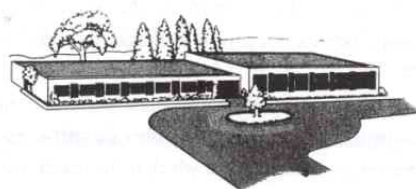


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### EDITOR'S NOTE

Rabbi Eleazar said: "Any leader who guides a community gently will merit guiding it in the world to come."

As we prepare to install a new Board of Directors for Beth Israel Center on May 23, we may be certain that Robby Greenberger fits the requirements of Rabbi Eleazar's epigram. Rabbi Greenbaum praises Robby as a fantastic leader, who led with kindness and intelligence. He carried his duties above and beyond the needs of BIC, He was supportive to her and to all who sought his services. We flourished under his leadership.

Robby guided us through the rigors of the very successful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and made sure that all Holiday observances were properly and economically staffed. It is with the deepest gratitude that we let Robby lay the staff of leadership aside after three years of dedicated work. Thanks for being here when we needed you, Robby!

### NEWS AND NOTES

- Members of Beth Israel Center have recently suffered great personal losses. All of us are seeking ways to aid and comfort the bereaved. One way that all can help is to make it possible for the mourners to perform the mitzvah of reciting Kaddish. Please try to attend Friday evening services so that a minyan is present for them.
- **The Pittsburgh Folk Festival** will be held this year at the Monroeville Convention Center from Friday, May 14 through Sunday, May 16. The **Israel Booth** theme this year is Tu B'Shevat. The dance performance is scheduled for Sunday afternoon. For discount tickets, call 412.561.0321 before May 12. Ticket prices are \$8 and \$5 in advance, or \$10 and \$6 at the door. If you would like to volunteer to help at the booth, there are many jobs to be done from Wednesday, May 12 (set-up) through Sunday May 16 (but never on Saturday), please call 412.561.0321.
- **The BIC library** is a comfortable, well-lighted place to browse, read a book or magazine, and take out books of Jewish interest. Please visit the newly renovated library soon. Sign out one or more books for a month. Thanks to Elaine Small for her recent contribution of a book to the BIC library.
- May and June are months for **graduations** from high schools and colleges. The editor of *Centerments* would like to acknowledge our graduates in the next issue. Please contact me at 412.655.2604 or [iselsley@verizon.net](mailto:iselsley@verizon.net) with details about your graduate - which school, honors received, future plans, etc.

## ADULT EDUCATION



With the last speaker in April, the Dr. Hyman Schultz Memorial Adult Education Lecture series marks the end of another stimulating season. We began the series with Jonathon Mayo speaking about Jews in basketball, and we ended by learning about the Talmud's and Torah's views on the death penalty with Marshall Dayan (photo left). The Lecture Series covers a wide variety of topics to educate and entertain us. None of this would be possible without the hard work of the members of the Adult Education Committee. It was through the combined efforts of the entire group that topics were chosen and speakers contacted. Refreshments after the meetings enabled the speakers and the audience to interact in a more casual setting. Special thanks go to Shirley Schultz, former chairperson, who guided us. Thanks to Louise Hunt, Elaine Small, Carolee Burack and Janet Selsley for making and serving the refreshments for each session, and all the members of the committee for making this a great year. And thanks also to you, the members of BIC, for supporting this program through your attendance.

We are very pleased to announce that Shirley Ravets has generously stepped up to sponsor next year's lecture series in memory of Dr. Jack Ravets.

Art and Rachel Weinblum  
Co-chairs  
Adult Education Committee

Photos on this page courtesy Carolee and Bob Burack

## SISTERHOOD

On April 19, a successful bow-making class attended by nine people was held. Participants learned to make decorative bows for gifts, baskets, and boxes. Thank you to Carolee Burack, not only for coordinating the event, but also for providing a delicious supper for the participants.

It's Spring, and that means donor time. Sisterhood not only serves its members, but also supports many activities at, and needs of, Beth Israel Center Synagogue. Your donor pledge, however much it is, helps enormously. Donor will be held on Sunday, June 6, at 12:30 PM at Rock Bottom at the Waterfront in Homestead. Please Call Bobbi Myerson between 12 noon and 9:00 PM and give her your donor reservation and/or your pledge. Donor categories are as follows: Opal - \$36, Pearl - \$54, Ruby - \$72, Diamond - \$90. Please indicate if you need a ride to the luncheon. More details will follow in the invitation. We look forward to seeing all of our members at this special event.

Janet Selsley and Joan Glickstein  
Co-presidents



Bow making class in progress. Joan Glickstein and Carol Lang work assiduously on their projects. The instructor, Phyllis Blum, and Mallory Weiss show their finished products.



