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The families of the following loved ones will honor their memory and mark the occasion of their family history by reciting Kaddish on the following Sabbath

February 5, 2010

Justin Bednarsky, Abram J. Bloch, Rose Sussman Bloch, Jean Boganovitz, *Harry H. Cohen, Lt. Robert Z. Dimond, Rose S. Dimond, Dora Feldman, Corinne Rosenberg Frieder, Mildred Gordon, Sylvia Greenwald, Aaron Hurwitz, *Dr. Cyrus Jacobosky, Frank Kammer, *Rose Klein, Ina Ross Levine, Matel Lieberman, Arthur Lipszon, Irwin Orlov, Suzie Rademan, David Rappaport, Dr. Irvin Rosenberg, Agnes Scholnick, Scott Shalit, Irving Shire, Alex Steinberg, Rebecca Leah Tushner, *Alfred S. Vogel, Tess Weiss, *Stella Witmer

February 12, 2010

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February 19, 2010

*Nathan Belock, David Bergsmann, Arthur Bromberg, Rose Cohen, Ruth Cohn, Bertha W. Dessen, Rose Ernest, Jack Frier, *Robert Goldberg, Lillian Goldstein, *Paul Goodstein, Morris Iskowitz, Simon J. Jackson, *Anna Kahn, Howard S. Kammen, Leib Knobel, Carol Hess Long, Clinton Long, Yetta Coons Long, *Sylvia Rappaport, Alice Sue Rosenberg, Mary Rothstein, *Charlotte Salsburg, Louis Sampiero, *Esther Gordon Schneider, Harold Schonfeld, Alan Schwartzchild, Jacob Slaff, Sophie Slaff, Louis Smith, *John J. Spath, Sr., Marvin Steinberg, *Dr. Michael J. Sternlieb, *Esther Sternlieb, *Jesse Weber

February 26, 2010

Sophie Adamovich, Ida Freeman Casper, Elias Corner, Bessie Diamond, *Seymour Fendler, Donald J. Fischer, Dora Brook Friedman, *Lillian M. Friedman, Ben Gerstein, *Edith Iscovitz, *Jerry A. Iscovitz, *Perry Kamofsky, Louis Kleinrock, Molly Kramer, Ruth Berger Landa, Betty Lichtenstein, Samuel Marcus, *Mildred Marini, Fannie Milhauser, Bessie Plotkin, Edna Polsky, *Lillian Rosenberg, Malvina Rosenberg, Meyer Rosenberg, Fred Saffian Selma Schain, *Joan Kaufman Schwartz, *Marion Becker Shanel, *Julius Steiner, Jacob Eisenstein Stone, Helen Taren, Mindi Thalendorf, *Rosa Vangelder, Hannah Wallach, *H.S. Witmer

March 5, 2010

Ruth J. Bednarsky, Edward Berkowitz, Tom Bigler, Esther Burmil, *Kristophor F. Cesari, *Celia Cohn, Mary Feifer, Howard Fremont, Frances Glou, Rose Gold, Rose E. Goldman, Gilbert Goodman, Morris Goodman, Hilda Greenberg, Ben Katzman, Alice Kleinrock Levey, *Hyman Levy, Minna Lipsin, Dr. Charles Frances Long, Betty P. Lourie, Gary Aaron Mash, Jacob Maslow, *Barbara Posner, *Ann S. Rothstein, Corinne Schwartzkopf, Jacob Shulman, Irving Slavin, *Neil Strauss, *Leo Sussman, Sadie Zankel

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7:30 PM Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

6:30 PM Tot Shabbat

7:30 PM Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 AM Torah Study

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

3:30 PM Temple Apt. Service

7:30 PM Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00 AM Torah Study

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

7:30 PM Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

10:00 AM Healing Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00 PM Family Service with TI

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

10:00 AM Torah Study

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:30 PM Tot Shabbat

7:30 PM Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

10:00 AM Torah Study

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

3:30 PM Temple Apt. Service

7:30 PM Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10:00 AM Torah Study

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:30 PM Family Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:00 AM Torah Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:30 PM Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

