

CHAI Time

Temple Adath B'nai Israel

The Word

From Our TABI
President



"I am a Jew because the faith of Israel demands no abdication of my mind."

For me some of the best things I read come from the Mishkan T'filah, the siddur we use in our synagogue. I really like the intent of this line from the Shabbat Morning section: Judaism is a religion that makes us think, what we profess to believe has to make sense.

Our faith does not force us to believe that everything good and bad that happens is the responsibility of God. At the hospital I hear patients and their family frequently say: "what's going to happen is going to happen - it's God's will". Does that mean: "if I don't do well in surgery today, if I have a cancer or if I have a

heart attack, it's God's will, it's God's responsibility"? I have a problem with that attitude; I'd like to give our Creator a break.

Bad things happen to good people on a regular basis, but we can't just say "that's the way it is" or "that's how God planned it". It's not satisfactory to claim that "it's out of my hands, everything is in God's hands". The implication then is that I have no responsibility (which may be true sometimes) and that God planned something bad for me or the people that I love.

As a physician at St. Mary's I treat trauma patients, victims of road accidents, sometimes very young and innocent. Are they being punished by God? No, mostly they're the victims of reckless behavior, especially drunk driving. Many times they are just bystanders and it's not their fault, but it's also not God's fault. Wearing a seatbelt, avoiding excessive speed, and never getting in a car with an impaired driver go a long way to avoiding injury and death. Those things are in our hands.

As Jews we can't throw our hands up in the air and chant: "It's in God's hands", thereby abdicating our minds and our responsibility. What the Creator does expect of us is to use our minds and our own hands to make this planet (one of billions of planets) a better place. As Jews we are expected to perform acts of charity. Again, we are not waiting for God to perform miracles. We raise funds to help homeless people in our city, to help the Haitian people dig wells for clean water, to care for refugees in Darfur, and for hundreds of other

worthwhile projects. We also use our minds to treat diseases and illnesses. There are dozens of specifically Jewish organizations available to help other people.

We are expected to express gratitude (to praise) God for our creation, but it is incumbent upon us as human beings (the crown of creation) to follow through. Perhaps the meaning of "God's will" is the expectation that we finish the work that has been begun with the gifts that the Creator has given to us.

Our religious ancestors in this Jewish community have given us a good Synagogue, a beautiful and

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BREAKING NEWS

NOTABLE OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happiest wishes to Pauline Berman, 96 years young on October 24th and Helen Sarett, 91 years young on October 13!!!

HANUKKAH CARDS

Last month's bulletin included an insert from Mooney's Copy Service regarding personalized Hanukkah cards. For those of you interested, the sale of the cards is also a bit of a fundraiser for our gift shop and we have examples of the cards in the TABI front office. You may let Barbie know what you would like and we will get a price for you!



(The Word, continued)

functional building. We have a lot of very interesting people here, some from old Evansville families and many more recent arrivals, Jewish people. Sometimes we do some crazy things, sometimes we don't treat each other as well as we should, we make mistakes, we act human.

Like most American Jewish communities we are faced with the challenges of fewer households and members; we are shrinking. And like

many Synagogues we will face difficult years of transitioning. What that means for Temple Adath B'nai Israel is hard to predict. However, for this year, 5773, we will continue to make good efforts.

Along with Rabbi Bar-Yaacov, I do encourage each of you to attend our religious services on Shabbat and our minyan on Tuesday mornings. Our Rabbi will be offering evening classes again next month. And our Social Enrichment Committee will continue to arrange some terrific cultural activities. The Israeli archaeologist David Ilan will visit in November and the Israeli singer and activist David Broza will entertain us during a week in April to celebrate Israeli Independence Day. These two events will be the result of hard work by Temple members in collaboration with our two universities. I ask you to bring your non-Jewish friends to our activities

here. After all, we always have a good nosh, and it's good to learn a bit more about all things Jewish.

We do face a difficult time, but we are not alone. I read a quote recently from another president, Gwen Slamovich. She is the co-leader of the Lafayette, Indiana shul, Sons of Abraham. Ms. Slamovich writes:

"Of all the organizations that you belong to, THIS ONE, will not survive if you do not help, now. Without your commitment to the legacy that is the shul, the doors won't open, the Torah won't get moved ahead, children will not be welcomed into the Jewish community and we will not be a family that cares for and supports one another. And, of course, no one will be here praising G_d. Where will you be?"

It is in our hands.

L'Shanah Tova

A TIME FOR GIVING

Doris Siegel

Dear TABI Congregant,

Again, I am chairperson for the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Please contribute from your heart, to people who are less fortunate, by giving to this worthy cause. I need all of your support in this endeavor and hope you will make the families of those who will not be able to share a Thanksgiving dinner with their loved ones unless YOU GIVE....

