2020 Spring Gala

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Saturday, April 18, 2020

Shabbat Services

SHABBAT Friday, Evening, January 31*
6:30 P.M. – Shabbat in the Park ... in Mendelsohn Hall
Dessert is sponsored by TBI Brotherhood in honor of TBI's Birthday

SHABBAT Saturday Morning, February 1 at 10:30 A.M.
Torah Portion "Bo"

SHABBAT Friday Evening, February 7*
5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat
February Birthday Shabbat

SHABBAT Saturday Morning, February 8 at 10:30 A.M.
Torah Portion "Beshalach"
Shabbat Shira

SHABBAT Friday, Evening, February 14
7:30 P.M. – Erev Shabbat Services with Koleynu
The Oneg is sponsored by Megan and Daniel Abraham
in honor of their son Hershel's Bar Mitzvah

SHABBAT Saturday Morning, February 15 at 10:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Hershel Abraham, son of Megan and Daniel Abraham
Torah Portion "Yitsa"

SHABBAT Friday, Evening, February 21*
5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

SHABBAT Saturday Morning, February 22 at 10:30 A.M.
Torah Portion "Mishpatim"
Shabbat Shira

SHABBAT Friday, Evening, February 28
7:30 P.M. – Erev Shabbat Services

SHABBAT Saturday Morning, February 29 at 10:30 A.M.
Torah Portion "Terumah"

SHABBAT Friday, Evening, March 6*
5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat
March Birthday Shabbat

SHABBAT Saturday Morning, March 7 at 10:30 A.M.
T’fillot Nashim with Koleynu
Torah Portion "Itzavah"
Shabbat Zachor

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Rabbi’s Column

Voting is the basic right and sacred responsibility of every citizen in America. Every once in a while, voting is also the special opportunity of every American Jew. I am not referring to voting in any municipal, state or federal election in America. That opportunity comes pretty regularly. I am referring to the opportunity to vote as Jew in a Jewish election.

We haven’t had that opportunity for 5 years.

I am referring to the World Zionist Organization (WZO) elections which we can elect representatives to the World Zionist Congress that will be held in Jerusalem in October 2020. Voting in the World Zionist elections is one of the strongest and most direct ways for us, as American Reform Jews, to help ensure that all the work of the World Zionist Organization, and all of its affiliate agencies throughout the world, is carried out in a way that respects Jewish pluralism and promotes the Jewish values of equality and justice – values that are at the core of Reform Judaism.

Those are the values that ARZA pledges to represent in the World Zionist Congress. Today, for us as American Reform Jews, the most effective vehicle for helping our Israeli Reform brothers and sisters shape the soul of the State is ARZA (the Association of Reform Zionists of America). ARZA is the Zionist arm and voice of our Reform Movement. ARZA supports Israel and champions activities that further Israel as a pluralistic, just and democratic Jewish state. That’s why I urge you to vote for “ARZA for the Reform Movement and Reconstructing Judaism” in the WZO elections by logging on to: www.ZionistElection.org

The WZO is a forum where Jews from all over the world come together and deliberate about issues affecting both Diaspora Jews and the state of affairs in Israel. Decisions made by the Congress are then implemented primarily through JAFI (the Jewish Agency for Israel) and Keren Kayemet L’Yisrael (known in English as JNF (the Jewish National Fund)). It is crucial that ARZA have a strong representation and a strong voice in the World Zionist Organization for two reasons. First, the WZO distributes millions of dollars to Jewish organizations working in Israel and the diaspora for the betterment of Jewry. Because of a strong showing in the last WZO elections (five years ago) our ARZA delegation has successfully directed about 4 million dollars annually to support the work of the Reform Movement in Israel. And second, the WZO guides the appointment of department heads and senior personnel in the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund in direct proportion to the size of each delegation at the Congress. In other words, a strong ARZA delegation can ensure that representatives of our Reform Jewish ideology are directing the everyday work of JAFI and JNF in ways that are consistent with our vision for the soul of the State.

