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**SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE**  
**S.I.R. #1**



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To: Rabbis, Presidents, Adult Education Chairpeople  
From: USCJ Department of Congregational Programming

USCJ NETWORKING AND SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE

Our congregations have enjoyed the presence of guest speakers on popular *Shabbaton/Kallah* weekends.

Rabbi Moshe Edelman has “collected” the publicity from scores of congregations who have recently hosted a scholar-in-residence. This was done by simply reading the front page of a bulletin. The scholars did NOT submit the publicity.

- The USCJ does not endorse one scholar over another
- The USCJ has no financial relationship with these scholars
- The USCJ does not recommend a scholar

We just want to share.

In most cases, the publicity cites the location of the scholar’s appearance. By all means, call and find out how these speakers did directly from the synagogue.

The overwhelming majority of the speakers are associated with Conservative/Masorti Judaism. We are honored to encourage your synagogue to consider these individuals.

Each packet of about 10 speakers is marked “S.I.R.” and numbered to make it easier for presentation and your preview.

If your synagogue has hosted a scholar-in-residence in the past 3 years, please send us the publicity so we can make more packets.

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MAY 2008

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**Look at all the opportunities  
for you to celebrate  
Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with  
Congregation Beth Ami!**



**May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Israeli Shabbat Dinner** – Join us for Shabbat dinner with Israeli food, Israeli dancing and even a birthday cake! Adults \$14, Youth (ages 6-12) \$7.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lunch and Learn** - Join Adam Stein, Rabbinic student from American Jewish University Rabbinic School for Shabbat services followed by a light luncheon of Israeli food. Adam and Bob Raful will be speaking about current issues in Israel during lunch. Suggested donation \$8 per person.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Havdalah and a Movie** – Join us at 9 p.m. for Havdalah and a viewing of Academy Award-nominated foreign film, Beaufort, followed by a discussion. Cost is \$10 for movie and snacks.

**Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, May 23 & 24  
with Rabbi Paul Freedman**

Rabbi Paul is well known as the first international president of USY and as a former director of the Youth Department of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. While juggling his many current volunteer and professional responsibilities, such as serving as international liaison for Project Reconnect, outreach director of the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center, and director of United Synagogue's Israel Commission, Rabbi Paul plays a major role in welcoming North American students and families to Israel, whether they are visiting or making aliyah.



## Schedule of Services

Friday evening, May 2

Candlelighting 7:33 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 3 9:00 am

*Birkat HaHodesh*

*Parshat Kedoshim*

Junior Congregation & Tot Shabbat

Bat Mitzvah of Ilana Anmuth

Friday evening, May 9

Candlelighting 7:39 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm

Beth Judah Alive!

Preschool Shabbat dinner and service

Saturday, May 10 9:00 am

*Parshat Emor*

Bar Mitzvah of Cody Haas

AIPAC Lunch and Learn

Friday evening, May 16

Candlelighting 7:46 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm

Family Shabbat & dinner

Saturday, May 17 9:00 am

*Parshat Behar*

Honor graduates and students on summer programs

Friday evening, May 23

Candlelighting 7:52 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 24 9:00 am

*Parshat Behukotai*

Friday evening, May 30

Candlelighting 7:57 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 31 9:00 am

*Birkat HaHodesh*

*Parshat Bamidbar*

Bar Mitzvah of Jared Anapolle

### DAILY MINYAN SCHEDULE

Sunday morning 9:00 am

Monday– Friday morning 7:30 am

Sunday– Thursday evening 5:30 pm

**Charlotte M. Kulp**

## Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

Friday, May 2 • Saturday, May 3 • Sunday, May 4

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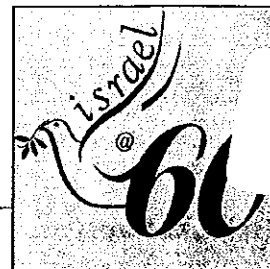
**Barbara Mann, Ph.D.**

Simon H. Fabian Chair in Hebrew Literature,  
Jewish Theological Seminary



## The Geography of Israeli Culture

- The Rise and Fall of the Sabra
- Sacred Space and the Israeli Landscape
- Tel Aviv ast 100: The Creation of Jewish Urban Space — A Multi-Media Presentation



## ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

### Solidarity March and Rally

Meet at Jerome & Ventnor Avenues in Margate. Join Beth Judah's parade contingent as we walk together to the Margate Ball Field next to the JCC on Jerome Avenue for the festivities.

