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#### **Rabbi Reacts**

In addition to being a land of history and heritage, Israel is a land of irony and of interest to all of us as Jews. Almost anything can happen in a society that is undergoing an inner struggle, the struggle to find a path to peace.

Emotions are at such a heightened level that seemingly straighforward events develop an ironic twist. As a case in point, the heart of an Israeli Jew who was killed in a terrorist attack was recently transplanted to restore life to a Christian Arab resident of East Jerusalem. Plkuach Nefesh, the saving of life is the highest of Jewish values, and yet there were those who cried that this was untenable, and violated their sense of justice. Some are now saying they will not donate organs because they may not like or agree with the political or religious orientation of the recipient. Such are the difficulties where security issues are a real concern, where emotions are running high, and the electorate is split evenly on what to do: whether to hold onto the land as a military and population buffer or whether to exchange the terrorities for guarantees of peace. In the meantime, the two year old Palestinian struggle for self determination, the intifada, continues to pull at the conscience of everyone involved.

There is a story told of two litigants who came before their rabbi to argue their case. As the first completes his statement of the facts, the rabbi agrees with him and states that he is right. When the second tells his own side of the case, the rabbi again declares that he is also right. His wife, who had heard this equivocal conversation, spoke up, "That's impossible - they can't each be right!" "You know what", he said, "You're right too!" This in many ways reflects the difficulties in sorting out who is right and who is less right in our modern situation, and more importantly, coming to a resolution on the conflict plaguing Israel.

The Consul General of Israel, Uri Bar-Ner, will be speaking at Congregation Beth Shalom, January 21 at 7:00 pm as the guest of the rabbis of Glenview and Northbrook. It is sure to be an opportunity to have your questions answered and to listen to those both concerned and informed about Israel. I hope that you can be there!

B'Shalom, Rabbi David Fine

### **Alumni Dinner**

### Friday, January 5, 1990 - 6:15 pm

We welcome back our college alumni to be our guests for Shabbat Dinner, Services and Schmoozing. Invitations have been mailed to all BJBE Alumni and current high school juniors and seniors. If you have not already responded, please call the Temple office and let us know if you will join us.

David Gates Youth VP

## Worship Services

Friday, December 29

6:15 pm

EARLY Shabbat Worship, 6:15-7:15 pm Last Night of Chanukah

Friday, January 5

8:30 pm

Alumni Shabbat BJBE collegians will participate

Saturday, January 6

10:45 am

B'nai Mitzvah:

Robert Levine, son of Sharon and Harold Levine Andrea Leff, daughter of Ellen and Alan Leff

Friday, January 12

8:30 pm

Shabbat Worship

Saturday, January 13

10:45 am

B'not Mitzvah:

Melissa Ward, daughter of Barbara and Richard Ward Adina Schyman, daughter of Doris and Joseph Schyman

Friday, January 19

6:15 pm

EARLY Shabbat Worship, 6:15-7:15 pm

Friday, January 26

7:30 pm Family Service, Story Sermonette Junior Choir, January Birthdays8:30 pm Alternative Adult Service

downstairs

Saturday, January 27

10:45 am

B'nai Mitzvah:

Jeremy Hilborn, son of Helene and Michael Hilborn Jacob Cohen, son of Carol and Hugh Cohen

Friday, February 2

8:30 pm

Shabbat Worship Confirmation class Kallah weekend

Saturday, February 3

10:45 am

Bar Mitzvah:

Bradley Eisenberg, son of Wendy and Michael Eisenberg

Adult Shabbat morning worship and Torah portion study downstairs, Saturday morning, 10:00-11:30 am, including kiddush. This service is held whether or not there are B'nai Mitzvah in the sanctuary, and even when Religious School is not in session.

# 1992 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Dates

If you have a child who will be eligible for Bar/Bat Mitzvah in 1992, and you **did not** receive a letter from Rabbi Shapiro, please call the school office.

#### As I See It

#### Reflections

Some months it is easier to find a topic to write the Temple Bulletin article about than other months. But, that is part of the joy and also part of the frustration of being President. (Mentally, I can visualize past presidents chuckling!) And yet, the very requirement - the discipline of writing the article reminds me of the passage of time.

Thanksgiving was recently concluded and by the time you are reading this article, the new year will be upon us - a new decade, the dawning of the 90's. the last decade before a new century. Just think of learning two new digits to date your checks!