To be eligible to vote you must be Jewish, you must be 18 years or older, you must be a resident of the United States, and agree to the Jerusalem Program. The fee for registration is $7.50 ($5.00 for those under age 25). The fee helps to offset the cost of running the elections and does not go to ARZA.

You can vote from home on your own computer or you will see members of the TBI Get Out The Vote Committee in the Temple lobby on Sunday mornings during the elections period (Jan. 21 – Mar. 11).
MAZAL TOV – B’NAI MITZVAH!

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Hershel Epstein, son of Stephen Epstein, Simon being named a neshamah, USW Swimming Scholastic All-American.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Abigail Berman, daughter of Louis and Lia Winick.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Hershel Abraham, grandson of Hershel and Barbara Slivnick. May her memory be for a blessing.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Laura Goone. May her memory be for a blessing.

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Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Abe and Judy Reed, bar mitzvah to their son Sam Reed, son of Marc and Rachelle Reed.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Rachel Sternberg. May her memory be for a blessing.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Nick and Christina Herman, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Luna Herman, daughter of Nick and Christina Herman.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Noah and Lisa Barrett, bar mitzvah to their son, Mitchell, son of Noah and Lisa Barrett.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Jamie and Eitan Finkel, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Emily Finkel, daughter of Jamie and Eitan Finkel.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Michelle and David Weisberg, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Emily Weisberg, daughter of Michelle and David Weisberg.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Zachary and Shoshana Weisberg, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Batya Weisberg, daughter of Zachary and Shoshana Weisberg.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Yael and Alex Lerman, bar mitzvah to their son, Solomon, son of Yael and Alex Lerman.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Andrew and Amee Samberg, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Maya Samberg, daughter of Andrew and Amee Samberg.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Elyse and Aaron Gold, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Maya Gold, daughter of Elyse and Aaron Gold.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Ben and Hallie Keitel, bar mitzvah to their son, Solomon, son of Ben and Hallie Keitel.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to David and Sabrina Archer, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Maggie, daughter of David and Sabrina Archer.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Gabriel and Randi Sacks, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Emily Sacks, daughter of Gabriel and Randi Sacks.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Joel and Amy Horowitz, bar mitzvah to their son, Joel, son of Joel and Amy Horowitz.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Kelly and Chris Alexa, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Alex, daughter of Kelly and Chris Alexa.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Dena and Adam Keitel, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Dena Keitel, daughter of Dena and Adam Keitel.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Norm and Jillie Lipson, bar mitzvah to their son, Ely Lipson, son of Norm and Jillie Lipson.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Scott andяв Israel, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Avram, daughter of Scott andяв Israel.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Abigail and Michael Cohen, bar mitzvah to their son, Michael Cohen, son of Abigail and Michael Cohen.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Elizabeth and Steve Parkin, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Parkin, daughter of Elizabeth and Steve Parkin.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Michael and Emily Balzan, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Emily Balzan, daughter of Michael and Emily Balzan.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Zachary and Judy Marks, bar mitzvah to their son, Zachary, son of Zachary and Judy Marks.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Yaakov and Rachel Elmaleh, bar mitzvah to their son, Yaakov, son of Yaakov and Rachel Elmaleh.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Stella and Scott Abrams, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Stella Abram, daughter of Stella and Scott Abrams.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Steve and Gayle Fogel, bar mitzvah to their son, Evan Fogel, son of Steve and Gayle Fogel.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Joseph and Lara Silverman, bar mitzvah to their son, Joseph, son of Joseph and Lara Silverman.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to David and Shira Silverman, bat mitzvah to their son, Shira Silverman, daughter of David and Shira Silverman.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Matthew and Sarah Romano, bar mitzvah to their son, Matthew, son of Matthew and Sarah Romano.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Yael and Daniel Yaffe, bar mitzvah to their son, Daniel, son of Yael and Daniel Yaffe.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Karen and Michael Silverman, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Michael Silverman, daughter of Karen and Michael Silverman.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Robert and Courtney Gold, bar mitzvah to their son, Robert, son of Robert and Courtney Gold.

