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BULLETIN

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Rabbi's Message



Last week, I had the distinct pleasure of witnessing the ordination of four remarkable rabbis in Jerusalem. They were a special class, which included the 100th ordinee of the Israeli rabbinical program at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion.

My father, ordained in this very program in 1981, was the second.

It is amazing what can happen over a span of (give-or-take) thirty-five years. In 1980, when Rabbi Mordechai Rotem was the first – and then, also the only - ordinee of the program, Reform, or progressive Judaism was just a tiny and fledgling idea and movement. Today, the progressive community boasts some fifty congregations and Jewish Community Centers throughout the state, two kibbutzim, and a whole host of rabbis, a few of whom even grew up in the movement, who serve a variety of needs. Reform Judaism is alive and well throughout Israel. While certainly the movement faces some very real struggles, this day was a tremendous opportunity to take in much of the achievements of nearly fourdecades, and to evaluate where the movement, and its leadership, would like to see things go.

Today's Israeli Reform rabbis, represent a diverse group. There are those second

Schedule of Services December 2017

Friday, December 1

Shabbat Service, 7:30pm

Saturday, December 2

Shabbat Service, 10:15 am Torah Portion: *Vayishlach* Genesis 32:4—36:43

Haftarah: Hosea 11:7-12:12

Friday, December 8

Family Shabbat Service, 7:00 pm At Temple Anshe Sholom

Saturday, December 9

Shabbat Service, 10:15 am Torah Portion: *Vayeishev* Genesis 37:1—40:23 Haftarah: Amos 2:6—3:8

Friday, December 15

Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm Nancy Friedman, soloist

Saturday, December 16

Shabbat Service, 10:15 am Torah Portion: *Mikeitz* Genesis 41:1—44:17 Haftarah: Zechariah 4:1—7

Friday, December 22

Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 23

Shabbat Service, 10:15 am Torah Portion: *Vayigash* Genesis 44:18—47:27 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15—28

Friday, December 29

Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm

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generation rabbis, like Liora Ezrachi-Vered, who, ordained last week, is the child, grandchild, and great-grandchild of a rabbi. Her mother, Rabbi Na'amah Kelman-Ezrachi, is Dean of students at the Jerusalem campus, and was also the first woman to be ordained in Israel. Then, there are those like Rabbi Nir Barkin, who, while serving as a Shali'ach, or emissary, from Israel to the Jewish community of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, connected with Reform Judaism, and returned to Jerusalem where he studied and was ordained at HUC-JIR Jerusalem more than a decade ago. Rabbi Dr. Yehoyada Amir came to the program as a professor in Jewish thought and was ordained some eight years after that, while David Laor, another of this year's ordinees, made Aliyah from Mexico, and made Israel- and progressive Judaism - his home and his mission.

In addition to serving in congregations, Israeli Reform Rabbis serve as teachers, spiritual guides, and chaplains. Some, like Rabbi Me'ir Azari, who has served as rabbi of the Beit Daniel center in Tel Aviv for the past twenty-five years, have partnered with local leadership in order to promote progressive Judaism within their cities. Both Rabbi Azari and Ron Huldai, mayor of Tel Aviv, were the recipients of honorary doctorate degrees at this ceremony, for their work on behalf of the movement. Together, they remind the residents of Tel Aviv that there is an alternative to the Ultra-Orthodoxy.

While Israel has a long way to go, especially as is evidenced by the events of earlier that day, when Reform leaders were attacked once again in attempt to hold a pluralistic prayer service at the Kotel, there is also much to celebrate. This ordination brought together Reform Jewish leaders from the past forty years; my father and his colleagues, whose work helped cement the presence of the Israel Movement for progressive Judaism, as well as the leaders of today, who

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Saturday, December 30

Shabbat Service, 10:15 am Torah Portion: *Vaychi* Genesis 47:28—50:26 Haftarah: I Kings 2:1 -12

January 2018 Service Schedule

Friday, January 5, 7:30 pm

Shabbat Service Nancy Friedman, soloist

Saturday, January 6, 10:15 am

Torah Portion: Sh'mot

Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

Haftara: Isaiah 27:6 -28:13; 29:22—23

Friday, January 12, 7:00 pm

Family Shabbat Service at CAE

Saturday, January 13, 10:15 am

Shabbat Service Torah Portion: *Vaeira* Exodus 6:2 - 9:35

Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21

Friday, January 19, 7:30 pm

Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 20, 10:15 am

Hebrew School led Shabbat Service Bible & Bagels following services Torah Portion: *Bo*

Exodus 10:1 - 13:16

Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13 - 28

Friday, January 26, 7:30 pm

Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 27, 10:15 pm

Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: *B'shalach* Exodus 13:17 - 17: 16 Haftarah: Judges 4:4 - 5:31



continue to work on the front lines in order to ensure the continued presence of a liberal, egalitarian approach to Judaism, which so much of Israel's population suggests resonates with it. I invite you to celebrate this momentous occasion by looking at the link below and supporting the Progressive and Masorti (Conservative) movements and their work.

