



# Temple Beth Israel

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## Shabbat Services

### SHABBAT Friday Evening, December 2\*

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat  
See box below for contributors  
6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat  
December Birthday Blessings

### SHABBAT Saturday Morning, December 3 at 10:30 A.M.

Torah Portion “Vayeitzei”  
Adult B’nai Mitzvah

### SHABBAT Friday Evening, December 9 at 8:15 P.M.

Torah Portion “Vayishlach”

### SHABBAT Saturday Morning, December 10 at 10:30 A.M.

### SHABBAT Friday Evening, December 16\*

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat  
Sponsored by Madelon and Charles Gryll  
in honor of the baby naming of their grandson

6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat  
Baby naming of the grandson of Madelon and Charles Gryll

### SHABBAT Saturday Morning, December 17 at 10:30 A.M.

Torah Portion “Vayeshev”

### SHABBAT Friday Evening, December 23\*

6:00 P.M. – Shabbat / Chanukah Dinner  
7:30 P.M. – Erev Shabbat / Chanukah Services  
with Koleynu

### SHABBAT Saturday Morning, December 24 at 10:30 A.M.

Torah Portion “Miketz”

### SHABBAT Friday Evening, December 30 at 8:15 P.M.

Torah Portion “Vayigash”  
Baby naming of the daughter of April and Morris Levy

### SHABBAT Saturday Morning, December 31 at 10:30 A.M.

9:00 A.M. – Mishpacha Minyan

### SHABBAT Friday Evening, January 6\*

5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat  
See box below for contributors  
6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat  
January Birthday Blessings  
New Member Shabbat

### SHABBAT Saturday Morning, January 7 at 10:30 A.M.

Torah Portion “Vayeichi”

### SHABBAT Friday Evening, January 13 at 8:15 P.M.

6:00 P.M. – Shalom Shabbat

### SHABBAT Saturday Morning, January 14 at 10:30 A.M.

Torah Portion “Shemot”

### SHABBAT Friday Evening, January 20\*

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

### SHABBAT Saturday Morning, January 21 at 10:30 A.M.

Torah Portion “Vaera”  
T\*fillot Nashim

### SHABBAT Friday Evening, January 27 at 8:15 P.M.

With Koleynu

### SHABBAT Saturday Morning, January 28 at 10:30 A.M.

Torah Portion “Bo”  
9:00 A.M. – Mishpacha Minyan

\*Please note time



## Rabbi's Column

These days, we read in the papers and hear on the news reports about the Occupy Wall Street movement and its various permutations in cities and communities across the country and throughout the world. One of the ironic characteristics of these demonstrations and protests is that they seem to be unfocused. Protestors and observers alike seemed hard pressed to articulate just what it is that these folks want. What is clear is that their presence is expressive of discontent.

To be sure there are some in our society whose economic misfortune is their own doing. But there are many more who are, indeed, victims. They are willing to work hard and to live within their means but the economic crisis in our country has been their undoing. Their unemployment (or underemployment) not only prevents them from living a normal life, it also eats away at their self-worth. And many who are working, are working harder and longer hours for the same or less money. Their discontent is manifest in a kind of malaise — a gnawing sense of alienation and disappointment that somehow the promise of the American dream has passed them by.

The growing discontent in our society, expressed by a relatively small number of protestors but echoed by many, many more, is expressive of a vague sense that somehow the system has failed. Somehow the very wealthy seem to have used their influence on the economy and government to promote and expand their own wealth without providing for some way for our entire society to benefit from the prosperity of our nation. The middle class feels squeezed, hurt and angry.

I would not presume to prescribe the economic cure for this increasingly desperate situation but I would caution us against simplistically blaming one politician or another, one political party or another. I would also caution us against expecting a quick fix. This situation has been years in the making and it will be years in the fixing.

I do want to prescribe what we might do in the meantime. We know that our tradition teaches us that a life of meaning can only be lived in community and that we have responsibility for one another. Through this challenging time we need to help each other. Those who need help should not be embarrassed to ask and those who can help others, even a little, should not hold back. Within our congregation, that would certainly mean the work of our social action

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## LIK RAT SHABBAT

Thank you to the following people who have made donations for the Likrat Shabbat on December 2 in honor of their **December** birthdays: Dan Cohan, Bill Klopsch, Betsy Rotberg, Vera Rubin, Beth Sair and Susan Zoline. We also thank Marla Aviva Bentley who donated in honor of her birthday in November.