10:00 AM Torah Study



A Message from the Rabbi

In the Greek author's, Euripedes' play, Alcestis, King Admetus offers his guest, Heracles, hospitality in his home. Over the course of their

conversation, Heracles learns that he has entered a house of mourning and so, would rather not intrude. Upon reflection he believes that the king's wife, Alcestis, has passed but Admetus avers assuring Heracles that someone unrelated has died. With that understanding he accepts the king's hospitality, including food and drink. After Heracles rests himself he learns that his generous host deceived him and that indeed, his wife, Alcestis died that morning. Although Heracles was upset by his host's deceit, he decides to fight with Death to retrieve Alcestis. His victory reunites these lovers, estranged only by Death. In this play, the hero, Heracles "strives with beings Divine and prevails." An echo of when Jacob strives with the angel at the river Jabbok while waiting to encounter his brother. In Alcestis, Death is defeated; in the Bible, the angel is defeated. In the play, love is reunited, in the Bible, two brothers are reunited.

At this December's Lerner Luncheon, we discussed how Judaism approaches "The Afterlife," including resurrection and how this evolved from the Biblical concept of Sheol, where body and soul rested "below." After, resurrection became a dominant theme during the rabbinic period. So much so, that Maimonides, 12th century medieval philosopher and rabbi, wrote as his Thirteenth Principle of Faith, that whomever does not believe in the Resurrection of the Dead has no faith or connection to the Jewish religion. The far reaching implications of this statement left little doubt as to how Judaism perceived the afterlife; souls continued on, and upon the coming of the Messiah, would be returned to their bodies in the land of Israel. Maimonides, though, qualifies his belief by allowing that only the righteous will earn

resurrection. This principle created more controversy than consensus, especially when it was revealed in his other writings that when the Messiah came, there would be no need for bodies, which was in direct contradiction to this Thirteenth Principle of Faith. This doctrine of resurrection has been excised from the Reform movement's liturgy, excepting the few instances where the Hebrew for resurrection, *m'chayyei meitim*, was kept. Instead, our liturgy focuses much more heavily on the notion that our beloved live on through their deeds and our hearts.

However, there is much comfort for the living, "knowing" that their beloved live on, not just in their deeds and in loving memories, but also that their souls enjoy a separate continued existence beyond this temporal plane. Neil Gillman, author of "The Death of Death," writes that, "there is no clear, irrefutable, scientific evidence available... about what happens to us after we die or what will happen to us when history comes to a close." Proof may be illusory, but meaning is paramount. When we consider the meaning of our holy day, Yom Kippur, we are forced to confront our own mortality so that we might make significant changes in our lives in order to become a better person. Speculation about what might be after we have passed can reassure our fears, restore our faith and grant a modicum of comfort when facing debilitating loss.

Would we all have the power of Heracles, able to fight Death and restore the dearly departed to their loved ones. In its place, however, each of us must "wrestle" with our angels and find renewed strength to encounter the prospective challenges that life presents. May the depth of wisdom gained from all such ordeals, enable us to restore our faith and resurrect our courage to face life again.

*Rabbi Roger Lerner
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What's Happening...

Brotherhood Lecture
on Sunday, January 10th
beginning at 9:00 AM
The topic will be "What Makes Prayer Jewish: an in depth look into the liturgy and its design" with Rabbi Lerner. Coffee, juice, bagels and danish will be served and the cost is \$3.00. Reservations can be made by email at admin@tbbwb.com or by leaving a message at the Temple.

Interfaith Panel Discussion
on Sunday, January 31st
beginning at 6:00 PM
The topic will be "Uncovering Hate Groups" representatives from the ADL and local courthouse will be participating.

Sledding with the Rabbi
on Sunday, February 7th
from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM
at Holiday House in Dallas. Information will be sent out by email and flyers or you can contact Rabbi Lerner.

Lunch n Learn
on Thursday, February 11th
at 11:30 AM
The discussion will be a book review of "The End of the Jews" by Adam Mansbach, facilitated by Rabbi Lerner. Cost is \$3.00 for members, \$4.00 for guests. Reservations are required.

Purim Dinner & Service at Temple Israel on Saturday February 27th. Information will be sent out by email or you can contact Rabbi Lerner for more information.

