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### From the President

#### Barb Bookman

#### **The Wonders of Springtime**

Spring has sprung! We have woken up from the darkness of winter, shed our winter coats, and are enjoying longer days, sunnier skies, and the promise of renewal as the trees and flowers begin to bloom. I appreciate living in a place where we experience each of the seasons, but springtime truly fills me with joy.

Spring also signifies new life and new beginnings. This spring, our daughter will get married. Many of you have already experienced this transition. I'm sure you can recall the hustle and bustle of wedding plans and details. As the date approaches, I am feeling many different emotions, and a flood of memories of the many ways Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El touched our family.

I clearly remember my daughter's first day at our Early Childhood Center. My two-year-old anxiously bounded into Jen Shandelman's classroom with a big smile, a head full of curls, and a casual wave goodbye to me, her mother. She was proud and excited for her first day at school. That was the beginning of a lifetime of milestones my daughter and our family celebrated at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

The synagogue was integral to each step of her Jewish journey -- including Religious School, Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, Shabbat and holidays. Just last month we celebrated our daughter and future son in law's Auf Ruf. They were

called to the Torah with an Aliyah, followed by singing and dancing under our synagogue's beautiful, oversized tallit. Our family was blessed to celebrate this sacred moment with the entire congregation.

It is said, "May G-d shine his light always on your path and bless you with Torah, chuppah and ma'asim tovim (good deeds)." We have been blessed as a family to be a part of

our wonderful Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El community. As we watch the flowers bud, the trees grow greener, and the sun shine brighter, my hope is that each of you experiences the joys of springtime and the promise of magnificent days ahead.







### From the Rabbi's Study

### Rabbi Neil S. Cooper

#### Keys for a Successful Retirement: Perseverance, Patience and Grandchildren

In the silence of the night and in the bustle of the day, probing and anxiety-producing questions regarding the future have started to invade my thoughts. As I contemplate my retirement, the future is harder to imagine than ever before. As a pulpit rabbi for the past forty years, as your rabbi for thirty-one of those years, planning for the future has been a significant aspect of my work. Of course, I am not claiming the insights of our Prophets. Yet, in a general sort of way, I have tried to plan for each year, building on the previous year, enlightened by past experiences and informed by survey and polls which are intended to do the work of prophecy for us. But the future into which I now peer is different, untested, and unknown. The future into which I look is now my own.

Each morning, our prayers pose their own probing questions: Mah anu? Meh Chayeinu? / Who am I now? What does my life mean? Although the questions are not new, I read them today more personally and realize that, as my life changes, new answers must be formulated. The community is no longer the focus of my ruminations. The answers to these questions are now for me alone. The questions are the same, but as I contemplate retirement, I realize that I must change.

My retirement, representing a monumental, now imminent change, arrives at midnight, June

30. The next day, when I ask, "Who am I today? What is my purpose today? What shall I do today?" the answers will be quite different than in the past. Yet, as I consider, cogitate, and perseverate over these questions, that which is before me seems opaque. The changes I anticipate next month will cast me into the great unknown. What will July 1 look like from my new perch? How will I structure my time? How will I answer those existential questions? Approaching my retirement, I share some of my preliminary thoughts.

To start with, on July 1, assuming the weather permits, and my current back and leg pains no longer constrain me, I'll be outside working in my garden. Truth be told, I am not such gifted gardener. I seem to excel in digging more than planting, clearing weeds, and maintaining the status quo more than creating new landscaping schemes, but I find my time in the garden therapeutic. It gives me time to think and, ironically, that is something I have not always had time for. Dirt and mulch demand nothing. They require no special sensitivity or political perspective. Dirt and mulch allow me to ponder and posit for hours, unfettered and uninterrupted.

What I lack in creative and artistic talent, I make up in patience, perseverance, and dogged determination. That goes for gardening. It is also the case for a different hobby, woodworking. Woodworking provides many of the same pleasures of gardening. Of course, attention needs to be paid to the "tools of the trade" lest,

lost in thought, one can quickly and painfully



cause serious damage to any appendage in proximity to twirling blades. Yet working for hours on a piece of wood creates a useable item. A finished product provides its own special sort of satisfaction, along with the realization of the beauty inherent in the natural world if one takes the time to uncover it. All it takes is patience and perseverance.

