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Brought To You By Rabbi Ben: The Energy of Cheshvan

By: Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell

Shalom!

I am so grateful to everyone who made our holiday season so special. A big thank you to Cantor Band for her 25th year leading our community in prayer and ritual chair Mark Frydenberg, President Linda Ungerleider, and Jim and Andrea Baron for all you did to coordinate our services. A big thank you to Erika for spearheading our sukkah build and take-down (in record time!) and to nextgen for coordinating a wonderful sukkah hop with 5 hosts and about 30 guests across the generations. Last but not least, thank you to so many of our TBI members and friends who contributed your energy, your kindness, and your spirit to our celebrations.

The challenge now is how to carry forward the spirit of community and purpose as we enter the cold months of Cheshvan and Kislev. Cheshvan is known as “Marcheshvan” or “Bitter Cheshvan” because it contains no holiday (besides Shabbat). Yet the open space of chol (weekday) offers us an expansive window of potential to realize the goals to which we committed ourselves during the holidays. It is exciting to begin the work. Naomi Shemer in her song “hitchadshut” captures this spirit of renewal. The chorus reads as follows:

Acharei hachagim yitchadesh hakol. After the holidays,

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President's Message

By: Linda Ungerleider

What a joyous, inspirational and engaging High Holy Days season. Todah rabah to Rabbi Ben, Cantor Ellen and all those who participated in the services. Special thanks to Andrea for organizing the announcements and the unseen parts; to Jim for ushering and to all of the greeters who welcomed all worshipers.

The Temple Beth Israel Future (TBIF) Task Force will meet on Sunday, November 2. Its mission is to help determine the future use of the building and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Our committees have been meeting to provide learning and social opportunities to our members, friends and the public.

Rabbi Ben has been working with a small group of parents of young children and together will be holding a Pajama Havdalah on November 15. The NextGen group has been re-energized and are planning a pickleball tournament and a trivia night.

Scott Tepper has received a grant from Hadar and will facilitate an *Intro to the Jewish Bookshelf*, an in-person discussion group over ten sessions. The class is full but contact Scott to get on the waiting list. The Program Committee is working on lining up several Hanukkah events as well

The Warming Center is returning for the sixth year on Sunday, November 30. This year the need is greater than ever. There are more unhoused and those with food insecurity. Performing Tikkun Olam by volunteering is a mitzvah to others and to yourself. Volunteer as a greeter or serve food to our guests. The signup link is: <https://signup.com/go/KCXgHdW>.

To all: Thank you for your participation, your energy, your ideas and for welcoming others into our growing, vibrant and engaging community.

Linda



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everything will be renewed.

Yitchadshu v'yashuvu y'mei hachol. Ordinary days will return, renewed. Ha'avir, he'afar, hamatar, v'ha'esh - The air, the earth, the rain and the fire - Gam atah, gam atah, titchadesh. Also you, you too, will be renewed.

I look forward to supporting your personal renewal and together renewing our community in this new year of 5786. Our TBIF (TBI Future) committee will begin its work this month considering new uses of our building, and there will be many opportunities for all members to participate. Our Nextgen committee is planning a pickleball tournament Nov. 16 and Kaballat Shabbat/Shabbat dinner on Nov. 21. Through learning in our parsha class, hot topics, on Shabbat, at our book club, and with our new Kaballah study group, we gain new insights on the world and on ourselves. And lastly, we will discover new and expanding light in the darkness as we celebrate Hanukkah together this December. I am thrilled to continue our personal and collective renewal these months and beyond!

Rabbi Ben Chaidell

Welcome New Members

Emily Shuman and Vikko Suarez Casanova
 Gabi, Cecile, Emmanuel and Luka Reve-Kotler
 Judy and Mark Teitelbaum
 Isaac Berger
 Rachel Bloch
 Ezri Bartko
 Sidney and Susan Rubenstein
 Ben Dearnorf, Carol Teitelbaum and Rowen

High Holy Day Appeal - Written by Merrill Griff, Treasurer TBI

Heneni - This simple statement often repeated throughout our long history is more than a literal "I am here".

