

During years of scarcity King Monobaz spent all of his own treasures and the treasures of his ancestors on *tzedakah* (giving to others). His brother and members of his family joined together in reproaching him, “Your ancestors stored away treasures adding to the treasures of your ancestors, and you squander them!” He replied, “My ancestors stored away in a place where the hand of others can prevail, while I have stored away in a place where the hand of others cannot prevail. My ancestors stored away something that produces no fruit, while I have stored away something that does produce fruit. My ancestors stored away treasures of money, while I have stored away treasures of souls...My ancestors stored away for this world, while I have stored away for the world to come.”

-Babylonian Talmud Bava Batra 11b as told in [A Day Apart](#) by Noam Sachs Zion and Shawn Fields-Meyer

This coming Sunday morning, April 29th, we are pleased to host our annual JUF Brunch celebrating the outstanding work of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and this year’s most deserving honoree, Linda Becker. Like King Monobaz, JUF collects and distributes funds to individuals in our community and around the world in order to support souls in need and to nurture Jewish identity and engagement so as to produce fruit for the next generation. Here at BHBE, we are fortunate to be recipients of JUF’s great generosity, whether it is the security grant that allows us to better protect our building, the Ta’am Yisarel program in which our 8th graders participate, financial and logistical assistance for this fall’s relief mission to Houston, and so much more. We are proud to be partners in the good work that JUF undertakes -from job placement to eldercare to citizenship support and poverty relief – and grateful for the role JUF plays in representing the Jewish community’s commitment to philanthropy in Chicagoland, in Israel, and beyond.

We hope that you will come out and join us this weekend, not only to strengthen the vital work of JUF but also to pay tribute to Linda Becker, a past Sisterhood President and dear member of our congregational family who models the kind of service to others on which JUF is founded. Those unable to attend on Sunday may also consider making an independent donation to Federation: <http://www.juf.org/donate/default.aspx>. We appreciate your generosity and support!

Thanks to Lisa and Lee Bloom for chairing this year’s breakfast, and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Annie Tucker