

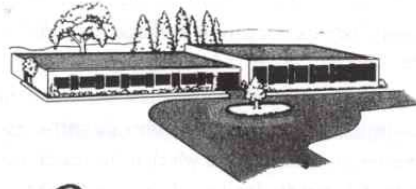
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# Beth Israel Center



## Centerments

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## President's Message

So many things to be thankful for! We should all count our blessings this Thanksgiving and Chanukah season--for the love of our family and friends and for the renewing of our spiritual self at our synagogue during services and social gatherings.

Thank you, everyone, for the great attendance at the rabbi's Friday night service. The energy level was high as we all joined with Rabbi Amy and Janet Mostow in singing familiar and new prayers and psalms.

Our synagogue family came together to raise money for the Judy Weiss Education Fund, through the Rotary Club. Our Beth Israel members filled two tables. The whole night was an enjoyable social affair and a wonderful way to honor the memory of a woman who was a good friend to Beth Israel Center Synagogue.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and will remember to not take for granted the everyday blessings in our lives. But save some of the spirit for our Chanukah luncheon on December 5.

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## True Centerments

The congregation wishes **Gloria Weiss** a full and speedy recovery from her recent illness.

## NEWS AND NOTES

- Congratulations to **Joan Glickstein** on the recent publication of her new book, "**Threads**" The book is available by ordering online from Lulu.com. Search "Glickstein." A quick synopsis can be found below and more detail online.



**J. K. Glickstein** has written two books for Aspen Publishers. *Therapeutic Interventions in Alzheimer's Disease* was the first book written for professionals detailing communication programs for dementia patients. Her second book, *Reimbursable Geriatric Service* was the first book to teach therapists how to provide maintenance therapy. From 1988 through 2000, she was the editor of an award winning newsletter, *Focus on Geriatric Care and Rehabilitation*. This is her first venture into fiction.

The following is a synopsis of the story. The editors have learned of a special award given to Dr. Joan recently. On the next page we are publishing the full press release.

*...there was a white coffin banked with flowers. In it lay Mary Marinchak in a soft linen dress, eyes closed, hands folded in prayer, a rosary and a bible tucked close to her heart or at least where her heart would have been had it not been removed, along with her brain and other organs, during the autopsy.*

**Threads** is the story of a woman and her family being torn apart by a disease no one understands. It is also a story of power as well as hope and the birth of a national organization dedicated to finding a cure. Forced to confront the difficulties of caring for family members with Alzheimer's disease in a time when growing old was often synonymous with becoming "senile" and "take her home and love her" was the only recourse, Anna Marinchak is determined to find a way to get the day to day help her family needs to survive regardless of the consequences. When her first love ends in disaster and her lover betrays her, Anna marries Buck Thomas to acquire the legal help she cannot afford. With the passion of a zealot she begins a grassroots campaign to educate and lobby for family support .

In 1979 as a result of her efforts, Anna is called to Washington to help form a national organization. When the national organization demands money from all of the local chapters, she is forced to fight to keep her own organization independent and to prevent the money she raises from being siphoned off to the national group.

- **Charles and Sara Krifcher** are planning to visit Cuba in December with the Bnai Brith International Relief Mission. They are collecting used **eyeglasses** to be distributed among the Jewish community there. A box has been placed in the foyer at Beth Israel Center for this collection. If you would like someone to pick up your used glasses, please call Irv Selsley, 412.655.2604 (a service of the BIC Men's Club).
- Please visit the wonderful **BIC Library** and take out some books or magazines. Thanks to **Howie and Carol Lang** for their recent contribution of several books, including: *The World of Shalom Aleichum*; *The Indestructible Jews*; *Jews, God and History*; *Chaim Potak's History of the Jews* ; and *Pathway Through the Bible*. They donated these and other books for you to borrow and enjoy reading. Books may be signed out for a month. Thank you to Phyllis Pomerantz for donating copies of *Cooking Light* magazine and to Carolee Burack for her donation of *Good Housekeeping* and *Ladies Home Journal* magazines. Magazines will be donated regularly, so you may keep them if you like.

