



CONGREGATION

B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim

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Bulletin

Nourishment for Your Jewish Spirit and Soul

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Upcoming Events

- April 6 - Congregational Second Seder
- April 14 - Motherland: Beyond the Holocaust: A journey to reclaim the past
- April 18 - Yom Hashoah service 7:00 pm

All BJBE Congregants are Invited...

*Please join us for Shabbat Worship
when our son*

Ilan David אילן דוד

*will be called to the Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah*

May 29, 2004

at 10:45 am

*B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim
901 Milwaukee Avenue
Glenview, Illinois*

*We would be honored to have you
join us for a Kiddush luncheon following the services*

Rabbi Karyn and Ezra Kedar

Please call the Temple office to RSVP (847-729-7575) or email (bjbe@bjbe.org)

T'filot...Worship

Friday Apr. 2
Shabbat Yeladim 7:00 pm
Shabbat Worship 8:00 pm

Saturday Apr. 3 10:45 am
Bar Mitzvah: Andrew Krause

Friday Apr. 9 8:00 pm
Shabbat Worship

Saturday Apr. 10 10:45 am
Bat Mitzvah: Melissa Silver

Sunday Apr. 11 10:45 am
Renewal Service

Friday Apr. 16 7:00 pm
Family Shabbat Worship
8:00 pm
Alternative Adult Worship

Saturday Apr. 17 10:45 am
Bar Mitzvah: Sam Offenberger

Friday Apr. 23 8:00 pm
Shabbat Worship

Saturday Apr. 24 10:45 am
Bat Mitzvah: Jorie Lesk

Sunday Apr. 25 10:45 am
Renewal Service

Friday Apr. 30 6:15 pm
Shabbat Worship

Saturday May 1 10:45 am
Bat Mitzvah: Lauren Glass

Friday May 7
Shabbat Yeladim 7:00 pm
Shabbat Worship 8:00 pm

Saturday May 8 10:45 am
Bat Mitzvah: Michael McCarty

SATURDAYS - 10:00 am
*Shabbat Morning Minyan
and Torah Study*
Kaddish is recited

Rabbi Emeritus Reacts *by Rabbi Mark S. Shapiro*

I'm not around Temple nearly as much as I used to be, but I keep my eye on what's happening.

And I like what's happening. I'm very impressed by Karyn Kedar and John Linder. I LIKE them. I'm especially delighted at the young leadership (including our own children) which has become such an active part of searching for a new vision.

They tell me that the new vision may well involve building a Temple in a different location. Many people are talking about it, and I know it will come to a vote reasonably soon. Even though Rabbis Emeritus know more about the past than the future, people have still been asking me what I think about that prospect.

So here's what I think. I think we should have started to do it ten years ago.

If I had felt more energetic then, maybe we would be there (somewhere) already.

But our rabbis and this reinvigorated congregation do have the energy and the spirit for it.

They tell me that the vision may well involve building a Temple in a different location. Many people are talking about it, and I know it will come to a vote reasonably soon.

The former B'nai Jehoshua stayed where it was on Ashland Ave, even when the handwriting had been on the wall for years. That congregation almost died before a last-gasp merger saved its identity. Mazel like that probably won't strike again.

Of course it'll be hard in so many ways to make such a move, and raising large amounts of money will be very challenging. Yet I recall clearly that raising money to build our present building seemed a pipedream in the 60's. A respected board member told me then "Rabbi, this group will never build a building. There's no future here". Was he wrong.

In 1893 the BJ Bohemian Jews had the joy of building their congregation. In '70 BJBE had the thrill of creating something both old and new on Milwaukee Ave. This new generation is just as good, maybe better. I think they can make lots of the vision come true, and make it something wonderful for young and old. I hope they get a chance to try

Sincerely,
Mark S. Shapiro

In Our Family...Our Thanks

...for co-sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat and for the gift of **Bima Flowers in honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of their children:** *Debra & Andrew Platt, Marjorie Getz & David Sheftel, Ronald Brandwein, Monica & Peter Hesky*

...for co-sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat: *Bea Getz, The Kon Family, The Women of Sisterhood*

MAZEL TOV:

...on the birth of:

Alyvia Anne & Alexa Sierra, granddaughters of *Lois & Marvin Gitler*

Wendy Woffington, granddaughter of *Sandy & Shelly Cohen*

Lauren Francine Zlotnik, granddaughter of *Marlene & Marshall Hirshman*

...welcome to our new members:

Corinne & Howard Barsky

CONDOLENCES TO:

Joan & Lee Sacks on the death of their cousin, Merrill Burton Ross

Michael (Andrea) Swidler on the death of his father, Nathan Swidler

Arthur (Susan) Altman on the death of his mother, Rose Altman

Tina (Gary) Fox on the death of her sister, Arlene Litowsky
Susan (Richard) De Koven on the death of her sister, Arlene Litowsky

Robbin (Donald) Shapiro on the death of her father, Herbert Alpert

Andrew (Lori Kleiman) Korn on the death of his father, Gary Korn

Social Action

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have."
-Margaret Mead

The Social Action theme for April: Community Awareness

Todah Rabah

A big thank you to Kathy and Neal Kulick and Donna Fishman for organizing and running the Blood Drive and Mini-Health Fair. To Terry Sachsels, Gary Fox, Marilyn Glazer, Barbara Goldfine, Connie Gross, Joan Haase, Sharon Poteshman, Alan Rooks, Shelly Wax, thanks for making all those phone calls. To Drs. Todd Cohen and Alex Prager thank you for sharing your expertise. And a special thanks to all those who donated blood. Much appreciation to Arlene Minzer for helping congregants assemble Health Kits for children during our Shabbat onegs. An extra special thanks to everyone who is contributing to the collection for our neighbors who live on the Backstretch at Arlington Racetrack. Lots of thanks to all the Chavurot who helped pack lunches in February. Clients of the ARK truly appreciate all the "edible grogger" donations brought in on Purim.