Time marches on and, as I mentioned last month, the Nominating Committee will be meeting. Time flows quickly just as my parents always said. Time for another fiscal year at the Temple. Budget preparation has started and many people are working to assure the wise expenditure of the Temple's revenues.

The budget process is an arduous one. Many conflicting facets must be reconciled. How can a budget be derived from:

1) requests for increased programming; 2) escalating costs and
3) a desire for not increasing dues?

Perhaps the responses to the Long Range Planning Committee's questionnarie and the observation that we are aging as a congregation provide one potential solution. BJBE has never been a wealthy congregation, but that also appears to be changing. The average income of our membership has risen sharply over the years. However, that wealth has not been directed to the Temple in any meaningful way. Perhaps the time has come for BJBE to take a straight forward stand to discuss our long-term needs.

BJBE must obtain a significant portion of our future revenue from endowment income. Without revenue from this source, our dues will continue to escalate and the future viability of the congregation brought into question. Don't worry just yet. There is no campaign in the planning stage. However, if you are revising your will, we would certainly appreciate a bequest naming B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim as a beneficiary. I have.

Joe

# BJBE Early Childhood Center Nursery School and Parent/Tot Program

I hope all of you felt the same pride and excitement I did when the BJBE Early Childhood brochure arrived in your mail. I understand not all of you have the need for a Nursery School or a Parent/Tot class. You may, however, have a friend or neighbor and/or family member who is looking for a quality program. All I ask from you is to pass the word. You are our best advertising!

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you - it can't be said enough. A terrific committee along with our professional staff did a tremendous amount of work to make our Early Childhood Center a reality. I want to add a special thanks to Les and Lisa Stern and Faith Avner for all their work on the registration brochure. They put in a lot of time and energy. All their efforts resulted in a beautiful and professional brochure.

It is a thrilling thought to know that soon our building will be filled with the sounds of children. Children are a sign of life and of the future. The BJBJE Early Childhood Center is proud to be available to you and our community. If you want more information please call me or the Temple office.

Keep in touch,

Karen P. Dosik (564-1223)

## In Our Family

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES FOR CO-SPONSORING OUR ONEG SHABBATS AND FOR THEIR GIFT OF THE BIMA FLOWERS in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of their children:

Susan and Ralph Katz, Joy and Mallory Segal, Janet and Ronald Dvorkin, Suella and Richard Greenwald.

## WE ALSO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR CO-SPONSORING OUR ONEG SHABBATS:

Gail and Howard Lipschultz, in honor of the naming of their granddaughter, Carissa Renae Huebner.

Sharon and Sherwin Greene, in honor of the naming of their granddaughter, Catherine Sofia Shenberg.

Michael and Mary Patoff, in honor of the naming of their daughter, Molly Bernard Patoff.

## **MAZEL TOV TO:**

Nadine and Jack Perlman, on the engagement of their son Jeff to Rosemary Alexander.

Harriet and George Levy, on the birth of their grand-daughter Arielle Levy.

(Correction from last month) Mazel Tov to Davida and Don Terry and Lois Terry on the engagement of their son Gonzo Terry to Debbie Litt.

# A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED:

Kathy Loebman and Gail Ostach.

### **CONDOLENCES TO:**

Elliott Silber, on the death of his father, Art Silber. Sherwin Geitner, on the death of his father, Sidney Geitner. Michael Frazin, on the death of his grandfather, Arthur L.

Susan Goldberg, on the death of her father, Dr. Gilbert Schwarcz.

Anthony Brown, on the death of his father, Arthur Brown. Marilyn Hotchner, on the death or her father, Nate Levy. Beverly Yedor, on the death of her sister-in-law, Ivy Graber.

#### LOST ON NOVEMBER 17th

Black onyx and diamond ring. Reward offered.

Call the Temple Office

# Birthday Blessings

On Friday, January 26th at 7:30 pm, youngsters with birth-days in January will be called to the pulpit for a blessing and a gift. If your child's name is not on the following list, please notify the Temple Office:

Dana Arden, Gregg Barbakoff, Stefanie Byk, Jessica Carleton, Lindsay Coleman, Stacy Green, Brenda Green, Abby Hackner, Rebecca Howes, Betsy Kahn, Bradley Kimmel, Brandon King, Joseph Lev, Beth Lewis, Melissa Menn, Danny Norinsky, Jamie Popper, Lisa Rago, Joshua Randall, Brittany Shapiro, Bradley Sheftel, Eric Shoemaker, Scott Tomczyk, Danny Vosnos, Dana Ward and Michael Zalay.

