

CHAI Time

Temple Adath B'nai Israel

Over The Page

Rabbi Helen Bar-Yaacov



In the news these days there is so much about the Second Amendment; constitutional rights and gun ownership. For much of US citizenry the right to own a gun is holy writ. It would seem that the Constitution, written by humans is infallible, unlike the Torah/Bible, which can be changed on a whim.

It is easy to understand why the Founding Fathers (for we know ONLY men were involved) would write what they did. They witnessed, if only from afar, the French Revolution and some of the turmoil of Europe at that time. They, or their forebears, had escaped Europe to be free of tyranny, whether political or religious, and they did not wish such systems on their new state. The tyranny of France was opposed and then overthrown by force of arms, later the same happened with the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Russian Empire. They, perhaps,

feared that England with its military power might try, again, to wrest control of this country. Since the various states were not really united and did not have a combined, united army (as we have today), each state might have to fend for itself. Hence they wrote that each state needed "a well regulated militia".

How one chooses to understand this shows that the plain language can be, and is, understood, according to one's political reasoning. If gun ownership is for the purpose of states having a regulated militia, then one can argue that the police and the National Guard are those militias. If having a gun is to protect oneself against tyranny, then the democratic system of orderly voting for elected political representatives has really put "tyranny" in the trash can. Do those who hold this position truly fear that a Hitler-like figure will succeed at the polls?

The overwhelming majority of citizens want background checks for everyone who wishes to buy a gun. The overwhelming majority of citizens wants a ban on bullet clips that hold over 10 bullets. A goodly majority wants a ban on assault weapons.

Where are the leaders? On the state level many governors agree with the majority of citizens; what about Congress? Those leaders are leading from behind!

What do we do with constitutional rights? We could look at what we Jews have done with some of the mitzvot, commandments, that we have

in the Torah. We look at them through Jewish spectacles and within Jewish parameters. We acknowledge there are some mitzvot that are overridingly important like "love your fellow as yourself" (Lev.19) and "you must pursue righteousness/justice" (Deut.16). Our sages told us the Torah was written in the

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BREAKING NEWS

EXPERIENCE JEWISH FILM

This collaboration between TABI and Willard Library will present "Cabaret" Sunday, March 24th, at 6:30. On Sunday April 21st, please join us for "Voyage of the Damned", again at 6:30. A special thank you to Kelley Coures for witty and charming commentary and Shelley Haney for always bringing the goodies.

NOTABLE MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happiest wishes to Idell Marver, 91 years young on March 2nd and to Hilda Schatz, 97 years young on March 28th!!!

SAVE THIS DATE!!!

TABI Congregational Seder
March 25th (see enclosed flyer)

ILLUMINATIONS IN JEWISH ART:

A Brief History Of Illuminated Hebrew Manuscripts

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

12-1:30 PM, WILLARD LIBRARY

Art Historian, Librarian, and TABI Member, Karen J Tannenbaum will share her interests and histories of the book at this event presented by Willard Library and TABI.

Ms Tannenbaum's interest in manuscripts dates back to when she was a child as well as an intensive and extensive visit to the British Museum and Oxford Bodleian Library.

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language of human beings--so we could understand. We know what was written thousands of years ago was for that time--like slavery and capital punishment and the status of women. When we study Talmud we see our sages were unhappy about many of the same things that make us unhappy. One of my beloved and most respected rabbinic teachers (may he live a long and healthy life) taught us that if we study how our ancient sages thought and how they reached their conclusions, then we might be able to do similarly today.

We can see change and reform even within the Books of our awesome Torah. We can see changes and reform from the Torah to our revered prophets. We can see change and reform brought about by our most respected Rabbis and scholars in the Talmud and since.

If there is a way to reform Divine Words is there no way to reform human words, no matter how sage (for their time)?

Jews have always taken righteousness and how we behave to one another very seriously. The welfare of the community always comes first. We know that we pray in the plural, because we are individuals within the community and our welfare and well-being comes from the welfare and well-being of the community.

Leaders who are scared of elections have forgotten why they were elected and whom they represent. They do not represent a tiny minority who do not have the well-being of the majority at heart. God tested even Moses to ensure that he was the right leader for our people. Since then, our Rabbis have used that yard-rule by which to measure all our leaders.