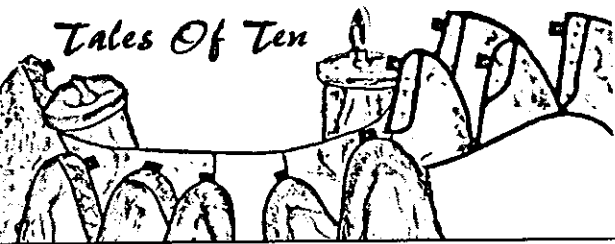
**Food, music, Israeli dancing**

**Special Guest Speakers**

**Sunday, May 18 • 11:45 am**

Please park near the JCC. Bus transportation to the starting point of the parade will be available.

**CELEBRATE!**

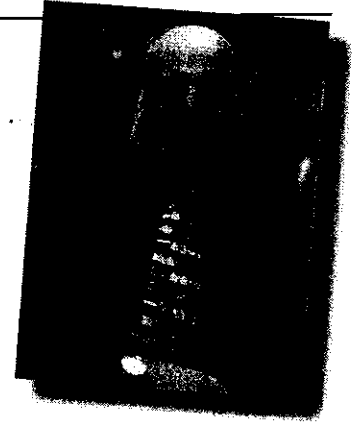


We will be bringing to you the "tales" of our minyan makers, those individuals who have been volunteering to help insure our daily minyan. Some have just made this commitment recently; others have been attending for more than forty years. We hope that their stories will inspire you to consider joining us once a week for our 7:00 a.m. minyan or perhaps one of our more difficult minyan evenings (5:40 p.m.) – Sunday or Monday. If you have a tale to tell, please contact Sherri Fox at [swfox2@comcast.net](mailto:swfox2@comcast.net) who will be coordinating our monthly pieces.

## WHY I ATTEND MORNING MINYAN

By Henry Foxman

Ten years ago I began attending the morning minyan having to say Kaddish for my mother. Following that year, my attendance was sporadic. One of my friends who attended Tuesday morning suggested that I join him, and following services we would have breakfast. Soon after I was invited to join the Wednesday morning minyan/breakfast group. This group has been following this routine for many years. While the Tuesday breakfast has fallen away, the Wednesday group is going strong – we usually have between 8 and 12 people depending on the season. If I am asked why I do these two mornings, my answer is: I enjoy helping make the minyan and especially for someone saying Kaddish; I have made new friends over the years; and it's a nice way to start the day.



## Jonathan Schanzer - guest speaker on May 10 in honor of Israel's 60th



Jonathan Schanzer is an analyst of Middle East affairs and terrorism, with a decade of experience in the field. Before joining the Jewish Policy Center, he was a counterterrorism analyst for the Office of Intelligence and Analysis at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Prior to joining the Treasury, he served as a Research Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, where he authored the book "Al-Qaeda's Armies: Middle East Affiliate Groups and the Next Generation of Terror." He also participated in a Washington Institute fact-finding mission to Iraq in 2004. Mr. Schanzer got his start in the policy world as a research fellow at the Middle East Forum, a Philadelphia-based think tank headed by scholar Daniel Pipes.

Mr. Schanzer holds a bachelors degree from Emory University and a masters degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Middle Eastern studies. He also studied Arabic at the American University in Cairo in 2001. He is currently a PhD candidate at Kings College, documenting the history of the United States Congress and its efforts to combat terrorism.

Mr. Schanzer has published numerous scholarly journal articles, national newspaper editorials, and magazine features. He has appeared with frequency on American television channels, such as Fox News and CNN, as well as Arab television channels, such as Al-Jazeera. Mr. Schanzer has traveled widely in Iraq, Yemen, Egypt, Morocco, Kuwait, Qatar, Turkey, Jordan, Israel, and the Palestinian Territories. He speaks Arabic and Hebrew.

Mr. Schanzer is speaking at Beth Israel on May 10, 2008 at Shabbat Morning Service, thanks to the Hilda and Gilbert Hillman Scholar-in-Residence Endowment.

BETH ISRAEL, MILWAUKEE MISC

Mark Your Calendar!  
We are pleased to announce...



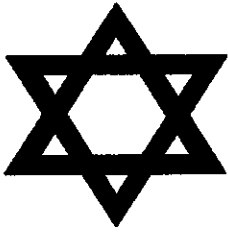
Scholar In Residence - Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson  
Friday, (Shabbat Dinner) June 6th  
&  
Saturday, June 7th

Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson is the Dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, which has grown under his leadership from approximately 45 students to over 80 students, from all over North America, Brazil, Australia, England, and Uganda. He is also Vice President of the University of Judaism, and teaches courses in Ancient & Medieval Jewish Philosophy, Modern & Contemporary Jewish Theology, as well as Homiletics.