Thank you to Marilyn Sklair who has made a donation for the Likrat Shabbat on January 6 in honor of her **January** birthday.

## IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

### MAZEL TOV TO:

*Nancy and Terry Rieger* on the birth of their first grandson born to daughter Sharon and son-in-law Michael Kravtsov.

*April and Morris Levy* on the birth of their daughter, Helen Martha Levy.

### ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

The following Temple members are recovering from recent illness injury or surgery: *Rick Isaac, Betsy Rotberg, and Roz Heimann*. We wish all our patients a speedy recovery.

### CONDOLENCES

We note with sorrow the passing of Jerry Kreiman, father of *Debbie Talsky*; Rose Levin, mother of *Joel Levin*; and Leonard Herst, brother of *Milton Herst*. May their memories be a blessing.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Temple Beth Israel announces with profound sorrow the passing of  
ROSE ROSE  
Beloved aunt of Robert Reisberg  
May her memory be a blessing

#### IN MEMORIAM

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

#### IN MEMORIAM

Temple Beth Israel announces with profound sorrow the passing of  
WALTER HILL  
Beloved husband of Ina Hill  
May his memory be a blessing

#### IN MEMORIAM

Temple Beth Israel announces with profound sorrow the passing of  
NORMAN SUSSMAN  
Beloved husband of Alyce Heman  
May his memory be a blessing

### CONGREGATIONAL THANKS

We would like to thank the TBI family for all of your support, good wishes, encouragement, gifts, and delicious food that have helped us out considerably since the birth of our daughter, Helen Martha. Thank you all so much for everything!

Morris and April Levy

### SOCIAL ACTION COUNCIL THANK YOU

On behalf of the Social Action Council I would like to thank everybody for their very generous donations of housewares for Hilda's Place. To date our donations have helped over 70 people stock their new apartments with everything from clocks to comforters. People from all over the community have gone from homeless to comfortably housed because of you. We are currently the only congregation in the area with an ongoing commitment to help Hilda's Place and the directors of Hilda's Place are extremely grateful to us. Please support this very worthwhile endeavor at our next "Housewares for Hilda's Place" on Sunday January 8, 2012 from 9am – 12pm by bringing your gently-used and/or new housewares to the TBI lobby. At Temple Beth Israel we are repairing the world one mitzvah at a time.

Thank you and Happy Chanukah,  
Gale Nudelman

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Lory Merritt

I know that not everyone enjoys eating raw fish, but occasionally I enjoy it. I've even eaten in Japanese restaurants at the sushi bar, where I can watch as the sushi chef prepares the sushi for the diners.



When sushi was first introduced to this country, the majority of sushi chefs were Japanese who brought their culture to the restaurants. New chefs first interned making rice and it was not uncommon for the apprenticeship to last for many years, as it took that long to master perfect rice. Moving the paddle in a way to avoid crushing the rice while cooling it and adding just the right amount of rice vinegar to the cooling rice so the rice remained firm, but had the hint of the rice vinegar. Have you ever thought that here in the land of fast food, fast cars, fast everything were chefs who apprenticed for years making rice?

Watching the knife skills of the chefs was most impressive: not a wasted motion, each stroke of the knife whether going through fish or rice rolls was identical in-scope and intent. These guys (yes, initially they were all guys) didn't prepare food as much as they performed a ritual involving my dinner. What they did at the end of their food preparation was even more impressive: they put their knife down, positioned their creation on the plate so the meal would be visually appealing and then closed their eyes and said a prayer over the plate. I'm not sure what they prayed for — whether they were thanking God for the raw materials of the meal or praying that the diner would appreciate and accept the nutrients and flavor in their supper, or maybe it was a little bit of both — but clearly the chef's connection with his creation didn't end when he gave the plate to the server.

What's it like where you work? Do you hand off your part of the workflow to the next person because you have more work to do, or do you have a real intention that your work will be acceptable to all who come into contact with your product or service? Have you ever instilled a wish that your work make a difference in the lives of those who work with you?

It's so interesting how the appreciation and gratitude and ultimately, the happiness we have for life can be increased by the little things we do moment to moment. Just something to consider the next time you're grouching about how long it's taking to checkout at the grocery store.

