



B'nai B'rith Educators

November, 2008

Message from the President

Dear B'nai B'rith Member,

It's my pleasure to write to you as the newly installed President of B'nai B'rith Educators Unit. Writing for the entire unit, I thank Betty Klear and the outgoing board for their strong commitment and efforts on behalf of B'nai B'rith Educators Unit.

For many years, I considered myself just a "dues paying member"; occasionally attending events, and getting to know some of my fellow members. I was drawn into the fabric of this organization by caring and dedicated people from whom I benefited both personally and professionally. I invite you to become more than a "dues paying member". We need your presence and your ideas. Please let us know about activities you would like to engage in and how we can bring you beyond "just dues paying" status!

In recent years, organizations like ours have lost the strength of membership. Young people are typically reluctant joiners. But we need the energy of our young professionals to keep our work and our promises viable. Our Jewish traditions instill in us the principle of "tikkun olam", the obligation to repair the world. Our work in B'nai B'rith has long addressed quality of life issues by fighting anti-Semitism and responding to communities in crisis. We've known B'nai B'rith to provide Hillel programs on college campuses and to seed the Anti-Defamation League that continues to stand up to all who face intolerance.

I hope you will join us for the various events we've planned for this year. Our new board members were sworn in to their leadership roles at the November 6th Installation Ceremony at Keneseth Israel Synagogue which was beautifully coordinated by Debra Drossner and Lorrie Craley. I thank them for their work and dedication to the evening's success. I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Awards Brunch supporting Youth programs at Philmont County Club on December 7th.

I need your help. Let's do all we can to keep the B'nai B'rith message alive!

Best Wishes,

Essie Cherkin

Good and Welfare

CONGRATULATIONS to Janet and Harris Lewin on the birth of a beautiful new grandson Marc Leonard born on June 21st. The proud parents are Melanie and Adam Lewin.

MAZEL TOV to Ruth and Alan Horwitz on their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and to Essie and Bob Cherkin on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

BEST WISHES to Walt and Ann Spector on the engagement of their daughter Caralyn to Allen Kalman.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ann and Bob Tuteur on the recent marriage of their daughter, Melissa to Stephen Blatstein.

GET WELL WISHES to Ruth Horwitz as she recovers from surgery.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Faye Benshetler on the loss of her father-in-law, Charles Benshetler.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the new
Executive Board
2008-2009

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| President: | Essie Cherkin |
| Vice Presidents | Debra Drossner Cheryl Glaser Linda Grobman Karen Kolsky Caren Trantas |

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| Corresponding Secretary: | Stefanie Ressler |
| Recording Secretary: | Zena Sacks |
| Treasurer: | Alice Heller |
| Chaplain: | Don Wittenberg |
| Counselor: | Betty Klear |

We extend our thanks to Henry Gross for his diligence as our past- treasurer.

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Upcoming Events

December 7, 2008
Youth Appeal Brunch at
Philmont Country Club
9:30 a.m.
Honoring
Eileen Maicon Weissman
and
Edward Koch

January 25, 2009 11AM
Paid Up Membership
Brunch
Chart House

March 20, 2009
Shabbat
Kabbalat Service
Shir Ami, Newtown, PA

May 7, 2009
Awards Dinner @
Philmont Country Club

Please add these
events to your
calendar.

Look for more information
in future mailings.

We hope to see you
on December 7th for
a delicious brunch!

Do you have a change of email or mailing address?

Please update as needed. We will continue sending information by mail.

Correspondence can be sent to

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**COMMEMORATE
AN EVENT**

**Send a card or
contribute to:**

**LEONARD R.
SUSSMAN
Scholarship Fund**
Supports youth
leadership training
Amount of your choice
Contact Barbara Porges
215-663-0245

**CIRCLE OF LOVE
Certificate**
Amount minimum \$10
Lovely certificate
supports youth services
Contact Betty Klear
856-795-6941

**THOMAS S.
JACOBY
Scholarship Fund**
Supports scholar
athletes.-
Amount of your choice
Contact Karen Kolsky
215-816-5535

**DR. ALAN BARSON
Youth Leadership
Fund-**
Amount of your choice
Contact Karen Kolsky
215-816-5535

**JOE GOLDSTEIN
FUND**
This fund purchases
books for Temple Hillel.
Amount of your choice
Contact ...Chuck Connor
215-757-1424

It's Showtime!!



Our theatre event to see *Wicked* was most enjoyable. Once again, we will be planning an afternoon or evening to the Theatre. We are thinking about a Broadway Trip to New York perhaps in Spring or Summer 2009. We welcome your suggestions, recommendations...feedback. Please contact Karen Kolsky, <mailto:jk236@aol.com> with your thoughts.

WANTED

The Executive Board needs members to help:

- **Archivists** : to organize artifacts from years of our events.
- **Artists**: to create new cards to commemorate important life cycle events.

Please let Essie Cherkin know if you're interested in helping.
Email: echerkin@verizon.net or 215 364 1684



**Federation Scholarships for
Study in Israel**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia offers two scholarships for study in Israel. The Israel Programs Scholarship aid fund is for residents of the Philadelphia area, including high school and college age youth, young adults, and adults participating in educational and volunteer programs. The Morton Stein Scholarship Fund for Orthodox Yeshivot is for financially needy residents of the greater Philadelphia area, including high school and college age youth, young adults, and teachers in Jewish settings, to attend study programs in orthodox Yeshivot in Israel.

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**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY**

The Museum's mission is to explore and celebrate the history of Jews in America and to inspire people of all backgrounds to a greater appreciation of the diversity of the American experience and the freedoms we are so privileged to enjoy.

We are located on the sacred ground of Independence Mall in the heart of the most historic square mile in America. Also located on our site is the statue, Religious Liberty, commissioned by B'nai B'rith in 1876 and dedicated to "the people of the United States" as an expression of support for the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom. The Museum shares its current location with historic

Congregation Mikveh Israel, established in 1740 and called the synagogue of the American Revolution. Jewish etc, the Museum blog, is now up-and-running. Visit for updates on the new Museum now being planned for Independence Mall and other topics of Jewish interest.

<http://www.nmajh.org>

**2008-2009 Feature Selection
My Father's Paradise by
Ariel Sabar**