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Shabbat Services

- SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, May 6***
 5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
 See box below for contributors
 6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat
 Hosted by families of former students of Betsy Rotberg
 May birthday blessings
- SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, May 7 at 10:30 A.M.**
 Torah Portion “Emor”
- SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, May 13, at 8:15 P.M.**
 6:00 P.M. – Shalom Shabbat
 Music by Koleynu
 Scholar in Residence Rabbi Ken Kanter presents:
The Jews of Tin Pan Alley
- SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, May 14 at 10:30 A.M.**
 Torah Portion “Behar”
- SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, May 20, 7:30 P.M.***
 Hebrew School Graduation
 Oneg Shabbat hosted by the parents of the Hebrew School Graduates
- SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, May 21 at 10:30 A.M.**
 Torah Portion “Bechukotai”
- SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, May 27 at 7:30 P.M.***
 Confirmation
 Oneg Shabbat hosted by the parents of the Confirmands
- SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, May 28 at 10:30 A.M.**
 Torah Portion “Bamidbar”
- SHABBAT** **Friday Evening, June 3***
 5:30 P.M. – Likrat Shabbat
 Co-hosted by Lori and Rabbi James Sagarin
 in honor of Benjamin’s Bar Mitzvah
 And by Donna and Daniel Berman
 in honor of the installation of the new TBI officers
 and members of the Board of Trustees
 6:15 P.M. – Kabbalat Shabbat
 TBI / Sisterhood / Brotherhood Installation
 June birthday blessings
- SHABBAT** **Saturday Morning, June 4 at 10:30 A.M.**
 Torah Portion “Nasso”
 Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Sagarin
 Son of Lori and Rabbi James Sagarin

*Please note time

LIK RAT SHABBAT

The following people have made donations for the Likrat Shabbat on May 6 in honor of their May birthdays: Milton Herst, Walter Hill, Pam Lavine, Cynthia Miller and Marty Silverman. We would also like to thank April Levy, Joanne Merritt and Paula Sabin whose names were not included in the list of people who donated to the April 1 Likrat Shabbat in honor of their April birthdays.



Rabbi's Column

The month of May is jam packed with all kinds of special events in the life of our congregation. We will celebrate Graduation and Confirmation. We will welcome Rabbi Ken Kanter as our Scholar-in-

Residence and we will dance at the Spring Gala. We will observe Yom HaShoah and Yom Hazikaron – then celebrate on Yom HaAtzmaut. We will join hands on Mitzvah Day to make the world better. And all this will be in addition to our regular programs of worship, learning and caring acts that fill our calendar month in and month out.

And then, on Tuesday evening May 31st, we will come together for our congregation’s annual meeting. At that meeting we will not only conduct the business of the congregation – celebrating our proud heritage and our dynamic destiny – we will also experience the orderly transition of lay leadership as one administration comes to an end and another administration begins. We are greatly blessed here at Temple Beth Israel in that we have many competent and confident volunteer leaders who are ready and willing to step up and assume the honor of leadership within our congregation. On behalf of all of us I want to express our thanks and appreciation to those who are completing their terms of office as officers of our congregation: Secretary Linda Perlin; Treasurer Joel Goodman; Vice Presidents Bob Agdern, Lory Merritt, Mark Fine, Gale Nudelman, Lone Novak; and especially President Dan Berman. Dan has brought his unique combination of hospitality and wit and has led us with profound dedication. He has personally reached out to every new member and been fully present in every Temple activity including serving as our unofficial doorman every Sunday morning. Thank you!!

On May 31st we will elect and welcome our new Temple leadership: President Lory Merritt; Vice-Presidents Warren Arnold, David Levinson, Joanne Merritt, Marc Raven, Betsy Rotberg, Cary Weinstein; Treasurer Bill Levy; and Secretary Linn Ullenbrauck. We all look forward with great expectations to the energetic wisdom with which these new officers will lead us and we pledge to them our support, our trust and our cooperation. At Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday June 3rd we will consecrate our new officers and Temple board members as they embark on their terms of sacred service to our congregation.

On that evening we will also consecrate the newly elected leadership of Sisterhood and Brotherhood even as we gratefully acknowledge those who are completing their terms of service. As with our Temple officers and board members so with those of our affiliates – all of us express our gratitude for service lovingly and skillfully given and our confidence in those who are taking up the mantle.

