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to the

2019 Honorees



Dr. Alan H. Barson

Service to the Profession Award

Jessica Brown, Principal Masterman High School

Anne Nachman, Teacher, McCloskey Elementary School

Service to the Jewish Community Award

The Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society

of Greater Philadelphia

Fred Blum, President

Humanitarian Award

The World Affairs Council

Kasey Trapp, Director

Bodine High School

Karen Thomas, Principal

High School Scholarship Award

Abigail Thomas

Sarah Thomas

May 2, 2019

On behalf of the B'nai B'rith Educators Unit #5290 Executive Board, Board of Trustees, and all of our general membership, please accept our warm welcome to our Annual Awards of Excellence Dinner. We hope you have an enjoyable evening.

This event is presented with great pride as we honor extraordinary educators that have enhanced our community and have provided selfless service to the education profession. We are also honored to have the privilege of awarding high school students with scholarships. As you can see, this is one of our crowning jewels of events.

There are so many members to thank for their hard work and tireless efforts. Renée Flehinger who chaired the Honorees Selection Committee, along with Walt Spencer and Don Wittenberg. The honorees this year are truly deserving, and it is our pleasure to honor them and their contributions.

To say, special thanks to Vice Presidents, Melissa Blatstein, Alyssa Heeneke, and Suzanne Newman does not even begin to express my appreciation. Melissa and Alyssa worked with what appeared to be effortlessly on the Ad Book. Suzanne donated time to whatever committee she was needed.

There are not enough words to express how grateful we all are for our Treasurer, Alice Heller. She served as the Dinner Committee Chairperson. Alice is irreplaceable and did an outstanding job assisting in making this dinner a success.

I cannot forget to thank the outstanding contributions of Zena Sacks for chairing the Scholarship Committee, Larry Sperling for acting as our Master of Ceremonies, and Dr. Barry Drossner for ensuring all our information is posted on our web site.

As I end of my first year as President of B'nai B'rith Educators Unit # 5290, I would like to give a special thank you to Renée Flehinger, who served as Counselor and as a past president, for all her direction and support. Lastly, I need to send a very important thank you to Betty Klear, who is Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Betty is my mentor, sounding board, and most importantly a friend who always knows the right thing to say.

Thank you for attending our Awards of Excellence Dinner and making it a success.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Judith Gerben Lundy

President,
B'nai B'rith Educators Unit # 5290

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UNIT NO. 5290

PROGRAM

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DINNER AND DANCE

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*of blessed memory

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Joseph Frantz • Bernard Kelner • Lionel Lauer
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AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Previous Honorees

1980

Alan Barson
Richard Cohen
Larry Dukat
Freda Hoffman
Anne Rosenglick
Sylvia Stern
Mel Sussman

1981

Dorothy Blaker
Claire Bluebond
Barry Drossner
Joyce Kail
Bruce Rachild
Donald Wittenberg

1982

Lois Barson
William Brodsky
Lillian Evantash
David Kaplan
Samuel Karlin
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1983

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Miriam Gafni
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Saul Grossmann
Harris Lewin

1984

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Service to the Jewish Community

