

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

The year 2019 is just beginning. Please accept my personal best wishes for a happy and healthy 2019. I am pleased to say we moved forward as a Unit and implemented some wonderful activities and programs. This could not have been accomplished without the wonderful Executive Board Members and Board of Trustees. I thank them daily for their support and assistance.

A big concern is that our membership numbers have declined the past few years, whether it be renewing memberships that have lapsed or cultivating new members. Understandably, many of us are retired – some still working, however we still need to keep the Unit active and support our beliefs and commitments. I am asking folks who have stopped paying dues and participating, to reconsider and rejoin us this year. From personal experience, I have been watching organizations like ours, decrease in membership – and eventually fold. It is very sad and extremely unsettling to see that the importance of belonging to an organization such as ours, has become so unimportant. We are all busy with our commitments, but if we fail to maintain our Unit, we are sending out a message that B'nai B'rith Educators Unit is inconsequential, and in today's political environment that really scares me and other members. This year, as a group we voiced our concern about the massacre in Pittsburgh, and our discontent with Professor Hill and his actions. These actions could not have been addressed without the support and membership of this organization. I do not have to remind anyone that there is power in numbers. I have attached a copy of "Why B'nai B'rith Now?" which was written by both Don Wittenberg and Dr. Barry Drossner. Please take a few minutes and read the attachment. Membership forms can be downloaded from our website.

This year our **Paid-Up Membership Brunch** is on Sunday January 27, 2019, at the Bala Country Club. We have invited Omar Crowden, Principal of Northeast High School, and two of his teachers to be our quest speakers. Northeast High School is 1 of 4 schools who are recipients of our Educational Grants. Several students will be traveling to Poland to explore cultural differences, as well as touring a Concentration Camp. The Executive Board elected to invite our speakers to explain and discuss their trip in detail, and we are extremely lucky they can attend. It is our hope that members, and guests attend to share in this presentation.

Our Annual **Awards of Excellence Dinner** is scheduled for Thursday May 2, 2019. Earlier this week, an email was sent requesting nominations for possible recipients. Please follow the guidelines, and submit names by January 9, 2019. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize and celebrate colleagues in the Educational Arena.

Please feel free to submit any news, articles, or well wishes for the newsletter by the 22nd of the month. Submission can be made at Jude3600@aol.com. If for any reason, anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 215-805-3284.

Once again, best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Judith Gerben Lundy

President

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SAVE THE DATE

Project H.O.P.E.

Educators Unit participates in this community action project whose major goal is the collection and distribution of food packages to more than 700 poor and elderly Jews during Passover.

Mark your calendar

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Temple Sinai Synagogue

9AM

Details to follow