

# THE SCRIBE

Temple B'nai Israel

## From the desk of Rabbi Mann: "Once a Year, Four in a Lifetime..."

Once in a "Blue Moon"

Our Jewish festivals are celebrated once a year. Pass-over, for instance, will be celebrated this month. A pseudo-festival namely, Rosh Hodesh, the New Moon, is celebrated every month, with the recitation of Hallel, which is recited on every Jewish festival except Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Purim.

Did you know that there is a special Jewish observance which occurs every twenty-eight years? It is called

Birkat HaHammah – The Blessing of the Sun. As the site BlesstheSun.org says:

And God said: Let there be lights in the vastness of sky to separate day from night. And they shall serve as lights in the vastness of space, to shine upon the earth. And it was so (Genesis 1:14 -15)

Every 28 years, the Jewish community celebrates the return of the sun to its original place in the heavens

at the precise time and day of its creation.

This celebration is called Birkat Hahammah - blessing of the sun.

The blessing is to be said this year on April 8 between sunrise and noon.

If one did not recite the blessing before Noon, a shortened blessing is said (without the name of G-d in the blessing.)

Blessing: *Baruch ata Adonai eloayinu melech ha'olam, oshah ma'aseh v'rayshit.*

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## At A Glance...

<i>Search for Chometz</i>	Apr 7
<i>First Born Service 6:50 am</i>	Apr 8
<i>Community Seder 7:00 pm</i>	
<i>No School</i>	
<i>Pesach Services 9 am</i>	Apr 9
<i>Office closed</i>	
<i>Pesach Services 9 am</i>	Apr 10
<i>Office closed</i>	
<i>Family Service 7 pm</i>	
<i>Renewal Service with</i>	Apr
<i>Cindy Michelassi 10:30 am</i>	11
<i>Pesach Services 9 am</i>	Apr 15
<i>Office closed</i>	
<i>Pesach Services 9 am</i>	Apr 16
<i>Yizkor approx. 10:30 am</i>	
<i>Office closed</i>	
<i>Rummage Sale</i>	Apr 19
<i>Yom Hashoah 4 pm</i>	
<i>Rummage Sale</i>	Apr 20
<i>Shabbat Chavurah</i>	Apr 24

## 2009 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mark your calendars to attend our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on **Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm.** We will be holding elections for our Executive Board and Directors positions! Interested in having a say in what happens at TBI? Contact Esther Pollock at 630-897-3830 to get your name on the slate!!

## EFFECTIVE MAY 2009

The Scribe will be sent out via email to all members with email addresses on file with the office in an attempt to save on the cost of postage and paper. We currently spend \$1000+ a year on postage for mailing the Scribe. If you would like to continue with snail mail, you must contact the office.

## Deadlines:

- *Scrip orders are due April 12*
- *Kosher meat order due April 19 (pick-up April 26)*

## Service Schedule:

- *Friday evenings*  
*8 pm on April 3, 17, 24*  
*7 pm on April 10 for Family Service/honoring 6-7 graders*
- *Saturday mornings*  
*9 am in April*  
*Renewal Service April 11*  
*Cindy Michelassi 10:30 am*

Todah Rabbah, Thank you.  
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FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Mike Young & Sandy Wolf *in honor of their anniversary*

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

*Honoring our 6-7th graders*  
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FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Anita Cohen *in memory of Lyle Cohen*

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

OPEN

Contact Ruth Edelman or the office at (630) 892-2450 to sponsor you're an Oneg for your special occasion.



**TREE OF LIFE**

A stone will be placed under our Tree of Life by the Temple B'nai Israel Board of Directors in honor of **Dr. Julius & Gail Newman** for their lifetime commitment to Temple B'nai Israel.

## A LETTER FROM OUR TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL PRESIDENT

Dear Temple Family,

Sure enough, when you live in Northern Illinois, you know that that long, long season of winter will come to an end. The grass turns green, the birds are chirping and we can actually go out without our heavy coats. Hurray for spring!

So much of Judaism is tradition. What do we think of when Purim comes—fun, costumes, hamentashen, the carnival and greggors! Kudos to Lou Camras and his crew for setting up the carnival booths. (How those booths are still standing every year is beyond me.) And thank you to everyone who helped make the carnival such a fun event. And thank you to Mark and Rhoda Melnicoff for hosting a Purim party for the temple.

