



Bulletin

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Rabbi Reacts

Overnight summer camp is a great place for kids to go to grow. At camp, kids learn how to swim, boat, horseback ride, play sports, or play an instrument. They can dabble in photography, music, dance or art. They meet kids from other places and develop new friendships. They gain independence being away from home.

Jewish camp is an even better place for our kids to grow. At a Jewish camp our kids recite prayers before and after the meals, they sing Jewish songs, they Israeli-dance, they lean Hebrew, they pray in a community every day and every Shabbat - all with great enthusiasm and spirit. In a nurturing atmosphere our kids learn to love their Judaism. Being Jewish becomes a positive and an important part of their identity.

OSRUI is an especially great place for our kids to go, because it combines both of the above. (See inside the Bulletin for 1994 attendees and pictures.)

This summer, I spent two weeks at OSRUI with the arts unit, Tiferet. I can highlight many high points, including climbing to the top of the alpine tower (no pun intended) and singing and dancing with the entire camp on Shabbat. This one peak, however, completely combines the "regular" and Jewish camp experience.

It was my turn to be with the dance studio. In Tiferet we were studying the Song of Songs. The dance instructor suggested we take steps and leaps like gazelles. We positioned our hands above our ears like antlers; we stepped; we leapt. The drum music beat in the background. Then words from Song of Songs came to me, and I sprang out from the group and recited to the beat of the drum, "Hark! My beloved! There he comes, / Leaping over mountains, / Bounding over hills. / My beloved is like a gazelle / Or like a young stag." (2:8-9)

Those dancers were no longer just dancing, and we weren't just studying Bible text. We were living Torah; we were dancing Judaism.

OSRUI is not an unfamiliar term at BJBE. Many of us have been there: as campers, on staff, for adult and family retreats, and more. The summer seems far away, but June, July, and August are not the only times for us to take advantage of this wonderful Jewish space. BJBE offers a time and a place for everyone at OSRUI. Mark your calendars:

Family Retreat	October 21-23, 1994
Adult Retreat	January 20-22, 1995
KYG Retreat (4th & 5th grades)	November 11-13, 1994
JYG Retreat (6th-8th grades)	February 17-20, 1995
SYG Retreat (9th-12th grades)	January 13-15, 1995

And I hope you'll join us.

Amy L. Memis

T'FILOT....SERVICES

Friday, September 30 8:00 pm
Shabbat Worship

Saturday, October 1 10:45 am
B'nai Mitzvah:
Neal Jacobs,
son of Scott and Ada Jacobs
David Trossman,
son of Mark and Pamela Trossman

Friday, October 7 8:00 pm
Shabbat Worship

Saturday, October 8 10:45 am
B'nai Mitzvah:
Todd Grobstein,
son of Gene and Karen Grobstein
Meredith Fils,
daughter of Laurence and Vicky Fils

Friday, October 14 8:00 pm
Shabbat Worship
Honoring New Members

Saturday, October 15 10:45 am
B'nai Mitzvah:
Bradley Phillips, Darci Phillips,
children of Robert and Rhonda Phillips

Friday, October 21
7:30 pm Family Service, jr. choir, October birthdays, story sermon
8:00 pm Alternative Adult Worship downstairs
9:15 pm Service and program for 20-something singles

Saturday, October 22 10:45 am
Bat Mitzvah:
Julie Chernawsky,
daughter of Howard and Roberta Chernawsky

Friday, October 28 8:00 pm
Shabbat Worship

Saturday, October 29 10:45 am
Bar Mitzvah:
Adam Glassman,
son of Mark and Elaine Glassman

BULLETIN DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1st

President's Corner

I spent a lot of time this summer doing what I do best: reading. I chased more spies and solved more mysteries than the Mossad and the FBI combined. I visited foreign countries, met intellectual giants, and tried cases in a variety of local and federal courts. I managed to be a Jew of the Biblical period, a heroine in the Warsaw ghetto, and an Orthodox Israeli in search of self. Reading for pure relaxation is so easy. Your mind can wander or stay focused. You can read straight through to the end of a chapter or stop after a page. No one tells you what to read or when to do it. You are on your own. It's wonderful!