I encourage all TBI members to be present both at the May 31st annual meeting and the June 3rd Kabbalat Shabbat as your fellow members take on the task of strengthening our sacred community – building on the foundations laid by their predecessors. As leaders, they help us live fuller, richer, deeper and more meaningful lives by connecting us to our greater congregational community. And they work to ensure that our community is a sacred community, a community of meaning and holy purpose: a community that taps into a common heritage, that is dedicated to a common purpose, and that shares a com-

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IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

MAZEL TOV TO:

Lee Schur for her honor as person of the year by the Florida Keys Conservative Congregation in Tavernier, Florida. Lee attributed her accomplishments in Florida to her experience and training at TBI.

Alyssa and Howie Dryver, Susie and Michael Lorge, Eudice Lorge and Elaine and Alan Fox on the birth of their son, grandson, great-grandson, Micah Nathan Dryver.

Rozanne and Steve Epstein on the receipt by their son, Michael, of the George Peabody Award for writing, producing and directing *Lennon NYC*.

Helene and Chuck Levine on the birth of their grandson, Asher Jordan Levine.

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

The following Temple member is recuperating from recent surgery: *Phyllis Cantor*. We wish her a speedy recovery.

CONDOLENCES

We note with sorrow the passing of *Enid Rae Mayer*, mother of *Scott Meyer*, *Laurence Mervis*, father of *Andy Mervis* and *Bertha Rothbardt*, sister of *Dena Mae Cohen*. May their memories be a blessing.

NAOMI RUTH COHEN INSTITUTE FOR MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Did you know that Temple Beth Israel is a sponsor for the Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute for Mental Health Education's Annual Community Conference? As in previous years, the conference is being held at Beth Emet in Evanston. The conference is on Sunday, June 5 from 12:30-5:30 P.M.

This year's conference will focus on Bipolar Disorder, which is estimated to affect 5.7 million Americans. It is the sixth leading cause of disability in the world. The conference will consist of a panel presentation by recognized experts in the fields of treatment and research, as well as presentations by clergy. There will be time to snack and network which will be followed by breakout sessions for further discussions. For those of you who are mental health treatment practitioners, this is a relatively inexpensive opportunity to get continuing education credits (CEU's). There may be family members and friends of people diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder who will find the conference of interest. The base fee is \$30, if you register prior to May 28. You will be charged an additional \$10 for CEU's.

For more information or to register on-line, the link is www.naomicoheninstitute.org. You can also contact Nina Henry at ninjanina56@aol.com by email for further information.

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 June bulletin is **May 10**. This will be the last bulletin until August. 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*

In my final bulletin article as your President, I would like to write a thank you note to the officers who have served with me during this administration. I will have more thank you's to say to others at our Annual Congregational meeting on May 31.

To Bob Agdern, our Vice President of Fiscal Affairs, thank you for the time and effort you put into "righting our ship" during what may be looked back on as our most difficult economic time since the Great Depression of the 1930's. You stood above the fray, and told us in straightforward terms what we needed to do to make it through this tough time. I know that this took a deep personal toll on you, and I sincerely appreciate that you continued to step up and stick it out. Thank you.

To Mark Fine, our Vice President of Member Services, thank you for being a face of TBI. It didn't matter to you if we had adequate volunteers for an event or not because you did everything that needed to be done to get the job done successfully. And you were cheerful about it, too! Congratulations on beginning to make Member Services all about services to members, and not just membership recruitment. I appreciate your constant support and friendship. Thank you.

To Joel Goodman, our Treasurer, thank you for your time, your honesty, and your consistent calm voice in the storm of the moment. You were the right person for the job at this time, proved a perfect teammate, not only for Bob Agdern, but for all of us at TBI. I know that you spent a lot of time with our office staff, and they, too, appreciated having you around. Thank you.

To Lory Merritt, our Vice President of Fund Raising, thank you for stepping up even beyond your role as President-Elect, to assume this additional, most difficult task of creating and implementing activities to raise new funds for TBI. You are caring and thoughtful. I so appreciate the time that we have shared together, mentoring each other, and look forward to a growing friendship as you become our next President. Thank you.

To Ione Novak, our Vice President of Education, thank you for just quietly and efficiently making things happen in our various multi-faceted educational programs. I know Lori Sagarin and the rest of us appreciated all that you did. The religious school continued to flourish under your watch, and the adult education programs grew in number and quality. Thank you.

