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## Thoughts From Our President

by Dan Sperling



I hope you are enjoying your summer as much as my family and I have been.

I can't believe it's already been three months since our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration! Hopefully you had the chance to participate in at least one if not all the events of the great weekend. From my vantage point, the weekend went off without a hitch.

From the Friday night dinner to Shabbat Services to the Sunday evening gala... attendance was great and you could feel the excitement in the air! I want to thank the chair people for the overall event – Pearlana Bodzin and Carol Pollack – and their entire committee for the hard work and effort everyone put into the weekend. I also want to thank Amy and Jorge Lemus, who took time out of their own B'nai Moshe celebration to take such wonderful pictures of all of us. And finally, I want to thank all of you who gave any amount whatsoever in honor of our celebration. Without you, the weekend never would have gotten off the ground! (If anyone did not get a copy of the *100 Years Celebration Book*, please be sure to grab one either from the office or the B'nai Moshe information table in our lobby.)

Now, I have some exciting news to share as we kick off B'nai Moshe's 2<sup>nd</sup> 100 years. After the holidays this fall, a number of new families will be joining us. Beit Kodesh synagogue of Livonia will close their doors after 53 years of being an independent congregation. While it's sad that circumstances have necessitated them to vacate their building, the fit between our two congregations is quite perfect. Beit Kodesh has conducted services without a Rabbi for a number of years and so they have very strong lay leadership. A number of their members are minyan regulars which, of course, are something we can never have enough of. And finally, although their Shul started in and has remained in Livonia, many of their 45 member families live right here in West Bloomfield. We will soon be working on ways to help Beit Kodesh preserve and share their history in their new home at B'nai Moshe. If you're interested in helping with this endeavor, please let me know. And, most importantly, please be sure to approach and welcome any new faces you see visiting our Shul on Shabbat or any time.

Speaking of welcoming... we have a great community outreach program coming up on August 7<sup>th</sup> at Willoway Day Camp. We will have a "family fun day" with swimming, boating, sports, and many other outdoor activities. The goal is to promote our L.I.F.E. program and our overall congregation to families in the area. Please stop by if you can and share some of that B'nai Moshe hamish friendliness with families that don't know us yet.

On a personal note, you'll find some past presidents sitting next to the Rabbi during the first couple Shabbatot in August as my family and I take our first ever trip to Israel. We are incredibly excited about it and I look forward to sharing aspects of our trip with all of you in this space in the coming months.

Finally, I wanted to share that at a recent Board of Directors meeting, the Board recognized five members or families that have been affiliated with B'nai Moshe for fifty (that's five-oh) years, making them honorary "lifetime" members of our congregation. These members were: Mr. Seymour Garsoff, Mr. and Mrs. Jonnard Greenberg, Dr. Albert Krochmal, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruben, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weberman. Please be sure to congratulate these people when you see them and thank them for their 50 years of involvement and participation in our Shul!

Thanks again for your ear. Be sure to take some time out this month and enjoy the Michigan summer. Keep in mind, though... as Rabbi Pachter is fond of saying... the synagogue is open ALL summer. Please do come (at least occasionally) to visit on Shabbat and morning and evening minyanim.

## A Word From Our Rabbi

by Rabbi Elliot Pachter



### Honoring Our Star Athletes

It is no secret that I am a big sports fan. This is clear from topics on which I choose to write or speak. Generally I tell a sports story for its metaphoric message — like teamwork, good planning or bouncing back from loss and disappointment.

However, the literal lessons of athletics are just as important as the metaphor. Each morning in our siddur, we express gratitude not only for our spiritual gifts, but for our physical bodies — for example, the ability to get out of bed and walk.

Striving for good health and physical fitness is a vital lesson of Judaism. In the Talmud Shabbat 82a, Rav Hisda is praised by his colleague Rav Huna for teaching his students not about the rituals of Judaism, but rather about the need for good hygiene.

I would therefore like to use this column and some future *Bulletins* to recognize the “Jewish stars” from our congregation who excel in health of the body as well as the soul. I invite you to send me great sports stories from your household.