1985 Polly Gussman, Morry Helzner

1986 Adrienne Jacoby, Sheila Perilstein

1987 Leona Kafrissen, Saul Linder

1988 Leonard Kaltz, Harold Kessler

1990 Barbara Porges, Irving Yudkin

1991 Spencer Davis, Ethel Vill

1992 Martin Glassman, Gladyce F. Rubin

1993 Ellen Rae Kushner, Barbara Willig

1994 Janet Lewin, Annette Ross

1995 Herb Kaufman, Ted Kirsch

1996 Bonnie Kallen, Barbara Rabinowitz

1997 Faye Benshetler, Jacques Lurie

1998 Harriet Davis, Nan Daniels

1999 Elaine Culbertson, Sylvia Pelta

2000 Elaine Mark Jaffe, Paula Pavel

2001 Arlene Holtz, Marcia Schulman

2002 Yona Diamond Donsky

2003 Ron Soloff

2004 Lana Dishler, Ricki Libeskind

2005 Sue Rosenthal

2006 Debra Drossner, Francine Levin

2007 Zena Sacks,
Janice Schwartz-Donahue

2008 Lynore Eisman, Alice Heller

2009 Richard Raisman,
Rhoda Rothberg

2010 Howard Butler, Harvey Holper

2011 Tara Feiner, Gary Feldman

2012 Marc S. Cohen,
Wendy Ann Lessig, Shelly Shotel

2013 Andrea Miller, Sarah Landman

2014 Holocaust Awareness Museum

2015 Eric Blaustein

2016 Daniel Kurtz

2017 Operation Understanding

2018 Fran Newberg, Jeremy Newberg

Dr. Alan H. Barson
Service to the Profession

- 1985 Marcia Jacobs, Burton Klein
1986 Jeffrey Chesin, Thomas S. Jacoby
1987 Richard Cohen, Susan Fein
1988 Marilyn Kraft, Karen Zucker
1990 Michael Brassloff, S. Alan Hoffman
1991 Joy Kurtz, Anne Spector
1992 Harold Kurtz, Goldie Lieberman
1993 Larry Sperling
1994 Marcia Bosswick, Arthur Rubin
1995 Eileen Dwell, Mina Shuman
1996 Rhonda Lauer, Jack Steinberg
1997 Linda Grobman, Maxine Stutman
1998 Howard Levy, Shelly Snyder
1999 Ellen L. Cooper, Hal Moss
2000 Louis Moyerman, Janice Wagman
2001 Sylvia Lieberman, Michael Schlesinger
2002 Michelle Byruch, Charles Connor, Betty Klear
2003 Essie Cherkin, Charlotte Foreman, Rae Waldman
2004 Lynne Grobman, Henry Gross
2005 Stuart Cooperstein, Rochelle Jacobs, Caren Trantas
2006 Robin Henkin, Karen Kolsky
2007 Sharen Finzimer, Anita Urofsky
2008 Cindy Shapiro Farlino, Stefanie Ressler
2009 Gary Brookstein, Rhona Cooper
2010 Paula Don, Kimberly Newman
2011 Renée Flehinger, Sheldon S. Pavel
2012 Jan L. Erlanger
2013 Bonnie Berman, Harriet Burg, Suzanne Newman
2014 Rachel B. Holzman, Esq., Melanie A. Lewin,
Sandra B. Snyder
2015 Jill A. Solar, Ann F. Tuteur
2016 The Associated Alumni of Central High School,
Adam Yaller
2017 Marcy Comisky, Judith Gerben Lundy, Matt L. Mandel
2018 Melissa Blatstein, Alyssa Heeneke

Humanitarian Award

- 1985 Leon Bass
- 1986 Isadore "Ike" Baskin
- 1987 Marciene Mattleman
- 1988 Rose Lindenbaum
- 1990 Donald White
- 1991 Herman Mattleman
- 1992 Rabbi Sanford L. Hahn
- 1992 Rev. William Moore
- 1993 Delbert Payne
- 1993 Alexander Tobin
- 1994 Arnold "Woody" Wright
- 1995 PATHS/PRISM
- 1996 Ralph Smith
- 1997 Philadelphia Citizens For Children and Youth (Shelly Yanoff)
- 1998 Foundations (Robert Schwartz)
- 1999 United Way (Christine James-Brown)
- 2000 Floyd Alston
- 2000 Thomas Mills
- 2001 Andrew Farnese, Esq.
- 2002 State Senator Allyson Schwartz
- 2003 Philadelphia Commission on
Human Relations (Rev. James Allen, Lazar Kleit)
- 2004 World Affairs Council (Buntzie Ellis Churchill, President)
- 2005 Thomas S. Jacoby
- 2006 Governor Edward G. Rendell
- 2007 National Constitution Center
(Dr. Steve Frank, Education Director)
- 2008 Retired Senior Volunteer Program
(Marcia Gross, Project Director)
- 2009 Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Southeastern, PA
(Marlene L. Olshan, CEO)
- 2010 City of Philadelphia, Mural Arts Program
(Jane Golden, Executive Director)
- 2011 The National Liberty Museum, (Gwen Borowsky, CEO)
- 2012 Birthright Israel Foundation
(Beth Dindas, Lenard Zimmerman)
- 2013 ADL's No Place for Hate (Lisa Friedlander)
- 2014 Anne Frank Elementary School
- 2015 Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia
(Paula Goldstein)
- 2016 Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement
- 2017 Vetri Community Partnership, My Daughter's Kitchen
- 2018 jkidphilly PK Library, PJ Goes to School

