

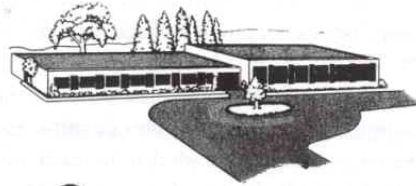
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President's Message

December was a busy month for Beth Israel Center. We celebrated the Bat Mitzvah of Kailee Greb. Congratulations to Kailee and her family. The annual Sisterhood Chanukah luncheon was a fun-filled time with good food and good companionship. Many thanks to the ladies who organized and ran the luncheon. A special thank-you to Shirley Ravets for the Silent Auction--it couldn't have happened without you. We said farewell to Dr. Perry Haalman as our Religious School Director. Perry has instructed two generations of our BIC children; we appreciate the years of devoted service he has given to BIC. Rabbi Amy Greenbaum conducted a Havdalah service for us. After the service, we had a question and answer period about all things Jewish. The discussions were so in-depth that we had time for only two questions! We hope to continue these sessions in the future.

As 2010 draws to a close, let us not forget our loved ones and dear friends of BIC who have passed away. May their memories be for a blessing.

Let us welcome 2011 with optimism and good wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year for all of us here at Beth Israel Center Synagogue. There are a lot of events planned for the up-coming year. January 2011 includes Sisterhood Sabbath service, the Dr. Jack Ravets Adult Education Lecture Series, and Men's Club meeting. Join us here at your synagogue for religious services, learning, and social events.

Best Wishes,
Art

True Centerments

- Sid Kaufman, a former president of BIC, has passed away. Sid was born in East Liberty in 1921 and died in West Palm Beach, Florida, on December 19, 2010. He was a member of Beth Israel Center from 1957 to 1996, and President in 1993 and 1994. The Congregation extends sincere condolences to the Kaufman and Tamler families.
- Mazel Tov to Benjamin Greenberg, son of Dr. Karen and Michael Greenberg, who became Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem, Israel. Benjamin is the grandson of Dr. Jack and Shirley Ravets.



News and Notes

- Please visit the wonderful **BIC Library** and take out some books or magazines. Books may be signed out for a month. In the meantime, the Library is a comfortable place to relax, read, and contemplate. There are many reference books on Judaism, history, biography, and humor. Many recent magazines have been donated and may be kept if you find articles of interest to you.



Ed Rosenberg, whose hobby has long been creating paintings for his own pleasure, has donated one of his works to BIC. The painting is a copy of a work hidden away in the Carnegie Museum, showing two orthodox rabbis reading the Sabbath scrolls. The picture is hanging, appropriately, in the small sanctuary, where we are beginning to accumulate a significant art collection.

Adult Education

The next lecture in our Adult Education series will take place on January 9 at 7:30 PM. Rabbi Amy Hertz of Rodef Shalom will discuss “How the Bible Tells Stories”.

Other lectures in this years Series include

- February 20, 2011 - Rabbi Ronald 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

Men’s Club

BIC Men’s Club met on December 12 for a video presentation of the history of the first Jewish Homeland, the Jewish Autonomous Republic in Siberia that was established in 1932 by Josep Stalin! Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 9 at 9:30 AM, which will be led by Marty Pomerantz, who will discuss the Marcellus shale gas industry in Pennsylvania, now so prominent in the news. Please plan to attend - all are welcome.

Irv

BIC News in Pictures

The BIC annual Chanukah Luncheon was held on December 5 and was very well attended. A delicious lunch of cold cut sandwiches and latkes was enjoyed by a large number of current members and young people who came for the special ceremony. Perry Haalman has been associated with our religious school for nearly 23 years. With the Bat Mitzvah of Kailee Greb, our school closed. Perry was honored at this luncheon with a special gift, presented by Janet Selsley, chair of the Education Committee. The luncheon was topped off with a silent auction, assembled and emceed by Shirley Ravets, which was a quite successful fundraiser for the Sisterhood.



Kailee Greb, daughter of Beth and Shawn Greb, became Bat Mitzvah on December 17. Kailee is the granddaughter of Elliott and JoAnn Weiss, also she is the last student of Dr. Perry Haalman.

On December 11, Rabbi Greenbaum conducted a Havdalah service, followed by a question and answer discussion. The Rabbi asked for submission of questions prior to the service and attempted to answer them at the roundtable shown here. However, discussion was so lively that only a few questions were answered and a repeat performance has been scheduled for a later date.