#### 1989 Gift to Kedem

Kedem Synagogue in Tel Aviv is one of the few Reform synagogues in Israel. Kedem offers a liberal and creative approach to Jewish identity, values and worship.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, through their contributions to the Maurice and Helen Lipschultz Memorial Fund, our gift to Kedem this year exceeded \$900.00.

#### Men's Club

Although Men's Club got off to a slower than usual start, due to the resignation of our president, because of time constraint difficulties, we are looking ahead to a successful year, including a variety of programs both for Men's Club and the Temple. At two meetings in late October and early November, Men's Club forged ahead by filling its slate of officers, and planning activities for the winter and spring. Programs for January and February are being prepared and notification of time and type will be sent out soon.

Men's Club is already planning for the Purim Carnival by getting ready to mail out our 8th annual raffle books. This is our only major fund-raising event, and with your cooperation it will be as successful as past raffles. We will also run the carnival in March, in conjunction with the education department.

My thanks to the Men's Club members who helped out with the Scholar-in-Residence breakfast on December 8th. Also, thanks to the many fellows who came out and volunteered their time and expertise during our reorganization meetings and who continue to support Men's Club.

To the membership at large, we still need your support, both in the form of a \$20 dues check, and in the form of time, be it coming to a Sunday brunch meeting or helping at the Purim Carnival.

May the lights of Chanukah which will brighten your home this month also brighten what we hope to be a good year to come.

#### **OFFICERS**

Acting President	Irwin Goldfine
Vice President	
Treasurer	Mort Spiegel
Membership	Don Brubaker
Programming	Ron Popper
Ritual/Fellowship	Harold Levine
Secretary	Rich Gold

Men's Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month. You are welcome to attend and are encouraged to do so.

> Irwin Goldfine, Acting President (708) 724-1850

# **AIDS Education at Temple**

The AIDS Awareness Task Force is pleased to report that, as part of our ongoing commitment to deal with a critical issue, we presented our second AIDS Awareness Program for our high schoolers and their parents.

Linda Haase, who "grew up" at BJBE spoke very specifically on how to avoid contracting AIDS. Rabbi Shapiro spoke on the ethical and moral positions a Jew should take regarding people with AIDS and related issues.

Afterwards, the students returned to their classrooms for a questions and answer period. On hand to help the teachers were the following health care professionsal who are temple members as well: Jerry Kraut, Lee Sacks, Henry Mangurten, Murray Batt, Marty Blumberg, Heidi Kon, Ken Krebs, and Marlene Skolnik.

We are also pleased to report our own Linda Haase serves on the Regional UAHC Task Force on AIDS. She co-authored, with Dr. Betsy Katz, the curriculum guidelines that the UAHC will adopt for teaching AIDS Awareness to all Reform Religious School students from kindergarten through high school.

Joan Haase

Allen Schwartz

Co-chairmen BJBE AIDS Awareness Task Force

## Sisterhood

As Chanukah continues....we hope your homes are made brighter (and warmer) with our boxes of Chanukah candles distributed by Sheila Gates and Sherry Popper to the youngest child in our BJBE families during classes this December.

Through sleet and snow, Allen Seidler and several Board members continue to deliver **Shabbat Boxes** to our new Tem-

ple members. Welcome from your Sisterhood!

Our Lunch Bunch, a.k.a. Exercise Your Mind While You Have Lunch, will continue January 9 at 12:15 pm in the all-purpose room. Our Temple Librarian, the effervescent Elaine Herz, will lead the study group with Jewish short stories. Call Janet Swig (965-5958) to receive copies of reading material prior to this and our next sessions, February 6 and March 13.

Join Roberta Krolick and Dan Wiczer (my roommate) and our Temple's Social Action Committee when they host a speaker and presentation regarding **Pro-Choice** on Monday, January 29, 8:00 pm.

Put on some warm clothes, pick up a few friends on the way and join us for our next **Open Meeting**, Wednesday, January 31 at 8:00 pm, as Rabbi Shapiro "Puts Rachel in her place, gives Leah a fair shake and rights an old wrong!"