## FROM THE EDITOR

**Reminder:** Material for the bulletin is due electronically to Barbara Seaver at BarbaraTBI@aol.com 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 February bulletin is January 10. *Please note: There is NO January bulletin.*



## VISIT OUR LIBRARY

Next time you are in the building, take a moment to visit the Cohn Library on our lower level. We have a wonderful and well-organized collection thanks to the hard work of Barbara Agdern, Judith Simon and Minna Einhorn and our library committee. Spend a little time browsing, and then stop in the office to check out your selections. You'll be glad you did!

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

As I write this, I am busy quizzing Benji for the U.S. Constitution test he will take next week. I know that many of you have been down this road and for those who have not yet had the pleasure, it is something to look forward to!?! With both of my children I have had this experience (by the way, you have it twice in Illinois, once in junior high and once in high school) and each time I am reminded of the magnificence of this document.

I have a ritual of reading the first amendment out loud, emphasizing the 5 inalienable rights contained in it. It is truly extraordinary and genuinely embodies what it means to be a citizen of a democracy.

I wasn't raised in a particularly patriotic household; it was the 60's and 70's, my parents were very anti-war and critical of the U.S. It is nevertheless important to me to remind myself each time the Constitution test rolls around, just how blessed we are.

As we count our blessings, let us all make a commitment to spend some time and resources supporting those in our community who are in need. We will have just wrapped up our JCB toy collection when you read this, but you have plenty of time to grab a name off a Toys for Tots tree, buy extra groceries to donate to the Niles Township Food Pantry or for The Ark, or volunteer at food bank, soup kitchen or other facility in need of volunteers.

This is how we actualize *Living a Life That Matters*. This is how we model it for our children and nurture a new generation of Jews committed to social justice and the ideas framed in our Constitution. Chanukah is a time for bringing light to others and not for over indulging our children or ourselves. I hope that each of us finds a way to bring meaning to the festival of lights, separate and apart from gift giving. Let us all dedicate ourselves to being a light to others in this very dark season.

B'shalom,

Lori B. Sagarin

### LORI'S BOOK GROUP

Lori's Book Group continues in 2012. We continue next year on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the Cohn Library. The remaining books this season are:

January 22 *The Invisible Bridge*  
by Julie Orringer

February 26 *Wherever You Go*  
by Joan Leegant

March 18 *Mr. Rosenbloom Dreams in English*  
by Natasha Solomons



### TBI LIBRARY NEWS

Several copies of this year's "One Book, TBI Reads," *Living a Life That Matters, Resolving the Conflict Between Conscience and Success*, by Harold S. Kushner are now available in the TBI Library. A discussion about this book is planned for April 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Also check out these new books recently added to the library collection on the subject of our Adult Education theme:

*The Ten Commandments of Character; Essential Advice for Living an Honorable, Ethical, Honest Life* by Joseph Telushkin

*The God Upgrade: Finding your 21st Century Spirituality in Judaism's 5,000-Year-Old Tradition* by Rabbi Jamie S. Korngold

## THE GREEN CORNER



The price of gas has come down a bit recently, but it still costs more than \$50 to fill the average gas tank. Take our gas savings quiz and learn about simple ways to get more mileage out of every tankful. Saving gas is good for your wallet and good for the environment!

Here comes the quiz! Check out the websites for answers and, to confirm them, go to page 6.

1. *True or false:* Properly inflated tires can improve gas mileage.
2. *True or false:* Shutting off and restarting your vehicle uses more gas than if you leave it running.
3. There are a lot of fuel-saving myths out there. Which of these tips actually works?
  - a. Clean out your car
  - b. Change your air filter.
  - c. Purchase your gas early in the morning.
4. *True or false:* Running the air conditioning reduces your car's fuel economy. You should always opt for windows instead.

#### INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

For more idling facts and myths, go to:  
[http://www.makealeap.org/idling\\_myth](http://www.makealeap.org/idling_myth)

For more tips on saving gas and improving mileage, go to:  
<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/consumer/17-tips.pdf>  
<http://www.wikihow.com/Save-Money-on-Gas>

## Rabbi's Column – continued from page 1

council in offering employment seminars and workshops, or in feeding the hungry. It could also mean our membership department and finance department confidentially helping those who have fallen on hard times. It could also mean members who are financially able stepping up to contribute a little extra. And it also means just reaching out to one another with a kind gesture, a meal, a ride, an understanding ear and a generous heart. Living a life that matters means living as an active part of a mutually caring community.

