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Shabbat Services

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, October 1***

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat

Co-hosted by Grandparents of our Consecrants;
Pam & Ted Lavine in honor of his special birthday
and the Nolan family

6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat / Consecration

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, October 2 at 10:30 A.M.**
Torah Portion “Bereshit”

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

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
6:00 P.M. – Shalom Shabbat

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, October 9 at 10:30 A.M.**
Torah Portion “Noach”
Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Shaykin
Son of Ronda and Marc Shaykin

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, October 15***

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
Hosted by the Neuhaus/Anson family
in honor of Talia’s Bat Mitzvah
6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, October 16 at 10:30 A.M.**
Torah Portion “Lech Lecha”
Bat Mitzvah of Talia Neuhaus
Daughter of Amy Anson and Robert Neuhaus

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, October 22 at 8:15 P.M.**

Michael Lorge will speak about his experience in
Mainz, Germany, when he participated in the dedication
of the new synagogue there

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, October 23 at 10:30 A.M.**
Torah Portion “Vayera”

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, October 29 at 8:15 P.M.**

Torah Portion “Chaye Sarah”

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

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FROM THE EDITOR

Reminder: Material for the bulletin is due electronically to BarbaraTBI@aol.com on the 10th of the month prior to publication. The deadline for the November Bulletin is October 10. 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.



Rabbi's Column

In place of my regular Bulletin article, I wanted to share with the entire congregation the remarks I gave to introduce the Yizkor service this year on Yom Kippur. It was comforting for me to share these thoughts and I hope that it will be comforting for you to read them.

We come now to *Yizkor*, the service of remembrance that holds such a revered place in our collective psyche. This is a personal time — the time when we think of loved ones who have died — whose earthly journey has ended even while their spirit remains a strong presence in our midst. And this is a communal time— in addition to our own loved ones, we think of those whom our friends and neighbors have lost, and we think of the leaders of our community who no longer walk among us even while the effect of their work continues to benefit us.

I confess that in past years my focus has always been on that communal aspect of *Yizkor*. It was a way for me to find meaning in these words, these prayers, even though I was not a mourner. I remember hearing, when I was growing up; that children should not enter the synagogue for *Yizkor*. Perhaps you remember hearing something similar. Of course, telling a young boy that he can't enter only made me want to enter even more. I assumed that it was some secret club, and the *Yizkor* service was some secret ritual. When I protested and said that I wanted to see what was going on I was told by a well-meaning but poorly informed usher, “That’s a service only for people whose parents have died, and if you attend it’s like saying you wish your parents were dead.”

As an adult, I’ve thought a lot about that usher’s message — that *Yizkor* is only for people whose parents have died — and I think that he was wrong. *Yizkor* was certainly for those whose parents had died and also for those who spouses, or siblings, or children had died. But it has always seemed to me *Yizkor* is also for the community, to mourn our collective losses and, perhaps more importantly, to be supportively present for the mourners.

Today, just three weeks after my own mother’s death, I understand that maybe he was right, and maybe I was right, too.

As a rabbi I have certainly been acquainted with death and mourning, but this has been my first experience as a primary mourner. And I learned that my childhood assumption about a secret club wasn’t so crazy after all. I learned that there is, among mourners, a quiet kinship of sorrow. During the *shiva* week, when I met someone who had recently suffered a loss, it wasn’t even necessary to speak. With a knowing look and a reassuring touch they could tell me that they knew something of what I was going through. They knew about the emptiness, and the sadness, and the anger, and the confusion, and the disconnectedness, and all the

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IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

The following Temple members are recuperating from recent illness, injury or surgery: *Leah Ostrar, Michael Ostrar, Ellie Ostrar, Ilana Ostrar, Dolores Lipkin, and Irv Greene*. We wish all our patients a speedy recovery.

CONDOLENCES

We note with sorrow the passing of Eva H. Weinberg, mother of *Judy Kemp, Robert Weinberg* and *Rabbi Michael Weinberg*. May her memory be a blessing.