Who in our history has said these words? Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Samuel and Isaiah. Without a doubt, names well known to all of us. Each one of them is a foundational pillar to our heritage. Every one of these individuals responded with a **heneni** to a request calling for accountability and support.

Temple Beth Israel is our well of sustenance that is calling out to each one of us. Just as in ancient times the well provided water and sustenance for the community. Temple Beth Israel is communal property. TBI offers both physical and spiritual sustenance. All of us should now heed its call and like our forefathers and foremothers and state, "**Heneni**"!

What are the needs of the temple? Perhaps the needs to which I refer eludes you. After all we have a beautifully refurbished main sanctuary. We are fortunate to have a new rabbi, we are celebrating our 25th year with Cantor Band, and Andrea Baron administrates and cares for our temple needs with total devotion. We have educational programs and social events throughout the year.

What are the conditions or needs of our well, our temple?

We have about 100 Members who belong to TBI. How many support and contribute with a hearty and full throated, "Heneni"? This past year only 67 % of our members paid our very modest full annual fee. That means 1/3rd of our congregants participate with less than a full membership contribution. Of course, there are good reasons that some cannot pay their full annual dues, but this discrepancy has left us with a \$21,000 shortfall just in membership dues alone. It is a simple fact that 67% full paying members cannot sustain our temple, our home.

Last year, Jim Baron presented a bleak but realistic account of our financial affairs. Our assets had dipped 20%. Our membership commitment to paying dues was 67%. Sponsorship of the Saturday kiddush was low. Many structures were in of need repairs. Jim Baron's appeal was heard and we raised \$15,000.

Through the stewardship of George Isaac and Jim Baron and with help from Ben Nudelman, Mark Frydenberg and me, we have been able to help improve the shul's financial situation. The current market and the reshuffling of our portfolio has enabled us to double our rate of return from 5% to 10%. This has given us the opportunity to begin the replenishment of our capital.

The horizon is strewn with expenses that must be met. We need a new roof over the sanctuary, new air conditioning, better accessibility, competitive salaries for our rabbi, executive director, and our chazan who is celebrating her 25th year with us. In short, we need additional donations to sustain us for the future.

Last year this community was very generous with extra contributions which helped tremendously. We ask if you can be generous once again this coming year. Your contributions allowed us to continue a kiddush lunch every Saturday. This tradition is vital to our community. Everyone is welcome. It's a special time during which people can share stories and connect with each other. To continue this endeavor we need sponsorship, members who will donate to pay for a luncheon. Do this in memory or in honor of someone. Celebrate your birthday or an anniversary. Do it for a good reason. Do it for no reason. Like the commercial says, "Just do it"

There are other ways you can help. Consider donating to our building fund or our various educational programs. Honor your family members who have passed or commit to a donation out of your love of Torah and our future. **Our goal this year is \$25,000 from 100% of our membership and guests.**

We all need to commit ourselves to this Temple. We need to keep our word, fulfill our obligations spiritually, socially and financially.

I will quote from Pirkei Avot, the Ethics of our Fathers: Chapter 1, verse 15:

Emor M'at v' Assay Harbay! Say little and do much.

Members and guests of Temple Beth Israel, it is time for each of us to say, "**Heneni**". **Pledge your support for your spiritual and social home.** Don't just nod. Stand up, be counted and accountable and donate generously so we can continue our work and be a welcoming, enriching shul for all who choose to enter our doors.

Let us carry on in the tradition of our ancestors with **Heneni** and action.

Contributors to date:

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| Cantor Ellen Band | Chad and Julie Gagnon | Joseph Linitz | Sid and Susan Rubenstein |
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| Leonard Elkins | Marlene Leboff | Zach Roe | Linda Ungerleider |

Song Circle for Cheshvan

Saturday November 1, 5:30 PM at TBI (in-person only)
Join us to sing out Shabbat, followed by havdalah.
or other songs. Light snacks will be served.