If you have an economic or spiritual need, or if you are willing to help, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

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Since this Bulletin serves for both December and January, I want to alert the congregation that I will be away from the congregation on a Rabbinic mission to Israel beginning January 9th and will then continue on Sabbatical leave until the end of February. I am grateful to the congregation for granting me this time to reflect and refresh and I intend to return with some good stories to tell. In my absence President Lory Merritt and the leadership of our congregation, together with Lori Sagarin, our Director of Congregational Learning, and Marla Bentley, our Music Director will ensure that everything continues to run smoothly in congregational life and that your needs are addressed as usual. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with them if you have any needs or concerns.



## ADULT EDUCATION LIVING A LIFE THAT MATTERS

FALL MONDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION  
Living a Life That Matters — Living a Life That's Holy

In Judaism, holiness matters. This course will include a close reading of Leviticus chapter 19, known in our tradition as the Holiness Code. Then we will trace the development of those ideas about holiness and ethics through the history of Jewish literature and into modern times.

Taught by Rabbi Michael Weinberg, this series continues in the Cohn Library on December 5, and 12 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

HAVDALAH AND A MOVIE  
Saturday December 17, 2011 At 7 p.m.

Rabbi Weinberg will lead a discussion following the viewing of the movie, *Changing Lanes*, a 2002 film starring Ben Affleck and Samuel L. Jackson.

The movie tells the story of what happens one day in New York when a young lawyer and a businessman share a small automobile accident on F.D.R. Drive and their mutual road rage escalates into a feud. The audience is left wondering how very different the two characters' days would have been had only Banek cared to ask Gipson where he was going that morning. How might concentrating on ethics and the moral implications improve our lives?

SUNDAY MORNING ETHICS SYMPOSIA

January 15, 2012 10:30 a.m. **Jewish Medical and Mental Health Ethics**

*Save a Life And Save the World:* While the fields of modern medicine and mental health continue to make strides in prolonging and enhancing the quality of life, ethical issues have arisen which are important and relevant to us, for ourselves, for our loved ones and for our view of a compassionate society. Issues such as national and managed health care, stem cell research, abortion, "rational" suicide, privacy of electronic medical records, and social stigma towards mental illness are timely issues we must grapple with individually and as a society. What Jewish values inform our choices? How does Judaism view the body, illness, suffering and the healing process? This panel discussion will address these issues within the context of this year's adult education theme: *Living a Life that Matters*.

February 5, 2012 10:30 a.m. **Political Ethics**

This session focuses on understanding what acting ethically in politics means and why it matters. As we head into a new round of national and local elections our panel will explore ethical issues in the development of policy and law, as well as a look at campaign finance as it impacts lawmakers' work. This discussion will be

moderated by Michael M. Lorge with a panel including Cook County Commissioner Larry Sufferdin and others

TORAH 101

Wrestling with angels, being a righteous person, deciphering dreams, making choices. Join us as we learn what Torah has to teach us about Living a Life that Matters!

The Torah 101 class starts promptly each week at 9:00 a.m. at the Temple and will continue throughout the year. Please read the portion(s) as indicated below before each class, and bring your questions or comments to share:

December 4, 2011 *Vayishlach* - Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

December 11, 2011 *Vayeshev* - Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

December 18, 2011 *Miketz- Vayigash* - Genesis 41:1 - 47:27 (2 hour session to discuss both)

December 25, 2011 *No Class*

January 1, 2012 *No Class*

January 8, 2012 *Vayechi- Shemot* - Gen.47:28 - 50:26 & Exod. 1:1 - 6:1 (2 hour session to discuss both)

January 15, 2012 *Vaera* - Exodus 6:2 - 9:35

January 22, 2012 *Bo* - Exodus 10:1 - 13:16

January 29, 2012 *Beshalach* - Exodus 13:17 - 17:16

February 5, 2012 *Yitro* -Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

ONE BOOK, TBI READS

This year we will be reading and discussing the book *Living a Life That Matters, Resolving the Conflict Between Conscience and Success*, by Harold S. Kushner (author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*). This is a profound and practical book about doing well by doing good. Harold Kushner tells us that the path to a truly successful and significant life is through friendship, through family, and acts of generosity and self-sacrifice. He describes how, in affecting the life of even one person in a positive way, we make a difference in the world, and prove that we do in fact matter.