April Mitzvah Opportunities

• Christmas in April

A project of ICAN (Interfaith Community Action Network). Come join us as we help our neighbors with home repairs and maintenance projects. Date and details to be announced.

• Invite a Sailor to Seder

A brand new project we're developing with the Chaplain at Great Lakes Naval Station. Call Ruth for more information.

- **The March for Freedom of Choice**
Sunday, April 25th in Washington D.C. Join our BJBE Sisterhood, women from the Great Lakes Region and Midwest Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, Women of Reform Judaism and other women from across the United States participating in the March for Freedom of Choice. Special events planned include Shabbat dinner, a Saturday visit to the Holocaust museum, Havdallah and a rally after the march.

• Conversation Club

Wednesdays 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28
7:30-9:00 pm @ BJBE
Contact Barbara Blonz

• Feed the Homeless

Sunday 4/25 @ 9:00 am @ BJBE
Contact Merrilee Waldron

• Collections

Due to an overwhelmingly positive response, we have decided to continue the following collections to be delivered to families who live on the Backstretch of Arlington Racetrack. **Toiletries:** soap (and plastic cases if bar soap), toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, towels, diapers and wipes.

Toys: educational toys and puzzles (new or gently used).

Books: children's books in Spanish and audio tapes with books in English.

Plastic containers: for food (either disposable or Tupperware-type items).

Collection box located at the bottom of the south stairway.

Community Opportunities

- In conjunction with the annual Spring Mitzvah Mania project, the JUF TOV Volunteer Network is sponsoring a

book drive at area synagogues and JCCs this spring. Collected books will be donated to schools participating in TOV's Literacy Project. New and gently used books are welcome. March 28 – May 16. Collection box located outside the north doors.

Save the Date

- May 1st from 7-10 pm. **Lidz & Vidz 4 Kidz.** Jointly sponsored with the Membership Committee, our annual sock hop will feature music, games and contests. We will be collecting new baseball caps and new or gently used children's videotapes for children in local hospitals.
- May 15th and 16th during school hours. **Mitzvah Day** in our Religious School – join your children doing a mitzvah project in their classrooms or volunteer to help to deliver completed projects to area organizations.

Tzedakah Recipient for April is **Jewish Council on Urban Affairs: JCUA** combats poverty, racism and anti-Semitism in partnership with Chicago's diverse communities. JCUA works with grassroots organizations on issues such as job creation, affordable housing, community reinvestment and neighborhood stability. By partnering with other racial, religious and cultural communities, JCUA enhances cross-cultural understanding while fighting anti-Semitism and racism.

If you have any questions, would like to volunteer, or have a favorite project or organization you think we should be involved with, please contact Ruth Miller at either oogiyot@comcast.net or 847.267.8005.

Ruth Miller
Social Action, Chair

Sisterhood news

Sisterhood Calendar

April 7	Mah Jongg
April 14	Open Meeting, Fern Chapman
May 5	Mah Jongg, Book Club
May 12	Open Meeting, Susan Lapp
May 23	Circle of Service Joanne Katz, Honoree

Open Meeting

with author, Fern Chapman

Sisterhood's Yom Hashoah observance will be during the Open Meeting, April 14, at 7:30 p.m., with Fern Chapman, author of *Motherland*. The book is about her mother who was sent to America from Germany, in 1939, never to see her parents again. It also discusses a trip the author and her mother took to Germany. The author has been on Oprah and the movie rights to *Motherland* have been optioned.

Invitations and Paper Goods

We offer a large selection in all price

ranges of beautiful invitations, announcements, paper goods and accessories.

Temple members receive a nice discount, too! Appointments can be arranged by calling Sandy Wiczer 847.821.1160.

Judaica Shop

Remember to do all of your Passover shopping at your Judaica Shop. In addition to lovely Passover plates, separate matzo plates, horseradish and salt water bowls, there are some really cute Passover finger puppets for the children. We have new CD's, especially holiday music with family songs for Passover. Don't forget to stop by and see the new tallit that are all designed and hand made in Israel. For gift giving, your Judaica Shop can fill your needs with gift wrapping included. The shop is open Friday evenings after Services, Sunday mornings during Sunday School and now Tuesdays from 4:40 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. when Hebrew School is in session; as well as, by special appointment.

To volunteer in the shop, please call Sheila Gates at 847.299.3838. Any other questions, please call Lynn Bernstein, 847.933.0591 or Lynne Kleiman, 847.215.1357.

Open Meeting

with author, Susan Lapp

The speaker for May will be Susan Lapp, author of *I'm Going to Age Well, or Die Trying*. The program will be a humorous look at staying well. The May meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on May 12.

Save this Date

The annual Sisterhood Culminating Luncheon will be on Sunday, June 27, 2004, at Allgauer's in Northbrook, at 11:30 a.m. Watch for further information in the following months. Co-chairs, Honey Deitch and Barbara Goldfine.

Wendy Allenberg

Publicity Chairperson

Embracing Life in Times of Hardship

Many of us may recall Rabbi Linder's High Holy Day sermon this past year inspired by his friend Phillip Simmons' book, *Learning to Fall: Blessings of an Imperfect Life*. Phil was afflicted with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, and passed away two years ago. As each of us, in our own lives, struggles at some point with the difficulties that life throws in our path, studying this book together offers the opportunity for support and spiritual nourishment.

Simmons wrote much of this book as he and his family were active members of

North Shore Unitarian Church (NSUC) in Deerfield. NSUC's Reverend Gary James, and BJBE's Rabbi Linder have offered to facilitate the experience of reading this book together, between our two faith communities. Additionally, the Les Turner ALS Foundation has enthusiastically expressed an interest in participating and promoting this opportunity in their community.

