

The Israelight

Rabbi's Message:

LIBERATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

by Rabbi Linda Potemken

In these four weeks of February Jewish communities across the globe will read from the heart of the book of Exodus. We'll encounter the dramatic revelation of Torah at Mt. Sinai and the ensuing law collection touching on all areas of life, guiding the people with moral and humanitarian principles. We'll feel the yearning of the people for connection to God and their generosity as they build community through building the mishkan, the portable sanctuary.

It is this tale of generosity, of people freely offering their resources and their labor that provides an answer to the challenges offered up by life over and over again. This life is messy and complicated and frequently heartbreaking. We are wise to heed the call of our faith to enjoy each moment and to enjoy life's blessings, as our time on earth is limited and filled with uncertainty. We would be foolish, however, if we missed the other call of our faith, the call of service,

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President's message

By Josh Waterston

I'm writing this article in January, when I'm still having to remember to write "2013" instead of "2012" on everything. I went back to my February 2012 Israelight article and saw that we were working on some important logistical work for BI: transitioning all Beth Israel staff e-mail and mailing lists to our free Google Apps service, putting a greater emphasis on encouraging members to purchase Acme and Giant gift cards (it's a quick and easy way to support BI, which receives 5% of the face value of the card), moving to a new synagogue management system (Shul Suite), and working to ensure that BI functioned smoothly while Rabbi Linda would be on sabbatical for three

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To read the reports from the December 2012 Congregational meeting, go to:

<http://bethisraelmedia.org/content/congregation-meeting-reports-december-2012>

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the call of commitment, the call of the covenant.

What is the covenant? While different branches of Judaism interpret Torah differently, all agree that the stories of Exodus and of Sinai in particular speak to the idea that we are defined as a people by our commitment to the principles of our tradition, to the practices of our tradition and to our community - the place where we cultivate these principles and practices. Through these commitments we find beauty, meaning, stability and a place to turn when the world serves up harsh news. Through this covenant, through these commitments, we are able to seek and to find a measure of peace and happiness.

There is a rabbinic teaching that expands on this idea based on the book of Exodus. In Exodus, we are told that the 10 commandments were engraved onto the stone tablets. The Hebrew word for engraved is "harut". The early rabbis of the Mishnah taught: "Don't read this as "harut"—engraved—but as "herut". Herut means free. For our rabbinic ancestors, the commandments, the practices and principles of a serious Jewish path, were a road to freedom.

The term that Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionism, later introduced was salvation. The term was meant to express the possibility of living a life where we actualize the best of our own potential while we work for the greater good of others and for tikkun olam (world repair). The mitzvot, the practices, the good deeds and the commitment to community are where we turn to be liberated from hopelessness, meaninglessness and loneliness.

The ties that bind also liberate. As we read these stories in the weeks ahead let's explore how we might deepen our commitment and connection to our community and to our practices. Let's counter the pain of the world with acts of love and generosity. For when we bring forth our gifts, we bring the realm of the sacred into our lives.



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months.

It seems like ages since I wrote that article. Much has changed in my personal and professional life, and I'd very much like to get my hands on one of those Time Turner things that Hermione had in the Harry Potter books, so that she could take several classes at once. Or else I'd like to try human cloning like Michael Keaton did in the movie *Multiplicity*, except that I'd probably end up having the clone who was half-baked. But I digress. My goal when I started my term as president was to streamline BI's operations, and lower the barriers to participation. My focus so far has been mostly on logistics, and we've made great strides there: We are now using highly stable and efficient services for phones, internet, and e-mail (pu, pu, pu – OK, let's hope I can avoid a *kenna hora* on that one). Our copier faxes, prints, scans, and does everything but make toast. Jen Lenway, Elaine Feldman, and Steve Goldfield led us through the enormously complicated work of identifying the need for us to convert from oil heat to gas heat, address all of the heating and zone issues that we've been facing ever since we moved into this building, and figuring out a way to finance it all. Thank you to all of the congregants who supported BI's efforts. You will literally get a warm feeling from your financial support. Rabbi Linda and Arlene no longer need to use space heaters in their offices, and Chris Pragman hooked up all of the new thermostats so that they are remotely programmable, just like their predecessors. Elaine gets another mention here, because she spent hours and days, not only working on this project via e-mail and phone calls, but being on-site for days, to ensure that every "i" was dotted and every "t" was crossed. Trust me, I know – I read her daily reports to the group. She left no stone unturned and no thread dangling. This was a project that cost tens of thousands of dollars, and she donated her time and energy to making it happen properly. Thank you so much, Elaine – we are in your debt.



