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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings.

I hope everyone had a happy Passover. This is a time for families to get together and celebrate our heritage. It was the first Passover without my father and we missed him very much. Thanks to all of you for your condolences on his loss.

The month of May is a busy one for Beth Israel Center: Adult Education Lecture series has its last speaker, Rabbi Symons, on May 15th; there will be a Friday night service with Rabbi Amy on May 20th; and there will be a Board meeting and then a General Membership meeting on May 22nd to vote on the budget.

Speaking of the budget, we need to find money to replace the roof. New leaks have begun in various areas of the main sanctuary and in our library. I am asking everyone to give what they can to help defray the costs.

I hope to see you at our Friday night services. Your presence counts!

Regards,
Art Weinblum

TRUE CENTERMENTS

- Congratulations to **Eliana Latterman** on her graduation from Thomas Jefferson High School. Elie graduates with High Honors and is planning to spend a restful summer before starting college in the Fall. Elie will attend American University in Washington, DC, where she will have a double major in International Studies and Broadcast Journalism, with a goal of a career in diplomatic corps. She was awarded a Presidential Scholarship, recognizing her academic achievement at TJ. Mom (**Marni Latterman**) is especially proud of Elie for receiving the highest SAT scores in her class. Elie is the granddaughter of **Barbara and Irv Latterman**.
- Congratulations to **Jenna Mendlowitz** on her graduation from California University of Pennsylvania. She is receiving a BA in Communications and is planning to participate in an internship program in Israel. Jenna is the daughter of **Drs. Mark and Marylou Mendlowitz**.
- Congratulations to **Eva Weiss** on her graduation from George Washington University in Washington, DC. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, with honors. Future plans include work as a financial analyst with Beech Street Capital, LLC of Bethesda, MD. Eva is the daughter of **Ron Weiss**, stepdaughter of **Carolyn**

Weiss, and granddaughter of **Gloria and the late Herman Weiss** and the late **Jack and Mary Schubert**.

- Congratulations to **Don Carson**, son of **Carolyn Weiss** and stepson of **Ron Weiss**, on his graduation from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Don earned dual Masters degrees in Planning and Business Administration, and will be working for a real estate developer in Santa Monica, CA.
- Mazel Tov to **Alex Selsley** on becoming Bar Mitzvah at Temple Israel in Albany, NY. Alex is the son of **Adam and Julie Selsley** and grandson of **Janet and Irv Selsley**
- **Ed Rosenberg** is in the Charles Morris Rehabilitation Center recovering from a recent fall at home. We wish Ed a speedy recovery

NEWS AND NOTES

- Please plan to attend an important Congregational budget meeting on Sunday, May 22 at 11:30. This year we have the very expensive issue of replacing the leaky roof. As many have noted, the roof is now leaking in two areas of the main sanctuary and at least one area in the classrooms, especially in the library where several books have already been damaged. The BIC Board of Directors has discussed this issue at great length and has some recommendations that need Congregation's approval. Additional funds are being sought by soliciting current and former members by mail to make targeted contributions to a new dedicated fund for roof replacement. **Please make a pledge NOW to this fund as these repairs are urgent.**
- **SAVE THE DATE.** The annual BIC Picnic will be held at Mowry Park on Sunday, July 17.

ADULT EDUCATION

On May 3, our Adult Education speaker was Patricia Prattis Jennings, the retired keyboardist from the Pittsburgh Symphony. Mrs. Jennings related several anecdotes from her 40 years with the Symphony under seven musical directors and many conductors. She also displayed several books of photos from her travels all over the world with the Symphony. After the regular program, the audience held Mrs. Jennings in the building for a long time, asking more questions over refreshments.

