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Shabbat Services

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, March 4'**

5:00 P.M. – Special Event
Jewish Soulwork – Discussion of Middot
5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
See box below for sponsors
6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat
March birthday blessings

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, March 5 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion "Pekudei"
Shabbat Shekalim

Baby naming of daughter of Sara and Andy Mervis,
granddaughter of Diane and Ed Mehlman

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, March 11, at 8:15 P.M.**

6:00 P.M. – Shalom Shabbat

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, March 12 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion "Vayikra"

Bat Mitzvah of Anna Hershinow
Daughter of Rachel and Scott Hershinow

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, March 18'**

5:00 P.M. – Special Event
Preparation for Purim
5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, March 19 at 10:30 A.M.**

Torah Portion "Tzav"
Shabbat Zachor

SHABBAT **Friday Evening, March 25 at 8:15 P.M.**

Torah Portion "Shmini"
Shabbat Parah

SHABBAT **Saturday Morning, March 26 at 10:30 A.M.**

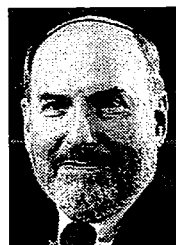
Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Berne
Daughter of Dina and Ronald Berne

*Please note time

LIK RAT SHABBAT

The following people have shared in the sponsorship of the Likrat Shabbat on March 4 in honor of their **March** birthdays: Eunice Burns, Elaine Clearfield, Alan Fox, Nonie Gerson, Joan Hakimi, Roz Heimann, Erwin Janush, Morris Levy, Rita Morton, Linda Perlin, Barbara Seaver.

Please join us on March 4 and March 18 for special programs from 5:00–5:30 prior to our Likrat Shabbat gathering. On March 4 we will have a discussion of Jewish Soulwork (middot) and on March 18 we will have a fun activity in preparation for Purim.



Rabbi's Column

While we were all digging out from the big snow storm in early February, a momentous event occurred on the Jewish calendar: Rosh Hodesh Adar!! There is an old saying in Jewish tradition: "*Mish' nichnas b'Adar, marbim b'simcha*" When Adar begins, we multiply our rejoicing." One reason that we rejoice at the beginning of Adar is that Adar is the last month of winter. Once Adar begins, springtime can't be far off. This was an especially encouraging message as we were shoveling 20+ inches of snow, even if it was hard to visualize. What made it even harder to visualize is that this year on the Jewish calendar, 5771, is a leap year. That means that our rejoicing at the beginning of Adar was somewhat tempered by the fact that this year there are two months of Adar (first Adar and second Adar). So while springtime is, indeed, coming it is a little further away than we might hope.

Another reason that we rejoice at the beginning of Adar is that the beginning of Adar means that Purim is coming soon!! Purim is preceded every year by Shabbat Zachor. On Shabbat Zachor we read from the Torah the injunction to "Remember what Amalek did to you on your journey, after you left Egypt — how, undeterred by fear of God, he surprised you on the march, when you were famished and weary, and cut down all the stragglers in your rear..." (Deut. 25:17–18). Amalek has since become the symbolic exemplar of the enemies of the Jewish people and ancestor of Haman. We are commanded to remember what Amalek did so that we can be on guard against the threat of enemies of the Jewish people in any and every generation.

If we focused all of our attention on Amalek and his spiritual descendants, we could easily lapse into despair. So our tradition enjoins us to move from Shabbat Zachor to the celebration of Purim when our rejoicing is unbridled. Jewish tradition allows activity on Purim that is not tolerated any other time of year (drinking to excess, disrupting the public reading of scripture, cross-dressing, etc.). Furthermore, we are commanded to hear the reading of the Megillah, to give gifts to the poor (*matanot la'evyonim*) and to send "portions" — usually sweets — to our friends (*mishloach manot*). I suspect that we do these things not only to rejoice that Esther and Mordecai saved the day, but also to shake off all of the cabin fever and doldrums that came with a long, cold winter.

This year, we at TBI will celebrate Purim in grand fashion. On Erev Purim (Saturday night March 19th) we will present our bi-annual Purim Shpiel. This year's Shpiel "The Shush-hon the Other Foot" will include significant excerpts from the Megillah. We are grateful to all those who have signed on as Angels for the Shpiel — it's not too late to become an Angel. On Purim (Sunday March 20th) we will have a mini-Megillah reading for very young children (with parents and/or grandparents) at 9:00 A.M. and then a full Megillah reading for the entire congregation at 10:00 A.M. The Megillah reading will be followed by our annual Purim carnival. See the flyer enclosed with this Bulletin for all the details. Bring a box of macaroni and cheese to use as a gregor and then leave it to be given to the local food pantry. Special prizes will be given to all adults who wear a costume to the Sunday Megillah reading! Be Happy, it's Adar!!!

