

CHAI Time

Temple Adath B'nai Israel

Over The Page

Rabbi Helen Bar-Yaacov



April is upon us with its many festivals and remembrances: the last day of Pesach and Yizkor; Yom HaShoah and Yom Ha Atzma'ut. "Zachor" (remember--from which comes Yizkor) is the very underpinnings of the Jewish Nation. In the Tanach we are constantly commanded to ZACHOR what others had done to us lest we forget and do not learn. We are exhorted to ZACHOR what God has done, and is doing for us, lest we forget the brit/covenant.

One of the most important events, in modern times that we are to remember is the renewal of Jewish independence in our ancestral homeland. Few Jews seem to know that we are one of the only ancient peoples to still exist. The others have been relegated to textbooks, if at all. We are the only people, that I am aware of, and I am a student of history even if that be mainly Jewish history, to have survived

extensive exile. Two thousand years is very extensive exile!

We may have made our homes in various countries and even called them "our own"; we may even have prospered there--like we did in Spain during the "Golden Age". History happens and one friendly regime is often replaced by one that is hostile to Jews, like in Spain. This may take centuries to occur, but it seems a truism that it does occur.

I am not being pessimistic, just a realist who sees what has happened in history. Does this have to reoccur? Not necessarily if the host society also matures and becomes accepting of different groups in its midst.

The renewal of Jewish independence in the modern State of Israel must be viewed, at least by Jews, as one of the greatest miracles of our history. There are many Jews who wish to be accepted by their non-Jewish friends/colleagues/society, and who are, at best neutral or at worst actively anti-Israel. A recent poll showed that only a little over 30% of liberals viewed Israel as an ally of the USA. This shows such a gross ignorance of the truth.

Many liberals, Jews included, insist that Israel has to be "holier than God" to be accepted as a nation among nations. Never mind that Israel is the ONLY democracy in the region; never mind that Israel has a far better record regarding women's rights and gay rights. The very values that the liberals demand of any society is condemned in Israel.

Most of us are aware of the phenomenal achievements in a wide variety of academic and applied science fields, and that Israel is a world leader in many of them. Never mind that Israel is among the 1st nations to send help to other nations ravaged by natural disasters or civil war. Israel has an army field hospital on the Syrian border that is treating war refugees. Israel is not perfect, neither is the "greatest nation on earth". Being imperfect is the human condition, it should not be condemned if striving for improvement is part of the values. The worst offenders of human rights are not vilified as Israel is. No one has yet uttered that North Korea, Iran, China or any dictatorship should not have the right to exist.

Placing the bar so high that ensures failure for Israel is anti-semitism; even if it is dressed up in political rhetoric. Anti-Zionism, anti-Israel sentiments IS anti-semitism. Fairness and justice demand that all are judged equally. Israel should be judged by the same standards as, say, France or England or even the USA. None is perfect, some are not even trying!

Yom Ha Atzma'ut is on the horizon, we Jews should be in the forefront of the celebrations. If you believe in God, then celebrate God's miracle and God's covenant with us. If you do not believe in God then celebrate the existence of a society that is trying to be "a light unto the nations".

But PLEASE celebrate.

The Word

From Our TABI President



I know that it's important for us to stay well-informed about events at our Synagogue.

The most significant development for TABI is our successful recruitment of a new spiritual

leader. Rabbi Gary Mazo will be joining us in mid-July.

Rabbi Mazo is originally from Connecticut and more recently Cherry Hill, New Jersey. He has lived and worked in Hyannis, Massachusetts, for the last 14 years.

He is young (well, younger than me) and is married to Gloria; they have raised six children. The Rabbi has experience living in the Midwest as a Rabbinic student at Hebrew Union College.

The new Rabbi and Rebbitzin are making the arrangements now to move to our community including shopping for a new home. Our Transition Committee, under the leadership of Elissa Bakke and Davena Day, will assist them in their efforts.

I am very much grateful to the efforts of the Rabbi Search Committee who put in the time to review a dozen applications and to

conduct interviews of several candidates. I also want to thank you members of the congregation who came to the Synagogue to meet personally with our candidates--you know that your time was well-spent.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the super efforts of our Vice-President, Robert Goldman, who has worked many, many hours in organizing the recruitment of Rabbi Gary Mazo. Please offer Bob your personal thanks for his accomplishment.