After Purim is always Passover. And Passover is filled with so much tradition (much of it centers, you may have noticed, around food). The annual community Seder will be the Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Our Rebbitzin, Beryl Mann and the Temple Sisterhood are busy cooking and preparing for this evening. If you haven't made your reservation yet, call Tamara at the Temple (630-892-2450) this minute and see if you can still get in.

Right after Passover is Yom Hoshuah (Holocaust remembrance). Several movies have come this year about the Holocaust. Hollywood seems to be paying more attention than usual. We need pay attention as well. Our Temple's annual Yom Hashoah service will be Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Long-time Temple member, Nancy Apfelroth, will be sharing her story as a concentration camp survivor. Please attend and encourage your friends, both Jewish and non-Jewish to come and hear her story and remember the 6,000,000 that perished.

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Chicago area's annual Walk With Israel. More than 10,000 children in Israel's Sderot area have been threatened by rocket attacks from Gaza for over 8 years. Money raised

this year will be part of an ongoing effort to provide for these residents right there on the frontline—a summer of safe activities - well-deserved, greatly-needed breaks from the trauma and the ongoing threat of Kassam rockets. The west-suburban location for the walk is at Beth Shalom of Naperville. Please help represent B'nai Israel at this community event.

By now you have heard that our Religious School is beginning the process of searching for a new administrator. If you would like to join the search com-

mittee or if you know of a capable candidate to administer our school, please contact the Search Chairperson, Eva Katz, at [robandeva@att.net](mailto:robandeva@att.net).

Lastly, we were all saddened at the passing of Zalmon Goldsmith a few weeks ago. Zal was an Aurora native, always taking care of the Temple and the best interests of the city. Our condolences go to Anne, Bruce & Margot, daughter Ellen, and the grandchildren. Zal will be missed greatly.

Judy

### HURRAY! THE ROOF IS DONE!

We can't thank, **Phil Jacobson, John Nelson, and Bernie Nusbaum**, enough for their dedication and the time that they put in to make sure that our roofing project went as smoothly as possible. Many little (and big) things have come up over the last few months and they have been here to handle it all.

WE ALL THANK YOU !

### Once in a "Blue Moon"

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Blessed art Thou, L-rd our G-d, Sovereign of the universe, who didst create the universe.

Shortened blessing: Blessed be the Creator of the Universe.

Just as an example, in my lifetime, since I was born in 1953, the following are the years in which this mitzvah was/is applicable: 1953, 1981, 2009, 2037, 2065 (I added the latter year for those younger than me.)

Once in a "Blue Moon" an opportunity comes around which one ought not miss.

On the weekend of May 1<sup>st</sup> you are invited to a Temple Retreat (of sorts) in Chicago.

**Dennis Prager**, the syndicated Radio Talk Show Host, will be the Scholar in Residence at the Chicago Loop Synagogue. It promises to be an inspirational Shabbat/weekend for those of you who will be able to attend. Details are on page 4.

Beryl, Adina, Erin and I wish our congregational family a Chag Kasher V'samayach- a Happy and Kosher Pesach.

Rabbi Mann



## FROM THE TEMPLE MAILBOX

To Our Temple Friends,

It would take the better part of a lifetime to contact all of you personally to thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness after our loss of Zal, husband and father. You have honored us with your presence, your gifts of flowers, your contributions to charity and your participation during various services.

Please accept our simple “thank you” and our thoughts of you will always be with us.

Sincerely,

**Anne Goldsmith, Bruce & Ellen**

Dear Temple B’nai Israel Family,

It was an honor to be welcomed into the temple family only a few short years ago. We were received warmly by Rabbi Mann and many temple members and given support when needed most.

We are now turning another page of our lives and have moved to the warmer weather of the South. We have wonderful memories and hope to see many of you when we visit. May you all have a healthy and happy year.

**Fran & David Rosenshein**  
*(Faith (Mike) Young’s parents)*

Dear Rabbi Mann and Temple B’nai Israel Friends,

Last January 13, 2008, my dear wife, Alice, passed away and you were so nice to mention it in your Scribe. I don’t know how you learned about it, but it was so very much appreciated by me, and my children.