We are pleased to announce the beginning of our Bridal Registry this January in our **Gift Shop.** Our chairmen can assist couples with their selections of Judaica that you can purchase for them. Stop in Friday evenings before or after services, Sunday mornings between 10:30 and noon or by calling for a more convenient time - Carol Kantor (498-1790), Sara Liebman (564-2393), Paula Wiggins (390-0283) or Linda Willis (564-2499).

Foodworks, available in the Gift Shop or by reaching Sharon (291-9123) or Marge (272-6595) offers more than a dozen delicious salmon recipies to dress up your dinners.

Add that special touch to your stationery needs by giving Marcia Simmons a call (966-2248); she handles **Invitations** and **Personalized Paper Goods**.

By calling Ruth Maller (498-3634) or Joan Sacks (272-3425), a **Uniongram** can reach that special person. **L'Dor Vador** cards are available by calling Darleen Salomon (498-4443), Lynne Kleiman (215-1357) or by picking up a supply of cards in the Gift Shop. **Happy Day and Memorial Cards** receive prompt attention by calling Irene Schatz (729-8812), Iris Friedlieb (966-5749) or Marcia Filerman (272-1960).

In addition, **Mah Jongg Cards** are available in a new format. "One size fits all eyes!" Contact Karen Grobstein (564-2451) to place your order, for only \$3.75.

Treat yourselves to a night out! **Games Night**, with your favorite TV game shows, will challenge you and your team on Saturday night, February 17 in the Temple. Sandy Cohen (564-1491) and her organized crew of highly trained assistants, once again reminds you to sign up early; teams can be arranged if needed.

Sandy Wiczer 967-1349

## WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CAPITAL GIFTS PROGRAM:

**MEMORIAL PLAQUES:** 

Ruth and Robert Field Rabbi Ronald Klotz Marlene and Morton Skolnik Evelyn and Norman Friedman

# Second Night Seder? It's Up To You!!

The Festival Celebration Project needs to know what you want to do about the Second Night Seder.

For the past two years, everyone who attended the Second Night Seder brought part of the meal. Haroset, hard boiled eggs, gefilte fish, carrot pudding, and desserts were all brought by congregants. Caterers provided only the chicken and the soup. Since there were no waiters, each table served itself.

Your reaction to these Seders has been very enthusiastic. The first year almost 200 attended and the second year there were over 300. Many of you have told us how much you appreciated the "family feeling" that surrounded the Seder.

As you would expect, this kind of Seder requires much more planning than a catered Seder. But, with your help, we are prepared to have a similar Seder at the Temple again this year. If there are as few as 18 of you who are willing to work on the Seder, we can do it.

We are having an open meeting of the Festival Celebration Project on Wednesday, January 10th at 8:00 pm. It is important that you come to the meeting if you would like to have a Second Night Seder that is warm, friendly and affordable.

If we don't get the eighteen volunteers that we need, we will still have a Second Night Seder, but it will be catered at roughly double the cost per person.

I hope to see you at the meeting.

Dan Wiczer Festival Celebration Project

November 22, 1989

Congregation BJBE 901 Milwaukee Avenue Glenview, IL 60025 Attn: Mrs. Goone

Dear Miriam:

As new official members of the Congregation, we attended the New Member Shabbat Dinner on Friday, November 17, 1989 along with a large turn-out of other new members and officers of the Congregation who sat and shared a delicious chicken dinner with us. Rabbi Shapiro conducted a beautiful dinner ceremony and various officers and chairpersons spoke briefly after the dinner.

It was a most rewarding and enjoyable evening ending with the usual fine display of "goodies" at the Oneg Shabbat. It was a tribute to the Congregation and its officers who made the evening so memorable with their warmth and sincerity through their efforts in making the new members so welcome and comfortable.

We thank the Congregation for a super evening of friendship and religious experience and look forward to enjoying Shabbat services in the future on a somewhat regular basis.

> Very truly yours, /s/ Vicki and Phil Zagon

#### Thank You Blood Donors

Our Blood Drive was a great success! Thanks to all of you who came out to donate. Your willingness to donate something that money cannot buy is an inspiration for us all.

A special note of appreciation to cur co-chairmen Arlene Morgan and Joan Haase as well as the Social Action Committee. Their countless hours on the telephone coaxing people to "give it a try" brought many newcomers to the drive.

Thank you for giving the gift of life!