A cum laude graduate of Harvard University, Rabbi Artson was an intern for United States Senator Alan Cranston and for United States Representative John Burton. For the two years following graduation from college, he worked as a Legislative Aide to Willie Brown, the Speaker of the California State Assembly. He was ordained with honors at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1988.

*Rabbi Artson has captivated our CBI Family with his intriguing and intellectual views on Judaism and his outlook on Jewish Theology... More information to follow!*

**Rabbi Artson's visit is underwritten by The Carl S. Zetley Generation to Generation Fund**



# Temple Sinai of Hollywood

a conservative congregation

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Adar I - Adar II 5765

Temple Sinai of Hollywood  
cordially invites you to attend its

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## Annual Dinner Dance

honoring

*Julia and David Steiner*

*Cinda and Donald Cevine*

Recipients of the Marilyn Zide Leadership Award

*Reverend Itzhak Goldenholz*

Special Recognition for more than 20 Years of  
Service

Saturday, April 2, 2005

Eight o'clock in the evening

Temple Sinai Ballroom

Black Tie Optional

Covert

Honored Guest \$100

Diamond Patron \$180

Exotic Jews in Exotic Places to be  
Subject; Dr. Abe Gittelson to be

### Scholar-in-Residence

There are Jews where??!!

That's likely to be the response when renowned educator and storyteller **Dr. Abe Gittelson** joins Temple Sinai members the weekend of March 18-20, 2005 for the annual Scholar-in-Residence Weekend.

Billed as a "virtual journey," Gittelson will guide participants on visits to the Jews of China, India, Africa and the "crypto-Jews" of Iberia and the southwest United States.

Dr. Gittelson is a retired executive director of the Central Agency for Jewish Education of Broward County with a following throughout south Florida. He is an adult education specialist who frequently lectures at synagogues, colleges and cruises and a storyteller extraordinaire.

The weekend schedule features talks at a special Shabbat dinner, during Shabbat morning services, at Shabbat lunch and a special storytelling breakfast for families.

Topics include: "Spices and Silk: The Jews of China and India," "Silence and Secrecy: The hidden Jews of Spain, Portugal and the United States" and "Not Only Ethiopia: The Lambda of sub-Saharan Africa and the Abayudaya of Uganda."

Scholar-in-Residence Patrons will be invited to a special Saturday evening gathering with Dr. Gittelson to hear about the ancient Jewish community of Italy and how an Italian Jewish family sparked the replacement of church law with civil law in that country.

### Candlelighting Times

March 4		6:07 PM
March 11		6:11 PM
March 18		6:14 PM
March 25		6:17 PM

### Come Join The Temple Sinai Daily Minyan Family

Monday-Thursday	8:00 AM & 5:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM
Friday Evening Shabbat	6:00 PM
Saturday Shabbat	8:45 AM & Varies in PM
Sunday	8:25 AM & 5:30 PM

**BETH EL'S YEAR OF CELEBRATION**

Rabbi Orensteins 35<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
1969 - 2004



**Celebrate 350  
Jewish Life in America  
1654 ~ 2004**

**Save These Dates!**

**Orenstein Family  
Speaker Series**

**Save These Remaining Dates**

**Sisterhood Shabbat  
February 12**

**Sylvia Orenstein**

"Bagels, Grits and Jello with  
Marshmallows: The Fascinating Story of  
Jews in the South and Midwest"

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**Sunday, March 27  
Beginning at 10:00 am**

**Deborah Mowshowitz**

"Benjamin Franklin and the  
Mussar Movement"  
and

**Solomon Mowshowitz**

"All My Bones: Shul Choreography"

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**Shabbat, April 23**

**Rabbi Debra Orenstein**

"American Passover: Ritual and Mean-  
ing Across the Years"

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**Shabbat, May 28**

**Rabbi Jehiel Orenstein**

"The American Rabbi"

*(Rabbi's Column cont. from pg. 3)*

He explained to them that, having been a clerk to President Nixon, he understood how difficult it is to carry out the orders of your boss, especially when you do not agree with him or her. He encouraged them to continue, to be loyal to their mandate, to carry forward the work of government. He received a tumultuous ovation. A few years ago, I was performing a wedding. The oldest guest was a man in his late 80s, named Henry Kissinger. I asked him if, by any chance, he was related to our former Secretary of State.

"Henry," he said, "is my nephew."

"What is he like?" I asked.

"I only see Henry once a year, at Passover, when the family gets together."

I pursued the questioning. "What does he do at Passover?"

"Henry asks the four questions. He is the baby, you know."

And so it went throughout Israel, jokes, and seriousness, and more jokes. I never saw Israel more relaxed, more filled with laughter. Her scientists are working on cures to help the world. How much this little country can do for this earth if only we would let her go forward in peace.

