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*With much love and happiness*  
*you are invited to join the Mewhinney family as*  
**Amanda J. Mewhinney**  
*is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah*  
*Friday, May 10, 2019*

### **Board Nominating Committee Update** by Robert Goetz

As of this writing, despite the usual moral suasion, arm twisting, and dose of Jewish guilt, your Nominating Committee for the 2019-2020 TBI board of trustees has been unable to fill several board seats for the fiscal year that begins July 1<sup>st</sup>.

So if you are one of those – yes you, that previously said “no” please reconsider and let me, Cynthia, or Nathan know as soon as possible. It only requires a few hours a month. Plus board service is a *mitzvah* that respects both the dedicated founders of B'nai Israel and ensures that future generations of Jews will have a place to pray in Bay County.

Any member in good standing of the Congregation interested in being considered for a position on our Board can also directly submit their name, and the office for which they wish to run, to Temple Secretary Linette Sternlicht.

Nominations will be closed following our May Board meeting, to be held at 6:30 pm on May 8, to allow for notification to the Congregation of the nominations, including the Board's recommended slate. Election of officers and trustees (including voting on our new budget) will be held at our Annual Congregational Meeting on June 2nd.

2019-2020 Board Nominating Committee - Robert Goetz, Cynthia Gingold and Nathan Miller

**Save the Date: Sunday, June 2 @ 8:30 am**  
**Temple B'nai Israel Annual Congregational Meeting**

From the Temple President  
Mike Starkman



Repairs to our building are just about completed. At the time of my writing this, all that remains to be completed is the painting of the exterior corner of the building and repairs to the downspout. We are waiting for the stucco to cure before painting. I hope that it will be finished by the end of April.

We are looking into providing ad-

ditional additional security to our Temple. Some of the things the board is considering is: 1) getting a new glass door which will allow us to install a panic bar; 2) shatter prevention film on the glass door; 3) a steel security door; and 4) perimeter video monitoring. The panic bar will allow the door to be locked while the building is occupied.

This month, on May 10th, we will be celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Mehwinney. Please join us for this simchah. A Shabbat potluck dinner will be at 6:00 pm, followed by Shabbat services at 7:00.

I would like to thank the Sisterhood for coordinating and provided an excellent Passover Seder. I am sure that you will join me in appreciating all of their efforts.

Please plan to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting, which is scheduled for June 2nd at 8:30 am.

*B'shalom*

- Mike



**MAY Shabbat  
Candle-Lighting Times**

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

05/03 | 7:03 pm

05/10 | 7:08 pm

05/17 | 7:13 pm

05/24 | 7:17 pm

05/31 | 7:21 pm



# MAY JOYS & REMEMBRANCES

## Y A H R Z E I T S - T H E I R M E M O R I E S A R E F O R U S A B L E S S I N G

<b>05/05</b>	<b>TERI MERLISS MENDELSON</b> - SUSTER OF LOIS OSWALD
<b>05/06</b>	<b>BEATRICE WETCHLER</b> - MOTHER OF GAYLE PAYNTER
<b>05/16</b>	<b>JUDITH PINK-GOLDIN</b> - SISTER OF JOANNE GOETZ
<b>05/25</b>	<b>DONALD GOETZ</b> - FATHER OF ROBERT GOETZ
<b>05/28</b>	<b>FLORENCE PEIROS</b> - GRANDMOTHER OF STEPHEN SICKERMAN



## BIRTHDAYS

05/02	JUDITH SCOTT	05/11	SHANNON SKOULA-CLARK
05/03	RIC STRYNAR	05/14	JOEY SOSTHEIM
05/09	JOHN ARNOLD	05/18	LOIS OSWALD
05/10	SARAH FARKAS		

## MAY CALENDAR

SUN	05/05	9:00 am	Religious School   <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>
WED	05/08	6:30 pm	Monthly Temple Board of Directors Meeting
FRI	05/10	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Potluck Shabbat dinner Amanda Mewhinney Bat Mitzvah
SUN	05/12		No Religious School   <i>Mothers Day</i>
WED	05/15	6:30 pm	Sisterhood Meeting
SAT/SUN	05/18 or 19	TBA	Religious School end-of-year party for entire Congregation - <i>details to follow</i>
MON	05/27		<i>Memorial Day</i>



## Yes – There is a Church at Temple B’nai Israel by Robert Goetz

By now we are all well aware of the devastation brought on by Hurricane Michael. Property and infrastructure damage was extensive, and our homes, workplaces, and houses of prayer have been significantly altered, in some cases, even totally destroyed. Temple B’nai Israel was fortunate to have incurred only minor damage to its facility, while many churches had massive property damage.

Unity Spiritual Center (Unity) previously located on Lisenby Avenue, was one of those to incur extensive

damage. The TBI board entered into a 1-year lease agreement with Unity allowing them limited use of our facility on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays

Here are some points to consider:

- Our building is an underutilized resource at a time where physical resources are diminished.
- Unity is in close proximity to TBI and has an established ongoing relationship.

• We have only been marginally successful at fund raising in recent years and have recently lost several congregants who have relocated. Rental income leverages our building assets while placing minimum burden upon congregants

- Unity members have formed a volunteer committee to help with landscaping.

Thank you for reading and for your understanding.

## The Seder Downtown by Sarah Farkas

Many TBI members and guests enjoyed a Passover Seder catered for the first time by Trigo in Downtown Panama City. Trigo has an “event space” called “131” located at 131 Harrison Avenue. Under the direction of Sisterhood president Tammy Marinuzzi, Sisterhood members Gayle Paynter, Linette Sternlicht, and Judith Scott planned, organized, ordered, arranged pick-ups and drop-offs, et cetera to get Seder 2019 off and running!

In addition, TBI friends and noted bakers/cooks – Lois Oswald, Alvin

Gingold, Linette, Joan Prows and more – treated us to home-made matzo balls, chopped liver, home-made macaroons, delicious apple cake and the very essence of Pesach: Charoses!

About 50 folks attended the second-day of Passover Seder following along in the Haggadah with TBI President Mike Starkman. Portions of the Exodus Story were read aloud by various participants, Elijah was welcomed inside along with Miriam, 4 cups of wine were consumed and a lovely meal was served.

This was a first for us – teaching Trigo management and employees about Passover and the various special foods, rituals and meaning of symbolic items like matzo, shank bone, bitter herbs, etc. The Trigo crew proved to be very teachable and did a fine job with only a couple of small issues-like only one matzo ball per bowl (that won’t happen again! We were very pleased with their service and will most likely give them another chance to please us next year when we hope more of you will celebrate with us.

*photos by Tammy Marinuzzi*





**TBI Sisterhood Rummage Sale** *photos by Stephen Sickerman*

The TBI Sisterhood participated in downtown Panama City's "Grand & Glorious Yard Sale" on Saturday morning, April 6, thanks to Gayle Paynter & Brian Humboldt and a host of volunteers, raising about \$600.





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