Our next speaker on May 15 will be Rabbi Ronald B. B. Symons, who will speak on *Social Justice*. Rabbi Symons was ordained by the Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion in 1994. He earned his BA degree in Judaic Studies and Hebrew from the State University of New York at Albany and also holds masters degrees in both Hebrew Literature and Education Administration and Supervision. His studies and experience earned him the title of "Reform Jewish Educator" granted by the academic, professional and congregational institutions of the Reform Movement. He was included as one of the 21 Heroes of Jewish Education by the *Jewish Forward*. Rabbi Symons currently serves as the Director of Lifelong Learning at Temple Sinai and teaches a variety of Jewish-themed courses at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of Carnegie Mellon University.



As always, the program will start at 7:30 PM, and is sponsored this year by Shirley Ravets in memory of her husband Jack Ravets.

MEN'S CLUB

The last Men's Club meeting of the year was held on May 1. Stephen Mallinger, a former State Department employee who was assigned for many years in Senegal and other African and Middle Eastern posts, spoke on Jewish life in sub-Saharan, predominately Muslim, Africa, mainly Senegal. He pointed out that although the Jewish community is small, less than one percent of the population, it is popular with the people. This is a result of Israel's foreign policy of providing hands-on aid to the countries, epitomizing the old saw: "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day; teach a man to fish and he will never go hungry." Thanks go to Barry Tunick for introducing us to Stephen. Men's Club activities will resume after the High Holy Days. In the meantime, if any person in the Congregation needs a ride to a BIC activity, you may call any Men's Club member to make arrangements.

Irv Selsley, Pres.

SISTERHOOD



A group of 12 BIC members and guests enjoyed an afternoon on a guided tour of the Rauh Jewish Archives at the Heinz History Center. The activity was sponsored by Sisterhood and arranged by the Glicksteins. Susan Melnick, front row, second from right, was the guide.

What a year we've had! Bake sale, visit from the regional and national presidents, oneg Shabbats, stained glass demonstration, flatbread making, Hanukkah luncheon, Sisterhood Sabbath, book review, hamantaschen baking, visit to the Rauh Jewish archives, and movie night. A big thank you to all the people who made these events possible and the people who attended them. Thank you also to those people who could not be physically involved, but supported Sisterhood with their dues.

Two significant events occurred in the last six weeks. First, was the visit to the Rauh Jewish Archives. The second was our annual movie night. The movie was *The Infidel*, a humorous movie that also made us think about what makes us who we are. Many thanks to Shirley Ravets and her committee, Bonnie Harrison, Carol Lang, and Rachel Weinblum.

Now it is time for our annual donor. We hope many of you will attend. There will be interesting entertainment, delicious food, and, best of all, great company. By now you should have received your invitation. Call Bobbie Myerson or e-mail Phyllis Pomerantz, make your pledge, and tell them you'll attend. We look forward to seeing you on June 5, 12:00 at Rock Bottom at the Waterfront.

Janet Selsley and Joan Glickstein
Co-Presidents

**SAVE THE DATE! BIC PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT
MOWRY PARK ON JULY 17, RAIN OR SHINE.**

Beth Israel Center thanks the following for their support

Yahrzeit Fund

In memory of beloved father Isadore Rosner, by Stan and Rita Rosner
In memory of beloved father Max Latterman, by Irv and Barbara Latterman
In memory of beloved mother Mary O'Toole, by Arlene and Richard Green
In memory of beloved son Eric Weiss, by Joe Weiss
In memory of beloved father Arthur Small, by Elaine Small
In memory of beloved grandmother Sarah Freudenheim, by Elaine Small
In memory of beloved father Arthur Small, by Stephen and Susan Small
In memory of beloved grandmother Sarah Freudenheim, by Stephen and Susan Small

General Fund

Gift from BIC Sisterhood
In memory of Siegfried Weinblum, by Barry Goldberg
In memory of Siegfried Weinblum, by Rose Charlap
In memory of Siegfried Weinblum, by Elaine and Harold Newman
In memory of Siegfried Weinblum, by Aaron Goldberg
In memory of Siegfried Weinblum, by Heather and Joe Zaccarelli
In memory of Siegfried Weinblum, by Jim Teska
In memory of Siegfried Weinblum, by Carolee and Bob Burack

Adult Education Lecture Series

May 15, 2011

7:30 PM

Rabbi Ronald Symons

“Social Justice”

