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Shabbat Services

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, April 1***

5:00 P.M. – Special Program – See box below

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat – See box below for contributors

6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat – April birthday blessings

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, April 2 at 10:30 A.M.**

Shabbat HaChodesh
Torah Portion "Tazria"

Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Sandy
Son of Bonnie and Jeffrey Sandy

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

6:30 P.M. – Brotherhood / Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner
Brotherhood / Sisterhood Shabbat

Aufruf for Laura Siegel and Avi Perpinyal
Music by Koleynu

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, April 9 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion "Metzora"

Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Palmer and
Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Palmer
Daughters of Lisa Palmer

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, April 15***

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, April 16 at 10:30 A.M.**

Shabbat HaGadol
Torah Portion "Achrei Mot"

Bat Mitzvah of Lena Grossman
Daughter of Nancy Gurny and Steve Grossman

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

Special Torah Portion for Chol Hamoed Pesach

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, April 23 at 10:30 A.M.**

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

Torah Portion "Kedoshim"
Social Action Recognition Shabbat
Music by Koleynu

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

*Please note time

LIK RAT SHABBAT

The following people have made donations for the Likrat Shabbat on April 1 in honor of their April birthdays: Harold and Sharon Levine. We would also like to thank Ione Novak and Mark Fine whose names were not included in the list of people who donated to the March 4 Likrat Shabbat in honor of their March birthdays.

Please join us on April 1 for a special program from 5:00 – 5:30 prior to our Likrat Shabbat gathering. **UNCLE MILTON** isn't up to it this year so you have been asked to lead the seder. *Rabbi Michael Weinberg* will provide tips on how to prepare to lead a seder. (No prior experience necessary).



Rabbi's Column

As I write these words, the world is still reeling from the devastating 9.0 earthquake and subsequent tsunami that hit Japan in the middle of March. The unbelievably extensive damage and the looming nuclear peril have shocked and stunned us all. I can only hope and pray that by the time you read these words that the worst is over and that the lengthy process of recovery and rebuilding is well underway. We can be proud that our local Jewish Federation, our national Reform Movement, and our United States government and military were in the forefront of organizing and supporting emergency aid efforts.

Natural disasters certainly give us pause and often they inspire us to stop and think about who we are and what our place is in the cosmos – a kind of spiritual GPS. Such a reflection should surely inspire gratitude for all that we have and should motivate us to consider how we can help those who have less. What's more, a spiritual taking stock and repositioning is what we Jews do each spring as we navigate our way through the cycle of spring holidays.

On Pesach we connect with our formative story when are bidden to see ourselves as though we, ourselves, had gone forth from Egypt. In other words, we don't just tell the story but we imagine that we were strangers in a strange land, that we were with our ancestors in dire straits and we were redeemed by Divine power. Thus we learn not only to praise God but also to be more sensitive and responsive to the stranger and to understand that with freedom comes responsibility. This year we will celebrate Pesach with worship services Tuesday morning April 19th at 10:30 am; Sunday evening April 24th at 7:30 pm; and Monday morning April 25th at 10:30 am followed by a holiday luncheon; and with a congregational 2nd Seder on Tuesday April 19th at 6:30 pm.

On Yom HaShoah we connect with more recent Jewish history when we remember the horror of the destruction of European Jewry. We honor the memory of the victims not only by telling their story but also by studying the history and working to ensure that society never goes down that dark path again. This year we will prepare for Yom HaShoah with a visit to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center on Sunday April 10th and we will commemorate Yom HaShoah on Sunday morning May 1st at 11:00 am.

On Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day) and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel's Independence Day) we connect with the Jewish State and with the possibility of creating an ideal society based on the teachings of the Biblical Prophets. This year we will commemorate Yom HaZikaron on Sunday morning May 8th at 11:00 am. Then, on Sunday evening May 8th we will have a major celebration of Yom HaAtzmaut. This event will also be the culmination of our congregation-wide project of Reforesting Israel in the aftermath of last December's forest fires. Our original goal was together to plant one grove of 500 trees. Now it looks like with a little effort, and participation from the whole congregation, we will succeed in planting two groves!