The following are the dates, and locations of the four book study sessions:

Thursday, April 29, 7:30-9:00 at BJBE

Thursday, May 6, 7:30-9:00 at NSUC

Thursday, May 13, 7:30-9:00 at NSUC

Thursday, May 20, 7:30-9:00 at BJBE

Please register for the book study group by calling BJBE and leaving a message with Rabbi Linder's assistant, Judy Naamat. (There is no fee for the class) Books will be available at The Book Bin in Northbrook (but may be purchased anywhere).

Executive Director Search

Our search is off and running thanks to committee members Ron Jericho, Terri Argentar, Patti Frazin, Barbara Offenberg, David Wax, Rabbi Kedar and Beth

Primer. The committee updated the job description and set priorities for the attributes and skills we're looking for.

The first set of interviews are scheduled for mid-march. Questions? Call Beth Primer at 847.724.1137.

Brotherhood News

The new season is finally here and your Brotherhood is "springing" to the challenge of completing our objectives as stated last year. We've held our two indoor movie events, assisted at the Purim Fair, and provided the coordination necessary for members of BJBE to order Yom HaShoah candles made in Israel. We have two more events in the planning stage, and will finish up 2003-2004 ready to launch our official organization. Here's the scoop on the rest of the fiscal year.

Yom HaShoah observance is on April 18th & 19th of this year. We have arranged for you to be able to pick-up the candles you ordered during school hours (9am-12pm) on **April 10th and 11th**. And now some words to all the procrastinators out there. There may be a few extra candles available at \$5 each for those congregants wishing to observe Yom HaShoah. If you didn't get around to ordering a candle, send me a note and we'll reserve one for you - as supplies last. I can be reached at gafox1999@aol.com or 847-699-8322.

On **May 6th**, from 7pm to 9pm, there will be an open meeting of Brotherhood membership (and all interested in joining

for fiscal year 2004-2005) to discuss, decide and enact the new BJBE Brotherhood organization. Yes, I realize it's on a Thursday evening, flying in the face of the proposed "No Thursday Meetings" objective for next year, but we're the new Brotherhood. Sometimes a Broth-

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erhood's gotta do what a Brotherhood's gotta do! In earlier columns, we stated that the new Brotherhood will use small steps in order to advance to an official launch at the start of the new fiscal year (July 1, 2004). Well brothers, this meeting will be one big small step! There will be handouts available prior to the big meeting day so that we can all come prepared to do, and not just mill about. If you are interested in helping shape the new Brotherhood, send me a note and I'll make sure you receive pre-meeting documents.

Finally, I mentioned that there are two more events in planning stages that will finish up the Brotherhood calendar for fiscal 2003-2004. There will be a softball game challenge between the new Brotherhood and that perennial organizational powerhouse, the BJBE Sisterhood. It shall be held in the spirit of fun and good sportsmanship, so please Sisterhood, no corked bats! The second Spring event will be a Brotherhood Golf Outing. Even though we're a club of Jewish men, I'm sure there will be plenty members of the "Mulligan" family in attendance. Watch for flyers announcing these two events.

Please contact me at:

gafox1999@aol.com with any questions you may have about our BJBE Brotherhood.

Submitted by Gary Fox on behalf of the BJBE Brotherhood.

Circle of Service Luncheon

Dear Friends:

On May 23, Joanne Katz will be the honoree at the BJBE Sisterhood's Circle of Service luncheon.

For several years many of us have supported the Circle of Service of the Women of Reform Judaism. What is Circle of Service? It is a personal contribution to the YES Fund which supports Youth, Education and Special Projects on a local, national and global level. During the last fiscal year alone, hundreds of Sisterhood women world wide contributed a total of \$325,164.00 to the Yes Fund.

LIFELINE is the endowment fund of Circle of Service. It represents a \$1000 contribution to the YES Fund. The principal is never spent, but the interest sup-

ports YES Fund programs and projects forever.

LIFELINE membership is payable over four years. At completion you will receive a beautiful silver and gold circle pin

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replicating the Women of Reform Judaism logo. You will be listed in the WRJ Book of Honors, and be invited to a special event at every WRJ Assembly.

We are proud to have begun or completed one or more Lifelines. Perhaps it

is time for you to consider a Lifeline and you can add your name to ours. What an impact you can make on the future of Reform Judaism!

Fondly,

Estra Anders, Adrienne Daskal, Marilyn Ernsteen, Amy Robbins Ellison, Barbara Goldfine, Elaine Kupfer, Joanne Katz, Roberta Krolick, Ruth Maller, Valerie Rabin, Diane Reed, Sharon Sabin, Joan Sacks, Sheila Schulman, Sharon Silver and Sandie Sklar

P.S. If you are a lay or professional leader in our Congregation, or if you have been a BJBE Circle of Service honoree, this is an wonderful time to consider starting a Lifeline.

Mitzvah Day

May 16th, 2004

Don't Forget !!

Get your signup sheets in ASAP

contact Shelly Kaiz for info:

shelly@kaizs.com

847.657.8080- wk.

847.945.3741- hm.

Hands of Peace

We are delighted to announce that BJBE's program, Hands of Peace, has received the prestigious David Kellum Award presented by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'i's of the US. First awarded in 1985, it honors individuals or groups who represent positive role models for youth of all races and who contribute outstanding service to the community. Also honored this year were Wayne Tang, the head debate

coach of Maine East; and Diane Johnson, artistic director of the Modjeska Theater Company in Milwaukee. Past recipients include Jesse White, Chris Zorich, Harold Washington and Fathers George Clements and Michael Pflegar. Typically, honorees have worked with youth programs for several years, but the Baha'is felt the work of Hands of Peace was so important, that we were honored after only one year!