EDUCATORS ... AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

During the 1968-69 school year representatives of the B'nai B'rith National Office came to me in the Administration Building and asked for my help in establishing an Educators Lodge in Philadelphia. They explained that B'nai B'rith was embarking on a campaign to organize lodges made up of people in particular occupations and professions and asked us to take a leadership role in this effort. As a member of the William Portner Lodge of B'nai B'rith, I was well aware of the very significant work of the organization and so I readily agreed to help establish a lodge that would include a membership composed of people living in the Philadelphia area who were involved in the field of education.

While my immediate acceptance of a responsibility for increasing the level of B'nai B'rith presence in our area was due primarily to a commitment to the goals and worthwhile programs of the organization, I will freely acknowledge an additional highly significant motivational factor.

Some of you will recall that one of the manifestations of the tumultuous "Sixties" was the very disquieting and dangerous climate which developed in our school system. A Superintendent of Schools who had been attempting, in a thoughtful manner, to seek solutions to urban education problems and to "open up" opportunities for all, was replaced by one who completely misread desired needs and desirable means to meet those needs. Imbued with a commitment to administer through "creative tension", he managed to create a climate of tension and distrust and to threaten the careers of dedicated professionals in the system and to cloud the future of many who looked forward to entering the system. A very disturbing factor was his enthusiastic acceptance of a misguided, poorly conceived, stupid, ill-advised report which concluded that the problem in our system was that there were "too many second generation Americans" involved in it!

In that setting, I called together a group of twenty Jewish teachers and administrators. We met at the regional B'nai B'rith offices and presented our proposal to form an Educators Lodge. As you would naturally expect in a meeting of any number of our people, there were differences of opinion. Several of our articulate colleagues suggested that we form an independent "protection" group (as New York City Jewish educators did.) We explained that our desires transcended those concerns. We wanted to become an integral part of B'nai B'rith in order to join with over 500,000 Jews in forty-one countries who were involved in perpetuating our heritage, fighting discrimination, supporting our youth, and giving leadership to many programs providing community service. The group overwhelmingly agreed to work for the establishment of an Educators Lodge that would reach out to include as many men as possible in our area.

Due to the circumstances and conditions existing in the then B'nai B'rith by-laws, membership had to be limited to men at the time of the Lodge's formation. Many of our members were not at all pleased by this and continually sought remediation of this situation. We were very pleased that the efforts of many far sighted members were rewarded by the formation, in 1984, of the Educators Unit B'nai B'rith/B'nai B'rith Women.

From its beginning, the Lodge has grown to become one of the largest and most active in B'nai B'rith. Our Lodge's leaders have gone on to become regional and national leaders and we have contributed very significantly to the improvement of the quality of life in our community.

May we go from strength to strength in the coming years!

EZRA STAPLES*

**of blessed memory*

Dr. Alan Howard Barson

1938-2006



Alan Barson was a founding member of B'nai B'rith Educators Lodge and continued to support the Lodge and Unit throughout his life. He organized events, chaired committees, served as Vice President, President, and finally on the Board of Trustees. Alan will always be remembered as the perennial and jovial master of ceremonies at the annual B'nai B'rith Awards Dinner.