Then, on Shavuot, we connect with Torah and revelation. Just as we imagine, on Pesach, that we ourselves went forth from Egypt, so, on

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IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

MAZEL TOV TO:

Louise Starkman on the birth of her first great grandson, Connor Zick, born in San Francisco.

Mary Golden and Jim Harn on the birth of their first granddaughter, Madison Rose German, born in San Diego.

Joy Wasserman and Rob Weinberg on the receipt of the Wagner Institute Essay Prize (\$5000 college scholarship!) by their son, Noah.

Laura Cooper and Bruce Crane on the birth of their granddaughter, Sunshine Annabel Schultz.

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

The following Temple members are recuperating from recent illness, injury or surgery: *Lisa Wynn* and *Sharrel Titlebaum*. We wish all our patients a speedy recovery.

CONDOLENCES

We note with sorrow the passing of Leo Eatman father of *Paula Fischer*. May his memory be a blessing.

CONGREGATIONAL THANK YOUs

ODE TO ANONYMOUS CARROT CAKE BAKER FOR THE TBI SPAGHETTI DINNER:

We won the auction for the most delicious, moist, carrot, cream-cheesy layered cake. Thanks for your generous work!

Judith & Ernie Simon

SPAGHETTI DINNER 2011

We had a fantastic Spaghetti Dinner February 20th thanks to the many culinary artists who are members of our Temple. Diets were abandoned right and left as thousands of calories on display begged to be eaten.

It was a fun night with dinner, bingo, a raffle and a fantastic dessert auction. Our professional auctioneer did a masterful job of getting the audience excited and motivated to buy. Bidding wars broke out as members vied to win one of the fabulous desserts being auctioned. The carnage was terrible but by the end of the evening we had a record amount of donations. All proceeds raised from the dinner went to the TBI Youth Scholarship Fund which offers financial aid to our students at TBI to give them the opportunity to visit Israel.

Thanks to everyone who baked, cooked, attended, purchased auction items and bought raffle and bingo tickets. Extra thanks to all who helped the day of the event. Over thirty TBI members priced desserts, set up tables, cooked, served food, sold raffle tickets and bingo cards.

I learned two things from this event. First, I discovered how much work it takes to create a successful event like this. Second, I came to appreciate how lucky we are that our Temple has so many wonderful people who are willing to do this work. I'll never go to another TBI event without appreciating all the "behind the scenes" effort that it takes to make it happen. It's wonderful to know what a great congregation we are part of.

Karen Nolan
Chairperson, Spaghetti Dinner 2011

FROM THE PRESIDENT

by *Dan Berman*

On Friday, February 25, as we commemorated the yartzeits of Rabbis Lorge, z"l and Mendelsohn, z"l, I presented 6 volumes to our Temple library containing most of my grandfather's sermons, in his memory and in honor of my presidency. I read the following, which appears as a forward in the first volume.

About 20 years ago, Leo Kruss, member and past president of our Temple, approached me and told me that he had something for me in his car. He gave me two cardboard boxes. When I opened them, I discovered a black robe, an envelope with a mortar board hat, and a lot of paper. The hat and the robe turned out to be the outfit that my grandfather, Rabbi S. Felix Mendelsohn, wore when he received his Doctor of Divinity in the late 1940's. The papers were typewritten copies of most of his sermons from 1919 to 1952, along with copies of correspondence and various other documents that he accumulated during his ministry. I put the boxes into my crawl space at home, and tucked the thought that I possessed the "treasure" into the back of my head.

Over the past 20 years, I have told a number of people that I had these boxes, and I needed to do something about them "before I died." During the past year, as my time came to assume the presidency of Temple Beth Israel, my grandfather's congregation, I decided that it was finally time to act. With many thanks to my son, Joshua Berman, all of the documents were copied and scanned onto a DVD, and I began to read them. As I read, I learned much about my grandfather.

Even though he wasn't born in the United States, S. Felix Mendelsohn was a true patriot. Early in his rabbinate, he dedicated several sermons each year to American events. He spoke devotedly about Washington and Lincoln, and called Thanksgiving a truly American holiday with Jewish roots. He assisted in the founding of Boy Scout Troop 898 in the mid-1920's, when scouting was in its infancy, and then dedicated an annual Friday night service to the troop. Although he was born into an orthodox Jewish home, he chose to be educated as a Reform Rabbi because he felt that this was the future of American Judaism. Nevertheless, he also felt that American Reform Judaism had moved too far to the left, and he brought back many customs and traditions that he thought were lacking and had meaning.

