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Shabbat Services

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, June 5***

6:05 P.M. – Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat

June Birthday Shabbat

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, June 6 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion “Nasso”

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, June 12***

6:05 P.M. – Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat

Leadership Consecration

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, June 13 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion “Beha’alotcha”

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, June 19***

6:05 P.M. – Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, June 20 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion “Sh’lach Lecha”

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, June 26***

6:05 P.M. – Virtual “Shabbat at the Park” - in your own backyard!

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, June 27 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion “Korach”

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, July 3***

6:05 P.M. – Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat

July Birthday Shabbat

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, July 4 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion “Chukat Balak”

*Please note time

LIK RAT SHABBAT

We would like to thank *June Levin* and *Sara Belkov* who made a donation in honor of their **June** birthdays.

We would like to thank *Erwin Barrington*, *Joel Levin*, and *Jon Shimberg* who made a donation in honor of their **July** birthdays.



Rabbi’s Column

We are living through an unusual time in world history. The ultimate global impact of the coronavirus pandemic has yet to be measured – and may not be fully understood for many months, if not years. In the short term we know that there has been tremendous loss of life and we mourn those lost lives and express our condolences to their loved ones. There is still widespread sickness and we pray for a speedy recovery for all those afflicted. We reach out with

compassion to those who are unemployed as a result of the pandemic and to the many who are experiencing economic hardship. We laud those on the front lines in the medical profession and many others who are giving their all to help those in need. And we are grateful for the leadership of those who are giving us helpful guidance and we try to navigate our way through these uncharted waters.

In our congregation, too, we are living through a challenging time. And, to make matters worse, we know that many of our members have had to deal with flooded basements and other ravages of the heavy rainstorms we experienced in May. Those “uncharted waters” make this difficult time even harder.

In our congregation, too, we are living through a challenging time. There are many members who have stepped up to offer help to those who are at greater risk and dozens who have reached out with a smile, a wave and a helping call.

Through this time, we have learned in a very real way that we are much more than a building – that we are truly a congregation, the community of Temple Beth Israel. Together we continue to write our collective story: a story about individuals coming together in shared experience for common purpose; a story about reciprocal commitments of caring; a story about relationships; a story about our community where we build meaningful personal relationships based on knowing each other up close and personal; knowing each other because we have studied together, or sung together, or “zoomed” together, or created something together – tapping into our common heritage, dedicated to our common purpose and sharing our common destiny.

The leadership of our congregation has been incredibly creative and facile in shifting to a “virtual” reality, but none of us believes that we have all the answers. So, I turn to you, the membership of our beloved community, with the request that you add your creativity to that of our leadership. Perhaps you have an idea, or a suggestion, or a thought of something more that we could do to strengthen our connections to each other and to our community. Perhaps you know of a need that is not being met. Perhaps you have a talent to share. I encourage you to be in touch with me or any of the leadership of our congregation.

We don’t know what the future will bring, or what our new “normal” will look like, but we do know that we are better together. If you know of a need, or you have an idea for an opportunity, please be in touch. I have faith that the timeless teachings of our tradition will continue to guide and inspire us as we make our way, together, through the darkness toward the light.

Michael A. Weinberg

IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

MAZEL TOV:

To *Cindy and Steve Franklin* on the birth of their granddaughter and *Jeanette Franklin* on the birth of her great-granddaughter, *Zoe Reese Franklin*.

To *Barbara and David Slivnick* on the birth of their granddaughter, *Molly Lyla Slivnick*.

To *Marjorie Getz and David Sheftel* on the birth of their granddaughter, *Norah Rose Hacker*.

To *Rabbi Hillel and Judith Gamoran* on the marriage of their son, and *Miriam and Bruce Sherin* on the marriage of their brother, *Reuben Gamoran* to *Julie Galton*.

To *Deanne and Bernard Losoff* on the birth of their great-granddaughter, *Madison Rose Francis*.

To *Regina Kreitzman* on the birth of her grandson, *Nathan Warren Flashing*.