Several copies of this book are now available in the TBI Library. Discussion is planned for April 1, 2012

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*When I pray, I speak to God; and when I study God speaks to me.*

Rabbi Dr. Louis Finkelstein

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact us at meg-amom@gmail.com or 847.256.7959 (Barbara) or ilpioneer@aol.com or 847.251.5257 (Madelon).

Madelon Gryll & Barbara Agdern  
TBI Adult Education Co-chairs



## CHAI NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

*Light one candle for all we believe in,  
that anger not tear us apart,  
and light one candle to bind us together  
with peace as the song in our hearts.*

— Peter Yarrow

I am privileged to announce the members of the Koleynu Steering Committee for 5772: Minna Einhorn, Committee Chair; Harriet Arons, Communications Chair; Mary Roth, Publicity Chair; Marcia Satyr, Social Chair; and Morris Levy, Music Librarian. The Steering Committee is made up of individuals who have been elected by Koleynu to assist in the management of the choir. A special thank you to Morris Levy, former Committee Chair, and the members of the 5771 Committee: Linn Ullenbrauck, Marty Rabinovitz, Mary Roth, Minna Einhorn, Jeanette Franklin, and Marcia Satyr.

We sincerely appreciate all of your time and effort in keeping Koleynu running and so successful! Your dedication to Koleynu and Temple Beth Israel is a blessing and we are most grateful.

We hope you will join us in worship on Friday, December 23, at 7:30 p.m. for Chanukah Shabbat Services with Koleynu. This will be the fourth candle of Chanukah, and a wonderful time to celebrate with your family. Children, bring your parents, grandchildren, bring your grandparents, and we will eat and sing and rejoice in the Festival of Lights.

*Light, light, a wondrous light, chasing the darkness from the night.  
Bright, bright, a glorious sight, eight days of wonder and of light.*  
— Charles Davidson

Joy & Blessings,

Marla Aviva Bentley

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

What a great afternoon I just had! I dined on fine, eclectic cuisine with over 100 friends and acquaintances, and I was entertained by a great folk grass band. And best of all, it was free! This great afternoon was our annual Sisterhood Membership luncheon. This event, held October 23 at TBI, was hosted by our Vice Presidents of Membership, Harriet Arons and April Levy. The fine cuisine was prepared by Rebecca Henry of Green Feast Catering. (Rebecca is the daughter of Temple and Sisterhood members Nina and David Henry.) And the folk grass band was a popular local group called the Milestones. All of this is included in the price of our basic membership in Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood.

The luncheon is just one of the many wonderful benefits you will experience when you join Sisterhood. For me, membership in our Sisterhood has been a very rewarding experience. Let me tell you about some of the benefits of belonging to the Sisterhood. First, Sisterhood allows members the opportunity to help the Temple. We do simple things like Kiddush set up for bar/bat mitzvahs, fun things like baking for special events, and important things like fund raising. Second, Sisterhood is a place to learn, whether at our monthly open meetings which we now call a lunch and learn, or at our new evening book club, or at our Monday morning Torah study sessions with Rabbi Weinberg. Third, we get together to have fun and bond, as we will at our annual T'fillot Nashim Service on January 21, 2012 and at our annual fund raiser. By the way, if you like to eat as much as I do, most of our events provide delicious snacks or meals, such as our recent fine dining experience at the membership luncheon. Finally, and most importantly, you will make many new friends and enjoy a strong sense of belonging when you are an active member of Sisterhood.

Now, getting back to our annual membership luncheon. I would publicly like to express our gratitude for the outstanding job Harriet Arons and April Levy did in the planning and execution of this luncheon. And believe it or not, this happened just four days before April gave birth to Helen Martha! We would also like to thank the 35 other women who stepped up to help set up, serve and clean up at the luncheon. We tip our hats to our new-found caterer, Rebecca Henry, who prepared a fabulous meal.

If you are already a Sisterhood member, we look forward to seeing you at a future event. If you are not a Sisterhood member, there are still many events we have planned and we invite you to join us.

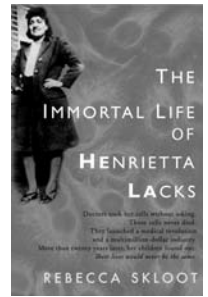
Lorri Fishman and Jolie Rubin  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Doris Simon and Phyllis Cantor received Chai Certificates and WRJ Special Service Pins as they were honored at this year's Sisterhood Membership Luncheon as the newest Lifetime Members of the Sisterhood Board. They are pictured here with Sisterhood Co-Presidents Lorri Fishman and Jolie Rubin.