The 53 members of our pilgrimage saw an amazing period in Israel's history. It was a glimpse of the peace that we pray for. May it come soon and with a smile.

*Amen.*

*Affectionately,*

*Rabbi Jehiel Orenstein*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Scholar-in-Residence  
Weekend  
Featuring:  
Dr. Jonathan Sarna  
May 6-7, 2005**

Professor Sarna is one of America's foremost commentators on American Jewish history.

His most recent book is *American Judaism: A History*.

Don't miss this special weekend as part of our Celebration of 350 Years of Jewish Life in America.



*Have you marked your calendar?  
 Tuesday, May 24, 2005  
 Beth El Says Thank You  
 To Rabbi and Sylvia Orenstein  
 Gala Dinner  
 The Crystal Plaza*



**Neve Shalom**  
Scholar-in-Residence

Prof. **Jenna**  
**Weissman Joselit**

**Friday Night, March 21**  
Dinner 6:45pm  
*covered by LOX, STOCK and DELI*  
\$15 per adult \$10 per child  
Reservations required

Service & Talk 8:00pm  
**Has America Been Good  
For The Jews?**



**Saturday, March 22**  
Service and Talk 9:30am  
Dvar Torah by Prof. Joselit

**Shabbat Lunch Noon**  
*No charge-Reservations Required*

After Lunch  
**The Ten  
Commandments  
and America**



**Scholar In Residence  
Reservations**

First and Last Names  
of Adults

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

March 21, 2008  
Friday Dinner:  
*Covered by LOX, STOCK & DELI*  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Adults (\$15 per person)  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Children (\$10 each)  
Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch March 22  
No charge  
Reservations Required!  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Adults, # \_\_\_\_\_ Children

Checks payable to:  
Neve Shalom Adult Ed.  
Name(s) and ages of children

Special Food allergies or  
dietary issues:

Return form and check by  
March 17 to  
Neve Shalom  
250 Grove Ave.  
Metuchen, NJ 08840  
Attention: Hazzan Levin

For info call  
732-548-2288x14  
or [cm211@aol.com](mailto:cm211@aol.com)

## *Scholar-in-Residence Weekend*

Here are some of the many reasons why our recent Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, featuring Dr. Ron Wolfson, was such a resounding success! We salute each and every one of these dedicated Beth El volunteers and staff who worked so long and so hard to assure that this program reached and inspired as many people as possible. Each has the gratitude and appreciation of all of us in our Temple family. A particular cheer goes to our able and tireless Chair, whose leadership served this Committee and her beloved Temple Beth El once again!

**Chair** – Claire Salitsky

**Book Sales** – Lauren Berson, Bobbi Needle

**Reservations** – Sandi Fine, Miriam Pitkoff

**Publicity** – Diane Silverman

**Graphic Designer** – Margery Strauss

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## AND THIS YEAR ISRAEL, TOO!

Join us on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> as, once again, we participate in this historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews — Shabbat! Our guest scholar-in-residence for this special Shabbat will be **Rabbi Tzvi Graetz**, from our sister congregation, Shevet Achim in Gilo, Israel.

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat Services 5:45 pm • Tot Shabbat Service 6:15 pm  
Dinner 7:00 pm

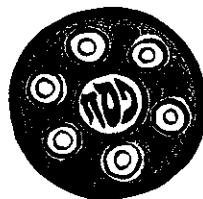
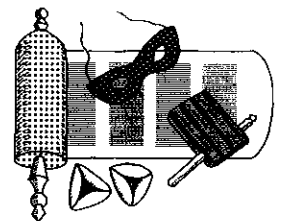
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### Save these dates to join us for our ...

Purim Pandemonium & Dinner  
Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm



Congregational  
2<sup>nd</sup> Night Passover Seder  
Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Look for more information in upcoming issues of Kolenu.

I wanted to introduce myself. This summer I officially begin a new faculty position in Jewish mysticism at JTS (in the Dept of Jewish Philosophy), and I am looking forward to becoming actively involved in adult education within the movement. At JTS, I will be teaching a variety of topics pertaining to the history and literature of Jewish spirituality, with a special emphasis on kabbalistic and hasidic Jewish mysticism. Should you know of synagogues or groups interested in learning more about these topics, please do be in touch. I would welcome the opportunity to visit USCJ communities as a scholar-in-residence (reference contacts from synagogues I have visited in the past and sample lecture topics are available on request). For now, I can be reached at this e-mail address ([efishbane@optonline.net](mailto:efishbane@optonline.net)), and soon by phone through the Seminary's main number (212-678-8000).

With best wishes,

Dr. Eitan Fishbane

7/3/2006