- Thanks to **Joan Glickstein, Janet Selsley, Louise Hunt, Carolee Burack and Arlene Green** for helping with the successful **kitchen clean-up project**. Along with two professionals, Pat and Yadronka, the kitchen was cleaned from top to bottom, inside and outside. A new wooden cabinet was purchased and placed next to the freezer to store all of the boxes that were formerly piled near the stove. Please keep the stove area free of boxes. It will be more sanitary, neater, and safer. Also, please note that a five-drawer plastic cabinet has been purchased to store all plastic knives, forks and spoons, as well as dairy towels. Return all clean, unused plastic utensils to this small cabinet

## **Congratulations to Joan Glickstein**

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnership for Aging (SWPPA) has selected Dr. Joan Glickstein as the 2011 recipient of *The Charles W. Pruitt Jr. Award of Excellence*. Joan was presented with the award on December 1, 2010 at SWPPA's annual winter meeting. The award is given each year by SWPPA to an individual residing or working in the ten-county southwestern Pennsylvania region who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of aging which has a regional, state or national impact. The following are some of the comments that were made at the presentation:

For the past 30 years Joan has devoted her professional career to improving the welfare of those in the aging population. Joan's interest in gerontology was ignited when she was asked to serve as a delegate for the State of Pennsylvania to the 1980 White House Conference on Aging. As a result of her active and outspoken participation at this Conference important steps were taken to recognize and support the needs of the Alzheimer patient on the national level.

During this early period of her career, Joan spoke at numerous professional meetings, universities, organizations and interest groups on *Alzheimer's Disease – Senility: Facts and Fiction*. Her message was subsequently delivered to more than 50 organizations throughout the country. In 1988 her groundbreaking book entitled, *Program of Functional Communication Skills for Activities of Daily Living: Therapeutic Interventions in Alzheimer's Disease* became a best seller for Aspen Publications. Aspen is one of the largest publishers in the field of health care.

From 1987 to 2000 Joan served as the Editor-in-Chief of the monthly newsletter *Focus on Geriatric Care and Rehabilitation*.. During these 13 years, her 8-page monthly articles provided new and updated information to all types of health care professionals with an interest in geriatrics. She was awarded the *National Excellence in Newsletter Journalism*. Her sustained interest in providing the best care for the aging population moved her toward establishing Glickstein-Neustadt Inc., a company devoted to providing and improving care for the elderly. She co-authored another groundbreaking text entitled, *A Functional Maintenance Therapy System, Reimbursable Geriatric Service Delivery*. Today, it still provides basic guidance to setting up a Functional Maintenance Delivery System to Rehabilitation Services in many institutions throughout the country.

During the 1990's Joan served as President of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Speech Language Hearing Association. In 1997 she was awarded *Honors of the Association* by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Speech Language and Hearing Association. She provided the impetus to establish a "Special Interest Group in Gerontology" for American Speech and Hearing Association members (ASHA). This was the first such group within this large national organization that would be solely devoted to problems of the aged. She became the group's first president. Within several years, membership in the "Special Interest Group in Gerontology" rose to almost 1000 members, proving that her vision of just such an organization was vitally needed within the ASHA community.

Joan was an active member in the Gerontology Society of America, participating and contributing to many of its committees and study groups. Today, she continues in her professional career as an active consultant to nursing homes and organizations that are in need of guidance and support in dealing with issues of concern to the elderly population.

# Adult Education

The first lecturer in our popular Adult Education series this year was Rabbi Art Donsky, who, as a member of the J Street Rabbinical Council, was eminently qualified to speak on the subject. J Street is named for an area of Washington, D. C., that is the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans. Rabbi Donsky gave an extended introduction to the methods and purposes of the organization, which led to further discussion at Men's Club and other venues.