Alan was born in Philadelphia to Leon and Reba (nee Sobel) Barson. He attended Bryant Elementary School, Sayre Junior High, graduated from West Philadelphia High School and continued his education at Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania. He held a B.A. in Education; a B.S. in Business; Master and Doctorate degrees in Education and credentials that ranged from classroom teacher through Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility. Alan was a teacher, an administrator, a college professor, a nationally known speaker, a member and leader in mathematics education organizations and a prolific writer of mathematics educational materials.

During his 33 years with the School District of Philadelphia he was a kindergarten teacher; grade teacher; EIP consultant; the District's consultant on Madison Mathematics for the National Science Foundation; a principal, with the distinction, for a time, of being the youngest person ever appointed to that position; Director of the Chapter 1 Secondary Mathematics Program; Assistant to the Associate Superintendent of Instruction and Assistant to one of the District's Regional Superintendents. He also served as treasurer for the Philadelphia Association of School Administrators (PASA) for over ten years.

Although an administrator for most of his career, Alan used his positions to enhance the teaching and learning process for children by developing and conducting programs for their teachers. He chaired mathematics curriculum committees city-wide and within sub-districts. He coordinated demonstration summer school mathematics programs for Temple University in cooperation with the School District of Philadelphia in the 1970's and again in 1983 where the focus was on incorporating computers into the classroom. In the early 1980's Alan worked extensively with the computer science curriculum, bringing opportunities to learn this emerging technology to teachers, professional developers, and parents across the city. For a time he coordinated the city-wide Kindergarten Program; coordinated and assessed all instructional programs K-12; and was the District's SEH 204 Hearing Officer.

Alan wrote and hosted District television instruction in mathematics with a program called "Math's Alive." The second iteration of this program incorporated

interactive technology whereby classes in selected schools worked with him on live feed during the broadcasts.

Alan was an active contributor to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and its local, state, and regional affiliates. His presentations and workshops for teachers across the United States were usually SRO. Alan coordinated the programs for many of these conferences when they were hosted by our local organizations; served a chair of numerous committees; and was President of the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Pennsylvania Council of Supervisors of Mathematics.

After retiring from the School District of Philadelphia, Alan continued his affiliation for a while coordinating activities for the NSF funded Urban Systemic Initiative and the state ACCESS program in the Northwest Region. He also served as a mathematics consultant to many school systems across the region.

Throughout his career, Alan wrote for a half dozen educational publishing companies and had material accepted numerous times by journals of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Included in this was a year-long series he co wrote with his wife, Lois, for the Arithmetic Teacher. Central to his creativity and writing was the philosophy of learning by doing: concrete, constructivist, interactive. He never wavered from this approach, believing that it was the most effective way to reach all learners.

Alan was an Adjunct Professor for thirty years. He taught graduate and undergraduate classes in mathematics education; graduate classes in assessment, classroom management and computer literacy. Most of his work was at Beaver College, now Arcadia University. He also taught at Marywood College, Widener University and Temple University.

Alan's most recent work was with Foundations, Inc. Here he first served as Regional Director of Enrichment Centers, a program for before and after school that also had a summer component. While holding this position Alan established an opportunity ladder for staff to return to school to complete teaching degrees. When his work shifted to the growing field of charter schools, Alan continued to support teachers by designing and coordinating a certification program in conjunction with Arcadia University.

Alan was the recipient of awards from Temple University, the Association of Teachers of Mathematics of Philadelphia and Vicinity (ATMOPAV), the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics (PCTM); the Pennsylvania Council of Supervisors of Mathematics (PCSM); B'nai B'rith Educators Lodge/Unit and the School District of Philadelphia.

The Barson family thanks B'nai B'rith Educators Unit No. 5290 for recognizing the proficiency and passion with which Alan approached his work and his life by naming the Service to the Profession award in his honor.

Awardees



**Dr. Alan H. Barson Service
to the Profession**

JESSICA BROWN

Jessica Brown is honored to be the recipient of B'nai B'rith Educators Unit 2019 Dr. Alan H. Barson Service to the Profession Award.

