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# Temple Talk

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## Fixing up the World House

### Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2012

By: Rabbi Tracy Nathan

Mid-January offers us the opportunity to reflect on three visionary leaders, whose lives made manifest the Divine power of transformation to change the world. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday is marked this year by our nation on Monday, January 16th; Rabbi Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel's yahrzeit is on the 18th of Tevet (January 13 this year); and in the same week, we begin our annual reading of the Book of Exodus, which tells the story of Moses' birth and awakening to the Divine call to justice and liberation.

It is fitting, then, that on Monday, January 16, Temple Beth Israel will join Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries (CMM) and Brandeis University in the 2nd Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Interfaith Service. This day expresses Dr. King's vision of a more equal, just, and peaceful world through interfaith community service.

King and Heschel were spiritual descendants of the prophet Moses, and each drew deeply from their own religious traditions to inspire the nation

to take part in the struggle for freedom, justice and equality. Heschel (1907-1972) was a Warsaw-born refugee from Nazi Germany, who became an American rabbi, theologian, activist, and writer. King and Heschel were close friends and walked arm-in-arm in Selma in pursuit of their dream of a just society.

Heschel viewed King as a modern-day prophet who, like Moses, was leading his people to freedom. And King said of Heschel: "I feel that Rabbi Heschel is one of the persons who is relevant at all times, always standing with prophetic insights to guide us through these difficult days" (March 25, 1968, Keynote Address of Rabbinical Assembly of Conservative Rabbis).

Beyond their mutual friendship, each was influenced by the teachings of other religious traditions in both their thought and activism and believed that when people of faith come together, they could change the world. In his last book, King wrote: "The large house in which we live

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## Upcoming Events

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Interfaith Volunteer Service - January 16  
 Friday Night Service and Dinner - January 20  
 Tu B'Shevat Dinner and Service - February 10  
 Friday Night Services - February 17



# January Yahrzeits



Plaque Loc.	Name	Yahrzeit Date		Plaque Loc.	Name	Yahrzeit Date	
2-1	Joseph Berman	25-Dec	Kislev 29	4-4	Bertha Creveshay	13-Jan	Tevet 18
4-3	Carl Simon	25-Dec	Kislev 29	5-3	Dora Geller	13-Jan	Tevet 18
1-4	Chana Chosed	25-Dec	Kislev 29		Richard Cotton	13-Jan	Tevet 18
5-3	Benjamin Greene	26-Dec	Kislev 30	4-2	Eva Wolf	14-Jan	Tevet 19
3-2	Leah Freedman	26-Dec	Kislev 30	6-1	Irving Etkind	14-Jan	Tevet 19
1-3	Blume Pill	27-Dec	Kislev 30		Abraham Alper	14-Jan	Tevet 19
2-1	Simon Canter	27-Dec	Tevet 01	1-4	Harris Posner	14-Jan	Tevet 19
1-4	Aaron Wolk	27-Dec	Tevet 01	5-4	Harold Levison	15-Jan	Tevet 20
5-2	Alan Goldberg	28-Dec	Tevet 02	1-3	Joseph Pill	17-Jan	Tevet 22
4-1	Marcus Bern	28-Dec	Tevet 02	3-4	Aaron Tushin	17-Jan	Tevet 22
4-4	Ethel Potash	28-Dec	Tevet 02	4-3	Newell Goldberg	17-Jan	Tevet 22
5-4	Hugh Greenblott	28-Dec	Tevet 02	5-1	Frank Rosenberg	18-Jan	Tevet 23
4-1	Samuel Horenstein	28-Dec	Tevet 02	5-3	Sarah Rachel Greene	19-Jan	Tevet 24
3-3	Isadore Ingber	28-Dec	Tevet 02	4-2	Harry Levison	19-Jan	Tevet 24
5-3	Joseph Drapkin	28-Dec	Tevet 02	2-4	Nathan & Rae Sudhalter	19-Jan	Tevet 24
1-2	Shlome Pincus Freedman	29-Dec	Tevet 03	1-1	Samuel Cron	19-Jan	Tevet 24
	Mary Bloom	30-Dec	Tevet 04	6-1	Abraham Kennen	19-Jan	Tevet 24
1-2	Sarah Feingold	30-Dec	Tevet 04		Nathan Goldstein	20-Jan	Tevet 25
2-4	Sam Schectman	30-Dec	Tevet 04	2-4	Rose Tatelman	21-Jan	Tevet 26
6-4	Milton Blackman	30-Dec	Tevet 04	3-1	Dr. H Myer Bloomenthal	24-Jan	Tevet 29
1-1	Ralla Blackstone	31-Dec	Tevet 05	4-2	Sidney Tushin	26-Jan	Shevat 02
	Marilyn Mallick	1-Jan	Tevet 06	1-3	Esther Kniznik	27-Jan	Shevat 03
1-4	Philip Shriberg	1-Jan	Tevet 06	6-4	Sadie Shay	28-Jan	Shevat 04
5-3	Howard Kaplan	1-Jan	Tevet 06	5-2	Pearl Portnov	28-Jan	Shevat 04
4-1	Beverly Fine	1-Jan	Tevet 06	6-3	Lillian Wigod Stroum	29-Jan	Shevat 05
	Gail Tushin	4-Jan	Tevet 09	5-1	Clara Loewy Lustig	29-Jan	Shevat 05
2-1	Sadie Cumenes	5-Jan	Tevet 10	5-4	Anita Kaitz	29-Jan	Shevat 05
4-2	Daniel Wolk	5-Jan	Tevet 10	5-1	Richard Lustig	30-Jan	Shevat 06
3-1	Jennie Sulkin	6-Jan	Tevet 11	3-1	Esther Weiner	30-Jan	Shevat 06
4-3	Rudy Seigler	6-Jan	Tevet 11	5-1	Louis Perlmutter	30-Jan	Shevat 06
5-1	Harry Rosenthal	7-Jan	Tevet 12	4-1	Julius Handel	31-Jan	Shevat 07
3-1	Ida Hollicker	8-Jan	Tevet 13	5-2	Sylvia Kurtzman	1-Feb	Shevat 08
1-3	Harriet Lietzky	9-Jan	Tevet 14	3-1	Benjamin Freeman	1-Feb	Shevat 08
	Joseph Sherman	9-Jan	Tevet 14	4-4	Samuel Seskin	1-Feb	Shevat 08
4-1	Nafthali Shapiro	9-Jan	Tevet 14				
4-4	Jerry Resnikoff	9-Jan	Tevet 14				
	Dolores Simon	10-Jan	Tevet 15				
3-4	Archie Sudhalter	11-Jan	Tevet 16				
1-3	Harry Kniznik	12-Jan	Tevet 17				