Everyone is invited to informally share favorite Shabbat

Monthly Kaballat Shabbat Service and Potluck

Friday November 7th

6:30 PM Kaballat Shabbat Service in-person and on Zoom [here](#)

7:30 PM Potluck Shabbat Dinner: Sign up to bring a dairy/vegetarian dish [here](#)

Join us for a spirited Kaballat Shabbat service to welcome Shabbat, followed by a dairy vegetarian potluck feast!



Friday December 5

6:30 PM Kaballat Shabbat Service in-person and on Zoom [here](#)

7:30 PM Potluck Shabbat Dinner: Sign up to bring a dairy/vegetarian dish [here](#).

Join us for a spirited Kaballat Shabbat service followed by a delicious dairy/vegetarian potluck feast we will create together.

Save the date: NextGen Kaballat Shabbat and Dinner Friday Nov. 21

More details to come soon.



New Views on Parsha:

Make Me a Match! - Thursday 11/13, 12-1 PM

Online ONLY at Zoom link [here](#)

In this week's Torah portion, Abraham's servant Eliezer identifies Rebekah as the woman Isaac is to marry. We will explore what made Rebekah stand out and what that teaches about what it takes to build a successful relationship. We will also explore Jewish wedding law and custom inspired by this story, including the importance of consent and the blessing by parents at bedeken (veiling).

The Peril and Promise of Dreams— Thursday 12/11, 12-1 PM

Online ONLY at Zoom link [here](#)

In this week's Torah portion dreams cause Joseph both peril and promise. His dreams ostracize him from his brothers who sell him into slavery, even as his interpretation of the baker, cupbearer, and Pharaoh's dreams raise him to prince of Egypt. Together, we'll explore the promise and peril of dreams for Joseph as we consider the role of dreams in Jewish tradition, gaining insight into the meaning dreams can play for us as they did for our ancestors.

Hot Topics:

The Pioneering Bamber Family of Russell Street Sunday November 23, 10:30 AM at TBI (in-person) following minyan at 9 AM and breakfast

Minyan and class accessible on Zoom [here](#)

Before Thanksgiving, celebrate our American Jewish heritage by exploring the story of the Bamber family that lived across the street from TBI on Russell St. from 1865-1884. We'll explore what brought Asher Bamber and his family to Waltham, how they balanced Jewish and American identity, and how Golde Bamber empowered thousands of immigrant Jews and others to find a home in Boston through her pioneering educational and social work at the Hebrew Industrial School and Hecht Neighborhood House.

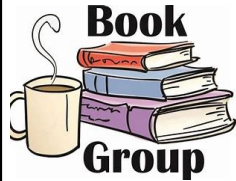


Hanukkah Songs Past and Present

Sunday December 14, 10:30 AM in-person at TBI following minyan at 9 AM and breakfast

Minyan and class accessible on Zoom [here](#)

Hanukkah songs capture the many meanings of Hanukkah, from its meditation on light to its celebration of both Jewish self-determination in Israel and American Jewish culture via Adam Sandler. Join Rabbi Ben to explore European, Zionist/Israeli, and contemporary American Hanukkah songs to understand what they say about the holiday, and ourselves.



“Oy, Another Book the TBI Book Lovers Club”

Hey everyone so our official new name is “Oy, Another Book the TBI Book Lovers Club” thank you to everyone who participated and made it such an enjoyable time. Also to those at our meeting thank you the conversations were so enlightening and definitely made me think. Our group is amazing and thank you for being flexible next months meeting will be back to our regular type and discussions. [Click Here](#) for an article with a lot of great information that Catherine sent me.

Shalom,
Gavriella

ALL MEETINGS START AT 7 PM!!!!