Rabbi Carmit Harari



A Reunion of the Founding rabbis of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism

(from L): Rabbis Moshe Yehuai, Gil Nativ, Ze'ev Harari,
Mordechai (Moti) Rotem,
Uri Regev, and Yehoram Mazor
On the Beach in Haifa, November 17, 2017



President's Message

Safety and Security...

Many of us grew up in a time where safety was not an everyday concern. We would leave our front doors open, our garage door and cars unlocked. We did not think twice about being in a crowd or getting on an airplane. Sadly, those days are gone.

Today all we hear about is violence and acts of terror. Everyday there is a shooting in Chicago and there are terrorist attacks in the United States and around the world. We think that these events will not happen in our community, but we need to be vigilant to ensure that they don't.

We lock our doors and garages at home, we don't answer our doors for strangers. We need to make sure that we do the same at temple. We have security in place, we need to use it. An alarm system was installed several years ago. Last year a security system was installed for the front door. We have monitors in the office and back hallway where you can see who is at the front door, talk to them and allow entry. We have also posted emergency phone numbers on charts throughout the building. Please use these tools. If you are having a meeting at the temple, make sure doors are locked and that you identify all entrants to the building and are comfortable in allowing entrance. We want everyone at BYBS to not just feel safe, but BE SAFE.

I hope that everyone has gone to our merger website and registered. The first meeting of the Merger Committee has taken place and minutes are posted on the website. All congregants of BYBS and CAE can have access to the website, will get the exact same updates and wording and at the same time. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Happy Chanukah and a Happy and Healthy New Year

Sherman Friedman





Anniversary

12/28

12/28

12/29

12/21 Dr. Joel & Gayla Cahan

Birthday 12/2 Joel Weiss 12/7 Pamela Toll 12/7 Paula Schoenberg 12/13 Deedee DuBrow 12/14 Bettie Gilbert 12/15 Marimonica Murray 12/16 Elena Morone 12/20 Gary Schwarz 12/20 James Dreyfus

Jeff Virene

Caylon Gwinn

Marilynn Tannebaum



The Adult Education Committee would like to express its appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of the adult education programs which took place on three Sunday afternoons in October and November. Barry Bayer asked Maggie Anton to come to BYBS at minimal expense to us. Ellen Kahn wrote a request for proposal for a mini-grant to bring Fern Schumer Chapman and her mother Edith Westerfeld to BYBS. Sisterhood provided baked goods for the Anton and Chapman programs. Cathy sent out e-mail blasts to promote all three programs and Bob set up the Social Hall and the Chapel to meet our needs.

Finally, we would like to thank the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for making mini-grants available so that Karen Kaplan and Fern Schumer Chapman could speak to us. We could not have afforded to host them without this financial support.

Barry Sturm



Sunday, January 14, 2018 "MOVIES AT BYBS"

Title to be Announced

Doors open at 2:30 pm; MOVIE AT 3:00 pm; \$10 per person

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Discussion with Suzanne Patterson

Open to the community. Walk-ins welcome.

RSVP/pay ahead of time or at the door.

Name _	phone #
Numbe	er of tickets at \$10.00 each:
	Send to B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom,
	1424 W. 183 rd St., Homewood, IL 60430
	Questions? Call 799-4110 or contact

office@bybs.org

Abramov Family

Barry & Susan Bayer

Nacho Tejeda, Cathy Burnett & Family

Nancy & Larry Burrows

Gayla & Joel Cahan

Stacy & Anthony DeFilippo



Rabbi Ellen & Dr. James Dreyfus

DeeDee Du Brow

Ramona & Phil Engelberg

Walter & Gretchen Falk

Carole Fefferman

Harlene & Irwin Friedman

Ruth & Sherman Friedman & Family

Rabbi Carmit Harari

Sue & Rob Held

Susan Johnson

Eila & Doug Koltun Marcia Lippert Allan Lohn & Joan Brazzale Judy Lohr-Safcik



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Micah & David Rader
Barb & Gary Schwarz

Jerry & Penny Shnay

Edwin & Beverly Sokol

Louise Stein



Jodie & Jeff Virene

Gayle & Norman Weil & Family

Diane Wolf

Rabbi Leo & Helen Wolkow



Beit AmiChai News

December will be short on the school calendar but filled with fun activities!