A contribution of \$35.00 will fill one (1) food basket, and in so doing you will be able to visualize the happiness of someone less fortunate. You can send your check directly to Temple Adath B'nai Israel by November 8th.

Baskets go to the Food Bank, Aurora, and the YWCA. PLEASE GIVE WHATEVER YOU CAN...IT'S A MITZVAH...I'm sure as a Jewish Community we will once again show our commitment to our Evansville community.

Thank you.

NOTES FROM THE WEB

ED SCHARF



Since taking over responsibilities for the TABI website last year, I've worked with a number of congregation members to convey the TABI spirit and community online.

I see the website as a source of information for a few different audiences - 1) current members, 2) prospective members, and 3) members of the community - and try to

provide content that appeals to all three.

In an effort to broaden our appeal to Jewish people who might be new to the area, I am developing a new section of the site dedicated to "all things Evansville" - but I need your help.

I would like the congregation's input in offering up your favorite places in the tri-state area. Your favorites don't have to have anything to do with Judaism - but all the better if they do (where to get bagels, challah, Hanukkah gifts, books, musics, etc).

Think of it this way - if you were a new Jewish

family in town or a Jewish student at UE or USI - what places would you like to know about? Restaurants, groceries, shopping, daycare, night life, exercise, car repair, health care, etc. Send me a list of your favorites and the reason(s) why they're so great and I'll compile the complete list.

I'd also like to highlight businesses owned and services provided by TABI members, so while I won't accept any special advertising copy, I'll happily flag congregation-owned businesses - as long as you identify them for me!

Please email me your lists at escharf@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!



NEW IN THE TABI LIBRARY

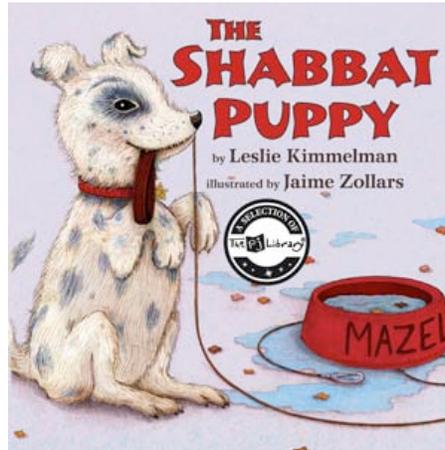
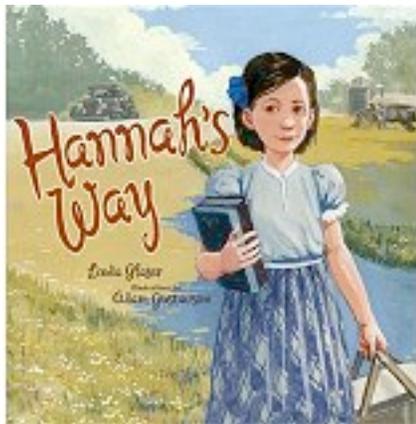
Sue Barancik

This month we are featuring new books for children. New books for adults have been ordered and will be featured in the next few bulletins. We are very proud of our temple library.

Please use it for your recreational and educational reading as well as viewing our video collection.

CHILDREN

Glaser, Linda. Hannah's Way. After Papa loses his job during the Depression, Hannah's family moves to rural Minnesota, where she is the only Jewish child in the class. When her teacher tries to arrange carpools for a Saturday picnic, Hannah is upset because, being Orthodox, she can't ride on



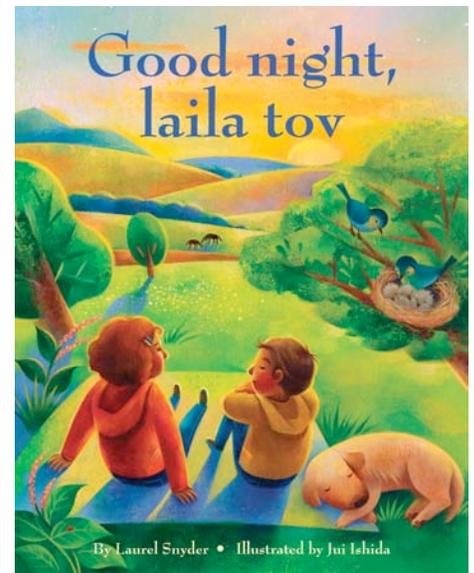
Shabbat. What will she do? A lovely story of friendship and community. Grades 1 to 3.

Kimmelman, Leslie. The Shabbat Puppy. Every Saturday morning, Noah and Grampa take a special walk, the only way Grampa says to find Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat peace. Noah loves his walk with his grandfather but he'd like it more if his puppy, Mazel, would be allowed to come. PreK to Grade 2.