Our second lecture, on November 21, was presented by D. Michael Sobel, DMD, D-ABFO. His presentation was titled *The Forensic Casebook of Dr. Sobel*. He discussed several criminal cases that he was involved with or acted as consultant for, and included some, at times, gruesome photos of the "raw" material that he sometimes has to work with in his efforts to establish the identity of murder victims and missing persons.

Other lectures in this years Series include

- January 9, 2011 - Rabbi Amy Hertz, Rodef Shalom—"How the Bible Tells Stories"
- February 20, 2011 - Rabbi Ronald B. B. Symons, Temple Sinai—"Social Justice"
- April 3, 2011 - Patricia Prattis Jennings - "My Life with the Pittsburgh Symphony"

The lectures this year are sponsored by Shirley Ravets in memory of Dr. Jack Ravets.

Shirley Schultz, Chair



Rabbi Art Donsky, "J Street" ,  
with Shirley Schultz



Dr. Michael Sobel, "The Forensic Casebook of  
Dr. Sobel",  
with Rachel Weinblum

## MEN'S CLUB

Our first meeting of the year was a delightful and tasty pancake breakfast, prepared by Bob Burack. The breakfast was followed by discussions of recent events at BIC and in the world.

Our next meeting will be held, as always, on the second Sunday of December at 9:30 AM. Please plan to attend.

Irv Selsley

## SISTERHOOD

Happy Chanukah to everyone! We hope that many of you will share the celebration of this holiday with us on December 5 at noon at our annual luncheon and silent auction. There will be songs, candle lighting, and, of course, latkes.

A big thanks to Carol Lang for opening her home to us and teaching us how to make flatbread. We enjoyed learning and eating the results.

A group of 7 attended a production of *Tally's Folly* at the Public Theater. We enjoyed the production and a delicious meal beforehand.

January 14 is Sisterhood Sabbath. Rabbi Amy will lead the service with participation from Sisterhood members. We hope many of you will attend.

By now you have received your dues billing. While some of the dues go to the national organization, much of it stays here and funds our activities and support of the Center. Please send your payment as promptly as you can to Bonnie Harrison. Thank you.

Joan Glickstein and Janet Selsley  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

***BY OUR PRESENCE AT SABBATH WORSHIP, WE HONOR THE MEMORY OF  
THOSE WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US.***

**Friday, December 3, 2010**

Naphtali Gisser, father of Toby Exter, 27 Kislev / December 4  
Jennie Weingart, mother of Edward Weingart, 28 Kislev / December 5  
Flora Bernstein, mother-in-law of Frances Bernstein, 28 Kislev / December 5  
Lene Blau, mother of Philip Blau, 2 Tevet / December 9  
Mollie Pretter, mother of Selma Jackson, 3 Tevet / December 10

**Friday, December 10, 2010**

Ann Lang, mother of Dr. Howard Lang, 4 Tevet / December 11  
Sylvia Selsley, mother of Irving Selsley, 4 Tevet / December 11  
Thomas O'Toole, father of Arlene Green, December 11  
Jacob Kaufman, father of Sidney Kaufman, 5 Tevet / December 12  
Matthew Teplitz, father of Rita Rosner, 5 Tevet / December 12  
Samuel S. Horvitz, father of Fred Horvitz and Harvey Horvitz, 8 Tevet / December 15  
Samuel S. Schwartz, father of Joan Horvitz, 9 Tevet / December 16  
Harry Selkowitz, father of Stanley Selkowitz, 9 Tevet / December 16  
Rose Jacobs, mother of Barbara Latterman, 10 Tevet / December 17

**Friday, December 17, 2010**

Edna Lonstein, mother of Robert Burack, 11 Tevet / December 18  
Leo Freudenheim, grandfather of Elaine Small and Steven Small, 15 Tevet / December 22  
Morris Shonberg, 17 Tevet / December 24  
Shirley Specter, mother of Randi Markovitz, 17 Tevet / December 24  
Isadore J. Silverstone, father of Vera Green, 17 Tevet / December 24