To Gale Nudelman, our Vice President of Ritual and Culture, thank you for being another face of TBI. I could always count on you to be present and willing to do anything and everything. I could also count on you to step in for me when I couldn't attend, and you told me that it would not be a problem, rather, it would be an honor. You ran our Ritual Committee with grace and understanding. I sincerely appreciate the good advice and counsel that you were always ready to give. Thank you.

To Linda Perlin, our Secretary, thank you for just being you. I was incredibly lucky to have you as our Congregational Secretary. Not only were you ready and willing to help me with all of the communication and reporting tasks, but you were totally supportive all the time. Your efforts made my task so much smoother. I consider you a good and dear friend, and I thank you.

My fellow officers have become my friends for life. We shared pleasant and difficult times together during these past two years. We learned a lot about each other, about Temple leadership and about Temple life along the way. I believe that we will look back on this time as one of personal growth. We each did whatever it took to help our Temple family to grow and progress. Thank you.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

Once again the school year is coming to a close and our sites are set on the summer. This has been a wonderful school year in many ways, filled with excitement, community and, of course, learning.

We will conclude our year with Mitzvah Day on May 15th. The wonderful TBI Brotherhood will provide a delicious Pancake Breakfast and we will provide a program rich in content and activities for the entire family. Parents are expected to attend as we will also be holding on-site registration for the 2011–2012 school year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who make our education program so rich and who support our mission to transmit Jewish values and our Jewish heritage to our students. Carolyn Kraus continues to provide for all of the school constituencies with kindness and grace. The faculty at TBI is one that I continue to be proud of and appreciate. This year we will say goodbye to Becca Levine, Andrea Schuster, Miri Appelbaum and Kayla Pappas. We thank them for their service and hope they will, sometime in the future, return to teaching. They have been wonderful additions to our program.

One of our biggest goodbyes is to Daniel Shore who is leaving us to pursue graduate school in Washington, D.C. Daniel has been a truly amazing youth advisor, providing diverse entertaining and educational programming, leadership and guidance to the youth of TBI. His loss will be felt by all of us, yet we wish him well on this next chapter of his life and hope that he will find his way back to us sometime in the future.

On the weekend of May 13–14 we will be hosting Rabbi Ken Kanter for our Scholar-in-Residence program. Rabbi Kanter is a dean at the Hebrew Union College and an expert on Jews in American music. Friday night, Rabbi Kanter will present a sermon in song on **The Jews of Tin Pan Alley**. This is a particular area of specialty for Rabbi Kanter who is known as the authoritative figure on this subject. On Saturday, May 14 at the TBI Spring Gala, Rabbi Kanter will perform and present on the Jews of Broadway. Both events promise to be enjoyable and educational. I hope you will consider attending both!

I want to invite you all to two special events that conclude our school year. The first is Hebrew School graduation which will take place on Friday, May 20th at 7:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring future Hebrew school students to so they will see what can be accomplished through hard work and study. Second is Confirmation which will take place on Friday, May 27th also at 7:30. This event honors our 10th grade students and their commitment to confirm their Judaism before the congregation.

The year is indeed coming to a close but as you can see, there are still numerous programs in which to participate and enjoy!

B'shalom,

Lori B. Sagarin

SPRING HOLIDAYS

YOM HASHOAH

Sunday, May 1 at 11:00 A.M.

featuring a talk by our TBI member, Henry Baerman
who is a Holocaust survivor

YOM HAZIKARON

Sunday, May 8 at 11:00 A.M.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

May 8th at 4:30 P.M.

SHAVUOT

Tuesday, June 7 at 7:30 P.M.

Erev Shavuot Services

Wednesday, June 8 at 10:30 A.M.

Shavuot Services, including Yizkor

Followed by Shavuot Luncheon

TBI BROTHERHOOD WANTS YOU!

TBI Brotherhood requests that all current members and those men who would like to become members submit their current preferred e-mail address to the brotherhood secretary, Ron Berne at ronberne@gmail.com. The address will be used for purposes of TBI Brotherhood communications only.

E-mail contact is a vital portal to our membership for notification of meetings and upcoming events. Our executive board is working to update the Brotherhood database.

Even if you have submitted your email address on a prior occasion, please do so again to insure that our list is accurate and up-to-date.

WHERE'S MY BULLETIN?

During the past couple of months, I've heard several of you say that you wonder why your TBI Bulletin hasn't yet arrived and it's already the second week of the month. Folks, I wish I could tell you. We continue to follow the schedule we've always followed; the Bulletin arrives at the Post Office in what should be plenty of time to be delivered to everyone. And yet we find that some of you hear about events only after they have taken place. I wish I could do something about that. The real mystery is the lack of consistency; why on some months do our Bulletins arrive on time and on others they don't. (Maybe this is the fifth question for our seders next year!)