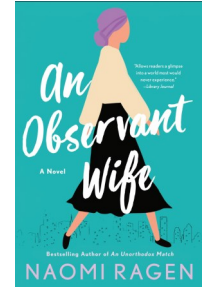
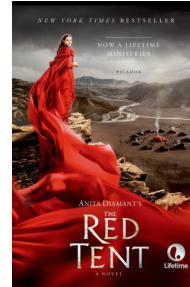
November 25th- The Red Tent by Anita Diamante

December 23rd- An Observant Wife by Naomi Ragen

If you have any questions contact Kenzie Edwards

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[Click Here to Join the BookClub Zoom](#)



Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee will oversee the return of the Warming Center to TBI on Sunday, November 30 through March 22. Our faith guides us to care for the stranger. With tasty hot food provided by Food Not Bombs, we welcome the unhoused and those with food insecurity to our social hall from 1:00-4:00 each week. Good food, a warm and relaxing space, and a movie await all guests! Now entering our sixth year, your help is needed. Shifts are available from 12:30-4:30 to greet, to serve our guests, to help set and/or clean up and, most importantly, to be friendly to all. If you can come in to help, please use this link to sign up: <https://signup.com/go/KCXgHdW>.

TBI member, Phil Steindel will be coordinating the volunteers again this year and can be reached at phil.steindel@gmail.com and can respond to your questions or concerns.

During the November 30th Warming Center, we will remember Randall Shaw, who passed unexpectedly last spring. He was our social director, bringing a variety of movies each week for enjoyment. Randall was kind and giving to all and is sadly missed in the unhoused community.

We continue to collect winter coats/jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, scarves, gloves, warm pants for both men and women for the Community Day Center, books for More Than Words, and canned salmon and non-sugar cereal for the JR&CS Family Table. Let’s fill each collection container that can be found in our lobby. All donations are greatly appreciated by these nonprofits.

For accessibility needs, please contact

Sue Schy, Social Justice Committee Chair at sueschy@gmail.com.

NextGen has been busy planning events for November. There is now a NextGen page on our website at

<https://tbiwaltham.org/grow/nextgen/>. All upcoming events and programs will appear there and on our calendar.

For more information or to get on the NextGen email chain, contact Vikko at vsuarezcasanova@outlook.com

1. Bar Trivia Night—Wednesday November 5th at 7pm at Joe Sent Me on Main Street

2. Pickleball Social—Sunday November 16th 10am at Lowell Field

3. Kaballat Shabbat and Dinner—Friday November 21st—More details to come soon



Lessons from Sukkot 5786

By: Gavriella Edwards

As Sukkot came to a close, I had many thoughts of “home” and how that relates to the idea of a Jewish home. Home to me has never been an actual place so to speak well at least not just one place. Wherever I am at and with those I love that is home to me. I feel sometimes we get too caught up in trying to keep up with others even with our living situations that we forget anywhere can be home if you want it to be.

Home for me is being in a place where you support each other, cheer each other on and truly want what’s best for each other. Home can be anywhere for people some people may not have people at their “home” but when they go to Shul that may be their home and where they have that love for each other. I feel a house is built on love and you must love everyone and meet them where they are. If the Jews could travel 40 years through the desert with a Sukkah, then we really need to appreciate what we have. I think people tend to take having a physical home for granted and forget there are so many people that don’t have a roof over their head at night. These people make their homes from boxes, tents, under bridges and a lot of times live in community with others who are also homeless. They make their own family to survive, which to be honest is what all of us are trying to do. The Jews also didn’t have a permanent place they called home while wandering the desert for forty years, but they stayed together. It would have been so different had there been a lack of community and multiple groups went off their own way I doubt Judaism would be what it is today.

