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Please join us
5:00 pm
Sunday
December 22
for TBI's
annual
**CHANUKAH
PARTY**
and potluck dinner



From the Temple President
Robert Goetz



A common request that I often hear is for Temple B'nai Israel to provide more rabbi or cantor visits during the course of the year. And that is

exactly what we continue to make happen! We recently had the lovely Rabbi Marla Spanjer lead us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Through our partnership with the Jackson, Mississippi based Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) and their *Rabbis on the Road* program, Temple B'nai Israel is pleased to host Rabbi Aaron Razovsky during the weekend of December 6 – 8. Please see the related article below and events calendar on the next page.

As president of TBI I'm forced to wear many hats. I'm not complaining – just offering an explanation for any tasks, call-backs, or anything that I may miss from time to time. That being said, there remain several committees without chairpersons. Key committees without chairs include Membership, Caring, Building and House. There really is not that much involved so please

step up and volunteer if able to.

Please join us if you can for our annual Chanukah celebration on Sunday, December 22 at 5:00 pm. We'll have a potluck dinner with an entrée of beef brisket and of course fresh-made potato latkes. If joining us, please plan to bring a non-dairy side.

As we approach the end of 2019, and the start of a new decade with 2020, may each of you enjoy good health, happiness, safety, and prosperity. And may Jewish communities across Northwest Florida and throughout the world remain strong.

See you in Shul and around the community!

Shalom -

DECEMBER JOYS & REMEMBRANCES

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

- 12/01 ANNE ALPER – MOTHER OF SARAH FELDSTEIN
- 12/07 JIM NORMAN – HUSBAND OF HELAINE NORMAN
- 12/10 WILLIAM ROSEN – FATHER OF ALMA GLASS
- 12/14 DELOY KELLY – FATHER OF MARSHA KRASELSKY
- 12/19 WILLIAM ALPER – FATHER OF SARAH FELDSTEIN
- 12/24 ARTHUR SKOULA – HUSBAND OF ANITA SILVER SKOULA
- 25 KISLEV MAURICE STARKMAN – FATHER OF MICHAEL STARKMAN



BIRTHDAYS

- 12/03 ANNE MILLER
- 12/09 JOHN OSWALD
- 12/19 MARILYN NATIONS
- 12/22 ROBERT GOETZ

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/02 DARREN & BRANDY HAIMAN
- 12/07 LISA RAHN & STEVE THEBERGE
- 12/07 GEORGIE & TERRELL HARTZOG
- 12/16 NATE & HEATHER MEWHINNEY
- 12/21 AVIVA & JOHN MALLARY

ISJL Rabbi Aaron Razovsky to visit TBI December 6 – 8

Rabbis on the Road, a program offered by the Institute of Southern Jewish Life, will be dispatching Rabbi Aaron Razovsky for the weekend of December 6 – 8. Rabbi Razovsky was ordained in 2018 at Hebrew Union College and holds a master's degree in International Studies. As a student rabbi, he served in an array of positions, primarily in small communities. Rabbi Razovsky has also served as a military chaplain in multiple settings including a year as Liaison Officer for the US Army – Israel Defense Forces in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Razovsky will conduct Shabbat services on Friday night at 7:00 pm and lead Lunch & Learn and Havdalah on Saturday, at noon and 5:00 pm, respectively. On Sunday morning he'll get some special time with our religious school children.

Temple B'nai Israel is honored to host Rabbi Razovsky.



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DECEMBER CALENDAR

SUN	12/01	9:00 am	Religious School
FRI	12/06	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Shabbat Potluck Dinner - <i>please bring a non-dairy side or salad</i> Shabbat Service with ISJL Rabbi Aaron Rozovsky <i>Dairy dessert to follow service</i>
SAT	12/07	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Lunch & Learn with ISJL Rabbi Aaron Rozovsky Havdalah on the Beach @ Oaks by the Bay Park <i>followed by dinner at local restaurant</i>
SUN	12/08	9:00 am	Religious School with ISJL Rabbi Aaron Rozovsky
WED	12/11	6:30 pm	Temple Board of Directors Meeting
SUN	12/15	9:00 am	Religious School
WED	12/18	6:30 pm	Sisterhood Meeting @ Copper Tap Grille, St Andrews
SUN	12/22	5:00 pm	no Religious School Chanukah Party - <i>please bring a non-dairy side or salad</i>
SUN	12/29		no Religious School
TUES	12/31		New Years Eve!



Photo by Daniel Sternlicht of students and teacher Cynthia Gingold leading Sunday religious school activities.



Old Azoy editor Stephen Sickerman steps down — as new Azoy editor Cynthia Gingold steps up!

Longtime congregant Stephen Sickerman will retire as editor of Temple B’nai Israel’s non-award-winning monthly newsletter, *The Azoy*. As a trained entomologist and wanna-be graphic artist, Stephen took over the reins as editor in July 2005 through May 2008, resuming in September 2011. He has contributed countless hours designing each issue and has been known to publish *The Azoy* on-time on rare occasions. His most recent co-editor has been Sarah Farkas, who stepped down from the position this past year. According to Stephen, “It’s been a genuine pleasure – and *mitzvah* – overseeing the production of *The Azoy* for all these years.”

He has also served TBI as Trustee, Vice President, President, Secretary and Treasurer at one time or another during the past sixteen years. The congregation will honor Stephen for his years of service as editor during the Shabbat service of December 6.

After an extensive search for a replacement, Dr Cynthia Gingold has stepped forward and offered to serve as the new editor of *The Azoy*. The TBI board and congregation graciously thank Cynthia, and have agreed to fully assist her. Please welcome Cynthia as she begins her new role on January 1, 2020!

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