Perhaps the time has come to judge our leaders, or they should not be our leaders.

Wishing us all a wonderful Pesach, the season of freedom from slavery.

The Word

From Our TABI President

So nothing beats good communication.

The Temple's Rabbi Search Committee is making significant progress in our efforts to recruit a Rabbi for August 2013.

We have received a dozen applications (as of the end of February) from Rabbis in practice as well as Senior Rabbinic students. Five candidates have been interviewed by the committee members via the telephone and of those five we will have three who will be visiting our Synagogue this winter.

At this writing, we have interviewed one and in the process of interviewing the second rabbi. I hope you took the opportunity to meet each of these gentlemen. We scheduled a variety of opportunities for interaction and conversation. And we need to hear from you after you meet these fine Rabbis.

The arrangements for the visits were at times complicated. Many folks stepped up to the plate and worked hard to make the visits enjoyable, informative, educational and provide a variety of meeting opportunities for groups with various interests. My wife Nancy, Elissa Bakke and Davena Day coordinated the agendas and schedules for our guests and I thank them very much. No visit takes place at TABI without a variety

of food opportunities and I thank the Kitchen Committee (Doris Siegel, Sonnie Cibull, Joy Fine and Nancy), and especially Jessica Pajdo, for their efforts. Thanks to Cheryl Brice for her delicious Hamantaschen.

The Fines took care of business with lunches at the homes of Joy and Gene and Cindy and Marc. Doris and Phil Siegel hosted brunch at Café 111 with the Minyan group and meals from Edgewater Grille, the Granola



Jar and Milano's were enjoyed as well. George and Davena Day took both candidates on a driving tour of the area with rave reviews by both candidates.

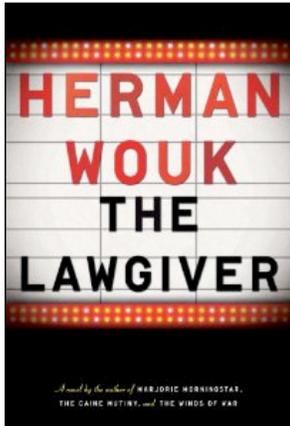
It is getting late and I am forgetting some folks and I apologize. It takes many to manage this effort and to all who pitched in, thank you very much.

Please e-mail me and/or Bob Goldman, the chairpersons of this Search Committee with your opinions. Nothing beats good communication for a good informed decision-making.

Todah rabah



NEW IN THE TABI LIBRARY



ADULT FICTION

Wouk, Herman. The Lawgiver. At age ninety-seven, Wouk has found a witty way to tell the tale in *The Lawgiver*, a romantic and suspenseful novel about a group of people trying to make a movie

about Moses in the present day. Margo Solovei is a brilliant young writer-director who has rejected her rabbinical father's strict Jewish upbringing to pursue a career in the arts. When an Australian multibillionaire promises to

finance a movie about Moses if the script meets certain standards, Margo does everything she can to land the job, including a reunion with her estranged first love, an influential lawyer with whom she still has unfinished business.

ADULT NON-FICTION

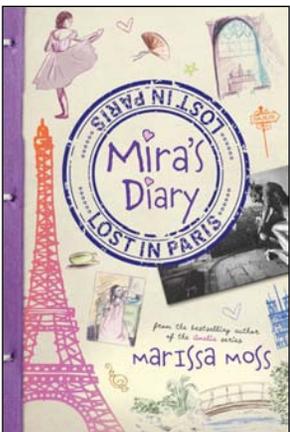
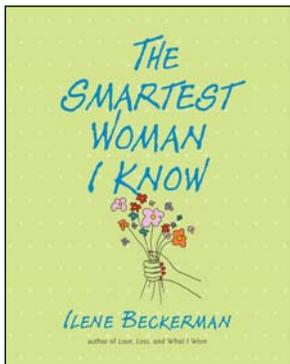
Beckerman, Ilene. The Smartest Woman I Know. The author's grandmother, Ettie, had no more than a third-grade education but dispensed unforgettable wisdom to "Gingy" and her sister, Tootsie, and to the customers at her and (her husband) Mr. Goldberg's stationery store, where customers ranged from Irish nannies to Sara Delano Roosevelt to Marlene Dietrich. Clever about life,

love, food, and men, Ettie had advice for everyone, and it didn't hurt that she got some of her best ideas from talking things over with God, out loud.