Dan Wiczer, Chairman Social Action Committee

## Hillel/CAYS seeking Summer interns

Hillel/CAYS is now accepting applications for the Harriet and Maurice Lewis Summer Intern Program in Jewish Communal Service. Now in its 19th year, the Lewis Summer Intern Program has received national recognition for its success in helping college students make career choices, develop leadership skills and enhance Jewish identity.

This work-study program includes an 8 week field placement in an agency of the Jewish Federation. Placements are offered in community organizations, administration, human resource development, education, social work, psychology, health care and communications. There are also concurrent workshops and seminars with professional staff and lay leaders which center on Jewish and professional themes. A project of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and the Jewish Federations, the program is endowed by the Harriet and Maurice Lewis Family. A stipend of \$1,300 is offered.

The dates of this year's program are June 4 through August 3. The deadline for applications is March 2 and the first interview must be completed by March 23. Undergraduates living or attending school in Chicago are eligible. Space is limited.

For further information contact: Judy Teller, Hillel/CAYS, 1 S. Franklin, Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 346-6700 ext. 2506.

# The Five Glenbrook Synagogues present

"Israel: In my Heart and on my Mind"

Sunday evening, January 21st -7:00 pm at Congregation Beth Shalom, Northbrook

Speaker:

URI BAR NER, Consul of the State of Israel

Responding:

Rabbi Dan Sherbill

Congregation Ezra-Habonim of Northbrook

Rabbi Mark S. Shapiro Congregation BJBE

Refreshments to follow

This is the first Jewish community event co-sponsored by the rabbis and membership of the synagogues in Glenview and Northbrook

Beth El, BJBE, Beth Shalom, Ezra-Habonim. Young

## Accolades

Lisa Jericho, a junior at BJBE high school and at Maine East high school is a recent recipient of the "Award of Appreciation" from the Optimist Club of Glenview. The Club, in association with Optimist International honors outstanding young people in our community.

Lisa was honored for her work in religious service, having distinguished herself at BJBE. Mazel Tov to Lisa, her parents, Ron and Lori and to her brother, Rob!

BULLETIN DEADLINE JANUARY 2, 1990

# B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim and Congregation Beth Shalom present their joint SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

# **LEONARD FEIN**

Teacher
Writer
Founder of Moment
Creater of Mazon



# Friday, February 9 - Sunday, February 11, 1990

# Friday, February 9 - at Congregation Beth Shalom

Shabbat Service at  $8:15~\mathrm{pm}$ . Following the Service Mr. Fein speaks on "Israel and American Jews: The Next Chapter."

# Saturday, February 10 - at BJBE

Havdalah at 8:00 pm. Followed by wine, cheese, dessert, and a discussion of "Was the Jewish Resurgence of the '70's and '80's A Fad or a Fact? Have We Run Out of Steam?"

# Sunday, February 11 - at Congregation Beth Shalom

Service at 9:00 am. Brunch at 9:30. At 10:00 "The Pulpit and the Public Square: Is Judiasm A Political Religion?"

Leonard Fein is a writer, teacher, and creative force in the American Jewish community. His latest book is Where Are We? The Inner Life of America's Jews. He is also the founder of Moment magazine, and creator of Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Mr. Fein has taught Political Science and Social Policy at MIT and Brandeis University. In 1987-1988 he was the first Visiting Scholar at the Religious Action Center in Washington, DC.

Congregation Beth Shalom is located at 3433 Walters Avenue, Northbrook.

BJBE's sponsorship is made possible through the Shomrim Fund.

#### **UAHC Institute for Mature Adults at OSRUI**

The Institute for Mature Adults, sponsored by the Great Lakes Region of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), is a program for persons who are available for study, worship and making new friends, midweek, in our camp setting.

The Institute is based on the "elder hostel" model and programs take place at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Two programs will be offered in the spring, beginning Monday afternoon April 23 until after lunch on Thursday, April 26, and May 21-24. At present, the cost per person is \$125.00, which includes registration, twinbedded rooms with private bath and all meals. The Institute brings scholars and teachers from all over the United States to be part of its faculty. The opportunity for study and fellowship offers a stimulating, educational, fun-filled four days for members of Reform congregations who come from all parts of the Great Lakes region.

If you are interested in attending the Institute and inclusion on the mailing list, please call Mimi Dunitz, at the UAHC office,

(312) 782-1477.

