

# CHAI Time

Temple Adath B'nai Israel



PLEASE JOIN OUR FAMILY  
ON THIS SPECIAL DAY AS OUR DAUGHTER

*Katherine Nicole*

IS CALLED TO THE TORAH  
AS A BAT MITZVAH

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2013

10:00 AM

TEMPLE ADATH B'NAI ISRAEL

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*We look forward to  
celebrating with you.*

*Please reply by June 1, 2013*

*Call Cheryl at 812-760-7361 or*

*email bnicathd@gmail.com*

*please specify number of persons attending*

*Lunch will be served following the service*



## BREAKING NEWS

### SHAVU'OT CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating Shavu'ot on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm, followed by a study session beginning at 8 pm.

### SHABBAT ROCKS: MAY 10!!

After an extraordinarily long hiatus, Shabbat Rocks returns this May to rock your Shabbat socks off!

Featuring returning members of the Shabbat Rocks band and singing led by several of our very own young congregation members, this is certain to be a Friday night Shabbat service you don't want to miss! With many of the classic Shabbat Rocks tunes sprinkled with some new songs, there is something for everyone in this musically driven service. So grab the whole family and come welcome Shabbat in song on May 10 with Shabbat Rocks!



## JEWISH EYES ON CHRISTIAN ART

Willard Library of Evansville  
May 23, 12 pm  
Bayard Room

# Over The Page

Rabbi Helen Bar-Yaacov



In a couple of weeks, on the evening of Tuesday, May 14, we will celebrate the second of our pilgrimage festivals.

Three times a year, we are commanded, we are to appear before God at the Temple in Jerusalem. Since we have no Temple, we celebrate in our synagogues. Shavu'ot is the first harvest festival, and the first harvest was grain -- wheat and barley.

Certainly after the destruction of the second Temple in 70 c.e., and with the urbanization of our People, we needed another purpose for this holy day. Our ancient Rabbis, who knew and understood every word in the Tanach, said that the seven weeks we were to count off between Pesach and Shavu'ot was the time it took us to walk from Egypt to Mt Sinai whence God gave us the Torah. Since then we celebrate Matan Torah, the Giving of the Torah.

We celebrate with prayer and song and food and above all we celebrate with study. For what is

the use of having the Torah without studying it?

When I was an undergraduate in Melbourne, one of the faculty of the Anthropology and Sociology dept. was Shifrah, an Orthodox Jewish woman whose specialty was the Cochin Jews of India. She had been there countless times. The Indians of Cochin were illiterate, and it seemed that the Jews were too. The Jews were not literate in English, nor even in the local Indian language. However, and this should come as NO surprise, the men were literate in Hebrew. They not only read it but studied and wrote in Hebrew as well.

My father, alav ha-shalom, had been in Uzbekistan during World War II. One day he was walking in the market place and saw an Uzbek sitting cross legged on a mat, his wares spread out before him and he had an open book in front of him. My father was stunned--the Uzbeks are illiterate! He went up quietly to see what sort of book the man had, and lo it was T'hillim! (Psalms). This Uzbek was a Bucharian Jew.

We have always taken the commandment to study very seriously. How can we know what is expected of us if we do not study the Tanach, Talmud and the vast quantities of commentaries. How could we keep Judaism relevant and up to date?

Unfortunately, in the New World, we have kept the importance of education, just not for things Jewish. I kvell when I watch various news programs and see that almost every one of them has a Jew as one of the experts discussing whatever topic. \ We are known for our zeal for education, but in the zeal for acculturation we have forgotten the treasure that we have bequeathed the rest of the world. They are claiming it and we are throwing it away.

"What could I possibly learn from ancient times and ancient writings?"

Our Rabbis were magnificent scholars, great psychologists and understood the human/Jewish heart and soul.

They gave us their shoulders to stand on and continue the amazing adventure of discovering the ancient and ever new words of the Torah.

If we want to have our children and their children be Jewish WE have to invest ourselves in this venture. If it not important to us, how will our kids learn that it is important? Who will fill their empty jar that is labelled "Jew" with content? We must do it and we must do it today for yesterday has already flown by.