How different is leisure reading from the experience of reading *Gates of Repentance* as we did during the recent High Holyday period. In this type of reading, someone tells you when and where you are to begin your reading and then to which page you go next. You are told what to read aloud and when to read silently. At certain times, one becomes a passive participant as the rabbis or speakers read the words or the choir sings them for us. Even your posture is other-directed: stand up, sit down, face the ark, bow your head.

Reading in a service is so difficult. You know you are supposed to stay focused, you want to stay focused, but your own thoughts and concerns intrude. You say the words that are on the page, but sometimes they aren't the words you want. At times you don't even know what you've read because the page must be turned or the next reader is about to begin to speak. And yet, while it seems that the words of prayer are sacrificed in order for there to be communal worship, I don't believe that to be all bad.

A book is a concrete object, and that which is in the book today will be in the book forever. If we forgot what we read, we can go back and retrieve the thought. If we were provoked or inspired by the words, we can go back for reinforcement. But the hallmarks of communal worship—a sense of community, the being there with hundreds of others in our temple family, the realization that you are doing what millions of other Jews are doing at that time—carry more power than any written word. Using our auditory skills as Rabbis Shapiro and Memis challenge our thinking with their sermons, allowing the music of the service to transport us, these are experiences that must be savored firsthand. Communal worship, an act of faith, allows us that.

I suppose as a congregational Jew I have the best of both worlds, for shortly after Yom Kippur and having been a part of the community, it has become my practice to turn to *Gates of Repentance* and read, just read, this compilation of modern poetry, ancient liturgy, and timeless Torah all by myself. I am free to read it at my leisure, go back to the parts I particularly like, absorb the intent of the writer, and respond in a more individual, personal manner. So if you're looking for something new, pick up *Gates of Repentance*. It's a terrific "read."

B'shalom,
Sande Holleb

Birthday Blessings

On **Friday, October 21 at 7:30 pm**, youngsters with birthdays in **October** will be called to the pulpit for a blessing and a gift. If your youngster's name is not on the following list, please notify the Temple office.

Jason Berg, Jeffrey Cahn, Matthew Dosik, Jessica Dosik, Samuel Sheftel, Aaron Gordon, Bryan Grobstein, Eli Jacobson, Abby Karpik, Lisa Katz, Jorie Kotowsky, Amy Marx, David Melnick, Jordan Nach, Benjamin Swislow, Lisa Walsh, Aaron Winer, Robert Yavitch

In Our Family

OUR THANKS:

...for co-sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat:

Cathy and Marc Horwitz, in honor of the naming of their daughter, Jamie Helen Horwitz.

Ethel and Harvey Schmall and Leah and Paul Harris, in honor of the naming of their granddaughter, Jamie Erin Harris.

Lora and Jeff Mantelman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Barbara Ward.

The Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class, in honor of their B'nai Mitzvah.

MAZEL TOV:

...on the engagement of:

Jocelyn Cohen, daughter of Michele and Howard, to Scott Isaacs.

...on the birth of:

Elliott Blitenthal, grandson of Sunny and Jack Gerol and Arlene and Herb Blum.

Jamie Erin, daughter of Julie and Greg Harris, granddaughter of Ethel and Harvey Schmall.

Jenny Rose Altman, granddaughter of Sue and Arther Altman.

Jason David Wilson, grandson of Elana and Len Goldman.

Andrew Scott Resnikoff, grandson of Lois and Richard Veit.

Jillian Merrick, daughter of Cindy and Dan, granddaughter of Marcia and Gordon Cotell.

A speedy recovery to:

David Gan, John Eman, Sidney Kahn, Lillian Conrich, Sybil Stern, Norm Getz, Monica Hesky.

Condolences on the death of loved ones:

Frieda Mayer, mother of Bernice Dubin.

Diane Krebs, sister of Ken Krebs.

Florence Sarnat, mother of Linda Silvers.

Yvette Fried, daughter of Lillian and Jack Minsky.