To *Rita and Lowell Goone* on the birth of their great-grandson (and *Laura and David Goone* on the birth of their grandnephew), *Benjamin Trent Goone*.

To *Barbara and Sanford Alper* on the birth of their granddaughter, *Rae Charlotte Alper*, daughter of *Pam and Brad Alper*.

To *Judy and Billy Wenger* on the birth of their grandson, *Leonard Doron Wenger*, son of *Anna Beth and Michael Wenger*.

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY:

The following Temple members are recovering from recent illness: *Cyndy Novak, Ernst Heimann and Robert Galassi*. We wish them a speedy recovery.

CONDOLENCES:

We note with sorrow the passing of *Davida Robinson Gale*^{z"l}, mother of *Judith Greifer*. May her memory be for a blessing.

We note with sorrow the passing of *Stanley Giffin*^{z"l}, father of *Paula Sabin*. May his memory be for a blessing.

We note with sorrow the passing of *Sandra Rocklin*^{z"l}, mother of *Marc Rocklin*. May her memory be for a blessing.

We note with sorrow the passing of *Morris Beider*^{z"l}, grandfather of *Marla Aviva Bentley*. May her memory be for a blessing.

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Beth Israel announces with profound sorrow the passing of
MYRA AUSLIN^{z"l}
May her memory be for a blessing.

B'RUCHIM HABA'IM - WELCOME! JOINING THE TBI FAMILY

Our coverage of new Temple Beth Israel members continues. We are 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.



Dana & Brian Ferguson

Children: Ben, 7 & Lucas, 6
Skokie, IL

TBI welcomed the Ferguson family as new members when they joined the Temple earlier this year. Dana was born in Israel and moved to the Chicago area, Highland Park, IL

at age three. She later attended and graduated from Solomon Schechter Day School. Dana subsequently became a camper and counselor at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin.

Brian is a Chicago native and was raised in the city. It's where he met Dana and the rest is history. Brian is a sales consultant at Martin Nissan on Golf Road in Skokie. He has been associated with the automotive industry for the last 30 years. Meanwhile, Dana is general manager at Dick's Sporting Goods and has been with the sporting goods retailer for nearly 18 years.

First Impressions: Dana has been delighted with the reception that she has received from the Temple's membership and the very warm, gracious welcome provided by Amber Wood. She adds, "TBI has been extremely welcoming made us feel at home and allowed us to attend activities before joining to ensure it was the right fit." The family has attended Friday night Shabbat services and various holiday festivities.

Getting to Know You: The Ferguson youngsters, Ben and Lucas, are now enrolled in Sunday school at TBI and getting acclimated to the new surroundings. For Dana, it was important to join a Temple now. She felt disconnected from the Jewish community for some time. Dana wanted to make sure the boys received a Jewish education and had the opportunity to learn about the holiday traditions that she so vividly remembers as a child.

Dana's brother and sister plus all extended family members live in Israel.

*Prepared by Norwin Merens,
TBI Membership Committee*

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Americans are often employing humor as a balm to soothe nerves during the corona virus pandemic. Trying to find the lighter side of the crisis makes us feel that "we are all in this together" and that an occasional opportunity to smile is truly a healing component in our lives.

Temple Beth Israel is lucky to have talented members who enjoy creating and sharing some of their light-hearted poems and meaningful prose that helps us smile during these often-challenging times. Their words have a way of making us feel that we are not alone. They share thoughts that can possibly decrease our stress hormones.

With their consent, I would like to share a few of our members' contributions as part of my bulletin article.

What Quarantine Means To Me by Joanne Merritt

Q – Quarantine: What has it meant

U – United (virtually) we are stronger

A – Appreciation for small daily wonders

R – Remote: Our homes are now our offices, our classrooms, our gyms, etc

A – Anticipation (Is June the "magic month"?)

N – Need: "You can't always get what you want But if you try sometime you find You get what you NEED"

T – Toilet paper – of course!

I – Introspection

N – NOSH, NOSH, NOSH!