Please join us for the Shavu'ot celebration, and study and a dairy "buffet".

Chag Sameach.

May we all have a joyous and meaningful festival.

## TABI GIFT SHOP

### SONNIE CIBULL

Just a reminder that with spring comes high school and college graduation. What better to give a graduate than a piece of Judaica to start his/her own personal needs! We have Judaica for every occasion. We also have many items that may be purchased for needed gifts. I am most pleased with our selection of mezuzahs.

We also have lovely gifts for our Bar and Bat Mitzvah young people. There are memory books and candlesticks, picture frames and Tzedakah boxes. There are small prayer books and bookends to hold them. We are most pleased with our jewelry--it will be worn with pride.

As always, if there are items you wish to purchase we have a number of catalogs available. Your order can be here in 2 to 3 weeks. Nothing is impossible.

# The Word

## From Our TABI President



April was very busy--as it seemed there was something going on at TABI every week of the month.

A very special thank you to **Ginny Melvin-Wagner** for Pesach arrangements, making a seamless and spiritual event for all who attended. People have busy lives and it is difficult to get folks to take charge of our special events, so I am grateful for everything from the flyer to coordinating the menu and of course, the meal provided by Edgewater Grille.

### TRANSITION 2013

Temple Adath B'nai Israel is on the brink of a new chapter in our history. We have the opportunity to continue honor our past while shaping our future.

It is with great excitement that we announce the formation of the Rabbi Transition Committee: Elissa Bakke and Davena Day (co-chairs), Jeffrey Berger, Rachel Goldman, Phil Siegel, Sam Dye, Nancy Givon, Sonnie Cibull, Nancy Drake, Joy Fine, Mark Senzell. The committee is comprised of a diverse mixture of congregants, each bringing different perspectives, strengths and personal connections to the table.

April began with a discussion of Jean-Paul Sartre's Anti-Semite and Jew and the observance of Yom HaShoah with a service and moving presentation by members of CYPRESS. On April 15, we welcomed Israeli Independence Day by viewing the newly released "Hava Nagila – the Movie" along with pizza and Middle-Eastern fare from Manna's. A special thanks to the Bronstein Foundation and our local B'Nai Brith for underwriting a portion of the event!

To add to the Independence Day observance, we welcomed David Broza, international singer, song writer, and peace activist in a special partnership with the University of Southern Indiana. Members of the congregation were able to see him perform Wednesday evening at Carter Hall on USI's campus and on Thursday, an intimate concert in our sanctuary.

A very special thank you to USI for their partnership, without which the event could not have taken place. Thank you also to the Bronstein Foundation, the Courier Press for their incredible publicity and to Aztar for their help with Mr. Broza's accommodations.

You are probably asking what a Transition Committee does. Here is what we propose, please note it is not all encompassing. We are only now fleshing out what needs to take place as we welcome Rabbi Mazo and his wife Gloria. The committee will:

- create a warm, welcoming atmosphere for the Mazos.
- be a resource for the congregation (to speak to with questions/concerns during this transition period) and the Mazos as they adjust to their new home.
- provide positive and negative feedback to guide Rabbi Mazo and his wife through their first year.

The Enrichment Committee was instrumental in coordinating the details to make these events happen. The Kitchen Committee oversaw all room set-ups. Thank you goes to **Doris Siegel, Joy Fine and Roie Goldman;** to **Cindy Fine and Michele Malitz** for the Broza nosh; and to **Robynn Merkel** for organized dinner for the Hava Nagila event. Finally, **Sam Dye** was on hand for every event, lending a hand and locking up at the end of each evening.

If that was not enough, we had Movie Night on April 21 as folks gathered to watch "Cabaret" and enjoy a brief discussion led by **Kelley Coures** and enjoy a mini nosh provided by **Shelley Haney!**

May appears a bit less busy, giving us all time to get ready for summer! We have a Shabbat Rocks concert coming up May 10 and Movie Night on Sunday May 19, featuring the film "Crossfire", and hope to see everyone there.