Estelle Garris, mother of Lana Segal.

Tillie Simon, mother of Sheldon Silver.

New Members

A warm welcome to the following who have recently joined our congregational family:

Susan & Steven Adams

Susan Brenner

Ann & Stewart Chalem

Diane & Stephen Deutsch

Kim & Robert Eisendrath

Diane & Ronald Ekeberg

Rachel & Andrew Fersten

Barbara & Melvyn Fogel

Lynn & Larry Glickman

Irma Goldman

Karen & Norman Handler

Fay & Herbert Herman

Sarah & Robert Hillman

Lisa & Robert Honig

Marci & Greg Morrison

Lisa & Jeff Rosenberg

Carolyn & Donald Sherman

Grief Support Group

Our BJE support group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 pm in the library. It is an ongoing group open to everyone who has suffered a loss. Please join us and experience the benefits of support group participation. For information, call Phyllis Glazer (498-1161).

Glenbrook Adult Study Institute

FOUR FALL THURSDAY NIGHTS

B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, Beth Shalom, Ezra Habonim, and Beth El Congregations
are joining in the first Glenview-Northbrook community study institute.

THE OFFERINGS:

A. THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES (KOHLET) **RABBI CARL WOLKIN, BETH SHALOM**
 "To everything there is a season... Vanity of vanities... There is nothing new under the sun."
 The highs and lows of life as seen by one who lived through it all.

B. THE BOOK OF ESTHER **RABBI AMY MEMIS, BJBE**
 What a megillah! A king's decrees, heroes and villains, satire and silliness, plus a surprise
 ending you never studied in Religious School.

C. THE BOOK OF PSALMS **RABBI MARK SHAPIRO, BJBE**
 Do you fear no evil in the valley of the shadow? Or do you lift your eyes to the mountains
 looking for some help? Read Psalms, for their moods and ours.

D. THE BOOK OF RUTH **RABBI DAN SHERBILL, EZRA HABONIM**
 "Your people shall be my people... You have not turned to younger men, whether poor or
 rich." A new girl "comes back" to a small town and tongues wag. And what ever happened to
 Orpah?

E. THE SONG OF SONGS **RABBI VICTOR WEISSBERG, BETH EL**
 "I am my beloved and my beloved is mine...on the mountains, in the valleys..."
 The hottest romance ever written.

B. Y. O. BIBLES (THE FULL TANAKH)

When: <u>Four Fall Thursday Nights</u> Oct. 20, Nov. 3, 10, & 17. 7:30 p.m. - Whole group meets. 8:10 - 9:15 p.m. - Individual classes meet.	Where: B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim 901 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview, IL 60025 (708) 729-7575	Cost: \$10 for the series.
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 Return to: Adult Study Institute, c/o BJBE, 901 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview, IL 60025

Please register me / us for the following courses:

- A. Ecclesiastes, with Rabbi Wolkin
- B. Esther, with Rabbi Memis
- C. Psalms, with Rabbi Shapiro
- D. Ruth, with Rabbi Sherbill
- E. Song of Songs, with Rabbi Weissberg

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Member of BJBE, CBS, Beth El, Ezra Habonim

I enclose \$10 per person, check made out to BJBE.

Sisterhood News

Officially it's fall and the "Seasons with Sisterhood" is in full swing. Come be a part of it all; the camaraderie, the mitzvot, the intellectual pursuits will add to your sense of fulfillment.

You are invited...but are you ready? Sisterhood Membership Dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30 pm, for paid up members. This wonderful evening will kick off our 1994-1995 year. We will start with appetizers, then dinner, and our program, featuring book reviewer Barbara Rinella. you must pay your dues of \$25; check can be sent to Gail Ostach, 820 Bermuda Dunes, Northbrook, IL, 60062. Please **RSVP** to Lois Stiglitz, (498-3337), or Rosalie Rubin, (945-0102), so we can plan appropriately. Wouldn't a Sisterhood membership be a perfect gift for a friend or new daughter-in-law? Join us, we'll be looking for you!

