



B'nai B'rith Educators



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Message from the President

HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND SAFE 2016 TO BBEU #5290

As of 12/31/15, we have 99 current members! Heartfelt welcome to new member: Marci Comisky, and to returning former members: Dr. Eileen Weissman and her husband, Neal Weissman, and Daniel Kurtz. Thanks to all members who have renewed their membership for 2016. If you have not already done so and need assistance, please contact Sandra B. Snyder, Membership Vice President:

sandy25768@aol.com or me: debradrossner@gmail.com.

Remember, we cannot spell s-u-c-c-e-s-s without "u!"

FYI: Membership dues support our unit's local projects and events as well as B'nai B'rith International's (BBI) important national and international initiatives. BBI actively supports Jewish communities throughout the world that are facing an alarming increase in vicious acts of terrorism and anti-Semitism. Also, BBI continues to be a strong advocate for democracy and tolerance in many international arenas. Our continued affiliation with BBI is a genuine source of pride.

Those of you receiving our e-blasts who have not renewed your membership for many years are considered dormant by BBI. Please consider renewing for 2016; we

will enthusiastically welcome you back!

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Thus far for 2015-2016, BBEU #5290's achievements include:

- October board meeting to solidify plans for 2015-2016
- November VIP trip to New York City to *The Wendy Williams Show (WWS)*, facilitated by Jennifer A. Klear, Legal Counsel to *The WWS*, guest speaker: **Behind the Scenes at The WWS**, 2015 Paid Up Membership Brunch, and daughter of Board of Trustees Chair Betty Klear and Dr. Harris Klear
- December Open Board Meeting featuring Aleeze Sattar Moss, Ph.D., guest speaker: **Mindfulness and Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction**, and cousin of Treasurer Alice Heller

Thank you for your continued interest and support!

Best,

Debra B. Drossner, President

Upcoming Events

January 11, 2016

Open Board Meeting, 4:45 PM, Tiffany's: planning for 2016 Awards Dinner/Ad Book Solicitation. Please RSVP your interest to attend by **January 8th** to Vice Presidents Renée Flehinger: reneeFlehinger@gmail.com and Zena Sacks: zena1207@yahoo.com.

January 24, 2016

2016 Paid Up Membership Brunch, 10:00 AM, The Radnor Hotel, \$18.00 each/member and one guest; additional guest \$35.00 each. Guest speakers: Alice Heller, Janet and Dr. Harris Lewin, and Anne and Walter Spector: **Reflections of their Trips to Cuba**. Please RSVP your interest to attend by **January 8th** to Treasurer Alice Heller: amhell@comcast.net.

March 13, 2016

2nd Annual BBEU #5290 Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) Packing/Delivery Day, 10:15 AM. Stay tuned for more information to follow in late January. Thanks to Alyssa Heeneke: aheeneke@verizon.net and Gail Goldberg: gails3sons@yahoo.com.

April 2016

BEU #5290's continued support of and participation in Project HOPE. Stay tuned for more information in late February. Thanks to Board of Trustees Vice Chair Dr. Barry Drossner: drossner@comcast.net.

April 11, 2016

April Open Board Meeting, 4:45 PM, Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center/KleinLife; tour and survivor guest speaker. Stay tuned for more information in late February. Thanks to Chaplain/Trustee Donald Wittenberg: dwwittenberg@comcast.net.

MAY 5, 2016

2016 Awards Dinner, 5:30 PM, Philmont Country Club. Please contact Vice Presidents Renée Flehinger, Dinner Chair: reneeFlehinger@gmail.com and Zena Sacks, Ad Book Chair: zena1207@yahoo.com. Look for invitation in early April.

JUNE 8, 2016 (TENTATIVE)

2016 H.S. Scholarship Dinner, 5:00 PM, location TBD. Stay tuned for more information in late April. Thanks to Heidi Mikels: heidi.mikels@gmail.com.