We lived in Aurora for 12 years, 1966-1978, and were very close to Rabbi Agress and family, still in touch with them in California.

I am the one who designed and built the Sephardic Torah case, the Tik...

Thank you, best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Max Gimpel**



## COMMUNITY SEDER APRIL 8

The Sisterhood is hosting a **COMMUNITY SEDER** on Wednesday, April 8.

Reservations are required.

7:00 pm Services, followed by Seder dinner

## GIFT SHOP

**NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE!!** Anita Cohen, Elissa Davis, and Sarene Rosen just attended a special convention and purchased **NEW JEWELRY AND JUDAICA ITEMS!!**

## CONNECTIONS ISRAEL PURIM BASKETS

Thank you to the families and students that contributed to CONNECTIONS ISRAEL’s Purim Baskets for the Soldiers project.

Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by the soldiers!

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# What's Happening in Religious School



March began with the preparation of Purim and continued with our Purim celebration and then concluded with spring break.

I want to thank Lou Camras for all his work on the Purim Carnival from set-up, to running the carnival, and to break down. He and I want to publicly thank the following people for their help with the carnival: Steven Cohen, D.J. Kurtzman, Anna Kurtzman, Ken Kroecker, Mike Young, and Michael Young. I would also like to thank Elaine Raymond for all her help with the food and baking for the holiday. She and I would like to publicly thank Faith Young, Anna Kurtzman, Beryl Mann, Phil Jacobson, Susan Leader, Sonya Luksa, Michelle Hawley, Alysa Hwalisz, Helen Wiseman, Tovah Raymond and the Camp TBI students.

For the school celebration of Purim, we had presentations from some of the classes and an outstanding performance from the TBI philharmonic. Michael Young did a yeoman job once again. Rabbi Mann also did an abbreviated reading of the Megillah. This was followed by the carnival and lunch. The students in grades 6 and 7 and the Hebrew High School students did a fantastic job running the booths, the face painting table and the prize redemption table. Yasher koach to everyone who helped make the program such a terrific day.

At Camp TBI, we had two Purim based programs. The Wednesday before the carnival the students baked hamantaschen for the carnival, sent letters and baskets to Israeli soldiers for the holiday, studied texts on the holiday and made different crafts. On Shushan Purim, the students studied the concept of the different mitzvot for the holiday, played various games relating to the holiday and had a delicious seudah. Sabrina Janczak, Tovah Raymond and I (the Camp TBI staff) want to thank Dr Mary Gordon for all her help on Wednesdays. She has been providing us with some fantastic activities and materials to enhance the curriculum. Todah rabah to Mary.

Our Fifth graders were honored at the Family Friday night services in March. Yasher koach to the students for doing a fantastic job leading services.

The students concluded the month studying and preparing for Pesach. I hope everyone has a restful spring break and see you on April 5. In honor of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), I have included with this Scribe a paper written by one of our fourth grade students, Becca Cox, for a school assignment. It is a powerful piece of writing about Anne Frank.

B' Yididut, Sue Stine

## Upcoming Activities & Events

April 1	No class / Break
April 5	Pesach Family Education programs
April 8	First Seder in the evening / No school
April 9	First Day of Pesach- families encourage to attend morning services / Second Seder in the evening
April 10	Second Day of Pesach- families encouraged to attend morning services / Family Services honoring the 6/7 class
April 12	Board of Ed Meeting
April 15	No school / 7 <sup>th</sup> day of Pesach-families encouraged to attend morning services
April 16	Last day of Pesach-families encouraged to attend morning services
April 19	Staff Training / Yom Hashoah Program at 4 pm
April 22	Camp TBI Yom Hashoah Program
April 28	Yom Hazikaron
April 29	Yom Ha'atzmaut/ Camp TBI Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration

## Apachi Day Camp, the summer's best Jewish connection in the Western Suburbs

The 2009 Apachi Day Camp is accepting camper registrations for boys and girls ages 4 to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Camp dates June 15 – July 24, M- F 9:15am – 3:45pm. Bus service is available from Cong. Etz Chaim for a small additional cost. New travel program for preteens in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> gr. Check out our website for detailed information:

**[www.napershalom.org/camp](http://www.napershalom.org/camp)**

## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 01 Anna Cunningham  
 April 02 Rick Luther  
           Mike Young & Sandy Wolf  
 April 04 Victoria Stein  
 April 05 Timothy May  
           Kevin & Mary Gordon  
 April 06 Jeremy Feinberg  
 April 07 Jonathan Kurtzman  
 April 08 Scott Price  
           Norman & Lois Abramowitz  
 April 09 Jeff & Michele Chase  
 April 11 Nancy Protter  
 April 12 Lois Abramowitz  
 April 12 Margot Goldsmith  
 April 13 Dylan Janczak  
 April 15 Brendan Wright  
 April 16 Christine Rayman  
 April 17 Sandra Rabin  
 April 18 Blanche Sheinkopf  
 April 19 Dennis Brozak  
 April 22 Elaine Raymond  
           Ken Ruksakiati  
 April 23 Mitchell Hwalisz  
           Karyn Ross  
 April 25 Paul & Julie Wright  
 April 29 Steve & Holly Price  
 April 30 Deborah Aharoni

## Simchas & Such

Mazel tov to members, **Bob & Nancy Protter**, on the recent birth of their grandson, *Brett William Protter*, to parents Ryan & Shannon Protter.

## Get Well Wishes go out to...

**Mary Gordon**, who was recently released from the hospital.

**Julius Newman** during your difficult time.

**Patricia Rosenmann**, who is recovering from a recent surgery.



## RUMMAGE SALE

Clean out your closets!

Set-up help needed.

Sale is Sunday, April 19  
and Monday, April 20.

See flyer.

## HADASSAH EVENTS

### BOOK CLUB SCHEDULED

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

The Hadassah Book Club will meet on Sunday, April 26, 2009 to discuss "The Invisible Wall" by Harry Bernstein. We will gather at Prisco's Next Door, 1118 W. Prairie Street in Aurora from 9:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Questions? Contact Karen Christensen at 630-896-0528.

### HMO DONOR LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

## RENEWAL SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

10:30 am

Cindy Michelassi will be joining us for services.

Questions? Contact Ron Ramer at 630/906-9190.

## YOM HASHOAH - HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009

4:00 pm

Featuring: Nancy Apfelroth

Please join us.

# Yahrzeit

*"The memory of the righteous shall be for a blessing."*

## April (according to the secular calendar)



April 2	Albert Basner Florence Stone Kaplan	April 15	Louis Lee
April 4	Lyle Cohen Frieda Ewens	April 17	Herman Resnik
April 5	Albert Rothschild	April 18	Rose Nemenoff Herman Newmark
April 6	Jennie Morris Louis Segan Harry Yellin	April 19	Herman Rosen
April 7	Earl David Fagel	April 20	Martin Rozner
April 9	Bernice Gersh Don Herman	April 21	Ann Lorraine Lavin Florence Yellin
April 10	Lillian Rosen	April 23	Mildred Brahmer Sharon Doherty
April 12	Leonard Mitchel Bertha Weissman	April 24	Joseph Greenholtz
April 14	Dinah Glass	April 25	Jennie Edelman
		April 27	Burton Lisberg
		April 28	Hannah Rozner

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*In the ancient words of the traditional Jewish prayer of consolation: "May the Lord console and sustain you among the other mourners for Zion and Jerusalem." AMEN.*

## In Memoriam

### Zalmon Goldsmith

Our deepest sympathies go out to Anne Goldsmith and son, Bruce Goldsmith, and their family and friends on the recent passing of husband and father, **ZALMON GOLDSMITH**. Zalmon was instrumental in the growth of Temple B'nai Israel and the city of Aurora. His dedication and contributions to the things that he believed in will surely be missed by all.

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Our condolences go out to Art and Barbara Sheridan on the recent passing of Barbara's cousin (who was like a brother to her), **MICHAEL HIGGINS**.

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Please check the Temple's recorded message for weekly hours.

### Rabbi Mann's Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10 am—Noon

Call the office for Rabbi Mann's hours; or for appointment outside of office hours, call (630) 896-1277.

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