He was the inventor and driving force behind "Jewish Book Month." His idea was that since Jews are "The People of the Book," we should dedicate one month of each year to reading something Jewish. This concept was adopted and became a national annual event.

He was concerned about assimilation of Jews in America and spoke out against intermarriage and Jews joining various forms of Christianity, particularly Christian Science. This led to a series of sermons, ultimately published in his book, *Mental Healing in Judaism*. He passionately spoke out against anti-Semitism here in the United States and in Europe. He dedicated many sermons to Hitler and his Nazis, predicting as early as 1932, the destruction of Judaism in Germany and other European nations. He discussed his concerns about Communism in the Soviet Union in the 1920's, the 1930's and the 1940's. He praised Woodrow Wilson after World War I and Franklin D. Roosevelt during the depression and World War II. He had great praise for important Jewish contemporaries, including Chaim Weitzman, Albert Einstein, and Sigmund Freud. He preached at other congregations, Jewish and non-Jewish, at local schools, and on the radio, and invited other local and national reli

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

According to the recent Jewish population study, Passover is the most observed holiday in American Jewish life. It is easy to understand why: it comes in spring when all of us are ready to bid winter adieu and embrace the rebirth of spring; it's all about family; it's a time when we gather our loved ones from near and far to celebrate together. Passover is about telling our story as we recount the Exodus from Egypt and the wandering of the Israelites in the desert. Passover is about tradition as we read from the Haggadah and taste and dip and recline.

Passover is the ultimate teachable moment. It is a time to share your family story with the next generation. It is a time to talk about your family's immigrations and emigrations. Each year we recall that pivotal story; and to that story, we add our own.

I am a strong believer in filling the Jewish memory bank. I want each of you to think about creating those snapshots, literal and real, that you could show as part of the Bar or Bat Mitzvah montage. I want to see pictures of your family doing JEWISH THINGS in the montage. This is, after all, a Jewish lifecycle event and as lovely as the Halloween pictures are, decorating the Sukkah and reciting the four questions are even more important.

No matter the age of your child, let him or her be a part of the Passover preparation by issuing an invitation to mix the matzoh balls, clean out crumbs from between the sofa cushions or measure out the cinnamon for the haroset.

Passover is about placing ourselves in the story, becoming a part of the narrative and sharing it with the next generation.

Wishing all of you a most joyous Passover!

B'shalom,

Lori B. Sagarin



GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

On February 12, 2010 nine TBI members, organized by Social Action Committee co-chairs Nina Henry and Harriet Arons, filed into the Greater Chicago Food Depository. According to Wikipedia:

The **Greater Chicago Food Depository** is a non-profit food distribution and training center providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in Chicago and throughout Cook County, IL. The Food Depository distributes donated and purchased food through a network of 600 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to 500,000 adults and children every year. In fiscal year 2007-08, the Food Depository distributed more than 46 million pounds of nonperishable food and fresh produce, dairy products and meat, the equivalent of more than 95,000 meals every day.

The facility where the Food Depository is located, on West Ann Lurie Place, is a state-of-the-art, pristine factory/ warehouse, which occupies a block at West 41st and Pulaski. There were numerous other groups attending the same afternoon and several work crews were assembled. The TBI group was assigned to sorting sweet potatoes. In less than two hours we sorted, processed, and stacked boxes of sweet potatoes, totaling 14,700 pounds, stopping for only five minutes, during which we were offered snacks and water. Everyone in our group agreed this was a simple, enjoyable way to help our community. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Please join us for the Social Action Recognition Shabbat on April 29 to offer thanks to God and the heroes in our midst who make a difference in our community.

LORI'S BOOK GROUP

Lori's Book Group concludes this season in April. We return this year to our Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m. schedule when we'll meet in the Cohn Library. The final book this season is: April 3 - *Day After Night* by Anita Diamant



GREEN SQUAD ALERT



TBI IS GOING GREEN!