Toward the end of August, Lori and I will be making Aliya. We intend to spend half of the year in Israel, half in Wynnewood. I have always been a supporter of Israel, but within me dwells a nagging sense of regret over not being more formally connected to Israel. Knowing Israel's story is important but being a part of the story is both a mitzvah and the fulfillment of a lifelong dream. We hope that our time in Israel will enable us to be a part of the history of the Jewish State. There is much about Israel that I love. Yet there are other things which are, and rightfully so, scrutinized, and even criticized. However, pointing out the problems from afar has its limits. If one wants to affect change, one must be present, ready to help and willing to endure the consequences of those decisions.

As we enjoy the proximity of our Israeli children and grandchildren, we shall live in a beautiful new setting of a calm and quiet community in the Lower Galilee called Hoshaya, down the block from my daughter, Tamar, and her

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# WE INVITE THE CONGREGATION TO THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022**

5:30 PM PRE-SHABBAT L'CHAYIM
6:00 PM MUSICAL KABBALAT SHABBAT

**6:30 PM** MA'ARIV SERVICE (SPECIAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES OFFERED)

**7:15 PM** – DINNER

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

9:30 AM CELEBRATORY SHABBAT SERVICES BEGIN
11:00 AM YOUTH SERVICES
12:15 PM FESTIVE KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022**

5:30 PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION6:00 PM DINNER7:00 PM TRIBUTE TO RABBI AND LORI7:45 PM DESSERT AND DANCING

#### WWW.TBHBE.ORG/EVENT/COOPERCELEBRATION

**COVID NOTICE:** WE WILL MAKE ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE OUTSIDE SEATING FOR DINING WHENEVER POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND.

family. There, I hope to improve my Hebrew speaking abilities, take advantage of the many local opportunities for study, and return to the texts which drew me into the world of Torah so many decades ago. Lori will continue to direct the Mikveh, from Wynnewood or from afar. Hoshaya offers an array of workshops and other interest groups which Lori will, I am certain, utilize for her artistic and creative inclinations. In our new setting, Lori and I hope to recapture some of the time together consumed by my previous professional obligations!

Finally, I share with you a verse from the Book of Proverbs, (17:6) reminding us of something which has become obvious over the last twelve years: Grandchildren are the "glory of their elders." We have six grandchildren in Israel. Fortunately, we have a granddaughter, Charlie, in Bryn Mawr. As we spend more time with her as she grows, I fully expect her to provide us with a grand amount of grandparent-joy

during our months in the US. Each grandchild is a blessing. Each one special in his/her own way. It is part of our larger plan to enjoy the "glory of elders", watching our grandchildren and basking in the blessings of our life.

The changes in our lives created by retirement and by our partial relocation to Israel will be challenging and, at times, difficult. How we shall spend our days, after the gardening is done and the woodworking tools have been put away, remains a mystery. For now, today, Lori and I view these changes as opportunities. But if gardening or woodworking can serve as metaphors, we are confident that our shortcomings and challenges will be overcome by our determination, perseverance, and patience. That (plus the grandchildren, we believe) will serve us well into the future.

### **Shabbat Highlights**



#### B'nei Mitzvah Students

Avital Uram on May 1 Jess Schlossberg on May 7 Noa Vetter on May 14 Micah Freedman on May 21 Ksenia Volovnik on May 28 Ethan Hoffman on June 4

#### **Havurah Services**

Saturday, May 7 at 9:30 AM Saturday May 21 at 9:30 AM Saturday, June 4 at 9:30 AM

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#### **Adult Education**

#### Parsha Hashavua (weekly Torah portion) with Jonathon Adler | Mondays | 8:30 AM

Join our Rabbinic Intern for a discussion of this week's parashah over zoom. May 8 is the last session until next year.

#### Exploring Jewish Texts with Adena Potok | Tuesdays | 9:30 AM

A Zoom class with discussion led by Adena based on a text section or member request.

#### Coffee & Chat with Lori | Fridays | 9:00 AM

Join Lori Cooper over Zoom as we reflect on the week past and the week to come with friends and the TBH-BE family. This is an informal get-together ending with a word of Torah or a song.

#### Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh | Monday, May 2 | 7:00 PM

"Telling Names in 'Tamar:' A Tale of Disappointment, Deception and Deliverance | Facilitated by Susan Schmidt

#### Judaism and Other Religions | Tuesdays, May 10, 17, 24 | 8:00 PM

Come learn from Saul Wachs on Judaism and other religions. Explore how Judaism has regarded other religions throughout history from exclusivist perspectives to universalist ideas and those in between.