JCC Institute of Learning on Wednesday, March 3rd will feature Rabbi Lerner discussing "Jewish Mysticism What's all the fuss about Madonna's Red String?"

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DAVID WARREN, grandnephew of
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Dr. Herb and Attorney Greg Fellerman

If there are any other congregants who have family members in uniform, please let the Temple office know so that we may include them in our prayers.

Anniversaries

The Congregation congratulates the following members on their Wedding Anniversaries in the months of January and February.

January Anniversaries	February Anniversaries
1 MURIEL & DAVID BALTIMORE	6 RUTH BETTY & MARTY BALTIMORE
3 SANDEE & BOB COHN	13 LINDA & HARVEY JACOBS
10 NANCY & BRUCE WEINSTOCK	22 SONI & TERRY BALTIMORE
11 JOYCE & LEO GUTSTEIN	27 ROSEMARIE & BRAD GERSTEIN
16 BETTY & ED SCHECHTER	
19 LEAH & RYAN DOUGHERTY	
23 PAULA & HOWARD BREGMAN	

Worship and Ritual News..

Rabbi Lerner has completed CD's for all the Torah portions for the 2010 High Holidays. In addition to the CD's, Rabbi Lerner is also available for tutoring or a review session. Anyone interested in a Torah portion should contact Larry Brand at 287-6609; those interested in sessions with the Rabbi should call him to make an appointment. It would be appreciated if this were done as early as possible, so that our volunteers can be adequately prepared.

Social Action Committee

Operation Warm Up is ongoing! The Temple and various Jewish Communal Organizations are collecting coats, gloves, hats, scarves and blankets to be donated in the community. This project which consumes a great deal of the committee's resources was an overwhelming success last year and by the overflowing barrels at the Temple, this year will exceed last year's donations. Anyone who would still like to make donations, please drop them off in the lobby of the Temple.

Temple Office Request

Temple will be relying heavily on e-correspondence in the coming year for providing billing and special notices. This is an effort to contain costs where possible and postage is a major expense each month. If you have an email address and would share it with the office we would appreciate it. These addresses are not distributed and are simply for Temple use. Simply send us an email at admin@tbbwb.com and it will come directly to our Administrator. Thank You.

Thank You..

To Mark Callahan of Mark Callahan Construction for removal of the tree stump in front of the Temple.

Paul Keating, Administrator of Kingston Borough and the Kingston Shade Tree Commission for the donation and planting of a new tree.

The generosity of both groups to the Temple is greatly appreciated.

Mazel Tov.

The Temple B'nai B'rith Community wishes to announce the arrival of our newest member, Alexander James Slaff, son of Richard and Corina Slaff who was born on October 9, 2009. We send our heartfelt mazel tov and congratulations to the Slaff family in honor of their new addition.

The Temple B'nai B'rith Community wishes to announce the arrival of Bram Cohen, son of Harlan and Shirlee (Tevet) Cohen. Bram is the first grandson for Edna and David Tevet. We send our heartfelt mazel tov and congratulations to the Cohen and Tevet families.

May these new additions grow in health, happiness and good deeds!

Healing Service:

During this creative service we will step away from the traditional liturgy and focus more on alternative readings; for example, the psalms. The psalms are traditionally read when oneself, family member or friend is ill. As befits people's comfort levels we will offer prayers for one's own personal healing as well as offer prayers to others in need of healing. Also depending on people's comfort level, we will share personal stories of pain and/or recovery in an effort to bring wholeness and healing.