This month I salute four young members of the B'nai Moshe family: Sam Yashinsky, son of Debra and Gary, attended the Frankel Jewish Academy, where he was named the Male Athlete of the Year a record four straight times. Sam ironically was named to All Catholic teams in both basketball and baseball (Frankel plays in the Detroit Catholic League). Even more exciting, Sam was a pitcher on the University of Michigan baseball team.

Zack Ehrmann, like Sam Yashinsky, is a recent graduate of the University of Michigan. Zack, a former baseball player at West Bloomfield High School, was written up in the *Jewish News* for his active participation in the Club Baseball Team at UM. As a senior, Zack was both president and coach of the team, leading his teammates to a best ever 15-10 record while batting an impressive .375. Zack is the son of Robin and Paul Ehrmann,

Two B'nai Moshe members have been named *Jewish News* Athletes of the Year — Danielle Dulberg in 2008 and Eric Glanz in 2009.

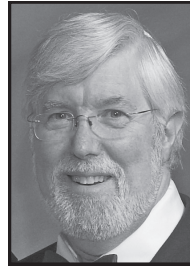
Danielle, a graduate of Seaholm High School, where she also competed in tennis and volleyball, just completed her junior year at Oakland University, where she is a member of the Softball team. In 2010 Danielle tied the school record by driving in six runs in a game, and in a different game she hit her first collegiate home run. Danielle is the daughter of Tracey Stulberg and David Dulberg.

Eric Glanz is a two year starter on the baseball team of Kalamazoo College, following a stellar career at Walled Lake Central High School. This past year Eric helped pace Kalamazoo to 17 victories, the second most in the school's history. Eric led the team in doubles, batting average, slugging percentage and on base percentage, and has been named Co-Captain for the 2012 season. Eric is the son of Randi and Harry Glanz.

*(I was aided in writing this column by the article, A Jewish Approach to Wellness, by Abbie Greenberg, which can be found on the website, [myjewishlearning.com](http://myjewishlearning.com).)*

## A Word From Our Cantor

by Cantor Earl G. Berris



*Cantor's Note: I hope you had a great Fourth of July. I flew to Israel that day. However, it's never too late to share stories of Jewish patriots who helped shape this nation.*

### Lest We Forget Some Jewish Contributions

Haym Salomon (ca. 1740-1785) was a Polish-born Jewish immigrant to America who played an important role in financing the Revolution. When the war began, Salomon was operating as a financial broker in New York City.

Salomon arrived in Philadelphia as the Continental Congress was struggling to raise money to support the war. Congress had no powers of direct taxation and had to rely on requests for money directed to the states, which were mostly refused. The government had no choice but to borrow money. From 1781 on, Salomon brokered bills of exchange for the American government and extended interest-free personal loans to members of Congress, including James Madison.

Salomon married Rachel Franks in 1777 and had four children with her. He was an influential member of Philadelphia's Mikveh Israel congregation, founded in 1740. He helped lead the fight to overturn restrictive Pennsylvania laws barring non-Christians from holding public office. Like many elite citizens of Philadelphia, he owned at least one slave, a man named Joe, who ran away in 1780. Possibly as a result of his purchases of government debt, Salomon died penniless in 1785. His descendants in the nineteenth century attempted to obtain compensation from Congress, but were unsuccessful. The extent of Salomon's claim on the government cannot be determined, because the documentation disappeared long ago.

Another Jewish patriot was Francis Salvador. Arriving in South Carolina from London in 1773, Salvador involved himself in politics and was elected to the General Assembly of Carolina. He also served as a delegate to South Carolina's revolutionary Provincial Congress, which prepared the colony's complaint against the British Crown. When war broke out, the British made an alliance with the nearby Cherokees, who attacked frontier settlements. According to legend, Salvador galloped nearly thirty miles to warn the settlers of an impending attack and then returned to the front lines. During one such Cherokee attack, Salvador was hit by a bullet and fell from his horse. Discovered by a Cherokee warrior, he was scalped -- becoming the first Jew to die fighting in the American Revolution.

President George Washington remembered the Jewish contribution when the first synagogue opened in Newport, Rhode Island in 1790. It was called the Touro Synagogue and it was Sephardic. It can be prayed in and visited to this day. He sent this letter, dated August 17, 1790: "May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in the land continue to merit and enjoy the goodwill of the other inhabitants. While everyone shall sit safely under his own vine and fig-tree and there shall be none to make him afraid."

