## B'nai B'rith Educators Unit #5290 December 2019 NEWSLETTER

www.bnaibritheducators.com

## Message from the President

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2020!

I cannot believe this year is over – and I am pleased to explain all the wonderful activities and programs the Executive Board implemented this year. We ran a trip to New York to see "How to Kill a Mockingbird", which was a huge success thanks to Suzanne Newman and Alice Heller. Hopefully, we will be able to run a similar trip in the upcoming year. Earlier this month, we organized a Meet and Greet/Holiday Party at TGIF on City Line Avenue. Although it was small, everyone in attendance had a wonderful time – including our 3 new members! Thanks to the incredible hard work from Betty Klear and Barry Drossner, we have awarded the following grants to schools.

**Loeche School** – Pam Veneziale – will be purchasing level books to teach about and reflect on the carried cultures represented within the school.

**Solis- Cohen** – Debra Kirk – will be purchasing a set of books, entitled, "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas., which focuses on the childhood experiences of children in Concentration Camps during the Holocaust.

**Kirkbride School** – Rebecca Julien – their 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be visiting the National Museum America Jewish History as well as the African American Museum in Philadelphia. The purpose is to show students various communities that have faced discrimination and how civic engagement played a role in developing relationships.

The Awards of Excellence Brunch is on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Bala Country Club. With careful planning, we organized this event to allow for our snowbird members to attend. Please save the date and remember tickets can be purchased in advance for \$50.00 each. Once again, we will be implementing our Annual Ad Book. Flyers are attached. The Ad Book is an important function of our organization. It is a main source of funding for all the Scholarships and Grants we honor. Again, we are reaching out to our members and hoping you will support our book.

## **Good and Welfare**

Happy December Birthdays to Larry Sperling and Don Whittenberg.

Mazel Tov to the Klear Family who welcomed their new granddaughter Zoe Leah on November 26, 2019.

With deepest sympathy we regret to inform the organization of the passing of,

Dr. Paula (Polly) Gussman on December 9, 2019. She was a long-time member and friend to our members.

Robert Steel, brother-in-law to Don Whittenberg, passed away in December.

Sincerely,

## Judith Gerben Lundy

Judith Gerben Lundy, President