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Beth Israel announces with profound sorrow the passing of
LESTER SHAPIRO
May his memory be a blessing

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Beth Israel announces with profound sorrow the passing of
MARC SHAVEL
Beloved husband of LaVerne Shavel
May his memory be a blessing

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Beth Israel announces with profound sorrow the passing of
MILTON COLMAN
May his memory be a blessing

IN MEMORIAM

Temple Beth Israel announces with profound sorrow the passing of
LENORE WOLF
May her memory be a blessing

CONGREGATIONAL THANKS

My family and I would like to offer sincere thanks for the many kind words we received following the death of my brother, John. Your expressions of sympathy were a great comfort during a difficult time.

Robert Neuhaus

On behalf of the Titlebaum Family, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the entire TBI Family. We are so thankful to be part of such a wonderful and caring congregation. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. The support, encouragement, and prayers have helped us through this difficult time in our lives.

Sharrel, Jessica and Lauren

We want to thank all the volunteers who gave so selflessly of themselves both Saturday evening, September 11, and Sunday morning, September 12, 2010. We appreciate all the bakers and buyers who helped make our Bake Sale a huge success.

Sharrell Titlebaum and Dena Mae Cohen, co-chairs

Many thanks to Michael Passman; Richard Leipsiger; Beth Sair; Gale Nudelman; Milt, Linda, and Joanna Benjamin; Eric Rosen; and Jack Kendall. All helped to beautify the Sukkah in our sanctuary.

Dena Mae Cohen

FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Dan Berman

*(During Rosh HaShana,
Dan Berman shared these words with the congregation.)*

This is the last time that I will have the honor and privilege of speaking to you as President of Temple Beth Israel. Yes, I know that there are all of those Shabbatot when the officer representing the board makes announcements, but I don't count that because it's just a short stand-up comedy routine, and not nearly as meaningful as the opportunity to address the entire congregation. I also plan to make a special presentation to TBI in February, in honor of my presidency and in memory of my grandfather, but that speech has already been written, so I'm not counting it either.

This presidency has been, for me, an opportunity to give back to Temple Beth Israel which has been a second home for my entire life. I have always been welcomed here. I have always felt like Norm in "Cheers." It's a place where everybody knows my name. About 20 years ago, I was asked to be your next President, and I responded: "I'm not ready; please call me in 15 or 20 years." Obviously, the Nominating Committee didn't forget, so when they asked this time, I could hardly say no. It is truly an honor to be serving as your President. Yes, we all know that it hasn't been sunshine and roses. There are lots of difficulties, some big and some small, that have come along with this gig. I have always tried to address the problems from a "big picture" perspective. In other words, I try to look at what is best for our Temple in the long-run, and what will make us better and more successful in the future. Fortunately, this office comes with a whole lot of help. I cannot begin to thank all of those people who physically and mentally work daily to make our Temple run and support this lay administration. First and foremost, I need to express my gratitude to Rabbi Weinberg. I have all sorts of crazy ideas, and he has told me, once in a while, that I'm not crazy. One of the true joys of my presidency is the special relationship that I have with our Rabbi. He is truly a righteous man, and a supportive, loyal and caring friend.

Next, I want to thank Lori Sagarin. The work that she does behind the scenes to build our various education programs is key to our congregational long-term health. We must not forget why most of us joined TBI: it's the schools, folks.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank our office and maintenance staff over and over again. Carolyn, Marlene, Eunice, Tanya, Tommy, Don, Ben and Eulen are always there for all of us. They are kind and loving and efficient, and very supportive of me.

My fellow officers and trustees have stepped up at a particularly difficult time. The time that they have taken from their normal activities to work on behalf of our congregation continues to amaze and impress me. After all, they are all volunteers! In addition to the time and effort that you have put towards Temple projects, I particularly appreciate the personal support that each of you has given to me. I have made many friends for life from this group.

I am especially fortunate to have many leadership models to choose from. We have many past presidents who have assisted me by example and by advice and counsel. To each of you a special thanks, and I am looking forward to joining your ranks soon!

Finally, I want to thank all of you. Last year, I told you that the most essential part of a congregation is...the congregation. You

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

October and November are filled with opportunities for adult learning — lots of different times, lots of different topics. There is bound to be something for you.

On Friday night, October 22nd Michael Lorge will speak about his recent trip to Mainz Germany where he and his son, Ari, witnessed the dedication of the synagogue, once destroyed by the Nazi's, where Michael's grandfather served as the rabbi and where his father, Rabbi Ernst M. Lorge, z"l became Bar Mitzvah. (Michael has shared some of the photos of this memorable trip on the back page of this Bulletin.)