HONORING THEIR MEMORY

The families of the following loved ones will honor their memory and mark the occasion of their family history by reciting Kaddish on the following Sabbath

January 1, 2010

Theresa Arnstein, Michael Baiera, Dorothy Baltimore, *Hattie Kramer Blumenthal, *Esther Brown, Gladys Brown, Harry Cohen, Joseph S. Coons, George Evans, *Helene S. Falk, Jack Feldman, Anna Cohen Freeman, Joseph Freeman, Max J. Friedman, Harris Goldman, *Rosalyn Mendelsohn Greenberg, Melvin Gutin, *Joseph Hirsch, Sam Iskowitz, Fannie Adler Jacobs, Pauline Burg Kauderer, Sylvia Klewans, *Bessie Hertzberg Kurtzer, Henry Levy, Rosabell Levy, *Hyman Lisses, Simon Long, Zalman Newmark, Edine Lillian Rademan, Karen Greenberg Revit, *Gertrude Rifkin, Polly Rosenberg, *Pearl Rosensweig, Billye Rubenoff, Marian Salsburg, Ralph Salsburg, David Scholnick, Hazel Sheydwasser, James E. Victory, Louise Watkins

January 8, 2010

Freda Ball, Tillie Baltimore, Mary Brown, Kate Rosenberg Dannenbaum, Harry C. Freeman, Annette Gold, *Ben Goldberg, Harry H. Goldberg, Jr., *Myron C. Greene, Ella Grunbaum, *Ricke Jacobsky, Jeanne A. Kaufman, Fannie Klewans, Reva Knobel, Jody Lane, Bailey Levy, Reuben H. Levy, Rosalie Marlowe, Albert Milhauser, Fanny Oppenheimer, Sahajo Pruyt, Bernard Racusin, Myer Racusin, Ann Mardo Rifkin, Frederic Salzman, John Harry Scher, Marshall Schlossberg, *Norman Schwartz, Joseph Shaffer, Rhoda Weinberg, Harry Weiss, Daniel Wander, David Wilen

January 15, 2010

Rose Alperin, Julius Alpine, Samuel August, Samuel Bavesky, Molly Braddock, Isaac Brown, *Mark Duncan, Claire Emerson, Bessie Fendler, Dr. Mervin Gold, Daniel Grinspoon, Max Ibsen, Bella Isele, Dora Kleinman, Pauline Coons Kline, Avis Lichtig, *Hyman Lisses, Asher Lowenstein, Edward Mendelsohn, Meyer Moore, Morris Moskowitz, Michael Nissim Perri, *Stanley M. Posner, *Ann A. Rosenthal, Anna Rosenthal, Robert I. Rothstein, *Peter Sampiero, Millie Scher, Sarah Shapiro, Mark Shevlin, Charles Simon, Stella Young

January 22, 2010

Theresa Ball, Belle Eisen, *Jacob Falk, Samuel Feifer, Minnie Strauss Galland, Samuel Goidell, Amy D. Goldring, Anna Israel, Clara H. Kahn, *Mary Kirschner, Anna Klein, Herman Klonower, *Esther Mendelsohn, Pauline Paiser, Kenneth Partington, *Jeanette Schlosser, Monroe Schwartzkoff, Ben Serling, Gussie Siegel, Bessie Steinberg

January 29, 2010

Erich Arenberg, *Regina Bergsmann, Isadore Berley, *Dorothy G. Cohen, *Louis Cohen, Stanley Cohen, Bettina Falk, Rae Fellerman, *Dr. Sidney T. Friedman, *Abraham Gettinger, Ruth Goodman, Louis Jaffe, Frieda Junker, *Reuben Katuna, Amelia Kozminski, Dorothy Levinson, Pauline McCarthy, Jennie Oppenheim, William Prebler, *Sarah Reznicoff, *David Silverman, Dr. Sidney Zinman

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◆ Student's Corner

Second Grade:

Paula Chaiken has delightful second grade students who love Chanukah for a variety of reasons:



Breena Kravchik loved giving her cat a gift, saying the blessings on the candles, making her mom a gift and decorating her house. Breena likes Chanukah!!

Danielle Reiser loved getting presents and lighting the menorah with her sisters.

Max Kraus loved that he spent the holiday with his family and lighting the candles with the blessings.

Adam Rogers loved spending time with his family and lighting the candles and seeing how the candles shine.

Sixth Grade

Marissa Prince reports that in sixth grade with Phillip Knobel as teacher and Joshua Greenberg as madrich they are learning about prejudice in America. They are learning about how different people can not be fair to others because they are different from them.