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Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Lori and Jack Maloney, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Maloney, daughter of Lori and Jack Maloney.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to James and Hilary Cohen, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Cohen, daughter of James and Hilary Cohen.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Susan and David Shuman, bar mitzvah to their son, David, son of Susan and David Shuman.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Marc and Emily Goldfarb, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Emily Goldfarb, daughter of Marc and Emily Goldfarb.

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Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Jack and Michelle Solomon, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Michelle Solomon, daughter of Jack and Michelle Solomon.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Chaya and Jonathan Greenblatt, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Jonathan Greenblatt, daughter of Chaya and Jonathan Greenblatt.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Aaron and Bernadette Lerman, bar mitzvah to their son, Aaron, son of Aaron and Bernadette Lerman.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Leonard and Mary Markarian, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Mary Markarian, daughter of Leonard and Mary Markarian.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Laura and Richard Markarian, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Richard Markarian, daughter of Laura and Richard Markarian.

Temple Beth Israel wishes mazal tov to Joshua and Michelle Markarian, bat mitzvah to their daughter, Michelle Markarian, daughter of Joshua and Michelle Markarian.

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and hope.

A joyous Shabbat Service, with Koleynu’s voices accompanying our prayers and sentiments. This Service was on the heels of an inspiring and extremely well-received LGBTQ 101 training session led by our committee member and TBI member, Johanna Fine (who also happens to be my wife). There was no holding back the tears after Marla sang the words “I am perfect the way I am and a little broken too” and after Charlie Kite and Tracy Kite spoke about what it is like to be a transgender boy and the mother of the same. The tears poured out, but I was not sad. I feel that we are fully supported by our temple community in all of our diversity. I felt intense empathy for Charlie Kite, Tracey Kite and their family for won’t need so many letters to declare our identities because everyone will be accepted as they are with no special labels. We have travelled far, and we have a long journey ahead to enjoy a society and religious community that embraces everyone no matter who they love or how they identify.

Jay Broutman   •   Johanna Fine   •   Laura Finkel   •   Karen Gray-Keeler   •   Laurie Kimmel   •   Tracey Kite   •   Helene Levine

TBI LGBTQ+ Keshet Leadership Committee has been able to, in a short time, plant the seeds for our LGBTQ members and future members to feel their open minds and open hearts. Thanks to each of you.

Submitted by Laurie Kimmel
One of my most cherished moments during services is the act of reciting the Amidah (central prayer). We sometimes sing a musical interlude as we look forward to a moment of silence, but over the years I have allowed the silence to help center my breath, breathe. I have always allowed the silence to help center my breath, and to use the time to send God the prayers of my heart. I pray for the intervention, and to ask God to keep safe people in my life who are pregnant and caring for others.

Finally, as promised in my article from our last bulletin, I have posted Brotherhood goal setting – key to 2020 initiatives. This FJMC activity memorializes the millions of Europeans Jews who were persecuted and ultimately perished between 1941 and 1945 across German-occupied Europe at the hands of Nazi Germany and its collaborators.

We have just passed since the atrocities of the Holocaust, our annual observance of the Shoa (Monday, April 20, 2020) is also a time for us to address the ongoing challenges of anti-Semitism, which threaten our very existence. There will be more information on our Yellow Candle program in the coming weeks and how you can participate. Brotherhood co-sponsors the TBI Board and the support of the Temple’s dynamic Jewish Life Council as we all will this important activity for the first time.

Here’s a summary of upcoming Brotherhood programming –

Saturday, March 7 – Brotherhood co-sponsors the annual Purim T’fillot Nashim service includes English readings, Torah and Haftarah readings and discussions continue Wednesday mornings through the beginning of April. All are welcome.

Save the date for the Brotherhood Spring Event which will take place on Sunday, March 28 at 6:00 PM. This year we are reprising the popular Bunco Night.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Lavine and Cynthia Miller

Ilene & Douglas Klegon

Paula and Daniel Sabin

Shana and Matthew Johnson

Lisa Gelfond and Garry Manning

Eunice Burns

Sisterhood book discussion group

The Sisterhood Book Discussion Group will be meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 in the TBI Cohe Library at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love by Dani Shapiro. As stated by the San Francisco Chronicle it is “completely readable as a mystery novel, while exploring the deeper mysteries of identity and family and truth itself... a story told with great insight and honesty and heart.”