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Kibbutz movement in Israel. This iconic institution remained untouched until the last several decades creating a significant paradigm shift among kibbutzniks, Israelis and the Jewish world. On Saturday, October 30th we will host the Chicago premier of **Keeping the Kibbutz**, a documentary film about one kibbutz undergoing these changes and the people affected by them. The film makers, Ben Crosbie and Tessa Moran, will be on hand to lead a discussion about the film and the issues and to answer any questions we may have. The evening will begin with an Israeli dinner followed by the film, discussion and dessert. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information for this program.

Lori's book group begins October 31st with *All Other Nights* by Dara Horn. This is one of my all time favorite writers and I found this book to be her best. (The list of dates and books for the 2010-2011 series is below and in the *Torah at TBI* brochure.)

Jews in China? Not a topic most of us know much about but join our hosts, Jon Shimberg and Linda Crohn, as we welcome Dr. Xu Xin for a discussion of this fascinating topic on Sunday, November 7th beginning at 10:00 am.

Monday night classes with Rabbi Weinberg will begin November 8th for five consecutive weeks as he explores the interface of American ideals and Jewish life in the 20th century as they play out in the American Reform Responsa (a collection of quandaries posed to leading Reform Jewish legal scholars and their responses).

I hope you will find at least one, if not many opportunities for learning from among our fall offerings.

B'shalom,

Lori B. Sagarin

RELIGION AND CULTURE CORNER

By Gale Nudelman

As I write this, it is a glorious fall day in Chicago. The trees have hints of changing colors, the sky is incredibly blue, and the nights have been pleasantly cool. Rather than the hot humid weather we expected, we had perfect weather for the High Holy Days. This really made it easy for me to think about Sukkot, the fall harvest, and what I would do if I actually had to do the harvesting.

Fortunately we can go to the grocery store and get great locally grown fruits, vegetables and anything else we desire. Unfortunately there are many local people who can't provide for themselves. You have a chance to help some of these folks without getting your hands blistered from harvesting. The CROP WALK is Sunday October 17th starting at St. Johns Church in Wilmette. The rally opens at 1:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. This year your feet as well as your hands can remain blister free. For the first time you can "walk on the web" with the TBI team. You simply sign up online for the team, make your pledge and watch the money grow. Although this is a good way to participate, it's always wonderful to see a lot of people walking together for such a great cause. I encourage you to participate in either or both of those ways. Contact Nina Henry at ninjanina56@aol.com for further information.

I also want to thank everybody who brought your Ark bags or monetary donations to Temple. The need is great and every donation helps.

As if the High Holy Day season wasn't busy enough, things at Temple Beth Israel are in full swing. I encourage you to attend any and all of our worship services and other activities. With Kabbalat Shabbat the first and third Fridays, 8:15 services on all other Fridays, 10:30 a.m. Shabbat services every week, Shalom Shabbat, Mishpacha Minyan and more, there are worship opportunities for everybody.

I want to call your attention to a very special service. November 12th at 8:15 we will have our Veterans Day Shabbat. Not only will we honor our veterans, but I encourage all veterans to share their mementos with us for a special display at our Oneg Shabbat that evening. All items will be creatively and tastefully displayed. It is important for all of us to see through your eyes how you so willingly and bravely served our country. More information on how to loan us your mementos will be forthcoming in early October.

I want to thank all of you (too many to mention by name) who helped to make our High Holy Day worship at Evanston Township High School so beautiful. Carol Barrington and her committee did an outstanding job of everything from schlepping, to setting up, cleaning up and ushering. Thanks to Lori Sagarin, Rob Weinberg, and Jeremy Seaver for ensuring a great experience for the Family/Young Family services. Thank you to Leslie Newcorn for sharing your beautiful voice with us. To Leslie and Nancy Mazurowski, for preparing Koleynu, and to Koleynu for enhancing our worship in a glorious way. Last but certainly not least, my very heartfelt thanks to you, Rabbi Weinberg, for your guidance and patience as you helped everybody prepare for their various ways of participation. During an incredibly difficult time, you provided our congregation with meaningful, thought provoking and beautiful worship services throughout the High Holy Days.

I wish you all an outstanding October.