Jessica grew up in Mount Airy, Philadelphia, and attended Masterman and Germantown Friends School. She went on to attend Kenyon College (Gambier, OH) where she majored in history. Attending the University of Pennsylvania for graduate school, she became certified in history and ESL and obtained a Masters in Education. She attended Lehigh University to obtain her principal certification and another Masters in Administrative Leadership. She returned to Penn for further graduate work and entered a doctoral program in Reading, Writing, and Literacy.

Although Jessica resisted for many years after college (now glad she changed her mind), she joined the School District of Philadelphia in 1997 and followed in her parents' footsteps. She is from a family of educators: her mother was a high school English teacher in the District ending her career as the Director of Comprehensive Services for School Age Parents. Her late father taught high school history and retired as a Supervisor for Adult Education.

Jessica taught at Jay Cooke Middle School and Central East Middle School. She left the classroom to coach new teachers and bilingual teachers in the District in a supervisory capacity. After serving as the Assistant Principal at Kensington High School, Jessica was offered the founding principalship of The Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush in 2008, where she had the opportunity to build a school from the ground up. Proudly, the first two graduating classes sustained a 98% college acceptance rate.

In 2014 Jessica became the principal of the Julia R. Masterman School, returning to her roots. As an administrator, she tries to foster the same type of learning community and values, i.e., respect for all individuals and rich academic experiences that she experienced as a middle and high school student.

Jessica has a brother, Daniel, who lives in San Francisco and her mother lives nearby in Philadelphia. In her free time, Jessica enjoys hot yoga, traveling, and catching Broadway shows with friends. One of her favorite childhood memories is dancing 18 performances during the winter holidays in the Nutcracker with the Pennsylvania Ballet. Reluctantly, she had to hang up her ballet shoes for cleats, but that is another story.

Jessica is well deserving of this honor and we join her family and friends in congratulating her on receiving the Dr. Alan H. Barson Service to the Profession Award tonight.

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to the Profession**

ANNE NACHMAN

Anne Nachman is honored to be the recipient of B'nai B'rith Educators Unit 2019 Dr. Alan H. Barson Service to the Profession Award.

Anne Nachman has a deep connection to the city of Philadelphia. She received her undergraduate degree from Temple University, has a Masters Equivalency and is currently pursuing a master's degree in reading at Grand Canyon University. She has been a teacher with the School District of Philadelphia for thirty-one years, certified in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. Her outstanding, long lasting professional career has been dedicated to the students and families of the John F. McCloskey Elementary School. She now teaches a second generation of McCloskey students.

During her tenure at McCloskey, Anne has worn many hats, serving on various committees and leadership teams, including the PFT building committee, and the school's social committee. She has presented staff development sessions on a variety of topics and organized assembly programs focused on fire safety, cultural awareness and student achievement. She is the coordinator of the annual Darrick Bernard Essay Contest and the Susan B. Komen fundraising event. Anne has mentored Arcadia University and other local university students, along with teachers in the school district's internship program.

Anne has brought many grant opportunities to the school that have focused on enhanced instruction and schoolwide anti bullying programs. She was the recipient of multiple Trolley Car Teacher's Fund Grants, the Alpha Delta Kappa Pennsylvania Gamma Grant and a Small Learning Community Grant. Anne has been nominated for The National Liberty Museum's Teacher As Hero Award, the Rose Lindenbaum Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teacher.

Anne enjoys traveling and spending time with her family. Helping to celebrate Anne's dedication to the hundreds of children who have walked through her classroom doors is her supportive and loving family. Here with her tonight is husband, Randy, her children, Morgan and Josh, her mother, Eunice Axilrod, and her mother and father-in-law, Barbara and David Nachman. Congratulations to Anne and the Nachman family.

Awardees

Service to the Jewish Community

THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA



JEWISH GENEALOGICAL
AND ARCHIVAL SOCIETY
OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA



Rebecca Gratz



B'nai Abraham

This year's recipient of the 2019 B'nai B'rith Educators Unit **Service to the Jewish Community Award** is **The Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia**. In 2019, The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia (JGSGP) acquired The Jewish Archive Center (PJAC). Although the groups have slightly different missions and goals, both organizations were founded to meet the needs of a generation who wanted to learn about their ancestors. PJAC was founded in 1972, followed by JGSGP in 1979.