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Torah Treks

February 9: The Book of Jeremiah with R. Linda
 March 2: The Book of Jeremiah with R. Michael
 Ramberg

February 7

Lunch & Learn Join us as we share Torah, lunch and one another's company once a month. We will explore various Jewish practices, texts. Curriculum will be guided by the interests of the participants. RSVP at least 2 days in advance to Arlene Benz, 610-566-4645

Tuesdays 4:30 - 5:45 1/22, 1/29, 2/5

Torah and Literature: Exploring Judaism and Life Through the Contemporary Short Story

One Book, One Jewish Community

Friday evening, March 8, 2013

What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank

By Nathan Englander

Details TBA

HEBREW SCHOOL TO GATHER ON SHABBAT MARCH 2nd

Beth Israel Hebrew School students will gather together for an educational and festive morning the first Saturday in March.

In lieu of Sunday school on the 3rd, students will gather at BI on March 2nd to celebrate Shabbat. Rabbi Linda will lead this participatory program with contributions from BI teens, teachers and the students themselves.

Does your child play an instrument or sing? All are welcome to share their gifts and songs. Please join your children as they learn about Judaism, Torah, community and Shabbat experientially and joyfully.

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TIKKUN OLAM SHABBAT**Civil Liberties and Tikkun Olam, with Larry Hamermesh and Randy Tiffany**

On Friday, February 8, at the service beginning at 8:00 p.m., Larry Hamermesh and Randy Tiffany will present and invite discussion about promoting and protecting civil liberties as part of Tikkun Olam.

Both Randy and Larry are long-serving members of the board of directors of the ACLU of Delaware, and will talk about their experiences working with that organization.

If you visit ACLU Delaware's website (<http://www.aclu-de.org/>), you'll see pictures of Randy and Larry that link to brief statements by them about their motivations for participating in the work of the ACLU.

Larry teaches law (corporate law, mostly) at Widener Law School in Wilmington. Randy is a primary care physician in Wilmington. BI members know Randy as co-chair of the Religious Practices Committee and as a stalwart service leader. Larry can be seen and heard playing with the BIMAS at Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and other celebratory occasions. Both went to high school in Minnesota, and spent overlapping time at Yale (Randy at Yale College, Larry at Yale Law School) in the 1970s. Both are faithful Torah Trekkers.

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Time for Purim and That Means Fun

Dear Chevre,

Purim is coming! Of course that means a good time for all. Purim has been one of the most popular holidays at Beth Israel for years and what's not to like: a funny play, costumes, the megillah reading (get your groggers ready), hamentashen, wine tasting. This year we have the added good fortune that erev Purim falls on a Saturday night (February 23rd) so we can enjoy the party without having to worry about work or school the next morning (OK, except for the rabbi and the Hebrew School students).

So what makes Purim so special? It centers on the purimschpiel, the play in which we reenact the story from the Book of Esther. In most recent years we have relied on the creative genesis of the writing

team of Hamermesh, Hamermesh & Co. to retell the story using the idiom of popular culture: country music, Star Wars, Harry Potter, etc. Have no doubt they are polishing another wacky script. We all enjoy laughter, being silly, and a fairy-tale narrative in which we know that the good folks triumph over evil: such is the staple of popular entertainment in many cultures. But Purim and the Book of Esther are in many ways odd birds within Judaism.

