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## From the Temple President by Mike Starkman

I would like to thank last year's board and officers, who served with me, for all of their efforts. This same courageous group with the addition of Stephen Sickerman, will continue to guide the congregation next year. For those that did not attend the annual board meeting, I have the presentation information that was provided to the attendees. If you would like a copy, please contact

me at [president.templebnaiisrael@knology.net](mailto:president.templebnaiisrael@knology.net). It was also announced that although Rabbi Wasserman will not be leading us, we will be continuing to conduct our normal weekend activities at least once a month. We will have a lay-led service on Friday evening of the second weekend of every month which will be preceded by a pot luck Shabbat meal. On Saturday we will conduct a Lunch & Learn at noon and Saturday evening there will be a Havdalah service on the beach at sunset, followed by dinner at a restaurant.

As we are starting a new fiscal year, we need volunteers to bring the entrée for the pot luck dinner. We also need volunteers for leading and/or participating in services. If you feel you can't lead a service but wish to participate in leading part of the service, please contact Mary Starkman, Ritual Chair and she will ensure that you are included.

It was decided that we would hire a Rabbi rather than a Cantor to lead the congregation for the High

Holy Days. The board has started the search process by placing an ad in the *Atlanta Jewish Times* and an open position announcement on the website of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR).

Obviously there is more information to follow. Again this year we need your help, both financially and through your service. Membership pledges do not cover our entire expenses. We need volunteers to create and execute one or more fund raisers. This is a critical component of our existence and we have not done a good job in this area. Growing our membership is also a critical part of the plan. Each of you is an ambassador of this Temple. Please be active in this role. Also, this year we ask that you be as generous as possible, within your means, and to pledge more than the basic amount. All of the committees of our congregation need your support and help. Together we can resolve our issues.

*B'shalom*  
- Mike

## Shabbat Dinner Entrées Needed + Reminder of TBI Kitchen & Food Policy

We enjoy a community Shabbat Dinner once a month before services, rotating the responsibility of providing the entrée so no one person is saddled with the expense. The entrée can be meat, dairy or parve. It's often some rendition of chicken. The rest of the congregation supplements the meal with various sides, salads and desserts. A sign-up sheet is available in the entryway. Thank you! • Whenever food is served at the Temple, we observe a Kosher style food policy, with no pork or shellfish products permitted. Please refrain bringing any items, including during Lunch & Learn, that have a mixture of meat and dairy in the same dish. Again, thank you!

# RECAP OF 2018 TBI ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The TBI Board held its Annual Congregational Meeting June 17th to elect a slate of officers and trustees and review the past fiscal year and present plans and budget for the coming fiscal year. It was at this meeting too, that we said “good-bye and thanks” to our wonderful Rabbi Alana Wasserman.

President Mike Starkman gave his report to the gathered members citing past successes and underlining current and future challenges we must tackle. Namely, the need to host a fundraiser to increase the temple’s income in order to keep our shul afloat. We are also in need of growing our membership, and possibly increasing our membership dues. Mike also thanked individual members for their volunteer services enabling all of us to celebrate Jewish holidays, enjoy Shabbat with prayer, Torah, Havdallah, and giving our kids a Jewish education, etc.

Mike, who also acted as Temple Treasurer over the past year, presented the shul’s budget. Because of budget shortfalls we will not be able to hire a Rabbi to lead us throughout the year, albeit part time. We should be able to engage a Rabbi or Chazan for the High Holidays though. Members in attendance voted to search for an available Rabbi for the HHD’s who can hopefully lead us in song. Mike will begin the search with two Reform Jewish organizations.

The annual election resulted in the following:

President: Mike Starkman  
Vice President: Pavel Amromin  
Treasurer: Stephen Sickerman  
Secretary: Linette Sternlicht  
Trustee: Robert Goetz  
Trustee: Mary Starkman  
Trustee: Stephen Theberge

The officers were elected for a 1-year term beginning July 1st, with trustees continuing into the 2nd year of their 2-year terms.