On Sunday, December 3rd we will have Sunday School at Temple Beth-El in Munster. Marilyn Price and her wonderful world of puppets will be performing.

On December 8th, we will have a Family Shabbat service at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Anshe Sholom and the Youth Choir will be singing at services.

During Sunday School on December 17th our students will have their Chanukah celebration.

Winter break will be from December 24th - January 7, 2018. During that time we won't have Hebrew School, Sunday School or High School Havurah. We will resume classes on Wednesday, January 10th.

Thank you to all who have supported our school fundraisers, we greatly appreciate it!

And a special thank you to our 6th and 7th grade teacher Becky Moeckler for coordinating this years Chanukah Mitzvah project. Many families in need of a little

help at the holidays truly benefit from this wonderful mitzvah.





As Chairman of the November 5 JUF mini-grant, I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who baked, helped or attended "Edith's Immigration Journey: A Refugee's Story of Prejudice and Empathy." The turnout was tremendous. We welcomed a total of 65 people! The vast majority of the evaluations completed were extremely positive, including comments such as fantastic, emotional, educational, important, and well-presented. A special thanks to my committee: Penny Shnay and Laura Eisenwasser.

Ellen Kahn





Edith Strauss showing Edith Westefield a picture of a double date they had in 1947.

General Fund

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Susan Johnson

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Sisterhood Tributes

To Rabbi Ellen and Dr. Jim Dreyfus in honor of their son David's engagement

Judy Lohr- Safcilk Gayle and Norm Weil Deedee DuBrow

Donelle Macey

Barry and Susan Bayer

General Fund

Proceeds to temple general fund.

Marvin Snyder P.A.D.S. Fund

Contributions benefit local homeless shelters.

Bernie Alpert Prayer Book Fund

Prayer books are available for donation for all occasions. If desired, a bookplate will be affixed to each book stating the name of the donor and the occasion.

Choir Fund

For special choir needs.

Library Fund

Helps purchase books and equipment for temple libraries.

Family Concerns Fund

Special funds for emergencies occurring in member families.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Funds for charitable uses within and outside the congregation at the discretion of the Rabbi.

Doris Rosenberg Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund

Funds help BYBS children attend Jewish summer camps, especially OSRUI.

Brounstein Memorial Capital Improvement Fund

To keep the building in good shape.

Dan & Joyce Rosenfeldt Memorial **Endowment Fund**

For capital improvements to the temple.

Les Lawitz Memorial K'lei Kodesh Ritual Arts Funds

Provides monies for the cleaning and repair of the Torah Scrolls and ritual objects.

Altman-Stein Education Fund

Minimum \$10 donation-Augments Hebrew and Sunday School Fees for families who cannot pay tuition.

Carole Fefferman
Penny and Jerry Shnay

To Barb and Gary Schwarz in honor of their new granddaughter

Judy Lohr-Safcik

Gayle and Norm Weil

Deedee DuBrow

Donelle Macey

Barry and Susan Bayer

Carole Fefferman

Penny and Jerry Shnay

Ruth and Sherman Friedman

To Fawn and David Gottlieb in Memory of her mother

Judy Lohr-Safcik

Gayle and Norm Weil

Barry and Susan Bayer

Carole Fefferman

Penny and Jerry Shnay

Ruth and Sherman Friedman

To Gayla and Joel Cahan in honor of Josh's marriage

Judy Lohr-Safcik

Gavle and Norm Weil

Carole Fefferman

Donelle Macey

Penny and Jerry Shnay

Ruth and Sherman Friedman

To Nancy and Larry Burrows in honor of Steven's marriage

Judy Lohr-Safcik

Donelle Macey

Gayle and Norm Weil

Deedee DuBrow

Carole Fefferman

Penny and Jerry Shnay

To Rabbi Harari in honor of her 40th Birthday

Linda and Larry Simon

In Memory of

Charles Kaufer

Celeste Safcik

Nellie Wolf

Iris Ourach

Sisterhood Tributes

Tribute cards are an economical and attractive fundraiser for Sisterhood. Cards are sent with personal message to honor friends or family on memorable occasions.

