



B'nai B'rith Educators

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Message from the President

Dear Members,

I'm glad that so many of you were able to join us on Dec 2nd as we honored two admirable educators, Barbara Gordon and Chuck Connor. Through the generosity of our members and guests we were once again able to forward a substantial donation to International for use with B'nai B'rith youth organizations. This wonderful annual event, where we enjoy the company of friends and colleagues always serves to remind us of not only our daily commitment to children but of our commitment to the children of our faith.

Being a member of Educators and having an affiliation in a Jewish organization is necessary. As written by Educators' member and former board member, Marshall Gordetzer, "You will forge new friendships and relationships. You will feel good about making a contribution to the organization that speaks for you in a unique way. You will learn more about what is happening in the SDP and in Jewish affairs. If you've been standing on the sidelines now is a wonderful time to contact one of the officers and ask how you can become a more active member. If my experience holds true, and I think it does then you will get more from your involvement than you put in."

For those of you who attended our opening event, you may have seen many new faces. I hope that our new and rejoining members continue to attend our events and become very active members. I hope to see many of you at our Paid Up Membership Brunch in January. I hope that you will reach out to others and

Good and Welfare

Deepest Sympathy to...

Saul Grossmann on the loss of his brother.
Linda and Robin Epstein on the loss of husband and father Joey.

Thank you to...

Caren Trantas for planning our annual brunch.

To all our members and their guests for their generous contributions in support of our Youth Appeal

To Harold Kurtz for his motivating speech at our brunch.

To Spencer Davis for a being a wonderful emcee

To Sylvia Pelta, Rhoda Rothberg and Leslea Herman for their work with our Educational Outreach program.

Get Well Wishes to...

To Saul Linder

To Mindy Glaser

Mazel Tov to...

Barbara Gordon and Chuck Connor on receiving the Youth Appeal Award

Essie and Bob Cherkin on the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Ruby

Adrienne Jacoby on the Bar Mitzvah of grandson, Benjamin

Caren and George Trantas on the birth of their grandson, Ryan Daniel



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Upcoming Events

January 27, 2008
Paid Up Membership
Brunch @ Chart House
11:00 am

February 25, 2008
JNF Film event

DATE TO BE
DETERMINED...
Festival of Friendship

May 1, 2008
Awards Dinner @
Philmont Country Club

*Please add these
events to your
calendar. Look for
information in future
mailings. We hope
to see you there!*

Do you have a change of email or mailing address?

Please continue updating when needed. We will continue sending information by mail. Correspondence can be sent to:

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Commemorate or memorialize an event with a SUSSMAN CARD

Or

CIRCLE OF LOVE Certificate \$10

Or

The Thomas S. Jacoby Scholarship Fund- amount of your choice

Or

The Dr. Alan Barson Fund supporting Youth Leadership – amount of your choice

Or

JOE GOLDSTEIN FUND, which purchases books for Temple Hillel to honor or memorialize a life cycle event.

INFORMATION FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE:

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Annual Awards Dinner

Join us at our Annual Dinner on May 1st as we honor deserving educators and members of the Philadelphia community. Watch for your invitation to arrive in the mail in Mid-March. Congratulations to:

Service to the Jewish Community
Alice Heller Lynore Eisman

Service to the Profession
Stefanie Ressler Cindy Farlino

Humanitarian
RSVP- Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
Marcia Gross, Project Director

From the B'nai B'rith Travel Office
MISSIONS AND TRAVEL •FALL 2007

•**EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE** •February 24-March 2, 2008 •Cruise for seven days on the Costa Fortuna for a fabulous winter respite. Visit San Juan, St. Thomas/St. John U.S. Virgin Islands; Catalina Island and La Romana Republic; and Nassau, Bahamas. •Rate: \$662-\$882 per person double occupancy. Round trip from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. •\$250 deposit due at time of booking a cabin, call Francine Reine:

•**ARGENTINA and URUGUAY MISSION**• March 11-22, 2008 •Enjoy the charm and learn the history of this region of South America with B'nai B'rith Argentina President Jorge Burkman as your guide. Explore synagogues, visit the regional headquarters (Argentine Israelite Mutual Association), and meet members of Jewish communities of Argentina and Uruguay. •Group size limited to 24. Rate: \$3381 per person double occupancy from Miami. Includes \$250 contribution to B'nai B'rith International

•**CUBA** •March 12-20, 2008 and June 4-12, 2008 •Have the religious experience of a lifetime and join us for a mission to Cuba. Meet with officials at synagogues in Havana, Cienfuegos, and Santa Clara. The opportunity to spend periods of time with Cuban Jewish families will also help you learn about practices of another culture while you discover how much you have in common. This mission will also enable you to teach Jewish customs to those who are deprived of their religious practices for 40 years.

These important religious missions to Cuba run four times a year so participants can know one of the world's smallest Jewish populations. Visitors bring food and other medical supplies to Cuban Jews. They provide support to the Cuban people through the B'nai B'rith Cuban Jewish Relief Project. We travel with a license granted by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, and export the Judaica, medicine, and medical supplies. Licenses granted by the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry Security. • • Group size limited to 24 people •Rate: \$3075 per person