They're here and they're yours for \$34 each. **Entertainment '95** books can be purchased at the Gift Shop, at Sisterhood meetings, at the Membership Dinner, or by calling Hannah Deitch, (297-2260), or Doris Schyman, (498-1464). You will recoup your purchase price many times over by saving on all sorts of dinners and activities featured in the book. What a Chanukah gift! Think about it.

Anyone planning to hold a meeting at Temple, please call Midge Colman, (699-0214), to arrange for the use of any paper goods you think you may need. Sisterhood must keep track of the inventory so we can refill our supplies. If you have any extra serving pieces, such as spoons, spatulas, cake servers, etc., please donate them to the Temple kitchen. Thank you.

Be aware that our Sisterhood has beautiful greeting cards, designed by our dedicated member, Sandy Wiczer, especially for the **L'Dor Vador Fund**. They can be purchased for \$2 each. Anyone wishing to send a congratulatory or memorial card can call Jill Jacobs, (724-1035) to have it mailed, or you can buy a quantity to keep on hand, should a need arise.

For those special occasions, BJBE Sisterhood is available to help you select invitations and paper accessories. We offer a 20% discount and personalized service. Please call for an appointment to view the invitation albums...Sonni Heimer, (298-7209).

Our biggest fund raiser of all is coming up! Save your usable clothes and household goods for **Resale**. Please note the **new times**. Dropoff day is Saturday, October 22, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. You will be getting your I.D. number shortly, so mark our goods for Earning Fund credit. Sale dates are Sunday, October 23, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and Monday, October 24, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, and 5:00 - 9:00 pm. Sisterhood needs your rummage and volunteers to work the sale. Please call Janice Bloomfield, (966-1538) and tell her when you can be of assistance.

Watch for more information about BJBE's **Feminist Group**. Details will be available soon, but for now, remember that the group will meet every other month on Thursday, with the first meeting to be held on October 6.

Attention all shoppers! Please note that our annual **Holiday Boutique** is scheduled for Sunday, November 6, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. We will have vendors selling delicious candy, hand-painted silk accessories, customized stationery, picture frames, and items that children can purchase as gifts for friends and family members.

Our winsome twosome Shirley Glick (827-4142) and Marla Simmons (966-2248) can mail **Happy Day and Memorial Cards** directly for you, or you can pick up packets of cards to have conveniently at home. Don't forget about them.

Women's Way of Knowing Torah led by Kate Kinser will begin on October 8. Here's your chance to join a weekly Shabbat afternoon Torah study group. It's a beautiful and productive way to spend Shabbat. Each session will take place from 3:00 - 5:00 pm and will end with a Havdalah service. For more information or to sign up, call Shelley Riskin (724-7418).

Shalom v'l'hitraot!
Ruth Horowitz

Bits o' Brotherhood

October 8 is almost here! That's the date for an evening of fun at our **Member Appreciation Dinner**. Join us for hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 pm followed by Dinner at 7:15. Entertainment will be provided by *Puttin' On the Ritz*. Members in good standing will be our guests at the dinner. Spouses are invited for the nominal fee of \$10. For more information, call Fred Schechter at 966-5163. Hope to see you all at the Dinner.

Thanks to all of you who came out to help us set up the **Sukkah** on September 18. Your efforts have helped to make Sukkot something tangible for all our congregants to experience.

The **National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods** has formally acknowledged the efforts of our membership Committee with a plaque attesting to our growth. Through their hard work, the BJBE Brotherhood has increased its members by 20% over the prior year. Nice going.

Brotherhood will be sponsoring the **light breakfasts** to be served at the upcoming continuing education presentation on October 2, and the Social Action Committee Mitzvah Day on October 16. I hope that you will take advantage of these great programs and have a *nosh* on us!

If you're not yet a member of the BJBE Brotherhood, it's easy to join. You can drop off a check with your \$25 **membership dues** at the synagogue office or give Gus Schwartz a call at 674-8467 for more information.

Dan Wiczer

An apology is offered to the families of those whose names were omitted from the Plaque List in the High Holyday Memorial Booklet.