I don’t take having a place to go to that’s warm and protects me for granted, ever. In 2008 I was staying with who I thought was my best friend and was being a nanny and cleaner for her and her son. That was when she lost custody to his dad and her and her partner told me I needed to get out. I learned what it meant to have nothing and no idea what to do. I walked the streets with my backpack of clothes I could get and that was it. I eventually found a homeless shelter and I was so happy to just have a roof over my head to keep me warm during the cold nights of winter. I saw and met so many people while I was at the shelter some were dangerous, but I had a guy named Poet who always looked out for me. He was my hero in my darkest hour, and he too was homeless. Poet didn’t look at the shelter in a negative light he looked at it as a springboard to help move back into life and be successful. We all need to look at every situation as a springboard to move us into the next phase of our lives. He had such an impact on me with how positive his attitude was, how he genuinely loved people and never met a stranger, he would talk to anyone who wished to talk to him. I had the privilege of calling him my friend we spent so many hours sharing our poetry which we both loved and both pretty good at. On the days just sitting at the park with Poet reading our latest poems and discussing our hopes and dreams for me that was home.

Everyone has their own idea what home is, and a lot of people get hung up on the physical aspect but those are just walls with a roof. The building has no feelings, emotions, it can’t speak to you. It’s people that make a house a home, not the building. I am so lucky that my view on what home is has always maybe been a little unique, but that’s ok because I can be home in so many places not just one.

When I visit my Nana that’s one of my homes and it’s always a place I know I can go to if I need. My family at her home has always said, “if you’re family, the door is never shut.” That’s such a beautiful thing knowing you have places you can go to and always have a home. I count myself very lucky because I have so many places I can always go to, and it will be home because of the people. People make a home not the structure, but we need to be mindful that the structure protecting us isn’t afforded by everyone and we need to be grateful for what we have. The Sukkah was home in the desert; the home wasn’t in one space; it had to move as the Jews moved towards Israel. The place wasn’t important, the structure, regardless of what it was made of was their home and they had each other. That to me shows the resiliency of Jews from then forward. Home is fluid not set and Jewish people have been ripped from their homes many times, but so many stories have come from survivors on how they made do with what they had and leaned on each other for help. Those are the stories that show me how resilient we

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truly are as a community even in the worst times, we can be home with others. I absolutely love those stories I hate the events that happened, but it gives me hope that even in my worst times I can find home where I am.

As for a Jewish home it's truly what you make it to be. I love having my Shabbat candle stick holders sitting out waiting for Shabbat. I love to sit and study Torah or read a book on Judaism past and present. I feel as though my home is Jewish because I am in it and I'm proud of my journey to becoming Jewish. I realized during an early hospital stay when asked what religion I just automatically said I'm Jewish. After I said it, I realized that it was the first time, even before officially converting, I knew where I belonged. I knew where home was! Now years later I call TBI home and I am beyond blessed being a part of this community

As we head towards winter and Hanukkah approaches, I will share I proudly have displayed year-round my unlit Menorah as it reminds me of how the miracle of the oil lasting can be how we keep the flame alive within us, even when we don't feel like we have enough gas left in the tank. We are all a like a Menorah, giving off light when there is darkness to someone we did not even realize chose you to be their light. I always want my home no matter where it is to be inviting to those I love and at times even those I may not know yet. We can't let this world snuff out our flame, make it eternal and make your mark on the world. I have faith that one day the whole world will feel like one home and one community in peace together. That is my wish for a world where we can all love each other. That will be the day the world is perfect, and we are all home together as one people; after all we are all G-d's children regardless.

Gavriella Nurit Tikvah



Save the Date for this Event

Speaking Volumes:

PRESERVING BOOKS
LOOTED BY THE NAZIS



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 AT 2:00 PM

[These Books Speak Volumes](#) is a fascinating story about how thousands of books looted by the Nazis made their way to Brandeis University. The story begins in the 1930s when the Nazis systematically plundered volumes from the private, community, and scholarly libraries of Jews in Western and Eastern Europe.



Brandeis University librarian [Lou Hartman](#) will share how she and her colleagues identified and catalogued these books, many marked with Nazi stamps, to preserve their histories and honor the memory of those who once owned them. As a bonus, our presenter may bring some books for you to touch, feel, and browse through.