Rauchwerger, Diane. Dinosaur goes to Israel. Dino has many adventures in Israel, eating falafel, putting a note in the Western Wall, and inviting a friendly camel to go snorkeling in Eilat. Great fun for PreK to Grade 2.

Shulimson, Sarene. Lights out Shabbat. A little boy is visiting his grandparents in Georgia when a surprise snowstorm occurs, and the electricity goes out. This leads to a very peaceful and fun family Shabbat.

Snyder, Laurel. Good Night, Laila Tov. A song of praise to the beauty of nature and a lovely lullaby as a family plants trees as an offering of thanks for all they have received. PreK to Grade 2.




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The Jezreel Expedition 2012

Jennie R Ebeling

➔ **UE students with Jennie and Norma (far right) in front of the crusader tower at Jezreel**



Members of the Jezreel Expedition headed by co-directors Jennie Ebeling (Department of Archaeology and Art History, University of Evansville) and Norma Franklin (Zinman Institute of Archaeology, University of Haifa) conducted an intensive landscape survey of three square kilometers of “greater Jezreel” in Israel’s Galilee in June 2012.

According to archaeological and historical evidence, Jezreel has been occupied from approximately 5,000 BCE through modern times. In the Tanakh, Jezreel is described as the location of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel’s winter palace and Naboth’s vineyard, and the setting for Jehu’s bloody coup d’etat. The tel, or mound, at Jezreel was excavated in the early 1990s by a team from Tel Aviv University and the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem; the 1990s team uncovered the remains of a 9th century BCE enclosure with towers and a gate that may have been constructed by Ahab. We plan to renew and expand the

excavation areas in future seasons in order to learn more about the long and fascinating history of this important site.

In preparation for the 2012 season, maps, plans, aerial photographs, and various other unpublished materials relating to the site were collected from sources in Israel, Great Britain, and elsewhere. We also commissioned a LiDAR (light detection and ranging) airborne laser scan of greater Jezreel in order to create an accurate three-dimensional model of the land surface. The resultant model was examined to identify historic and natural features and georeferenced with aerial photographs. This is the first time that aerial LiDAR has been used by an archaeological project in Israel.

The main goals of the 2012 season were to record surface features and identify areas for excavation in summer 2013. In about three weeks’ time, the Jezreel team documented more than 360 ancient and modern features, including cisterns for water and food storage, cave

tombs from the Bronze and Iron Ages, rock-cut tombs from the Roman-Byzantine period, olive oil and wine pressing installations, terrace and village walls, quarries and more. Although these features were visible on the surface and some of them were known by members of nearby Kibbutz Yizre’el, most had never been systematically recorded before.

The 2012 Jezreel Expedition team included eight archaeology majors and alumni from the University of Evansville and staff members from Tel Aviv University, University College London, Chapman University, and Moravian Theological Seminary. The Jezreel team lodged in the Partnership House at Kibbutz Yizre’el for the month of June and enjoyed the warm hospitality of kibbutz members. We plan to return to Jezreel for four weeks in May-June 2013 with approximately thirty students and volunteers; students can earn credits from the University of Evansville for participating in the Jezreel field school. For more information about the Jezreel Expedition,

please visit our website:
www.jezreel-expedition.com

The University of Evansville is hosting a reception on Friday November 9 to support the Browning-Miller Advancement of Archaeology Endowment at UE; the featured speaker will be Dr. Norma Franklin, co-director of the Jezreel Expedition. You are also invited to attend two lectures that weekend, on Saturday November 10 and Sunday November 11, sponsored by TABI.

About the author:

An archaeologist who works in Israel and Jordan, Jennie Ebeling earned the PhD in Near Eastern Archaeology from the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Arizona and a BA in Anthropology and Religion from Rutgers University. She was awarded several competitive grants, including a Fulbright Fellowship and a Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellowship, to support her graduate and post-graduate research in Israel and Jordan. Her research interests include ground stone artifacts

from the Bronze and Iron Age Southern Levant, ancient food and drink technology, women in antiquity, and religion and cult in Canaan and ancient Israel. She has taught in the Department of Archaeology and Art History at the University of Evansville since 2002, served as chair since 2009; and received the Dean's Teaching Award in the College of Arts and Sciences at UE in 2011.

About the UE Archaeology Program:

We celebrated the 20th year of UE's archaeology program in 2010. Ours is one of the largest programs in Mediterranean archaeology in the country and the only program of its kind in the Midwest. Our three archaeology faculty teach

courses in Near Eastern, Greek and Roman archaeology, and some of our 70+ majors take part in excavation and internship opportunities in the US and abroad each summer. For more information about UE archaeology, please visit <http://archaeology.evansville.edu>.