E – Everyone who can, stepping up, contributing, and helping one another and a huge thank you to the essential workers – our heroes

What Quarantine Means To Me by Nina Henry

Q – Quiet, from the absence of the usual street traffic

U – Undeterred from living life to the fullest

A – Amazed by the kindness of fellow citizens

R – Return to "normal" may never happen

A – Apps-So many of them now so critical to communicating

N – No longer desirous of a stay-cation!

T – Testing our resilience

I – Idle time-too much of it!!

N – Need of loved ones to connect

E – Earth is cleaner, now that thing have slowed or stopped the encroachment of climate change

A Haiku by Steve Franklin

At home for weeks now,

Refrigerator calls me,

Says "watch your weight, Bub..."

As we navigate through these challenging times, I'm reminded of how fortunate we are to be a part of our Temple Beth Israel community. It is the power of "community" that will propel us through to better times. We are here for each other.

I wish you and your loved ones' health and safety.

Helene Levine
President, TBI

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK: TRIBUTE COMMITTEE CHAIRS NAMED

The dictionary defines the meaning of the word "Tribute" as a *sign of respect or admiration as to honor a person's accomplishments*. I am happy to announce the names of Sara and Billy Belkov as Chairs of the Tribute Committee that will plan the programs and events that will take place over the coming year to pay tribute to our Rabbi Weinberg upon his retirement as our spiritual leader of 34 years. The Belkovs and Weinbergs have known each other for almost 40 years. In addition, Billy and Sara co-chaired the 90th Anniversary weekend celebration of Temple Beth Israel. Billy was also a co-chair of the Spring Gala and the tribute to Rabbi Weinberg on the occasion of his 25th anniversary at Temple Beth Israel. Beside serving a President of TBI, Billy also served as Vice President of Fund Raising and Member Services at various times. In the July bulletin, Billy and Sara will provide more information about the coming year to what we can look forward to in paying tribute to Rabbi Weinberg.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING



Dear Friends,

Like many of you I have chosen to use this time in quarantine to learn a new skill. In my case, I have learned to bake sourdough bread. I have become a bit obsessive in my bread making. I bake most days and many of my neighbors and friends have received steaming loaves throughout quarantine. I have begun to see the process of making sourdough as a metaphor for what lies ahead, and it has helped me to begin to

wrap my head around the future.

When you bake sourdough, you need a starter. Often given by a friend, the starter they have morphs into your starter, you pass it on and so on. I choose to see this as touchless connection at a time of physical distancing. Although I cannot spend time with the person who gave me the starter, the starter is a part of them. I too now have passed on to others, sharing a bit of myself safely. The next step is preparing the levain, which requires adding water, flour and a piece of the starter. This sits overnight, getting bubbly and ready for the making of the dough. The levain is like an idea or challenge that you need to sit with for a while until it is ready to grow and develop. It is not until the next day that the dough can be made. In my case, I make the dough and spend the next several hours, every 45 minutes or so, folding the dough on itself and building bubbles in the dough. In this process I am turning ideas, plans over and over in my head, until I have literally worked out the kinks. Next is to prepare the dough into the bouton, the ball that will eventually be baked. The dough is placed in a proofing bowl for at least 12 hours and is finally baked. At this stage, there is nothing but waiting...something I am not always good at but along with baking bread, I am working on my patience in quarantine. Finally, comes the bake and that too is a process: covered, uncovered and cooling.

What has been helpful to me in learning this skill is the necessary parts that lead to a tasty final product. I don't know about you, but I need goals, I need outcomes, I need things to look forward to and the process of bread baking has given that to me.

I hope all of you are staying safe and healthy. I look forward to the time we can "break bread" together.

B'Shalom,
Lori B. Sagarin

עשה לך רב, וקנה לך חבר...

Find yourself a teacher, and thus acquire a friend.
~ Pirkei Avot

The Leadership of Temple Beth Israel
proudly honors
Lori B Sagarin
for 25 years of service to our community.
While the celebration may be postponed, our thanks
are not!