David Kellum was an African American Baha'i Chicagoan who many knew better as Bud Billiken. As "Uncle Bud," David developed the Billiken Clubs to foster a sense of responsibility to one's community among urban youth.

Next time you are in the building, take a peek at the plaque and be proud of what our community has done!

SYG—Senior Youth Group

A Beautiful Weekend at Camp

The weekend of February 27-29, the Senior Youth Group enjoyed yet another amazing retreat weekend at OSRUI. Our theme for the weekend was Jewish identity, and through our discussions and programs, our group pondered what their Judaism means to them and how it defines them in ways perhaps they have never done before. There were lots of laughs through the weekend, and there were also lots of tears as we talked about

memories of growing up Jewish, how our parents helped to shape our identity, and our hopes for our lives and our futures.

Special thanks to:

Brian Avner and **Danny Moss** who were excellent song leaders on our retreat and created a true sense of community and kavanah through their music.

Rachel Minzer who worked very, very hard to create the programming which

set the mood for the weekend and led the programs and subsequent discussions like a seasoned educator.

Scott Goode who wrote (and led) beautiful Shabbat and Havdallah services which provided a wonderful bedrock for our discussions for the weekend.

Micah Riskin who, although this was his first ever retreat, ran our Saturday afternoon program like he had been doing this for years.

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JYG—Junior Youth Group

JYG has had an exciting couple of months. In February, we had a blast at our weekend Kallah at OSRUI. It was a weekend filled with fun, learning, and friends. We spent a lot of time outside at camp having scavenger hunts around camp, sledding down the hills, tefillah during a hike, and Havdallah around a campfire.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this Kallah as special as it was. Thank you to Rabbi Linder for your excitement and insight. A special thanks

to Kelly & Mike Goldberg for their time, energy, and enthusiasm. Our March event combined crafts, games, and Tzedakah. We played bingo with the residents of the Abington of Glenview. Crafts we made earlier in the afternoon were the prizes. We also played some games at Temple as well as just having some hang out time.

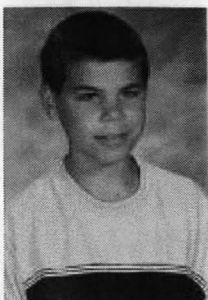
Our April program is coming up soon and should be a ton of fun! We will be having an adventure day that will include rock climbing, kayaking, and a

ropes course. All of this will take place on Saturday, April 24th. If you're in 6th-8th grade, mark your calendar to join in the fun. Also mark your calendars for May 15th- a pool party with the KYG to wrap up our year. Watch your mailboxes for more information coming your way.

If you have any questions about Junior Youth Group, e-mail Missy: msgarbossa@sbcglobal.net

**B'Shalom,
Missy Sgarbossa**

Mazel tov-B'nai Mitzvah



Andrew Krause
son of
Robert Krause

Melissa Silver
daughter of
Nancy & James Silver

Samuel Offenberg
son of
Melody Myers &
Kenneth Offenberg

Jorie Lesk
daughter of
Donna & Sherwin
Lesk

Update from the Real Estate Assessment Committee

PCA Report Offers Steps For BJBE's Future

Today, BJBE is faced with a major challenge in regard to its future. How will BJBE stand apart from a growing group of other dynamic Jewish congregations in suburban Chicago and will its current location inhibit or foster a strong and vibrant future?

In considering various options for the future, the leadership of BJBE turned to The EHL Consulting Group, Inc., of Philadelphia, to conduct a **Pre-Campaign Assessment (PCA)** to determine the need and potential support for a proposed multi-million dollar campaign to address its future challenges. The exercise involved confidential interviews with 42 BJBE households, selected because of their involvement, history of support for the congregation, age factors, and other relevant criteria.

Given the feedback from the PCA interviews and the analysis done to provide a strategic action plan, the report from EHL reflected a strong recommendation

to relocate the congregation, thereby positioning BJBE for future growth and vitality. The report recommends that BJBE embark immediately on an aggressive \$12-14 million Capital Campaign. The campaign would focus solely on the need for a major capital project to provide new and expanded facilities that will best serve the BJBE membership and serve to respond to a projected growth of Jewish families in the northern suburbs.

The PCA findings also confirm that despite the presence of financial wherewithal among the BJBE congregation, voluntary giving has not been emphasized as an integral part of the congregation's culture. Despite a less-than-significant giving history at BJBE, most participants in the PCA study acknowledged that the need to raise money has never been as pressing as it is now. For this reason, many participants are encouraged that they, and their fellow congregants, ultimately respond appropriately, giving to the campaign out of their dedication and commitment to secure a dynamic future for BJBE.

A successful major campaign at BJBE will also require a great deal of careful planning and preparation combined with a bold vision, strong and committed campaign leadership willing to give and get on behalf of the campaign effort, a compelling Case for Giving, an adequate pool of committed volunteers, and a creatively crafted campaign strategy.



Presenting the PCA findings to the congregation was Robert Evans, founder and managing director of EHL Consulting, the largest firm of its type serving the American Jewish community.

A vote by the congregation regarding the efforts of the Real Estate Assessment Committee (including the results from EHL) is being planned for June 9, 2004. The committee is continuing to review the options for both the current location and a potential new site.

Holocaust Commemoration

April 18, 2004

BJBE together with
Temple Beth El & Congregation Beth Shalom
will join for a Holocaust memorial service.

Watch your mailings for more information on what
will be a moving & meaningful service.