## **Tzedakah for January**

Do you ever take the time to stop and listen to the Jewish sounds that surround you. The trumpeting of the Shofar, the sizzling sound of latkes frying in a pan and the quiet sound of a child saying the Shema.

There are Jews in our community who are unable to hear any of these sounds because they are deaf. These "special" Jews still live Jewish lives, they become Bar or Bat Mitzvah, they attend Shabbat services, and they celebrate the Jewish festivals. They are congregants of our Tzedakah recipient for January, Congregation Bene Shalom.

This Skokie synagogue provides for the special needs of deaf and hearing impaired Jews in the Chicago area. It serves people from the entire Jewish population providing a variety of programs and worship services for their special needs.

The next time you hear the joyous sound of congregants singing "Shabbat Shalom" at Friday night services, enjoy the moment, and remember those who can only, quietly, watch the lips move.

# **Jewish Marriage Encounter**

Jewish Marriage Encounter, now called MARRIAGE ALIVE, continues to offer their basic 44 hour weekend for couples who would like to enrich their marriage.

Many members of BJBE, including Rabbi Mark and Hanna Shapiro, have been on such weekends and have found them very valuable personal experiences. The weekend is a private and personal experience between husband and wife, not at all a group encounter. (That's why the name has changed.)

This could be important for you. The next MARRIAGE ALIVE weekend is scheduled for February 3-5, 1990 at the North Shore Sheraton. For further information call 966-5683, or Carol and Aaron Columbus, 673-8568.

## Thank You!

Thanks to all who brought in the turkey stamps from Jewel and Dominicks. We brought in 14 free turkeys to our neighbor, the Glenview Methodist Church. They prepared them, brought the food into the city, and served from 150-200 people. Also thanks to Carol Cohen, who organized this project and who picked up and delivered all those heavy turkeys!

#### **Youth News**

Yasher Koach to the 4th and 5th grade KYG youth group for a wonderful, exciting, and inspiring weekend at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute. 25 of our youth, Hedda Schless, Rabbi Fine and Faith Avner spent the weekend studying, learning and experiencing a taste of Israel. The kids even met some famous Israelis who came back to BJBE with them. Be sure to see the bulletin board at the North Door! In addition to all of the other exciting projects the group worked on, they also worked together to give themselves a name. From now on, the 4th and 5th grade groupers will be known as "THE MACCABEES." They chose this name because they feel Maccabees are: smart, strong, honest and true to the cause. The next event for the Maccabees will be (was) the Chanukah Party Brunch, December 17, following religious school.

The Junior Youth Group (6-8th graders) can look forward to their retreat, January 19-21. The theme of this weekend will be "Rebellion" (a popular topic, to be sure!) Now is the time to sign up for a wonderful winter weekend at OSRUI. \$50.00\* per person includes meals from Shabbat dinner through Sunday lunch, winterized heated cabins, round trip on luxury coach bus, and 3% Mazon contribution, not to mention all the fun you can have in one weekend! Use the form below or the flyer sent to homes to sign up. Confirmations are sent upon receipt of registration.

Name	
Address	
Phone	Grade
I give my child	r to receive emergency medical
	Parent Signature

(\*member fee, non JYG member please add \$5 dues - membership required)
Mail form and check (payable to BJBE Youth Group) to Faith at BJBE.

# From the Syfria Shelves

The World of Our Mothers (the lives of Jewish immigrant women) by Stahl Weinberg is a book containing short histories of the heroines, the enlighteners of a new generation of Jews. The women came as immigrants to this thriving American. They didn't speak the language or understand the customs, but within a short period of time, became major contributors to the family and this country. They rose from nothingness to impact on labor unions, literature and medicine. This book recounts those lives. We have a small, but growing collection of books on the Jewish woman. Please come and read!

A Mitzvah is Something Special by R.R. Eisenberg. The little girl has two wonderful grandmothers, but so different from each other. Yet she finds that both "Dorrie" and "Grandma Esther" agree on what is good in the way Jews act. Good for ages 5-9.

# Wheelchairs Available

Through the generosity of families in our congregation, we now have two wheelchairs available for use in the Temple. If the need arises, please call the Temple office so arrangements can be made.

# **Academic Scholarship Program**

Scholarship funds from grants administered by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago are available for college students for the 1990-91 academic years. A sum of approximately \$150,000 each year is available under the terms of the funds for Jewish men and women who are legally domiciled in the metropolitan Chicago area, are in need of financial assistance for full-time academic programs in the helping professions and who are identified as having promise for significant contributions in their chosen careers.