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

### *General Fund*

Bobbi Duker  
In memory of Donna Landon, by Jenny Mentser  
In honor of Rita Rosner's birthday, by Jenny Mentser

### *Yahrzeit Fund*

In memory of beloved father Saul Befferman, by Shirley Schultz  
In memory of beloved mother-in-law Lilly Hirsch, by Harry Binakonsky  
In memory of beloved mother Mary O'Toole, by Arlene and Richard Green  
In memory of beloved father Morris Krifcher, by Charles and Sara Krifcher  
In memory of beloved father Louis Eckstein, by Carol and Howard Lang  
In memory of beloved sister Judy Joseph, by Louise and Bill Hunt  
In memory of beloved mother Sonia Helfgott, by Jenny Mentser  
In memory of beloved father Simon Helfgott, by Jenny Mentser  
In memory of beloved sister Harriett Perry, by Jenny Mentser  
In memory of beloved father Arthur Small, by Susan and Stephen Small  
In memory of beloved son Eric Weiss, by Joe Weiss  
In memory of beloved mother Ruth Weiss, by Joe Weiss  
In memory of beloved mother Ruth Weiss, by Elliott and JoAnne Weiss  
In memory of beloved father Morris Rosenberg, by J. Edgar and Mae Rosenberg  
In memory of beloved parents Celia and Daniel Keller, by Pat and Bob Melhado  
In memory of beloved brother George Teplitz, by Rita and Stan Rosner  
In memory of beloved father Benjamin Kloss, by Sherry Kloss  
In memory of beloved husband Benjamin Kloss, by Myrna Kloss Backal

### *Jack Ravets Fund*

In memory of mother Sarah Mirsky, by Carolee and Bob Burack  
In memory of Donna Landon, by Sara and Charles Krifcher

### *Eric Weiss Fund*

In memory of Judy Weiss, by Mae and Ed Rosenberg  
In memory of Judy Weiss, by Yvonne Miceli  
In memory of Judy Weiss, by Perdue Farms, Inc.  
In memory of Judy Weiss, by Arlene and Richard Green  
In memory of Judy Weiss, by Jenny Mentser

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

**Friday, May 7, 2010**

Shep Miller, father of Maxine Horvitz, 25 Iyar / May 9  
Irving Feldman, father of Janice Davidson, 26 Iyar / May 10  
Rebecca Moore, grandmother of Janet Selsley, 27 Iyar / May 11  
Sydney Friedlander, father of Janan Frey, 27 Iyar / May 11  
Beckie Blau, grandmother of Philip Blau, 28 Iyar / May 12  
Louis Jackson, father of Melvin Jackson, 29 Iyar / May 13  
James Purdy III, father of Sarah Purdy, Julia Purdy and Lisa Purdy, 1 Sivan / May 14

**Friday, May 14, 2010**

Nathan Kaplan, father of Linda Shapiro; 3 Sivan / May 16  
Dr. Joseph Markowitz, husband of Jane Markowitz; 3 Sivan / May 16  
Morris Glickstein, father of Dr. Stanley Glickstein; 3 Sivan / May 16  
Kurt Wolff, father of Ruth Balis; 4 Sivan / May 17  
Sarah Freudenheim, grandmother of Elaine Small and Stephen Small; 4 Sivan / May 17  
Ida Markovitz, mother of Jeffrey Markovitz; 5 Sivan / May 18

**Friday, May 21, 2009**

Herman Weiss, husband of Gloria Weiss, father of Michael, Ron and Paul Weiss; 9 Sivan / May 22  
David Greenberger, father of Robbie Greenberger; 11 Sivan / May 24  
Rose Selkowitz, mother of Stanley Selkowitz; 11 Sivan / May 24  
Max Blau, father of Philip Blau ; 13 Sivan / May 26  
Charlotte Tessler, mother of Dr. George Tessler; 14 Sivan / May 27

**Friday, May 28, 2009**

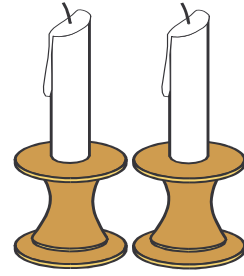
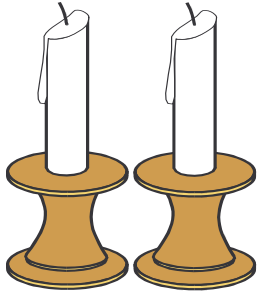
Matthews Brilliant, father-in-law of Edward Weingart; 16 Sivan / May 29  
Johnny Steiner, uncle of Stanley Selkowitz; 17 Sivan / May 30  
Lawrence Herlick, brother of Estelle Weissburg; 18 Sivan / May 31  
Jack Schubert, father of Ann Schubert; 18 Sivan / May 31  
Ely Grossman, father of Garry Grossman, Paul Grossman and Sharon Ogburn; 22 Sivan / June 4  
Florence Goldman, wife of Robert Goldman; 22 Sivan / June 4  
Irving Moore, father of Janet Selsley; 22 Sivan / June 4  
Milton Rosenberg, brother of J. Edgar Rosenberg; 22 Sivan / June 4

**Friday, June 4, 2010**

Philip Brilliant, grandfather-in-law of Edward Weingart; 24 Sivan / June 6  
Abraham ben Moshe Sare, father of Jane Markowitz; 27 Sivan / June 9  
Louis Klein, grandfather of Louise Hunt; 27 Sivan / June 9