LORI'S BOOK GROUP

Lori's Book Group returns for another season in October. We return this year to our Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m. schedule when we'll meet in the Cohn Library. The books this season are:

October 31 – *All Other Nights* by Dara Horn

November 21 – *A Girl from Foreign*
by Saadia Shepherd

January 23 – *Drawing in the Dust* by Zoe Klein

February 27 – *Sima's Undergarments for Women*
by Ilana Stanger-Ross

April 3 – *Day After Night* by Anita Diamant



SISTERHOOD NEWS

On October 15–17, 2010, the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), Midwest District will convene in Minneapolis, MN. What is this organization, you may ask? Here is your answer, directly from the webpage at <http://wrjmidwest.org>:

WRJ Midwest District encompasses six geographic areas: Metropolitan Chicago, South Suburban Chicago/Northwest Indiana, Downstate Illinois, Wisconsin/Western Illinois, Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota, and Iowa/Nebraska – and is comprised of 36 Sisterhoods with over 6,000 members. WRJ Midwest District connects all of the local Sisterhoods within our district, and also serves as a liaison between each Sisterhood and Women of Reform Judaism.

We are truly fortunate that Sisterhood TBI has strong leaders who have taken on significant volunteer positions in the District. Our own Sue Schneider is continuing her role as chairperson of the Speaker's Bureau. Laura Cooper is currently one of the Area Directors for Metropolitan Chicago and is on the ballot for the District Treasurer. In addition, our Sisterhood past president, Linn Ullenbrauck, is on the ballot for the chairperson of Data Management/Directory. Lastly, the current Midwest District First Vice President and incoming President of the Midwest District is none other than our Marla Goldberg. Kudos galore!

So, I'm excited to attend this convention along with co-president Dale Cone and so many of our Sisterhood members. I must admit to having some experience with convention attendance. When I was employed for 11 years with the American Dietetic Association, I attended at least 10 of ADA's Food and Nutrition Convention and Exhibitions and just as many annual meetings of the Society for Nutrition Education. Though tiring and sometimes stressful, particularly when one is employed by the hosting association, it was always exciting to travel to various cities and see new exhibits and learn new and cutting edge information. Of course, meeting new people is a joyful bonus.

I've browsed the WRJ Midwest District convention schedule and some highlights include many social action programs, including making fleece scarves for the homeless, a session on running an effective meeting, Torah Study (How to write a D'var Torah), a variety of Learnshops lead by local Rabbis in the Minneapolis area, and joining everyone for Shabbat dinner and services. My guess is that Dale and I will be sharing plenty of our experiences with you in subsequent Bulletin articles. We invite you to ask us how it was the next time you see us!

Lorri Fishman and Dale Cone, co-Presidents

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the TBI Sisterhood Book Club will be on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 1 p.m., when we will discuss *Fabulous Small Jews* by Joseph Epstein. This is a book of short stories which take place in Evanston and Chicago and are small worlds caught up in the author's observant eye. His engaging voice makes them come alive on the page. Mr. Epstein teaches at Northwestern University. The books are available in the Temple office and we ask that you bring the book to the meeting so it can be returned to the library in a timely fashion. Join us at the home of Marilyn Sklair, 7033 N. Kedzie, Chicago for our discussion. Please call Marilyn at 773-743-8402 if you plan to attend.



SISTERHOOD ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Inessa and Vladimir Minkov	10/1/1955
Teri and Louis Lang	10/4/1987
Lauren Helfand and Frank Alkyer	10/5/1995
Rachel and Michael Willens	10/7/1979
Sylvia and Jerry Arnold	10/8/1950
Kathy and Michael Passman	10/20/1979
Amber and Jeffrey Wood	10/20/2007
Lisa and Don Drucker	10/22/1988
Barbara Grier and Michael Swarzman	10/23/1983
Andrea and Harv Blain	10/29/1989
Jeanette and Jerome Franklin	10/31/1948

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jann Corday	10/4	Ellen Warsaw	10/12
Madelon Gryll	10/6	Laurie Rothbardt	10/13
Nancy Goodman	10/7	Wendy Raven	10/14
Karen Rothbardt	10/7	Jennifer Gussis	10/18
Sally Levenstam	10/8	Shirley Levens	10/18
Lilia Paykin	10/9	Jessica Littmann	10/22
Lillian Gerstner	10/10	Lynn Zakari	10/29
Cynthia Sklare	10/10	Iris Friedlieb	10/30
Mary Roth	10/12	Phyllis Cantor	10/31

Want to help celebrate these simchas? Do so with Uniongrams! At \$2.00 each, they're quite a bargain and they benefit the Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood! Contact Ione Novak at 847-676-1474 or jeralex1@aol.com for more information.

UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENTS

October 6, 2010	Open Meeting
October 10, 2010	Board Meeting
October 14–16, 2010	WRJ Midwest District Convention, Minneapolis
October 24, 2010	Membership Luncheon
November 14, 2010	Artisan and Book Fair

CELEBRATE YOUR SIMCHAS AT TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

Being a member of Temple Beth Israel is like being part of a large family. When a family simcha occurs, such as a special anniversary, birthday, baby naming, aufruf or Bar/Bat Mitzvah, your friends at TBI would love to celebrate with you and help make your celebration a success. Plan to mark your special occasion by hosting a Friday night Oneg, and let the Catering committee make sure every detail is perfect. You can also help celebrate other simchas by volunteering your time to work with the catering committee.

To schedule a date and make arrangements for your simcha or to volunteer your time to help others celebrate, please contact Linda Lewison at (847) 677-9369.

All profits from Catering events are donated to the congregation to support programming and daily operations.

A Look Back From 102

By Sid Levine

(During Rosh Hashana, Sid Levine shared these words with the congregation.)

As a member of Temple Beth Israel since 1950, some 60 years ago, I have an emotional and awesome feeling as I stand before you this holiday afternoon. My thoughts go back to when I was very active in Temple affairs.

Rabbi Felix Mendelsohn, of blessed memory, asked me if I would be willing to write a column for the bi-monthly Temple bulletin. I accepted with some hesitation and did it for four years. It turned out to be well accepted, and it also turned out that I relished doing it.

The Temple has served as a spiritual guiding light for my wife and me in our lives. I am now about to reach my second birthday in my second century of life. One question I am frequently asked is to what do I attribute my longevity. I give various answers such as my love for onions and garlic, my wife's cooking, or choosing parents with good genes. In the course of one's life, there are good things that happen by virtue of luck, and that is what I ascribe my longevity to.

I look back longingly to my youth and school days and I could write several pages on that. I don't know whether at my age I'm now considered a curiosity or a man of distinction. One distinction that I have acquired is that I am now more digital in this digital age. My age now has 3 digits! Does this give me more status or add to my reputation?

My memory takes me back to when:

- The streets were full of kids playing games.
- All the technology that we now enjoy was once called science fiction
- We went boating in the Douglas and Garfield Park lagoons
- We rode joyfully on the open upper deck buses
- There were movie palaces with stage shows for only 50¢
- We saw the first movie with sound in 1929 — Al Jolson in "The Jazz Singer"
- Fire engines were pulled by horses
- Gas stations cleaned your windshield, checked your oil and filled your tank with 20¢ gasoline
- You tested and bought new TV tubes at your local drug store
- Very few women worked outside of the home. Too many household duties without the appliances of today.
- You married first before living together
- The doctor came to your house

I think of all the things I used to wonder about and I still wonder:

- How does our planet Earth maintain its orbit around the sun together with its daily revolutions that make day and night?
- Where does the Earth get its energy or force to make this turning movement with such precision — within a second or so per year?
- How would the world exist without gravity or without the oil it has underground?
- How do broadcast and cell phone signals go through brick walls?
- How are they able to punch a hole in a needle to make the eye?
- I read that the sun burns several million tons of hydrogen a day. It has been doing this for thousands of years! Will its supply of hydrogen burn out soon and life on earth end?
- How is the President of the United States able to sleep at night? I can't sleep at night if I have even a minor problem.

As to my working career, which began in 1930, I graduated as a civil engineer and worked on water tunnels, gas lines, a filtration plant and expressways for a total of 44 years.

The Forties were very special: when I married Anne, when I served in WWII in Europe, and when Eleanor and Harold were born. I especially enjoyed the fifties when our children were growing up and when we built our home in Skokie.