FREE ADMISSION. Donations accepted at the door.

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Havdalah and Pajamas

Saturday, November 15
4:30 pm

Join Jewish families in Waltham for a cozy ritual to end Shabbat. As the sun sets, we'll enjoy snacks and treats, a bedtime story, and a multi sensory ritual with songs, scents, tastes, and more. RSVP to office@tbiwaltham.org or 781-894-5146 to join our growing community. PJ's welcome!



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11/11 @ 1 pm - Meetup at West Newton Cinema to see "For the Living" as part of the Boston Jewish Film Festival; those interested can continue with a meal afterwards.

Irma G: A Century of Hats and Spirit

Mayyim Hayyim's current exhibition, [Irma G: A Century of Hats and Spirit](#), is a powerful meditation on intergenerational relationships and the beauty of aging. This was a shared project with photographer Leann Shamash and her mother during the final year of her life where she photographed her in a century's worth of hats. This exhibit puts a beautiful elderly woman in the uspotlight, and these images bring up themes of legacy, storytelling, and visibility as well as the entire package of who a 96-year-old woman can be.

Date and Time: Sunday December 3 Leave TBI at 5:00 to carpool to Mayyim Hayyim or meet us there at 5:30.

Dinner to follow at Clover (835 Washington St. Newton). Pay your own way.

Please email Andrea (office@tbiwaltham.org) by November 30 that you are joining us.

OPEN GALLERY HOURS
 WITH ARTIST LEANN SHAMASH
IRMA G: A CENTURY OF HATS AND SPIRIT

OCTOBER 29
 NOVEMBER 12
 DECEMBER 3
 5:30 - 7:00 PM

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 LIVING WATERS COMMUNITY MIKVEH
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Other Upcoming Programs

Details will be sent out via eblast

11/16 @ 1100am - "Walk in the Park" - A walk around the Levine Loop in Bedford, meetup at TBI and possible lunch/picnic afterwards.

11/22 - Exploring Kaballah with Susan Holbert: The Sefirot
 Saturday November 22, at approximately 12:45/1 PM after kiddush
 Accessible on Zoom [here](#)

Join TBI member and Kaballah student Susan Holbert to explore the sefirot, the channels of divine energy that can bring balance to our lives. Susan will share the class she offered in her sukkah October 19 with the broader community.

11/30 - Loppers Club - volunteer to help clean up the Riverwalk, Time to be determined. Hot Cider will be provided and the activity is dependent on good weather.



Hanukkah begins on the evening of Saturday, December 14th. On the first night, recite all three blessings. On the remaining nights, recite only the first two blessings. On Shabbat, light Hanukkah candles before lighting Shabbat candles.

ברוך אתה ה', אלהינו מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו
להדליק נר של חנוכה. Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu
l'hadlik neir shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, instilling in us the holiness of mitzvot by commanding us to light the lights of Hanukkah.

ברוך אתה ה', אלהינו מלך העולם,
שעשה נסים לאבותינו,
בימים ההם ובזמן הזה. Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam,
she-asah nisim la-avoteinu,
ba-yamim ha-heim u-va-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are you Adonai our God, who rules the universe, accomplishing miracles for our ancestors from ancient days until our time.

On the first night only:

ברוך אתה ה', אלהינו מלך העולם,
שהחיינו וקיימנו והגענו לזמן הזה. Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam,
she-heheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higi'anu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, granting us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day.

Hanukkah Candle Lighting with the Mayor at City Hall



Join Temple Beth Israel, Waltham's Mayor, Jeanette McCarthy and Rabbi Ben, on **Thursday, December 18*** at 4:30pm in the **City Council Chambers at City Hall**.

We will be lighting the candles for the fifth night of Hanukkah.

We look forward to seeing you there!