Capital Gifts Program

We thank the following for their contribution of our
Capital Gifts Program

Endowment Fund

Judy Blank

Dorothy & Joe Hron

Flora Sonin

Beth & Howard Felix

"Quest for Kolin" a joint project by BJBE & Glenview State Bank

Quest for Kolin

BJBE's own connection
to the Czech Republic

A photo exhibition of an
incredible journey

Last summer 17 motivated teenagers from Congregation BJBE made a very special journey. BJBE is home to a Torah scroll (the Five Books of Moses) which survived the Holocaust. This special Torah came from the home town of

Kolin, just outside of Prague in the Czech Republic where the entire Jewish community was destroyed. BJBE considers itself the inheritors of the Jewish legacy and tradition of Kolin. It was with those thoughts in mind that these BJBE teens traveled to Kolin for seven days to clean an abandoned Jewish cemetery and learn more about the history Kolin. Please join Glenview State Bank President Paul Jones, Rabbi John Linder and the teens of BJBE for the

kick off of this exhibit on Saturday April 17, 2004 at 10:00am at Glenview State Bank, 800 Waukegan Road in Glenview.

Exhibit Schedule at Glenview State Bank:

April 17-23—800 Waukegan Road Glenview
April 24-30—1707 Shermer Road Northbrook

Auction Update

As many of you know, our second *L'Dor V'Dor Live and Silent Auction* is coming up on May 8th. But, here is what you don't know:

We have come up with a very special theme for this year's auction. Our theme will be *L'Dor V'Dor – Stepping Stones for our Future*. The purpose of the auction is to help us earn sorely needed funds to invest in the future of BJBE. We are all a critical piece – or stepping stone – to building that future. Therefore, we are calling upon all of you to "step" up to making this auction our most successful!

After a very fruitful letter writing campaign to businesses around the Chicago area, we have already received over \$10,000 worth of merchandise for the auction! We have jewelry, overnight trips, dinners at expensive restaurants, golf outings, sports tickets, Judaica items, spa treatments, and electronics, just to name a few...

But we need more

Right now, we are looking for items with some zing! What are we looking for?

Things like a big screen TV, a home theater package, a color printer, a camera, a palm pilot, a karaoke machine, a DVD player, furs, jewelry, bikes, electronic toys like Game Cube, X Box, Play Station 2, Game Boys, Vacation Homes, Airline Miles...

How you can get these items

Many of you know people who sell such merchandise – just bring them our donation letter and form. And it doesn't have to be a personal relationship. You would be surprised at how many people are willing to donate if you just ask.

Or you can get together with others to create/purchase items and donate them to the auction

We are asking friends, families, Chavurot and Searchers to put together some sort of donation from their group. What can you do? You can create something like decorating a unique chair, you can put together some sort of package like dinner and a movie with babysitting, or you

can combine your resources to purchase some of the items listed above. We urge you to be as creative as possible! To help you in this endeavor, the auction committee will be "registering" with the Sisterhood Judaica shop for items that you can purchase and donate on our behalf.

After a very fruitful letter writing campaign to businesses around the Chicago area, we have already received over \$10,000 worth of merchandise for the auction!

The Auction Steering Committee – Brenda Gelfond, Lara Kunz, Bonnie Litch, Jackie Lutz, Alisa Nadler, Cindy Schlessinger, and Laurie Simon – have been working hard to make May 8th a fun, exciting, and profitable evening for BJBE. And we welcome any and all help that will make this night the rousing success that we know it can be!

SUSTAINING GIFTS UPDATE!

The Sustaining Gifts Committee proudly presents the "Chai Chain of Life" Project! Each Chai Chain link represents a BJBE family and their special relationship with our temple and our community. These links are connected to others to represent the life that we infuse into our Jewish environment and the connectedness of our BJBE family. Soon, through the hallowed hallway of our classrooms – where we have educated generations of Jewish children – you will see the Chai Chain of Life begin to grow. By June 30th, our Chai Chain of Life will stretch from Rabbi Kedar's office to our goal at the youth lounge door.

How Can Your Family be represented in the BJBE Chai Chain of Life?

Decorate the paper chain links that have been sent to you through the mid-month mailer or are available in the temple office. Make it a family project. Tell a picture story of your family and BJBE.

Don't forget to add your family name in BIG letters. Send your decorated family Chai Chain link and your check for \$36 (Double Chai) to BJBE. Then look for your link in the Chai Chain the next time you are in temple. Try to find and spot links from other families.

How many families will it take to encircle the halls?

All of them.

What if my family has already contributed to the Sustaining Gift Program this year?

Over 180 families have already contributed to SGP in one way or another. If you've already contributed, you have two options. One, decorate a link and send it to us with a note on the registration sheet that you have already contributed. Two, there is no lifetime limit on Chai donations; it would be admirable to send in another chain link contribution.

What if each member of my family would like their own link?

That's GREAT; we have plenty of room for a very long chain. Think of the beauty if we can go around the hall twice or three times. Additional links can be placed in the chain for \$18 once the family link has been placed for \$36. Have fun with this program, donate and decorate a link for a Grandparent, child, or a special person in your life.

Does a Chai Chain Link donation count as a BJBE Sustaining Gift?

Absolutely. All contributions to this project will be counted and recognized as part of each member's ongoing commitment to the continuing sustenance of BJBE.

Words for the Soul

I ENTER this sanctuary to voice
the longings of my heart in prayer.
In Sacred company,
I offer my love to the Exalted.

The pressure of life might stifle my
nobler impulses.

May my sense of the Holy restrain those
desires and save me.

With psalm and song, study and prayer,
I devote myself.

May my heart be lifted, my thoughts
deepened,
And my soul like the eagle soar.

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Shakshuka

Leading us in worship with our Rabbis
and Cantor Friday, May 28th at Shabbat
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Come Join us for Services and hear the
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have recently joined our congregation. If
you missed the musical worship experi-
ence at Rabbi Kedar's installation festivi-
ties or would like to hear them again,
join us for this joyful Shabbat service.

Trips to Israel

Two trips to Israel are being planned for
this year. The first is planned for
*October 10-21 of this year. It will be
led by Rabbi Kedar and Ezra Kedar.

