

THE SCRIBE

Temple B'nai Israel

Happy Independence Day , America!!

Temple B'nai Israel's Message from the President

Greetings to the Temple B'nai Israel Family from your new President—me! I am excited about who we are now as a congregation, where we are as a congregation, and both excited and a bit apprehensive about who and where we will need to be in order to maintain our vibrance and relevance to the generations to come. Judith Russell suggested that as President, I would be well-served by reading the eye-opening and thought provoking book, The Self-Renewing Congregation. While I must confess that I have only gotten through the first 40 pages or so, it is crystal clear that this approach to congregational life has important lessons to teach us—if we are willing to be taught. I have faith in this community that we are willing. I hope, over the next months, to expose you to some of the main themes of the book, so that we determine whether this approach offers us what we are looking for,

even if we did not know that it was!

I will start, not with a main theme of the book, but with a symptom (doctors love symptoms), which is, “We have always done it this way here.” This stance serves as a way to maintain tradition but with the caveat that innovation/different interpretations are experienced as threatening and needing to be stomped out. I will tell you that this current TBI is not the TBI that Susan and I saw in 1985, when moving to the community—the TBI that we did *not* join. That TBI was not the TBI that we saw when we joined in 1990, when Rabbi Agress and the congregation, in what Susan and I saw as their insight and wisdom (it always seems to be wisdom when people's thoughts move closer to your own), maintained tradition yet allowed those with a different, more

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Welcome to our new Principal: Kitty Hall

The Board of Education is pleased to announce that we have hired Catherine (Kitty) Hall as our new Religious School Principal. Kitty brings with her a wealth of experience as a Jewish Educator of all age groups in the greater Chicagoland area. Her most recent position was as Director of Congregational Learning at Congregation Solel in Highland Park. Kitty will be starting in her new role on July 1. Please join us in welcoming Kitty to our congregational family!

At A Glance...

Independence Day	Jul 4
Hadassah Social	Jul 18
Annual Picnic	Aug 22
Teacher Opening Institute	Aug 29
Sisterhood Opening Meeting	Aug 31
Erev Rosh Hashanah Annual Dinner	Sep 8
First Day of Religious School	Sep 12

Deadlines:

- *Script orders: July 11*

Shabbat Services:

Friday evenings

8 pm on Jul 2, 16, 23, 30

7 pm on Jul 9 for Family Service

Saturday mornings

9 am Traditional Service

10:30 am Jul 10 Renewal Service

Rabbi Mann is on vacation. His remarks will resume with our next issue!

Todah Rabbah, Thank you.
We gratefully acknowledge the following donations.

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FRIDAY, JULY 2

David & Susan Leader in honor of "Shappy" Rosenthal

FRIDAY, JULY 9

David & Susan Leader in honor of the Mann Family

FRIDAY, JULY 16

Dan & Cyndy Raymond in honor of Caryn's 26th birthday

FRIDAY, JULY 23

Sisterhood in honor of Phil Jacobson and all the schlepping that he does!

FRIDAY, JULY 30

David & Susan Leader in loving memory of Marilyn Leader

Contact Ruth Edelman or the office at (630) 892-2450 to sponsor an Oneg for your special occasion.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CONGRATULATIONS to our elected members of the Executive Board and Board of Directors:

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Mark Melnicoff

Board Directors 2010-2013:

Lou Camras, M.D.
Eva Katz
Paula Krapf

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Judith Russell

What's Happening in Religious School



On behalf of the Religious School staff and students as well as the Board of Education, I would like to take this opportunity to send a hearty THANK YOU to Barb Sered-Zabelin. When the Board of Education decided that a change needed to be made in our school's leadership, Barb stepped up and quickly made order out of chaos. As a result of her efforts, TBI experienced one of the best school years ever! Barb instituted morning teacher meetings (while no one likes to get here even earlier on a Sunday morning, I'm sure all will agree they were very beneficial to the smooth operation of the school), a morning all-school service and instilled organization and order in many small and large ways throughout the year. She has been a tireless promoter of TBI school spirit, Temple spirit and, not least, of the sale and use of Scrip!

For all this and more, Thank you, Barb for a great year!

