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2018 TBI ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday | June 17 | 10:00 am

Every year all members of the TBI family are invited to a Congregational Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to communicate first hand an honest review of the past year; relate challenges which the future holds; pass a budget for the next fiscal year; and vote on and install a new slate of officers and trustees.

This year's meeting will be held at the Temple on Sunday, June 17 at 10:00 am. A light brunch will be served. 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 and concerns.

The proposed slate of TBI Board of Directors and Trustees for 2018-2019 are:

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

If you are a Temple member, please join us!

JUNE CALENDAR

FRI	06/15	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Shabbat Potluck Dinner – <i>please bring a side, salad or dessert</i> Our last Shabbat Service with Rabbi Wasserman – <i>oneg to follow</i>
SAT	06/16	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Wasserman Havdalah at Rick Seltzer Park, PCB - <i>followed by dinner at Triple J Steaks & Seafood for a farewell meal with Rabbi Wasserman</i>
SUN	06/17	10:00 am	ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: <i>Your Voice and your Vote are needed!</i> Final Temple Farewell for Rabbi Wasserman HAPPY FATHERS DAY!
THUR	06/21		Summer Solstice
WED	06/27	6:30 pm	Sisterhood Meeting



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Shalom!

by Rabbi Alana Wasserman

Shalom – one word, many definitions. It means “hello,” “goodbye,” and “peace.” The root of *shalom* is *shalem*, which means “complete, whole.” At the end of the month of June, my time as Rabbi of Temple B’nai Israel will be *shalem*, complete. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to say *shalom* to the congregation.

As many of you know, I have wanted

to be a rabbi since I was a child. In May of 2004 my dream became a reality. In 2008, another dream came to fruition: I became a parent. I decided to be a stay-at-home mother for a while. In 2013, I was blessed with another child. And while I loved staying at home with my daughters, I missed being a rabbi. Then, this lovely opportunity presented itself. I could work as a rabbi, and still be there for my daughters almost full-time.

I have been blessed to work in a synagogue that truly understands the meaning of community. For every Shabbat and holiday, we do not merely gather together to pray; we join together to observe and celebrate. Temple B’nai Israel is a loving, nurturing, supportive congregation. As Rabbi Alexander Schindler of blessed memory once said, “The synagogue is the regenerative soil of Jewish life. Just beneath its statuesque surface, our roots densely intertwine. Like giant redwoods, standing shoulder to shoulder in ever shrinking forests, we Jews share a reality of interdependence,

holding one another up.” We “redwoods” have stood side by side and held each other up to make Temple B’nai Israel a strong, proud “forest.”

The Hebrew word for synagogue is *Beit Knesset*, which literally means, “a house of gathering.” I have always felt that the synagogue should be not just a “house” of prayer, but a home. Temple B’nai Israel is more than just a building, more than just a place to pray. It is our religious and spiritual home. It is our place to learn, to establish connections, to grow. It is a *Makom Kadosh*, a holy place, because we have made it holy.

I am honored to have been your Rabbi for the last few years. I have gained so much from this experience, and I will always cherish my time here. And while I will no longer be serving in the capacity of rabbi, I do hope all of you will stay in touch, and keep me informed. Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity, and making me a part of your community. Thank you for being a part of my spiritual family. I wish all of you Shalom!

TBI ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY JUNE 17 2018 10:00 AM



From the Temple President
by Mike Starkman

All members of the congregation should have received by USPS mail a ballot for absentee voting for our budget and slate of officers. Also, included in that letter was the proposed budget and your annual membership pledge. If you haven’t received this letter, the Treasurer does not have your current contact information. Earlier this month you should also have received the proposed budget in an email. Again, if you didn’t receive that we don’t have your current email address. To update your contact information, please email me with the correct contact information at treasurer.templebnaisrael@knology.net.

It is imperative that each member in good standing of the congregation get an opportunity to voice their opinion on the slate of officers and the course we will take based on our financial status. Therefore, please plan to attend our Congregational meeting on June 17th at 10:00 am. There will be a light brunch available. If you cannot attend, please forward any comments and your signed ballot to me at president.templebnaisrael@knology.net.

Also, Rabbi Wasserman will be there and this will be your last opportunity to wish her well on her new endeavors.

JUNE JOYS & REMEMBRANCES

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

5/05	TERI MERLISS MENDELSON – SISTER OF LOIS OSWALD
6/02	JOSEPH SHUMAN – FATHER OF MARILYN NATIONS
6/07	BARBARA JEAN WHEELER – DAUGHTER OF MARE WHEELER
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	6/17	DANIEL STERNLICHT
6/06	SARAH BRANDT HAIMAN	6/23	CAROLYNN SICKERMAN
6/12	ALMA GLASS	6/24	MAX NAGLER
		6/28	ADAM BRAUN

If your Joy or Remembrance is missing or incorrect please e-mail theazoy@gmail.com

TODAH RABAH - March 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 for their contributions:

To Judith Scott, in thanks for her years of service to the Temple B'nai Israel Sisterhood, from –
Steve Theberge and Lisa Rahn

To Anne Miller, get well wishes, from –
Mike & Mary Starkman
Judith Scott & Sarah Farkas
Carolynn & Stephen Sickerman

If you'd like to make a donation, please contact Mary Starkman at mary_starkman@comcast.net.

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