The second trip is planned for
*December 19-30, 2004. This second
trip will be for teenagers, those in 11th
or 12th grades & college freshmen. If
you are interested in attending this
special trip, please contact Sandee Holleb
at 847.590.5504 or e-mail LEARSI@aol.com.

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availability.

Passover

The Big Picture

Pesach is an eight day holiday which marks the beginning of spring. It commemorates the exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt at the seder, we tell the story of our exodus and celebrate our freedom. We also remember those who are not free. We eat different foods on Pesach, including matzah. In the days of the temple in Jerusalem, Pesach was one of three pilgrimage holidays, on which the Israelites came from all over the country to celebrate and pray at the temple, which take place on the first and seventh day of the holyday. Yizkor is said on the seventh day. Pesach is also a "new year", based on the beginning of the planting season. The other two new years in the Jewish calendar are Rosh Hashannah and Tu B'shevat.

Preparation for Pesach

On Passover, we remember the Exodus from Egypt. This is a more complicated task than it might seem, for how can Jews born into relative comfort and freedom really feel slavery and the joy of liberation? The basic tool to encourage our identification with the Children of Israel is matzah!

Matzah recalls for us that confused moment when the Israelites were told to leave their homes and take off for an unknown destination. It reminds us of the risk taking which is necessary to break out of bondage (just ask anyone who quit a lucrative yet unsatisfying job or an alcoholic who stopped drinking). Matzah also reminds us that at times we must act on faith - faith in God, our partner, our training, etc. We cannot always know where a given path leads—we cannot always research our options and make a rational decision. Sometimes

we have to go with our gut or our faith.

In short, our houses and foods are supposed to reflect our awareness of the Exodus. We can accomplish this by eliminating leavened food, using dishes and utensils reserved for Passover or simply by changing our diet to include Pesach foods and eliminate commonplace non-Pesach foods, like bread, pasta, cookies, etc.

The Seder

The "Seder," meaning order, refers to the recitation of the Haggadah in a group or family setting. Haggadah, the special collection of rituals, prayers, songs and readings unique to Pesach, comes from the Hebrew root meaning to tell. Thus, the Haggadah and the entire Seder are meant to provide an opportunity to tell the story of the Exodus. The temple Seder takes place on the second night of Pesach. This year, the seder is April 6 at 6:15 pm. The Seder is much more than a large family dinner, with chicken soup and matzah balls. It is an opportunity for a fun and meaningful Jewish experience, if you really prepare.

We are commanded to recite the story, even if we are sure that we know it well, to ourselves and our children. The experience of moving from slavery to freedom is considered a central part of Jewish identity formation and a difficult one to convey. The Seder is our vehicle for impressing upon ourselves this focus of our heritage. Different Haggadot approach this task in different ways, as do different families. You may find that a certain Haggadah works well for you, so shop around. Your Seder will be greatly enriched if you find your own, unique ways for expressing the precious nature

of freedom. The following are a few ideas:

- ✓ If there is a family member or friend who has experienced a passage from "bondage" to freedom ask them to speak.
- ✓ Have one family or group role-play a scene in an Israelite household.
- ✓ Write and read aloud diary entries for a slave before and after the Exodus.
- ✓ Read modern stories of slavery and freedom which touch you - African-American slaves, Soviet Jews, Jacobo Timmerman's account of oppression in Latin America, etc.

The Beginning

The beginning of the Seder is meant to set the scene. It includes two rituals which begin all Jewish holy or distinct times - **candle-lighting** and **Kiddush**. We then introduce some of the symbols of Pesach. **Karpas** is the appetizer, the eating of the greens. It helps us hold off our hunger and introduces the theme of spring. **Yachatz** adds an element of tension by creating and hiding the afikomen (the afikomen is a piece of matzah that ends the meal. It is hidden, found by the children and ransomed by the adults).

Maggid

This is the essence of the Seder, the ritualized recitation of the story of the Exodus. The story is told in several different ways, in an attempt to grab our attention.

This is a natural place for planning a telling of the story that fits your family. Young children may enjoy watching or putting on a puppet show. Older children might enjoy making a "newspaper"

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From Israel...

Jonathan Miller is a Junior at Deerfield High School, was confirmed at BJBE last year, and is an active member of the Senior Youth Group. He is currently participating in the NFTY/EIE High school in Israel program. He heard about this program during his summers at OS-RUI. NFTY/EIE is an accredited program open to sophomores, juniors or seniors to spend a semester in Israel. Currently, there are 66 kids from across the United States participating. He left early February and resides in a Kibbutz Tzuba, located 15 minutes outside Jerusalem. His housing and class work take place in the Kibbutz. In addition to normal coursework in English and Hebrew, they learn about the history of Israel and travel for additional hands on learning. Jonathan calls and emails regularly and is as you can discern from his letter, having an incredible time (though his family misses him a lot). His family traveled to Israel with the rest of the EIE family members in March.

Hello from the Holy land

As most of you know, there is great controversy surrounding the wall that is being built around Palestinian territories in

Israel like the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. Yesterday, after coming back from the Army passing the West Bank on the way I saw the wall and how drastic it really is. Currently, the U.N., and for the most part, the rest of the world is against the building of this wall. The point of the wall is to keep out terrorists and possible unauthorized crossing of the borders. Currently, to cross from Palestinian areas you have to go through checkpoints. This has been successful but since the building of the wall around Gaza there hasn't been a single terrorist that has come from the area. The idea, although it may be a hot topic around the world, has proven that it is a mechanism that really does work.