The new board was installed by Sarah Farkas, our immediate Past President. She congratulated them, thanked them for their service to our temple and wished them a successful year. Sarah was belatedly presented a token of appreciation for her service as President of the Temple.

The meeting closed with an emotional farewell from Rabbi Alana, who thanked the congregation for welcoming her to TBI and making her a part of our family. The Board presented the Rabbi with gifts of love and gratitude wishing her well in her new home in the Northeast and in her new part time pulpit in Connecticut. We learned much from her and will miss her greatly.



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# JULY JOYS & REMEMBRANCES

## Y A H R Z E I T S - THEIR MEMORIES ARE FOR US A BLESSING

07/02	MINNIE GINGOLD – GRANDMOTHER OF ALVIN GINGOLD
07/08	DAVID SICKERMAN – UNCLE OF STEPHEN SICKERMAN
07/12	BRUCE FRETZ – FATHER OF LORI ZIPES
07/14	MARK DEJOHN – BROTHER OF ANNE MILLER
07/15	PAUL PINK – FATHER OF JOANNE GOETZ
07/28	RAY GLASS – MOTHER OF SONNY GLASS

## BIRTHDAYS

07/12	NATE MEWHINNEY
07/25	ANN STRYNAR
07/26	PETER SOSTHEIM

## ANNIVERSARIES

07/12	JACOB & ELIZABETH SICKERMAN
07/23	BOB & MARCIA PELL

If your Joy or Remembrance is missing or incorrect please e-mail The AZOY Editors at [theazoy@gmail.com](mailto:theazoy@gmail.com)



## JULY CALENDAR

SUN	7/1		Start of new fiscal year - FY 2018-2019
WED	7/4		<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> - <i>Have a safe holiday, y'all!</i>
WED	7/11	6:30 pm	Monthly Temple Board of Directors Meeting
FRI	7/13	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Shabbat Potluck Dinner - <i>please bring sides, salads, desserts</i> Lay-led Shabbat Service with Mary Starkman
SAT	7/14	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Lunch & Learn with Mike & Mary Starkman - <i>Please bring a bag lunch</i> Havdalah on the Beach at Rick Seltzer Park - <i>followed by dinner at local restaurant</i>
WED	7/18	6:30 pm	Sisterhood Meeting
SAT	7/21		Tish'a B'Av



## July Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

Take a break from the hectic work week and mark the Day of Rest with lighting of the candles.

07/06 | 7:30 pm

07/13 | 7:28 pm

07/20 | 7:25 pm

07/27 | 7:22 pm

### Tish'a B'Av: A Time of Reflection

On July 21-22, Jews will remember the suffering and hardships that have historically befallen our people. Originally, this "holiday" was meant to memorialize the first and second temples and remember their destruction. But Reform Jews have broadened the meaning of the day to include many tragedies in our history, including the Crusades, the expulsion of Jews from Spain, the Holocaust and more. Unfortunately, there are way too many such events in our history and in the history of the world. It is now customary for Reform Jews to include the suffering and tragedies of peoples throughout the world like those in Darfur, South Sudan, Rwanda, Syria, Central America and many more. We read from the Book of Lamentations, recite/chant dirges called *kinot* from the Middle Ages. This is also a day of fasting and mourning. *Tisha B'Av* is a solemn time of reflection.

### TODAH RABAH - July Mitzvah Card Donations for Mitzvot

*Tzedakah* is a mitzvah, a unique privilege granted to every Jew. Remembering friends and family in this manner is an appropriate way to show our feelings towards both our loved ones and our community. We want to thank the following members for their contributions:

Donation to the General Fund, from –  
Ric Strynar  
Paul & Lori Zipes

Donation to the Building Fund, from –  
Ed & Diana Nagler

If you'd like to make a donation, please contact Mary Starkman at [mary\\_starkman@comcast.net](mailto:mary_starkman@comcast.net).



# WE'LL MISS YOU, RABBI WASSERMAN!

On the next 2 pages we have photos of Rabbi Wasserman on the bimah during Shabbat, reciting the Tashlich prayers at St Andrew Bay and celebrating havdalah at a congregant's home and along the beautiful Panama City Beach shoreline.

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