As this goes to print, I share with you that Rabbi Gary and Gloria Mazo were in town house hunting and were indeed successful in purchasing a home.

Toda rabah! md

- share our history, hopes, dreams, and concerns with Rabbi Mazo
- set up meet and greets for the congregation as well as the community at large.
- provide a process for mutual and ongoing review – including a set meeting schedule with Rabbi Mazo.
- plan a Service of Installation – where we welcome Rabbi Mazo into our congregation – in conjunction with the Ritual Committee.

Please feel free to contact Elissa(eibakke@usi.edu or 454-8946) or Davena (dld@wowway.com or 629-6368) with any questions. This is a team effort. We can all help in different ways.

# Sayings from the Local B'nai B'rith



## Don't read this paragraph if you cry easily!

Our Honorary B'nai B'rith members did not play very well so we all look forward to next year...Go Hoosiers!

## Good news, please read!

Brother Ben Trockman won first place with the Indiana House of Representatives when he convinced everyone of the need of airlines to better serve those with use of motorized wheelchairs when boarding and leaving the airplane. We are so proud of Ben and his accomplishments and elected him vice president of our Lodge.

## Some nice news

A thoughtful and most appreciated donation was made by Bess Levy for the Teddy Bear Project. It was so nice to hear from Bess and we wish her good health and that she continues to read the TABI bulletin for many more years.

## Blessings

Some families are blessed with loving mishpachah. Some are not so lucky. One of the officers of the Lodge received a contribution from Helen Anne Siegel so that the Teddy Bear Project will continue. This was such a nice gesture. The

officer sends his love to his favorite sister-in-law.

From Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center: "Thank you so much for your recent gift of Teddy Bears in honor of Ben Trockman. This very generous donation will bring joy and comfort to local children with disabilities. Your gift is even more meaningful because it is made in Ben's honor...Easter Seals can't thank you enough for your generosity" and helping to change lives for local children with disabilities.

## By Public Demand

Following is an exact copy of the local Lodge of B'nai B'rith minutes from its last Lodge meeting:

The Lodge meeting at the Peephole Bar & Grill was called to order by Dr. Michael A. Sontz, dentist supreme and President. On the count of three, members were asked to speak to the Brother on each side of them. Due to bad breath, mouth wash was furnished by Dr. Sontz. A quorum was present. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved as read in English and Hebrew.

## Sweethearts

The first order of business was to elect the "Sweethearts" of our local Lodge. After discussion thereon, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously passed that Cindy and Jessica Fine were elected "Sweethearts" for the year 2013.

## Female Lodge Members

Due to TV program efforts to encourage more female involvement in all activities and organizations, the B'nai B'rith Lodge decided to call a special meeting for the purpose of discussing whether or not we

After two days at the McCurdy Hotel discussing the issue of awards, the following were granted "simchas" by the Lodge:

- 1st Place: Brother Bob Goldman and his family and other members of the Rabbi Search Committee for their tremendous efforts and time spent for this most important task.
- 2nd Place: Christian Watford (#2) for his tremendous rebound for IU against Michigan before the end of the game.
- 3rd Place: Brother Eugene Fine was selected to be the best dressed member of the Lodge. Thanks to Nordstrom's, Brooks Brothers and Marshalls.
- 4th Place: a tie among the following:
  - a) Best Singer--Sheldon Breskow
  - b) Best Artist--Gerald Grusin
  - c) Best Twins--Henrietta Duvin & Ethel Olshan
  - d) Best Family--at 1450 Brookside Drive, Uncle Sam, Aunt Lil, Stanley, Ron, Sinbad & Leona
  - e) Best Newspaper Articles--Ken Olshan, the Olshan Breeze, Bosse High, School Spirit and Schreiber, Drake & Coures
  - f) Best known Attorney--Robert Duvin
  - g) Best Scholarship--Edward J. Shovers Memorial Communication Scholarship in Advertising at the University of Southern Indiana
  - h) Best Foundation--Indiana University Foundation, Bloomington, Indiana, (Jewish Studies Program, Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center)
  - i) Best Athletes: Bowling--Irv Senzell and Herb Sarett; Golf--Meyer Siegel & Mary Present; Shot Put--Bernard Landes; Hockey--Bakke Brothers & Jake
- 5th Place: Best men's Store--The Hubb; Best big man's store- Mr. Fashion Big & Tall

should have female members.