One thing we will start to do (and you see this in this Bulletin) is that we will list the first Shabbat of the next month in the Shabbat section on the first page. So, in our May Bulletin, we have listed the first Shabbat in June. I would also suggest that, if you wish promote something that will take place early in the month, please make every effort to send it for the previous month's Bulletin. As always, the deadline for the Bulletin is the 10th of the month prior to publication.

Of course, for those of you who have access to a computer, our Bulletin is on-line at our website before it arrives in anyone's home. So you can visit www.tbiskokie.org to see all the news that's fit to print.

Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Barbara Seaver
TBI Bulletin Editor

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mon destiny. Our leaders fulfill that sacred task by responding to our members and by supporting the rest of the leadership — influencing their work to ensure that it is for the common good and that it supports our shared vision of a sacred community. I challenge our new leadership to foster an atmosphere of consensus building about the purpose and personality of our community; to create a climate of programmatic experimentation with a commitment to honest evaluation that allows us to acknowledge and learn from our failures as well as our successes; to integrate all aspects of our community so that they function in harmony with each other and so that they are coordinated, linked, mutually supportive, and at times intermixed; to put our mission into action — in a cycle of planning, implementing, reflecting and modifying action so that the day to day experiences of our members move ever closer to our shared vision of a sacred community.



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Recently, Dale and I had a brief conversation with a TBI mom who has kids in the religious school but had not explored much about Sisterhood. She admitted that she thought Sisterhood had little appeal for her and that it was just for more "mature" women — a real myth about Sisterhoods across the country and world, for that matter, that we would love to dispel. The fact is that Sisterhood TBI is ever-changing to keep pace with how women have been changing. Our membership roster shows that Sisterhood attracts women of all ages, backgrounds, and lifestyles. We have varied interests and our programs reflect the diversity of our members. We have used the technological expertise of our members who are proficient at creating Survey Monkey online surveys to learn about our members' wants and needs.

Our Sisterhood is becoming increasingly more environmentally green — we use email for announcements and flyers, and have most recently sent our ballot for the current election of new officers and board of directors via email. You will see a paper version of the ballot in this *Bulletin* — by publishing it here, we are assured that the ballot reaches every Sisterhood member and it serves as a reminder to cast her vote. Our current Bylaws also state that we are required to publish the ballot in the *Bulletin*. Even if you are not a Sisterhood member, take a look at our slate of candidates; we are very proud and excited about everyone who is willing to serve.

Last but not least, we are looking forward to bringing that TBI mom into our Sisterhood world. We think we convinced her to observe and/or participate in one or more of our meetings and programs to give us a try.

Lorri Fishman & Dale Cone
Co-Presidents

UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENTS

April/May 2011	Mother's Day Tribute
May 16, 2011	Board and Open Meeting & Election
May 25, 2011	Nursing Home Luncheon
June 3, 2011	Installation
June 12, 2011	Earning Fund Luncheon
June 25, 2011	Area Day at BJBE
June 26, 2011	Board Orientation

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

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 ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

MAY AND JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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 Kim 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
Laurie Kimmel and Kate Choldin	06/01/1997
Karen Gray-Keeler and Tom Keeler	06/04/1978
Jinny Colin and Aaron Greenberg	06/04/1989
Joanna and Derek Lewis	06/05/2005
Lotus and Irv Greene	06/09/1946
Pam and Ted Lavine	06/10/1979
Janet and Michal Jablon	06/11/1970
Liz and Drew Klein	06/11/1977
Myrna and Donald Roiter	06/12/1955
Peggy and Theodore Fiala	06/12/1977
Linda and Richard Perlin	06/12/1983
Linda and Erwin Janush	06/16/1970
Lorrie Woos and David Skora	06/16/1985
Ilene and Douglas Klegon	06/17/1971
Linda and Alan Nidetz	06/17/1979
Janet and Paul Levine	06/22/1975
Wendy and Marc Raven	06/22/1986
Helene and Charles Levine	06/23/1974
Keryn and David Groner	06/23/1991
Lorri Fishman and Andrew Segal	06/23/1996
Rita and Robert Morton	06/24/1956
Linda and Milton Benjamin	06/24/1981
Jackie and Abe Nevel	06/25/1950
Rachel Garson and Jason Taylor	06/25/2005
Sheila and Eddie Rosenfeld	06/26/1977
Dorothy and Isadore Bikshorn	06/28/1953
Jann and Lane Corday	06/29/1980
Rozanne and Stephen Epstein	06/30/1963
Harriet and Richard Arons	06/30/1968
Maryjane and Phillip Klein	06/30/1968