## SISTERHOOD DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

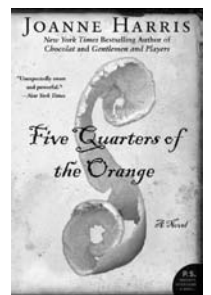
The next meeting of the TBI Sisterhood Daytime Book Club will be on Monday, December 12 at 1:00 p.m. when we will discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. This is the true story of a woman whose cells were taken without her permission; the cells never died but launched a medical revolution and a multimillion dollar industry. More than 20 years after her cells were taken, her children found out and their lives would never be the same. 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.



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## EVENING SISTERHOOD BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting of the Evening Sisterhood Book Discussion Group will be held on Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m. when we will discuss *Five Quarters of the Orange* by Joanne Harris. When Framboise Simon returns to a small village on the banks of the Loire, the locals do not recognize her as the daughter of the infamous woman they hold responsible for a tragedy during the German occupation years ago. But the past and present are inextricably entwined, particularly in a scrapbook of recipes and memories that Famboise has inherited from her mother. And soon Famboise will realize that the journal also contains the key to the tragedy that indelibly marked that summer of her ninth year. The discussion will be held at Temple Beth Israel and will be led by Jane Page and Linda Crohn. The book is available in the library or in paperback. If you plan to attend, please notify Jane ([jpage@cradle.org](mailto:jpage@cradle.org)) or Linda ([EVPortia@aol.com](mailto:EVPortia@aol.com)).



## 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.**

*Honor Rabbi Michael Weinberg  
on his 25th Anniversary at  
Temple Beth Israel  
at our  
83rd Annual Spring Gala  
Saturday, May 12, 2012*



Doubletree Hotel, Skokie  
Dinner Price \$75

Your donations to the TBI Education Fund in honor of your simchas or in memory of your loved ones will be credited at 50% toward the price of your dinner (\$100 donation to the Education Fund = \$50 in credit.)

Plan to attend this very special event, and watch for more details to come!

### Answers for The Green Corner Quiz:



1. **True** – When tires are not properly inflated, fuel costs can be as much as three to five cents higher per gallon. Tire pressure should be checked at least monthly, including the spare. But be careful not to overinflate; while overinflated tires do increase mileage slightly, the reduced friction between the tires and the road makes your car trickier to handle and brake.

2. **False** – Letting your car idle will only waste gas. Just 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting the engine. As a rule of thumb, if you are going to stop for 10 seconds or more – except in traffic – turn off the engine. You'll save money, and you won't produce harmful carbon dioxide, the leading greenhouse gas.

3. **a** – Clean that junk out of the trunk! For every 100 pounds of weight in your car, you decrease fuel efficiency by 1 to 2 percent.

4. **False** – For city driving, rolling down the windows instead of using the AC improves your mileage. But once you're driving more than 50 miles per hour, the increased drag cancels out any fuel savings. When you're on the highway, roll those windows up and use the AC instead.

### LABEL IT!

Whenever you store food in the refrigerator for an upcoming event, please remember to label it clearly. In addition check to see if one of the refrigerators is designated for your event and be sure to place the food item in the correct refrigerator. We cannot be responsible for unmarked food items.

Only remove items from the refrigerator for their designated uses. The facilities and catering committees and the office and maintenance staff will remove spoiled items and donate leftovers as appropriate. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### LIK RAT SHABBAT SPONSORS

On the first Friday of each month our worship is Kabbalat Shabbat (welcoming Shabbat) at 6:15 p.m. This short service filled with Shabbat songs and music is preceded at 5:30 p.m. by Likrat Shabbat when we approach Shabbat by greeting friends and enjoying a “nosh” together.

We invite you to host Likrat Shabbat in celebration of a family simcha or other special event. Please contact Flo Berman at (847) 673-9191 for information on underwriting the cost of food and refreshments for Likrat Shabbat.

### VISIT THE TBI WEBSITE

Take a look at our attractive “user friendly” web site at [www.tbiskokie.org](http://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. You can even read this Bulletin online!



### 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!

### HELP US GET IT RIGHT!

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## Ralph's World...



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