I lived most of my life in the 20th century, a century of miracles in technology and medicine. We saw the development of electric power, the light bulb, the telephone, the automobile, the airplane, air conditioning, television, Xerox, and the transistor, which made possible the computer and cell phone. Because we lived through it all from the simple, innocent, and primitive early part of the last century, we appreciate it more than do the people of the present generation. Now miracles aren't miracles any more. They are taken for granted.

This century has also seen a revolution in lifestyles and in our moral climate. Morals aren't what they used to be. Nothing is shocking anymore.

Despite the wars, I don't think I could have chosen a better century to have lived through than the previous one, a century not filled with the fears we live through today, fears of violence that pervade our neighborhoods, our country and the world. Our country is now in a great state of indebtedness with a collapsed economy. When it will extricate itself from its economic and military woes is a mighty big question.

Each generation is really a link between the past and the next generation and is supposed to contribute something worthwhile to that next generation. I hope I have made some kind of contribution besides paying my taxes. One thing I feel Anne and I have done is to pass on to our children a good set of values. Anne and I are extremely proud of the three generations that we have brought about and have lived to see: Our two children, four grandchildren, and four great grandchildren grow up. We are going a little overboard to wish we could live long enough to see our great grandchildren grow up into adulthood.

Life is a journey as they say. Mine has been a wonderful journey, made even more wonderful and enriched by my wife, Anne, because of her good humor, good tastes, good instincts, and good sensibilities — not to mention her good cooking ability. With her by my side, our 68 years have been glorious. I never became affluent or famous, but what more can you ask for than a good measure of happiness.

So Halleluyah, I have almost completed the second year of my second century, and as I say each day, "Today is the first day of the rest of my life" and except for the loss of a lot of youthful energy, I feel 102 years young.

There is a passage in our previous Temple prayer book that I found very meaningful and that I'd like to quote.

Eternal God, we give thanks for the gift of life, wonder beyond words; the awareness of soul; our light within; the world around us so filled with beauty and the richness of the earth, which day by day sustains us. For all these gifts and more, we thank and bless You, the source of all goodness.

And now I'd like to finish with something often said on blessed events, the *Shehechyonu*, which I have personalized.

Baruch atah adonoi, elohainu melech haolom She-hech-y-onu, v'kee-y-monu, v'hee-gee-y-onu, lahz-man. hazeh.

Blessed art Thou, our God, King of the Universe, Who has kept me in life and sustained me and enabled me to reach this day.

other things that come with grief. And they knew it not only in an intellectual way but somehow more deeply, more profoundly, more viscerally. So maybe, that usher was right: maybe *Yizkor* is that secret club that gives expression to the quiet kinship of sorrow among mourners.

But I was right, too. Over the years, I have had many opportunities to perform the mitzvah of *nichum avelim* comforting the mourners. I have learned (as our prayerbook says) "...how to counsel and comfort those who are bowed with sorrow; when to keep silence in their presence and when a word will assure them of our love and concern." But now, for the first time in my life, I am a mourner. And I have been the grateful recipient of other people's performance of the mitzvah of *nichum avelim*. At a time when it would have been easy for me to feel distant and disconnected the presence of comforters spoke eloquently to me about the community and connectedness that holds us up and holds us together.

My Mom suffered from Alzheimer's disease and was sick for a long time. In the last months she was no longer the person I had known most of my life. Her decline was steady and her death was not unexpected and yet — it was still surprising, still painful, still confusing, and still very sad. But it was the comforters that helped me through the darkness toward the light. My children held me up — somehow knowing at every moment what I needed, even when I didn't know what I needed. And those who came to bring comfort, or came to help, or came to bring food, or called, or sent a note, or offered condolences — all those comforters somehow knew what I needed; a knowing look and a reassuring touch was enough to help lighten the heaviness of the heart.

Yizkor is about the kinship of sorrow amongst mourners but it is also very much about the life-giving, inspirational power of the presence of community. Traditionally one says to a mourner: "*HaMakom yinachem etchem b'toch sh'ar aveilei Tziyon v'Yerushalayim*. May God comfort you amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem." With that simple sentence one not only offers comfort, one reassures the mourner that even in grief we are not alone. We are part of a community, part of a people. We mourn individually, personally, and we mourn collectively. That, too, is the message of this *Yizkor* service. Here we are: some of us mourners; some of us comforters; some of us both mourners and comforters. *Yizkor* is a kind of great big liturgical hug — bringing us together — up through the darkness toward the light — towards life.