The Philadelphia Jewish Archive Center: Founded by Jewish Federation, PJAC began gathering collections of documents and found a small ground floor room in the old Saturday Evening Post building at 6th & Walnut to call home. As the years passed, this growing organization wandered around center city until Temple University offered a permanent home for PJAC's collection of documents. The initial gifts from Jewish organizations include the records of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the local branch of the National Council of Jewish Women, and the records of four Yiddish banks primarily employing Yiddish as the language of choice.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia: Founded in 1979 by seven amateur Jewish genealogists and led by **founding President Harry Boonin**, today the JGSGP has 240 paid-up members, led by **current President Fred Blum**. Over the last 40 years, the group has held hundreds of meetings locally; attended international summer conferences around the world, and eagerly listened and learned from some of the finest educators in their fields. The international conference in 2009 was held in Philadelphia drawing over one thousand attendees. Community service through education is the primary goal of our society. Local experienced speakers are requested by various Jewish organizations and for the past 35 years, the Society has published CHRONICLES, its award-winning journal. Anyone interested in back copies of the Journal or reading the forthcoming issue should contact Evan Fishman, editor, at ebf2001@comcast.net.

If you would like to inquire about membership in the new organization, The Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia, please contact Marilyn Mazer Golden at membership@jgsgp.org. The archivist at Temple University is Jessica Lydon, 215-204-8257.

Congratulations to the society for enabling us to maintain our Jewish identity and family history by promoting research methodology, documentation of the research to genealogical writing, and publications that promotes the Jewish education of members and the general public.

Awardees

Humanitarian Award

THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA AND THE WILLIAM W. BODINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



**WILLIAM W. BODINE HIGH SCHOOL
FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**



The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia and the William W. Bodine High School for International Affairs are the 2019 recipients of the **B'nai B'rith Educators' Humanitarian Award**.

The World Affairs Council, whose mission is to create global citizens, devotes much of its energy to education. Believing that Democracy Demands Discourse, the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to informing and engaging people of all ages on matters of national and international significance. The Council provides its members and the greater Philadelphia community with access to influential figures in the global arena, as well as opportunities to visit fascinating destinations through its unique travel program. With the support of individual and corporate members, the Council's global education program enhances the education of area students who are the citizens, workforce, and leaders of the future. Carrying its mission beyond Philadelphia, the Council produces the national public television series, *The Whole Truth with David Eisenhower*.

Founded in 1981 as a partnership between the School District of Philadelphia and the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, William W. Bodine High School for International Affairs, led by **Karen Thomas, Principal** is a magnet school in the Northern Liberties section of Philadelphia. The school features a humanities and foreign-language centered college preparatory program and offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma. The Council provides the school with the services of **Kasey Trapp**, the **John Lazarich Leadership Liaison**, a part-time, on-site position. By doing so the Council enriches Bodine's global curriculum, expands academic and professional opportunities, assists in facilitating student study abroad opportunities,

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Humanitarian Award

builds Bodine's technological capacity, and increases access to STEM education. Bodine students regularly attend Council speaker programs, participate in Council high school education programs and participate in a wide-range of globally focused activities and programs organized by the Council's on-site liaison at Bodine.

The mission of the Bodine High School for International Affairs is to provide urban public school students with a comprehensive educational experience that expands students' interests to include global issues and prepares them for a lifetime of achievement and participation in the local, national and global communities. Bodine was authorized as International Baccalaureate World School in April 2005. All students are prepared to enter IB courses by their junior year, through which they are able to earn a distinctive supplemental diploma and qualify for college credits. Bodine students must complete 100 hours of community service and four years of foreign language courses in order to graduate. As a magnet school established to foster interracial understanding, Bodine attracts academically motivated students from all parts of the city. The diversity among students and faculty is a great source of strength for the school, as the students are bound together by their common desire for a unique high school experience that transcends racial and ethnic boundaries. English is the language spoken in the majority of students' households, yet approximately 25% of students are bilingual or tri-lingual, speaking more than 23 languages and dialects.