Yad Sarah is October's Tzedakah Recipient

Based in Israel, this organization is dedicated to home health care and minimizing hospital stays. This year they began loaning rehabilitative equipment to infants and children discharged from the hospital. A horticultural therapy program aimed at stroke victims was also developed, as well as "Hava's Kitchen," a restaurant for those in need. Please give generously.

Every month we make more than 500 lunches. We could not do this without the assistance of the following monthly contributors: Love's Yogurt in Glenview, Deerfield, and Highland Park; Brown's Chicken in Northbrook; McDonald's; Deerfield's Bakery; Pepperidge Farms; Ralphies and Sunset Foods in Northbrook. Frequenting these stores is a wonderful way to say thank you for the food they provide to so many hungry men, women, and children.

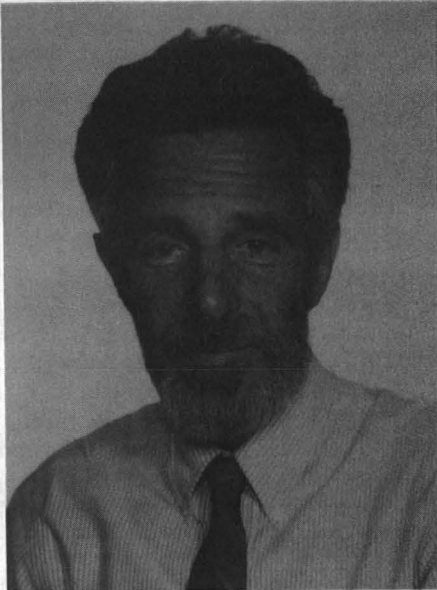
Feed the homeless is Sunday, October 23. Meet in the upstairs kitchen at 9:00.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will meet at the Temple on **Sunday, October 9 from 2-4**. PFLAG is a nondenominational peer-lead support group. Lesbians, gays, family members and friends are invited to attend. These confidential meetings are warm and supportive providing each member the opportunity to listen, share and support one another through what can be a difficult transition. Meetings will be held on a monthly basis. Please call me if you have questions.

Patti Frazin
Social Action Vice President
945-6620

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Friday - Sunday, November 11 - 13



WALTER ZANGER

Israel's best-known GUIDE, a lecturer, author, columnist, raconteur, and authentic authority.

Walter is a native New Yorker, an Israeli citizen since 1966, and an ordained Reform rabbi. He is forthright, articulate, and fascinating.

He will be the BJBE tour guide on the Temple trip to Israel in May.

SCHEDULE

Friday, November 11 Shabbat

- 5:30 pm Dinner with Walter Zanger (reservations needed)
- 8:00 pm Shabbat Worship
- 8:45 pm ZANGER I: "Gaza, Jericho, Hebron, and Then What? The Peace Process as seen from Israel"

Saturday, November 12

- 8:00 pm Havdala
- ZANGER II: "Coping with the Flow; How immigrants to Israel are *really* doing"

Sunday, November 13

- 9:30 am Light breakfast
- ZANGER III: "Who are these Israeli Arabs?"

Reservations for dinner with Walter Zanger, Friday, November 11, 1994, at 5:30 pm

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Friday, November 11 Shabbat dinner with Walter Zanger, at \$12.00 a plate, which includes a Mazon contribution. I enclose a check for \$_____.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

If you wish to be seated with specific people, please include their names:

RESERVE BY NOVEMBER 1.