Eva Katz, BoE Chair

Message from the President (Continued from page 1)

egalitarian orientation to join the Temple and more completely express their needs. TBI today is not the congregation that we saw then, with development of the Renewal Services and reinvigoration of the Egalitarian Services, and with maintenance of the Traditional Services. Bravo to Rabbi Mann and to us for not being threatened by change, as change in Judaism is inevitable (remember, there was a time that a woman becoming Bat Mitzvah was unthinkable). Change is not to be feared, but is to be carefully studied then embraced, the book points out.

When a new administration takes over, you hope for smooth sailing. Such was not to be the case (although the ending was happy), when the Sasha Cohen Bar Mitzvah was potentially threatened by Rabbi Mann's sudden illness, leading to his first hospitalization (since he was born) the morning before. What happened is nothing less than we all have come to expect from this congregation: Beryl made calls and others made calls, and within a few hours, the Torah reading was covered (thanks to Abe Steinberg), the service was covered (thanks to Marvin Miller and Gary Raymond, with David Shaftman ready in the wings), the Gabbai position (that Gary previously filled) filled by Noussy Nathan (or Mark Melnicoff, since I don't know who was originally slated). The result: Sasha did wonderfully (as we knew he would), and the service was essentially seamless. Wow!

The Confirmation Service was also wonderful, and for those of you who missed this service, run completely by our Confirmands. The speeches were varied and thoughtful, and will be run in this and future months of the Scribe.

A number of thank you's are in order to a number of very deserving people! I first wish to thank my immediate predecessor, Judy Jacobson, who left the Presidency after an extended three year term and with a non-leaking roof, an almost-completed process of re-contracting of the Rabbi and near-completion of the principal search committee process. I wish to thank Paula Krapf for her years as Board Secretary (and thank you to Mark Melnicoff for stepping up with only minimal arm-twisting), and for her tenure as Chairperson of Board of Education (and thank you to Eva Katz for assuming this most important position). Todah rabbah also to Barb Sered-Zabelin, who began her "retirement" from education with the assumption of the Principal position, and earning rave reviews from grateful parents and Staff alike. I also wish to thank Edith Katz, who has served in myriad capacities for TBI, and who has decided to step down from the Architecture Committee Chair position after numerous years, fortunately agreeing to remain as a committee member.

As Dorothy said in the Wizard of Oz (some can quote Talmud—me, not so much), "There's no place like home!" I wish to thank all of you, for all of the things that you have been to and done for the Temple, and for all of the things that you will do for this community in future, to make it and keep it our Temple home.

David Leader

From the mail...

Dear Congregants,

I wish to thank you all for coming to my Bar Mitzvah. It was good to see all of you. I want to thank those of you who donated to the Community Gift. I will use it well.

Also, I want to say thank you to all of the people who donated books for my service project.

Sincerely,

Sasha Cohen

TIMELESS TRIBUTE

See the enclosed flyer to “buy” a seat in the Sanctuary or Chapel.

Is it broken? Need Repair?
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Have you noticed something
around the Temple that needs to
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If you have, **PLEASE** leave a note for
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*CLASSES WITH RABBI MANN -
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Jewish Morality & Theology*

Join Rabbi Mann on Wednesday evenings to discuss Jewish
morality & theology as reflected in select Biblical sources.



FOX VALLEY HADASSAH

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. We want to remind you that the summer get together will be on July 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Sarene Rosen. Invitations were sent out and we need to have you RSVP to me Elissa Davis. We are trying to plan next year's fund raisers. We would like to hear from you if you have some fun and interesting ideas. The Board is going to meet either on July 20 or July 22 at 12:00 at Panera I need to hear to see which day would be better. Call me, Elissa.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

-Elissa and Esther

TBI Sisterhood

JULY 23: SPONSORING THE ONEG The Sisterhood will be sponsoring the Oneg on Friday, July 23, in honor of Dr. Phil Jacobson. Won't you please come to help celebrate with him for all that he has done, and continues to do, for our Temple.