Our Rabbi, Helen Bar-Yaacov, has been most gracious during our recruitment activity. I give her my best compliment: she has been a good example for us to emulate.

Spring has arrived. It brings many changes for her and for Rabbi and Rebbitzin Mazo. Some of the changes will be difficult. Let's do the best we can to help.

Todah rabah

ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY!

The Enrichment Committee has put together some amazing things as we observe and celebrate Israeli Independence Day during the week of April 15-18!

Monday April 15, the actual Independence Day, will find us with a newly released movie, HAVILA NAGILA, The Movie. This movie is currently making the rounds in various Jewish Film Festival showings and we are thrilled to have been able to get a copy just for this event. Running 73 minutes, this documentary is a romp through the history, mystery and meaning of the great Jewish standard.



Featuring interviews with Harry Belafonte, Leonard Nimoy, Connie Francis, Glen Campbell, Regina Spektor and more, the film follows the ubiquitous party song on its fascinating journey from the shtetls of Eastern Europe to the kibbutzim of Palestine to the cul-de-sacs of America. We will be serving a fun movie nosh of pizza, salad, and some Middle Eastern fare for \$10 per person at 5:30 pm. The movie will begin around 6:15. This is a totally family friendly movie so

pack up the kids and bring the family! PLEASE, let us know how many of you will attend so that we have enough food!

As if that were not enough, TABI has partnered with the University of Southern Indiana to bring internationally acclaimed singing star and peace activist David Broza to Evansville for a two-evening-

engagement. He will perform Wednesday at 6:30pm in Carter Hall at USI. There is no charge for the concert and the public is welcome.

The next evening belongs to TABI as Mr. Broza will perform an intimate concert in our sanctuary for our members and their guests. There will be a Cocktail Reception Nosh from 5:30 to 6:30 and the concert will begin at 6:30 pm. Again, we ask PLEASE that you let us know if you will attend. Please feel free to bring

guests. This is a complimentary event!

Special thanks go to our partners at USI for sharing in this exciting event as well as the Courier Press and Casino Aztar. We thank the Bronstein Foundation for sponsorship for both events.





Sayings from the Local B'nai B'rith



HAPPY PASSOVER FROM YOUR LOCAL B'NAI B'RITH LODGE

Mazel Tov to Us!

Our favorite people now living in Louisville, Kentucky, namely Andy and Phyllis Present, were thoughtful to mail a very much appreciated donation to the B'nai B'rith Teddy Bear Project. We miss them....they are special and wish Andy and Phyllis the very best always.

Sadness

No contributions were received from our local congregants, divided into three (3) parts, the old folks, the middle class and the young couples.

Ask Yourselfs

When did the Jewish population of Newburgh and Evansville help others who are homeless, who are unemployed, or a child without the joy of holding his or her teddy bear?

Recent Deliveries

Bears were recently delivered to Aurora who "Give light to the homeless". A thank you letter was received from Luzada Hayes, Executive Director of Aurora (see inset).

The B'nai B'rith Lodge also delivered a box of Teddy Bears to Easter Seals in honor of Ben Trockman who is now a member of its Board of Directors. We congratulate Ben!

Teddy Bear Project

Please consider just a little donation for the Teddy Bear Project. Mail your contribution to:

Philip Siegel

100 NW First Street #202

Evansville, IN 47708

Aurora would like to acknowledge and thank you and the members of B'nai B'rith for your donation of (48) teddy bears. Homelessness robs many children of their sense of safety and security and many of their toys and belongings have to be left behind when they move from place to place. These teddy bears will provide a new friend for many of our children while they are making this chaotic transition between homes.

On any given night, an average of 445 individuals are housed in Evansville's emergency shelters and transitional housing programs. Consistently, children under the age of 18 make up at least one-third of these individuals. We will provide your bears to children that our Outreach Team works with and also to the children that will be moving into Vision 1505, our permanent supportive housing program. They will be a great gift to welcome these children to their new home.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and willingness to provide comfort to some very special children. Your faithful support of our mission to end homelessness in our community is truly a blessing and provides our staff with encouragement and hope in a brighter tomorrow, especially for our homeless children.