Names of future female Lodge members include: the Andrews Sisters, Marilyn Monroe, the Bachelor's last two, Kathryn and Lindsay; one guy hollered, "I know four girls: Robyn, Lindsay, Lily and Avery!" The matter was delayed until the May 2013 meeting.

## Teddy Bear Project

We don't need big bucks, just a little donation to keep our project alive and well. Mail your contribution for the B'nai B'rith Teddy Bear Project to: Philip Siegel, 100 NW First Street #202, Evansville, Indiana 47708



## NEW IN THE TABI LIBRARY

Sue Barancik

### ADULT FICTION

Two thrillers to keep you reading:

*Balson, Ronald H. **Once We Were Brothers.*** Elliot Rosenzweig, a respected Chicago civic leader and wealthy philanthropist, is attending a fundraiser when he is suddenly accosted and accused of being a former Nazi SS officer named Otto Piatek. Two lives, two worlds

and sixty years all on course to collide in a fast-paced legal thriller. Author is Chicago trial attorney.

*Corman, Miles. **Midnight Alley.*** Ash Levine, the top detective in the LAPD's elite Felony Special Squad, is called out to solve the murder of two young black men found shot to death in a Venice alley. The case is high priority because one of

the victims is the son of City Councilman Isaac Pinkney, a frequent critic of the LAPD. Searching for the killer throws Levine into the world of Los Angeles Russian Mafia, Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans, and Middle Eastern archeologists. Ash's history as a child of a Holocaust survivor gives him a unique perspective on murder, redemption, and justice.

### ADULT NON-FICTION

*Gordis, Daniel. **The Promise of Israel: Why Its Seemingly Greatest Weakness is Actually Its Greatest Strength.*** Israel's critics in the West insist no country founded on a single religion or culture can stay democratic and prosperous — but they're wrong. Gordis points out that Israel has defied that conventional wisdom. It has provided its citizens infinitely greater liberty and prosperity than

anyone expected, faring far better than any other young nation. In fact, rather than seeking to destroy Israel, the Palestinians would serve their own interests by trying to copy it.

*Gray, Todd. **The New Jewish Table: Seasonal Recipes for Traditional Dishes.*** With more than 125 recipes including reinterpretations of traditional Jewish favorites made with fresh, seasonal ingredients, from Yukon

Gold and sweet potato latkes, Ellen's Falafel with pickled vegetables and minted lemon yogurt, and roasted heirloom beets with capers and pistachios, to matzo-stuffed cornish game hens, and chocolate hazelnut rugelach, there are recipes for every occasion. In 1999, Todd combined his love for farm-to-table ingredients with his passion for Jewish cuisine, opening Equinox Restaurant in Washington, DC.

### CHILDREN/TEENS

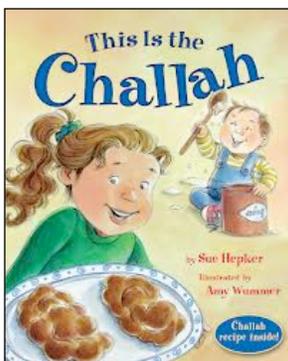
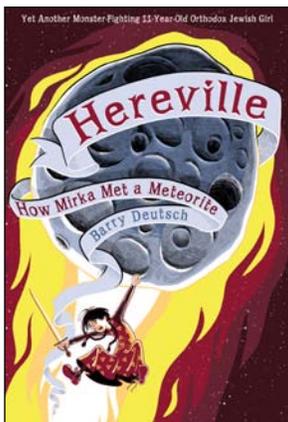
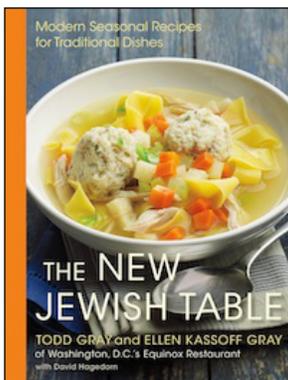
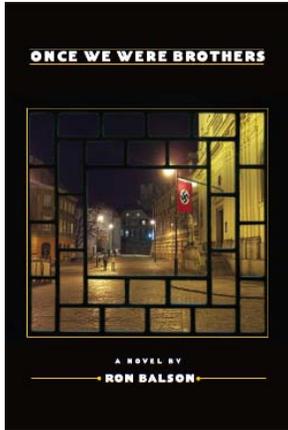
*Deutsch, Barry. **Hereville: How Mirka Met a Meteorite.*** Subtitles "Boldly going where no 11-year-old Jewish girl has gone before," this second of the "Hereville" graphic novels (cartoon), is a very lively, accessible book for grades 3 to 7. Mirka takes on a misguided meteor who's been set in motion by the troll and turned into Mirka's twin by the witch! Our heroine will have to bea