They are also learning Hebrew and prayers and in particular are learning the Saturday morning service, which they will need to know for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

On Thursday, December 17th the Hebrew school had a special treat. Instead of regular classes at the Temple, the students got to light and learn at the Jewish Community Center. Phillip Knobel had Hannah Rogers, Skyler Dixon, Mallory Dixon, Marissa Prince, Lauren Greenberg, Erika Karassik and Andrew Sarnevitz help the Rabbi light the giant oil menorah outside. Kevin Feifer and Richie Kraus, Daniel Rogers, Sophie Polgar and Devn Thomas did a great job of

lighting the chanukiahs indoors. Jason Cohen with Lennese Prince, Abby Karassik and Chloe Poorman sang songs with Rabbi Lerner and other people from our congregation and the community. After the students finished that part of the festivities they had a chance to help hospitalized children. The students colored cards with messages of hope and love to put in packages to go to the children.



Introduction for Sandy and Arnold Rifkin

(by Howard Levinson – 11/15/09)

One of the challenges that an introducer like myself may have when introducing two honorees, is to give fair and equal consideration to the contribution of each honoree and to make sure that neither is in any way slighted.

Fortunately that is not a challenge for me this evening. When it comes to Temple B'nai B'rith, Sandy and Arnold have jointly, and with equal commitment and passion, supported the Temple for many years. I know this based on my personal experience. When I have called the Rifkins' home and Arnold answers and I say I'm calling about Temple, his response is, "... hold on a minute, Sandy is here; let me put you on the speaker phone." If Sandy answers, the same thing happens, "... just hold on a minute, Arnold is here, let me put you on the speaker phone..."

And so, let me begin with how the lives of these two wonderful people first became intertwined.

In 1942, after graduating from Coughlin High School, Arnold matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania. At age 18, he left Penn, and joined the Army where he was trained as a navigator in the B-17 Flying Fortress. He and his crew flew 18 combat missions over Germany and made two humanitarian food drops over Holland. After his discharge from the Army, Arnold returned to school, where, in 1948, he met a hard-working, smart and attractive young woman who was also attending the University of Pennsylvania. That was Sandy August!

Sandy was born to Benjamin and Frances August, and was raised in Philadelphia. She married Arnold in 1949, and in 1951, they moved to Wilkes-Barre where Arnold was born and raised. Arnold's father, David Rifkin, was a member of the Orthodox synagogue B'nai Jacob and was also a member of Temple B'nai B'rith. Arnold's mother, Kathleen Freeman Rifkin, was a member of Temple B'nai B'rith until the date of

her death — when Arnold was 5 years old. Some of you may already know that the records of Temple B'nai B'rith reflect that the Freeman family was very active in the early years of our Temple.

My first significant contact with Sandy and Arnold on a Temple matter occurred when I was President of the Temple - in 1989. I had learned that Mazie Greenwald, a member of Temple B'nai B'rith, was writing the history of the Temple from its beginning in the early 1840's through 1987. She was nearing the completion of the project, but to bring it to fruition, the history needed to be typed and then the book printed and bound. Sandy and Arnold, in their quiet and unassuming way, stepped up to make all of this happen. Arnold arranged to have his secretary do the typing. And Sandy contacted her brother, Lewis August, president of the Associated Libraries of Philadelphia, to arrange for the binding of the books. Sandy and Arnold assumed all of the costs associated with these activities.

World War II left a lasting impression on Sandy and Arnold, and of particular concern to them was the threat posed by the Nazis to the existence of the Jewish people. At that time, Sandy was very close to her Grandma Becker who had come to this country from Krakow in 1885. Grandma Becker's 2 brothers had remained in Krakow throughout the war, and efforts to contact that family after the war were to no avail. They had perished during the Holocaust. Arnold, as we know, was a veteran of the war.

