

CHAI Time

Temple Adath B'nai Israel

Corned
Beef



Night at TABI

Monday,
February 4th

6:00 PM



\$12.00 per adult

\$6.00 per child (12 and under)

**MUST MAKE AN RSVP BY
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st**

Call Barbie at 477-1577

Corned beef and "fixins" from Kohn's in Saint Louis

BREAKING NEWS

NOTABLE FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

Happiest wishes to Irving LeVine, 91 years young on February 4!

RABBI SEARCH UPDATE

The rabbi search committee met for the first time on Friday, January 18 having submitted our application to the CCAR on January 11. Merry Lugasy, our URJ representative, met with the committee to counsel on the search process. The committee, co-chaired by Michael Drake and Bob Goldman, includes: Elissa Bakke, Davena Day, Sam Dye, Joy Fine, Jon Goldman, Rachael Goldman, Phil Lieberman, & Patricia Weinzapfel. The committee met again on January 22 to determine how to proceed with the nine resumes received to-date.

Questions can be addressed to bob@goldmanspawnshop.com.

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EXPERIENCE JEWISH FILM

This collaboration between TABI and Willard Library will present "Gentleman's Agreement" Sunday, February 17, at 6:30. Kelley Coures will provide his humorous commentary!

The Word

From Our TABI President

Even in the dead of winter we have managed to keep busy with Temple activities.

Our Board of Directors arranged a visit from our URJ representative, Merry Lugasy, in January. She took the opportunity to meet with several groups of congregants and our Rabbi Search Committee on Friday and then attended our Shabbat service led by Cheryl Brice and Samuel Dye. Ms. Lugasy conducted a five-hour retreat with our Board members on January 19 that was well attended.

We discussed some of the same issues that every small Jewish community faces including shrinking membership. She encouraged us to welcome warmly Jews new to Evansville and to involve them in our activities, including serving on committees that would interest them. In particular, the Social Enrichment Committee that provides organization and labor for our religious celebrations, meals, and lectures would be a good choice.

We also discussed the importance of communication. We are in the early stages of recruiting a new full-time Rabbi and we will strive to keep you abreast of the progress. The Board discussed with Ms. Lugasy our need to find a Rabbi who can help us resolve some of the differences that we have. Some of the discussion



pointed us in the direction of considering the benefits of recruiting an interim full-time Rabbi for one year. The primary benefit would be additional time to recruit a permanent full-time Rabbi. The Board will be considering this option (again) soon.

Certainly, we received a lot of compliments from Ms. Lugasy with respect to our people. We should feel encouraged to proceed.

Today rabah.



Sayings from the Local B'nai B'rith



Rather than to take the time to write an article for the TABI Chai Time, following is an exact copy of the local Lodge of B'nai B'rith minutes from its last meeting.

"The Lodge meeting was called to order by Dr. Michael A. Sontz, dentist supreme and President. New toothbrushes and Ipana toothpaste were passed out to all in attendance. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved as read.

MITZVAH

After discussing the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, upon motion duly made and seconded and unanimously passed thanks to Mark Senzell, Lodge vice president and Kor-X-All, the last box of Teddy Bears was mailed to Temple Adath Israel in Newtown, Connecticut, for distribution at its discretion. Once again we wanted to express our concern for others and show that the Evansville, Indiana Jewish Community cares.

SHARON (LEVIN) KARP

It was announced that Sharon Karp died on December 12,

2012. Sharon was the daughter of Hymie Levin, member of B'nai B'rith for many years and his wife, Ann and the sister of Irving Levin, also an active member. Several B'nai B'rith members attended the funeral.

In memory of his mother, Steven Karp, his wife, Julie (Trockman) Karp and daughter, Michelle, made a very thoughtful and generous donation to B'nai B'rith for its Teddy Bear project, which was greatly appreciated.

GOOD OLE DAYS

Discussion followed reminding those in attendance of the good ole days when the Lodge played softball at Bosse's Enlow field and when we had a bowling league at Jensen Bowling Alley on Third Street, second floor. Lodge members also mentioned the AZA Chapter of B'nai B'rith, especially the sweethearts elected and recognized at the Sweetheart Dance.

The names of Helen Anne Chivian, Sonnie Kessler, Barbara and Joanne Trockman, the Simon twins, Sylvia B. and Rosalie and Debbie Hamburg were remembered. Debbie was the sister of Neecy and Shirley Hamburg, daughters of Alex B. and Winnie Hamburg.

After graduation from Bosse High School, Debbie went to college at Ohio State. Those graduates of Indiana University did not clap their hands, which the President said was not nice and should not be made part of the minutes.