Lori B Sagarin, DRJE
Director of Congregational Learning

CHAI NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



Asher Yatzar and Elohai N'shamah are two consecutive prayers in the morning or shacharit service. Asher Yatzar immediately follows Mah Tov, and praises God for the wonders of our physical body. This prayer thanks God for allowing our bodies to work as God designed them to be and beseeches God that if any part of our bodies does not function as intended, we ask God to help us heal. Our prayer book then continues with Elohai N'shamah, a prayer that thanks

God for our souls, for creating, shaping and breathing our souls into us, and for their protection.

The pairing of these prayers is intentional, drawing our first thoughts in the morning to gratitude, when we may otherwise have risen feeling our age, our aches and stiffness, our activities of the previous day. In thanking God for the gifts of body and soul, we acknowledge that both are precious and precarious. We bear the burden of protecting our bodies, so that we may in turn protect our souls. Our bodies require sleep, exercise, nutrition, shelter and physical comfort, while our souls need spiritual and intellectual nourishment.

These prayers, and the entities of our bodies and souls are interconnected. Debbie Friedman²¹, understood this, and composed two independent melodies that could be sung together to create something beautiful: "Elohai" from the 1989 album, *And You Shall Be A Blessing*, and "Asher Yatzar" from the 1995 album, *Renewal of Spirit*. When combined, each melody and each text is elevated, the duet is greater than the sum of its parts. Listen to Koleynu's rendition for yourself here: <https://soundcloud.com/marla-aviva-bentley/elohai-nshamaasher-yatzar-debbie-friedman> or visit <https://marlaaviva.edublogs.org/prayer/> for all the TBI recordings. This month's uploads include Shacharit, or morning prayers, as well as *Sh'ma Uvirchoteha* (*Sh'ma* and her blessings).

Joy & Blessings,
Marla Aviva Bentley

Additional Mother's Day Greetings from Gloria and Michael Froman to:

Barbara Agdern	Nancy Goodman
Lisa Drucker	Madelon Gryll
Linda Fainman	Lynn Roth

In loving memory of:

Ella Froman	Flo Berman
Regina Salzberg	Terry Berman



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 special July bulletin is **June 10th**. Have an idea for an article? Send it in!

LORI B SAGARIN, DRJE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AT TBI

While the big party has been postponed until we can all come together again, the YES committee celebrated Lori “pandemic-style” with an unbelievable parade! There were balloons and it felt like hundreds of thanks and well wishes. Special thanks to Richard Perlin, photographer.

25 years is a long time. My relationship with Lori, however, goes back 47 years ago when I first met her in Jewish youth group. (Yes, you can do the math and we were 14!). As any good youth grouper knows, you keep crossing paths with the friends you made in those groups over the years. Our paths crossed during our Junior Year abroad at Hebrew University in Israel, and then again as Jewish educators, working as faculty at OSRUJ, and on the executive board of our professional group, Association of Reform Jewish Educators (ARJE). Our paths kept crossing long before Facebook, before cell phones, and before desktop computers. I feel lucky that our paths kept crossing as this led to my good fortune to have Lori as a friend and colleague.

Lori has been a maverick on both the local and national levels. She has been President of our local Chicago Association of Reform Jewish Educators as well as ARJE, which is an international organization with over 900 members. Lori has led with grace, passion and with a level of thoughtfulness that is not often seen in Jewish leadership.

Lori is more than just an unbelievable professional; she is an amazing mentor. Through her career at TBI and her consulting at the iCenter, Lori has mentored more Jewish educators and Israel educators than we could possibly count. She has inspired many of the next generation to take up the torch and carry on for Jewish education and *Ahavat Yisrael*, love of Israel. I do not need to tell TBI how lucky they are to have a compassionate, intelligent and hardworking Director of Congregational Learning. You have been a witness this year to Lori’s seamless transition to virtual learning in this time of COVID19. I can tell you that she spent years zooming with her colleagues and mentees before we ever heard of COVID 19, and countless hours since this pandemic Zooming and connecting with students, colleagues, and anyone needing her expertise. I don’t think she realized at the time what a crucial skill it would become in 2020.