Suberman, Stella. The GI Bill Boys: A Memoir. In her warm and witty new memoir, Suberman charms readers with her personal perspective as she recalls the original 1940s GI Bill. As she writes of the bill and the epic events that spawned it, she manages, in her crisp

way, to personalize and humanize them in order to entertain and educate. Although her story is that of two Jewish families, it echoes the story of thousands of Americans.

We Remember the Children. This is a collection of remembrances by child survivors of the Holocaust, now adults living in West Palm Beach, Florida. Thanks, **Nancy and Sandy Trockman**, for this addition to our Holocaust holdings.



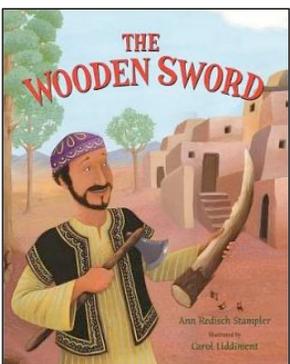
CHILDREN/TEENS

Here are two time-travel fantasies for middle grades:

Ariel, Amy. Friends Forever. Two Jewish girls become friends across time when modern-day Hannah suddenly appears in her own Saint Paul, MN yard... in 1912. Thirteen-year-old Abigail tells the story of that amazing day and the life-changing encounter. Against the backdrop of the Progressive Era (women's right to vote, worker's rights, and racial equality), Abigail and Hannah must solve their own problem: how will Hannah get back to her own time?

Moss, Marissa. Mira's Diary: Lost in Paris. When Mira receives a cryptic postcard from her missing mother, she sets off with her father and brother to find her in Paris. Only Mira doesn't know she's looking in the wrong century. With an innocent touch to a gargoye sculpture on the roof of Notre Dame, Mira is whisked into the past and learns her mother isn't just avoiding the family, she's in serious trouble. Following her mother's clues, Mira travels through time to help change history and bring her mother home.

Stampler, Ann. The Wooden Sword. Disguised in servant's clothes, an Afghani shah slips out of his palace to learn more about his people. When he encounters a poor Jewish shoemaker full of faith that everything will turn out just as it should, the shah grows curious. Vowing that no harm will befall the poor man, he decides to test that faith, only to find that the shoemaker's cheerful optimism cannot be shaken. Stampler's retelling of this classic Afghani Jewish folktale is enriched by Carol Liddiment's charming and vivid paintings. Grades 1 to 4



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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

Our heartiest congratulations to **Marcia and Lenard Pearson** on the wedding of their daughter, **Cynthia**, to **Marty Shandles**. The couple wed in Chicago on February 12th. Mazel tov to all!

TREASURER'S REPORT: FEBRUARY 2013

Jeffrey A Berger

Current position (as of 02/08/13):

Total Revenue: \$155,405

Total Expense: \$183,356

Annual Giving to Date: \$59,625 (57% of goal)

We are tracking about \$14,000 LESS in annual giving (dues) YEAR TO DATE than last year at this time. That is a significant number!

If you have not made your annual gift to TABI, please consider doing so as soon as possible.

For questions, please call Jeffrey Berger at 428-5107

Thank you so much.

UPCOMING TABI EVENTS

We have many wonderful events coming up and want to make sure you mark your calendars and plan to attend.

➔ **Sunday, March 24, at 6:30 pm** there will be another **movie night** in partnership with Willard Library. We will show Cabaret. Shelley Haney is in charge of goodies and there will be plenty to nosh on!

➔ **Pesachs begin Monday, March 25**, and we will host a Seder in our Social Hall. The service will begin at 5pm with dinner beginning promptly at 6:30.

Ginny Melvin-Wagner is our hostess for this event and has a wonderful event planned. The meal will be catered by Edgewater Grille and the main course will be lemon chicken.

➔ **Tuesday, April 2 at 6pm** will be a study session and discussion led by Rabbi Bar-Yaacov, open to the public on Jean Paul Sartre's essay, The

Anti-Semite and Jew. This discussion should last about an hour and a light nosh will follow.

➔ **The Yom HaShoah Service is Sunday, April 7 at 5 pm.** Sue Barancik and the CYPRESS Committee are organizing the evening and we will have more information in the next couple of weeks.