The Book of Esther famously makes no direct reference to God (though Rabbi Helen Plotkin shows that for some of the rabbinic sages the take-home message was "surely you don't believe that all this happened by chance alone"). The story is also unique in that it is set at no particular time within

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Chase Away some Winter Doldrums: Pray Eat Dance

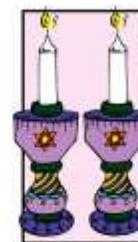
Friday, February 1, 2013 at 6:30 pm

Shabbat Service led By Rabbi Linda
Bring grandparent (s) or special friends



Potluck Dinner

Israeli Dancing
Led by Sharon Kleban,
Reisa Mukamal & Selene Platt



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President's message continued

The other major logistical goal we've achieved is transitioning to Shul Suite. I've spent many, many hours becoming an expert in Shul Suite and working with the vendor to ensure that it meets our needs. Our administrator Suzanne Davis has been very accommodating during this process, and she insists that she has not created a voodoo doll of me. Yet. We have some bugs to address, but we have already started to see the rewards of the system. Our website is working well and the back-office software is enabling us to know where we need to focus our efforts. By the time you read this article, the Board will have spent time at the January meeting brainstorming ways to use the system to better serve our members and guests. For example, did you know that a Bar/Bat Mitzvah student could create a project and fundraise to support a specific cause, all via our website? It's a very straightforward process, and includes one of those great fundraising "thermometers" which show your progress. There are many ways in which we can make life easier for our members and staff.

I spoke earlier in this article about lowering barriers to participation. We will be putting more information on the web so that members, committee members and Board members can see what we're doing, and so that there will be a greater wealth of information available despite the turnover of volunteers from year to year. I want it to be easier for members to say "YES" when asked to be on a committee, or to take a leadership role. We are trying to make it easier for you by giving you the tools to be more actively engaged in our community.

Speaking of which... As I look towards June, and Jennifer Lenway's ascent to the lofty position of president, she and I are thinking about where we go next. I have created an ad-hoc committee to better define the roles and goals for different parts of our synagogue. We are starting with Rabbi Linda, administrator Suzanne Davis, and secretary Arlene Benz. The SPC is also looking into how to invigorate membership and recruit new members. And when that's done, I think that Jen L. will spend her free time coaching Congress on how to actually get things done.

It's been a very busy time, and I'm glad to share it with you. Enjoy the New(ish) Year.

In friendship,
Josh Waterston

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Jewish mythic history. Moreover, it has only the most tenuous connections to the overall narrative of the Hebrew Bible: the formation of a people with a national identity and their interaction with the character we call God as they gain or lose control over the land of Israel.

Purim is set in a very different context: the Jews of Shushan are living in exile and thus the question of when the story takes place relative to other events in Jewish history is irrelevant. Exile ("galut") is an existential state and while conditions for various Jewish communities living at different times and places in the diaspora have obviously varied drastically, fundamentally we all face similar challenges. The Book of Esther addresses the themes of vulnerability to anti-Semitism and how to survive it in the context of ancient Persia. Because those themes remain so powerful even in the relative security of contemporary America and certainly within recent historical memory, the tale translates naturally into our current cultural vocabulary and we never tire of doing so.

But remember, Purim is about cutting loose and having fun, so enough of the heavy philosophy. Come join us, young and old alike. All are invited to join that acting company (watch for emails about rehearsals), "no experience necessary" (unless you want to audition for the role of her majesty). If you have come in recent years, you won't want to miss it. If not, come see what a good time we have.

Kul Tuv,
Randy Tiffany



WORLD MUSIC SAFARI ADVENTURE WITH MYSTIC DRUMZ

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013 9:30AM-NOON

From the African jungle to the South American rainforest to the Great Wall of China, Mystic Drumz will take the students of Beth Israel around the globe in search of amazing instruments, sounds, and rhythms—then turn our entire school into percussion ensembles!