MAZEL TOV

Judge Wayne Trockman was re-elected unanimously Judge of the Vanderburgh Superior Court unanimously because he is superior. His son, Josh, will graduate IU this year and will

follow in his father's footsteps. Josh is a Phi Gam fraternity. Those members present of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity refused to applaud and the President said this was not nice and must not be included in the minutes.

AWARDS

After hours of discussion the following were granted by the Lodge to receive awards for the year 2012:

Best President of TABI ever: Dr. Michael Drake and his wife, Nancy, for their amazing interests in the congregants of TABI and for the time and efforts they make, absolutely outstanding individuals.

Best secretary of TABI ever, Barbie.

The new cleaning company at the Temple. It really looks nice.

Sonnie Cibull for her delicious mandelbread and for her time spent in the TABI Gift Shop for the benefit of others.

SPECIAL MEMBERS

Several members were temporarily unable to attend the Lodge meeting, namely Bob Levi and Larry Simon, and they should be notified that they were missed and we are thinking of them. One member said that "Simon's Shoes" now carries ladies' boots and suggested a nice valentine gift for the wives.

JORDAN BAKKE

This young gentleman at the age of 13 by himself conducted Friday Night Services. The Lodge is so proud of him. His article also appeared in Chai

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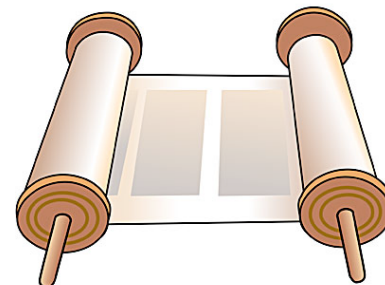
TABI KITCHEN NEWS

The Temple Kitchen Committee has begun a thorough cleaning project. The cleaning and organizing of the kitchen cabinets, the pantry and the two storage rooms. We have found "total excess." Where one item would suffice--we have three. We have found items that you--our congregants--have brought to the Temple and it has taken up permanent residency! If it's ours we will

keep it. If it is yours "come and get it." What ever is left after Feb 15 will be disposed of. You have paid good money for these items! Rescue them!

We also have approximately 18 soup tureens which we can no longer use. They are attractive and really need a good home. They can be yours for a \$10.00 donation.

Please--make a trip to the Temple Social Hall and find your long, lost items!



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

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Time, which was very well written. He is the son of Tom and Elissa Bakke and also a great hockey player. By the way, the Youth Hockey Team of the USA defeated the Canadian team. One member said they lost because his grandson did not play. Another member said Tom Bakke graduated from Michigan State. The IU graduate refused to clap their hands, and the President said that's terrible and should not be included in the minutes.

HONORARY LODGE MEMBERS

An easy selection was made to award the following new honorary members:

Cody Zeller, Victor Oladipo, Christian Watford, Jordan Hulls, Yogi Ferrell, Will Sheehey, Tom Crean, JaQuan Lyle (Bosse) and the three Duncan brothers, Ernie, Everett and Stanley (Harrison).

TEDDY BEAR PROJECT

Please consider just a little donation for the Teddy Bear

Project; otherwise you will never receive a copy of our Lodge meeting minutes, which the President said was not nice and should not be included in our minutes.

Mail your contribution for the B'nai B'rith Teddy Bear Project to:

Philip Siegel

100 NW First Street #202

Evansville, IN 47708

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That's All Folks!!!



ISRAEL--The Fourth Time!!

Nancy Tarsitano Drake

We did a couple different things on this trip than we had done before.

For starters, instead of a two week journey, we planned on three weeks. The cost of the ticket is the same so we decided let's take a little extra time.

We spent one week of the three in one place, in an apartment right in the middle of things. That place was Tel Aviv, our final location...but let's begin from the beginning!

We began our trip with a quick one night in Eilat and up early the next day to cross the border into Jordan and headed to Petra. An Arabian historical and archaeological city in the Jordanian governorate of Ma'an, Petra is famous for its rock-cut architecture and water conduit system.

Everything anyone has ever said about Petra is absolutely true. The visit includes a long walk along a narrow canyon, with the occasional sun ray shining through and quiet talking visitors anxiously waiting to come upon the most famous structure, the Treasury.

One sees it through a very narrow slit in the canyon, a splash of pink with the recognizable façade of the most visited place in Jordan. A guide gave an in depth of explanation of the area's history and of course, we probably could repeat about 5% of what was

explained! We spent the night in Petra and headed for Amman, the capital of Jordan AND the then home for Jennie Ebeling and her family while doing a research project!