**Friday, December 24, 2010**

Flora Leva, mother of Dr. Max Leva, 18 Tevet / December 25  
Frances Markowitz, sister-in-law of Jane Markowitz, 18 Tevet / December 25  
Abraham Jacobs, father of Renee Freudenheim, 20 Tevet / December 27  
Ruth Weingart, wife of Edward Weingart, 20 Tevet / December 27  
Sol Bizoff, father of Beatrice Hillner, 21 Tevet / December 28  
Herman Tessler, father of Dr. George Tessler, 22 Tevet / December 29  
Max E. Goldman, father of Robert Goldman, 22 Tevet / December 29  
Louis Binakonsky, brother of Dr. Harry Binakonsky, 22 Tevet / December 29  
Arthur Moskowitz, father of Meida Chottiner, 22 Tevet / December 29  
Saul Befferman father of Shirley Schultz, 22 Tevet / December 29  
Ellie Katz, mother of Dr. Joan Glickstein, 23 Tevet / December 30  
Mary Schultz, mother of Dr. Hyman Schultz, 23 Tevet / December 30  
Evelyne S. Latterman, mother of Irving Latterman, 24 Tevet / December 31

**Friday, December 31, 2010**

Sigfried Rosenzweig, grandfather of Ruth Balis, 25 Tevet / January 1  
Libbie Silverman, mother of Sanford Silverman, 25 Tevet / January 1  
Sarah Teplitz, mother of Rita Rosner, 26 Tevet / January 2  
Anna J. Herlick, mother of Estelle Weissburg, 28 Tevet / January 4  
Louis Exter, father-in-law of Toby Exter, 29 Tevet / January 5

**Friday, January 7, 2011**

Harry I. Pretter, father of Selma Jackson, 3 Shevat / January 8  
Julius Krupp, father of Barbara Krupp, grandfather of Ken Regal, 4 Shevat / January 9  
Dora Needle, mother of Frances Bernstein, 5 Shevat / January 10  
Julius Bernstein, father-in-law of Frances Bernstein, 5 Shevat / January 10  
Freda Schwartz, mother of Leonard Schwartz, 7 Shevat / January 12  
Joseph Schultz, father of Dr. Hyman Schultz, 8 Shevat / January 13

## **Beth Israel Center thanks the following for their support**

### ***General Fund***

In appreciation of Barbara Latterman, by Arlene Green

### ***Yahrzeit Fund***

In memory of beloved mother Esther Small, by Elaine Small

In memory of beloved mother Dorothy Pomerantz, by Marty and Phyllis Pomerantz

In memory of beloved mother Esther Small, by Stephen and Susan Small

In memory of beloved father Sidney Katz, by Joan and Stan Glickstein

In memory of beloved father Julius Boyer, by Mae and Ed Rosenberg

In memory of Hyman Pinsker, brother-in-law of Gloria Weiss and uncle of Ron Weiss, by Marsha and Alan Bramowitz

In memory of beloved mother Pearl Rosner, by Stan and Rita Rosner

In memory of beloved sister Harriet Rosner, by Stan and Rita Rosner

### ***Jack Ravets Fund***

In memory of beloved father and grandfather, by Paula Ravets and Paul Reiser

### ***High Holy Days***

Elaine Small

Louise and Bill Hunt

Nancy and Auvie Malkin

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## **BETH GREB AND FAMILY**

cordially invite all member of BIC Congregation

to attend Sabbath Services

on December 17, 2010 at 7:30 PM

when their daughter,

## **KAILEE LYNN**

will be called to the Torah as Bat Mitzvah



# *Havdalah Service*

At Beth Israel Center

Saturday Evening, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 P.M. led by