Teen and adult drummers as well as parents with preschoolers are welcome to join the fun.

MUSICAL CREATION STATIONS AND BRUNCH AT ELLIE'S CAFE

Congregation Beth Israel of Media has established a permanent fund to honor the memory and short life of ELIANA ANDERSEN, daughter of Kathy Silberman Andersen and Dan Andersen, sister of Molly, and granddaughter of the late Ruth and Alexander Silberman. Ellie, a beloved fifth grader in our Hebrew School, died on July 25, 2003 after a courageous battle with a brain tumor.

Ellie loved school, her friends and family, and celebrations of all kinds.

The Eliana Andersen Fund supports an annual children's festival in her memory. By combining Ellie's loves in a festival of the arts, we give our children a joyous event to look forward to each year, as well as reflect the Jewish tradition of "hiddur mitzvah," enhancing community by creating beauty and art.

A festival for our Hebrew School that bears Ellie's name will continue to be a reality with your kind donation.

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A VERY MERRY MUPPET PURIM



Saturday, February 23, 2013
6:00 Potluck or Brown Bag Dinner
6:30 Ma'ariv & Megillah Reading

followed by:

PurimShpiel, Costume Parade
&
Hamantaschen Feast

Pick up your Mishloach Manot
Drop off cans for the food bank

Kosher for Passover Wine Tasting:
\$10.00/person

Join us in the mitzvah and ancient tradition of Mishloach Manot as we celebrate Purim this year.

The Mitzvah of giving "Purim Baskets" is mentioned in the Book of Esther and asks the Jewish people to observe the days of Purim "as days of feasting and gladness, and sending portions of food to one another."

Sending mishloach manot (Purim Gift Baskets) has also evolved into a fundraising tradition. Here at Beth Israel we help you to join in this Mitzvah. Each family will receive one gift bag, with a greeting listing the names of all of the senders who contributed toward their gift.

- **To order:** *Fill out the enclosed form.*
- **Donation:** *\$5.00 per bag with a minimum of 3 bags.
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\$15 to send to a non-member*
- **Deadline:** *Orders with checks payable to Beth Israel or online at bethisraelmedia.org (click on the Purim Fund) All orders must be received by **February 1, 2013***

*Bags will be available for pickup at the Synagogue Tuesday, February 19 through Tuesday, February 26.
After February 26 the remaining bags will be donated to charity.*

Please join us in observing this lovely and meaningful Purim tradition. Your support is needed and appreciated for the health and continued future of the Beth Israel Community.

OUR GOAL IS 100% PARTICIPATION AT SOME LEVEL.

For further information, contact Lynn Cashell at 610-543-6073

The deadline for all orders is February 1, 2013

The Vav Class's Holocaust Museum Trip

The Holocaust museum was touching, and gave me a whole new look on who the Nazis were, and what they did.

The first exhibit we went through was all about a Jewish boy, Daniel, who lived during the Nazi time period, and wrote a diary about his tragic experience.

We traveled through his home, his neighborhood, and the ghetto he was forced to live in. There were also a few videos with Daniel himself narrating.

It gave me a whole new insight on the life of a Jewish citizen in Germany at the time. I knew it was bad, but not that horrible.

Then we walked around 4 floors where you could read and watch about the Holocaust. You could walk through one of the trains that Jewish prisoners were kept in to be transported, and it was dark, uncomfortable, and looked like it was about to fall apart. Talk about eerie.

The whole experience made you wonder, what if it was you? What if you were taken away from the comfort and safety of your home and friends, all because of something as insignificant as your religion, or your race and sexuality.

So overall, the Holocaust museum was very educational, touching, and for me at least, shocking.

By Alana Haber, Vav Class



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Social Action Committee New Year's Eve Party at the Shelter!