Michael A. Weinberg

IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

MAZEL TOV TO:

Janice and Modesto Senra and Joyce and Arthur Gartzman on the engagement of their son / grandson to Debra Silverschatz.

Jackie and Dick Favish on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Golda Nava Heller, born in Coconut Grove, Florida.

Julia Gopin on the birth of her great-grandson Tyler Jacob Gopin.

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

The following Temple members are recuperating from recent illness, injury or surgery: *Bernie Norinsky, Julia Gopin, Elaine Fox, Beatrice Getz.* We wish all our patients a speedy recovery.

IN MEMORIAM

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



CHEVRA "TRAVELS" TO JAPAN

Our next Chevra meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at noon. Our TBI members, Gloria and Marty Silverman, who have travelled extensively in Japan, will present an audio-visual program about their travels there.

The program will feature their photos of Japanese architecture, shrines, art, theatre and cultural sites. Come learn about the uniqueness of Japan and her people. Everyone is invited.

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 March 11.

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 April bulletin is **March 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.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

by *Dan Berman*

I am writing to you on February 2, 2011, our first snow day of the 21st century! I am reminiscing about my first snow day in Chicago, back in January 1967. I was a freshman in college, newly arrived to the Chicago area from the west coast, and somewhat in culture shock. Although I have been a "member" of TBI since birth, I was also new to more active involvement, having participated in High Holy Day services as b'al tekiah (shofar blower) for the first time. I have watched our Temple change and develop over the years, from Bernard and Ainslie in the city to Howard and Crawford and then to Dempster, both in Skokie; from Rabbi Lorge, to Rabbi Wenger, to Rabbi Weinberg; from Judith Karzen to Cantor Roytman. But through it all the one constant has been the congregation. Although some people have come and gone, and, sadly, many have passed on, still many others have been a part of Temple life, and of my life, for a very long time. They have given a lot to me and my family, and I am pleased to have had the opportunity these past three years to give something back,

I am pleased to report to you that one of the projects that we have been working to complete before the end of my administration appears to be on track. Our Music Assessment Task Force has met and deliberated. Many of you have responded to their survey. This will be reported to the Board at our February 9 meeting. We will act upon their recommendations with a view towards having a completely staffed "music department" by the beginning of our next fiscal year. I will have a more complete report for you after we listen to the committee's presentation and after the Board has deliberated. In the meantime, I can report to you that Koleynu performed beautifully last Friday night. They have a great sound and a great spirit. They have soloists within the group, they have a wonderful director in Nancy Mazurowski and a fine accompanist in Lori Langridge. When Koleynu next celebrates Shabbat with us, please make sure that you are there to hear them. It will be a special and meaningful experience that you won't want to miss.

BID ONE BID ALL!!



The **Spring Gala** Committee is still looking for items to be donated to the **Silent Auction**. Do you or someone you know own a business? Is there a restaurant or shop that you love and visit often? If so, consider either donating from your own business or asking for a donation from your favorite place. No donation is too big or too small. All company names will be proudly displayed and business cards will be made available. The more items we have, the more fun everyone will have bidding and winning! Let's all make this year of the silent auction the most fun and profitable yet.

If you need a letter for business participation in the auction, call the Temple office. Questions? Please contact Sandie Rubin at 847-338-3049.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

Our job as Jewish parents is to make Jewish memories for our children. We at TBI want to be your partners in creating these memories and so we work hard to provide programming that builds that Jewish memory bank.

Two of my strongest childhood Jewish memories center around Tu B'shvat and Purim.

I grew up long before the Tu B'shvat seder, or Tu B'shvat round robin were in vogue but I loved the holiday none the less. I grew up in the era of Jewish National Fund green stamps that we diligently collected each week in order to plant a tree in Israel. I recently found a letter dated in the spring of 1969 from Coretta Scott King. It was a thank you note for the tree I had planted in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King on Tu B'shvat following his assassination. Somewhere along the line my teachers and my parents (and all parents should be teachers) impressed upon me the importance of this ritual. I have never forgotten it and still plant trees in honor and in memory of loved ones and loved ones of friends and colleagues. We have just begun an initiative at TBI to reforest the Carmel following the devastating fires this past fall. Our goal is to plant a grove of trees, 500 trees, from TBI by Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) in May. We have provided each student in our school with a coin card to be used for this effort as we plant trees one quarter at a time (each tree costs \$10). Please help us instill this memory in your children. Each student will have the opportunity to designate a person in whose name (as an honor or a memorial) this tree will be planted.

