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RABBI REACTS

Jewish websites keep multiplying and I hear that they're interesting. But I still think nothing can replace some quiet hours with a good Jewish book.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, new young president of the UAHC, thinks so too. (I was his rabbi when he was a NFTYcamp teen!) He's asking all Reform Jews to be more Jewishly literate by reading more Jewish books.

He is bright and right. He must have had good teachers.

And I'm adding--START WITH ONE BOOK MORE! And then come to one book discussion on the book you chose.

You can choose from four books, all available at Temple for \$15.

A. How to Get More out of Being Jewish Even if You're Not Sure You Believe in God, and Even if....., by Gil Mann. A very good place to start if Jewish participation has not come so easily or been so enjoyable for you.

B. As a Driven Leaf, by Milton Steinberg. A page-turning novel about an historic 2nd century rabbi who was excommunicated for heresy. You meet the sages of the Talmud, see them at work, encounter budding Christianity, debate faith versus reason.

C. Jewish Power, by J.J. Goldberg. A fascinating current look at who wields the power inside the Jewish community, and whether we Jews have as much clout as some think we do. Great, straight reporting on our times by the son of the late Arthur Goldberg.

D. The Sabbath, by Abraham Joshua Heschel. A short but challenging classic by a Jewish spiritual giant. Heschel opens up the inner soul of Shabbat and its meaning for technology, time-space, and our own existence.

Get your chosen book at Temple (or anywhere), read it, and then come to a group discussion of the book to solidify what you learned. Here's the discussion schedule:

Sunday, April 26	10-11:30 a.m.	<u>How to Get More...</u>
Sunday, May 3	10-11:30 a.m.	<u>The Sabbath</u>
Sunday, May 17	10-11:30 a.m.	<u>Jewish Power</u>
Tuesday, May 19	7:30-9:00 p.m.	<u>As a Driven Leaf</u>

All this will be happening during the 49 day period of the Omer, from Pesach to Shavuot. As the count goes up, so will our literacy.

And then you can push your literacy one step more by being at Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, a traditional night of lively study, discussion, celebration and dairy foods on Saturday evening, May 30.

Just don't let all this book-learning make you forget the fun of Purim and costumes--Wednesday night, March 11, at 7:30 P.M.

Sincerely,
Mark S. Shapiro

T'Filot...Worship

Friday, March 6 8:00 p.m.

Shabbat Worship

Shabbat Y'ladam service and program for families with very young children, downstairs 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 7 10:45 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah:

Kara Swislow, daughter of Julie and Mark Swislow

Wednesday Night, March 11 7:00 p.m.

PURIM!!!

Megilla reading, costumes and prizes, noise, Philharmonic

Friday, March 13
EARLY SHABBAT SERVICE, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 14 10:45 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah:

Carly Torch, daughter of Robin and Nathan Torch

Sunday, March 15
Renewal of Spirit Service, 10:45 a.m., led by Sandy Krebs and our cantor and rabbis

Friday, March 20
7:30 p.m. Shabbat HaMoreh, honoring our teachers
Family Service, jr. choir
8:00 p.m. Alternative Adult worship, downstairs

Saturday, March 21 10:45 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah

Joseph Shutman, son of Sandy Shutman and GERALYN Shutman

Friday, March 27 8:00 p.m.

Shabbat Worship

The Overnight choir will sing

Saturday, March 28 10:45 a.m.

B'nai Mitzvah:

Boris Lehtman, son of Emma and Efim Lehtman
Dayna Perlut, daughter of Estee Perlut

Address of BJBE website homepage: <http://www.shamash.org/reform/uaahc/congs/il/il010>

PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

It is of paramount importance that we continually strive to improve our Synagogue Board. We are now in the process of finding new trustees. Most of you know that the beginning point is the selection of the right people to form the nominating committee. This has been done. After their selection, the nominating committee began the selection of the most desirable candidates. Some will accept, others will not. Those who become candidates must have an interest in the well-being of the Temple.

The people who are selected should be well known to the nominating committee. The committee has the responsibility to get information about the prospects from prior board members as well as present board members and other outside sources. If the process is handled properly, the board will present these candidates to the congregation for approval at the annual board meeting.

The synagogue is a religious institution whose members are worshipping and caring individuals. When the matters of organization and conduct of business practices need to be completed, they should in no way obscure the Temple's religious emphasis. We have established sound organizational structures and have continued sound management practices needed to fulfill our mission. Therefore, we must continue to balance the scale whenever we select members to the board.

It is very difficult but important to know who is prepared to perform effectively on the synagogue board. It is equally important to know what their synagogue culture is in order to be effective trustees. We are organized like a corporation, but unlike a typical business entity, there are many heads of state, such as the Rabbi, the Executive Director, the President of the Board, and those who claim special interests. It is important to understand the role and mission of each group because as members, we are providers as well as consumers of services offered by the Temple.

A gentleman whom I met at a UAHC Convention, Daniel S. Schechter, past president of a neighboring temple in Glencoe, put his ideas and perspectives together into booklet form. I am fortunate to be able to use it in writing this material. He listed the major assignments for a successful synagogue board.

He indicated that the board needs to define the purposes of the Temple and develop long-range goals and policies and take action to achieve these goals. It is important that these goals be implemented by future boards even when new goals are set. The board must continue to collaborate with its clergy and administrator in significant program planning while effectively monitoring and evaluating those presented by the clergy, educators, etc. To be successful as a board, it should make policy and ensure that it is carried out, but should never interfere or meddle into the way the Rabbis or Administrator handles the matter that are under their jurisdiction. With the help of the clergy, we should continue to develop religious educational policies for children and adults, to keep our fingers on the pulse of the wide Jewish community--local, national, or international and above all, preserve and insure our financial stability.