BJBE AT OSRUI SUMMER 1994

BJBE's Tiferet 1994

Front: Marc Rosenmutter, Beth Avner, Josh Wiczer

Back: Rabbi Memis, Megan Leff



The following BJBE members participated in OSRUI Programs this summer:

Brian Avner, David Field, Jamie Greenberg, Rachel Kalom, Eddy McGrath, Zachery Paul, Seth Weiner, Melissa Weiser, Nathan Wiczer, Margaux Abrams, Jonathan Marron, Mara Waldron, Adam Cohn, Corey Derdiger, Bradley Flaminio, Dana Flaminio, Stephanie Levine, Ben Moss, Josh Rosenbluh, Lisa Sacks, Danielle Weber, Heather Kolber, Justin Riskin, Stefanie Byk, Rachael Freidlieb, Jenna Getz Sheftel, Mara Getz Sheftel, Melissa Noparstak, Emily Baum, Rita Byk, Dana Cohn, David Kraut, Dana Zultowski, Ilyse Zultowski, Jennifer York, Beth Avner, Marc Rosenmutter, Joshua Wiczer, Joanna Tropp, Joshua Davis, Jeni Schuman, Adam Weber, Rachel Petersen, Julie Argentar, Courtney Bathgate, Amy Zultowski, Ben Gonzales, Jonathan Baum, Rebecca Bishaf, and Jeremy Friedman.

We are also proud to recognize the following of our members on Staff:

Andrea Leff, Jennifer Noparstak, Sari Bloom, Sandy Kraut, Jason Kaiz, Reni Dickman, Lisa Haber, Debbie Kaiz, Megan Leff and Steve Chaiken.

MAZON

A Jewish Response to Hunger

The MAZON Committee gratefully acknowledges donations from the following:

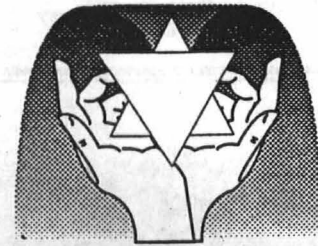
*Elaine and Heinz Herz
Sharon and Ron Subeck
Jan and Allen Lev*

Marga Levy
470-1495

Marlene Mendelson
564-4344

BJBE, as a MAZON Partner synagogue, urges you to (a) contribute to MAZON at Yom Kippur the money you "save" by fasting, (b) contribute at Pesach the amount it would have cost to feed one more guest at whatever Seder you attend, and (c) contribute 3% of the cost of wedding, Bar/Bat Mitzvah and special anniversary celebrations. We hope you'll consider this the baseline MAZON mitzvah.

Sunday, October 16 is Mitzvah Day



Mitzvah Day
October 16, 1994

- 7-9 am Breakfast and kickoff at the Temple
Sponsored by the Brotherhood
- 8-3 pm Mitzvah Projects
- 4-6 pm Food, Fun and Festivities
Dinner by Sandy Silver's Brown's Chicken
in Northbrook (\$5 per person)
Performance by the Jr. Choir
Songleading by Rhonda Wehner
Dessert provided by the Sisterhood

During the holydays we reached into ourselves. Mitzvah Day is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to others as individuals, as a family, and as a community. Please join us as we work on more than 20 projects in the city and neighboring suburbs. Whether you choose to build hand-in-hand with a homeless family, or walk hand-in-hand with a homeless child, your outreach will indeed be a Mitzvah. It is not too late to choose an activity, buy a T-shirt, or attend the dinner. Please contact the Temple for additional forms, or call Patti at 945-6620. All volunteers will be contacted before Mitzvah Day to confirm their choice of activities.

Mazel Tov to Amy Kaufman

Amy Kaufman, daughter of Carri and Allan Kaufman, was selected as first recipient of the Craig Miller OSRUI college scholarship grant. Amy spent many summers at OSRUI as both camper and staff. She'll be attending Indiana University this fall. (Her grandmother, Sis Salzer, is very proud of her, too.)

Family Programming

After a number of family events in the month of September, including a Sukkah decorating party and the Consecration of new students in our Religious School, we are now in the final stages of planning our Family Kallah, which will be held October 21-23 at OSRUI. We may have room for additional families at the last moment, so please leave a message for me in the Temple office if your family is interested.

In November, we will be inaugurating our series of Shabbat potluck dinners before family services. Our first potluck will be held on Friday evening, November 18, beginning at 6:00 pm. School families will receive a flyer about this event. If you are interested in attending, again, please leave me a message. A second dinner will be held on December 16. If there is sufficient interest, this will be a monthly activity.