12/20 @ 4 pm - bring your favorite latke and donuts for a tasting and a contest to vote on the best, then Havdalah & Candle lighting; entertainment can include games, singing, and possibly the latest Hallmark Chanukah rom-com (see flier page 11).

Latkes and Lights

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025 AT TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

4:00 PM LATKE & DONUT TASTING CONTEST/ VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITES

5:00 PM HAVDALAH AND CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING FOLLOWED BY GAMES, SINGING, AND THE LATEST CHANUKAH ROM-COM



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We meet by computer, by phone, and in person (though we do close the building temporarily in COVID-19 surges—please check the website).



To join by phone--no computer needed: Dial (301)-715-8592. You will hear a prompt to enter a meeting ID. Enter the meeting ID, followed by #. In the listing of events below, we show the meeting ID for each event.

To join by computer or mobile device, visit zoom.us in a web browser, click *Join a Meeting*, and enter the meeting ID and password for the event (or click the direct link to the event posted on our website or in our weekly email update). **The current list of events appears below.**

For the latest schedule of online events, visit <http://www.tbiwaltham.org/>.

| Dates | November and December | Meeting ID |
|---|--|--|
| Nov 7 , Dec 5 | Friday Night Service—Pot Luck Dinner 6:30pm - 9:00pm | Click Here to Join Service |
| Nov 14, 21, 28 Dec 12, 19, 26 | Shabbat Service - 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Online only | Click Here for the Zoom Link |
| Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Dec 6, 13, 20, 27 | Shabbat Morning In-house and Online 9:30 am | Click Here to Join |
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Rabbi Ben's Monthly Classes

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| November 13 December 11 | <p style="text-align: center;">New Views on the Weekly Parsha</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Online Only</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov: Make me a Match</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dec: The Peril and Promise of Dreams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">at 12:00pm</p> |  <p>Click Here to Join on Zoom</p> |
| November 23 December 14 |  <p style="text-align: center;">Hot Topics</p> <p style="text-align: center;">after minyan and breakfast</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov: The Pioneering Bamber Family of Russell Street</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dec: Hanukkah Songs Past and Present</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At 10:30am - inhouse and online</p> | <p>Click Here to Join On Zoom</p> |

We wish a long life to our members who are observing a Yahrzeit in the coming weeks.

If your loved one is remembered here, we remind you that it is customary to acknowledge the yahrzeit with tzedakah. TBI appreciates any gift you wish to make in memory of your loved ones.

November Yahrzeits

Nov 1 - William and Leonard Elkins, in memory of their mother, Bella Elkins

Nov 2 - Andrea Baron, in memory of her father, Allyn Abramson

Nov 6 - Erika Cohen, in memory of her father, Arpad Viltschek

Nov 6 - Bruce Trager, in memory of his grandmother, Rose Fox

Nov 8 - Joel Weiner, in memory of Edward Weiner

Nov 12 - Merrill Griff, in memory of Daniel Griff

Nov 15 - Linda Ungerleider, in memory of her husband, Stanley Ungerleider

Nov 17 - Jim Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their grandmother, Madeline Kaplan

Nov 20 - Jim Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their father, Herbert Baron

Nov 20 - Martin Taubman, in memory of Herman "Chaim" Taubman

Nov 22 - Joseph Linitz, in memory of his father Henry Linschitz

Nov 22 - John F Kennedy

Nov 23 - Jim Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their grandmother, Eva Baron