Congregation Beth Israel stepped up again on New Year's Eve to cook and serve for the hungry at the Upper Darby Life Center shelter.

Led by Stu Pittel and Susan Klein, dozens of members cooked and brought meals to the synagogue.

The serving team included Stu, John Greenstine, Amy Binder, Joe and Lois Deutsch, Miriam Sigler, Deanie Heller and Stu and Susan's friends Ernie Norcia, Marty Roebelt, Darryl Boudreaux and Carroll Drazen.

As usual, we had more than enough food for a grateful crowd at the shelter, and after many meals featuring meat loaf, pasta dishes, cold salads of all descriptions, dozens of hard cooked eggs, chicken done every which way, tray after tray of turkey chili, apples, cakes and cookies.

Afterwards, team returned to celebrate Auld Lang Syne at the Pittel/Klein's house. Beth Israel Social Action thanks everyone who contributed. All in all, a pretty good night.

Upcoming SAC meetings are
Wednesday, March 6 at the home of Ala Day.
Thursday, April 4, hosted by Lauri Mansky..
Thursday, June 13 at the home of Lauri Mansky.



from front to back and then left to right---Marty Roelandt, Ernie Norcia, Miriam Sigler, Joe Deutsch, Deanie Heller, Lois Deutsch, Daryl Boudreaux, Stuart Pittel, Carroll Drazen, Amy Binder.



Joe Deutsch getting food from Andrea Bruno.



Lois Deutsch, Marty Roebelt, Joe Deutsch, Deanie Heller

Please remember to donate toiletries etc. for Community Action Agency of Delaware County in the blue bin in the lobby. Thank you - SAC



How the Newsletter Deadline Works

Because bulk rate mail is often slow, especially for areas farther from BI (ie, Wilmington), we need to have the issue to the printer at least two weeks before the end of the month.

All submissions must be received by the editor by the 1st of the preceding month to guarantee inclusion. We have been able to accommodate some later submissions in the past, but our recent issues have been arriving late to some Congregants.

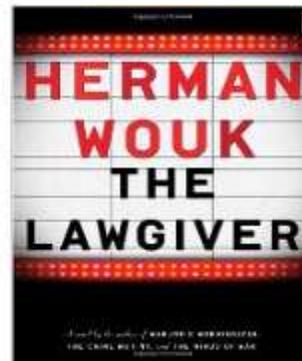
Articles should be submitted by mail to the synagogue office or by email to: lsraelight@bethisraelmedia.org

Beth Israel Book Club

The next book will be Herman Wouk's new novel, "The Lawgiver", scheduled for March 3, 2013 at 10:30 AM.

It "tells the story of Moses through letters, emails, journals, tweets and text messages".

Hosts will be Bob and Bobbie Coleman.



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Ancient Mosaic Masterpiece from Israel Comes to Philadelphia

Penn Museum in Philadelphia is the final stop on a major US tour for a large and extraordinary ancient Roman mosaic only recently discovered and excavated in Israel. Unearthing a Masterpiece: A Roman Mosaic from Lod, Israel is on view at the Penn Museum February 10 through May 19—before it travels to the Louvre in Paris and ultimately, back to Israel and a new museum being built to house it.

Discovered in 1996 and excavated in 2009, the Lod Mosaic floor is believed to come from the home of a wealthy Roman living in Lod about 1,700 years ago. The Lod Mosaic is on loan from the Israel Antiquities Authority and the Shelby White and Leon Levy Lod Mosaic Center.

Shuka Dorfman, Director General of the Israeli Antiquities Institute and Yaron Sideman, Consul General of Israel to the Mid-Atlantic Region, join Italian officials and Penn Museum leaders at a public ribbon cutting ceremony Sunday, February 10 at 1 pm. The afternoon, free with Museum admission, includes a talk about the Lod Mosaic and a family workshop on mosaics.

Penn Museum invites us to join them for the ribbon cutting, or throughout the run of the special exhibition!