MAY AND JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Sandie Rubin	05/05	June Levin	06/02
Diane Mehlman	05/07	Sara Belkov	06/03
Carole Arenson	05/08	Laura Goone	06/03
Elayne Dunn	05/09	Joanna Lewis	06/03
Keryn Groner	05/10	Doris Kaufman	06/05
Mollie Bawer	05/11	Helene Levine	06/05
Barbara Agdern	05/14	Linda Fainman	06/07
Janis Fine	05/15	Jolie Rubin	06/07
Pam Lavine	05/20	Laura Finkel	06/11
Cynthia Miller	05/22	Mildred Becker	06/12
Inna Weiner	05/23	Judi Weinstein	06/13
Elaine Berger	05/25	Rose Stoller	06/15
Doris Simon	05/26	Carolyn Kraus	06/19
Cynthia Roth Garfield	05/28	Carol Brazen	06/20
Faye Reisin	05/29	Cindy Franklin	06/20
Sylvia Berry	05/30	Dena Mae Cohen	06/24
Alyce Heman	05/30	Barbara Nidetz	06/25
Lori B. Sagarin	05/30	Michelle Brand	06/27
Barbara Burman	06/02	Yvette Lewis	06/27
Dale Davison	06/02	Betty Brickman	06/28
Elsie Levin	06/02	Janet Levine	06/30

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A minimum contribution of \$12.00 (unless otherwise noted)
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SIDNEY I. COLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

Donor	In Honor of
Rozanne & Steve Epstein	Speedy
	Recovery of Sharrel Titlebaum
Donor	In Memory of
Eunice Burns	Burt Burns
Eunice Burns	Helen Kirk

ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides funds to support
student travel to Israel

Donor	In Memory of
Hy Wollman	Frieda Wollman

HOLLANDER ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Provides for adult education programs

Donor	In Memory of
Sandi & Howard Sorkin	Mitchell E. Sorkin

MUSIC FUND

Provides funds for music programs

Donor	In Honor of
Mary Roth	New Granddaughter, Madison
	Rose, of Mary Golden & Jim Harn
Donor	In Memory of
June & Joel Levin	Anna Wallack Lubow
Mary Roth	Revester Roth

RABBI ERNST M. LORGE SANCTUARY FUND

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

Donor	In Honor of
Eudice G. Lorge	Michael Lorge
Eudice G. Lorge	Greta Lee &
	Rabbi Donald Lorge Splansky

HERZL B. MENDELSON LIBRARY FUND

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

Donor	In Honor of
Donna & Danny Berman	New
	Granddaughter Sunshine of
	Laura Cooper & Bruce Crane

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 Honor of
Ellen Gardner	New Grandchildren of
	Sharon & David Jacobson
Donor	In Memory of
Howard Pfeifer	Clara Krakover

TORAH FUND

Provides support for all Temple programs

Donor	In Memory of
Clarisse Irwin	Mother of
	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Harari
Sofia & Naum Ligum	Sofia Yaroshevich
Kathy, Marc, Dana & Jake Rocklin	
	Lawrence Litwak

EDUCATION FUND

Provides funds for Jewish education at TBI

Donor	In Honor of
Mr. & Mrs. Ira Baygood	Purim &
	The Pomerances

Minna & Marvin Einhorn	
Helene & Chuck Levine	Birth of
	Granddaughter of Mary Golden & Jim Harn

Minna & Marvin Einhorn	
Helene & Chuck Levine	Speedy Recovery of
	Sharrel Titlebaum

Minna & Marvin Einhorn	Speedy Recovery
	of Lisa Wynn
Alyce Heman	Mary Jane Klein

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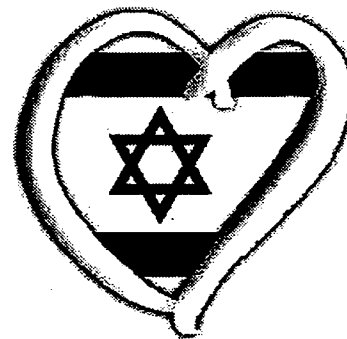
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Solovy	Special Birthday
	of Flo Berman

Donor	In Memory of
Harriet & Richard Arons	Rose Kerman
Harriet Arons	Grandparents of

	Lisa-Kallen-Youngberg
Helene & Chuck Levine	Arlene Ray
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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 e-blasts.