## Sisterhood Bookclub | Wednesday, May 11 | 1:00 PM

Beyond the Ghetto Gates by Michelle Cameron | Facilitated by Susan Schmidt

#### Pirkei Avot with Mindy Oppenheimer | Thursdays, May 12, 19, 26 and June 2 | 7:45 PM

Community Ma'ariv followed by the study of Pirkei Avot (Sayings of our Fathers), customarily studied between Pesach and Shavuot.

### Book Club: In Memory of John Rothschild (z"l)

Sunday, May 22 | 10:00 AM *A Bird's-Eye View* Welcoming Paul Domowitch, long time Eagles' sports journalist followed by brunch.

#### Returning to Life After the Storm Saturday, May 14 | 1:00 PM

A conversation between Rabbi Cooper and Rabbi Abraham Skorka about his most recent work.

### Youth Programs

#### Cookie Minyan & Tot Shabbat Saturdays | 11:00 AM

Cookie Minyan is for 1st grade and older. Tot Shabbat is for Kindergarten and younger.

#### Cub Scouts Sunday, May 15 | 12:30 PM

Making Rockets to launch on Lag B'Omer

### 10th Grade Confirmation Class with Rabbi Cooper

Tuesdays, May 17, 24, 6:30pm

### **Community Programs**

#### Yom Haatzma'ut Celebration Wednesday, May 4 | 6:00 PM

Come join us for the 74th birthday of the State of Israel. We will all participate in a small ceremony for Yom Hazikaron followed by a celebration of Yom Haatzma'ut.

Blue and White encouraged.

\$18 entry fee per family

RSVP Required

#### Lag B'Omer Celebration Wednesday, May 18 | 5:30 PM

\$18 entry fee per family Signature Drinks, Bonfires, BBQ, Rope Burning, Archery, Dancing with Rak Dan, and more RSVP Required

#### Response to Hunger | Monday, May 16 | 3:00 PM | Kitchen

Cook for a Friend | Tuesday, May 17 | Kitchen

### Challah Bake | Sunday | May 22 | 12:30 - 3:00 PM

A new monthly initiative at TBH-BE. Come help us bake or braid challot for others or for your own table. There will be pre-baked, frozen, and bake-at-home options if you want to just take. Please RSVP to Hallie Chandler if you'd like to help bake or want to help keep the challah rising by sponsoring a baking session for \$50.

### From the Director of the Religious School

### Lisa Richman

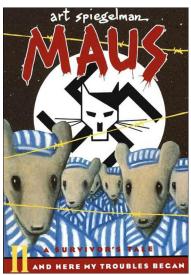
Bagels and Big Ideas is our seventh grade program on Sunday mornings. The 'Big Ideas' are suggested by anyone and usually come from current events.

A few months ago, you may recall that the book Maus had been eliminated from Tennessee's school curriculum for reasons deemed unacceptable by all of us, including our seventh graders. People around the world quickly placed orders for Maus. Why? Because we recognize our obligation to learn, to teach and to remember. Thanks to a generous anonymous benefactor, we placed an order so that each one of our seventh graders, this year and next, will receive the two volume set.



Our seventh graders, along with many sixth graders and our Better Together senior participants participated in The Memory Project. The mission of The Memory Project is to promote social justice through art and remembrance. They recognized that as descendants of Holocaust survivors, they have a particular responsibility to fight

antisemitism and bigotry and promote understanding. The Memory Project is a platform for investigating the past, connecting it with the present and sharing what we learn across generations and cultures.



Several months ago, our seventh graders joined other Kehillat Lower Merion teens for a visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Our TBH-BE students walked away with increased knowledge and a profound sense of responsibility. One of our students, Noa Vetter, connected her Mitzvah project to the Holocaust, a direct result of the museum visit.

Our seventh graders are thoughtful, caring individuals who are on the brink of beginning the next chapter in their Jewish education. They have been gathering the tools necessary to make sure books about the Shoah are not banned and to advocate for





democracy. They are the ones who will continue to learn, to teach and to remember.

As it is written in the Shacharit service,

''להבין ולהשכיל לשמוע, ללמוד וללמד, לשמור ולעשות ולקיים את כל דברי תלמוד תורתך באהבה''.

I am confident they "...will understand, to be intellectually creative, to listen, to learn and to teach, to preserve and to practice and to fulfill all the words of instruction in Your Torah with love."

# Please save the dates:

Friday, May 6: 6th Grade/Vav Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, June 3: 7th Grade/Zayin Shabbat Service and Dinner:

Sunday, June 12: Last Day of Religious School



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### From the President of the Men's Club

Baseball is back. There will be a full season.