With a grateful heart,
Luzada Hayes, Executive Director

CAJE ANNUAL RALLY

Many of our members are active in the wider community as volunteers, doing wonderful things for the betterment of all the people who live in the greater Evansville area.

This month Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment (CAJE), holds its annual rally. We hope to get 1800 participants from all the member congregations.

During this rally we will be asking the mayor and council members to take action on a few issues that CAJE is engaged in presently:

- 1) Homelessness among foster "children" who have aged out of the foster system, but have not been taught the tools for being independent adults, thus causing many of them to become homeless.
- 2) Jobs for released felons. Most employers do not want to employ

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them when they discover that they were incarcerated causing greater recidivism, rather than rehabilitating them and allowing them to become productive members of society.

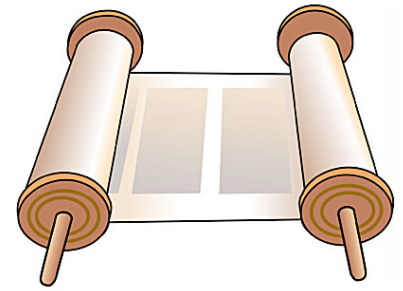
3) Homelessness among recently released felons (due to issue 2), and no public housing available for them. They may not rejoin their families if the family dwells in public housing.

Last year, our own Judge Wayne Trockman and his drug court were the recipients of CAJE's work.

Even if you do not wish to be active in any of these areas, please come to show that the Jewish Community of Evansville is interested and does "tikkun olam". Hope to see you there.

When: Thursday April 11th
Time: 6 pm

Where: Crossroads Church



SHABBAT MORNING

Shabbat Morning Services will continue each Shabbat followed by a potluck lunch. If you plan on eating lunch, please bring a dish to share with everyone.

Service

10 am, TABI Library

Shabbat morning services are very informal; all questions and comments tangentially related to Judaism are encouraged and welcomed.

This service might be the Shabbat service for anyone who does not wish to drive after dark.

Services are enjoyable, informative, and prayerful. Kiddush follows the service with lunch following Kiddush--where sharing of things Jewish happens as we eat. If you cannot join us for the service, please come for Kiddush and lunch.

Lunch

noon to 1pm, TABI Foyer

Torah Study

1pm, TABI Library

THE SURVIVORS SPEAK: THE SHOAH TESTIMONIES

At the Yom Hashoah service and program on Sunday, April 7 at 6 pm, several members of CYPRESS, The Committee to Support Respect in Schools, will speak about their involvement with Steven Spielberg's *Voices of the Shoah* project.

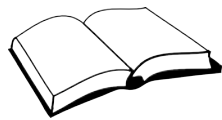
On September 19, 2005, CYPRESS members, several Holocaust survivors, the press, and the general community gathered at Evansville's Central Library, for the dedication of CYPRESS'S gift to our community of 114 taped interviews of

Holocaust survivors from Indiana, Kentucky, and Southern Illinois. Since that time, the interviews have been used, both in the library and in schools, for students and interested community members to understand more about the effects of this horrific time in our history.

CYPRESS members Carol Abrams and Sue Barancik will talk about the evolution of the project and the implementation of bringing the testimonies to Evansville. CYPRESS Member and Castle High School teacher Lisa Muller will speak on her continuing involvement with the Shoah Foundation in creating Holocaust curriculum based on the testimonies. CYPRESS

member Rebekah Hodge will bring students from her classes at Tompkins Middle School to illustrate how she uses the interviews with her young students.





NEW IN THE TABI LIBRARY

ADULT FICTION

Fantoni, Barry. Harry Lipkin: Private Eye. Meet Harry Lipkin, the world's

oldest private detective: part Sam Spade, part Woody Allen, all mensch. The 87 year old Miami P.I. takes on the case of

finding who absconded with the jewels of his wealthy client, Naomi Weinberger. A light, fun read.

ADULT NON-FICTION

Biers-Ariel, Matt. The Bar Mitzvah and the Beast.