Amman included a nice visit with Jennie, Menachem, and the girls, lots and lots of visits to different archaeological sites and some fabulous meals.

During one of our tours, we drove past the American Embassy and were most impressed with the obvious security in place around the compound. There were many tanks and armed personnel carriers as well as sharpshooters positioned on the walls surrounding the area.

We were told not to take photos, even with our phones. There are cameras filming every vehicle that passes by and if they see what appears to be someone taking photos, they will stop the vehicle and confiscate the phone or camera. We complied.

We crossed the border back into Israel at the Allenby Border Crossing, an ordeal that is tedious and not much fun. The Israeli security was tight but sparse, making for a very long wait.

In any event, another hour and we were in Jerusalem and ready to begin 3 days in that fabulous city. We had incredible weather so spent a lot of time walking and tried out the new light rail

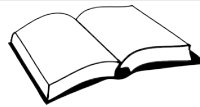
system which transects the city roughly east to west. We visited HUC and enjoyed a tour of the HUC Archaeologic Museum with David Ilan, our Scholar-in-resident speaker from this past November.

We picked up a car and drove up to nearly the northernmost town, Metulla, right on the Lebanese border. We had been there before and just spent three days hanging out, eating, taking photos and sightseeing. On the way up to Metulla, we met up with Norma Franklin, Jennie Ebeling's co-director for the Jezreel Dig and she gave us a tour of the site.

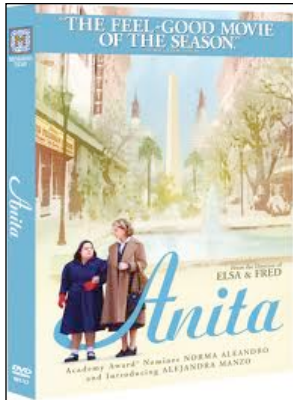
From there we headed to Tel Aviv for our last week. Chanukah was in full swing and that is school break so there were lots of kids around everywhere. We rented an apartment right in the center of town so had an easy time walking everywhere. We spent time in Jaffa, an incredible and beautiful town. The shops, restaurants, studios and scenery are invigorating and make one want to return time and again.

This is a rather rambling description of our visit. The truth is, one could write an article of any of the individual places we visited...I did post many of the photos I took on the TABI Facebook site and am working with Jennifer Wampler in putting together a Power Point and will share those with those interested sometime in March!

Thanks for letting us share!



NEW IN THE TABI LIBRARY



DVD

Anita. Anita, a young woman with Down syndrome, lives a happy, routine life in Buenos Aires, being meticulously cared for by her mother. One tragic

morning in 1994, everything changes when Anita is left alone, confused and helpless after the nearby Argentine Israelite Mutual Association is bombed (the deadliest bombing in Argentina's history). As

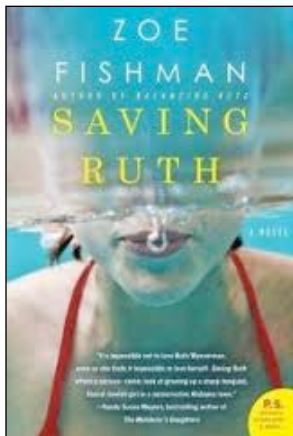
Anita wanders through the city, she learns not only to care for herself, but touches the lives of those around her. This film has garnered numerous awards at film festivals everywhere.

ADULT FICTION

Fishman, Zoe. Saving Ruth. Growing up in Alabama, all Ruth Wasserman wanted was to be a blond Baptist cheerleader. But as a curly-

haired Jew with a rampant sweet tooth and a smart mouth, this was an impossible dream. When Ruth returns home to the South for the summer after

her freshman year at college, a near tragedy pushes her to uncover family truths and take a good look at the woman she wants to become.

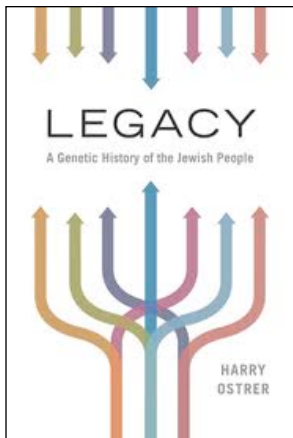


ADULT NON-FICTION

Ostrer, Harry. Legacy: A Genetic History of the Jewish People. Who are the Jews--a race, a people, a religious group? For over a century, non-Jews and Jews alike have tried to identify who they were--first by physical anthropology and more recently of population genetics. Ostrer explores

the history of these efforts and the insights that genetics has provided about the histories of contemporary Jewish people. National Jewish Book Award winner.

moved with his mother from New York to Mississippi. Once there, his mother decided, for both personal and spiritual reasons, to have her family pretend not to be Jewish. As an adult, he wondered: Am I still Jewish? Seeking an answer, Ross traveled around the country and to Israel, visiting a wide variety of Jewish communities.



