

B'nai B'rith Educators
Unit #5290
WINTER NEWSLETTER 2020



Message from the President

Welcome to a New Decade – It's 2020 – hopefully it will be filled with joy and happiness for all of us.

It would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz on Monday January 27th, 2020. Such a dark time in history that should never be forgotten. In a recent article from the Associated Press, they covered a story about the oldest living survivor – who is now 102 years old. The account of their experience was so clear and concise, it was truly horrifying. Kudos to Don Wittenberg for all his never-ending work with the Holocaust Museum.

On a much lighter note.....

The Awards of Excellence Brunch is on Sunday April 5th, 2020 at the Bala Country Club. A huge thank you is sent to the Executive Board and Trustees for selecting an amazing group of honorees.

This year's recipients of the *Dr. Alan H. Barson Service to the Profession Award* include:

Michael Berstein – a tenured teacher at Southwark Elementary School. Teaching is a second career, and Mr. Berstein instructs expressive arts in technology, including Artificial Intelligence.

Gloria Chernyakhovsky – is a long-time faculty member of Baldi Middle School. She is known as the “go to” person at school, and has strong ties supporting the children within the Jewish Community.

Michael Tauber – is the Assistant Principal at the Anne Frank Elementary School. His many contributions to the education and social development of the students at the school is remarkable.

Chris Lehmann – is the Principal and CEO of the Philadelphia Science Leadership Academies. He not only founded the first SLA but went on to develop and implement 2 additional schools within Philadelphia, in partnership with the Franklin Institute.

The Jewish Relief Agency is the recipient of this years' *Service to the Jewish Community Award*, represented by *Executive Director Jodi Roth Saks*. JRA's contributions to the Jewish Community are outstanding and we are so pleased to recognize all their hard work every day.

Our Awards Brunch is an excellent chance for all our members and guests to come and meet our well deserving nominees. It's also an excellent time to come and socialize with old friends and colleagues. No one needs to be reminded that this year's Brunch and Ad Book is also a fund raiser for our annual Scholarship Program for well deserving children who are related to our members. We need as an organization to support this event and the Ad Book. We included a Save the Date, and information about the Ad Book in prior mailings. It is also posted on our B'nai B'rith Web Site. Invitations and information about the ad book Have been sent. We are hoping to have an amazing turn out this year. If you need additional information, please feel free to call Judy Lundy at 215 – 805 – 3284.

Project H.O.P.E.

B'nai B'rith Educators Unit proudly participates in B'nai B'rith's **Project H.O.P.E.** Year 23 of Project H.O.P.E. will occur on **Sunday April 5, 2020** as 1600 grocery bags of Kosher for Passover food will be delivered to 800 of our most needy, elderly, isolated and vulnerable.

Please **SAVE THE DATE**, for volunteering to bag, drive, and deliver to our recipients.

Fundraising has already begun. This year \$40,000 needs to be raised to pay for the hundreds of cases of food. **Please consider sending your tax-deductible contribution to:**

Project H.O.P.E. c/o Samuel Domskey, 3213 Bum Brae Drive, Dresher, PA 19025.

Thank you again for your support. Please help us help those in need.

Respectfully,
Barry Drossner

Sincerely,

Judith Gerben Lundy

President

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