Good policies and goals are without value unless supported by the trustees. Boards must motivate and counsel without rubber stamping recommendations of the Clergy. The trustee should at all times feel a sense of ownership of all the programs as they do for worship and community service. Otherwise they may not be right for their role as trustee.

It is my understanding that our board members need business skills, but should be able to meet the needs of the community by also being consumers. We need to prioritise our Jewishness in becoming good leaders within our synagogue structure.

We have a wonderful board, some will leave at the end of their term, others will leave for various other reasons, but we must insure that future boards be as capable as those who have served us in the past.

Thank you,
Martin A. Salomon

FAMILY KALLAH, 98....

Sixteen families converged at OSRUI Camp in Oconomowoc, Wisc., on a snowy weekend towards the end of January to enjoy each others company, to feed the soul and to feed the body. With cars and vans packed to bursting with sleds, goodies, coolers, car seats, games, and plenty of ruach, we arrived and settled in.

The childrens ages ranged from 2 to 15 years old--the younger ones being passed from lap to lap, making it difficult to distinguish which child belonged to which family.

What was the draw? Diane Bodzins hummus and coffee? Diane Sach's guacamole? Nancy Strahinic's 5 different kinds of mandle bread? Gary Riskin's cinnamon rolls? I could go on and on. Enough feeding the body...what about the soul?

A wonderful program was created with "Jewish Literacy" as the focus. We discovered with help from Rabbi Shapiro, Rabbi Memis, and David Barany that each family has its own "tool box" made up of knowledge, skills, and experiences. We spend our lives filling that "tool box". We learned that we really know a lot, but we have a lot more to learn.

As I joined in Saturday morning Shabbat services led by Rabbi Memis, with all the families taking parts, and looked out the windows at the snowcapped trees, I thought to myself, *"this is as good as it gets"*.

Hedda Schless
Family Co-ordinator



SISTERHOOD NEWS...

Sisterhood board meetings never cease to amaze me. They are run with precision, efficiency, and grace, and I always get the sense that important things have been accomplished-or set in motion-when the meetings have been adjourned. At any given meeting, 50 to 70 talented and hardworking women bring their ideas, enthusiasm, spirit, and warmth. The result? An upcoming slate of interesting, relevant, and worthwhile programs.

>Our March Open Meeting will focus on Tai Chi, a unique form of exercise based on physical and spiritual balance. In addition to learning about the ancient Chinese discipline of meditative movements, we will also be doing these gentle exercises. So be sure to wear comfortable clothing and join us on Thursday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the temple for an informative and truly inspirational evening. For more information, call Sandie Sklar at 847-272-2794.

>On Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 at the temple, Sisterhood is proud to welcome speaker and writer Sue William Silverman. She will talk about her award-winning book, entitled "*Because I Remember Terror, Father, I Remember You*", a chilling account of her life as a sexually abused child. Copies of the book will also be on sale at the meeting. For more information about this important program, call Reva Felder at 847-564-4474.

>**Spring Resale** is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18 thru Monday, April 20, for one of Sisterhood's biggest fundraisers of the year. For more information about this event, be sure to watch the next *Bulletin*. In the meantime, if you have any "gently used" clothing, toys, small appliances, books, and other items that you'd like to contribute, it's not too early to start collecting them.

>In collaboration with BJBE's Interfaith Committee, Feminist Forum is proud to present **The Voice of the Woman-In Catholicism**. Sister Mary Ellen Coomb and lay woman Margaret Brennan will provide their perspectives on changes that have affected women in the Catholic Church over the past 85 years, as well as the status of Jewish/Catholic relations. The program will take place on April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the temple. For more information, call Julie Webb, 847-222-9086 or Jill Jacobs, 847-724-1035.

>This year's **Circle of Service** luncheon will honor our very own **Phyllis Steiner**. Be sure to mark your calendars for this very special afternoon on May 3. Watch the *Bulletin* for more information or call Adrienne Daskal at 847-883-0017.

>Sisterhood's final Open Meeting of the year will be a **Taste and Tell Dinner** featuring dishes from our new cookbook, *Foodworks 2*. Due out this spring, the book contains hundreds of time-tested recipes in a variety of categories. Join us for this "tasteful" and fun event on May 6. For more information, call Sandie Sklar, 847-272-2794.

>Be sure to reserve July 24 for Sisterhood's **1998/5758 Kallah**. Led by Dr. Simone Sofian, the 24-hour experience at the Nordic Hills Resort will focus on Jewish religious feminism, with emphasis on the recent changes brought about by this movement. For more information or to reserve your place, call Bernice Waitsman, 847-296-5759.

>Picture this. It's Saturday, and you and your spouse are off on a fun-filled weekend. You start by checking in at a nearby hotel. After a hearty lunch, you dash off to race go-carts, play miniature golf, and bowl a few lines. Then it's off to a romantic spot for dancing and drinks. With the **Entertainment Book**, you can enjoy these activities and others-and save up to 50% at the same time! Although the '98 books have all been sold, watch for next year's version-so you can enjoy the savings too!

IN OUR FAMILY...

OUR THANKS:

...for co-sponsoring an **Oneg Shabbat** and for their gift of **Bima flowers in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of their children:**

Gloria and Steve Marron, Joan and Chuck Schwartz, Cheryl and Alan Arden.

...for co-sponsoring an **Oneg Shabbat:**

Sandy Shutman and Robyn Azoo, in honor of their marriage.

Sharon Perlman and David Haase, in honor of the naming of their daughter, Arielle Shayleen Haase.

The Women of Sisterhood.

MAZEL TOV:

...on the engagement of:

Laurie Karm, daughter of Linda and Howard. to Bill Hopkins.