Although there have been several suicide bombings in the last month, things are still relatively peaceful here. In the past couple of weeks I have traveled to the old city and I spent the entire last week with the Israeli army. In the old city we looked at the story of Jesus visiting several of the churches and the areas around where Jesus was crucified, it seems to be

a very interesting story and especially now with the movie *The Passion* in theaters. They are very different stories from what I hear, but I have yet to see the movie. The week with the army was amazing. The program called Gadna is where Israeli teens spend a week in the army, learning about the army, tactics, as well as weapons. The base that we stayed at was up north near the Golan Heights and we learned a lot through interactive programs and actually going out into the fields during the days and evenings and learning about camouflage or hiking around the villages. We also spent significant time in the classroom learning about the M16, how to fire, take the weapon apart and put it back together. What really struck me was the decisions that some of the soldiers have to make as we examined the decisions that some are faced with while in battle. In all, it was a life altering experience for me and I will remember it for a long time to come.

Jonathan Miller

New Prayerbook Learning Services

"And let them build Me a sanctuary that I may dwell in their midst."

The prayer under Words for the Soul (see page 10) is part of the new prayer book to be introduced at Friday services on April 2nd and continuing the next two Friday services (April 9 and 16). The temple has received 300 copies of *The Siddur for Reform Jewish Prayer* published by the Central Conference of American

Rabbis. Two prayers contributed by our own Rabbi Kedar have also been included in the new prayer book.

Mishkan T'filah offers many opportunities for diverse usage. Each page spread represents a single prayer. The prayer book emphasizes unison prayers and is written to allow the worship leader to guide the worshippers in responsive readings, vocal expression, quiet or

exuberant tones and stage directions. Thus the new prayer book allows the individual congregation and leader to guide worshippers in prayer to their own specific needs and desires.

Please join our congregation for the **New Prayer Book Learning Services** to be held the first three weeks in April on Friday Shabbat Services.

Shelley Riskin, Ritual Chair

Going Home

When a friend of mine heard I was planning to volunteer in the Israeli army for two weeks in January, she gently said, "You know, you can't run away from your grief." I thought about that for a moment and then said, "I'm not running away from anything. I'm running towards something—something I love and cherish and something that nourishes me. Something that might even be able to heal me." She smiled. "Healing," she said, "would be good."

The best quote I have ever heard about divorce was from the main character in *Under the Tuscan Sun*. In a moment of raw honesty, Francis turns to a friend and says, "You want to know the most surprising thing about divorce? That it doesn't actually kill you." When my marriage of 20 years ended last year, the river of grief threatened to drown me. But, like Francis, somehow my heart kept beating and it didn't kill me.

Divorce is dramatically disorienting. Part of you clings desperately to the things that are familiar and reassuring. But another part welcomes the changes with reluctant relief. It is a chance to do things differently, try things out. And so the question invariably comes up: What do I really want now?

Of the many vague answers I had to that question, there was one crystal clear one: I wanted to be able to go to Israel once a year. I didn't want a new car or new look or a new love. Not yet. When I dug deep into my self, what I truly wanted was to be

in Israel for a little bit of time each and every year. This was one change I pledged to make.

I also wanted to actively support Israel. I don't make enough money to be able to write a big enough check for me to make a real difference in Israel, so my support would have to be physical and emotional instead of monetary. I had occasionally helped Magen David Adom with some of their long term planning, but that didn't seem substantial enough.

"I'm not running away from anything. I'm running towards something—something I love and cherish and something that nourishes me. Something that might even be able to heal me."

The answer came in a newspaper article I read about Sar-El, Volunteers for Israel—a program which places volunteers onto military bases across Israel to do whatever work needs to be done. Yenta could not have made a better match! It took me less than an hour to decide to sign up and give the Israeli Defense Force two weeks of my time.

I was assigned to Matzrap, the medical supply base for the entire Israeli Army. Matzrap is one of about a dozen military bases inside an enormous high security compound just outside Tel Aviv called Tel

HaShomer. It is a small base that is run by both civilians and IDF officers, but the actual work of sorting, organizing, and packing the medical supplies is done by soldiers and volunteers. Volunteers actually do about 1/3 of the work, so the base could not run without the volunteers. It was interesting and fun and not at all challenging. In other words, it was perfect. I made friends, laughed a lot, learned a lot, and fell hopelessly in love with Tel Aviv. (Of course, I still carry a torch for Jerusalem.)

My first two trips to Israel had been in a tourist "bubble," traveling around on an Egged Bus with a group and a guide. But this time, by working alongside Israelis, listening to the stories of their lives, helping them do what must be done, I finally felt that I had become part of Israel. I have always felt that Israel was my homeland. By the time I left, I felt it was my home.

While I did not return completely healed, I was finally healing. I was more relaxed than I had been in a long time. I felt more prepared to deal with the complexities of my life. And since I had already made the decision to return in June, I was looking forward instead of looking back.

Part of me must have intuitively known this would happen. It is natural, after all, when we are hurt and in need to seek the comforts and love of home.

Alison Crane

Second Seder

Tuesday, April 6, 2004
6:15 - 8:30 pm

Come and participate in a lovely seder led by Rabbis Karyn Kedar and John Linder and Cantor Cory Winter. We'll sing, we'll pray, we'll enjoy the wonderful tradition of our heritage. Each family will

contribute to the dinner, which will be a traditional Passover dinner.

Please make your reservations by March 30 - space is limited. As we will have an afikomen search for the children, please give us their names and ages.

Want to help? Have questions? Call

Chuck Doolittle 847.298.6937 or Lynne Kleiman 847.215.1357.

You should have received a sign up sheet in your March mid month mailer. If you need another sign up sheet call the temple office at 847.729.7575.

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whose articles relate the pertinent events. An all-adult group might enjoy a real Torah study session, looking at the actual story, reading and discussing commentary, etc. The point of the Maggid is to feel and learn the story on a deeper level

The Meal

Finally, it is time to eat! Some families eat the Matzah, horseradish and charoset sandwiches now, to symbolize the beginning of the meal. Others eat this during the Maggid, in the interests of growling stomachs.