**INTERESTED IN GREENING OUR CONGREGATION?
WE NEED YOU!
WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!**

**PLEASE CONTACT NINA HENRY:
NINJANINA56@AOL.COM**

CHEVRA "TRAVELS" TO OUR NATIONAL PARKS



Our next Chevra meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at noon. Our TBI member, Dr. Erwin Barrington, will again amaze us with his wonderful slides. This time he will present a program of photos he took in our National Parks during the past year. Since he is also an accomplished gardener, he will also share with us some photos of his beautiful flower garden.

Lunch is \$10 per person and the program, which starts at 1 p.m., is free to everyone. Please send your reservation to the Temple office by April 8.



REPORT OF THE 2011 TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has nominated those members whom we believe will serve our congregation well. Each member understands and believes in our mission and is respectful of their role and the responsibility that comes with it. We wish to thank all who have agreed to serve our congregation. The slate being brought for approval is as follows:

- President: Lory Merritt
- Vice President of Education: David Levinson
- Vice President Finance: Warren Arnold
- Co-Vice Presidents of Fund Raising: Joanne Merritt and Cary Weinstein
- Vice President Member Services: Betsy Rotberg
- Vice President Religion and Culture: Marc Raven
- Treasurer: Bill Levy
- Secretary: Linn Ullenbrauck

Trustees— 2011–2013

- Rachel Garson
- Lynne Goldman
- Barbara Seaver
- Fran Meyer
- Jordan Cutler
- Ed Mehlman
- Gale Nudelman
- Lisa Drucker

In conjunction with the Nominating Committee's report it is customary to alert the congregation to what is stated in the By-Laws of Temple Beth Israel, Article VII, Section 1 (c):

In addition to the report of the Nominating Committee, nominations for offices to be filled may be made by Temple members at large. Such nominations shall be in writing; shall contain the name or names of the candidate or candidates, and the office or offices for which nominated, the signatures of at least ten members in good standing; and a statement in writing from each such nominee that he, or she, will serve if elected. Such nominations shall be received by the Congregational Secretary at least fifteen days prior to the date for the election by the Congregation of nominees for such offices. The Secretary shall, without further action by the Board, cause such nominations to be sent, in writing, to all members of the Congregation, at least seven days prior to the date of such election.

This year's Nominating Committee members are: Phyllis Cantor, Lisa Drucker, Robert Neuhaus, Richard Rotberg, Mary Roth, Jeremy Seaver. Ex-officio: Dan Berman, Lory Merritt.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helene Levine, Chairperson
Temple Beth Israel Nominating Committee

The TBI Purim Shpielers



The TBI Purim Shpielers were in great form as usual on Erev Purim. The laughter from the audience could be heard all the way to the old TBI building at Howard and Crawford. Watch for them to win for Best Holiday Musical in next year's Tony Awards



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

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, Shabbat morning Kiddush, or Holiday luncheon 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.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Adar (II) is here — be happy! Well, depending upon when you receive your Bulletin, it may already be Nisan. But either way, it's finally Spring! Ah, Spring — with its warm days and cool nights, the golden-green of new leaves, the bobbing yellow daffodils and red tulips. It seems we've been dreaming of this time forever, and at last it is here.

And, of course, this is the season of Pesach, which, like Spring itself, is a time for renewal of the spirit. Yes, we are busy with all the cleaning, planning and preparing that go hand-in-hand with the holiday; but we also connect with our friends and loved ones, enjoy the festive Seders, and contemplate the meaning of the freedom that this festival commemorates.

As the weather gets warmer and the days grow longer, please take a moment to check out the various resources, activities and events that Sisterhood offers. To help you plan for Pesach, take a look at our cookbook, *Just Pesach*, for some delicious recipes. For a colorful Spring 2012, order some flower bulbs to plant in the Fall. For renewal of your spirit, take part in our Mother's Day Tribute or consider helping out at the annual Nursing Home Luncheon. We welcome your participation in the many things we do for ourselves and for our Temple family.