Cards are sent by contacting Carol Zucker at 708-769-6954 in the evening or on weekends. Please include your message (and occasion), the recipient, and your name for acknowledgement. Send your check (minimum \$5.50 per card), payable to BYBS Sisterhood, 460 Gail Lane, Chicago Heights, IL 60411.

Cards are available for purchase in packets of 5 with envelopes for \$25 plus \$1.40 for postage, or phone Carol for pickup at the temple office.

Ben Scheinkopf

Dr. Abraham Paper

From Judy Lohr-Safcik

In Memory of

Dr. Abraham Paper

Iris Ourach

From Susan & Barry Bayer

In Memory of

Dr. Abraham Paper

Iris Ourach

Ben Scheinkopf

From Penny & Jerry Shnay

In Memory of

Dr. Abraham Paper

Iris Ourach

Ben Scheinkopf

From Norm & Gayle Weil

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Dr. Abraham Paper Iris Ourach

From Carol & Rich Zucker

In Memory of

Dr. Abraham Paper
From Deedee DuBrow

In Memory of

Dr. Abraham Paper Iris Ourach Ben Scheinkopf

From Carole Fefferman



Sisterhood News

Wishing everyone a Chanukah Sameach! Hard to believe Chanukah is around the corner with such mild weather...I am not complaining.

Sisterhood has been busy, October 26th, seven of us attended the Great Big Challah Bake at The Bernard Weinger JCC, in Northbrook Illinois. While the seven were baking 5 of us were at OSRUI for WRJ Midwest Leadership weekend. Blair Marks President of WRJ who is from Marietta Georgia, Temple Kol Emeth lead several workshops on Leadership and Membership. Hearing her speak was certainly a highlight for me.

In November as part of the Gently Used Jewelry Sale we held our Chanukah sale and gift shop clearance, both events were very successful. We are sad to no longer see our gift shop, but are anxious to see how that space will be re-purposed.

On December 3rd myself, Gayle Weil and Carole Fefferman are off to Boston along with 6000 Jews for the URJ Biennial. There are over 400 workshops to choose from on topics from Social action to membership and everything in between. Elizabeth Warren will be speaking as are other educators from all over the United States, Canada and Israel. We are anxious to bring back new ideas.

CAE & BYBS are jointly hosting The Annual Chanukah Dinner and candle lighting ceremony on Thursday, December 14, 6:00 pm. There is nothing better than an evening of latkes and community! Cost is \$15/adult and \$6 for children. Don't forget to bring your chanukiah and your appetite. RSVP by December 8 to your temple office.

Save the date: February 16, 2018 we are hosting our Sisterhood Shabbat.

Save the date: February 25, 2018 Ronald Balson will be here to discuss the 3rd book in his series, Karolina's Twins.

Many have expressed an interest in our Theatre Group, so why not make it official. Today I contacted North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. On the evening of December 28th David Broza will be performing. Group tickets are available and car pooling has never been a problem.

The Color Purple is coming to the Auditorium Theatre. I have reserved tickets for July 29th matinee performance.

Waitress will be presented at the Palace Theatre I have booked tickets for the July 22nd matinee. If any of these shows sparks your interest please e-mail me and I will sign you up.

Donelle Macey President BYBS Sisterhood donelle12@comcast.net

December Yahrzeits

12/1/2017

Felix Bartfeld Pola Davis Max Dreyfuss Dr. Herman Green Philip Ashley Greene Clara Walker Herman Harry Hirsch Harry Horwitz Herbert Kallmann David Katleman **Erwin Kinsky** Benno Kronthal Dr. Isert Lewin Jean Lieberman Curt Lorsch Mildred Magid Arthur H. Mayer Renee Mirsky Samuel Mitlin Jack Pelzner Betty Portman Jack Runes Hvman Schneider Tessie Sultan Mark Webster Nathan Weinhouse

12/8/2017

Lili Wollman

Herman Altman Rosa Beber David Benzecrit Norman Blumstein Sam Fruitman Alan Marc Goldberg Henry Greilsheim Ettel Haspel Eva Horwitz Sophie Klamka Pearl Kliff Eleanor Knight Baruch Lorsch Bailey Manilow Alice Meyers Berniece Mirsky Charles Mozer Sara Platt Annette Rosenbaum Gene Salloway Cindy Sax Herman Snyder David I. Spark

12/15/2017

Nellie Wolf

Dorothea Wolf

Yetta Abelman
Else Altmann
Jacob Arkiss
David Beederman
Benjamin Burrows
Paula Buschke
Linnea Cutler
Benjamin Ehrlich
Eric Glaser
Meta Goldberg