We finish with **Tzafun** - the culmination of Jewish hide and seek. The afikomen is

returned and bargained over. For some, the afikomen symbolizes the redemption - separated from our land and our freedom, now we have it back. For others it is an entertaining gimmick to keep the younger generation involved.

Redemption

We finish the Seder with song and hope. Eliahu ha-Navi, Elijah the Prophet, visits. Jews have traditionally believed that Elijah will usher in the messianic age, a time of freedom for us all. Thus, in the midst of remembering the past, we turn to the future and hope to reach fuller freedom. This hopeful spirit carries into the Pesach songs which end the evening.

Illuminations

There are two main themes of Pesach - liberation and spring. Spring reminds us of our dependence on nature, the harvest and our connection to the yearly cycle in Israel. Liberation reminds us that we can all become enslaved, to objects, expectations, etc.

The Seder strives to make us aware of the possibility of freedom, so we can become aware of our own limitations and failures. Pesach reminds us that no circumstances are written in stone and it is up to us to work to change what we do not like.

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Steven Chaitman who helped to plan the entire weekend and ran a terrific program on Saturday afternoon.

Rebecca Frazin who created one of the most special youth group programs I have ever had the pleasure to be a part of. If you were on our retreat on Sunday morning, you will never forget what we did, what we read, or how we all felt.

Logan Zinman who it seems helped out with everything and was a helpful

presence to me and the youth group kids throughout the weekend. While Logan has been doing a great job as treasurer, she has also been a great programmer, educator and leader.

And last, but not least, thanks to **Rabbi Karyn Kedar** who joined us on retreat and was able to spend time with our group relaxing, singing, and telling stories. Rabbi, it was great having you and Ilan with us!

Many more great programs to come throughout the remainder of the year.

Please contact me (l.glickman@comcast.net) or President Brian Avner (avenoo@aol.com) with any questions.

Sincerely,
Larry Glickman
 SYG Advisor

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In Memoriam

Names to be memorialized with the Kaddish at the services designated below are:

April 2	April 9	Louis Kaseff	April 16	Irving Gitlin	April 23	April 30	Sadelle Blustein
6 Nisan - 12 Nisan	13 Nisan - 19 Nisan	Edgar Meier	20 Nisan - 26 Nisan	Hannah Hill	27 Nissan - 3 Iyar	4 Iyar - 10 Iyar	Mollie Cherney
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	Syrl Gilbert		Al Cohen			David Syten	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2004</h1> <h2>BJBE Calendar</h2>				1 1:00 PM searchers No Schl.	2 10:00 AM ECC 7:00 PM Shabbat Yeladim 8:00 PM Shabbat Worship	3 10:00 AM Minyan 10:45 AM Shabbat Services <div>Krause B/M KK</div>
4 Egert Kitchen Setup	5 1st Seder Pvt. Party PM	6 10:45 AM Passover Services 6:00 PM Second Seder 7:00 PM Adult B/M PESACH	7 7:00 PM Mah Jong 7:30 PM Board Meeting 7:30 PM Conversa. Class	8 7:00 PM Cong. Dev.	9 10:00 AM ECC 8:00 PM Shabbat Worship	10 10:00 AM Minyan 10:45 AM Shabbat Services Silver B/M EX/ D
11 10:45 AM Renewal Service 12:30 PM P-FLAG Bd. Open Mtg.	12 10:45 AM Passover Serv./Yiskor 3:00 PM Office Closed 7:00 PM Real Estate Comm.	13 10:00 AM Adult Ed 10:00 AM ECC 7:00 PM Adult B/M 7:30 PM Frnds/Bill 7:30 PM Leadership Dev. Mtg 7:30 PM Vision Sessions	14 9:30 AM Staff Cal. Mtg. 7:30 PM Conversa. Class 7:30 PM Sist. Open Mtg.	15	16 10:00 AM ECC 7:00 PM Family Service & baby Naming 8:00 PM Alternative Service Dinner	17 10:00 AM Minyan 10:45 AM Shabbat Services 7:00 PM Silver party <div>Offenberg B/M KK</div> <div>YOM HASHOAH SERVICES</div>
18 3:30 PM 7th Grade 7:00 PM YOM HASHOAH SERVICES	19 4:00 PM B/M Rehearsal MN@BJBE dinner	20 10:00 AM Adult Ed 10:00 AM ECC 7:00 PM Adult B/M 7:30 PM Frnds/Bill 7:30 PM Shomrim Mtg.	21 7:30 PM Board Meeting 7:30 PM Conversa. Class	22 7:00 PM Sist. Grp. 7:00 PM Sist. Supper-R Chodesh	23 8:00 PM Baby Naming 8:00 PM Shabbat Worship <div>March/Washington</div>	24 10:45 AM Shabbat Services <div>Lesk B/M L JL</div>
25 9:00 AM Fd Hmiss 10:45 AM Renewal Service 1:30 PM Singles 7:00 PM Bridge	26 4:00 PM B/M Rehearsal Family Isr. Night Mn@BJBE Yom Ha Atzmaut	27 10:00 AM Adult Ed 10:30 AM ECC 7:00 PM Adult B/M 7:30 PM Frnds/Bill 7:30 PM Ritual Meeting	28 7:30 PM Conversa. Class 7:30 PM Sist. Board Mtg.	29 7:30 PM Adult Ed. R. Linder	30 6:15 PM Shabbat Worship Dinner	
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If a death occurs, please call the Rabbi first and then call David Jacobson at 888.509.5011 or 847.229.8822. If you have additional questions or would like a booklet mailed to you, please call the temple office, 847.729.7575.

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Please inform the Temple office when a family member is in the hospital. Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations long after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for the telephone calls and visits the rabbis and cantor would like to share. Please let the synagogue know if there is a concern in your family or another congregant family (with their permission). We need your help in order to offer ours.

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