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The Monthly Newsletter of Temple B'nai Israel

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Notes & News from Temple B'nai Israel by Mike and Mary Starkman

We held our Annual Congregational Meeting on June 2nd. With the few absentee ballots and those in attendance we just had a quorum. We started the day's event with a light brunch and the meeting was called to order on time. We accepted the minutes of last year's meeting, reviewed our financial status and a discussed this year's budget. After the discussion the budget for this coming fiscal year was approved. Mike Starkman discussed the state of the congregation. The slate as presented by the nomination committee was approved by acclimation. Installation of the new officers will be at the July service. Mike was presented an award by the Board

for his service as President. We had a question and answer period and then adjourned the meeting.

Shabbat services and installation of the new TBI Board of directors will be held on Friday, July 12. We will have a Shabbat dinner at 6:00 pm with services at 7:00 pm, and in place of sermon there will be the installation ceremony. Everyone is invited. Please bring a non-dairy side dish and dessert (dairy is OK). It is also national ice cream month and we will have some as part of dessert to celebrate!

There will be no Lunch and Learn sessions for the Summer.

The Ritual Committee will meet in July as well, to plan honors for the High Holy Days. Erev Rosh Hashanah is September 29, barely 2 months from now. Please say "yes" when you receive your call so we can plan for the holy days and the return of Rabbi Spanjer.

Shabbat services for August will be held on the 9th at 7:00 pm.

Temple B'nai Israel and Unity Spiritual Center will be hosting the next Interfaith Harmony Council potluck dinner, to be held August 24th at TBI. The event will start at 5:00 pm. Please bring a non-dairy side dish or dessert.

Here is your new TBI Board of Directors - officers and trustees - for 2019-2020:

Robert Goetz – President

Pam Sutton – Vice President

Linette Sternlicht – Treasurer

Pavel Amromin – Secretary

Alvin Gingold – Trustee

Mary Starkman – Trustee

Rick Strynar – Trustee



From the Temple President
Robert Goetz



This past year, in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, has been extremely challenging for all of us. This devastating hurricane touched upon every congregant, friends of congregants, and our entire Northwest Florida Gulf Coast community. As Jews, we have learned how to address hardship, and focus on all that is needed to move forward.

As we know, congregations of ev-

ery faith across Northwest Florida have endured losses in facilities, congregants, and staff. TBI's previous board of trustees, and officers, along with religious school and Sisterhood leadership have done an impeccable job ensuring that Torahs, facility, and congregants were both accounted for and safe immediately prior to, during, and after Hurricane Michael. I thank each of them, along with every congregant and friend of B'nai Israel for the role each played in safeguarding and ensuring the future viability of this synagogue. I thank our immediate past president, Mike Starkman, for displaying the leadership required to keep TBI intact and enabling us to move forward.

We were a small synagogue prior to the hurricane. We are a slightly smaller synagogue after the hurricane. And we remain fully staffed by a team of volunteers. Please join me in thanking our 2019 -2020 trustees and officers for stepping up and serving Temple B'nai Israel.

So what expectations do I have for our Temple over the coming 12 months? Essentially to remain via-

ble and relevant to our congregants and friends, and where possible, to help enable the community in disaster recovery. I have no grand fund raising plans or elaborate membership drives. B'nai Israel is financially sound. Rabbi Spanjer, who officiated during the High Holy Days last year and was well-received, will be returning for High Holy Days again this year. I am aware of the importance of rabbinical visits and will work with the board to have periodic rabbi or cantor visits during the coming year.

What can you do to assist B'nai Israel? Your participation is welcomed and much needed. If you are a congregant, paying your membership dues, coming to services and events, and staying involved is needed. If you are a friend of B'nai Israel, perhaps consider becoming a member. Collectively, I know we can work together to sustain a vibrant Temple and strong community.

Enjoy the summertime. See you In Shul and around the community!

Shalom -
 Robert



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JULY & AUGUST JOYS & REMEMBRANCES

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

- 07/02 MINNIE GINGOLD – GRANDMOTHER OF ALVIN GINGOLD
- 07/08 DAVID SICKERMAN – UNCLE OF STEPHEN SICKERMAN
- 07/12 BRUCE FRETZ – FATHER OF LORI ZIPES
- 07/14 MARK DEJOHN – BROTHER OF ANNE MILLER
- 07/15 PAUL PINK – FATHER OF JOANNE GOETZ
- 07/28 RAY GLASS – MOTHER OF SONNY GLASS
- 08/04 E. MARY RIGANO – MOTHER OF MARY STARKMAN
- 08/05 MAX NAGLER – GRANDFATHER OF ED NAGLER
- 08/06 HERBERT NASH – STEPFATHER OF LOIS OSWALD
- 08/07 HYMAN GLASS – FATHER OF SONNY GLASS
- 08/13 HY WAKSTEIN – CHARTER MEMBER OF CONGREGATION
- 08/15 JOHN STONE – FATHER OF MIKE STONE
- 08/19 RENA KLATZY – MOTHER OF LIZ BERMAN
- 08/22 ERNEST OSWALD, JR – BROTHER-IN-LAW OF LOIS OSWALD
- 08/28 MARVIN SUTTON – FATHER OF PAM SUTTON



BIRTHDAYS

- 07/12 NATE MEWHINNEY
- 07/25 ANN STRYNAR
- 07/26 PETER SOSTHEIM
- 07/06 MARLA CLARK
- 08/02 JOHN MALLARY
- 08/02 JOHN OSWALD
- 08/06 DON NATIONS
- 08/09 STEPHEN THEBERGE
- 08/19 MARE WHEELER
- 08/20 DIANNA NAGLER

ANNIVERSARIES

- 07/12 JACOB & ELIZABETH SICKERMAN
- 08/13 PAUL & LORI ZIPES
- 08/15 MARILYN & DON NATIONS
- 08/24 DANIEL & LINETTE STERNLICHT

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or incorrect please e-mail The AZOY Editors
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JULY & AUGUST Shabbat Candle-Lighting Times

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

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| 07/05 7:30 pm | 07/19 7:26 pm | 08/02 7:18 pm | 08/16 7:05 pm |
| 07/12 7:29 pm | 07/26 7:22 pm | 08/09 7:12 pm | 08/23 6:58 pm |
| | | | 08/30 6:50 pm |





JULY CALENDAR

MON	7/1		Start of TBI's new fiscal year - FY 2019-2020
THUR	7/4		INDEPENDENCE DAY - <i>Have a safe & pleasant holiday, y'all!</i>
WED	7/10	6:30 pm	Monthly TBI Board of Directors Meeting
FRI	7/12	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Shabbat Potluck Dinner - <i>please bring non-dairy sides & salads</i> Lay-led Shabbat Service & Board Installation

AUGUST CALENDAR

FRI	8/9	7:00 pm	Lay-led Shabbat Service
SAT	8/10	sunset	Tisha B'Av
WED	8/14	6:30 pm	Monthly TBI Board of Directors Meeting
SAT	8/24	5:00 pm	Interfaith Harmony Council potluck dinner - <i>please bring non-dairy sides & salads</i>



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