Debbie Farkas, daughter of Fran and Ron, to Jay Elshaug.

Jill Pam, daughter of Karen and Jerry, to Dan McCauley.

...on the birth of:

Ariella Jacobson, granddaughter of Joie and Larry Jacobson.

Sarah Michelle Schwartz, granddaughter of Donna and Chuck Schwartz and Joie and Larry Jacobson.

Ilana Sarah, daughter of Lisa and Jeff Rosenberg and granddaughter of Karen and Jerry Pam.

Noah, son of Abby and Joseph Agnew, grandson of Ina Kantor.

Cameron Mark Kantor, grandson of Ina Kantor.

Joshua Caleb Brot, grandson of Sherry and Harvey Amend.

Megan Samantha, daughter of Jayme and Gary Ernsteen, granddaughter of Marilyn and Joe Ernsteen.

A speedy recovery to:

Ron Weil, David Gates, Mike Colman, and Howard Neumann.

Condolences on the death of a loved one:

Ben Adelman, our member, husband of Sylvia.

Sam Derdiger, father of Lowell Derdiger.

Leon Kagan, father of Allen Kagan.

Paul Ralph Freeman, father of Barbara Palmer.

Maurice Martin, father of Marsha Gordon and Steve Martin.

We record with sorrow the death of
BEN ADELMAN
"May his memory be a blessing"

NEW MEMBERS...

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

Dennis Berg	Glenview
Sarah Devereaux	Mt. Prospect
Dr. Simin and Dr. Svetlana Tshipursky	Lincolnwood

>Providing scholarship assistance and contributing to special religious, social, and humanitarian projects, the **Y.E.S. Fund** continues to offer the following items: Chai Certificates (\$18 each), Thank You cards (10 for \$7.50), Mazel Tov cards (5 for \$7.50), Golden Grams (\$3.50 each), and Note Cards (5 for \$7.50). You can also send Contribution cards to let someone know you've contributed to the Y.E.S. Fund in his or her name (\$5 each) or Uniongrams to remember loved ones in times of illness, death, or mazel tov (4 for \$3). Help us support the Y.E.S. Fund by placing an order with Janet Halperin, 847-298-9347.

Whether you're interested in cooking or tai chi, Kallah or interfaith perspectives, why not join us at an upcoming event or two? We look forward to seeing you.

L'Shalom
Naomi Kogan Dein

INFORMATION and CELEBRATION

Purim is such an interesting holiday because it appeals to so many people on so many levels. It's a children's holiday with costumes and noisemakers, it's a family holiday that we can celebrate with other families at temple, and it's a holiday with very adult themes.

The story is an old and familiar one. It can be found in the Megillah-the Scroll of Esther. It is not part of the Torah. The story in the Book of Esther is a melodramatic tale of court intrigue. It includes political maneuvering and sexual innuendoes. At the beginning of the story, proud Queen Vashti is banished and beautiful Esther is chosen in a beauty contest to be the new queen. The evil Haman becomes prime minister, but righteous Mordechai, Esther's protector, refuses to bow down to him. Haman decides to take out his fury on all the Jews and convinces the rather silly king, Ahasuerus, to consent to a decree calling for the massacre of the Jews throughout the kingdom. Mordechai and Esther go to work to counteract this scheme. Esther entertains the king, wines and dines him, and then reveals that she is Jewish and pleads for her people. Haman is hanged and the Jews are allowed to turn the tables on their enemies. Much too often, we have faced villains like Haman and the conclusion of the story has not been a happy one. In this story, the Jews triumph. So we celebrate!

We celebrate by coming to temple for the annual Purim costume parade and service. Mark your calendar now-Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 P.M. Come in costume - you might win a prize! We try to guess what our rabbis, cantor, and educator will be wearing that night. We use our greggers to drown out the sound of Haman's name during the reading of the Megillah. We enjoy hamantaschen after the service.

There are also ways to celebrate at home. We can send gifts of food to our friends. These gifts are called shalach manot. This usually means putting together some hamantaschen, cake, fruit, nuts, or whatever on plates or in a basket, and then delivering them. Traditionally, at least two types of food are included. We can also give money to those Jews who are less fortunate so that they are able to enjoy Purim. This practice is called mattanot le-evyonim.

At the end of the Megillah, Mordechai commands us to tell the Purim story each year. So listen to Mordechai, come to temple on March 11, and join the fun!

Sandy Robbins

PASSOVER ARTIFACTS NEEDED

Now that the Renovation project is completed, we have a lovely display cabinet in our foyer. We are looking to display Passover artifacts in it. If you have something pertaining to Passover that you are willing to lend us for a while, please call Zelda Wise, 272-8212 and let her know. We will treat your treasures lovingly and return them as soon as the display is changed.

HELP WANTED...Packaging and Delivering Passover Parcels

Maot Chitim will be assembling and delivering 5,000 boxes of food for needy Jews. Preparation will take place Sunday, March 29 during the day, Monday thru Thursday 7-9 p.m., March 30-April 2, and Saturday evening, April 4 at 8 p.m. Deliveries will be made on Sunday, April 5 between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. The warehouse site for this project has not yet been selected. Please contact Patti Frazin, 945-6620 for additional information.

PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES....

Put on your dancing shoes, bring a bag of groceries and be prepared for a fun-filled evening. Help Old Mother Hubbard fill her empty cupboard while enjoying an evening of dancing and games. Music provided by A to Z Entertainment and The Revolutions. Groceries provided by you (and donated to the EZRA Uptown Food Pantry) and thanks provided by the Social Action and Membership Committees. This fourth annual congregational thank-you party will be held on Saturday, March 7 from 7:00-10 p.m. in the Community Hall. Admission is \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 per family plus a bag of groceries. Additional donations are welcome and appreciated.