In addition to the large-scale events we have during the year, I am always open to suggestions for small gatherings and activities. Share your "musings" with me at any time! I am at BJBE Thursday afternoons for sure every week. I hope to be hearing from you soon.

Kate Kinser
Family Programmer

Future Scholar Weekends Include Debbie Friedman and Mark Washofsky

This bulletin announces our first Scholar-in-Residence weekend with Walter Zanger. But there's more.

On February 24-26, we will learn from Dr. Mark Washofsky, professor of Talmud and rabbinic literature at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. This program is sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom and BJBE.

On the weekend of March 24-25, we will host the **one and only Debbie Friedman** who will present her music at our Shabbat Service and lead us in a Havdala service of healing on Saturday, followed by an old-fashioned kumtitz-sing.

These special programs are funded by the generosity of those who contribute to BJBE as Shomrim givers. We urge you to consider becoming one of the Shomrim.

From the Early Childhood Center

Our annual "Get Acquainted Reunion" got our year off to a great start. Parents of our 2's, 3's and 4's spent an evening together, socializing, noshing, harmonizing, and discussing David Wolpe's book, *Teaching Your Children About God*.

Our classroom looks cheerier than ever thanks to some wonderful gifts from the Sisterhood. We are now the proud owners of a plastic block table, a new easel, a deluxe workshop and several new games. And thanks go to Barbara Silverman and family for their gifts of a baby carriage, a cradle, a rocking chair and cuddly stuffed animals for the school. Todah rabah to all of you. The staff, the children and I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

If you have a child 6 months old to 3 years old, please mark our calendar for Friday, October 14, 10:00 to 11:30 am. That is the opening day for our popular Friday Morning Playgroup. Come and meet other parents in a cozy, informal setting for a morning of play and conversation. The cost is \$2 a visit, or 10 visits for \$15. Hope to see you there!

Sandy Robbins
Director

Adult Retreat January 20-22 at OSRUI

Rabbi Mark and Hanna Shapiro invite you to join them for the **30th** BJBE Adult Retreat at refurbished Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute Bayit and Lodge, Friday-Sunday, January 20-22, 1995.

If it's been going strong for 30 years, there must be a reason. And there are many—the conversation, the people, the hiking, the sports, the games, the food, the topics, the camaraderie. Please consider being a part whether this would be your first or thirtieth retreat.

A \$25 deposit per person to the office will hold your place. (Total cost is about \$110 per person.)

Congratulations to Phil Moss, who is directing the third annual Hagigah: Weekend of Israel Dance at OSRUI October 7-10. Hagigah has become a national dance teachers and enthusiasts event, drawing more than 100 dancers. Phil (of BJBE) puts it all together for OSRUI and all of us.

Shabbat Afternoon Torah Study (With a Difference!)

The BJBE Ritual Committee and Sisterhood are co-sponsoring a weekly Shabbat afternoon Torah Study group beginning October 8, 1994. Led by Kate Kinser, an experienced Torah teacher and educator at BJBE, we will meet at the Temple every Saturday from 3:00 - 5:00, ending with Havdalah.

And what's the difference? Our perspective will be "Women's Ways of Knowing Torah" as we study each book of the Bible, beginning with Genesis, looking again at familiar – and not-so-familiar – stories and text from a woman's point of view.

So do you need to be a woman to participate? Definitely not! This group is open to *everyone* – men included. Expand your perspective and knowledge of Torah by joining us! To sign up, or for more information, call Shelley Riskin, (708) 724-7418.

ARZA News

All Zionist organizations, including the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA), subscribe to the Jerusalem Platform, as follows:

THE JERUSALEM PROGRAM

The aims of Zionism are:

- The unity of the Jewish People and the centrality of Israel in Jewish life;
- The ingathering of the Jewish People in its historic homeland Eretz Israel through Aliya from all countries;
- The strengthening of the State of Israel, which is based on the prophetic vision of justice and peace;
- The preservation of the identity of the Jewish People through the fostering of Jewish and Hebrew education and of Jewish spiritual and cultural values;
- The protection of Jewish rights everywhere.