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

Friday, January 14, 2011

Bertha Befferman, mother of Shirley Schultz; 12 Shevat / January 17
Ida Goldman, mother of Phyllis Pomerantz; 12 Shevat / January 17
Esther Eckstein, mother of Carol Lang and Gerry Tessler; 13 Shevat / January 18
Emanuel Silverman, father of Sanford Silverman; 14 Shevat / January 19
Arnold Wayne Hirsch, husband of Rena Hirsch; 15 Shevat / January 20

Friday, January 21, 2011

Harry Balis, father of Sammy Balis; 20 Shevat / January 25
Jonathon Duker, husband of Bobbie Duker; 22 Shevat / January 27
Sonia Helfgott, mother of Genevieve Mentser; 23 Shevat / January 28

Friday, January 28, 2011

Lillian Getzug, mother of Maynard Getzug; 26 Shevat / January 31
Benjamin Bayewitch, father of Louise Hunt; 28 Shevat / February 2
Burton Schmelzer, brother of Edith Parker; 28 Shevat / February 2
Sarah Peal Weiss, grandmother of Joseph and Elliott Weiss; 30 Shevat / February 4

Friday, February 4, 2011

Belle Bass, mother of Irma Leva; 2 Adar I / February 6
Alexander Weissburg, father of James Weissburg; 3 Adar I / February 7
Louis Blau, grandfather of Philip Blau; 4 Adar I / February 8
Josephine Visco, mother of MaryLou Mendlowitz; 4 Adar I / February 8,
Pauline Elizabeth Grandell, mother of Sally Petri; 5 Adar I / February 9
Sophie Krupp, mother of Barbara Krupp, grandmother of Ken Regal; 5 Adar I / February 9
Dora Krifcher, mother of Dr. Charles Krifcher; 5 Adar I / February 9
Del Grosser, father of Beth Charness, Scott Grosser and Saul Grosser; 5 Adar I / February 9
Ella Reba Green, mother of Richard Green; 6 Adar I / February 10
J. David Brilliant, brother-in-law of Edward Weingart; 7 Adar I / February 11

Friday, February 11, 2011

Louis Regal, father of Hilda Werth; 9 Adar I / February 13
Morris Robison, brother-in-law of Edward Weingart; 10 Adar I / February 14
Simon Helfgott, father of Genevieve Mentser; 11 Adar I / February 15
Morton B. Glick, father of Marsha Kwait; 11 Adar I / February 15

Friday, February 18, 2011

Usher Zelig Duker, father of Jonathan Duker; 15 Adar I / February 19
Benjamin Kloss, husband of Myrna Kloss Backal; 18 Adar I / February 22
Donna Landon, daughter of Arelene and Richard Green; 22 February
Herman Davidson, father of Stanley Davidson; 19 Adar I / February 23
Benjamin Weingart, father of Edward Weingart; 19 Adar I / February 23

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In memory of beloved son Eric Weiss, by Joe Weiss
In memory of beloved friend Sidney Kaufman, by Estelle Weissburg

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In memory of beloved wife Sara Jean Binakonsky and
in support of Rabbi Amy Greenbaum's presence at BIC,
by Dr. Harry Binakonsky

In memory of beloved husband Dr. Jack Ravets and
parents Lucy and Jack Orgel,
by Shirley Ravets

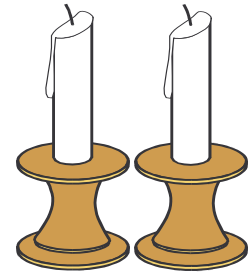
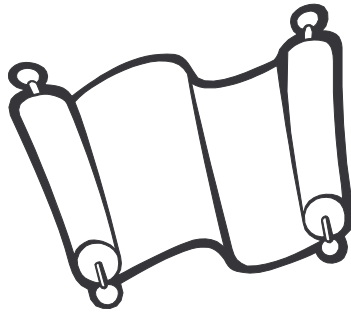
Sisterhood News

As we look forward to a new calendar year, we first want to look back and thank everyone involved in making the Chanukah lunch so successful. Thank you to Joan Glickstein, Arlene Green, Carol Lang, Bobbi Myerson, Shirley Schultz, and Janet Selsley who worked in various capacities before, during, and after the lunch. Thanks to Shirley Ravets and Bonnie and Jake Harrison for working so hard to have a very successful silent auction. Thank you to the Men's Club for setting up the tables and chairs. Our thanks go to Rabbi Amy for leading us in songs and prayers. Of course, we are grateful to all who attended.

January activities start off with Sisterhood Sabbath. We are urging all members of the synagogue to attend. There will be a very special presentation sponsored by Sisterhood and created by Carolyn Weiss in memory of Judy Weiss and all her contributions to Sisterhood and the synagogue.

On Sunday, February 13, Shirley Schultz will review *The Finkler Question* by Howard Jacobson. Plans are being developed for a March trip to the Heinz History Center to see the Rauh Collection, as well as other displays. This will be combined with a meal in the Strip District.

