



# B'NAI B'RITH EDUCATORS UNIT CHARTER NO. 5290

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I hope everyone is well and enjoying the warmer temperatures and bright sunshine. With the warmer temperature and Memorial Day behind us, we are enjoying the unofficial start of summer. For those members who are still working educators, we are very near the end of our school year, and like most others, happy to put the 2020-2021 school year behind us. However, as all educators know, many of us will continue to work throughout the summer months to prepare for the fall.

That being said, the B'Nai B'Rith board members will not be sitting idle either. There is the Awards of Excellence Brunch, as well as other events to plan, and members to recruit. In the March newsletter, I spoke of the need to maintain an active membership to keep our organization strong and thriving. We have approximately 50 paid members to date, many who are retired educators. Unfortunately, the younger generation does not see the value of affiliation which makes it more difficult to recruit members.

There are many Jews, who due to the world we live in today, consider themselves culturally Jewish and not religious Jews. They do not feel the need to connect in a religious way, so therefore, do not join religious organizations. A few people have told me that they are "bad Jews" because they don't practice their faith and that is why they are not interested in connecting with our organization. With the recent events in Israel, and the increase in overt Anti-Semitism in the USA and around the world, it is imperative that we as Jews stay together, participate in religious organizations, and maintain a united front whether we consider ourselves cultural or religious Jews. There is strength in numbers, and as I have mentioned previously, our numbers are on a decline. We are not a political organization; we are a religiously affiliated organization. Our members practice Judaism both culturally and religiously. Either way, we have found a connection through our profession and religion.

Please keep that connection strong. Spread the word to friends and younger colleagues that no matter how one practices Judaism there is a place for them within B'Nai B'Rith Educators Unit 5290.

On a final note, please take the time to take the survey by clicking on the link below to have your voice heard in order to plan future activities.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHBXNQ2>

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