Nov 24 - Rob Solomon, in memory of Isadore Solomon

Nov 25 - Merrill Griff, in memory of his mother, Bessie Griff

Nov 25 - Carl Weinstein, in memory of his uncle, Miles Cohn

Nov 26 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of Ethel Fichtelberg

Nov 27 - Jill Stanton, in memory of her mother, Roz Stanton

Nov 28 - Janice Goldstein, in memory of her mother, Ella Blauer

Nov 28 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of Jenny Weitzenberg

Nov 29 - Janet Moses, in memory of her sister, Eileen Moses

December Yahrzeits

Dec 1 - David Kaufman, in memory of his mother, Blanche Kaufman

Dec 1 - Max Canter

Dec 5 - Karin Kriegsman, in memory of her sister, Elinor "Ellie" Handel

Dec 6 - Judith Isaac, in memory of her mother, Ediya

Dec 8 - Robert Kaitz, in memory of, Sadie Kaitz

Dec 13 - Joel Israel, in memory of Anita Israel Macauley

Dec 13 - George Isaac, in memory of his father, Yoseph Isaac

Dec 17 - Dr. Joseph Jacobs

Dec 20 - Alan Levine, in memory of his grandfather, Benjamin Greene

Dec 21 - Joan Friedman, in memory of her father, Arthur Friedman

Dec 23 - Diana Korzenik, in memory of her grandfather, Rav Daniel Ben Zalman

Dec 24 - Ezri Bartko, in memory of their father, Joseph Bartko

Dec 26 - Jim Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their uncle, Howard Kaplan

Dec 28 - Morris Hollender

Dec 30 - Zach Roe, in memory of James Herbert Seilers

Dec 30 - Merrill Griff, in memory of Michael Laufer

Dec 30 - Toni Wolfman, in memory of Robert Macauley



Donations

Saturday Kiddush Fund

- ◆ Nov 8 - Alan Dechter
- ◆ Nov 15 - Catherine Cantrell, in honor of the wedding of her grandson

Mark Frydenberg Event Participation Fund

- ◆ Scott Tepper

General Fund

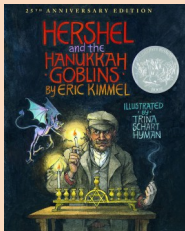
- ◆ Carol Halberstadt, in memory of her loved ones
- ◆ Ed Brown, in honor of Michaela Baron's 30th anniversary of coming to America
- ◆ Diana Korzenik, in honor of Michaela Baron's 30th anniversary of coming to America and Cantor Ellen Band's 25th anniversary as TBI Cantor for the Holidays

Congratulations

- ◆ Joshua Mandell and Mira Liang on their wedding, October 26.

Condolences

- ◆ Rose and Michael Myers on the loss of their daughter, Abigail
- ◆ Jim, Andrea, and Michaela on the loss of their cousin Ellen Krigest and their dog Elvis.



TBI Bookshelf

By Marilyn Racette

The days are growing shorter, and the nights longer. As we are now covering two months in our newsletter, I want to share, once more, a Hanukkah favorite of mine, *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins* by Eric Kimmel, illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. Hershel of Ostropol is a well-loved hero/trickster of Jewish folklore. In this tale he stops at a small village on the first night of Hanukkah, looking forward to light, warmth, merry songs, and platters of golden latkes. But the village is dark and silent. Goblins haunt the synagogue on the top of the hill, explain the villagers, and the goblins hate Hanukkah. Herschel knows he must do something to help the villagers. To find out what he does, read this wonderful book! It is a treat for young and old alike. Please contact me if you'd like to borrow the temple's copy. It is also available from the Waltham Public Library in multiple formats. At Wikipedia.com you can find out more about Hershel of Ostropol, a character based on a historic figure who lived in what is now in Ukraine in the late 18th, early 19th century.



Temple Beth Israel Memorial Park

Temple Beth Israel has maintained a cemetery for its members since 1951. Beth Israel Memorial Park is located on South Street, between the Stanley Elementary School and Children's Hospital. Graves are available in Section A (the right side as you enter the cemetery), Section B (the left side as you enter the cemetery) and in Kulanu (the left side, after Section B). The cost to purchase an individual grave in Sections A or B for Temple members is \$2,200 (\$4,400 for two). The cost for non-

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If you are interested in purchasing one or more graves, please contact **Jay Trilling** of Menorah Cemetery Management Corporation at (857) 636-9440.

—Jim Baron and Alan Levine
Cemetery Committee Chairs



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