➔ UE student Nate Biondi in a burial cave.



➔ The Jezreel Team measures a wall

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

Patricia Weinzapfel was named Executive Director of Family Engagement and Community Schools at the Center for Family, School, and Community Partnerships, part of the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation. Congratulations, Patricia, on this well-earned accomplishment.

Congratulations to **Jennie Ebeling**, TABI member and chair of the University of Evansville's Department of Archaeology and Art History, on being the project director of the *Jezreel Expedition*, an archaeological dig in Northern Israel. Jennie and her crew of 8 UE students and recent graduates spent the month of June preparing the first stage of the excavation which will begin in 2013, The Jezreel Expedition is a joint partnership between UE and the Zinman Institute of Archaeology at the University of Haifa.

It was great news to hear that **George Day** was honored by the Evansville Courier and Press as one of the 2012 "20 Under 40" leaders in our community. A banker at Old National, George has shown his love for the Evansville community with his involvement in a variety of civic organizations. Among them are the University of Evansville Theatre Society, the UE Harlaxton Society, the YMCA, Red Cross, and Newburgh Youth Soccer. We're proud of you, George!

Two TABI Bar Mitzvah boys were key cogs in the prestigious Kiddush Cup Trophy Championship game in the Indianapolis JCC softball playoffs.

Jacob Hall (3rd from the left) and **Aaron Senzell** (center in black shorts) anchored the infield playing for Beth-El Zedeck 2. Jacob and Aaron capped an undefeated season with a Championship win over the 2011 champs, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. A special thanks to outfielder Jeremy Rosenstein, of Indianapolis, for writing the season-end review story for the Post & Opinion publication. As he put it, "The synagogue league provided a fun forum of friendship, compelling athleticism and a sparking spotlight for Jewish sportsmen."

TEMPLE GIFT SHOP

Sonnie Cibull

There are approximately 12 Tanakh "The Holy Scriptures" available in the Gift Shop for 25.00 each. You may purchase one the next time you are at TABI.



NEW MEMBER ALERT:

Amanda Henn of Dixon, Kentucky has been approved for membership by the TABI Board of Directors. Please make her feel welcome in our congregation. Amanda sent this info about herself in the following letter:

My name is Amanda Henn and I was raised in Alabama. My family worshipped with congregations in Rome, GA and Gadsden, AL. I have been happily married since 1988 to my husband, Timothy. I had a long and varied career in banking, but in 2006, I retired and relocated to Kentucky to care for ailing relatives. It was during this time that I met the Goldman family and realized that I had a need to return to my heritage and needed to join a congregation and become an active member. I want to thank TABI for welcoming me into the family.

Amanda can be reached at 38 State Route 983, Dixon, KY 42409, by phone at 270-313-9675, or e-mail at amandahenn2000@yahoo.com

Welcome, Amanda!





The Departed Whom We Now Remember
October Yahrzeit Observances



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| 1 Abraham D Mack | 7 Gabriel Baker | 15 Robert Lee | 25 Anna D Trockman | 28 Ann Rothman Stone |
| 2 Aileen Levin | 7 Nellie Cohen | 16 Mose Cohn | 26 Max Green | 29 Janet Rose Bate |
| 2 Celia Perelmut | 7 Abe Eichel | 16 Morris Hallert | 26 Howard P Trockman | 29 Lillian S Norman |
| 3 Arthur L Fisher | 8 Eleanor Gordon | 17 Alan Paul Siegel | 27 Louis Raymond | 29 Minnie Schultz |
| 3 Allick Fishman | 8 Rachel Rudolph | 18 Seymour D Rubens | "Sonny" Fisher | 29 Simon Witt |
| 3 Nathan Rechnic | 9 Geraldine Wolf Hamburg | 21 Ruth Shainin Mack | 27 Dora M Goldman | 31 Alicia Kahn |
| 3 Lela Smitson Saag | 11 Lottie Winski | 22 Neoma R Breskow | 27 Regina Kaiser | 31 Lena Present |
| 3 Irving Senzell | 12 Ethel Hamburg Olshan | 22 Anna Danenberg | 27 Lester Newman | |
| 3 Lillian R Siegel | 14 David H Begner | 23 Anna Sharp Blacker | 27 Flora Opie | |
| 5 Jean Goldberg | 14 Joseph Breskow | Lieberman | 28 Isaac Abels | |
| 5 Malka Katz | 14 Rebecca Reich Sackett | 24 Jesse Green | 28 Frederick (Bill) | |
| 5 Arthur J Lowenthal | 15 Vivian Greenberg | 25 Edwin Lowenthal | Drucker | |



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| 11 Ronald Sater | 21 Steven Trockman |



... ANNIVERSARIES!!!

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| 10 Edward & Amy Scharf |
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