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

BY OUR PRESENCE, WE HONOR THOSE WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US

Friday, May 20, 2011

Allan Janowitz, father of Dr. Michael Janowitz and Lynn Stadter; 18 Iyar / May 22
Abraham Moos, father of Ruth Moos Maengen; 21 Iyar / May 25

Friday, May 27, 2011

Shep Miller, father of Maxine Horvitz; 25 Iyar / May 29
Irving Feldman, father of Janice Davidson; 26 Iyar / May 30
Rebecca Moore, grandmother of Janet Selsley; 27 Iyar / May 31
Sydney Friedlander, father of Janan Frey; 27 Iyar / May 31
Beckie Blau, grandmother of Philip Blau; 28 Iyar / June 1
Louis Jackson, father of Melvin Jackson; 29 Iyar / June 2
James Purdy III, father of Sarah Purdy, Julia Purdy and Lisa Purdy; 1 Sivan / June 3

Friday, June 3, 2011

Nathan Kaplan, father of Linda Shapiro Pinsky; 3 Sivan / June 5
Dr. Joseph Markowitz, husband of Jane Markowitz; 3 Sivan / June 5
Morris Glickstein, father of Dr. Stanley Glickstein; 3 Sivan / June 5
Kurt Wolff, father of Ruth Balis; 4 Sivan / June 6
Sarah Freudenheim, grandmother of Elaine Small and Steven Small; 4 Sivan / June 6
Ida Markovitz, mother of Jeffrey Markovitz; 5 Sivan / June 7

Friday, June 10, 2011

Herman Weiss, husband of Gloria Weiss, father of Michael, Ron and Paul Weiss; 9 Sivan / June 11
David Greenberger, father of Robbie Greenberger; 11 Sivan / June 13
Rose Selkowitz, mother of Stanley Selkowitz; 11 Sivan / June 13
Max Blau, father of Philip Blau; 13 Sivan / June 15
Charlotte Tessler, mother of Dr. George Tessler; 14 Sivan / June 16

Friday, June 17, 2011

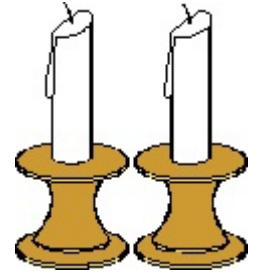
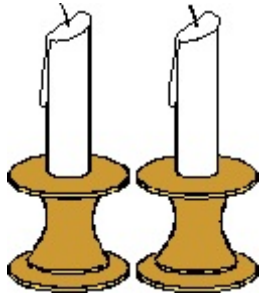
Matthews Brilliant, father-in-law of Edward Weingart; 16 Sivan / June 18
Johnny Steiner, uncle of Stanley Selkowitz; 17 Sivan / June 19
Lawrence Herlick, brother of Estelle Weissburg; 18 Sivan / June 20
Jack Schubert, father of Ann Schubert; 18 Sivan / June 20
Ely Grossman, father of Garry Grossman, the late Paul Grossman and Sharon Ogburn; 22 Sivan / June 24
Florence Goldman, wife of Robert Goldman; 22 Sivan / June 24
Irving Moore, father of Janet Selsley; 22 Sivan / June 24
Milton Rosenberg, brother of J. Edgar Rosenberg; 22 Sivan / June 24

Friday, June 24, 2011

Philip Brilliant, grandfather-in-law of Edward Weingart; 24 Sivan / June 26
Abraham ben Moshe Sare, father of Jane Markowitz; 27 Sivan / June 29
Louis Klein, grandfather of Louise Hunt; 27 Sivan / June 29

Friday, July 1, 2011

Ben Lonstein, step-father-of Robert Burack; 30 Sivan / July 2
Joseph Lukatsky, father of Janet Roth; 1 Tammuz / July 3
Abraham Pomerantz, father of Dr. Martin Pomerantz; 1 Tammuz / July 3
Marcy L. Burns, brother-in-law of Frances Bernstein; 4 Tammuz / July 6
Anna Dropulic, grandmother of Joseph and Elliott Weiss; 4 Tammuz / July 6
Marion Weinreb, mother of Toby Freeman; 5 Tammuz / July 7



**Join us for our next
Shabbat Service-in-the Round
with
Rabbi Amy Greenbaum**

Friday, May 20, 2011 at 7:30 PM

This is the next of our monthly religious services with Rabbi Amy Greenbaum and will feature a unique discussion on the Shabbat Service.