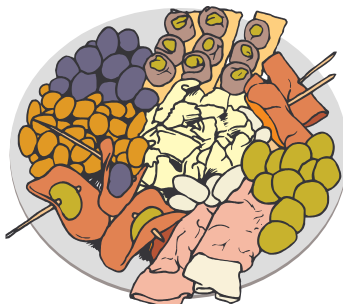
## *Rabbi Amy Greenbaum*

*Have questions? Rabbi Amy has the answers!*

This evening will feature answers to all those questions you have submitted via

*e-mail (amysg1@gmail.com), snail mail (see directory) or by telephone (412-279-1829) to Rabbi Amy in the upcoming weeks. Please join us for what is certain to be an interesting, informative, and lively discussion.*

**Services to be followed by an informal social hour featuring  
A Wonderful Array of Hors d'oeuvres, Desserts,  
*Cold and Hot Drinks***



Future Dates

**Fri. Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, Fri. Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, Sat. eve. Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Rabbi's services made possible through the Jack Ravets Memorial Fund*

# November 28, 2010 - January 08, 2011

## 21 Kislev through 3 Shevat 5771

L - Leader of Service; C - Cantor; H - Hostess(es); CL - Candle Lighting, local time

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Nov 28</i>	<i>Nov 29</i>	<i>Nov 30</i>	<i>Dec 1</i>	<i>Dec 2</i>	<i>Dec 3</i>	<i>Dec 4</i>
21 Kislev	22 Kislev	23 Kislev	EREV CHANUKAH FIRST CANDLE 24 Kislev	SECOND CANDLE 25 Kislev	L - J Selsley C - E Weingart H- CL - 4:36  THIRD CANDLE 26 Kislev	Miketz  FOURTH CANDLE 27 Kislev
<i>Dec 5</i>	<i>Dec 6</i>	<i>Dec 7</i>	<i>Dec 8</i>	<i>Dec 9</i>	<i>Dec 10</i>	<i>Dec 11</i>
CHANUKAH LUNCHEON 12 NOON  FIFTH CANDLE 28 Kislev	SIXTH CANDLE 29 Kislev	SEVENTH CANDLE 30 Kislev	EIGHTH CANDLE 1 Tevet	2 Tevet	L - S Glickstein C - H - J Selsley A Schubert CL - 4:35	Rabbi Greenbaum Havdalah Service - 7:30 PM  Vayigash 4 Tevet
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>Dec 13</i>	<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Dec 16</i>	<i>Dec 17</i>	<i>Dec 18</i>
Men's Club 9:30  5 Tevet	6 Tevet	7 Tevet	8 Tevet	9 Tevet	Bat Mitzvah Kailee Greb  CL - 4:37 10 Tevet	Vayehi 11 Tevet
<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>Dec 20</i>	<i>Dec 21</i>	<i>Dec 22</i>	<i>Dec 23</i>	<i>Dec 24</i>	<i>Dec 25</i>
12 Tevet	13 Tevet	14 Tevet	15 Tevet	16 Tevet	L - R Weiss C - K Regal H - E Small CL - 4:40 17 Tevet	Shernot 18 Tevet
<i>Dec 26</i>	<i>Dec 27</i>	<i>Dec 28</i>	<i>Dec 29</i>	<i>Dec 30</i>	<i>Dec 31</i>	<i>Jan 1</i>
19 Tevet	20 Tevet	21 Tevet	22 Tevet	23 Tevet	L - S - Schultz C - S Rosner H- CL - 4:45 24 Tevet	Vaera 25 Tevet
<i>Jan 2</i>	<i>Jan 3</i>	<i>Jan 4</i>	<i>Jan 5</i>	<i>Jan 6</i>	<i>Jan 7</i>	<i>Jan 8</i>
26 Tevet	27 Tevet	28 Tevet	29 Tevet	1 Shevat	L - R Green C - E Weingart H- CL - 4:51 2 Shevat	Bo 3 Shevat

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR DECEMBER

5th - Our annual Chanukah Luncheon and Auction

11<sup>th</sup> - Rabbi Greenbaum's Havdalah Service

17<sup>th</sup> - Bat Mitzvah of Kailee Greb

**Advance Notice**  
**ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE**  
**JANUARY 9, 2011 - RABBI AMY HERTZ**