To receive \$2 off admission for adults; \$1 off admission for senior and students, mention the code Lod-Partners at the entrance to the Museum.

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Led by Rabbi Linda Potemken

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Josh and Jen Waterston

To: Elaine Feldman

In honor of Elaine Feldman's donation of her time and energy to the gas conversion project. May we all think of you when we're warm and tasty at BI.

The Eliana Andersen Fund

Steve Platt and Robin Schaufler, Jeffrey Broadhurst (matching donation)

The Golden Book

Deenie and Rich Block

To: Jackie Northime

In loving memory of your mother, Josephine Scibilia. Wishing you comfort and strength

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Lauren and Andrew Forbes

To: Rabbi Linda

In gratitude to Rabbi Linda for her kindness and compassion

Marilyn and Mel Drukin

To: Lynn Cashell

In loving memory of Lynn Cashell's step-dad, Jerry Mauze

Barbara Kaplan

To: Suzanne Davis

In memory of your brother, John Davis

To: Kathy Andersen

In memory of Ruth Silberman, your mother

To: Andy Coleman

In memory of your father, Gilbert Coleman

Merle Fischer

To: Rabbi Linda

In memory of Mollye Fischer

Carol V. Cowan

To: Jackie Northime

In memory of your mother, Josephine Scibilia. May her memory be a blessing

Sending you blessings for healing:

Ed and Naomi Sav, Dottie Jenkins, Jane Laffend, Ken Laffend, Ron Romoff, Bob Stone, Andrew Kelly, Ken Kinman, Randee O'Donnell, Gav'riel Pitkapaasi

Condolences from the Congregation to:

Jackie Northime on the passing of her mother, Josephine Scibilia



Yahrzeit List - Shevat/Adar 5773 - February 2013



<i>Mourner Name</i>	<i>Deceased Name (formatted)</i>	<i>Yahrzeit Date</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>Hebrew Yahrzeit Date</i>
<i>Stone, Robert</i>	<i>Mae Kramer Jean Cohen</i>	<i>6-Feb-13</i>	<i>cousin</i>	<i>26 Shevat 5773</i>
<i>Schuldenfrei, Richard</i>	<i>Schuldenfrei</i>	<i>7-Feb-13</i>	<i>parent</i>	<i>27 Shevat 5773</i>
<i>Vilella-Velez, Frances</i>	<i>Frank Vilella</i>	<i>7-Feb-13</i>	<i>parent</i>	<i>27 Shevat 5773</i>
<i>Yudkin, Marjorie</i>	<i>Marisa Yudkin</i>	<i>7-Feb-13</i>	<i>sibling</i>	<i>27 Shevat 5773</i>
<i>Blechner, Laura Lee</i>	<i>George Blechner</i>	<i>7-Feb-13</i>	<i>grandparent</i>	<i>27 Shevat 5773</i>
<i>Zitin, Margo</i>	<i>Helen Rose Kaufman</i>	<i>7-Feb-13</i>	<i>parent</i>	<i>27 Shevat 5773</i>
<i>Feldman, Jerry</i>	<i>Nathaniel Feldman</i>	<i>10-Feb-13</i>	<i>child</i>	<i>30 Shevat 5773</i>
<i>Deutsch, Lois</i>	<i>Anne Schwalb</i>	<i>11-Feb-13</i>	<i>parent</i>	<i>1 Adar 5773</i>
<i>London, Randy</i>	<i>Philip London</i>	<i>13-Feb-13</i>	<i>sibling</i>	<i>3 Adar 5773</i>
<i>Tiffany, Randy</i>	<i>Carol Tiffany</i>	<i>15-Feb-13</i>	<i>parent</i>	<i>5 Adar 5773</i>
<i>Hamermesh, Lawrence</i>	<i>Madeline Hamermesh</i>	<i>16-Feb-13</i>	<i>parent</i>	<i>6 Adar 5773</i>
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