No testimony to Lori would be complete without SOME Jewish text and of course Hebrew:

מְכַל-מְלַמְתֵי הַשָּׂפָלָתִי כִי עֲדוֹתֶיךָ שִׁיחָה לִי:

*I have more understanding than all my teachers:
for Thy testimonies are my meditation.*

You at TBI are blessed to have heard many of Lori’s testimonies and to learn from her and you will continue to hear them as she continues to teach at your congregation. The day before our Parade for Lori on Sunday May 17 was the double Torah parasha, Behar-Behukotai which ends the book of Leviticus. At the end of every book of the Torah, we say this cheer: *Hazak, Hazak, V’Nitzhazek*, be strong, be strong and may we be strengthened. I know that you will be saying this cheer to and for Lori for many years to come

Kein Yehi Ratzone, may it be Gods will.
Vanessa M. Ehrlich, RJE
(BFF, best friends forever)

Lori Sagarin’s work has always exceeded her job description. And her job description has always exceeded that of most Temple Educators. Lori has never assumed that her work merely includes the expert and skillful guidance and direction of all of our programs of Jewish education for adults, families and children. Lori regularly exhibits care for, concern about, and commitment to every facet of Temple life and every member of our TBI family.

Lori’s love of reading is legendary. We are all better people because we read what Lori recommends. Lori consistently reminds us that if we raise the bar, people will reach for it. Lori consistently pushes us to do more and to do it better. In every aspect of congregational life and programming, Lori encourages us to choose the road not travelled, to prefer the more difficult, the more challenging, the more interesting possibilities. Lori relates to every person as an individual created in the image of God and therefore of infinite worth and value. And that welcoming, caring attitude spills over into everything Lori does – whether it is mentoring students, or teaching at camp, or visiting a congregant in the hospital, or working with a Temple committee, or arranging meals for someone who is sick and housebound, or advising a parent – or any of the many other duties that Lori fulfills on our behalf.

For the past 25 years Lori Sagarin has created for us rich and varied opportunities for Torah, *Avodah* and *G’milut Hasadim*, helping us strengthen our Jewish identity in order to foster commitment to the mission of the Jewish people – *L’taken Olam B’malchut Shadai* to repair and improve the world, establishing the sovereignty of God. We are all in her debt and deeply grateful for all that she is and all that she does.

Rabbi Michael A Weinberg



SISTERHOOD NEWS

As of this writing, we are going on two months of the Stay at Home order. We are all effected and are trying to carry on the best we can. We are grateful for the Sisterhood events that brought us together before the Governor's order: *T'Fillot Nashim* on March 7, Vibrato Shopping Night on March 3, and the March Open Program meeting and Study with Rabbi on March 4. We look forward to connecting again in person.

To our great disappointment, Sisterhood has had to modify or cancel several of our planned fundraisers and events. In March we had to give up Graziano's Dinner Night Out and the Bunco Night Spring Fundraiser, along with the March Board meeting and the end of March Study with Rabbi sessions. By April we found ways to connect virtually. Very few of us had even heard of Zoom before this crisis. Now we are pros at Zooming and had our first ever Board Meeting via Zoom on April 19. We happily reinstated Study with Rabbi at the end of April and have had loads of committee meetings, planning meetings and social meetings via Zoom. Many thanks to *Amber Wood* and *Linn Ullenbrauck* who have been our Zoom mentors. We are also connecting and working together virtually via FaceTime, Google Docs and countless other mobile apps.