We wish you a very Happy Pesach and a lovely Spring,

Dale Cone & Lorri Fishman
Co-Presidents

SISTERHOOD ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

APRIL AND MAY ANNIVERSARIES

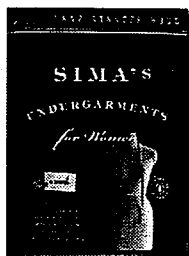
Jennifer Garson and Joel Signer	04/01/2006
Barbara and Robert Agdern	04/04/1976
Ruth and Jerry Gordon	04/10/1946
Alyce Heman and Norm Sussman	04/10/1998
Rea and Leonard Robin	04/23/1955
Elaine and Alan Fox	04/25/1954
Lilia and Simon Paykin	04/26/1986
Leah Beth and Michael Ostrar	04/30/1983
Roslyne and Ernst Heimann	05/05/1974
Judith and Carl Hultzen	05/14/1983
Dale and William (Skip) Davison	05/15/1988
April and Morris Levy	05/22/1994
Sharon and Joel Garson	05/23/1970
Marsha Richman and Richard Lanyon	05/23/1982
Jolie and David Rubin	05/23/1993
Kathy Kirn and David Levinson	05/25/1986
Michelle and Warren Brand	05/26/1991
Ione and Steve Novak	05/27/1990
Mary Golden and James Harn	05/27/2007
Madelon and Charles Gryll	05/29/1977
Joyce and Arthur Gartzman	05/30/1950

APRIL AND MAY BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte (Chickie) Weiss	04/01	Joanne Merritt	04/28
Myra Auslin	04/02	Sandie Rubin	05/05
Luci Bagnall	04/05	Diane Mehlman	05/07
Karen Gray-Keeler	04/05	Carole Arenson	05/08
April Levy	04/05	Elayne Dunn	05/09
Mary Golden	04/08	Keryn Groner	05/10
Sharon Garson	04/09	Mollie Bawer	05/11
Susie Lorge	04/10	Barbara Agdern	05/14
Dorothy Bikshorn	04/11	Janis Fine	05/15
Andrea Yelin	04/13	Pam Lavine	05/20
Gail Donnelly	04/14	Cynthia Miller	05/22
Cory Eisenberg	04/15	Inna Weiner	05/23
Mildred Gottlieb	04/16	Elaine Berger	05/25
Sharon Levine	04/16	Doris Simon	05/26
Myrna Roiter	04/21	Cynthia Roth Garfield	05/28
Sheila Rosenfeld	04/21	Faye Reisin	05/29
Paula Sabin	04/21	Sylvia Berry	05/30
Nina Henry	04/22	Alyce Heman	05/30
Maryjane Klein	04/23	Lori B. Sagarin	05/30

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.

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB



The next meeting of the TBI Book Club will be on Thursday, April 28 at 1:00 p.m. when we will discuss *Sima's Undergarments for Women* by Ilana Stanger-Ross. According to the *Library Journal*, "Debut novelist Stanger-Ross writes about the intimacy among women whose lives are defined by their Orthodox Jewish community. She deftly reveals just enough information about her characters to excite the reader's curiosity without making the story line predictable. In the end, this is a tale about appreciating one's life, and isn't that what life is about?" 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 Ellen Gardner, 7634 Karlov, Skokie for our discussion. Please call Ellen at 847-676-1957 if you plan to attend.

Buy a tree for your mother for Mother's Day!

Call Carolyn
at the TBI Office
(847) 675-0951



Or visit
support.JNF.org/goto/TBISkokie

UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENTS

April 1-3, 2011	WRJ Midwest District Kallah @ OSRUI
April 6, 2011	Open Meeting
April 8, 2011	Brotherhood/Sisterhood Shabbat
April 9, 2011	Capture the Flag
April 4, 11; May 2, 9	Sisterhood Study with Rabbi Weinberg
April/May 2011	Mother's Day Tribute
May 16, 2011	Board and Open Meeting & Election
May 25, 2011	Nursing Home Luncheon

Rabbi's Column – continued from page 1

Shavuot, we ought to imagine that we ourselves were standing at Sinai at the moment Moses went up the mountain. Thus we learn about coming close to the Divine Presence and that we ought to respond to that Presence as found in the words of Torah. This year we will celebrate Shavuot with worship services on Tuesday evening June 7th at 7:30 pm and on Wednesday morning June 8th at 10:30 am followed by a holiday luncheon.