Joan Glickstein and Janet Selsley
Sisterhood co-presidents



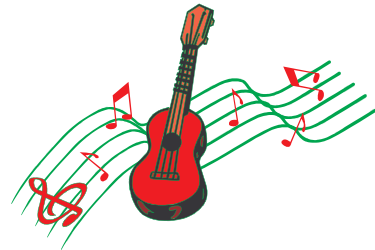
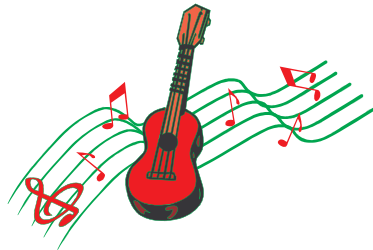
Join Us for Our Next
Shabbat Service with

Rabbi Amy Greenbaum

Friday, February 18th at 7:30 P.M.

Rabbi Greenbaum will be assisted by guitarist Janet Mostow.

Please join us for this Shabbat and help make it a memorable one.



Future Dates:

Saturday Havdalah, March 12th Friday, April 29th, Friday, 13th

The Rabbi's participation is made possible through the Jack Ravets Memorial Fund



January 09, 2011 - February 19, 2011

4 Shevat through 15 Adar 1

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Jan 9</i></p> <p>Men's Club 9:30AM</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>ADULT ED RABBI HERTZ 7:30 PM</p> </div> <p>4 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 10</i></p> <p>5 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 11</i></p> <p>6 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 12</i></p> <p>7 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 13</i></p> <p>8 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 14</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>SISTERHOOD SHABBAT RABBI GREENBAUM</p> <p>CL - 4:58</p> </div> <p>9 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 15</i></p> <p>Beshalah</p> <p>10 Shevat</p>
<p><i>Jan 16</i></p> <p>BIC Board Mtg 10 AM</p> <p>11 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 17</i></p> <p>12 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 18</i></p> <p>13 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 19</i></p> <p>14 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 20</i></p> <p>Tu B'Shevat</p> <p>15 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 21</i></p> <p>L - E Rosenberg C - S Glickstein H - P & M Pomerantz CL - 5:06</p> <p>16 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 22</i></p> <p>Yitro</p> <p>17 Shevat</p>
<p><i>Jan 23</i></p> <p>18 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 24</i></p> <p>19 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 25</i></p> <p>20 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 26</i></p> <p>21 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 27</i></p> <p>22 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 28</i></p> <p>L - M Pomerantz C - H Balis H - CL - 5:15</p> <p>23 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 29</i></p> <p>Mishpatim</p> <p>24 Shevat</p>
<p><i>Jan 30</i></p> <p>25 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Jan 31</i></p> <p>26 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Feb 1</i></p> <p>27 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Feb 2</i></p> <p>28 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Feb 3</i></p> <p>29 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Feb 4</i></p> <p>L - J Selsley C - E Weingart H - L - Hunt CL - 5:23</p> <p>30 Shevat</p>	<p><i>Feb 5</i></p> <p>Teruma</p> <p>1 Adar I</p>
<p><i>Feb 6</i></p> <p>2 Adar I</p>	<p><i>Feb 7</i></p> <p>3 Adar I</p>	<p><i>Feb 8</i></p> <p>4 Adar I</p>	<p><i>Feb 9</i></p> <p>5 Adar I</p>	<p><i>Feb 10</i></p> <p>6 Adar I</p>	<p><i>Feb 11</i></p> <p>L - A Weinblum C - K Regal H - R Weinblum CL - 5:32</p> <p>7 Adar I</p>	<p><i>Feb 12</i></p> <p>Tetzaveh</p> <p>8 Adar I</p>
<p><i>Feb 13</i></p> <p>Men's Club - 9:30 AM</p> <p>Sisterhood Book review 2:00 PM</p> <p>9 Adar I</p>	<p><i>Feb 14</i></p> <p>10 Adar I</p>	<p><i>Feb 15</i></p> <p>11 Adar I</p>	<p><i>Feb 16</i></p> <p>12 Adar I</p>	<p><i>Feb 17</i></p> <p>13 Adar I</p>	<p><i>Feb 18</i></p> <p>Rabbi Greenbaum C - J Mostow H - S Schultz</p> <p>14 Adar I</p>	<p><i>Feb 19</i></p> <p>Ki Tissa</p> <p>15 Adar I</p>

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR JANUARY

ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE
JANUARY 9, 2011 - RABBI AMY HERTZ

SISTERHOOD SABBATH
WITH RABBI GREENBAUM
January 14

ADVANCE NOTICE

Adult Education Lecture
February 20, 2011 -
Rabbi Ronald B. Symons of Temple Sinai
“Social Justice”