Sam Gollay
Bela Gruen
Ida Handler
Selma Heumann
Simon Kaufman
Joseph S. Klein
Aaron Hyman Kroopkin
Jacob Marks
Fannie L. Mayer
Goldie Haya Merkin
Anna Noskin
Carl Reikes
Amy Michelle Shapin

Dr. Seymour Warady

Greta H. Wagner

Klara Stern

Anna Tenny

12/22/2017
Max Adelman
Kurt Altman
Martin Berkowitz
Dr. I.R. Birnbaum
Sarah Birnbaum
Dora Blitstein
Carole Bransky
Sam C. Brin
Leona DeLue
Julius Garb
Maureen Merle Gerber
Henry Hesky

Seymour Kaplan Sonia Kite Manning Knapp Louis Lacob Anne Levene
Charles Lewis
Joseph Moore
Benjamin Rosenblum
Morris Runes
Frank Safcik
Barbara Saxonberg
Fred Schulein
Emmy Wolf
Mary Zeman
Hedwig Zwang

12/29/2017
Irving Arine
Jack Batush
Sarah Vogel Cohen
Ross DeLue
David Dorenfest
Anna Dreier
Dr. Arthur Falk
Lillian Flaschen
Sidney Friedman
Zena Friedman
Paula Goetz
Charles Gollay
Rissa Henry
Jennie Hoffman

Rose Lieberson Seymore Marks Marilyn Putterman Joseph Rosenstein Alex Rubin

Morris Klein

Esther Levv

Hyman Schwedel

BYBS Funeral Plan

BYBS has a funeral plan with Chicago Jewish Funerals, which is available for members and their immediate families at their option. To select this plan, simply call Chicago Jewish Funerals at 847-229-8822 and tell them that you are a B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom member. They will handle all the details. The plan includes professional services of funeral director and staff, custodial and general care of remains, the option of a *tahara* (the traditional Jewish preparation of the body) a hearse/graveside transfer vehicle, staff and equipment for chapel and a graveside or synagogue service. Merchandise includes a simple, dignified semi-oval traditional casket of dark stained wood, muslin shroud (optional, not mandatory), register book, shiva and *yizkor candle*, *kriah* ribbons, service folders, use of prayer books, *kipot and 50* standard acknowledgement cards. The funeral price is \$6,400. For further details, call the Temple office or Chicago Jewish Funerals. The plan is offered as a convenience for members and their families at a time of stress, but there is no obligation to use it.

If you wish to observe a Yahrzeit, please send the name and secular or Hebrew date to Cathy at the Temple Office.

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Scholar in Residence and JUF Mini-Grant

Rabbi Andrew Shapiro Katz "Piety and The Modern Jew" How do we cultivate God-consciousness and do we even want to?

Congregation Am Echad 1424 W. 183rd St., Homewood, IL

> Sunday, December 10th 5:00pm Dinner (RSVP required) 6:00pm Speaker



"We've heard rave reviews about Rabbi Katz and his wonderful presentations!" A community-builder, educator, and avid cook, Rabbi Andy Shapiro Katz moved to Beer Sheva in 2010 with his family to start a new intentional pluralistic religious community, Kehilat Be'erot. Andy is an alumnus of Project Otzma, the Conservative Yeshiva, and the Pardes Educators Programs and Kollel. He holds a B.A. in American Studies and M.A. in Educational Administration from Stanford University, and an M.B.A. from Ben Gurion University of the Negev. While living in San Francisco from 2005-2010, Andy served as Assistant Head of School at the Jewish Community High School of the Bay and was an active participant/leader of the Mission Minyan. He also teaches pizza-making and cooking science, caters small events, and hosts a periodic pop-up restaurant at a local soup-kitchen. He and his wife Emily have two boys, ages 4 and 6, and two girls, ages 9 and 12.

RSVP for dinner by December 4th by calling the AmEchad office at 708-249-6194.

The program is funded by Jewish United Fund, a partner in serving our community, and is free and open to the public.

Joint Chanukah Celebration



Cost is \$15 for adults \$6 for children 10 and under Make check payable to either BYBS or CAE and send in to the office.

Thursday, December 14th (RSVP to your temple office by December 8th)

Dinner and Candle Lighting
B'nai Yehuda Beth Sholom and Am Echad
Bring your chanukiah!
6:00pm



Thursday, December 17, 2:00 pm Join Jim Mollin and the Klezmedics for a free concert at Symphony, 1532 Calumet Avenue