Would you like to celebrate simchas and benefit Sisterhood TB? Send a Unirongam, $2.00 each, by contacting: Candy Siegel, marshalsbrotherhood@gmail.com or Jan Shiffman, janshiffman@sbcglobal.net, 847-674-1412.
One of my most cherished moments during services is the effect of the prayers of the Temple Beth Israel. We take time to reflect the prayers of our heart, and it Tat fills the heart with a musical sound forward to a moment of silence, but over the years I have found that the prayers the Temple Beth Israel provides the making of the prayers and their music, more meaningful.

Some people take the opportunity to read the prayers on the page: Elohai N’tzor, Yih’yu L’ratzon, Oseh Shalom, or the alternative readings on the opposite side. Some people meditate, listen, and breathe. I have always allowed the silence to help center my breath, I am fully present for the time allotted. One of the central themes for the health and well-being of my family, and friends. I often take a moment to think about those people in my life who are in need of special prayers — those who are sick, those who need some divine intervention, and to ask God to keep safe my life in who are pregnant and caring for others.

The prayer leader or Shabbat Tzibor (messenger of the congregation), I consider that my prayers throughout the entire service are on behalf of you, my congregation. For a minute each service, during the silence of the Kol Nidre service. By taking that moment of self-reflection, I am able to be fully present for you. As we conclude our silent prayer, we sing a variety of melodies to the texts mentioned above or occasionally a text that pertains to the recognition of our LGBTQIA members and their families. Koleynu and I chose to sing a setting of Asher Yatzar, and a little broken too. I will live each day as a gift to you. Baruch Atah Adonai, reh ol chas baram olam. Even though this text is tradition and usage, I feel that it reflected our collective hope for members of our community, particularly in the LGBTQIA community, to know that they are exactly as God intends them to be. If you would like to hear Dan Nichols’ Asher Yatzar visit: https://www.dannicholsmusic.com.

Lastly, as promised in my article from our last bulletin, I have posted to my blog, some additional settings of the prayer Yir’eh U’stzon, for your listening enjoyment: http://mariaeva.lib.org/blog/prayer. Joy & Blessings, Maria Avila Bentley

CHAIT NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Brotherhood Goal Setting – Key to 2020 Initiatives

Chances are those New Year resolutions we made, are long gone. Others have fallen by the wayside. In part, we abandon our organized plans to move more freely and keep those resolutions that aren’t always meaningful to us.

Make no mistake; we also enjoy each other’s company. Our bimonthly dinners and the occasional parties (which are usually turn out to be a musical sound forward to a moment of silence, but over the years I have found that the prayers the Temple Beth Israel provides the making of the prayers and their music, more meaningful.

In the coming months, we will discuss strengthening of goals, and plans this spring for organized cycling/running/walking groups off the 2020 initiatives. As a service-based entity, Brotherhood TBI’s primary objective is providing fulfillment. And yet, our desire to be of service remains paramount among the many events we choose to participate.

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The Sisterhood Book Discussion Group will be meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 in the TBI Library at 10:00 AM. We will be discussing the book by Eugene Borowitz. The book is a memoir of genealogy, paternity, and inheritance. A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Inheritance. As the author of the San Francisco Chronicle reports, is “completely readable as a mystery novel, while exploring the deeper mysteries of identity and family and truth itself... a story told with great insight and honesty and heart.”

New members are welcome. The book is available at the public library. Please RSVP to Jane Page, janejep76@gmail.com or Paula Sabin, paulasabin@gmail.com.

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With that said, there are a number of upcoming events that I would like to briefly mention:

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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.

Stacie Payne & Daniel Strauss • Skokie, IL

Chana Tannen & B. Papier 2

Temple Beth Israel welcomes the Strauss Family among its newest members of the congregation and as residents of the Skokie community. The family called Chicago’s Wilmette Village neighborhood home before relocating to the suburbs more than one year ago.

