

## B'NAI B'RITH EDUCATORS UNIT #5290

### November/December Mini Updates

2018

#### **Message from the President**

I wanted to take a few minutes out and thank everyone for the very positive feedback I received for the last letter I wrote to the membership. It is with great pleasure that I can report that the Executive Board agreed to send a donation to The Tree of Life Synagogue. We are all aware of the vile and unpresented attack on Israel earlier in November, and the Executive Board also voted to send a donation to the Israeli Emergency Fund. Anyone interested in making a personal donation please feel free to send your gift to:

Embassy of Israel

3514 International Drive NW

Washington, DC 20008

As many of you know, Temple University Professor Marc Lamont Hill spoke at the United Nations International Day of Solidarity earlier this week. His overall message was what I found, like many of you, disturbing and threatening. The remark about "river to sea" was appalling. Although Professor Hill has the right to freedom of speech, this speech was what I believe out of line and promoted anti-Semitic beliefs. Please note, that both Betty Klear and I will be jointly writing a letter protesting on behalf of our unit, Professor Hill's tenure at Temple University. It is my belief that we will be speaking on behalf of all our members.

We will be holding our annual paid up Membership Brunch this year at the Bala Country Club on Sunday January 27, 2019. It is my hope that many members attend, enjoy the program, and catchup with old and new friends. The cost is \$18.00 for members and \$36.00 for non-members. More information will follow shortly.

#### **Mazel Tov**

Burton and Sandra Klein were featured in the October 8, 2018 issue of the Jewish Exponent for their participation as donors to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Legacy Society.

Congratulations to Faye Benshetler who was honored as 2017 – 2018 Woman of the Year by Beth Or Sisterhood, for her amazing work chairing the committee of knitters/crocheters who make and donate hats, blankets, and other hand-crafted items to local hospitals and other worthy charities.

Congratulations to Tyler Reid Klear who welcomed a new sister, Eliza Jayne, daughter to Amanda and Jonathan Klear, and Grandparents Betty and Harris Klear on November 26, 2018.