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## TBI ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday | June 11 | 10:00 am

Every year we invite all members of the TBI family to a Congregational Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is multi-fold: to communicate first hand an honest review of the past year, to relate challenges which the future holds, to pass a budget for the next fiscal year, to vote on and install a new slate of officers and trustees, and to honor the TBI Volunteer of the Year.

This year's meeting will be held at the Temple on Sunday, June 11th at 10:00 am. A lox and bagel brunch will be served to make attendance a bit more palatable. Rabbi Wasserman will be in attendance to share her thoughts and answer any questions from you. This is a good time to ask questions of any Board members and voice your thoughts, concerns and compliments.

The proposed slate of TBI Board of Directors for 2017-2018 are:

President – Mike Starkman  
Vice President – Pavel Amromin  
Treasurer – Lisa Rahn  
Secretary – Linette Sternlicht  
Trustee – Robert Goetz  
Trustee – Mary Starkman  
Trustee – Steve Theberge

Immediate Past President Sarah Farkas will remain on the Board as a non-voting member.

If you are a Temple member, please join us!

## JUNE CALENDAR

FRI	06/09	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Shabbat Dinner - <i>please bring a side, salad or dessert</i> Shabbat Service with Rabbi Wasserman – <i>oneg to follow</i>
SAT	06/10	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Wasserman Havdalah at Richard Seltzer Park, PCB - <i>followed by dinner out at local eatery</i>
SUN	06/11	10:00 am	<b>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: <i>Your Voice and your Vote are needed!</i></b> <i>brunch to follow</i>
WED	06/14	6:30 pm	Monthly Temple Board of Directors Meeting
SUN	06/18		HAPPY FATHERS DAY!
WED	06/21	6:30 pm	Sisterhood Meeting
FRI	06/28	7:00 pm	Shabbat Service led by Mary and Mike Starkman – <i>oneg to follow</i>



## ❧ The President's Message ❧

This is my last message to you as president of TBI. As such, I want to thank each of you for your support and assistance in guiding our shul and moving forward. We've made progress in some areas, like increasing member participation at services, Jewish holidays and celebrations. We've been very fortunate to have a wonderful Rabbi in Alana Wasserman. Although she's part time, she relates to our shul and members as though she's full time.

We also have some challenges to address to ensure the future of Temple B'nai Israel and having a Jewish home in Bay County. With our current membership we are unable to meet our operating expenses with member dues. This situation is growing more and more dire. We can increase the cost of dues or we can increase membership. We clearly do not wish to raise the cost of a family or individual membership, so we must find new ways to grow. We must let unaffiliated Jews in our area know that we are here and roll out the welcome mat for them. The next temple administration will focus on this and work to make your membership meaningful, spiritual and even fun.

I especially want to thank the current members of the board for their cooperation, hard work, vision and positive attitudes. They are: Steve Theberge, Mike Starkman, Stephen Sickerman, Pavel Amromin, Robert Goetz, and Nate Mewhinney. I enjoyed working with each of you and getting to know you better.

The Annual TBI Congregational Meeting is coming up on Sunday, June 11th at 10:00 am. We'll be reviewing the past year's successes and discussing future challenges. We'll present a proposed budget for you to approve, and a slate of new officers and trustees for your approval. We'll also honor the Volunteer of the Year. And you'll be able to ask questions, voice your ideas and opinions all over a Jewishy brunch of lox and bagels. Please make every effort to attend.

*L'shalom - Sarah*

### **TBI Online Business Directory Update by Robert Jay Goetz, Webmaster**

Have you got a business that could use more customers?

Do you offer services, goods, or both across the Bay County area?

Perhaps you know of a business that would enjoy more clientele.

Then why would you miss out on Temple B'nai Israel's online business directory!

Talk about broadening your digital footprint! TBI's website, [www.bnaiisraelpc.org](http://www.bnaiisraelpc.org) received over 100,000 hits during the 12-month period that ended May 31st.

An online business listing is currently FREE for members. Non-members may list for only \$108 for 12 months. Just send your business name, address, contact information, and a brief description of 50 words or less to [TBIpcWebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:TBIpcWebmaster@gmail.com).

We'll take care of the rest.

### • — CHAI NOTES — •

Mitzvah cards were recently sent to Georgie Hartzog with sympathy, on the death of her father, by:

*The Sternlicht Family  
Judith Scott and Sarah Farkas  
Mike and Mary Starkman*

Please do not hesitate to contact Mary Starkman if you wish to send a Mitzvah card! They may be sent

for all occasions, such as get well wishes, anniversary, birthday, congratulations, recognizing a birth or passing, etc. Call me at 850-708-1766 or e-mail at [mary\\_starkman@comcast.net](mailto:mary_starkman@comcast.net).

The proceeds from sending the cards benefit Temple B'nai Israel. Suggested donation is \$18 or a multiple of \$18. However ALL donations for this project are deeply appreciated!





**Rabbi Alana Wasserman**

In Hebrew, the word for synagogue is Beit Kneset, which literally means,

“a house of gathering.” It is a place for us to come together as a kehillah kedoshah, “a holy community.” In our “house of gathering,” we pray together, we eat together, we study together. But we do so much more than that; we support each other, we care about and take care of each other. That’s what makes Temple B’nai Israel holy.

As you may know by now, our Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, June 11 at 10:00 am. Although attending this meeting may not seem like a holy endeavor, your attendance is important. We need your voice and your vote in order that we may continue to provide spiritual nourish-

ment to our congregation. I hope to see you there!