So what does having a good batting average mean, I ask metaphorically? How is it measured? Perhaps just the attempt to swing makes one above average. Does it really matter if one hits a single or a home run? It's the act of doing and being in motion that seems to matter most.

What really (pitch) counts? Is it just being present at an event for no purpose other than to spend some time with our community? Is it getting involved, in what ever way you can, to help support our Men's Club efforts as well as our synagogue and non-synagogue community?

Enough of my "deep" meanderings. My goal is to keep you interested in Men's Club, and it is definitely not my intent to strike out.

Men's Club has been continuing to swing the bat. Our evening spent with Rabbi Cooper over dinner and drinks was time well spent. It was nice of us to pay tribute to Rabbi Cooper for his long standing (and hopefully continuing) involvement with Men's Club. It was also clear that our Men's Club community enjoys being in the company of one another. We also honored Gary Friedman, as this year's recipient of the Silver Circle Award, named in blessed memory of Alan Fink.

Upcoming events -

May 22 – in memory of John Rothschild (z"/), who was both a passionate Eagles fan and an avid

reader, we are co-sponsoring along with Book Club, a discussion of *A Bird's-Eye View* followed by brunch. Paul Domowitch, who is one of the books co-authors and a longtime Phila sports journalist, will be discussing, the book that he co-authored with Leo Carlin, a mainstay with the Eagles The book is a quick read and can be purchased at Narberth Books.

A trip to a Phillies game is also being planned.

Both of our Men's Club softball teams will again be a part of the Sunday morning softball league, Team Remington, the defending league champion and Team Lancaster.

We continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month, hopefully soon to be again, in person. This is an opportunity to get involved, bring new ideas and get updated as to what is being planned. Without me being a broken record (as compared to being a broken bat) (do most even know what a broken record is?), I am stepping down as "Co-President" at the end of June. Hoping for someone(s) to come to bat to take an active role in leadership.





Save the Dates:

Men's Club Meeting Tuesday. May 3, 8:00 PM

Watch the Phillies after the Lag B'Omer BBQ on the synagogue lawn Wednesday, May 18

> A Bird's Eye View in memory of John Rothschild Sunday, May 22, 10:00 AM

Phillies vs the Braves Monday, July 25 7:00 PM

\$25

### From the President of the Sisterhood

### Debbie Greenberg

As we finally approach some beautiful spring weather, I am thrilled that we get to start seeing our Sisterhood family. When I think of Spring, I think of Passover, since one of the four names of Passover is Chag Ha'aviv (the holiday of Spring). The linking of a month and springtime is unusual because Jewish months are linked to the moon while seasons are linked to the sun. Why is it critical that the month of Nisan - and Pesach - always be in the spring? The phenomena of blossoming reveals something deep.

Springtime is when nature once again blossoms. In spring, the dormant potential hidden beneath the ground and on bare branches blooms spectacularly for all to see. Life once again pushes it's way to the surface and sprouts forth. Trees and flowers and vegetation blossom. Greenery and color are everywhere, and the birds return. We begin to venture outdoors, stepping away from the confines of our homes and our jobs, and finding ways to begin rejuvenation.



I feel that same rejuvenation within Sisterhood. VPs of Programming Amy Botel and Anita Dorf spearheaded an extraordinary event Our gift shop holiday hours were a

on April 26th - going back to camp for us adults! Celebrating our youth while raising funds for a Jewish Camp that supports campers in need. Sisterhood engaged in a fun night while performing a mitzvah.

May 23rd will be our annual Sisterhood Closing Dinner. This will support all of the kitchen renovations being undertaken by Sisterhood. I have been working behind the scenes with the support of many of our kitchen users, cook for a friend, our Kiddush volunteers, caterers and more to get our kitchen redone. Our closing dinner theme will include a kitchen wish list and recipe swap. Renovations are on the horizon. I am thankful, honored and thrilled to be able to stay on for another year as Sisterhood president and continue to bring my efforts for a new kitchen to fruition.

We are planning another wonderful year ahead. We know that these past two years have been significantly different, but we look forward to your support, interest, ideas and offers to volunteer. While we have ongoing programming like book club, yoga, and Rosh Hodesh, we would love your input of fresh ideas. What do YOU want to participate in and attend? Please reach out and share your thoughts with me. Dgreenberg@tbhbe.org

Please remember to join the Sisterhood Facebook page to keep up to date on happenings in our Sisterhood community. https://www.facebook.com/ groups/687375861941873

success. Many of you shopped,



In the meantime, save the date, May 23rd. Please join us for closing dinner, and to support our kitchen renovations. We can only bloom and blossom together.