The Women of Reform Judaism Fried Women's Conference originally to be held in Phoenix on April 30-May 3 was re-imagined as a virtual conference. On May 1, a number of Sisterhood TBI sisters attended the conference via Zoom. The virtual Fried Conference was free of charge to attendees, and many who would not have been able to attend the conference in Phoenix were able to participate. The conference consisted of an opening plenary session with a panel discussion of gender identity and diversity, women's issues in the workplace, and the evolution of women's organizations. Participants then had a selection of three workshop sessions with a choice of nine topics. Topics included Jewish values-based leadership, addressing racism within our communities, leadership development and succession planning, Torah and immigration justice, and WRJ advocacy. The conference ended with virtual installation of officers and Erev Shabbat services. Although we wished we had been able to be together physically, the Zoom format allowed us to see, hear and talk with our WRJ sisters.

Sisterhood is pleased to accept the new slate of officers and Board members for 2020-2021. We are grateful that Pam Lavine has accepted another year as Sisterhood Co-President. We are making many plans for our 2020-2021 year. We will adjust our plans as needed for circumstances as they evolve, and we will confidently move forward as Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Lavine and Cynthia Miller
Co-Presidents – Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel

SISTERHOOD ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Fran and Scott Meyer	7/1/2001
Ardel and Richard Fogel	7/2/1978
Paula and Larry Hyman	7/3/1978
Sharon and Harold Levine	7/4/1971
Marla Aviva and Newell Bentley III	7/4/2004
Laura and Leon Finkel	7/5/1986
Linda Crohn and Jon Shimberg	7/9/1983
Laura Cooper and Bruce Crane	7/19/2009
Judy and Jeff Sands	7/24/1983
Iris and James Friedlieb	7/27/1969

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

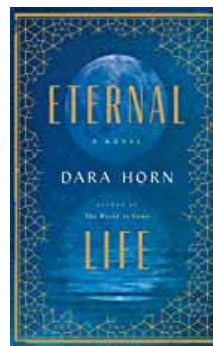
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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Ilene Bernstein	7/6
Fran Meyer	7/6
Rainie Nelson	7/18
Linda Karlin	7/20
Faye Oskin	7/21
Janice Samberg	7/21
Sue Schneider	7/21
Jan Shiffman	7/29
Linn Ullenbrauck	7/31

Would you like to celebrate simchas and benefit Sisterhood TBI? Uniongrams are only \$2.00 each. Contact: Candy Siegel, maltesepeanut-biz@yahoo.com, 847-679-4707 or Jan Shiffman, janshiffman@sbcglobal.net, 847-674-1412.

SISTERHOOD BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Sisterhood Book Discussion Group will be holding our next meeting, via Zoom, on June 24, 2020. The link will be posted in the Temple and Sisterhood eblasts. We will be discussing [Eternal Life, a novel](#), by Dara Hora.

As stated by Good Reads: "Rachel is a woman with a problem: she can't die. Her recent troubles—widowhood, a failing business, an unemployed middle-aged son—are only the latest in a litany spanning dozens of countries, scores of marriages, and hundreds of children. In the 2,000 years since she made a spiritual bargain to save the life of her first son back in Roman-occupied Jerusalem, she's tried everything to free herself, and only one other person in the world understands: a man she once loved passionately, who has been stalking her through the centuries, convinced they belong together forever.

But as the twenty-first century begins and her children and grandchildren—consumed with immortality in their own ways, from the frontiers of digital currency to genetic engineering—develop new technologies that could change her fate and theirs, Rachel knows she must find a way out. Gripping, hilarious, and profoundly moving, *Eternal Life* celebrates the bonds between generations, the power of faith, the purpose of death, and the reasons for being alive."

New members are welcome. Please RSVP to Jane Page, janepage67@gmail.com or Paula Sabin, paulalsabin@gmail.com.

SISTERHOOD OPEN MEETING PROGRAMS



Sisterhood TBI is excited to welcome Dr. Dean Bell, President and CEO of Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership, who will present at our first daytime program meeting of the season. The virtual program will start at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, July 1st. A Zoom link will be included in the Temple and Sisterhood eblasts.

Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel's August 5th Open Program Meeting will take place virtually at the Holocaust Museum. You will have the opportunity to join us on a docent tour of the highly regarded Ruth Bader Ginsburg exhibit at 1:00 pm. Please watch for your Temple and Sisterhood eblasts that will contain instructions on how to register for this program. There will be a nominal charge of \$5.00 per person to view the exhibit. If you have questions please email Laura Cooper, Cooper4449@gmail.com or Jane Page, janepage67@gmail.com.



BROTHERHOOD MATTERS

The Lively Art of Conversation



Most of us remember Irv Kupcinec (1912-2003). Affectionately known as “Kup,” the popular broadcast personality and one-time Chicago Sun-Times columnist hosted his own television talk show locally from 1959-86.

As he welcomed his faithful TV audience and in-studio guests, Kup proudly noted that his nighttime show was “a celebration of the lively art of conversation.” Considering the show endured for more than a quarter century, speaks to Kup’s journalistic abilities to keep people engaged and the conversation fluid.

While in no way mirroring Kup’s Show on Chicago television, TBI’s Brotherhood has been active on the Zoom platform recently encouraging the same lively art of conversing among congregants seeking nothing more than personal connections.

Kudos to TBI’s Jeff Dorfman and Rick Isaac for creating a pilot program launched in mid-May to get the Temple talking in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has been with us since March. What resulted from the first session was a spontaneous discussion among 10 participants on how they have kept busy -- albeit in isolation at home -- during the first weeks of the coronavirus.



Temple members spoke of their special interests and hobbies, which Netflix movies they have watched, work on family genealogy projects and even the designing of costume jewelry. One participant recalled that as a youngster he often accompanied his father to Waldheim Cemetery in Forest Park, IL to visit the graves of several generations of family.

This included his paternal great-grandfather who had passed during the global Spanish flu pandemic in 1918. Back then, there was no flu vaccine available and millions worldwide perished over a two-year period. The deceased might have been in his mid-to-late 50s in October 1918 and left behind a dutiful wife, eight grown children and many young, committed grandchildren, who became an integral part of the “greatest generation” during the World War II years.

The conversations also touched on much lighter moments. There was the birth of a new granddaughter on May 5 and the frustration of the proud, accessible grandparents in not having the opportunity to be at the hospital for the delivery. Still, optimism springs eternal, even during pandemics, and the grandparents were confident they would be making the trek to Northbrook, IL soon to meet their sixth grandchild for the very first time. Mazal Tov to all!

Another participant spoke of how family Zoom calls have brought his family closer together and have involved three generations of family in the Chicago area and Brooklyn, NY. Each weekly “zoom conference” lasts about one hour and covers topics from A to Z. The family matriarch had not seen another human in months until zooming became a viable, cost effective, in-home option.

There’s much we’ve learned and confirmed about TBI during the past several months. It remains a caring community concerned about the good and welfare of others. The concept behind Rick Isaac and Jeff Dorfman’s “Zoom Talk” program is that many TBI households are feeling isolated and alone amid the trials of COVID-19. These are extremely challenging and stressful times for all of us.

We should take solace in knowing and appreciating that our Temple and its clergy/professional staff/lay leadership are there for us. The same applies to TBI affiliates such as Brotherhood and Sisterhood and numerous special interest committees. As for Zoom Talk, plans are now in the works to continue the series on a monthly basis so we can stay connected to each other and keep talking.

Stay safe and well ... we will all get through this together.

Norwin Merens & Randall Heman
Brotherhood Co-Presidents

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.



June, and July

June is canned peaches, pears and pineapple. July is tuna.

Other donations are welcome. Please make sure that all foods going to the ARK 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.

MAOT CHITIM PASSOVER COLLECTION

Many of us don’t worry about where our next meal will come from and how we will feed ourselves at Passover. Thank you to all who contributed to the Maot Chitim passover fund. The monies are used to assist those who are food insecure and help make Pesach joyous for everyone.



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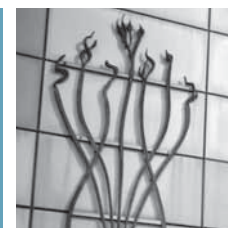
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