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Pizza in the Hut by Cynthia Gingold

October 20 was a special day for the students in TBI's religious school. Last weekend they made decorations for the sukkah. Today was the day they could see their efforts to fruition (please don't groan too hard). Due to a shortage of decorations, the kids picked up the call and, without asking them to, made a bunch more. When it was done, it looked bright and cheerful. The kids

presented a play (what's a holiday without a play?) I guess this will be the last one for a long while. The thrill of the theatre is no longer a lure for the children. With Joanne Goetz's help, we were reminded of the purpose for Sukkot by shaking the lulav and smelling the etrog. Then the pizza delivery person saved the morning. Three yummy cheesy pizzas were scarfed down.

Next year, could we please build the sukkah inside? In spite of the "cold front" it was down right hot. Not to mention the buzzing insects. I highly suspect that Climate Change is truly affecting everything.

Much thanks to Linette, Joanne, Tammy and Pavel, Heather and Nate, and Stephen andCarolynn. I really appreciate your help!



TBI Welcomes New Member Families

Please join us in welcoming two families new to Temple B'nai Israel.

At last month's board of trustees meeting, membership was approved for Al and Biljana Feinstein and for Joe and Meryl Krupka.

We're so excited to have our new member families on-board.

Please introduce yourself and help us warmly welcome both families to our larger TBI family.

From the Temple President

Robert Goetz



It's been such a pleasure seeing so much activity at B'nai Israel this past month of October. Y'all have been wonderful in engaging and actively participating during the High Holy Days through Sukkot, and Simcha

Torah Shabbat with our ISJL Education Fellow, Margo Wagner. If you missed Margo this past month, you'll want to ensure you attend her return visit in February. And a gracious thank you to the TBI Sisterhood for once again orchestrating a delicious break-the-fast to close out Yom Kippur.

Buckle up for the ride as you're onboard for an active and exciting 5780! We'll have potluck dinner and Shabbat services on November 8 led by our own Mary Starkman. If you're interested in providing the entrée for this potluck, or any upcoming one, please let Cynthia Gingold or me know. The TBI board is determined to increase rabbinical visits this coming year and has partnered with the Institute for Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) Rabbis on the Road to make this happen starting with December. Rabbi Razovsky will be visiting us during December 6 – 7 and will lead us in Shabbat

services and Lunch & Learn. Later that month we'll celebrate Chanukah with a candle lighting party on Sunday, December 22.

Reminding each of you that synagogue success is reliant on your participation. Whether you are a congregant, occasional guest, seasonal visitor, or otherwise please continue to explore those programs, services, and events that you best connect with. To our visitors and guests during last month's High Holy Day services please know that any donation you made is vastly appreciated and may be applied directly toward membership applications received by December 1.

Enjoy the crisp and cool autumn weather. See you In Shul and around the community!

Shalom

- Robert

Friday Night Shabbat Service, Saturday Lunch and Learn, and Religious School by Cynthia Gingold

We are so fortunate to have Margo as our ISJL fellow. Her Shabbat service was filled with singing and joy. Her voice lifted the congregants up. Margo is incredibly smart and yet humble. She is an awesome leader. One day, she will be a cantor. Her home is Aspen, Utah. Influenced and supported by two professors with whom she studied, Margo connected with ISJL, an organization that is giving her the opportunities which will help her on her journey to be a cantor.

Lunch and Learn was the most interesting Jewish Adult Education Experience I've had since attending Weekends at Camp Jacobs in Utica, Mississippi. Margo was well-prepared. The topic was an examination of paintings of Lilith and Eve, two females that through time have been criticized as Harlots or Heroines. Through leading, thoughtful questions, the attendees determined whether the paintings ascribed characteristics

of a harlot or of an heroine. We decided that the term "harlot" was not applicable because of its denotations. The program is part of the Adult Education programming that ISJL offers. If you missed participating in Saturday's program, plan on attending the Lunch and Learn Program Margo will bring with her when she comes in February.

On Sunday, the children were so lucky to have Margo work with them. She danced and sang with them, teaching Chanukah songs to prepare the children for Chanukah. When I finally arrived at Temple, Margo was just winding up dancing Israeli dances with Jackie, Lizzie, and Ari. Then, we made mini torahs in honor of Simchas Torah.

It was a very full weekend for Margo and for those of us who had the opportunity to get to know her!

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NOVEMBER JOYS & REMEMBRANCES

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



11/01	ANNIE PELL - GRANDMOTHER OF BOB PELL
11/05	HERMAN MILLER - FATHER OF NATHAN MILLER
11/07	ROBERT KENNETH BRUCE - FATHER OF CAROLYNN SICKERMAN
11/14	JOSEPH RAHN - FATHER OF LISA RAHN
11/22	HELEN PEIROS SICKERMAN - MOTHER OF STEPHEN SICKERMAN
11/23	ROSE BELLA MILLER - MOTHER OF NATHAN MILLER
11/25	LOUIS SCHATZ - BELOVED OF MIRIAM GILBERG & FORMER BOARD MEMBER
11/27	SHERWOOD BERMAN - HUSBAND OF LIZ BERMAN
11/30	LEONARD MAURICE YORDON - FATHER OF GREG YORDON

BIRTHDAYS

11/18	LIZ BERMAN
11/21	JACOB HAIMAN
11/24	ANNA ZIPES
11/28	LORI ZIPES

ANNIVERSARIES

11/14	SONNY & ALMA GLASS
11/15	RICK & SANDY STRYNAR
11/21	NATHAN & ANNE MILLER

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

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SUN	11/03	2:00 am 9:00 am	Daylight Savings ends - Don't forget to Fall Back 1 hour Religious School
FRI	11/08	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Shabbat Potluck Dinner Lay-led Shabbat Service
SUN	11/10		no Religious School
MON	11/11	6:00 pm	Veterans Day Sisterhood Book Club Meeting
WED	11/13	6:30 pm	Temple Board of Directors Meeting
SAT	11/16	5:00 pm	Interfaith Potluck Dinner at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bay County
SUN	11/17	9:00 am	Religious School
WED	11/20	6:30 pm	Sisterhood Meeting
SUN	11/24	9:00 am	Religious School
THUR	11/28		Thanksgiving Day



The beautiful birds depicted on the Israeli stamps on page 5: European Roller, *Coracias garrulous*; Common Kingfisher, *Alcedo atthis*; Green Bee-eater, *Merops orientalis*; European Bee-eater, *Merops apiaster*; and Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, *Merops persicus*. Want more information? Please go to: <http://israelphilately.org.il/en/catalog/articles/2197/Birds%20in%20Israel%20-%20Coraciiformes>.



Long-time member **Lori Zipes** is now working in Bloomington, Indiana, and recently sent these photos to your editor.

She wrote that the Spanjer's daughter, Michal, led Shabbat services at the Indiana University Hillel October 25 so she stopped in to join them! Afterwards they all went out for Italian downtown, along with Michal's roommate, (and long-time camp friend) Danielle. It was a lovely evening!

Top photo: Mark, Marla, Lori, Michal, and Danielle



Bottom photo: Mark and Rabbi Marla Spanjer and Lori Zipes



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