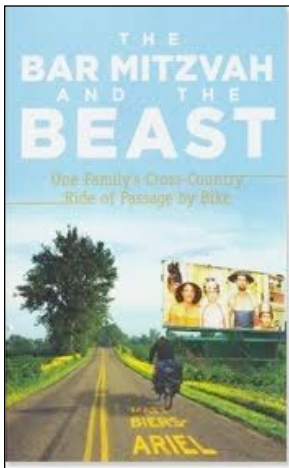
When the author's almost 13 year old son refused to have a traditional Bar Mitzvah, the family decided to take an almost 4000 mile cross-country bike ride as an alternative way of exploring Judaism. Interspersed with the aches and pains and bike break-downs was a growing realization of religious identity and

spirituality and the power of spearheading an environmental mitzvah project.

Oz, Amos and Fania Oz-Salzberger. Jews and Words. Israeli novelist Oz and his historian daughter roam the gamut of Jewish history to explain the integral relationship between Jews and words. Father and daughter tell the tales behind Judaism's most endearing names,

adages, disputes, texts, and quips.

Sachs, Rabbi Jonathan. The Great Partnership: Science, Religion, and the Search for Meaning. The Chief Rabbi of Great Britain's theory is that religion and science are the two essential perspectives that allow us to see the universe in its three-dimensional depth. Science teaches us where we come from; religion explains why we are here.

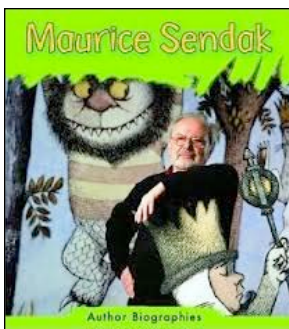


CHILDREN/TEENS

Guillain, Charlotte. Maurice Sendak. This is a very easy-to-read (Grade K to 1) biography of one of the greatest Jewish children's author-illustrators, Maurice Sendak.

Yolen, Jane and Heidi Stemple. Jewish Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook. Amos Oz (above) wrote a book with his daughter: prolific author Jane Yolen wrote this book with her daughter! Each of the

short folktales, retold by the authors, in this attractive collection, is matched with a complementary recipe. Recipes include pomegranate couscous, tzimmes chicken, rugelach and matzo brei. Great for read and cook projects.



Esta Berger's (Jeffrey's Mom) Chocolate Toffee Matzoh

5 matzohs (not egg)
2 sticks of butter
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 pound chocolate chips (either milk or dark chocolate)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line cookie sheet with heavy foil and spray with Pam. Lay Matzohs flat.

Melt butter - add brown sugar and boil slowly - (med-low) for 3 to 4 minutes stirring occasionally. Pour over matzohs and spread quickly and evenly.

Bake 5 minutes - remove from oven - sprinkle on chocolate chips - return to oven for one minute and remove. Spread chocolate evenly. Let cool. Refrigerate 3 hours and then break into pieces. Keep in plastic container or bag in the fridge. May be frozen. Enjoy, enjoy!

Mazel Tov

Share the Simchas!

We want to congratulate you over your family's accomplishments. Let Sue Barancik know the good news by phone: 853-9929 or email: suemarbar@roadrunner.com

We extend a hearty Mazel Tov to former TABI members, **Dr. Donald and Lillian Lurye**, now of Glen Ellyn, IL, on the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Benjamin Felch. Benji is the son of Rabbi Alejandro and Helene Felch of Deerfield, IL. Jessica, a Signature School and IU graduate, is studying the health informatics field while her fiancé works for a start-up web based business.

In January, **Katherine Brice** was chosen to represent Scott School in the EVSC Honors Choir--a select group of elementary, middle and high school students.



Students trained for two days with voice clinicians from everywhere in the country. The prestigious Honors Choral Festival is held annually. We are so proud of you Katherine!!!

We want to list ALL the high school, college, advanced degree graduates from our TABI family. Please let us know about your graduate—where they are graduating from and their future plans for more education, work, etc. We hate to miss anyone. Let everyone know that your child will be getting a diploma this spring!

TREASURER'S REPORT: MARCH 2013

Jeffrey A Berger

Current position (as of 03/15/13):

Total Revenue: \$194,788

Total Expense: \$229,881

Annual Giving to Date: \$62,694

Annual giving is trailing over last year. We are lagging by approximately \$13,000 compared to last year.