In 1941, the George Washington-Robert Morris-Haym Salomon Memorial was erected along Wacker Drive in downtown Chicago. The bronze and stone memorial was conceived by sculptor Lorado Taft and finished by his student, Leonard Crunelle. Although Salomon's role in financing the Revolution has at times been exaggerated, his willingness to take financial risks for the Patriot cause helped establish the new nation.



### Bar Mitzvah



### Jonathan Zlotoff

Jonathan Zlotoff will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, August 27 at Congregation B'nai Moshe.

Jonathan is the son of Jeanne and Roger Zlotoff and the brother of Amanda and Michael. He is the grandson of Laure Benita, the late Amedee Benita, the late Joseph Furnon, and the late Agnes and Arnold Zlotoff.

He is in the 8th grade and is an honor student at West Hills Middle School in Bloomfield Hills. He likes to read, hang out with his friends and play video games.

His mitzvah project is working at Yad Ezra in the warehouse.

## B'nai Moshe Tot Shabbat Welcomes New Leader



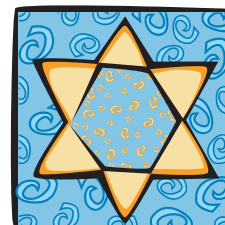
We welcome Doron (Berris) Vergun as the new leader of our Tot Shabbat program.

This pre-kindergarten program, which is offered every Shabbat year round from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m., welcomes all children between the ages of 18 months and 5 years old. Each week, youngsters in our Tot Shabbat room enjoy Jewish programming, healthy snacks and lots of fun.

Doron, who many will know as the daughter of Cantor Earl Berris, will offer a fresh perspective and new ideas to our Tot Shabbat room. A graduate of Eastern Michigan University, she brings her skills as a child educator. Currently, she is scheduled to earn her masters degree in higher education and student affairs in December from EMU.

## Learning is a Family Experience L.I.F.E. Program Offers Free Kindergarten

Yes, you read that right: Free Kindergarten. Simply enroll your favorite child in our B'nai Moshe L.I.F.E. Program kindergarten class for the 2011-2012 school year without paying a dime.



Your youngster will spend Shabbat mornings during the school year immersed in a fun Jewish learning environment. Led by experienced teacher Dora Goldstein, our kindergarten students begin their journey into Jewish education by discovering the joys of Jewish holidays and how heroes like King David, Abraham, Moses and Queen Esther impact our life today.

In fact, our L.I.F.E. program offers top teachers, small class sizes, innovative learning and unique family programs as well as a group of parents dedicated to providing the best in Jewish education.

L.I.F.E. classes begin Sept. 15. Students in kindergarten and grades 8-11 meet only on Shabbat. First through seventh grade students meet on Shabbat and on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Our free kindergarten is a limited time offer, so act fast. And don't be shy about telling your friends and neighbors.

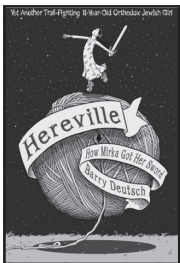
For details, please contact Education Director Gail Gales at 248.788.3600 or [cbmedu@bnaimoshe.org](mailto:cbmedu@bnaimoshe.org).

# Take A Look At These Jewish Graphic Novels

I have just returned from the Association of Jewish Libraries 2011 Convention which was held this year in Montreal. As in the past, the Convention was packed with three days of fascinating programs designed specifically for Jewish librarians from synagogue, center, school and academic Judaic settings. This year it was especially great to hear the authors who won Sydney Taylor awards speak about their works. Howard Schwartz, winner for the picture book *Gathering Sparks*, was enthralling as he spoke of the mystical history of the myth of the breaking of the vessels that is the basis of his tale. And it was fascinating to listen to Barry Deutsch explain how he created his graphic book *Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword* which won the award for young readers. Attending the convention was a wonderful opportunity to network with other librarians working in Jewish library settings. I greatly appreciate the support that B'nai Moshe has given me that enables me to attend.