Please open your pantry to warm some hearts and fill some tummies. Watch your mail for details or call Ruth Miller, 267-8005.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS AT BJBE

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meetings help individuals abstain from compulsive overeating thru shared experiences, strength and hope. Membership at BJBE is not a requirement. Attendance and content are held in strict confidence. Meetings are held weekly. Please contact the temple at 729-7575 or Patti Frazin at 945-6620 for additional information.

HELPING EACH OTHER DURING PESACH

Passover or Pesach, the holiday in which we remember the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, begins on the 15th of the month of Nisan and continues for 7 days thru Nisan 21 (though many people in the Diaspora celebrate it for 8 days.) This year the first and second night seders fall on Friday, April 10 & Saturday, April 11.

Though we will not be having a BJBE congregational second night seder, it is part of our tradition during Pesach to ensure that everyone in our BJBE community has a place to go for seder. "Let all who are hungry come and eat; let all who are in need come share our Passover." This declaration, that begins the Maggid or the telling of the story of Passover, is considered so important that it is recited in the common language of the day to ensure that no one is excluded from the Passover feast. Therefore, we are asking you, the members of the BJBE community, to open your homes to those who are in need of a place to go for seder. If you can volunteer to be a host to a family or individuals, please call the BJBE synagogue office (847) 729-7575 and they will put your name on a list. If you are a family or individual that needs a place to go for seder, please call Rabbi Shapiro or Rabbi Memis and they will help match you to one of the volunteer families in our BJBE community.

SUNDAY A.M. KOLLEL

Come study and nosh with Rabbi Mark Shapiro on Sunday, March 8, 1998. Rabbi Shapiro will discuss *Don't You Think Hebrew Looks Strange?* Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary to follow and enjoy the discussion. A light breakfast and the program will begin at 9:30 a.m. upstairs in the Community Hall.

BUILDING RENOVATION FUND...

Congratulations to BJBE for a strong response to our building renovation fund raising efforts. As of the middle of January, we have received pledges totaling more than \$910,000. Equally important, actual cash received approximated \$580,000. The remainder of the pledges will come in over the next four years with a large percentage promised for the current year. Almost 50% of the membership have contributed to the fund. This is clearly the most successful campaign in BJBE's history, with the cash received more than doubling the total funds received from the Torah project several years ago.

As successful as this fund raising campaign has been, we must remember that we are still short of achieving our original \$1 million goal. The cost of the renovation escalated up to a total of \$1.2 million. Therefore, *we still must raise another \$300,000* to fully cover our costs. The difference between the cost incurred and the funds raised are being financed from a bank loan. The interest paid on the loan is adding to each one of our dues. The sooner we can raise the remaining funds, the sooner the debt can be retired and the interest burden can be alleviated.

While fifty percent participation compares favorably to any of our previous fund raising efforts, including the high holy day appeal, the synagogue is used by everyone. Therefore, allowing for those families on or near dues consideration levels, we should be striving to reach at least a 75% participation level. Even those families who use the temple sparingly should contribute as the temple must be kept running so that it is available when you need it. If everyone contributed only when they used the facilities or the staff, we would not be around long enough to serve those needs!

Those of us involved in the fund raising campaign are dedicated to continue our efforts until the remaining funds are donated. We need everyone to re-examine their commitment and see how it can be increased. It is time for the non-contributors to pitch in and help. If we raised \$900,000 last year, we can raise the additional \$300,000 this year!

Thanks to everyone who contributed this past year, and a thank you in advance to those who will step-up and help us this year.

Jim S. Ostach
Renovation Chairman

BJBE FUNERAL PLAN

BJBE has long had a standardized funeral plan which provides services and a dignified hardwood casket constructed in the Jewish tradition for a fixed cost. This reduces the number and complexity of decisions that must be made at this particularly difficult and emotional time.

BJBE is now using Chicago Jewish Funerals, Ltd., at 3100 W. Dundee Rd., in Northbrook as the provider for the BJBE Standardized Funeral. The details of what is included in the plan have not changed, and as before, the availability of the BJBE Standardized Funeral and the use of the sanctuary for funerals is limited to BJBE members and their immediate families. This is interpreted as members, their parents, their siblings, and their children.

Our booklet, "Reform Jewish Funeral Practices", is now being revised to reflect the change in the funeral plan provider as well as the change in management of our cemetery, Mount Jehoshua.

We look forward to a good working relationship with Chicago Jewish Funerals. Questions about the funeral plan may be addressed to Mr. David Jacobson at Chicago Jewish Funerals (847) 509-5011 or to the BJBE office.

SOCIAL ACTION...

During the month of February, we had a very successful Blood Drive. Arlene Morgan and Kathy Kulick with their committees called congregants and coordinated their schedules with Lifesource. Thank you very much for a job well done!

On Sunday, the 22nd of February, approximately 500 lunches were made for the Feed the Homeless Program. The Bob Terry Fund contributes to this very worthwhile program. We are starting to make lunches at 9 a.m. on the 4th Sunday of every month in our Temple kitchen. Please join us.

March 7, 1998 is the date for the disco dance. Admission is \$10.00 per family and a bag of groceries. All the food will be donated to Ezra.

March 24 is the next social action meeting, so please take an hour out of your busy day and join us at 7:30 p.m. for a lively discussion on our upcoming events.

During the month of May, we will have a drive to collect Wigs and Prostheses to donate to the Cancer Foundation. Look in your bulletin for further information.

<i>March 7</i>	<i>Disco Dance</i>
<i>March 8</i>	<i>P-flag 2:00 p.m.</i>
<i>March 22</i>	<i>Feed the Homeless 9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>March 24</i>	<i>Social Action Meeting</i>

BJBE YOUNG ADULTS CONGREGATION (20 & 30 something singles and couples)

The BJBE Young Adults are proud of the several successful programs we have enjoyed over the past few months. We are off to a great start; our size and momentum are growing.