To continue to remember what happened to the Jewish people during World War II, Sandy and Arnold have undertaken several important initiatives. Many of you may recall Rabbi Albert Friedlander, who was the spiritual leader of our Temple from 1956 to 1961. Rabbi Friedlander was responsible for rescuing approximately 1500 Torah scrolls from throughout Europe and then housing them at the Westminster synagogue in

London. These Torah scrolls had been rescued from synagogues and communities that had been decimated by the Nazis. Sandy and Arnold contacted Rabbi Friedlander, and through their generosity, arranged to bring a Holocaust Torah to Temple B'nai B'rith and to the JCC as well. Sandy and Arnold told me that when the Holocaust Torah arrived at Temple B'nai B'rith, Rabbi Shevlin, our spiritual leader from 1970 to 1992 wanted to find out if it was a kosher or an ornamental Torah. And so, he rolled out the entire scroll. It was not until he got to the very end of the scroll that he saw that the scroll had been desecrated by someone cutting out an area on the scroll in the form of a shoe. This ornamental Torah currently resides in the ark of our sanctuary and is readily identifiable by the yellow Star of David sewn on its mantle. It is a powerful reminder of the horrors of the Holocaust.

Sandy and Arnold's gift of this Holocaust Torah strikes at the very core of our existence. Thus, as we stand in prayer before the open ark in our Temple sanctuary, knowing that our right to do so is constitutionally guaranteed, Sandy and Arnold implore us to remember the threat the Nazis posed to the existence of the Jewish people.

Many of you may have had the privilege of meeting the late Rabbi Jacob Lantz whose son, Paul Lantz, is married to Kathy, Sandy and Arnold's eldest daughter. In recognition of the many years of service that Rabbi Lantz gave to his congregation in Norwalk, Connecticut, Sandy and Arnold arranged for a Holocaust Torah to be given to Rabbi Lantz's Temple upon his retirement.

Sandy has told me that ALL of the Holocaust Torahs that reside in various Jewish buildings throughout the world are technically only on loan. If

the synagogue from which the Torah was rescued ever reestablishes itself, the rescued Torah is to be returned to that original synagogue. Sandy tells me that she knows of only one instance where this has happened.

The memory of the Holocaust is not only present when we look into our sanctuary ark, but also when we are in the Temple foyer. A striking sculpture, dedicated by Sandy and Arnold in loving memory of Arnold's stepmother, Gertrude Rifkin, resides in the corner of the foyer. For many years, Sandy and Arnold would regularly attend Friday evening services with Gert. Their gift of this magnificent sculpture is a tribute to their relationship with her and to the remembrance of the Jews who perished in the Holocaust. It also speaks to the hope represented by the Jews who survived.

The sculpture sits on a revolving piece of marble. On one side is a community of Jewish people, old and young, working together and comfortable with their lives. As the revolving marble is turned, this same community of Jews has been transformed into Holocaust victims. When one turns the sculpture again, one is reminded that there is always hope and that we Jews will continue to survive and flourish. And so, through this sculpture, Sandy and Arnold provide us with a poignant reminder that we need to be vigilant and continue to protect and preserve our rich culture and tradition.

One of Sandy and Arnold's very good friends was the late Frank Eisenstein. Upon his death, Frank left funds to the Temple so that students in our religious school, and students attending other schools and churches in the area, could visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. Recently, Sandy and Arnold learned that this program was not moving forward as envisioned by Frank Eisenstein. Because of their belief that this legacy was most important, and out of respect for Frank Eisenstein and his family, many of whom were killed in the Holocaust, Sandy and Arnold, without any fanfare, undertook to financially guarantee the program. In addition, they met with the Rabbi and other members of the Temple to make sure that the program would continue. Just a few weeks ago, a group of students took that trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

And so, with Sandy and Arnold's help, the legacy of Frank Eisenstein continues.

Time constraints do not permit me to discuss all of the many good deeds that Sandy and Arnold have done for our Temple. I would be remiss, however, if I did not mention that Sandy was president of Sisterhood and that Arnold was president of Temple for three years from 1971 -1974. In fact, Arnold was president in June of 1972 when the flood caused damage throughout the Wyoming Valley including significant property damage to Temple B'nai B'rith. In addition, in memory of Sandy's mother, Frances, Sandy and Arnold donated a Torah to Temple B'nai B'rith which we currently use.

I have limited my comments this evening to Sandy and Arnold's dedication to Temple B'nai B'rith. However, you need to know that their generosity, both by deed and financial support, extends to many institutions in our community. I name but a few tonight: Wilkes University, The S.P.C.A., The Kirby Center, The Domestic Violence Center and the Jewish Community Center.