Ross, Theodore. Am I A Jew? Lost Tribes, Lapsed Jews, and One Man's Search for Himself. Ross was nine years old when he

CHILDREN/TEENS

Meyerhoff, Jenny. Sami's Sleepaway Summer. Samantha "Sami" Bloom is going to sleepaway camp for the first time. She's nervous about being away from home, trying new food, and doing the super-scary ropes course. It's sure to be a disaster! But Sami never counted on delicious Shabbat dinners, funny new friends, and more than a handful of surprises. Grades 2 to 5.

During the Holocaust. Brings to light the courage of countless Jews who organized to sabotage the Nazis and help other Jews during the Holocaust. An important, award-winning, book for teen (and adult readers)

became a successful businessman and respected citizen, while still pirating. He even helped the United States win the War of 1812 when he alerted the US government to a British plot to invade via New Orleans. Grades 4 and up.



Rappoport, Doreen. Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance

Rubin, Susan Goldman. Jean Lafitte: The Pirate Who Saved America. This biography of the infamous JEWISH pirate Jean Laffite is a real-life, action-packed adventure. The only life he knew was on the high seas with its glory, riches, disaster, and revenge. He

Schram, Peninnah. The Apple Tree's Discovery. A little apple tree begs God for stars like those glimmering on the branches of the great oaks beside her. As the seasons pass, she learns to appreciate her own gifts, realizing it is possible to find a star in each of us. Pre-K to Grade 2.



The Departed Whom We Now Remember
February Yahrzeit Observances



1 David Becker	11 Lena Eichel	15 Idabelle Silver	24 Abe Hamburg
1 Mendel Greenberg	11 Maurice (Moe) Hamburg	16 Albert Fine	24 Zolmon David Stone
1 Arthur Rosenblatt	11 Jeannette Karp	16 August Kaplan	25 Bert Engel
2 Leon Goldberg	11 Maurice M Schear	17 Helen Schear Cohen	26 Emile Levi
3 Joseph J Katz	12 Philip Fine	19 Rosalind Nadelstein Donziger	26 Betty Sackett
4 Hyman Dumes	12 Beatrice Hollender	19 Lilly Finn	26 William Schear
4 Jack Newman	12 Herman Kessler	19 Stanley Sater	27 May K Bernstein
4 Bertha Parnes	13 Julius Gumberts	19 Jeanette J Sonneborn	27 Jack J Cohen
4 Louis J Sonneborn	13 Carolyn Kluga	20 Noah S Goldstein	27 Fannie R Goldblatt
5 Solomon Sacks	14 Michael Brooks	20 Emanuel Sabel	27 Selma Kluga
6 Jack Cohen	14 Alfred Finn	21 Tresa Kramer	27 Julius Trockman
6 Steven Metter	14 Violet Glickman	22 Jennie Goldberg	28 Nate Fishman
8 Claire Cohen	14 Selma Kahn Levi	22 Maxine Grossman	28 Freida B Ichenhauser
8 Bessie Dorfman	14 Herbert Sabel	22 Alfred Kahn	28 Roger Levi
8 Esther Mann	14 Paulyn Sobel	23 Ruby Kahn Heimann	28 Mollie Millman
8 Samuel H Salm	15 Adele Chivian	23 Herbert Sarett	
10 Julius Levin	15 Adele Rubens	23 Theodore Weil	
11 Jack Bate	15 Carl Schamberg	24 Abraham Z Goldblatt	



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February HAPPY BIRTHDAYS...

2 Andrea Trudie Rosenfeld	10 Cara Samantha Kessler	18 Barry Potashnick
2 Alan Shavitz	11 Dustin Gray Cohen	19 Joel Fine
3 Rhonda Jean Cohen	11 Aaron Michael Trockman	19 Stu Levin
3 Sam Haney	11 Susan Allen	20 Dana Forman Lobel
3 Denae Jennifer Melvin	12 Eric Frumkin	22 Grant Alexander Cohen
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		28 Judy Kessler
		28 Phoebe Irene Merkel



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21 Mr & Mrs Philip Gershwin
 21 Stanley & Sandy Trockman

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