On another note, I would just like to take a moment to say thank you. This past year has been a truly meaningful experience for me. I have thoroughly enjoyed my monthly visits. I have loved celebrating Shabbat and holidays with you, studying with you, and sharing many MANY meals with you! I look forward to more of the same in the coming year! And a special thanks to the out-going board members for all their hard work and support, and to all the people who hosted me this past year for their hospitality. I am honored to be your rabbi!



*Havdalah May 13, 2017*

*Photos by Stephen Sickerman*

# JUNE JOYS & REMEMBRANCES

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

6/02	JOSEPH SHUMAN – FATHER OF MARILYN NATIONS
6/04	HEDY KRAKAUER FARKAS – MOTHER OF SARAH FARKAS
6/10	JOANNE PELL – MOTHER OF BOB PELL
6/14	RICHARD HAIMAN – FATHER OF DARREN HAIMAN
6/15	JOHN DEJOHN – FATHER OF ANNE MILLER
6/19	RITA DIAMOND – AUNT OF PAUL ZIPES
6/20	NINA STUKELMAN RAHN – MOTHER OF LISA RAHN
6/29	FRITZ SOSTHEIM – FATHER OF PETER SOSTHEIM



## BIRTHDAYS

6/04	LARAH CLARK	6/23	CAROLYNN SICKERMAN
6/06	SARAH BRANDT HAIMAN	6/24	MAX NAGLER
6/17	DANIEL STERNLICHT		

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

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

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times for JUNE 2017

06/02 | 7:22 pm

06/09 | 7:25 pm

06/16 | 7:28 pm

06/23 | 7:30 pm

06/30 | 7:30 pm

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# VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

## Job Opening at TBI

Sunday School Teacher needed at TBI. Work with five delightful children who are eager to learn about their Jewish heritage Jewish culture, holidays, rituals and more. You are encouraged to attend ISJL's annual Educational Conference (paid for by TBI). Lesson planning and lots of useful information provided by ISJL and your own knowledge and experience.

You will work with Hebrew teacher, Daniel Sternlicht, to ensure a well-rounded Jewish education for our students. Time required is one hour on Sundays from September through May (with time off on holidays). This is a volunteer position but comes with much gratitude from the TBI board and whole congregation. More information is available by calling or emailing Sarah Farkas at 507-990-6724 or email at [farcott@gmail.com](mailto:farcott@gmail.com).

## TBI Offers Opportunities for You

In an effort to bring Jewish education and teaching opportunities to members of our congregation, the TBI Board is offering to subsidize the cost of two very meaningful and useful conferences:

ISJL Education Conference in Jackson, MS happens on June 25 – 27, 2017. TBI is affiliated with the Institute for Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) who supplies our Sunday Shul teachers with Jewish curriculum suitable for our children. The conference introduces attendees to a variety of areas including Jewish culture, history, holidays, Israel, Hebrew, ritual, prayer and much more. In addition, attendees meet and get to know this year's ISJL Fellows who will be working with us throughout the year. The cost for one TBI person to attend the conference hotel fees and mileage will be paid by TBI. If interested please call or email Daniel Sternlicht or Sarah Farkas.

URJ, the Union for Reform Judaism, with whom TBI is also affiliated, offers members from small congregations without a full-time rabbi, the opportunity to learn about leading lay services and officiating at some other Jewish rites. The program is called *Had'rachah* (meaning "guide") and is offered through OSRUI. This year *Had'rachah* education will take place from August 2 – 6, at the Jewish camp in Oconomowoc, WI. This is a beautiful woodsy setting in rural Wisconsin. Registration is open until June 23. TBI will pay the tuition and travel costs for one of our members to attend. For more information about the training and the location please call Mary or Mike Starkman. To register, please call Sarah Farkas.

These are great opportunities for members of TBI to learn and experience more about Judaism and be able to give back to our community. Please consider attending.



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The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item

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To access the TBI "store," which is registered as **Bay Jewish Community Inc**, please go to:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-3151696>

## Sunday Shul Report

by Georgie Hartzog

Noah's Ark rocked on in our Bible series. After canines, came felines and the interesting and yucky things they are prone to do. The first felines were not easy to find. There are lots of stories in the Bible about lions and we know that "house cats" were abundant among common and rich folks. However, all cats have the same characteristics. Unlike dogs and their tongues, cat tongues have a more interesting texture (the "horns" on their tongues are backward), which is used for a lot of interesting things.

The last in our series was devoted to "wild life." Guest speakers Billie and Megan Clayton (my niece and great-niece) thrilled the kids with information on bears, raccoons, snakes, and all things wild and wonderful. They were given "bear whistles," which I am certain their parents appreciated.

Rabbi Wasserman conducted the last lesson of the year. Held on Mother's Day, she spoke to students and parents alike about Jewish Mothers. Students showed off their Hebrew skills and presented their moms with flowers.

To wrap things up, a Beach Party was held at St. Andrews State Park on May 21st. What started out as a dreary day turned into a delightful gathering. A good and "sandy" time was had by all; see page after next for photos.

In summary, this year was a grand success: 1) Perfect attendance; 2) \$58.78 was donated to Lucky Puppy Rescue from our Tzedakah box; 3) 163 items were collected in our "Giving Circle" and given to Family Services; and 4) 27 Sunday Shul lessons!

Top & middle photos by Georgie Hartzog  
Bottom photo by Mike Starkman







above:  
The Sunday School children led the Shabbat Service on May 5, 2017, under the direction of Daniel Sternlicht and Gerorgie Hartzog, who is stepping down as teacher at the end of the school year.

left:  
Linette and Amanda lead the singing of the HaMotzi.

Photos by  
Stephen Sickerman





The Sunday School class held their end-of-year party at St Andrew State Park, Panama City Beach, on the afternoon of May 21, 2017, attended by the children, their parents, teacher Gerorgie Hartzog and a couple of guests from the Temple.



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