

B'nai B'rith Educators
Unit #5290
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Message from the President

I am pleased to report that the 51st Annual Awards of Excellence was a success. Our honorees were humbled by their recognition. Those in attendance had a wonderful time-sharing good food and conversation and dancing up a storm. Again, I am thanking the Executive Board and members of the Board of Trustees for all their hard work that resulted in making this affair a success.

I am very disheartened (like so many of you) at the current trend of anti-Semitism that has been so prevalent in our society. This year alone we have witnessed a College Professor from Temple University speak out publicly against Israel and Jews and two separate shootings at synagogues. Thinking it could never happen here is a falsehood. Most recently, an article and You Tube movie was posted demonstrating how a school in Philadelphia is teaching young students how to celebrate hate against Israel and the Jewish population. Although I am sure it was not a public school in Philadelphia, it was still a school in our hometown. I need not explain how that translates into the general population. It is frightening to watch the rise of anti-Semitism spread within our country. Recently, Louis Farrakhan was invited as a guest speaker at the Saint Sabrina Catholic Church in Chicago. Not only did he retaliate against being banned from Facebook and Instagram, (for making hateful and anti-Semitic remarks), he also stated he was here to, “separate the good Jews from the Satanic Jews.” Saint Sabrina live-streamed the speech on their website and their Facebook page. Personally, I am extremely concerned about the politics of the Catholic Church after their acceptance and promotion of Mr. Farrakhan’s speech. If this trend continues, I personally fear what the result will eventually be. The absolute rise of anti-Semitism and violence against our religion is unacceptable and should not be tolerated by anyone.

With that being said, it still baffles me at how many members we have, but how few participate. Recruiting new members is most difficult. We need to move forward as a unit, enhance our membership, and work as a single unit against potential anti-Semitism. The old saying there is power in numbers is so true that is why I am asking everyone to participate and bring in new members. Again, we are only as strong as we stand together as one.

Sincerely,

Judith Gerben Lundy

Judith Gerben Lundy, President

PROJECT H.O.P.E.

by Barry Drossner



On April 14 more than 400 community members came together at Temple Sinai in Dresher, PA to pack and distribute Passover food packages to poor and elderly Jews. This translates to over 600 cases of food that were packed and delivered. For recipients living alone, these food deliveries also provided a welcome bit of company. This sometimes can be as important as the food itself. More than 700 families received 1400+ bags of Passover food. Thank you to Educators' Unit members who participated and/or contributed in order to pay for the food. **You can still contribute. Please consider sending your tax deductible contribution to:** Project H.O.P.E. c/o Samuel Domskey, 3213 Burn Brae Drive, Dresher, PA 19025.



Save the Date
Project H.O.P.E 2020
April 20

Good & Welfare

Our deepest condolences are extended to *Alan Horwitz and to the entire Horwitz family* upon the passing of *Dr. Ruth Horwitz on April 21, 2019*. Dr. Ruth, as she was fondly called, was a charter member of Educator's Unit and was president of B'nai B'rith Women when it merged with B'nai B'rith Lodge to form Educators Unit. Dr. Ruth spent 45 years as an educator and administrator with the School District of Philadelphia, retiring in 2002. She also spent almost 25 years as an attorney specializing in elder law, wills, power of attorney and estates. She will be sadly missed, but warmly remembered.

Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to *Danny Sperling*, son of Board of Trustee Member *Larry Sperling*.

Safe travels to *Alice and Sammy Heller* as they embark on a trip to Spain.