The largest fund is the Marcus and Theresa Levie Educational Fund. Eligibility requirements are: 1. Undergraduates in career specific programs which require no further education for employment in a professional position in the helping professions, or 2. Students entering or who have entered a graduate or professional school in the helping professions, or 3. Students in a vocational training program with a specific educational goal in the helping professions.

The Academic Scholarship Program is coordinated by the Jewish Vocational Service. Applications are available by contacting the Scholarship Secretary (708) 346-6700-ext. 2214. The deadline for submission is March 1st. All applicants must be available for personal interviews at the Jewish Vocational Service.

# Pro-Choice, Pro-Life What's The Difference

The Supreme Court has returned the issue of abortion and woman's rights back to the state legislatures. How is the right to choose linked to your right of privacy? What is the difference between pro-life and pro-choice proponents? How will the outcome of proposed legislation affect you? Join us on Monday, January 29 at 8:00 pm, as the Social Action Committee hosts an open meeting to help us understand this important issue.

## **Continuing Education**

## Warm Up Wintertime with these Three Offerings in Continuing Education

The continuing education brochure you recently received has more detailed information, but here are the basics:

A - Continuing Hebrew, "Guaranteed" taught by Joy Wasserman. Six Mondays, February 5, 12, 19 and March 5, 12 and 19; 7:30-8:30 pm. For graduates of a beginning series.

BC - 2 Thursday night offerings. (3 sessions only) January 18, 25 and February 1. 7:30 pm - Responsa, led by Rabbi David Fine. 8:30 pm - Getting Ready for Leonard Fein by discussion his latest book, led by Rabbi Mark Shapiro.

TAKE EITHER or BOTH THURSDAY NIGHT CLASSES! If you need a brochure, please call the school secretaries.

## **Adult Retreat Weekend**

Friday, March 2 - Sunday, March 4 led by Rabbi Mark and Hanna Shapiro

If you've never been to an adult retreat before, this one is for you (and if you have, it's also for you).

- ....Friendship, Torah, food, Jewish conversation, games and relaxation.
- ....and (if the weather permits) cross country skiing. Lessons for beginners.
- ....\$87.55 per person, includes MAZON contribution.
- ....at the OSRUI lodge on Lac LaBelle in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.
- ....Space is limited. Reserve by sending a \$25 deposit to the Temple office.

# 2nd Bar/Bat Mitzvah Contest



# My Dream Week in Israel

# A competition sponsored by ARZA, The Moriah Hotels and El Al Israel Airlines

#### YOU CAN WIN IF:

- You are in the 7th grade of a Reform Religious School program
- You will be celebrating your Bar/Bat Mitzvah at your congregation between September 1989 and December 1990
- You turn in to your teacher a written composition of between 200-500 words on the theme "MY DREAM WEEK IN ISRAEL"
- 4. Your teacher turns your composition in to the ARZA office by March 31, 1990

# PRIZES

Ist PRIZE A week for winner and two adults, Bed and Breakfast, at the Moriah Jerusalem and/or Moriah Plaza Tel Aviv Hotels.
Three round trip airline tickets (from New York, JFK airport). Courtesy of the Moriah Hotels and El Al Airlines.

2nd PRIZE A \$250 State of Israel Certificate—Issued by Israel Bonds. Courtesy of ARZA.

3rd PRIZE Book or records of Israeli content.

Return by March 31, 1990 to (with composition)

ARZA 838 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10021-7064

Name	Teacher		
Address	Congregation	Congregation	
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### Our 'Holocaust' Torah from Kolin

The Torah Scroll in our Ark, clothed in a white Tallit was rescued from destruction by Nazis in Czechoslovakia, taken (along with many others) to Westminster Synagogue in London, and sent to us on permanent loan.

It originally belonged to the Jewish community of Kolin, Czechoslovakia.

Another rescued Kolin Torah was given to the Northwood Liberal Synagogue in Great Britain. One of their members, Michael Heppner, began researching the history of the Jewish community of Kolin, and has made numerous trips to the town.