Since Bodine's founding, the Council has sponsored a highly anticipated, one-day event called International Day. For the past 36 years, International Day has brought Bodine's entire student body, faculty, and both family and community members together to celebrate the school's diversity in an educational setting. The Council continues to build the academic integrity of International Day by providing essential resources for student-led workshops and hosts professional cultural groups from the Philadelphia-area, allowing the student body to more deeply examine a range of issues and values that are integral to the school's mission while still celebrating the school's diversity and international connections. Resources include the testimony of Holocaust survivors and liberators, along with a museum educator provided by The Holocaust Awareness Museum. Bodine has hosted their "Witness to History - Survivor Presentation" and believes that survivors and liberators, as eyewitnesses to the Holocaust, are the richest and best way to educate our youth.

Congratulations to Bodine High School for International Affairs and the World Affairs Council, and their leaders, Karen Thomas, Principal and Kasey Trapp, John Lazarich Leadership Liaison, on receiving this prestigious award. We applaud the student body, staff, parents and community for their work and receptiveness in emphasizing the message that racial, ethnic, and religious hatred are social poisons that affect individuals, families and communities.

B'nai B'rith Educators Unit Scholarship Award

ABIGAIL THOMAS

B'nai B'rith Educators Unit is pleased to bestow the 2019 Scholarship Award to Abigail Thomas. Abigail is a senior at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, where she has earned a 4.59 GPA. Abigail is a member of the National Honor Society, which requires a certain GPA along with community service.

Abigail's community service, activities and volunteer work are numerous. School activities include assisting her AP Calculus teacher, as a board member of the Jewish Student Union and a member of the student government's Steering Committee, planning events.

She volunteers at the Jewish Relief Agency, packing and delivering food to needy community members. In addition, Abigail has worked with Special Olympics athletes at swim practice and their big meet.

She is the daughter of very proud parents, Hope and Paul Thomas. Her mother Hope is a member of the unit. The family are members of Keneseth Israel Synagogue.

Congratulations to Abigail who is joined here tonight by her parents and twin sister Sarah. Abigail will attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy, one of the five federal service academies. She plans to attend law school, following her undergraduate years, and specialize in Maritime Law.

B'nai B'rith Educators Unit Scholarship Award

SARAH THOMAS

B'nai B'rith Educators Unit is pleased to bestow the 2019 Scholarship Award to Sarah Thomas. Sarah is a senior at Plymouth Whitmarsh High School, where she has earned a 3.4 GPA. She is the daughter of very proud parents, Hope and Paul Thomas. Her mother Hope is a member of the unit.

Sarah, along with her family, are members of Keneseth Israel Synagogue, where she was confirmed two years ago. A highlight of her confirmation was visiting the Religious Action Center, along with her twin sister to lobby congress on gun control, a very important subject in their home, as both parents are teachers.

Sarah is very involved in the community and has an impressive resume. She has participated in her school's Steering Committee, planning school activities, lobbied Congress at the Religious Action Center, and teaches swimming to adults and adolescents with special needs in preparation for the local Special Olympics swim meet.

Sarah is a member of Best Buddies, a group that creates opportunities and friendships for individuals with intellectual and developmental needs. Sarah and her buddy attend school events, goes to the movies and the mall together and recently attended the Best Buddies Ball.

Sarah has competed in swim meets as a varsity member of her school's swim team for four years and at Colonial Community Aquatics in weekly seasonal meets. She is a mentor for younger swimmers and has earned a Red Cross Lifesaving Certificate.

Congratulations to Sarah, her twin sister Abigail and the rest of her family on her upcoming graduation and enrollment at West Chester University where she plans to major in computers.

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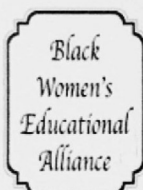
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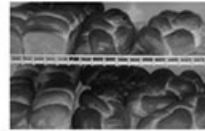
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