> Save the Date Sisterhood Closing Dinner

Monday, May 23 7:00 PM

### From the ECC Director

#### Judith Mont Scarani

The month of May is a very busy one here in the ECC! It begins with teacher appreciation week and a luncheon provided by our H.S.A. We are so grateful to our families for recognizing the hard work of our teaching staff!

During the first week of May, we also celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, on May 5th. Our children will be learning about Israel while visiting a variety of 'stations' that include writing prayers at the Kotel, the Wailing Wall, an Army obstacle course, planting flowers in the "Bahai Gardens", reading stories about Israel, a school-wide art project and more! As the homeland to the Jewish people, Israel is a big part of synagogue playground. Please our curriculum all year with culminating activities that highlight this important celebration.



On May 13<sup>th</sup> the ECC will hold its first 'live' family Kabbalat Service since COVID began. This is our annual event to honor our teaching staff as a whole and those who have been with the ECC for specific milestones. It is also the last service we will hold with Rabbi Cooper before his retirement. We will be providing dairy snacks before this child friendly service led by myself, Rabbi Cooper and

our Pre-K and kindergarten classes. We do hope to see you there!

On Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> we will also hold our first ever bicycle/tricycle extravaganza! We are calling it a Trike-A-Thon! From 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm children up to age 6 are invited to "ride our course" with their bikes from home in the synagogue parking lot! We will also have a "license plate" making station, "car wash", "body shop", and a "gas station" where families can fuel up on hotdogs and lemonade. Please be sure to sign up for what should be a great deal of fun! This event is being held to raise funds for the upkeep and purchase of new equipment for our visit https://www.tbhbe.org/form/ Trike-A-Thon to sponsor your favorite rider, or to simply make a donation, and help us reach our fundraising goals. We hope to see you there!

#### Calendar:



May 5 – Yom Haatzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day. Please have vour children dress in blue and white.

May 13 – Annual Kabbalat Shabbat in honor of the ECC teaching staff. Late Care ends at 5:00 PM. Our Pre-K and kindergarten students will help lead the service. Please join us for some child friendly snacks beginning at 5:30 PM on the front porch and our service will begin at 6:00 PM.

May 30 – School Closed for Memorial Day

June 9 – the last day of school and Kindergarten graduation-Late Care dismissal at 3:30 pm through the carpool line.



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**Rabbi Neil and Lori Cooper Israel Advocacy Fund:** To support programming to increase understanding and support of Israel

**Kiddush Fund:** To support and enhance our Shabbat and holiday Kiddush lunches.

The Sydney & Esther Lazarus Memorial Fund for the Study of Jewish

Ethics: For middle school student programs relating to Jewish ethical behavior

L'Chaim Fund: To support L'Chaim, our empty-nesters group

Men's Club Fund: To support the Men's Club

Joey Fischer & Marlene Fischer Perry Meditation Garden Fund: For perpetual maintenance of Garden and Pond areas

Prayer Book Fund: To purchase and repair Prayerbooks, Torah scrolls, Megilot, etc

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: For special use as desginated by the Rabbi

Rabbi Marshall J. Maltzman Ramah Scholarship Fund: To provide scholarships

for members' children to attend Camp Ramah

Religious School Fund: For special expenses in our Religious School

**Religious School Education Endowment Fund:** To provide scholarships for TBH–BE religious school and Hebrew High students.

**Response to Hunger Fund:** To support the Response to Hunger Food Initiative

Ruth N. Maltzman Memorial Fund: To support Jewish institutions and cultural

programs that strengthen Jewish identity

**Security Fund:** To support our security efforts.

Sisterhood Fund: To support sisterhood programs & projects

Youth Fund: For Youth Department programs and scholarships

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# News from our Synagogue Family

#### Mazel Tov To

Daniel and Eileen Watts Siegel on the marriage of their son, Douglas Siegel to Abby Perlin.

Neil Godick on the engagement of his son, Joshua Godick to Rebecca Aronson.

Robert and Morgan Dignazio on the birth of their son, Asher Mario Dignazio.

Pam and Harry Randel on the birth of their grandson, Avi West Marbury.

Sharon and Juan Grunwald on the birth of their granddaughter, Eve Judith Gelles.

Jean and Lewis Rothstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Myna Cecelia Hedstrom Rothstein.