A special thanks for hard work done at our December event to **Diane Borin** for coordinating the food and **Corey Borin** for cooking the delicious latkes.

In February, we laughed a lot at our Mel Brooks' Movie Night and enjoyed schmoozing around the dinner table. Thanks especially to **Deb Gates** who helped coordinate all the delicious food for the evening.

Our next program will be **Dinner & Bowling** in Wheeling on **Saturday, March 14, 1998**. If you want more information, call **Carrie Ogulnick** (847) 821-7865 for details.

Save these dates for future events: **Pesach Prep and Tasting - April 5, 1998, Feed the Homeless - April 26, 1998, and Dave & Busters - May 16, 1998.**

SET YOUR VCR...

A very special show, "*Luba, the Angel of Bergen-Belsen*" is scheduled to be aired on Saturday, March 14, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. on A&E. This program was written and produced by Ken Goldstein, son of BJBE members Susan and Arnold Goldstein, and Ken's partner, Lisa Enos. The film tells the story of Luba Tryszynska, a young Jewish woman in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany during World War II. Although her husband and son were killed, Luba was chosen to nurse injured Nazi soldiers. She also secretly cared for 54 Jewish children in the camp who had been separated from their parents. These children were from Belgium and were nicknamed "the diamond children". Because of Luba's extraordinary efforts, 52 of the children were alive at the end of the war. Check your TV guide to confirm the time and date of showing.

Mazel Tov to Ken, Lisa, Susan and Arnold!

GAUCHER'S DISEASE

Of the prevalent Jewish genetic diseases, Gaucher's disease is the most common. Moreover, it is the only one that is currently treatable.

Gaucher's disease is an inherited disorder caused by a defective gene which results in deficient activity of an enzyme, B-glucosidase. This then causes an accumulation of fatty substances within cells in the spleen, liver, and bone marrow. These affected organs then become enlarged and fail to function normally. Symptoms include fatigue, easy bruising, anemia, chronic bone pain, and fractures. The severity of symptoms varies with the degree of enzyme deficiency. Some patients have life-threatening symptoms, while others have practically none. The diagnosis is made by a blood test.

There are three subtypes of Gaucher's disease. Type 1 is the most common and affects one in 450 Jews of Ashkenazi descent. Symptoms may begin in childhood or adolescence. If treated, affected patients can live full and active lives. Type 2 is a very rare form that also affects the brain and is similar to Tay-Sachs. Affected children usually do not live beyond two years of age. Type 3 is similar to Type 1 but more severe, with brain involvement. It, too, is rare.

Treatment of types 1 and 3 is by intravenous infusion of the enzyme B-glucosidase usually every 2 weeks. Enzyme replacement therapy is relatively new and very exciting. However, it is expensive. Dosage varies according to body weight. One year of treatment for an 80 lb. child costs approximately \$200,000. Similarly, treatment for a 160 lb. adult would run \$400,000 yearly. This therapy is safe and effective, and there are over 1,000 patients now receiving it.

Through research and monetary donations, the enzyme defect in Gaucher's disease was discovered. Fortunately, by giving this enzyme to children and adults who have this disease, the gift of health can be reborn. It is hoped that gene therapy will soon be developed in order to create a continuous supply of the necessary enzyme. For more information regarding this disease, and charitable contributions, contact:

The National Gaucher Foundation
11140 Rockville Pike-Suite 350
Rockville, MD. 20852 (800) 925-8885

**References available upon request.*

This information does not constitute individualized medical advice and is not a substitute for seeing your own personal physician. Rather, it is my intention to bring Jewish-related medical topics to your attention for general educational purposes.

JYG

JYG has been having so much fun this year. We had our annual retreat back in December. The theme for this year was prayers. We closely studied a few prayers we are familiar with. The Jyggers really enjoyed all the fun activities we did with this weekend. On Jan. 25, we headed out to the Enchanted Castle. Everyone was so excited to play the games, that they ate lunch fast and had 2 hours of games! In Feb., we went to the Lazer Zone. We played two great games of lazer tag. Our next event is on March 20th. We are having our annual Shul-In. Look for the flyers in the next couple of days and make sure to sign up. *This is one of our most popular events!* If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carrie.

B'Shalom
Carrie Ogulnick
821-7865

Judy Cohan

As we head into March looking forward to the holiday of Purim, there are some interesting activities around Chicago that can help us join together for fun and comradarie as we explore our Jewish identity. Here are some activities for both families and adults to enjoy the end of winter.

At the *Northlight Theatre* March 18-April 19, *The Last Survivor*, a play moving between 1938 and 1995 looking at the relationship between a Jewish father and his daughter. Although the play is a drama, it takes a humorous look at issues of responsibility to family, self and heritage and what it means when a child must become her parent's parent. It will take place at the North Shore Center for Performing Arts. For tickets, call 673-6300.

Also in March is the *Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Ensemble*, Israel's best known modern dance troupe which can be seen at *Governors State University*, (40 minutes south of the Loop). The performance which celebrates Israel's 50th anniversary was inspired by memories of WWII survivors. Call (708) 235-2222 for details.

In celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary, *Mike Burstyn in Hatikvah-The Hope* will be presented at the *North Shore Center of Performing Arts*. This will be an extravaganza of music, dance and readings. It's being billed as a very upbeat celebration. Call (312) 726-1802 for details or call North Shore Center at 673-6300.