First Impressions: “We were seeking a Reform Temple close to our home and TBI meets our needs. Our son, Tanner, was entering the first grade, and we wanted to get him enrolled in a Sunday school program,” explained Stacie Payne.

Getting to Know You: Stacie and her husband, Dan, met as students at Northwestern University, Carbondale, IL, more than 15 years ago. She works as a fitness instructor and specializes in zumba instruction. Dan is an architect and his business focus is on education and healthcare facilities. The Strauss family is looking forward to connect with other TBI families.

Since joining TBI, the Strauss family has attended High Holiday family services, Shabbat programming and thoroughly enjoyed the special Hanukkah program and were welcomed by “Uncle Louie.”

Prepared by Norwin Mieren, TBI Membership Committee

ATTENTION JOURNALISTS AND ASPIRING JOURNALISTS!

Reminder: Material for the bulletin is due no later than the Tuesday prior to the Bulletin at TBI@skokie.org on the 10th of each month prior to publication. If you do not have access to a computer, please submit your letter or story to the Temple office by the 21st of the month prior to publication so that it can be transcribed and sent by the 10th.

The deadline for the March bulletin is the 10th. Have an idea or an article? Send it to TBI@skokie.org.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

Dear Friends,

Our congregation is known for being active in providing opportunities for learning for all ages and interests. The next month is one that provides opportunities for all of our programs to learn and to engage in the work of Temple Beth Israel.

As many of you know, TBI sends as many as 30 campers to OSRUI (our Reform URJ Summer camp) each year. As we provide scholarships for campers, we also provide scholarships for our students who want to have an opportunity to experience Israel. To ensure we have the funds necessary to provide both of these kinds of scholarships, we have in the past offered an event called the YouthScholarshipSpaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction. This event will again take place on Sunday, February 9th, 2020. It has been several years since we have offered this event, so it may be new for many. I encourage you to attend and bring friends, grandparents and other family who believe in the cause.

The event works as a lovely vegetarian pasta (with gluten free options) dinner followed by an auction of baked goods by TBI’s BEST BAKERS. All proceeds for the evening will provide scholarships for camp and Israel experiences for TBI students.

The final “Soup”er study of this year will be held on Monday, February 17th and will feature Jennifer Cody Epstein, renowned author and daughter in law of our member, Stephen Epstein. This event co-sponsored by Sisterhood TBI will be a special evening welcoming family and hearing Jennifer share her story of writing Wonderset, her most recent acclaimed novel. Sign up on Shulcloud or by calling the Temple office.

The Wednesday Lunch and Learn programs have been a highlight of the year. February’s Lunch and Learn will deal with some tough but very important subjects for both our seniors and their family members. Featuring Tamara Kushner Ginap from the Jewish Council for the Elderly will present a program entitled “Understanding the Process of Estate Planning.”

The Spring Adult Education series will feature Rabbi Weinberg on “Nationalism and Judaism: A Barrier or an Opportunity?” This class will meet this month beginning February 24 and will continue March 2, 16, 23, 30. Class begins at 12:30 and ends at 1:30. A complimentary meal will be served in the School Bldg. auditorium at 11:45. All classes are held in the School Bldg. auditorium at 11:45. A complimentary meal will be served in the School Bldg. auditorium at 11:45.

The Green Team is proud and excited to continue from page 1

Rabbi’s Column – continued from page 1

And, a vote for “ARZA for the Reform Movement and Reconstructing Judaism” is also a vote for both myself and for Lori Sagarin, as we are both on the ARZA slate of candidates.

As I said to you on Yom Kippur: “I ask you to vote in the World Zionist elections, further the singular mission of the Jewish people: a “Tikun Olam,” a healing to make the world a better place. The task is not a small one. One has to work with all kinds of people. It is not easy, and it is not always clear what your vote means.”