Memories of Purim are also primary in my Jewish memory bank. The carnival, Megillah reading replete with greggars, hamentashen and hot dogs all make up a large piece of those memories. This year's carnival will take place on Sunday, March 20th and will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the mini Megillah reading in the sanctuary for pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade children and their parents. There will be no teachers this morning so all students must be accompanied by an adult. The 3rd through 5th grade students will begin their morning also at 9:00 a.m. in the Cohn Library with a special Purim experience led by parents and other volunteers. At 10:00 am our mini Megillah attendees will begin the carnival while all other students and TBI congregants will gather in the Lorge Sanctuary for the congregational Megillah reading. The carnival and lunch will follow the Megillah reading and we know it will be a memory making event for all!

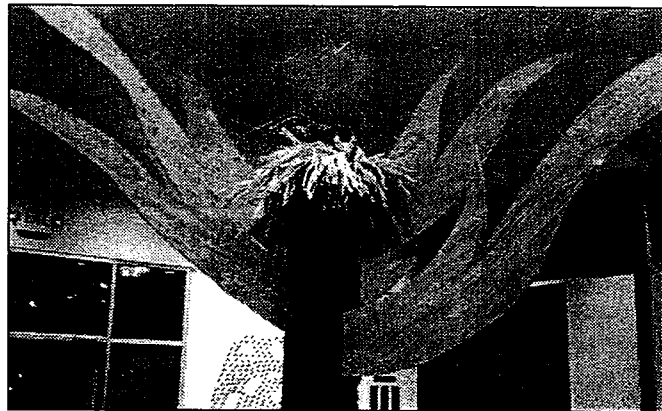
We are now in the month of Adar...Adar II actually! We are told to be happy and so my wish for all is a very happy Adar.

B'shalom,

Lori B. Sagarin

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



When the forest fire devastated the Carmel, any trees that were left looked like this.

A TREE GROWS AT TBI

Have you noticed the marvelous tree, nearly bare but proud, standing in TBI's atrium? Over the next two months, we hope you will see it turn from brownish black to green, as leaves representing young trees purchased for Israel are appended to its branches. On December 2, 2010, the worst forest fire in Israel's history broke out on the Carmel Mountain Range near Haifa. It raged over several very hot and very windy days, destroying more than five million trees across 12,500 acres of natural woodlands and forests planted over the past one hundred years. Even more tragically, 44 people lost their lives, and many homes were destroyed. In response, TBI is partnering with the Jewish National Fund (JNF), conducting a drive to purchase at least one grove of trees (500 trees) to replace a portion of those lost during the terrible fire. Each tree costs \$10 to plant. Please join fellow congregants in planting the TBI Grove! For further information, please call Carolyn at the TBI office (847-675-0951), or visit support.jnf.org/goto/tbiskokie.

As of March 1, members of TBI (including many students in Religious School) have purchased more than 25% of a grove! This is a great start. Let's keep the momentum going!



Our goal is to purchase 500 trees, a TBI grove. Our tree has already begun to show growth. Please help us to make this tree green once again.



THE TBI GREEN SQUAD WANTS YOU!

Who or what is the TBI Green Squad? It is a group of concerned TBI citizens who think there needs to be a lot more recycling and energy conservation in the TBI neighborhood.

How do you know a TBI Green Squad member when you see one? You don't, unless you notice someone remembering to put papers in the recycling bins located on each floor of our building. Or, perhaps, you've seen someone bringing their old cell phone to the TBI office to be sent to Shalva.

In short, we'd like everyone to be a member of the TBI Green Squad. However, you need to know about all the eco-opportunities available at TBI. Here's a short list:

- There are recycling bins for papers on each floor of our building.
- Cans and bottles are recycled in a bin in the kitchen.
- Metals and plastics are recycled in the kitchen.
- There is a drop box for eyeglasses outside the library. (Lions Club picks them up.)
- There is a drop box for ink cartridges outside the library. (These go to Streetwise.)
- Cell phones are collected in the Temple office for Shalva.

The TBI Green Squad has also developed a brief checklist to be read at all meetings and programs at TBI, as a reminder to save our planet and help others one small step at a time.

In short, each and every one of us is deputized as a member of the TBI Green Squad.

**GO FORWARD
AND SAVE
THE PLANET!**



SISTERHOOD ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Judi and Cary Weinstein	3/2/1996
Shirley and Hy Levens	3/3/1946
Ilse and Milton Herst	3/10/1946
Paula and Dan Sabin	3/14/1993
Rita and Lowell Goone	3/27/1955
Andrea and David Yelin	3/28/1987

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Lorrie Woos	3/1	Flo Berman	3/13
Rachel Garson	3/2	Norma Pearl	3/14
Margrit Baerman	3/3	Roslyne Heimann	3/17
Felice Jacobson	3/3	Ione Novak	3/19
Rea Robin	3/6	Linda Perlin	3/20
Rita Morton	3/7	Dianne Venet	3/24
Fanny Morris	3/8	Elaine Clearfield	3/25
Marsha Richman	3/8	Dale Cone	3/26
Louise Starkman	3/8	Ruth Dauber	3/27
Hilda Demsch	3/9	Ardel Fogel	3/28
Barbara Seaver	3/9	Andrea Blain	3/30
Sara Cohan	3/10	Norine Gerson	3/30
Joan Hakimi	3/11	Lee Schur	3/30