#### Our Condolences To

The Maltzman Family on the death of Amy Maltzman (z"l), long-time congregant and wife of Rabbi Marshall Maltzman (z"l).

Jay Shoemaker on the death of Ruth Galpern (z"l), beloved mother of Janet Shoemaker (z"l).

Ann Altus on the death of her husband, Jerry Altus (z"1).

Yael Gillman on the death of her father, Frederick Hirsch (z"l).

### Meet our Board Members

#### Name: David Winigrad

Born (place): Camden, NJ Hometown: Cherry Hill, NJ

College: Carnegie-Mellon University Spouse/Significant Other: Maureen

Winigrad

Children: Zoe (25), Seth (20) Hobbies: Golf, skiing, dining out Pets: Gracie (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel)

Profession/job: Consultant, Mixed-

media Artist

**Name: Melanie Wolfson** 

**Born (place)**: Elkins Park, PA Hometown: Dresher, PA **College:** Brandeis University

Post Grad: Temple University Medical school; Pennsylvania HospitalOB/GYN residency

Spouse/Significant Other: Michael Wolfson

Children: Sydney- 13; William- 7 Hobbies: Skiing, Tennis, Hiking, Swimming, Reading and Traveling **Pets**: We have a cat- Finlay

**Profession/job**: Physician

I was born and raised in the Philadelphia area. I attended Akiba Hebrew Academy for high school. When I moved to this area with my family in 2010, I joined Temple Beth Hillel, and sent both of my children through the ECC and onto Religious school. I have been practicing OB/GYN for 15 years at Paoli Hospital.

Name: Robin Oriel

Born (place): Miami, Fla Hometown: Miami Fla College: Univ of Fla

Spouse/Significant Other: David Oriel

Children: Jared 27, Alexis 25

Hobbies: Biking, tennis, beach lover and Vendor Art Show and Theater

attendee.

Pets: Kittens Frankie and Remy Profession/job: Marketing/Sales, Democratic Committee Person and Israel Advocate

Once married, moved often for husband's career so became a full-time mother and volunteer. Past TBH-BE Sisterhood President.

### From the Havurah

The Havurah will honor longtime member, Esther Stern-Bloom, at a Kiddush luncheon on Monday, June 6, after Shavuot services.

Esther will be honored for her ongoing services as chair of the Havurah Hesed Committee, a group of twelve members and her many years of service to TBH- BE as well as her 80th birthday.

Havurah Hesed caters to the needs of the ill, bereaved and new parents by providing shiva arrangements, meals, rides to doctor's appointments, food shopping and other errands.

Esther has a long history of service to Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El having served as co-chair of the Torathon for approximately six years. As co-chair of the Adult Education Committee in the 90's, she invited many speakers to the synagogue as Scholar's -in-Residence and others who led informed and stimulating lectures and discussions at Shabbat Kiddush Luncheons as well as leading a trip to JTS with Rabbi Cooper and members of our synagogue and other area Conservative synagogues. Esther hopes to plan another trip to JTS in light of the new facilities and campus as well as a visit to its worldrenowned Rare Book Room. With Sharon Liebhaber and the members of Havurah Hesed, Esther co-chaired a day long event on ageing where classes and discussion on ageing were led by qualified synagogue members.

Beyond the synagogue, Esther has been involved with the Jewish residents of the former Brith Sholom where once a month she led Friday evening services and delivered a d'var Torah with discussion following.

Before Covid, Esther and members of Havurah Hesed were creating a project to interview and record the memories of the elderly Jewish residents there.



Esther's work with the elderly also continued at Martins Run (now Wesley Living) where she taught both Hebrew and French for approximately seven years.

Here at TBH-BE, Esther has been leading maariv services once a month

Esther is a proud graduate of Columbia University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in French and the Teachers Institute (now List College) of the Jewish Theological Seminary where she earned her

Bachelor of Religious Education with a major in Bible. Her love for Hebrew

and French led to a career in teaching. Esther taught French in the Scarsdale Public School system for fourteen years and when arriving in Philadelphia she taught French at St. Joseph's University for several years. While raising two sons, Chaim and Nathan, she filled in as year long substitute for a French teacher-on- leave at Friends Central and as a year long substitute French and Hebrew teacher-on-leave at French and Hebrew at Central High School and Akiba Hebrew Academy. She also taught Bible classes at the Har Zion Temple Hebrew School on Sundays.

Esther holds a Ph.D. in French Literature from the City University of New York. She is married to Benjamin Bloom and has three grandchildren.

Mazal Tov and Happy Birthday, Esther!





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