AUGUST 31: OPEN SISTERHOOD MEETING Sisterhood will hold an OPEN meeting at the home of Cyndy Raymond, 1148 Alameda Drive in Aurora, 60506 on Tuesday, August 31 at 10 am. Please contact Cyndy Raymond if you will be attending this meeting or if you need transportation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR NEAR FUTURE EVENTS:

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| Sept. 8 | Rosh Hashanah dinner—Time will be confirmed (dates for cooking to be announced closer to the date). |
| Sept. 26 | Opening Meeting at the Temple at 12:30. Light lunch will be served (babysitting will be available). |
| Oct. 14 | Set up for Rummage Sale |
| Oct. 17 & 18 | Rummage Sale |
| Oct. 19 | Board meeting at 7pm at Panera Bread on Orchard Road |
| Oct. 22 | Shabbat Dinner |

There are a wide variety of programs that are scheduled for the up and coming year. More will be listed in future Scribes. We hope that you will be able to attend as many as you can.

-Cyndy Raymond, President of Sisterhood

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Jul 01 Richard Puklin
- Jul 02 Adam Friedman
Brittany Peskind
Jonathan & Lorie Sweet
- Jul 03 Betty Lea Davis
Tim & Rhonda May
- Jul 04 Else Bruch
- Jul 10 Jeremy James
- Jul 11 Marcia Rayman
- Jul 12 Jennifer Cole
- Jul 13 Donald Zabelin
- Jul 16 Esther Javetz
Arthur Sheridan
- Jul 17 Michael Peskind
Nathan Rosenmann
- Jul 18 Cary Nicol & Jane Manzano-Nicol
- Jul 20 Sarah James
- Jul 21 Eva Katz
Austin Rayman
- Jul 24 Barbara Sered-Zabelin
- Jul 26 Amy Brozak
- Jul 28 Ben Kroeker
Hannah Young

Simchas & Such

Mazel tov to our 2010 Confirmation Students: **Emily Camras, Jeremy Feinberg, Tovah Raymond, Lea Steinberg, and Hannah Young.**

Mazel tov to Myron & Roz Whisler on the recent marriage of their grandson, **Jeremy Morgenstern** to **Risa Popelka.**

Mazel tov to the mother of Abe Steinberg on celebrating her 90th birthday!

Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes go out to **Charlie McMahon**, son of Cyndy Raymond, who is recovering from a recent surgery.

We wish a speedy recovery to **Colleen Haussman**, mother of Cyndy Raymond, who is recovering from a recent knee surgery.



We wish **Dante DiSilvestro** well after his recent hospital visit.

Get well wishes to beloved long-term members **David and Sylvia Nemenoff**, who have both been recently hospitalized.

*Thank you
for your support...*

We would like to thank all of the congregants and friends that ordered through our **SCRIP PROGRAM**. Temple B'nai Israel made **\$429** in profit!!

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Next deadline: Sunday, July 11

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Yahrzeit

"The memory of the righteous shall be for a blessing."

JULY (according to the secular calendar)



July 1	Isador Gordon
July 8	Thomas J Cerkez
July 9	Robert Puklin Dr. Morton Schaffran
July 12	Paul Gersh
July 13	Blanche Raquepau
July 15	Pearl Goldsmith
July 16	Thelma Fischler Anna Katz Gorenstein
July 17	Clara Newman
July 19	Minnie Piolet
July 20	Rose Goldsmith Frank Manzano
July 21	Marilyn Leader
July 22	Yetta Goldfine Malka Kaufmann Annalea Meyer Smukler
July 23	Nathan Greenholtz Charles Whisler
July 25	Susan Carson Samuel Lawrence David Peskind
July 26	Shirley Cohen Glenda Faren
July 27	Jack Nemenoff Morris Puklin
July 28	Philip Zabrouskey
July 30	Louis Litt
July 31	Howard Nudel

Our heartfelt condolences go out **Robert Bersin** and his family and friends, on the recent passing of his wife, **DORIS BERSIN**. Robert and Doris are former members of Temple B'nai Israel and were key in helping with the compilation of our recent Centennial booklet that was published in 2004.

Opportunities to help others...

FOOD DRIVE *continuing throughout the year*

A drive to collect non-perishable food items and toiletries will take place, year-round, in the entry way of Temple B'nai Israel. Donations can be dropped off in the box (made/donated by Bernie Nusbaum) and will be taken to a local facility to help those in need.

RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES FOR EDUCATION

Bring in those empty ink cartridges to the Temple (in the office collection box) and help a local low income school raise money.



SPERTUS EVENTS

Visit Spertus at www.spertus.edu or call 312.322.1773 for a listing of the wonderful events that Spertus has planned in the near future .