SPRING/ SUMMER 2016 (TENTATIVE)

Rescheduled tour of Sam Azeez Museum of Jewish Heritage, Woodbine, NJ, **spring/summer**, date TBD. Thanks to Trustee Walter Spector: educonser@comcast.net

Member News

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The Wendy Williams Show

After hearing Distinguished Guest Speaker Jennifer A. Klear, Legal Counsel, *The Wendy Williams Show* (and daughter of Board of Trustees Chair Betty and Dr. Harris!) speak at our 2014 Paid Up Membership Brunch, BBEU #5290 decided to plan a fall trip to New York City (NYC) to be in the studio audience of this nationally televised live show. Jennifer made it sound like so much fun! We chose to attend on Veteran's Day when the SDP schools are closed so that both retired and active members could attend.

Renée Flehinger, Heidi Mikels, Leslie Kirshner-Morris, Suzanne Newman, and I met that morning in Trenton to take a 6:01 AM train to NYC; we had to be at the studio at 8:00 AM. Jennifer surprised us with VIP tickets, allowing us to enter more quickly, to wait in a special area, and to be seated first in the studio!

Christie Brinkley was Wendy's special guest on 11/11. Everyone in the audience received a copy of Christie's new book, *Timeless Beauty*, and her new day and night anti-aging treatments. We were happy to see Jennifer prior to the show and during a commercial break. In addition, the audience was invited to stay for a taping of Wendy's interview with Elizabeth Hurley and other cast members from *The Royals* for the show on 11/12.

After the show, BBEU #5290 walked to Upland, a Starr Restaurant, for a delicious lunch and then walking back to NYC's Penn Station for our return to Trenton. We had a fun

2016 Awards Dinner Honorees

Dr. Alan H. Barson

Service to the Profession

Adam Yaller, Teacher, C.C.A. Baldi M.S.
The Associated Alumni of Central H.S.

Service to the Jewish Community

Daniel Kurtz, Principal, General Philip Kearny E.S.

We hope to see you there!

Humanitarian

The Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement

Good & Welfare

Deepest Sympathy...

Dr. Alan Solomon died on Dec. 29, 2015. He was a long-time member of our unit. He had been an educator and research department administrator. Husband of Judith Solomon (also formerly with the SDP), father of Mark (Anne) Solomon, Melissa (Sloan) Rosten and Cindy (Andrew) Bowman. Graveside service will be held Thursday, Dec. 31st, 12 Noon, at Roosevelt Memorial Park, 2701 Old Lincoln Highway, Treose, PA. Shiva will be observed Thursday and Friday at the Bowman residence and Sat. evening and Sunday at the Rosten residence. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Abramson Center for Jewish Life, 1425 Horsham Rd., North Wales, PA 19454.

Former long-time member, Hilda Minkoff (nee Bressler) passed away on Nov. 10th.

During her career she had been a High School Counselor and Counseling Supervisor. Contributions in her memory can be made to Germantown Jewish Community Centre or Hadassah.

Max Ehrlich passed away November 1, 2015. He was the youngest principal ever appointed in Philadelphia in his era. He was the principal who helped plan the construction of Baldi Middle School where he served for many years and retired from that school. He was a principal's principal. Services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the

Get Well Wishes to...

Trustee Larry Sperling, recovering from medical procedures.

Vice President Renee Flehinger, recovering from two 2015 falls and wrist surgeries.

Mazel Tov to...

Corresponding Secretary Marc Cohen, and his wife Lisa, on the bar mitzvah of their son, Brendan!

Dr. Dion Betts on the b'not mitzvah of his twin daughters, Sarah and Dora!

Janet and Trustee Dr. Harris Lewin on the birth of their first granddaughter (second grandchild!), Madison Alexa McMonagle, daughter of Jamie and Kevin!

Newsletter Editor Judy G. Lundy on receiving The Jerome Revello and Hugo Cuillo Service to the Club Award at The 2015 Schoolmen's Club's Annual Awards and Holiday Dinner!

To have your social announcements and life cycle events in the next newsletter, please send to:

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