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

**Congregation Spaghetti Dinner
and Shabbat Service
with
Rabbi Amy Greenbaum**

Friday, June 17 at 6:30 PM

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

May 15, 2011 - July 02, 2011

11 Iyar through 30 Sivan 5771

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>May 15</i></p> <p>Adult Ed 7:30 Rabbi Symons</p> <p>11 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 16</i></p> <p>12 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 17</i></p> <p>13 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 18</i></p> <p>14 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 19</i></p> <p>15 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 20</i></p> <p>Rabbi Greenbaum Roundtable H - E Small CL - 8:15</p> <p>16 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 21</i></p> <p>Behukotai</p> <p>17 Iyar 5771</p>
<p><i>May 22</i></p> <p>Bd. Mtg - 10 AM</p> <p>Cong. Mtg. 11:30AM</p> <p>18 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 23</i></p> <p>19 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 24</i></p> <p>20 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 25</i></p> <p>21 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 26</i></p> <p>22 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 27</i></p> <p>L - J Selsley C - E Weingart H - CL - 8:22</p> <p>23 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 28</i></p> <p>Bamidbar</p> <p>24 Iyar 5771</p>
<p><i>May 29</i></p> <p>25 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 30</i></p> <p>26 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>May 31</i></p> <p>27 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>Jun 1</i></p> <p>28 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>Jun 2</i></p> <p>29 Iyar 5771</p>	<p><i>Jun 3</i></p> <p>L - A Weinblum C - S Selkowitz H - R Weinblum CL - 8:27</p> <p>1 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 4</i></p> <p>Nasoh</p> <p>2 Sivan</p>
<p><i>Jun 5</i></p> <p>Sisterhood Donor - 12 Noon</p> <p>3 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 6</i></p> <p>4 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 7</i></p> <p>5 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 8</i></p> <p>Shavuot</p> <p>6 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 9</i></p> <p>Shavuot Yizkor - noon</p> <p>7 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 10</i></p> <p>L - R Weiss C - S Glickstein H - G - Weiss C - Weiss CL - 8:31</p> <p>8 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 11</i></p> <p>Behaalotecha</p> <p>9 Sivan</p>
<p><i>Jun 12</i></p> <p>10 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 13</i></p> <p>11 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 14</i></p> <p>12 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 15</i></p> <p>13 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 16</i></p> <p>14 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 17</i></p> <p>Rabbi Greenbaum Cong. Dinner CL - 8:34</p> <p>15 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 18</i></p> <p>Shelach</p> <p>16 Sivan</p>
<p><i>Jun 19</i></p> <p>17 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 20</i></p> <p>18 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 21</i></p> <p>19 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 22</i></p> <p>20 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 23</i></p> <p>21 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 24</i></p> <p>L - S Schultz C - E weingart H - CL - 8:36</p> <p>22 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 25</i></p> <p>Korah</p> <p>23 Sivan</p>
<p><i>Jun 26</i></p> <p>24 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 27</i></p> <p>25 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 28</i></p> <p>26 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 29</i></p> <p>27 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jun 30</i></p> <p>28 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jul 1</i></p> <p>L - R Green C - S Selkowitz H - CL - 8:36</p> <p>29 Sivan</p>	<p><i>Jul 2</i></p> <p>Hukkat</p> <p>30 Sivan</p>

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY - JUNE

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CONGREGATION BUDGET MEETING
MAY 22 AT 11:30 AM
VERY IMPORTANT!!

June 17
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with Rabbi Greenbaum
6:30