➔ **On Monday, April 15**, we will begin our **Israeli Independence Day celebration** with a newly-released documentary, Hava Nagila! This film is currently making the rounds of Jewish Film Festivals around the US and we are thrilled to have been able to secure a copy for a special showing just for our congregation! Details are being worked out as to the specifics but you can plan that there will be food as part of the celebration!

➔ **Continuing our Independence Day celebration**, we have partnered with University of Southern Indiana to bring

internationally renowned Israeli singer and peace activist **David Broza to Evansville.**

He will give a **concert open to the public Wednesday, April 17**, on the campus of USI and the following evening, **Thursday, April 18, a private event for our congregation and guests.** We will host a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception from 5:30 to 6:30 pm with an intimate concert and discussion to follow.

Our chairpersons Cindy Fine and Michele Malitz are working closely with the USI folks to make Mr. Broza's visit to Evansville memorable.

➔ **And as if all that were not enough, the April movie night**, again in partnership with Willard Library, will take place **Sunday, April 21**, with a showing of Voyage of the Damned at 6:30 pm. A special thank you to Kelley Coures for his witty and charming commentary as well as Shelley Haney for always bringing the goodies.

Please join us!!!



The Departed Whom We Now Remember
March Yahrzeit Observances



1 Davis Madnick	6 Charles R Mack	11 Shirley Bernstein	20 David Lerner	28 Sherman Lawrence
1 Henrietta Ravdin	6 Edna S Shane	12 David Newman	20 Isaac Pearson	Kahn
1 Sara Rechnic	7 Annie Eron	12 Hilda Reisman	20 Norman A Shane	28 Gladys Levi
1 Sam L Sater	7 Jacob Stone	12 Jesse C Weil	20 George G Ungar	28 Milton A Siegel
1 Sidney Spahn	8 Herman H Perelmut	13 Sol Z Bernstein	21 Sarah Bloom	29 Isaac Heimann
1 Elizabeth Weil	8 Max Saretsky	14 Bertha Mack	21 Abraham Mack	30 Cookie Sater
2 Carrie A Weil	9 Jack W Breskow	14 Louis Trockman	21 Rose C Rosenberg	30 Lillian Sater
2 Sheina Zubulky	9 Sol Cristil	15 Abe Fishman	21 Max Scharf	31 William Doom
3 Sidney M Bernstein	9 Ben Lebow	15 Betty Levin	22 Harry Olshan	31 Armand Essig
3 Sarah Green Frankle	9 Charles R Levy	16 Celia Danenberg	23 Sarah Levin	31 Dr J Irwin Essig
3 Lotte Adler	9 Regina Rechnic	16 Ida Hamborg	24 Isaac Bloom	31 Eula Schiller Essig
Morgenstern	10 David Morris Dansker	16 Murray Maurer	26 Irving Opie	31 Joseph Fink
3 Ethel Reed	10 Freda Fialco Dumes	17 Mike Shavitz	27 Rebecca M Dumes	31 Irwin R Lippman
3 Benjamin Saag	10 Yehuda Leib Hamburg	17 Bernard (Ben) Silver	27 Edith Evelyn Glancz	31 Benjamin Elbert
3 Patricia Tarsitano	10 Laura Levin	19 Babs Barskin Forman	27 Joseph Schwartz	Nahmias
4 Abraham I Fram	10 Henry Levy	19 Ian G Schatz	28 Rosetta K Abraham	31 Josephine Nahmias
5 Matthew Statsinger	10 Dr Bernard B	20 Robert Engel	28 Louis Chivian	31 Milton Newman
6 Bertha Horn	Rosenblatt	20 Lois Hamburg		31 George Sisk



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March HAPPY BIRTHDAYS...

2 Idell Marver	13 Amy Scharf	23 Lucus Israel Radov
3 Tammy Katz	14 David Zendell	24 Jessica Fine
3 Amber Asher Jones	15 Shane Sabel	24 Sonja Eskin
4 Tom Bakke	16 Debra Sabel Metter	25 Marsha Shavitz Cohen
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10 Sandy Trockman	22 Aidan Levi Merkel	30 Brooke Erin Present
12 Patricia Weinzapfel	23 Sarah Beth Radov	31 David Jay Rosenfeld



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