

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

Happy New Year and welcome back to another great year with B'nai B'rith Educators. It has come to the Executive Board's attention, that our membership is changing, and we need to focus on present members, as well as the continued drive for new members. It is extremely important that we continue to consider the physical and religious configuration of local school districts. As much as an attempt to secure new members is a priority, it has become difficult and extremely frustrating. Personally, I have seen two educational organizations fold over the last few years. With that being said, we need to focus on our current members and keeping the Unit Current and Active. It is extremely important that members pay their dues and continue to attend events.

This year our Executive Board has been working diligently to develop and implement new and exciting events for our chapter. On November 10, 2019 there is a bus trip to New York City to see, "To Kill A Mockingbird" on Broadway – There are still a few tickets left and if you are interested please call me at 215 – 805 – 3284.

We have also organized a Holiday Party on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at TGIF Fridays on City Line Avenue. This is the perfect opportunity for all our members to come and share holiday cheer and catch up with old friends. A flyer with more information will be forthcoming soon.

*And a change.....* instead of an Awards of Excellence Dinner we will be hosting an Awards of Excellence Brunch on Sunday March 22, 2020 at the Bala Country Club. Please save the date! As always, we will be honoring colleagues within the Philadelphia region. This year we will be presenting – the Dr. Alan H. Barson Service to the Profession Award, Service to the Jewish Community Award, and our Humanitarian Award. Feel free to submit nominees to me at [Jude3600@aol.com](mailto:Jude3600@aol.com) by November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please include the name, award for consideration, and a brief summary of achievements/accomplishments. Information on our annual ad book, will follow soon.

And in the spring, we are hoping to do a Trolley Car Tour and possible lunch afterward.

All these events are designed to encourage participation from members. It is up to us, the members, to participate and keep our unit active.

As many of you are aware, longtime friend and member Larry Sperling has stage 4 kidney disease. Recently, he contacted Renewal – an organization that assists in finding kidney donors. They are hosting an information session on Sunday November 10, 2019 at Congregation Keneseth Israel, and I am encouraging folks to attend and support Larry. A flyer is attached to this newsletter with more information.

It is with an extremely heavy heart that I report longtime member and Chapter Chaplin, Don Wittenberg has resigned from our Executive Board. I am sure I speak for all of us, wishing him a happy retirement. His contributions to our chapter are numerous and his presence at meetings will be greatly missed. I want to take a minute out and thank Don for all his years of service and assistance to the Executive Board and Chapter.

*Good and Welfare*

Get Well Wishes to Barry Drossner and hopefully to a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to our own Kim Newman who will be honored by the Schoolmen's Club of Philadelphia with the President's Award. The dinner is on Thursday December 5, 2019 at the Penn's Landing Caterers. Anyone interested in attending and celebrating Kim's honor, please contact me for more information.

A huge thank you to Faye Benshetler for the outstanding work on our annual L'SHANAH TOVAH book. As always, it was a huge success.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that articles or notices for our newsletter are due by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month to be included for the following month.

Sincerely,

*Judith Gerben Lundy*

President

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