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JEWISH EMPLOYMENT NETWORK

Job Seekers experience many hopes and challenges in the job market. If you have been recently downsized or are thinking of changing careers, the Jewish Employment Network offers numerous options to assist you with your career goals: career counseling, job search strategies, networking opportunities, and access to monthly round tables and support groups. For more information go to www.jvschicago.org or call Joyce Bogolub, JVS Career Counselor, at 630-889-0548

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Get well wishes to David Blitz

by Sandy & Ken Ruksakiati

Mazel Tov to Barbara & Don Zabelin on Michael's graduation

by Nancy Apfelroth

Most generous donation for a belated Bar Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to Nathan Wellek

by Sarene Rosen

Chai certificate congratulations to Karen Christenson

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Happy Anniversary to Sandy & Ken Ruksakiati

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Confirmation Speeches

As a class, we have accomplished much this year. From fundraising for a camel that turned into a successful field day, to having a class with grades ranging from 7th to 10th; we are proud to come out of this year happy and healthy. However this wouldn't have been possible without our fantastic teachers Mrs. Katz and Mr. Krapf. We appreciate their patience and creativity every Sunday. We want you to know that you giving us your time means so much to us. It is pertinent to thank our various past teachers for their guidance, support, and dedication. We would also like to acknowledge the recent passing of our former third grade teacher Mrs. Denton. She will be remembered by her strength and dedication through her patient teachings. We would like to thank our families. Our Jewish education couldn't have been completed without your knowledge, insight and support. Our class couldn't have succeeded without the endless help and patience from Rabbi Mann who embraced our antics and imperfections and turned us into members of the Jewish community.

Sincerely,

The Confirmation class of 2010:

Emily Camras, Jeremy Feinberg, Tovah Raymond, Lea Steinberg, and Hannah Young

Composed By: Lea Steinberg

Confirmation Speeches (Continued)

Emily Camras

Why is it that Jews, who believe in a G-d both benevolent and merciful, are commanded to fear G-d? In Judaism, the religious person is characterized by “yirat shamayim,” fear of Heaven or “yirat ha-Shem,” fear of G-d. Jonah explains himself as a Hebrew, one who “has fear of the G-d of Heaven.” Job is also described as having “fear of G-d” and shunning evil. In fact, fear of G-d is so important that Scripture commands us to fear G-d more often than it commands us to love Him.

Rabbis have made a distinction between two types of fear of G-d, a higher fear and a lower fear. The lower fear is fear of punishment, fear of the consequences of wrong-doing. The second type of fear is known as “awe of G-d,” and refers to fear in the exalted presence of G-d. This fear is a result of feeling unworthy, imperfect, or embarrassed in G-d’s presence. Just as we would be ashamed do something unbecoming in front of a respected or wise person, one with fear of G-d is ashamed to transgress G-d’s commandments. Awe of G-d is the result of feeling humbled and unworthy in G-d’s presence.

Such awe of G-d is reflected in the writings of the Prophets, and in Psalms. As the prophet Ezra says, “O my G-d I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to Thee.” In Psalms, man is described as “brutish and ignorant,” one who is “as a beast” before Thee.” These writings emphasize man’s imperfection, and his embarrassment at being next to the L-rd.

In rabbinic theology, the fear of punishment is an undesirable attitude, but not unacceptable. A person fearful of punishment is scared of being punished by G-d for disobedience. 15th century Rabbi Joseph Albo deems this fear a necessary step toward the awe of G-d. Also, the fear of punishment works to control man’s stubborn physical nature. The coarser the person, the more fear of punishment he must have.

However, fear of punishment is an undesirable attitude because fear of punishment is only fear for oneself, and not fear of G-d. According to the Zohar, fear of punishment is easy to acquire because every man loves himself and fears for his soul. As a result, fear of punishment has no proper foundation in G-d.

On the other hand, the “higher” fear does have a proper foundation. According to Rabbi Abraham Ibn David, this fear is awe of G-d, produced by G-d’s greatness. This fear is the natural response of imperfection to G-d’s grandeur. Fear of G-d’s glory makes one aware of one’s own deficiencies in comparison to G-d, and helps one acquire humility.