Sandy and Arnold have given of their time and resources with no expectation of thanks or public recognition. They have acted out of a desire to make our Temple a better and stronger and more viable Jewish institution. We cannot thank them enough for what they have done, and I know it is their fervent hope and prayer that their passion and conviction for the well being of our Temple is passed on to those who will follow them.

Of the many gifts that Sandy and Arnold have given to us, perhaps the greatest is the gift of their family. As a final tribute to Sandy and Arnold this evening, I would like to take a moment to introduce to you the members of their family:

Kathy Rifkin Lantz: In 1964, Kathy was the first to become a Bat Mitzvah at Temple B'nai B'rith. Kathy is married to Paul Lantz, and they have three children:

* David who is a lawyer and works in Boston; * Darcy who has a business degree and is an excellent athlete. She has combined her interest in both fields and works for a sporting goods company in Boston; and

* Daniel who just started his first year at a school for veterinary medicine in Philadelphia.

Michael Rifkin - Mike is married to Margie German Rifkin and they have three children: * Laura who is married to Randy Rongione and has a degree in Fine Arts. They have a five month old baby boy, Brady James and live in North Wales, PA, * Julie who is a nurse in Philadelphia and will marry Jason Diperstein in March. They live in Cherry Hill, New Jersey; and

* Adam who recently completed his undergraduate studies. He is a talented musician and is currently pursuing his musical interests. He plans to return to school for post-graduate studies in psychology.

Jody Rifkin Brusilow – Jody is the youngest child of Arnold and Sandy and currently resides in Narberth, a Philadelphia suburb. She has two talented children: * Genevieve who is a sophomore in college in Brooklyn, NY and is studying Animation and Illustration;

* Thatcher who is a sophomore at a suburban high school in a Philadelphia suburb and, according to his mom, is "an all around great kid".

On occasions such as this evening, where we celebrate the good works of two special people, it only seems appropriate to conclude with a Shechechyanu and so, just before asking our honorees to come forward, I ask you all to stand and join me in reciting this blessing.

Thank You

Sandy and I want to express our appreciation to our fellow congregants for a thrilling evening on November 15th, when we celebrated the 164th Anniversary of our Temple B'nai B'rith.

Our pleasure of being recognized at the same time was very special. We thank you.

*With best wishes
Sandy & Arnold*

JANUARY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Services 7:30PM TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED	2 NO Torah Study
3 Religious School 9:00 AM Religious School Board Meeting 9:30 AM	4	5 Ritual Meeting 7:00 PM	6	7 Hebrew School 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	8 Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Services 7:30PM	9 Torah Study 10:00 AM
10 Religious School 9:00 AM Brotherhood Lecture 9:00 AM	11	12 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM	13 EC Meeting 6:00 PM BOT Meeting 7:30 PM	14 Hebrew School 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Social Action Meeting 7:00 PM	15 Temple Apt. Service 3:30 PM Services 7:30PM	16 Torah Study 10:00 AM Movie Night
17 Religious School 9:00 AM	18	19	20	21 Hebrew School 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	22 Services 7:30PM	23 Healing Service 10:00 AM
24 Religious School 9:00 AM Interfaith Panel 6:00 PM 31	25	26	27	28 Hebrew School 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	29 Family Service with Temple Israel at TBB 7:00PM	30 Torah Study 10:00 AM

FEBRUARY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Ritual Meeting 7:00 PM	3	4 Hebrew School 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	5 Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Services 7:30PM	6 Torah Study 10:00 AM
7 Religious School 9:00 AM Sledding with the Rabbi at Holiday House	8	9 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM	10 EC Meeting 6:00 PM BOT Meeting 7:30 PM	11 Lunch n Learn 11:30 am Hebrew School 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Social Action Meeting 7:00 PM	12 Temple Apt. Services 3:30PM Services 7:30PM	13 Torah Study 10:00 AM
14 Religious School 9:00 AM	15	16	17	18 Hebrew School 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	19 K-2 Family Services 7:00PM	20 Torah Service 10:00 AM
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28 Religious School 9:00 AM						