This leads me to the real subject of this month's *Bulletin* which is the rise of "Graphic Literature." Graphic literature had its start with comic books, that staple of childhood reading so often deplored by adults and especially librarians. (To read a fabulous novel about Jews and the comic book industry, do not miss Michael Chabon's *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*.) But the world of graphic literature has expanded from flimsy multi-paged pamphlets about Superman, Batman, Spiderman and their ilk, to full-fledged books, novels, histories, biographies and more for both children and adults. Early examples of the genre are Art Spiegelman's *Maus: A Survivor's Tale, bks. 1 & 2* and the books by Ben Katchor, originally serialized in the *Forward* newspaper, such as *The Jew of New York*.

Reading a graphic book is a very different experience than reading a book of text, even if the text book is illustrated. In a graphic book the artwork is central to the story the book is telling. The words, that usually appear looking hand-written and/or in word balloons like the comics, are totally secondary to the tale. In other words, the graphic novel reverses what we are used to: in a regular book the pictures add to and illustrate the text, but in a graphic work the words add to and explicate the illustrations. Reading a graphic book is a slower process than reading text. You really have to study the illustrations to see all the nuances they bring to the story. To be honest, I am not a big fan of graphic books, but I do think that *Hereville* is a terrific example of the genre. Graphic books are growing in popularity with all age groups. The library owns a few graphic works for all ages, both novels and non-fiction. Here are the titles if you want to try a different reading experience.



*Hereville*  
by Barry  
Deutsch



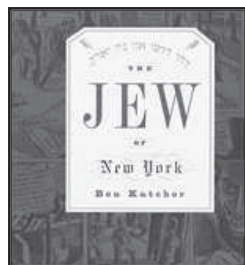
*The  
Adventures of  
Rabbi Harvey*  
by Steve  
Sheinkin



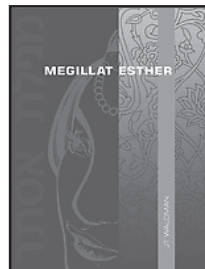
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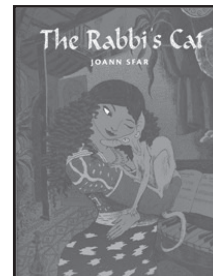
*Maus*  
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Art Spiegelman



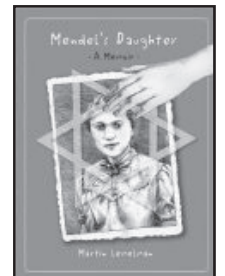
*The Jew of New York*  
by  
Ben Katchor



*Megillat Esther*  
by  
J. T. Waldman



*The Rabbi's Cat*  
by  
Joann Sfar



*Mendel's Daughter*  
by  
Martin Lemelman

## Support Our Sisterhood's Gift Shop This Summer

There are no Jewish holidays in the summer.

But don't let that stop you from supporting our Sisterhood. Come and stop at the Sisterhood gift shop Monday through Friday.



## Sisterhood Torah Fund 2011-12 Campaign Set



Congregation B'nai Moshe Sisterhood has begun its 2011-2012 Torah Fund Campaign, which ensures our legacy to future generations of Conservative Jews by providing educational support to rabbis, cantors, day schools and school educators, etc.

Obviously, we look forward to receiving donations of any amount. However, as the New Year of 5772 is upon us, we would hope that you would consider becoming a Torah Fund Benefactor, Guardian or Associate Patron. Any donation at the Benefactor level will receive a pin.

The photograph above is of this year's pin. It says, "Hiddur Mitzvah." It is this year's Torah Fund theme, which resonates with many Jewish women, particularly those who have been involved in artistic activities. The pomegranate imagery of the pin has a multilayered meaning. In addition to being beautiful, pomegranates are one of the beautiful fruits of the Land of Israel. For a full explanation of this year's pin, a flyer is available upon request. Guardian and Associate Patron pins include a jewel. Torah Fund pledges may be paid in installments.

For details, please contact Torah Fund Chairman Sharon Silverman, 248.666.8170, or e-mail [sharon125@att.net](mailto:sharon125@att.net).

## Congregation B'nai Moshe Sisterhood Book Club Book List for August 2011 - June 2012

If you like to read and talk about what you've read, then you'll find a place in our bookclub. Please join us during the year.