**Friday, June 11, 2010**

Ben Lonstein, step-father-of Robert Burack; 30 Sivan / June 12  
Joseph Lukatsky, father of Janet Roth; 1 Tammuz / June 13  
Abraham Pomerantz, father of Dr. Martin Pomerantz; 1 Tammuz / June 13  
Marcy L. Burns, brother-in-law of Frances Bernstein; 4 Tammuz / June 16  
Anna Dropulic, grandmother of Joseph and Elliott Weiss; 4 Tammuz / June 16  
Marion Weinreb, mother of Toby Freeman; 5 Tammuz / June 17



*Join us for our next  
Shabbat Service with  
Rabbi Amy Greenbaum*

*Friday, May 21, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.*

*This is the next of our monthly religious service with Rabbi Amy Greenbaum and will feature a unique discussion on*

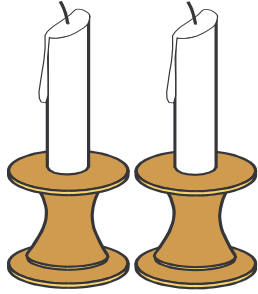
*“All you want to know about Shabbat Services:  
Why do we do what we do!”*

*Please reserve this important date and join us for an exciting and stimulating Shabbat evening.*

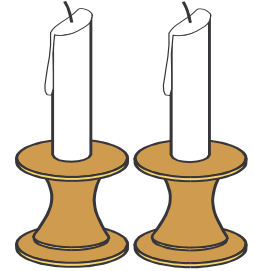
*Future Date:  
Friday, June 18th*



*This program is made possible through the Jack Ravets Memorial Fund.*



# Shabbat Service & Spaghetti Dinner



with

*Rabbi Amy Greenbaum*

Friday, June 18, 2010

Dinner: 6:15 PM

Services: 7:30 PM



*This will be our June monthly religious service with Rabbi Amy. Plans for an exciting and stimulating program are currently being made. More information to follow.*

*This program is made possible through the Jack Ravets Memorial Fund.*

May 02, 2010 - June 12, 2010

18 Iyar through 30 Sivan

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>May 2</i>  18 Iyar	<i>May 3</i>  19 Iyar	<i>May 4</i>  20 Iyar	<i>May 5</i>  21 Iyar	<i>May 6</i>  22 Iyar	<i>May 7</i> L - M Pomerantz C - H Balls H - CL - 7:04  23 Iyar	<i>May 8</i>  Behar - Bechukotai  24 Iyar
<i>May 9</i> Men's Club 9:30 Sunday Sch Ends  25 Iyar	<i>May 10</i>  26 Iyar	<i>May 11</i>  27 Iyar	<i>May 12</i>  28 Iyar	<i>May 13</i> Sisterhood meeting, Panera Bread - 1:00PM  29 Iyar	<i>May 14</i> L - J Selsley C - S Selkowitz H - CL - 7:10 PGH Folk Fest Fri, Sat, Sun 1 Sivan	<i>May 15</i>  Bamidbar  PGH Folk Fest 2 Sivan
<i>May 16</i>  PGH Folk Fest  3 Sivan	<i>May 17</i> BIC Board Mtg - 7:30  4 Sivan	<i>May 18</i>  5 Sivan	<i>May 19</i>  Shavuot  6 Sivan	<i>May 20</i>  <b>Yizkor Shavuot</b>  7 Sivan	<i>May 21</i> Rabbi Greenbaum H - CL - 7:17  8 Sivan	<i>May 22</i>  Naso  9 Sivan
<i>May 23</i> General Membership Budget meeting - 10:00AM  10 Sivan	<i>May 24</i>  11 Sivan	<i>May 25</i>  12 Sivan	<i>May 26</i>  13 Sivan	<i>May 27</i>  14 Sivan	<i>May 28</i> L - A Weinblum C - S Glickstein H - CL - 7:23  15 Sivan	<i>May 29</i>  Behalotecha  16 Sivan
<i>May 30</i>  17 Sivan	<i>May 31</i>  18 Sivan	<i>Jun 1</i>  19 Sivan	<i>Jun 2</i>  20 Sivan	<i>Jun 3</i>  21 Sivan	<i>Jun 4</i> L - R Weiss C - E Weingart H - CL - 7:28  22 Sivan	<i>Jun 5</i>  Shelach  23 Sivan
<i>Jun 6</i> Sisterhood Donor Luncheon  24 Sivan	<i>Jun 7</i>  25 Sivan	<i>Jun 8</i>  26 Sivan	<i>Jun 9</i>  27 Sivan	<i>Jun 10</i>  28 Sivan	<i>Jun 11</i> L - S Schultz C - S Glickstein H - CL - 7:32  29 Sivan	<i>Jun 12</i>  Korach  30 Sivan

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**This month's highlights**

May 20 at Noon  
**YIZKOR FOR SHAVUOT**

May 23 at 10AM  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BUDGET MEETING**

June 6  
*Sisterhood Donor Luncheon*