her own other self in a three-part challenge or be banished from Hereville!

*Hepker, Sue. **This is the Challah.*** Bubbe is preparing for Shabbat and her granddaughter gets to help with a very important part: baking the challah. They work together with enthusiasm, even as the sugar spills, the baby cries, and eggs crack on the floor! Bubbe lovingly holds it all together as the chaos builds

and then dissipates into a warm, loving family dinner. Preschool to Grade 2.

*Kimmelman, Leslie. **Sam and Charlie (and Sam too!)*** Sam is shocked to find that his new next-door neighbor, Charlie, turns out to be a girl! And her younger sister is named Sam! A very sweet story of friendship and Jewish holidays told in short easy-to-read chapter for beginning readers. Very appealing for K to Grade 3.



**Notice of  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
Wednesday, June 19, 2013, 6 pm**

Dear Congregant:

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will include a review of the previous year, budget statements, committee reports, and election of trustees and officers. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely Yours,

Michael Drake  
President, Temple Adath B'Nai Israel

**TREASURER'S REPORT:  
APRIL 2013**

**Jeffrey A Berger**

Current position (as of 04/29/13):

Total Revenue: \$247,695

Total Expense: \$265,858

Annual Giving to Date: \$75,942

Last year Annual Giving as of the same date was close to \$85,000!

We are projecting a shortfall for the year of \$30,000. Annual giving is off by \$10,000 and the Rabbi Search with moving expenses will cost TABI around \$15,000.

Please consider a special gift to help offset the cost of the search. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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

**Nazel 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](mailto:suemarbar@roadrunner.com)

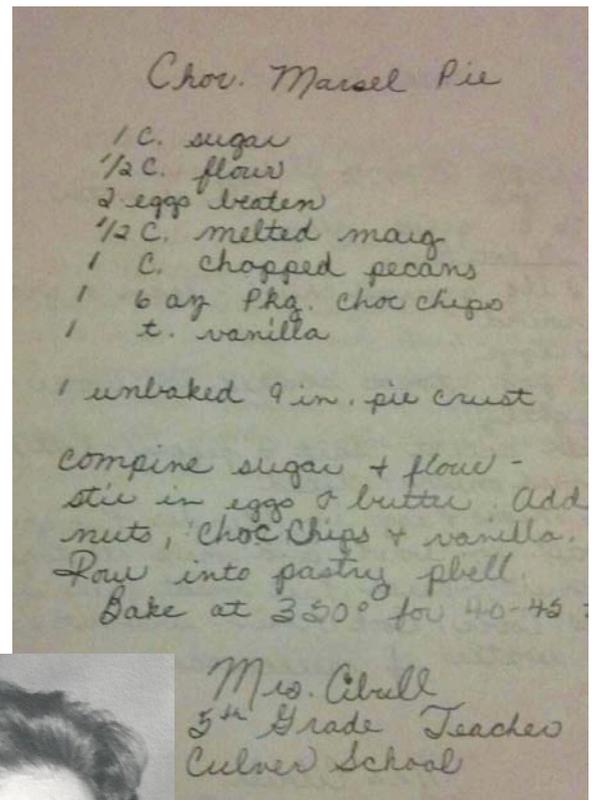
We want to list ALL the high school, college, advanced degree graduates from our TABI family. Please let us know about your graduate—where they are graduating from and their future plans for more education, work, etc. We hate to miss anyone. Let everyone know that your child will be getting a diploma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

**RECIPE JOURNEY...**

**NANCY DRAKE**

We would like to feature a recipe from times gone by each month and are inviting folks to share with us favorite recipes!