**August 16**

*Night Road* by Kristin Hannah

**September 13**

*While My Sister Sleeps* by Barbara Delinsky

**October 11**

*Swan Thieves* by Elizabeth Kostova

**November 8**

*Start Up Nation* by Dan Senor & Saul Singer

**December 13**

*Walking Home* by Gloria Goldrich

**January 10**

*The Invisible Bridge* by Julie Oringer

**February 14**

*The Glass Room* by Simon Mauer

**March 13**

*Day After Night* by Anita Diamont

**April 10**

*The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom

**May 8**

*97 Orchard* by Jane Ziegelman

**June 12**

Pick a new selection of books for another season.

**For more information, please call Sue Himelhoch at 248.661.8925 or e-mail [bubbasue1@aol.com](mailto:bubbasue1@aol.com)**

## Recognizing Those Who Recently Made Torah Fund Donations

On behalf of JTS and Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Sisterhood expresses its appreciation of the following donations made over the past few months.

In Memory of Ilona Goldman  
By Ruth Rosenfeld

In Memory of Arthur Sugarman's Sister  
By Sharon and Stewart Silverman

In Memory of Ruth Raimi  
By Ruth Rosenfeld

In Memory of Fredell Whiteman  
By Bess Glazier  
Sharon and Stewart Silverman

In Memory of Norman Blumeno  
By Sue Himelhoch  
Sharon and Stewart Silverman

Get Well to Seymour Subar  
By Sharon and Stewart Silverman

Get Well to Susan Friedman  
By Dolores and Harold Greenspan  
Sharon and Stewart Silverman

Get Well to Evelyn Levenson  
By Sharon and Stewart Silverman

Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Rosenbaum on Son's Recent Marriage  
By Bess Glazier

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lampcov on the Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter, Leah Taub  
By Sharon and Stewart Silverman

Mazel Tov to Maggie and Marcel Thirman on receiving the JTS Shin Award

By Dolores and Harold Greenspan  
Sharon and Stewart Silverman

Mazel Tov to Joyce and Jeffrey Weingarden on receiving the JTS Shin Award

By Sue Himelhoch  
Sharon and Stewart Silverman

*With your support, we increased our donations to Torah Fund by 10 percent over the 2009-2010 year.*

## B'nai Moshe Annual Picnic Set For Sunday, August 28

Congregation B'nai Moshe will host its Apples and Honey New Year Celebration Picnic 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Of course, we'll have plenty of picnic food to eat and drink as well as tons of entertainment for the kids, including crafts, games, face-painting, a moon bounce and Uncle Jim, the balloonist. Uncle Jim specializes in balloon creations including animals, cars and many other things. He was a great hit last year with kids of all ages. A tent will be erected to protect guests from the sun.



## Word from the Men's Club President



I am Jonathan Tobes, second generation Men's Club President, beginning my third year term. I am inviting all men to join the Men's Club. This is a way for you to help support our synagogue. We have programs to interest everyone. Some of the programs we provide are: Veteran's Day Brunch, World Wide Wrap, Inter-congregational Men's Club Dinner, Men's Club Man of the Year dinner and Shabbat, Mother's Day Brunch and the Tiger's Game outing. We also provide ushers for Shabbat and High Holiday services. Dues are only \$35. Watch your mail for your annual dues statement.

I thank you in advance for your support.

Jonathan Tobes  
President



## Sporting Their Tiger Stripes

Men's Club members, friends and family enjoyed a day at Comerica Park June 26 to see the Tigers pounce on the Arizona Diamondbacks as well as pay tribute to former manager Sparky Anderson.

## Tisha B'Av

Conservative Movement  
Community-wide Service

Monday, August 8 at 8 p.m.

Adat Shalom Synagogue

29901 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills



Hosted by Adat Shalom Synagogue and co-sponsored with Beth Ahm, Beth Shalom, B'nai Israel, B'nai Moshe and Shaarey Zedek.

The six Detroit-area Conservative synagogues will come together for a community service for the observance of Tisha B'Av. This will be a night of reflections and prayer including a Maariv service and the reading of the Book of Eichah (Lamentations) - the traditional reading for the commemoration of the destruction of Temples and other tragic moments throughout the history of the Jewish people.

On Aug. 9, at B'nai Moshe:

Tisha B'av Services at 7 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.