The TBI Green Team is proud and excited to announce that TBI has been given the Seal of Sustainability by Hazon, an organization whose name means “vision” in Hebrew and is the “Jewish lab for sustainability.” It is the largest faith-based environmental organization in the United States. Its goal is to build a movement toward a sustainable Jewish life and contributes to a more environmentally sustainable world for all. The Hazon vision is of a “vibrant, healthy Jewish community in which, to be Jewish, is necessarily to help create a more sustainable world for all.”

Just thinking about how “green” our facility and our congregation can feel overwhelming. When there is so much to be done, it can be difficult to navigate which steps to take and which projects to prioritize. Having the Seal of Sustainability and collaborating with Hazon will enable us to make sustainability a permanent part of our operations while looking for tangible, realistic goals and targeting “low-hanging fruit” – projects that are cost effective and easily executed. For example, energy audits can help us examine our energy use and get recommendations for better efficiency and lower utility bills. Focusing on our waste stream, purchasing practices and how we use our physical space can help us improve our insulation, heating and cooling, recycling, reusing, and water use, improve our energy efficiency and explore renewable energy sources like solar energy.

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Playing Mahj is just one of the many ways to build the TBI Community! Stop in and see what’s going on here at TBI.

FEATURED FOOD OF THE MONTH

Thousands of people in the Chicagoland area get food from the ARK and the Niles Food Pantry. Let’s help keep their shelves stocked. Each month a food will be identified as a high need food item. Please drop off the requested food item in the ARK box in the foyer.

**February** is oatmeal

**March and April** are both items labeled “Kosher for Passover”

Other donations are welcome. Please make sure that all foods are Kosher, and that the expiration date is greater than 6 months from the date of donation. On behalf of the ARK and the Social Action Council, we thank you.
MAZAL TOV – B’NAI MITZVAH!

Temple Beth Israel wishes to extend Mazal Tov to the following Bar and Bat Mitzvah recipients:

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Shabbat Services

**SHABBAT**

**Friday, Evening, January 31**

6:30 P.M. – Shabbat in the Park ... in Mendelsohn Hall

Dessert is sponsored by TBI Brotherhood in honor of TBI’s Birthday

**SHABBAT**

**Saturday, Morning, February 1**

10:30 A.M. – Torah Portion "Bo"

**SHABBAT**

**Friday, Evening, February 7**

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat

6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

**SHABBAT**

**Saturday, Morning, February 8**

10:30 A.M. – Torah Portion "Beshalach"

Shabbat Shirah

**SHABBAT**

**Friday, Evening, February 14**

7:30 P.M. – Erev Shabbat Services with Koleynu

The Oneg is sponsored by Megan and Daniel Abraham in honor of their son Hershel’s Bar Mitzvah

**SHABBAT**

**Saturday, Morning, February 15**

10:30 A.M. – Bar Mitzvah of Hershel Abraham, son of Megan and Daniel Abraham

Torah Portion “Yitschok”

**SHABBAT**

**Friday, Evening, February 21**

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat

6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

**SHABBAT**

**Saturday, Morning, February 22**

10:30 A.M. – Torah Portion “Mishpatim”

Shabbat Shekhinah

**SHABBAT**

**Friday, Evening, February 28**

7:30 P.M. – Erev Shabbat Services commemorating the yahrzeits of our Rabbinic colleagues

**SHABBAT**

**Saturday, Morning, February 29**

10:30 A.M. – Torah Portion “Terumah”

**SHABBAT**

**Friday, Evening, March 6**

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat

6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

**SHABBAT**

**March Birthday Shabbat**

March 15

6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

**SHABBAT**

**Saturday, Morning, March 7**

10:30 A.M. – Torah Portion “Tetzaveh”

Shabbat Zachor

Please note time

Shabbat Friday Evening, February 28

6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat Saturday Morning, February 29

10:30 A.M. – Torah Portion “Terumah”

Shabbat Friday Evening, March 6

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat

6:05 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

March Birthday Shabbat

Shabbat Saturday Morning, March 7

10:30 A.M. – Torah Portion “Tetzaveh”

Shabbat Zachor

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