Also, awe of G-d leads one to refrain from sin. The 18th century Italian Kabbalist, R. Moses Hayim Luzzato, speaks of “the fear of sin” in his work *The Path of the Upright*. Luzzato does not write about fear of punishment; rather, he writes about fear of sin itself.

One with fear of sin refrains from sin because he does not want to offend G-d’s glory. Such a person is respectful of G-d’s omnipresence.

In addition, awe of G-d engenders moral and courageous behavior. In Exodus chapter 1 verse 21, Pharaoh issues a decree that all male Hebrew children must be killed. However, “the [Egyptian] midwives feared G-d, and they did not do what Pharaoh had decreed, but instead saved the Hebrew males.” In this context, “fear of G-d” denotes feelings that humanize man’s dealing with foreigners.

Fear of G-d is used as the ultimate justification for moral behavior. In parshat Kedoshim, in the book of Leviticus, G-d commands, “thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but thou shalt fear thy G-d.” In this case, fear of G-d is used to ensure the rights of society’s most vulnerable. One who has fear of G-d shows fundamental humanity in his or her relations with others.

In conclusion, fear of a benevolent G-d is less a fear of punishment than it is fear out of reverence. As a Jewish community, we should strive to attain this awe of G-d. Such awe will enable us to lead lives of righteousness, and to demonstrate humanity both within and without our community.

Shabbat Shalom.

Tovah Raymond

Shokeling and Israel

When Rabbi asked me to find something interesting to speak about I decided to research why Jews sway when they pray. This practice is called shokeling which is a Yiddish word meaning to move rhythmically back and forth

Confirmation Speeches (Continued)

or side to side during prayer or Torah study. I have found various explanations for this, some more fanciful than others. One explanation is from 13th century Spain, as explained in the Zohar by Rabbi Simeon ben Yohai, “the soul is ignited like the wick of a lamp. By swaying, the body is quivering to the flame-like rhythm of your soul.

Another source I found is in Psalm 35, the Psalm of David. In verse 10, it says to praise the Lord with all your bones. “All my bones shall say: Lord who is like unto thee...”

The last explanation is on a more modern note. Jews have said that this is practiced to save wear and tear on your feet from long periods of standing and it blurs out your surroundings, therefore enhancing your concentration.

So those are the 3 explanations I found for why Jews shokel. After explaining this to you, since my research was so short, I decided to add something more personal to my talk. One of the most important connections I’ve made during my years at TBI is love of Israel. I was always curious about Israel. We talk about it so much in services and school and within my family. In fact, I have a great, great, great uncle who signed the Israeli declaration of independence, Hertzl Rosenblum. I traveled to Israel with Emily Camras and Alex Katz in the Ta’am Yisrael program in February 2009 and I fell in love with the country. This summer I will be spending a month in Israel. I expect it will be one of the most thrilling and wonderful events in my life.

I think each of us in the confirmation class has found something meaningful and interesting to make a connection with our Jewish roots.

Lea Steinberg

The Jewish people have always been a magnet for trouble. Like a kosher steak, Jews have had to fight or flee from the hungry carnivores of the world. However, to survive the hatred and bigotry that Jews are subject to, optimism which is a belief that conditions will improve, is important in keeping our traditions alive while embracing new cultures and people. Optimism comes in many forms in Judaism, including faith and trust in G-d.

About ten years ago, shortly after the fatal pizzeria bombing in downtown Jerusalem, my family in traditional, fearless Steinberg-Goldstein fashion, decided to take a trip to Jerusalem for my cousin’s wedding. At a local restaurant, around the corner from the aforementioned pizzeria, my dad inquired about the status of business from the owner. The owner, looking over the empty dining room, responded, “It’s hard, but we are all in G-d’s hands.” This statement typifies the Jewish-Israeli attitude toward faith in G-d and their belief that G-d wants them to be in Israel for a reason and that if it is G-d’s will, G-d will provide. This trust in a loving and caring G-d is called B’TA-HON

The Hasidic tradition, for example, focuses on the arrival of the messiah. Being optimistic, they believe that when G-d delivers the messiah, we will live in a utopia of peace and happiness.

The Holocaust also demonstrates optimism en masse. Examples include the Franks hiding for years in an attic, the Bielski brothers building a massive underground resistance to Hitler, and even some congregants of Temple B’nai Israel who showed extreme faith and hope, the root of optimism, even at the darkest of times.



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