Purim Activities... On Wednesday, March 11, there will be a *Megilah Reading* at BJB at 7:00 p.m. There will be treats and fun for kids and adults as the story of Purim is told. At the *Chai Center*, 2904 Old Glenview Road, on Thursday, March 12, there will be a *Purim Fiesta—a "Mexican Style" Purim Party* complete with Mexican food, pinatas and music at 5:30 p.m. Call 251-7707 for details and costs of the party.

Also check with our own BJB members to learn about the **Purim Fair at the temple**. Call Hedda Schless for details and info.

Other ideas for Chavrut getting together this month could include activities such as giving tzedaka, food baskets and also sending gifts of at least 2 kinds of ready-made food to at least one friend. This is a way of emphasizing the importance of Jewish unity and friendship among us. This could be a fun activity together.

On Sunday, March 15, there will be the *4th Global Women's Passover pre-Seder* sponsored by the *Project Keshet and American Jewish Congress*. The seder will use a special haggadah and will take place at *Beth Hillel* at 1:30 p.m. This year the theme will be sharing traditions with women in the former Soviet Union.

For more information about these activities or to talk about ideas, give me a call at 470-9074.

KYG

The BJB/KYG held their annual retreat at OSRUI on the last weekend in January. We had a great time studying the holidays, and their relation to one another. We tasted holiday foods, planted parsley for Passover, and sledded until we could sled no more! Our next event will take place on March 22nd. If you would like more information on how your 4th or 5th grader can take part in KYG activities, please call Brad Goldstein at (847) 520-1865.

The children who attended the KYG retreat were: Sam Sheftel, A.J. Bayard, Courtney Adams, Eric Goode, Shayna Weiner, Steven Chaitman, Joel Bogolub, Zach Kelly, Jonathan Miller, Bret Greenberg, Gregory Abrams, Gary Ross, Julia Heffernan, Richard Hesky, Rebecca Frazin, Eric Shutman, and Jaquie Sorkin.

L'Shalom
Brad Goldstein

NEWS FROM ARZA, ASSOCIATION OF REFORM ZIONISTS OF AMERICA..

ARZA TO MERGE WITH WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM/NORTH AMERICAN BOARD Consolidation of Effort on Behalf of Israel Reform Movement

The boards of directors of ARZA and the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) approved a merger of the WUPJ North American Board and ARZA into one unified organization. With this merger, the Reform Movement in North America will have a unified voice, vision and leadership organized to support Reform Judaism in Israel. As explained by Rabbi Eric Yoffie, UAHC President, at the Dallas Biennial, this new entity will help us face the challenges before us: "ending politicized monopolistic religion in Israel; creating a new Israeli Judaism that will draw Israelis to a renewal of Jewish practice and belief; and advancing everywhere the cause of religious freedom and the partnership of the Jewish people."

WUPJ was established seventy years ago as the international body of Reform, Progressive and Liberal movements throughout the world. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) is represented at the WUPJ by the North American Board. One of its primary missions is to help develop and support the Reform movement in Israel. Fund-raising efforts of WUPJ supports congregations outside of North America, principally in the Former Soviet Union.

ARZA was created twenty years to represent the UAHC in the World Zionist Organization. It operates as an auxiliary of the UAHC to develop support for the Reform movement in Israel through membership and fund-raising efforts.

ARZA and WUPJ both raise funds for the Israel Reform movement and are working diligently to help establish Reform Judaism in Israel. The two organizations have cooperated in many ways, most recently in the Israel Emergency Fund which was established after the fire bombing of the Reform Kindergarten in Mevasseret Zion. By pooling both professional and lay leadership, the merged organization is expected to be more effective in working toward their mutual goal of building Reform Judaism in Israel and around the world. Working in unity, the full potential of North American Reform Jewry will be more effectively mobilized to face the challenges articulated by Rabbi Yoffie.

JOIN ARZA NOW and become part of this exciting new stage in the growth of the Reform movement and its connection to and support of our efforts in Israel.

For more information, contact the synagogue office or ARZA-Chicago, (847) 509-0990 ext. 16.



SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

The Senior Youth Group continues to have a wonderful year. In January, we started off our new secular year with a fantastic Shul-In. The night began celebrating Shabbat with our youngest congregants at a Shabbat Yeladim service. Then, after a delicious dinner, we went upstairs to enjoy the Oneg Shabbat with the rest of the congregation. The rest of the evening was filled with movies, games, and lots more food!

We expect more of the same at our retreat during the weekend of March 6-8. Always a very popular event, we are looking forward to a great weekend at Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute Camp.

Plans for our Quest for Kolin are still going strong. Please look for the insert in this bulletin announcing our T-Shirt Sale. Also, we will be having another plant sale in late May, and a bagel and coffee sale as you drop off your kids for Saturday morning school during the months of April and May. More info to follow.

With any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call SYG Advisor Larry Glickman at 566-0544.

FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER...

Preschool registration is in full swing for the fall. But did you know that we also offer summer programs for our students?

Under the leadership of preschool teacher, Debbie Becker, a variety of classes are available. We can't wait to use our beautiful new playground for many of our activities. Our summer programs begin June 15 and run thru July 24.

Summertime Activities for Children 16 to 35 months and their parents:

****On Mondays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., there is a parent-tot class for children 16 to 23 months by September 1, 1998.**

****On Wednesdays and/or Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., there is a parent-tot class for children 24 to 35 months by September 1, 1998.**

Summertime Activities for 3 and 4 year olds:

****On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., there is an enrichment class, "I AM SPECIAL," with activities geared towards fostering your child's self-esteem. This class is for children 3 and 4 years old by September 1, 1998.**

If you would like further information about these programs, please call Sandy Robbins, director, at the temple office.