GREEN SQUAD ALERT



TBI IS GOING GREEN!

INTERESTED IN GREENING
OUR CONGREGATION?

WE NEED YOU!

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!

PLEASE CONTACT NINA HENRY:

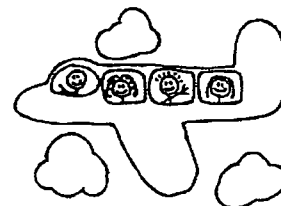
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JOURNEY TO ISRAEL?

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.



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!

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DATED MATERIAL – PLEASE RUSH

RELIGION AND CULTURE CORNER

By Gale Nudelman

I can't believe it's May and the end of the TBI fiscal year is upon us. Where did the year go? We traveled to Gillson Park three times for our traditional Shabbat at the Beach; I hope you will join us again this summer as we go back to the beach June 17th, July 15th, and August 19th. During the High Holy Days, we were treated to the journey of a lifetime as Sid Levine told the story of his 102 and counting years. You could have heard a kip-pah clip drop as we were all mesmerized by Sid's account of his life. That was only the beginning of the year.

Let's jump ahead to the road not yet taken. This month brings us many more opportunities to travel our building together. Please join us for our Yom HaShoah observance Sunday, May 1st at 11:00 am when we will hear from a few survivors who are members of our congregation. On Sunday May 8th at 11:00 a.m. we will observe Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day). The day continues as we celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day) at 4:30 p.m. with a wine and cheese reception. At that time we will also celebrate our congregation's great accomplishment of purchasing a grove of trees for the Carmel region. (As of this writing, we are well on our way to purchasing a second grove of trees!) Still need a gift for Mothers' Day? Bring your mom to our celebration and buy her a tree. While you're there, enjoy appetizers, wine, cheese, and entertainment. Don't just bring your mother; bring the whole family for an hour of fun and food!

Wait, there's more. Share Shabbat and Hebrew School Graduation with our 7th graders on Friday, May 20th at 7:30. Please join these exceptional students as they mark another milestone on their path of lifelong Jewish learning. Join us the follow-

ing week, May 27th at 7:30, when our 10th graders will confirm their Judaism and share their thoughts with us at our Erev Shabbat service.

The Social Action Council has remained incredibly busy with events related to employment, environmental issues, the TBI Green Squad, the *From Our Place to Hilda's Place* Housewares, and Mitzvah Day. As part of the Mitzvah day festivities Sunday May 15th, the Social Action Council will feature Dan Litchfield speaking about wind energy. The committee will also have a collection area for your gently used and/or new housewares that will be donated to Hilda's Place. Concerned about the environment in and out of our building? Are you interested in idle-free parking lots? Do you have other ideas or suggestions? Talk to one of the committee members to find out how you can be an active member of the TBI Green Squad. There will be a lot of information available on Mitzvah Day, so please spend your morning with us on May 15th.

As I complete my 2-year term as Vice President of Religion and Culture, I want to thank the Ritual Committee and the Social Action Committee/Council co-chaired by Nina Henry and Harriet Arons. It has been an honor and privilege to work with both of these committees and I can't thank the committee members enough for all of their effort, time, and dedication to their work. Of course our work was made easier by the tremendous amount of time, patience and loving care that Rabbi Weinberg gave to both of these committees, and I can't thank him enough for all of his help and support along the journey. It has been an interesting, educational, and rewarding 2 years. I look forward to traveling in and out of our community with all of you for many years to come.

Congratulations to our Hebrew School Graduates (May 20) and our Confirmands (May 27)

Hebrew School Graduates:

Peyton Arenson
Shayle Arenson
Sophie Berne
Danielle Brown
Lena Grossman
Anna Hershinow
Talia Neuhaus
Hannah Palmer
Natalie Palmer
Lyle Rubin
Madeleine Ruttenberg
Benji Sagarin
Zachary Sandy
Jakob Shaykin
Maree Smyth

Confirmands:

Sarah Pearl Alkyer
Jessica Tova Brand
Joseph Tongby Cohen
Ross Aaron Drucker
Stephanie Iris Drucker
Joel Nathaniel Feinerman
Nathaniel David Fox
Jeremy Neal Novak
Samantha Fox Schneider
Rachel Linnea Shaykin