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 NEWS

You are not obligated to complete the task but neither are you free to desist from it. (Pirkei Avot 2:16)

Three years ago, 16 Sisterhood members began the process of creating the Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood Strategic Plan. Marla Goldberg and I co-chaired the group. We formed four committees and worked arduously to create a living document that addresses priorities, vision, and ongoing, long, and short term goals. In November 2009 we received the Or Ami Award/Special Recognition for the Strategic Plan at the WRJ Biennial Assembly in Toronto.

On February 8, 2011 an equally committed yet smaller group of Sisterhood members gathered to keep the work alive. We documented progress made on the goals and set out to identify areas that need immediate attention as well as areas of ongoing work. I felt proud to be in the room with these forward thinkers and appreciate their commitment to our Sisterhood. I also think this is great timing for these tasks at hand and I look forward to keeping this process alive.

WRJ MIDWEST DISTRICT KALLAH AT OSRUI APRIL 1-3, 2011

What a fun and fulfilling excuse to get away for a weekend at OSRUI when spring is about to be sprung! Oconomowoc, WI is a beautiful place during any season, but with this long winter we've endured, OSRUI is looking pretty ideal. My friend, Jacqueline Marcus, whom I know as a fellow nutrition educator and registered dietitian, is on the Midwest District board in the Department on Programming and Advocacy, and is charged with the task of co-chairing this year's Kallah with Marilyn Weisberg. So, I asked Jacqueline to share what she's "got thus far" to weave into this article:

*The title of the Kallah is "Women * Spirituality * Food = What's it All About?" We will be exploring our spiritual connections and Jewish memories about food and drink; learn about the food and drinks in the Torah, and we will bring home something to spice up our kitchens and our lives.*

Doesn't that sound enticing? Please plan to join the many Sisterhood TBI members who will be there; it is worth the trip. We'll be organizing carpools and roommates in the next several weeks. Please ask any one of us about Kallah; we'll be glad to fill you in.

It is not too soon to order your Chocolate Seder Plate! Please see the flyer on the Temple website, and place your order by April 3rd.

Our next Graziano's Night Out will be on March 30th. These evenings are a lot of fun, and 25% of the total bill is donated to Sisterhood. For more information see the flyer on the TBI website or contact Andi Blain at 847-933-9414 or ablain51@gmail.com.

Lorri Fishman and Dale Cone, co-Presidents

UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENTS

March 2, 2011	Open Meeting
March 13, 2011	Board Meeting
March 30, 2011	Graziano's Dinner Night
April 1-3, 2011	WRJ Midwest District Kallah at OSRUI
April 6, 2011	Open Meeting
April 8, 2011	Brotherhood/Sisterhood Shabbat
March 7, 14, 21; April 4, 11	Sisterhood Study with Rabbi Weinberg

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

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

Donor	In Memory of
Bernice Lewe	Eugene Lewe

ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides funds to support student travel to Israel

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Provides for adult education programs

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Provides funds for music programs

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Marianna Tax Choldin & Harvey Choldin	Rebecca Katz
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Provides funds for the purchase of books, periodicals,
furnishings and supplies for our Temple Beth Israel Library

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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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

Donor	In Memory of
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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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Provides funds for cultural programming

Donor	In Honor of
David J. Rice	Birthday of Howard Rice

TORAH FUND

Provides support for all Temple programs

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EDUCATION FUND

Provides funds for Jewish education at TBI

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Please help us recognize your up-coming simcha *correctly* in the *Bulletin*. If you are planning a bar or bat mitzvah, aufruf, baby naming or other life cycle event, please make sure we know *exactly* how you want your names to be listed. Without prior notification, the *Bulletin* will list names as they appear in our official TBI records. Please contact Barbara Seaver via email at BarbaraTBI@aol.com with your information.

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DATED MATERIAL – PLEASE RUSH

DINNER And SHPIEL

SATURDAY, March 19, 2011 6:30 Pm Temple Beth Israel Playhouse

A PURIM REVIEW THE SHUS-HON THE OTHER FOOT

**THE TBI PURIM PLAYERS RETURN DESPITE POPULAR
DEMAND TO THE CONTRARY**

*“The acting brought tears to my eyes and that’s not
easy” —John Boehner, Speaker of the House*

*“This production is bigger than Alaska and I can see it
from my kitchen window” — Sarah Palin*

WE NEED ANGELS

Please underwrite this production with a
check for \$60 or \$100. Angels get free tickets
and can help chant the Megillah to their
favorite school fight song. See flyer inside.