We in ARZA take very seriously the "Vision of Justice" for all Jews regardless of their affiliation.

ARZA is proud of its accomplishment, and with your support as ARZA members, Reform Judaism will reach its goals in Israel.

Sol Appelbaum
ARZA Chairman

From the NEW Shelves of the Syfriyah

We are so excited to have additional bookcases! They will not only add so much more space for the children's books, but make the area "user-friendly" for our little ones. Now – we must "fill 'em up!" Some wonderful new selections for the children:

- "Katie-bo" - A story of an adopted child
- "A Beautiful Pearl" - A child deals with her grandmother's Alzheimer's
- "Soon Annala" - A little sister waits impatiently for her brothers to arrive in the new country - circa 1910.

Look for more.

Elatne Herz
Librarian

Educator's Column

Shalom. I hope you found the holidays a time of introspection and affirmation. May you find this an opportunity to make a fresh start for the New Year.

Our school community is just getting up to speed and we are excited about upcoming events. Our Monday Night School meets for the first time October 3rd. Eighth through tenth grade students begin courses they have chosen for themselves. Classes offered first semester are: "Practical Mitzvot" with **Rabbi Amy Memis and Kate Kinser**; "Shoah: The Witnesses" with **David Hartmann**; "Comparative Religion" with **Sy Bierman**; "Contemporary Hebrew" with **Judi Radomsky**; "Leadership Development" for our new Machonikim (teaching assistants), with **Gary Riskin**; "Genesis: Texts of Beginnings" with **Kate Kinser**; and "Were You At Sinai?" for our confirmands, taught by **Rabbis Memis and Shapiro**.

Our tenth through twelfth graders are getting excited about going to Washington D.C. in November. Tickets for the Holocaust Museum are confirmed, as are airplane reservations. Call our office to find out if there are any spaces left (708) 729-7575.

School Parents, please note that Parent Information Days are coming soon. They represent an ideal opportunity to find out about plans for the year and a chance to speak with your child's teacher.

Parent Information Day Schedule

SCHOOL	DAY	DATE	TIME
Early Childhood Parent-Tot program	Tuesday	October 18th	7:45 - 9:15 p.m.
Primary School	Saturday	October 8th	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Middle School	Sunday	October 9th	9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Middle Schoolers, as well as the entire BJBE community, will be participating in the Mitzvah Day, Sunday, October 16th. Activities include: visiting elderly and shut-ins, cleaning up a cemetery, preparing bag lunches for homeless people, painting, serving at a soup kitchen, etc. Come join us help make the world a better place!



We are very excited about the BJBE Imagination Workshop, a children's theater ensemble for 4 - 6th graders. They are in rehearsal for their first performance of "Creation; Then and Now." Our director is the multi-talented Sisterhood member **Macky Cohen**, former director of the Des Plaines Theater Guild's Children's Workshop. With over 15 years of drama experience, we welcome her to our faculty.

The gala opening is set for December 11th, so mark your calendars!!! (If your child(ren) missed out on this workshop, don't fret, you can sign them up for the Spring workshop/production by calling the school office.)

On a note of personal achievement, **Judi Radomsky**, one of our Hebrew teachers, recently flew her first solo flight in a Cessna 150 aircraft. We salute her success both in the classroom and in the air. May we all take our cue from this effort and rise up to become our best in the new year.

Shanah Tovah!
David Barany

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This fall, for the first time, a course will be offered in the Northwest suburbs - at Temple Chai in Buffalo Grove. Rabbi Shapiro will teach some of the sessions. The course begins on Wednesday, October 5, from 7-9 pm, and continues for 14 more weeks on Wednesdays. Our rabbis have more information.

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For Interfaith Families

For families of Inter-Faith who are Raising Jewish Children at BJBE:

When: Saturday October 29, 9:00-11:15 am

Come join us for a morning of coffee and dialogue with our Rabbis and school administration. Topics to be discussed are BJBE's philosophy and sensitivity to issues related to interfaith families. Please come and share your experiences with us.

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4-10 Cheshvan

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