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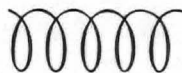
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The University of Illinois at Chicago will be holding information sessions on hereditary breast and ovarian cancer at the Bernard Weinger JCC at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, and 7 p.m. Monday, April 27. Ashkenazi Jewish women with at least one family member with a history of ovarian cancer may be eligible for a research study which includes free testing for genetic defects related to breast and ovarian cancer, and free counseling for those who test positive. The sessions are open to the public, but advance registration is requested. Please call Ms. Barbara Johnson at (312) 413-9874 for more information or to register.





You are Invited to the BJBE
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March 27, 6:00 pm
Adult Services begin at 8:00 pm

Cost: \$12 per adult

*Please detach the reservation form and send to
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Reservation Form for Adult Shabbat Dinner, March 27, 1998

Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim
901 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, Illinois 60025
Attn: Shabbat Dinner Ritual Committee

Name _____ Phone _____

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The B.J.B.E. Senior Youth Group

Quest for Kolin

Buy A Shirt...Support Our Trip!!!

This spring, the Senior Youth Group will be offering a very special "Quest for Kolin" T-Shirt commemorating our upcoming trip to Prague and Kolin.

For a nominal charge, you can have your name appear on the shirt as a supporter of our trip.

The back of the shirt will read, "I supported the 1998 B.J.B.E. Senior Youth Group 'Quest for Kolin'". Below that, there will be all the names of the people who have sponsored our T-Shirt campaign.

ALL NAMES MUST BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 1, 1998.

**YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO PURCHASE THIS T-SHIRT AT A
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I would like to support the Quest for Kolin. For \$10.00 per name, I would like the following name(s) to appear on the back of the shirt:

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3 Adar-9 Adar

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MARCH 13

10 Adar-16 Adar

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17 Adar-23 Adar

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MARCH 27

24 Adar-1 Nisan

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"May God, the Maker of Peace grant
 peace to all who mourn, and
 comfort the bereaved among us."

Purim

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🔍 The Big Picture

Purim, which falls on the 14th of Adar (or March 12th, this year) celebrates the victory of two Persian Jews, Mordechai and Esther, over the wicked advisor Haman. The actual story, contained in the Megillah, or Scroll, of Esther, is one of court intrigue, involving plots and subplots, beauty pageants and royal feasts, gallows and parades on horseback. In a nutshell, Haman wanted to kill the entire Jewish population of Persia. Esther and Mordechai convince King Ahasuerus that the Jews are loyal subjects, and Haman is executed.

Purim is the wildest of all the Jewish holidays. We are encouraged to celebrate loudly our close escape from death, through masquerade, noise-making, eating of special delicacies and, according to some, the drinking of alcohol. Purim is day when the rules are turned upside-down, and even t'filot are meant to be loud, crazy and not decorous.

☆ Added Attractions

1. The Megillah



Megillat Esther is the Scroll of Esther. It is a scroll which was added to the Bible by the Rabbis and which tells the story of Esther. Observance of Purim centers around the reading of the scroll. We are supposed to make so much noise when the name of Haman is read that the word is drowned out and the name is "erased" from our hearing.

There is significant discussion among Bible scholars as to the origins of this story. Many events simply do not make sense in their historical context. It may be that the very scroll is a farce, a fanciful tale based on a moment of salvation from Anti-Semitism. The name of God does not appear in the entire Megillah. It is a playful story which is read in a playful manner.

We are commanded to hear the reading of the Megillah. Frankly, it is so much fun, don't wait to be commanded. Come! This year the megillah will be read at BJB on Wednesday evening, March 11.

2. Masquerade



Purim is a time for breaking out of the bounds of convention. Dress-up, for adults as well as children, is one important way of loosening up and encouraging us to laugh at ourselves.

You can see how well this custom works if you ever find yourself in an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood on Purim. The most popular men's costume is dressing like a woman. While that may not work for you, trying on a different identity for a day can be fun and liberating. Making costumes is also great fun. And you can show off at the Temple Megillah reading!

3. Purim Spiel

A Purim shpeil, or story, is another custom meant to encourage us to laugh at ourselves. The story, or more often play, pokes fun at something which generally is held in respect. This can be a wonderful basis for a Purim party. You can use paper-bag dramatics, when each group is given a paper bag containing everyday objects, to be incorporated into their play as props. You can suggest a theme, or simply let imaginations take over. Let's not let the pre-schoolers have all the fun, although they are entitled to their share!

4. Mishloach Manot or Shalach Manot

This custom involves sending plates of Purim delicacies to friends, family, neighbors. Traditionally, the gift includes at least three different items. Add your favorite cookie, fudge or fruit to hamantaschen. Decorating a paper plate gives an important job to younger children as well as beautifying and personalizing the gift. And hand delivery by children in Purim costumes makes mishloach manot a fun activity for all involved - the givers as well as the receivers.



5. Matanot le-Evyonim

It is a mitzvah, or commandment, to give gifts to poor people on Purim. We are required to help everyone to celebrate at this happy time. There are many ways to do this - a contribution to the Ark or other charity, a gift of food to a food pantry, etc. Decide as a family what works for you.

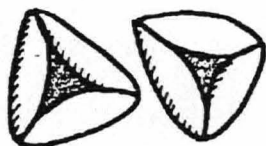


6. Purim Foods

The most famous food for Purim is the "hamantash," or, in the plural, "hamantashen." Some say the triangular shape symbolizes Haman's three-cornered hat (a la pirate-fashion); others maintain that his ears looked this way. However you explain the custom, making and eating humantashen is a lovely part of the holiday. The crust can be a simple cookie dough or a sweet yeast dough. The filling can be prune, poppy seed, jelly, etc. Try the following recipe:

3/4 c. sugar	1 egg
2 c. flour	2-3 T. water
2 t. baking powder	bowl of filling
1/4 t. margarine	

Grease 2 cookie sheets. Mix sugar, flour, baking powder and salt well. Cut margarine into the mix, and combine until the dough is crumbly. Add egg and water. Mix until the dough sticks into a ball. Pinch off a piece, and roll it in your hand into a 1 1/2 inch ball. Dip the ball in flour, and roll it flat with a rolling pin. Fill with 1 t. filling. Fold up three edges of the dough and pinch them together to make a triangle. Repeat with all the dough, and place humantashen on cookie sheets. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes.