Please consider making a special gift this year to offset this decrease, as well as the expenses we have incurred with the Rabbi search.

Please call me at 428-5107 if you have any questions.

Purim 5773

What a wonderful day we had for Purim! Our TABI kids started with a party on Saturday in the social hall. Sunday School staff oversaw the games and activities. The kids had a great time winning tickets to trade in for prizes. The prizes were awesome and donated by Dave Barancik (you rock, sir!) We had a bouncy house outdoors for jumping! Another big attraction was the dungeon! For one dollar a minute you could jail anyone you wanted! All the proceeds went towards a water purifier for a village in Kenya.

After the games and activities were done and the prisoners were released, we sat down for a delicious dinner of pizza and lasagna. Then over to the sanctuary for service and the reading of the Megillah. Our rabbi was resplendent in her Australian wear accompanied by her pet kangaroo, Kanga. Our Megillah readers were in rare form for the evening and made the story a hilarious event. Our readers were Wally Shakun, Ginny Melvin-Wagner, Sam Dye, Merrill Lewis, Elissa Bakke, Leah Hill, Sarah Gurlach, Jenna Mussar, Denae Melvin-Wagner, and Alex Bakke.

After service we enjoyed delicious desserts and Cheryl Brice's hamantaschen were the best! We ended the evening with our costume parade and judging. Our winners were Olivia Roehm, Adena Moss, Katherine Brice and our adult costume winner was Jeri Utlely! Contest winner prizes were provided by George and Davena Day (we love you guys!) All in all it was a terrific event from beginning to end!

Robynn Merkel



The Departed Whom We Now Remember
April Yahrzeit Observances



1 Louis Colman	7 Robert B Kopelwitz	16 Sol Karp	22 Elliott Sabel
2 Samuel Bernstein	8 Ethel M Millman	16 Julius Korba	23 Henry C Levy
2 Louis V LeVine	9 Fannie Maurer Fishman	16 Binyamin Lieberman	23 Abraham Weil
2 Goldie Sabel	9 Lori D Karp	17 Rosalie Pollack	24 Paul S Cawn
2 Lena Statsinger	9 Clara Roberts	18 Frances Barancik	24 Frieda Jacobson
3 Harry Michelson	10 Ruth Cristil	18 John Lookatch	25 Juliette L Kessler
4 Hyman G Dumes	10 Corinne R Levy	19 Jess Hallert	26 Bess Snyder
4 Benjamin J Kweskin	10 Arthur J Shane	19 Rachel Hecht	27 Abigail Abrams
4 Jeanette Posin	10 Rose Anna Trockman	19 Cosntance B Present	27 Pam Burg
4 Margo Seif	10 Oscar Winski	19 David Sachs	27 Ed Loeb
5 Edward Engel	11 Rose Joseph	19 Ruth Silverman	28 Albert Cibull
5 Alfred Hirshberg	11 Anna Maurer	20 Meyer Gold	28 Donald Ellenstein
5 Fred Horenstein	12 Maurice J Kopelwitz	20 David Levin	29 David Colman
4 Alex Schamberg	13 Isaac Salm	21 Sarah Schear Goldstein	29 Lewis (Bus) Newman
5 Emanuel Shavitz	13 Temme Shavitz	21 Lillian Spahn	30 Leopold Horn
6 Anna Sarah Greenberg	16 Louis H Baker	22 Alex Baker	30 Pauline Scheer
6 Nathan Reisman	16 Esmer Downing	22 Vic Hasson	30 Dorothy Slavkin
7 Sheldon Allen Breskow	16 Rabbi Milton Greenwald	22 John Laska	



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April HAPPY BIRTHDAYS...

1 Maxwell Brian Forman	13 Deena Lewis	
4 Sam Stone	13 Liza Malamut	
4 Aubee Jean Lippman	14 Mark Acquilar	
5 Lois Rosenblum Mittleman	14 Shirley Siegel	
6 Ami (Aviva) Ellenstein	14 Polly Abrams	
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11 Jessica Levco	20 Sara Trockman	28 Samuel Brett Kornick
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12 Judge Wayne S Trockman	20 Sarah Marta Berger	30 Anji Ellenstein Farwick



**...AND
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