To begin the journey, we are pleased to present a recipe from Sonnie Cibull's files along with a photo of how she looked when she was in the kitchen schlepping and cooking--back in 1961!





*The Departed Whom We Now Remember*  
**May Yahrzeit Observances**



1 Stuart Cohen	6 Philip Shavitz	14 Herschel Z Goldstein	22 Jerome Robert Lurye
1 Max Posin	7 Lottie Goldstein Hiatt	14 Edward Yabrove	22 Sara Newman
2 William Rand Bartlett	7 Mim Lavine	16 Mollie Cibull	23 Madeline Fine
2 Don Cohen	7 Harold Moss	16 Frances DeLott	23 Nathan Wendel
2 Sarah LeVine	8 Jill Dumes	16 Sol Maurer	23 Julia Meyer Winfield
3 Morton Malitz	8 Malvina Engel	16 Eva Rachel Statsinger	24 Herman Rosenbaum
4 Samuel Z Fishman	9 Judge Harold Lewis	17 Max Fishman	24 Morris Rothman
4 Rosa Colman Katz	9 Randy Stuart Sater	17 Mandel L Weinstock	26 Dianne Hallert
5 Samuel H Grusin	10 Joseph B Kushner	19 Don Friedmann	27 Henrietta Trockman
5 Esther Roser	11 Mike Dorfman	20 Leonda Hamburg	29 Inman Asher
5 Jack L Schragar	11 Sidney Fenster	20 Florence Lookatch	29 Harry C Perelmut
5 Benjamin Stone	11 Melvin Sabel	20 Flora Nisenbaum	30 Libby Koszalka
6 Dorothy Baker	13 Abraham I Berger	20 Ervin Weil	30 Joseph Kramer
6 Fannie Fine	13 Samuel B Danenberg	22 Gustav Cohen	30 Rose Offricht Rudman
6 Rebecca Nadelstein	13 Samuel R Fishman	22 Sylvan Haas, Sr	31 Jennie Fine Gold
6 Gerard H Saunders	13 Dora Kushner	22 Dena Kweskin	31 Jane Levin
6 Jennie Schear	14 Don Cohen	22 Mayer E Levy	



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In honor of Marcia & Lenard Pearson's 60th wedding  
 anniversary

**May HAPPY BIRTHDAYS...**

1 David Pearson	15 Andrea Kessler
1 Gail S Sarett	16 Steven Sater
1 Elliott Rothman Stone	16 Dr Michael A Sontz
2 Jon Gordon	17 Allison Shavitz
4 Bruce Simon	17 Rachel Hertman
4 Lenard Greenberg	19 Michael Lane Siegel
7 Jakob Noah Bloomfield	21 Tony Abrams
7 Robert Hass	22 Kimberly Ann Ellenstein
8 Mark Mittleman	23 Donald Hurm
12 Carol Siegel	23 Maggie Forman
13 Dr Joshua Daniel Sarett	23 Michael Pearson
15 Fay H Friedman	24 Jeremy Marshall Fogel



**...AND  
 ANNIVERSARIES!!!**

24 Irene Rechnic	3 Lenard & Marcia Pearson
26 Betsy Madeline Loeb	17 Mr & Mrs Jeff Radov
26 Steve Adler	17 Richard & Supit Moss
26 Mary MacGregor	24 Stanley & Susan Levco
29 Linda Mann Feld	26 Diane (Cibull) & Steve Kornick
30 Jeffrey Adler	28 Alan & Sandra Newman
31 Helena Leigh Gershwin	30 David & Sara Trockman
31 Emily Sater	31 Kathy (Siegel) & Dean Baird

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