Michael A. Weinberg

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT TBI

Temple Beth Israel has so much to offer — a diverse, involved, and caring community, a top-notch professional staff, a warm and welcoming home for worship and spiritual exploration, outstanding schools and adult education, friendly and active Sisterhood and Brotherhood, a commitment to community service and social justice, and lots more. So let your friends know about us. Invite them to join you for services and programs throughout the year ... and invite them to join us!

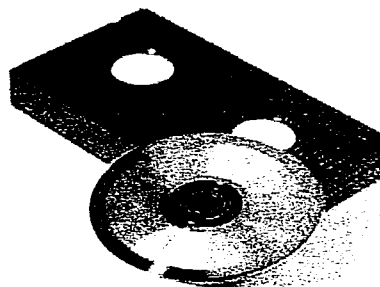
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have stepped up during this past year in so many ways. Your expressions of support and concern were all heartfelt and were taken into my heart. I have truly and sincerely always acted on behalf of our Temple, and not necessarily what was best for me. It continues to be my hope and prayer that many of the directions we have begun now, will be in TBI's very best interests long into our future. Only time and our continued efforts together will tell.

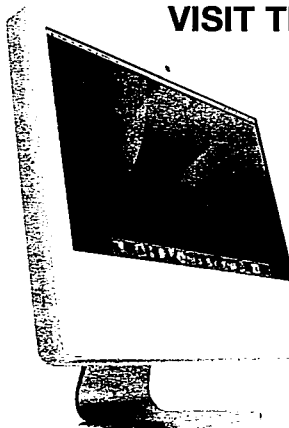
On behalf of my family: Donna, Emily and Adam, Abby, Simon and Natalie, Josh and Sarah, Jackie and James, Benji and Julie, Sydney and brand new baby Annie, Jodie and Zack, I wish you and your family a year of health and of good fortune, a year of sweetness and friendship and a year of happiness.

Movies for a Good Cause

The Edward Hines Jr VA hospital is collecting movies for military families and recovering soldiers. They are accepting any movies in any format (VHS or DVD). There is a box beside the Bottomless Closet donations in the basement outside of the Library. If you have any questions, please email Amber Wood at adcoulte@gmail.com.



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Take a look at our attractive "user friendly" web site at www.tbiskokie.org. You'll find loads of up-to-date, easy to find information about worship services, school schedules, regular programs, and special events, along with important phone numbers and other handy and useful information.

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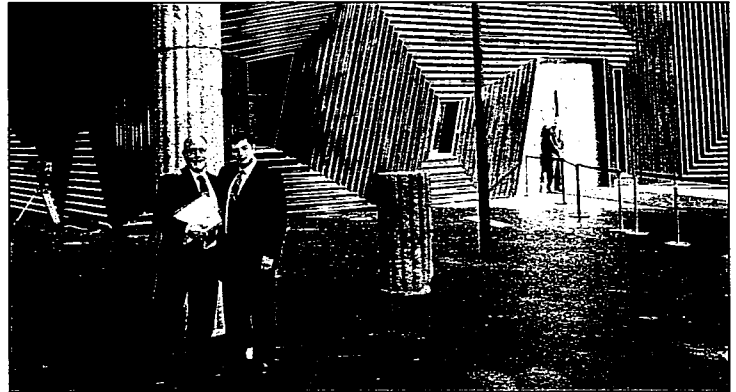
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DATED MATERIAL – PLEASE RUSH

All of this is part of a family history which brought Michael and Ari Lorge to Mainz for the dedication of an unusual new synagogue in a town that allowed its Jewish community to be eliminated 60 years ago. Come hear his report on Friday, October 22, 2010.



Rabbi Ernst M. Lorge, z”l in 1945 as a US Army Chaplain in front of his childhood home in Mainz.



Michael and Ari Lorge in front of the new synagogue of Mainz, Germany on September 3, 2010. Come hear his report about a surreal and yet sincere event. Shabbat, October 22, 2010.



Michael M. Lorge in 1974, while traveling through Europe on his way to Israel, standing in front of his father’s childhood home in Mainz.



Ari Lorge in 2010, while attending the dedication of a new synagogue in Mainz, standing in front of his grandfather’s childhood home.