A less-known tradition is the eating of chick peas. Apparently, Esther loved humus (the Hebrew word for chick peas) and survived on them while living in the non-kosher palace. Think of Esther, and dig in to this next recipe.

Place warm, just-cooked chick peas in a bowl. Season with olive oil, lemon juice, minced or pressed garlic and salt and pepper. Taste it often, to be sure that the proportions agree with your taste. Chill, and eat as a side dish or hors d'oeuvre.

7. Making Noise

On Purim, we are commanded to "blot out" the name of Haman. Some people do this by stamping their feet as the name "Haman" is spoken during the Megillah reading. You can even write "Haman" on the bottom of your shoes in chalk to really blot it out! But usually, we use noise to blot out "Haman." What a wonderful excuse to get rowdy at Temple.

We supply "greggers" or noise makers at the Megillah reading. But be more creative. A shofar, trumpet, bongo drum, coffee can filled with beans, pot and lid or spoon, etc., can all do the trick. What about children's battery-operated toys? Let's drown out Haman in style this year.



Illuminations



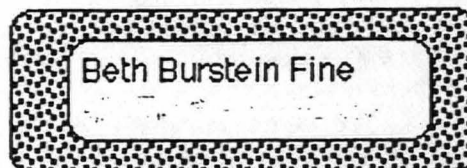
It is said that, although Israel receives the Torah on Shavuot, we only truly accept it on Purim. Why? On Pesach God rescues us, on Shavuot God gives us the Torah, etc. But on Purim we humans took action and saved ourselves. Only when we are not dependent on God for salvation can we accept the Torah freely.



Jews have been known for our ability to laugh at ourselves. Some believe this to be an important psychological tool to release the tension and pain of being a minority, and an often oppressed one at that. Purim reminds us of the importance of laughing at ourselves. Our traditions should not be idols, carved in stone. At least once a year, we can laugh!



Purim is the Jewish "mardi gras," when we dress up, act unruly and even are commanded to get tipsy, if not drunk. Today, when we are aware of the dangers of alcoholism and drinking to excess, you may be uncomfortable with the commandment to drink until you cannot tell the difference between Haman and Mordechai. Perhaps we can take this tradition symbolically. Then Purim becomes a day for turning our rules upside down. You can eat dessert before the main course, wear pajamas and sleep in clothes, or even have a drink if that makes sense to you.





Congregation B J B E

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM 7th Grade* <div>SCHOLAR IN RESL...</div>	2 11:30 AM Senior Lunch* 4:00 PM Rehearsal 7:30 PM Education Mtg. 7:30 PM Goldberg Searchers* MN@BJBE*	3 11:00 AM Adult Class 6:00 PM ECC Parent/Teach. Conf 7:30 PM Friends\Bill W. Mtg. 7:30 PM Haase Searchers* 7:30 PM Rehearsal* Phonathon (out)	4 9:30 AM Rabbi's Class 7:00 PM Torch Pix 7:30 PM Conversation Class 7:30 PM Exec. Bd. Mtg. 7:30 PM Shalom Comm.Mtg.	5 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Searchers 7:00 PM Adult B'M Class 7:30 PM Shomrim Mtg. 7:30 PM Sisterhood Open Mtg.*	6 6:00 PM Dinner 1st Grade 7:00 PM Shabbat Y'ladim 8:00 PM Shabbat Worship <div>SYG YOUTH GROUP KALLAH</div> <div>Lox Box</div>	7 8:30 AM Rabbi's Class 10:00 AM Adult Morning Minyon 10:45 AM Shabbat Services 7:00 PM Sock Hop Swallow B'M
8 12:30 PM P-FLAG Board\Open Mtg. Kollel - A M <div>SYG YOUTH GROU...</div>	9 4:00 PM Rehearsal MN@BJBE*	10 11:00 AM Adult Class 7:30 PM Building Mtg. 7:30 PM Friends\Bill W. Mtg. 7:30 PM Men's Disc. Grp. 7:30 PM O.A. Mtg. 7:30 PM Rehearsal*	11 9:30 AM Rabbi's Class 7:00 PM Megillah Reading\Service 7:30 PM Conversation Class	12 7:00 PM Adult B'M Class PURIM	13 6:15 PM Shabbat Worship	14 8:30 AM Rabbi's Class 10:00 AM Adult Morning Minyon 10:45 AM Shabbat Services Torch B'M L
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22 9:00 AM Feed Homeless 4:00 PM Singles Grp. Kollel PM KYG event	23 4:00 PM Rehearsal MN@BJBE* Post Conf.*	24 11:00 AM Adult Class 7:30 PM Friends\Bill W. Mtg. 7:30 PM O.A. Mtg. 7:30 PM Social Action Mtg.	25 9:30 AM Rabbi's Class 7:30 PM Conversation Class 7:30 PM S. H. Bd. Mtg.	26 4:00 PM Set up for dinner 7:00 PM Adult B'M Class 7:30 PM Rehearsal* 7:30 PM Youth Meeting	27 6:00 PM Adult Dinner 8:00 PM Shabbat Worship	28 8:30 AM Rabbi's Class 10:00 AM Adult Morning Minyon 10:45 AM Shabbat Services Lehtman\Perlut B'M
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