Through this cycle of holidays and observances we connect with where we have been and where we are going, with our history and our destiny, with memory and with hope. I look forward to celebrating with you.

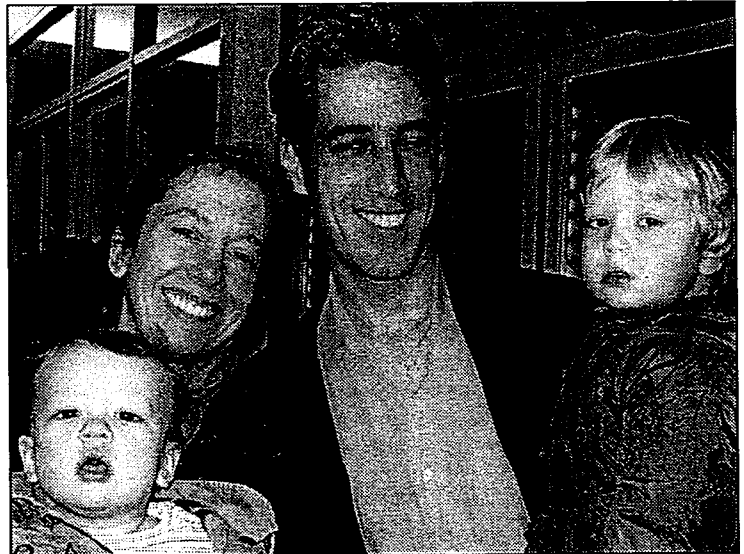
Michael A. Weinberg

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 May bulletin is **April 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.



REPRESENTATIVE BISS...



Mazel tov to Daniel Biss and his family! Daniel has been elected to the Illinois House of Representatives as the Representative from the 17th District.

VISIT THE TBI WEBSITE

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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gious and secular leaders to address his congregation. He established the tradition of Friday night Bar Mitzvahs at Temple Beth Israel beginning in the early 1920's. Finally, he regularly recognized the lay leaders of Temple Beth Israel for their contributions to the synagogue.

My grandfather delivered his first sermon at Temple Beth Israel on May 23, 1919. I do not have this sermon, but I know the date because he refers to it in subsequent documents, and uses the date for the celebration of anniversaries of his ministry.

Felix's over-riding message, throughout his entire ministry, was attendance, participation and affiliation. He wanted to minister to all of the Reform Jewish adults in Albany Park, and to educate their children. He insisted that the synagogue is the center of Jewish life. He made it clear that regular attendance at his Friday night services was required. He expected his congregation to build him a Temple center, then a school building, and finally a sanctuary. It took him his entire career at Temple Beth Israel to get all of this done, but he succeeded. In the late 1940's his Temple had a thriving religious and Hebrew school next door to a two story building containing a social hall on the first floor and a sanctuary above. He made no bones about where he wanted to take his congregation from the very beginning, and he was overtly proud of this success. He wanted to create a democratic congregation that treated women and men equally. In fact, our Temple Sisterhood has been a source of congregational strength from its very beginning to the present. He wanted to make synagogue life more "sociable." What

he meant by this was that members would not be discriminated against because of their economic status. Again, he succeeded. To this day, only a couple of financial officers are aware of dues status. All are welcome.

My grandfather was an early and ardent Zionist. He joined a predecessor to the American Reform Zionist Association upon his arrival in this country in 1906. He felt that Palestine should be a homeland for the Jews. He saw the need for a new place for Jews in Europe as early as the mid-1920's. Of course, his expression for this need became even stronger as the Nazis came to power in the early 1930's.

My grandfather passed away in 1953, shortly after my 4th birthday. I have learned a lot about him from his sermons. I feel as though, in reading his sermons, I have brought him back to life for a while. We traveled through the affluence of the 1920's, the depression of the 1930's the Second World War of the 1940's and the creation of the State of Israel in 1948. For me, this has been a joyful experience. I had a chance to get to know a special and highly respected man through his spoken word. I am pleased to share this with you.