In a recent letter to Rabbi Shapiro, Mr. Heppner wrote, "Something is stirring in Kolin. The old ghetto area has buildings dating back to the 17th century and the present synagogue was built in 1692. This means that parts of the Kolin ghetto are even older than the Jewish quarter of Prague.... having allowed the buildings to decay over the past 40 years....the town council (is)....working on plans to restore the old Jewish quarter of the town.

In August I was invited to meet with town officials who wanted to ask for my views and suggestions....one practical development is that the interior of the synagogue has been cleaned out....steps must be taken to preserve the further deterioration of the historic Ark.

It shows that when a synagogue in the West shows a sustained interest in an extinct Jewish congregation in Czechoslovakia, it can have some influence on the fate of the Jewish heritage of the town."

The Kolin Torah came to BJBE through the efforts of Machon Rishon, our first chavurah.

We're hoping to have Michael Heppner at BJBE this spring to tell us the fascinating story of what he has found.

#### **MAZON** and the 3% solution

The MAZON Committee gratefully acknowledges donations from the following:

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If you have contributed to MAZON, but are not on the list please let us know and accept our apology. Of course, we will respect any request for anonymity.

MAZON suggests a contribution of 3% of the cost of a celebratory event party, meal, etc. Your contributions will make a difference in MAZON's battle against hunger. Thanks for caring.

For further information about MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, please contact the Committee: Marga Levy (470-1495); Kathy Goldman (593-1102); Joan Haase (827-7453); Marlene Mendelson (564-4344) or Ethel Schmall (824-6776).

## V.I.T. of the Month

Following is some information on one of our very special teachers from our Regligious and Hebrew Schools taken during an interview by a member of the Education Committee. It is the Education Committee's hope that the entire Congregation gets to know and love the faculty as we do. If you have any questions or comments, please call Sandy Krebs (251-1133).

HEDDA SCHLESS has been teaching at BJBE for twelve years. She currently teaches 1st grade on Saturday, 5th grade on Sunday and 9th and 10th grades in the Monday night school, and she has also served as our media coordinator. She also teaches nursery school during the week at Apachi JCC, what a busy lady!!

Hedda has been married to Erwin, a CPA, for 26 years, they have two sons, Michael, 21 a senior at Illinois State and 19 year old Robert who is a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin

Hedda's BJBE career began when she went to see principal Barbar Irlen about one of her children and came away with a job offer!

Her undergraduate life was spent at the University of Illinois and Roosevelt University, and her love for learning has continued as evidenced by the program she completed at the Board of Jewish Education as a master teacher and the hours of credit beyond that which she has accumulated from Spertus College.

Schooling isn't her only interest. Hedda knits, needlepoints, cooks, bakes and has had a stamp collection since she was 12; takes art classes, belongs to a book club and is presently taking a Hebrew class at BJBE where Faith Avner has given her a money-back guarantee that this time she'll really "get it!"

Hedda loves to teach children and loves working at BJBE because of the faculty and staff. She feels these people have truly been her teachers and she has grown in her own personal Jewish identity because of being here. We are truly lucky to have such a committed, dedicated and versatile lady on our faculty.

Sue Dickman

#### Network - A link to Jewish friends

Network - A link to Jewish friends, a non-profit organization was formed in 1986 to help Chicago and suburban Jewish singles (21-35) meet each other. We hold social, religious and cultural events at various synagogues, including BJBE, to reach as many temple affiliated and non-affiliated young singles as possible. We publish a newsletter monthly, telling about these events. If you or anyone you know would like to receive the newsletter, fill out the form below or call me.

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## Reform Mohalim

In general, Reform Jews are becoming more educated about and involved with Jewish ritual. With this has grown the concern that we should be able to rely on our own movement for guides to observance, including the training of mohalim. This is vital since many in more traditional communities will not recognize our conversions, and therefore will not conduct a brit milah for the sons of Jews converted under Reform (or Conservative) auspices. Others will conduct the ceremony, but consider it as a first part of gerut, of conversion of Judaism.

A course will soon be offered by the Chicago Area Reform Rabbis to educate and train mohalim. Those currently qualified to perform circumcisions and who are members of Reform, Conservative or Reconstructionist congregations are eligible. Please contact Rabbi Fine for more information.

## Video Judaica

Some wonderful Jewish material is now available on video cassettes. This includes Israeli films, Jewish Life around the World, contemporary issues, traditions, and much more. If interested in specifics, write for the ERGO Media Video catalogue, P.O. Box 2037, Teaneck, NJ 07666.

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