I thought was quite interesting as it relates to social activity, religion and happiness. The article’s focus is on how religious activity seems to relate to certain benefits, which include a higher level of happiness. If so, exactly how does this work?

Prior research suggests that one factor may be particularly important: The social connections that come with regular participation in group events such as weekly worship services and Sabbath dinners. Research done by Professor Charles Lim of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Robert Putnam of Harvard University examined data from a representative sample of American adults. Their research found that religious participation had a strong impact on happiness for those that studied that had developed friendships with others in their congregations.

The friendship networks fostered by religious communities create an asset that Putnam and other scholars call “social capital” which not only makes people happier by giving them a sense of purpose and belonging, but also makes a positive impact on the other facets of their lives.

In other words, those who frequently attend a house of worship may have more people they can rely on for information and assistance during both good and bad times. Congregational-based relationships may help congregants cope with stress and reinforce their general well-being.

Finally, the article concluded by saying that religious activity is associated with greater well-being simply because happier, healthier people have more of an inclination to be active in their communities. While it may be the case that happier people tend to be more active in social groups of all kinds—secular as well as religious—it may also be true that individuals reap well-being benefits from the social connections they build in religious congregations and other aspects of religious involvement.

This article made me think about how many ways my personal involvement with Temple Beth Israel has made me a happier person. I truly enjoy being part of a community that provides me with so many opportunities to connect with other people. For instance, having a cup of coffee at the Noon Chat on a Sunday morning is one way I do that. I also enjoy working with others on educational or social events as well as singing in our adult choir, Kol Chayal.

As we begin the new year of 5780, I encourage you to avail yourself of all that Temple Beth Israel has to offer. In doing so I believe your general state of happiness may benefit too.

Chuck and our family join me in sending you our warmest wishes from our home to yours. May the year 5780 be a year filled with good health, with sweetness and with the promise of peace and happiness!

Helene Levine
President, TBI

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SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES
at Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Avenue, Evanston (unless otherwise noted)

(Or in order that we may provide sufficient disabled parking spaces for our congregants at Evanston Township High School, please call or email the Temple office with your request.)

Please plan to have tickets out and available to show ushers upon entry.

*Indicates that service will be at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 Dempster Street, Skokie

SELICHOT – PREPARATION FOR REPENTANCE
*Saturday evening, September 21 at 11:00 p.m. Preceded by Study Session at 9:15 p.m. Tickets not required

ROSH HASHANAH – NEW YEAR
Sunday, September 29, Evening Service at 8:15 p.m.
Monday, September 30, Morning Service at 10:00 a.m.
Monday, September 30, Young Families Service at 8:00 a.m.

(For families with children 5 and under. Tickets not required)

Monday September 30, Family Service at 10:00 a.m.
Followed by special activities and snacks for Pre-K – 2nd grade
Tickets required for adults

TICKETS REQUIRED FOR ADULTS

SHABBAT SHUVAH – SABBATH OF RETURN
*Friday, October 4, Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6:05 p.m., preceded by Likrat at 5:30 p.m.
*Saturday, October 5, Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.

YOM KIPPUR – DAY OF ATONEMENT
Tuesday, October 8, Kol Nidre Service at 8:15 p.m.
Wednesday, October 9, Morning Service at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 9, Young Families Service at 9:00 a.m.
(For families with children 5 and under. Tickets not required)

Followed by special activities and snacks for Pre-K – 2nd grade
Tickets required for adults

FESTIVAL SERVICES
At Temple Beth Israel, 3601 Dempster Street, Skokie

SUkkOT
*Sunday, October 13 – Erev Sukkot Services Pizza in the Hut 5:30 p.m.
*Monday, October 14 – Morning Service at 10:30 a.m.
Kiddush lunch to follow

SH’MINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH
Sunday, October 20 – Erev Simchat Torah Service at 5:30 p.m.
Including Yizkor
Kiddush Lunch to follow

For additional information, please call the Temple Office.

Jewish holidays that are conspicuously absent from these Torah calendars is Simchat Torah. That is because the Festival of Simchat Torah likely came into existence long after the Torah was completed.

Simchat Torah, meaning “the rejoicing in the Torah,” attached itself to Sh’mini Atzeret – a festival mentioned in the Torah, falling the day after the seventh day of Sukkot, but without any of its own particular traditions or observances. Simchat Torah became the day that marked the completion of the reading of the annual Torah reading cycle as well as its renewal. To this day, we gather on Simchat Torah and read the last verses of the Book of Devarim (Deuteronomy) from one scroll and then immediately turn to another scroll to read the first verses of Bereshit (Genesis). A special honor is given to the person who recites the Torah blessings and, often, all the children are invited up to the Torah to recite the final blessing.

And there is also dancing! When we take the Torah scrolls from the Ark, we conduct a special parade around the synagogue called hakafot. After parading around the synagogue seven times (with different people carrying the scrolls for each hakafah) then we join in festive dancing with the Torah. If you have never experienced this celebration (or if you haven’t for a long time then this year is your year! It is a celebration for the entire congregation, members of any and every age! Erev Simchat Torah falls on Sunday evening, October 20th. We will begin with a festive dinner at 5:30 pm (reservations required). Then at 6:45 pm we will begin the service and Simchat Torah celebration (including hakafot, dancing with the Torah, special Torah reading, and Consecration of our youngest students as they begin their Jewish education) concluding around 7:45 pm. Of course, you do not have to come for dinner in order to join in the service and celebration – just come a join the festivities whenever you can.

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

SHABBAT SERVICES

SHABBAT, Saturday Morning, October 5 at 10:30 A.M.
Likrat Shabbat is sponsored by Laurie Kimmel and Johanna Fine
In honor of all October birthdays.

SHABBAT, Saturday Morning, October 12 at 10:30 A.M.
Torah Portion “Ha’azinu”

SHABBAT, Saturday Morning, October 19 at 10:30 A.M.
Shabbat Chol Hamoed

SHABBAT, Saturday Morning, October 26 at 10:30 A.M.
Torah Portion “Beroshi”

SHABBAT, Friday Evening, November 1
5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat
Likrat Shabbat is sponsored by Jane and Al Page
in honor of their special birthdays.

SHABBAT, Saturday Morning, November 2 at 10:30 A.M.
Torah Portion “Naos”

*Please note time

LIKurat Shabbat
We would like to thank Laurie Kimmel, Sharon Hermann, Joshua Hermann, Libby Beider, Nancy Goodman, Joel Goodman, and Larry Elsman who made a donation for the Likrat Shabbat on October 4, 2019 in honor of their October birthdays.