A note about the format of the books. In the boxes I received, many of Felix's sermons were filed by year. Some were filed by topic. I have attempted, wherever possible, to present them here in date order. However, many documents are not dated. I have either kept them in the order I found them, or have placed them where they seemed to belong, based upon the content or the topic. Nevertheless, there remained a number of undated sermons that I was unable to place. These appear at the end. Perhaps you, the reader, can make a better choice.

CONTRIBUTIONS

A minimum contribution of \$12.00 (unless otherwise noted)
for donation to be acknowledged with a card and published in the bulletin.

SIDNEY I. COLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides camp scholarships for our
students who attend Olin-Sang-Ruby
Union Institute Camp

Donor	In Honor of
Bernice Lewe	Sid Levine's 102nd Birthday
Bernice Lewe	Anne Levine's Birthday
Bernice Lewe	Sylvia & Jerry Arnold's 60th Anniversary
Mick Siegel & Andrea Backman	Birth of Lucy Mervis
Donor	In Memory of
Lev & Hendrickson Families	Sarah Lev
Bernice Lewe	Rhoda Katzman

ARNOLD FAMILY EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FUND

Provides special programming for TBI schools
(\$25.00 minimum)

Donor	In Memory of
Sylvia & Jerry Arnold	Helen B. Arnold
Sylvia & Jerry Arnold	Esther Green

MUSIC FUND

Provides funds for music programs

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Kathleen Craine	Adele Weiss Suary
Mary Roth	Irwin Duhl

RABBI ERNST M. LORGE SANCTUARY FUND

Provides for the continued maintenance
and beautification of our sanctuary
(\$18.00 minimum)

Donor	In Memory of
Eudice G. Lorge & Family	Rabbi Ernst M. Lorge
Arletta Leibowitz	Sidney Leibowitz

HERZL B. MENDELSON LIBRARY FUND

Provides funds for the purchase of books,
periodicals, furnishings and supplies
for our Temple Beth Israel Library

Donor	In Memory of
Mary Roth	Hebe Bonn

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Provides funds for charitable uses within
and outside the congregation
at the discretion of the Rabbi

Donor	In Honor of
Jackie & Richard Favish	Birth of Great Granddaughter - Golda Nava Heller
Julia Gopin	Birth of Great Grandchild Tyler Jacob Gopin
Julia Gopin	Speedy Recovery
Julia Gopin	Rabbi Weinberg
Mick Siegel & Andrea Backman	Rabbi & Jody Weinberg
Donor	In Memory of
Betty Beller	Howard Beller
Arletta Leibowitz	Sidney Leibowitz
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SOCIAL SERVICE FUND

Provides support for social service programs
within the Temple and in the
surrounding community and to
some individual tzedakah recipients

Donor	In Memory of
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FAYE AND HOWARD RICE CULTURAL FUND

Provides funds for cultural programming

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Provides funds for social action projects
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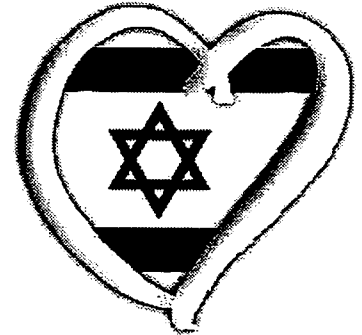
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On Mother's Day,
bring your mother
to Israel at TBI

Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut
with a Taste of Israel



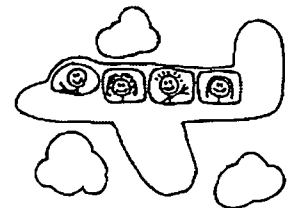
Watch for further
information in flyers,
e-blasts and the May bulletin.

JOURNEY TO ISRAEL?

We are now beginning to think
about our next TBI Israel trip.

We would love to include you!!

Please contact Rabbi Weinberg if you
might be interested in joining a
TBI Israel trip in the next year or two.



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DATED MATERIAL – PLEASE RUSH

Rockin' on Purim...

TBI was rockin' on Purim! The Megillah was read not just once, but twice! The carnival entertained kids and adults alike and the costumes ranged from handsome to beautiful and from clever to downright funny!