If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one listed above please send it along with a brief note of who you would like remembered to the Temple Office.

## Fixing up the World House

### Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2012

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demands that we transform this world-wide neighborhood into a world-wide brotherhood. Together we must learn to live as brothers or together we will be forced to perish as fools" (In *Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?* by Martin Luther King, Jr., 1967, p. 171).

In his essay, "No Religion is an Island," Heschel wrote, "The world is too small for anything but mutual care and deep respect; the world is too great for anything but responsibility for one another" (In *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity: Essays*, by Abraham Joshua Heschel and Susannah Heschel, p. 299)

The day before he was assassinated, King evoked the image of Moses in his speech that we know as "I've Been to the Mountaintop": "I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land." King reminded us that Moses never reached the Promised Land but led his people to a place where they would be able to continue their great journey on their own. And once Moses was no longer there to lead the people, it was up to the people themselves to make that dream a reality.

As I write these words in the final weeks of the year 2011, I just learned that Time Magazine has named "The Protester" as "Person of the Year." Rather than one person, these are ordinary people who brought the world the Arab Spring and Occupy Wall Street. Perhaps even as we gear up for the Presidential Election, we will remember that ultimately, the story of the Jewish people and humanity's path to a world grounded in justice, equality, and love is not only about the leader but about people who stand up and take steps to make their vision a reality.

What King, Heschel, Moses, and the Torah teach us is that if we dream and act on those dreams, if we continue to hope and aspire to a world that is more decent than the world we know today, and if we join together with our neighbors, we can change the world.

#### THE 2nd ANNUAL

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER SERVICE

*Celebrating Dr. King's vision of a more just and peaceful world through interfaith community service*

**Monday, January 16, 1:00 pm-8:00 pm**

**Brandeis University, 415 South St. Waltham MA (Upper Campus)**

- \* 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm: Brown bag lunch (please bring your own lunch), dialogue, community building (Levin Ballroom in Usdan Student Center)
  - \* 2:30 pm- 4:30 pm: Volunteer Opportunity at Temple Beth Israel
  - \* 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm: Free dinner and reflection (Levin Ballroom in Usdan Student Center)
- \* 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm: Brandeis Annual King Day Celebration with Rev. Liz Walker, music, spoken word, and much more!

**Please bring with you new and gently used children's items for  
Cradles to Crayons!**

Email [ifyi@coopmet.org](mailto:ifyi@coopmet.org) for complete donation guidelines.

Register at our Eventbrite site: <http://mlkdayofinterfaithservice2012.eventbrite.com>

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## Mark's Remarks: Fixing up Our House

By: Mark Frydenberg

How many Jews does it take to change a light bulb?

This sounds like the beginning of a bad ethnic joke, but on Monday, January 16, at Temple Beth Israel, it's a serious question.

That's the day we'll be holding an Energy Party, to make modifications to the building which will save the Temple money on energy costs. If you can use a screwdriver, or change a light bulb, you're qualified. We'll be swapping thermostats and light bulbs for more energy efficient models. We'll be insulating windows to keep the heat in and the cold out. After the work is finished, we share food and celebrate.

Last fall, Diana Korzenik arranged for the Synagogue to partner with HEET (Home Energy Efficiency Team) of Massachusetts, an organization that performs energy audits for individuals and organizations in Massachusetts. HEET is a Cambridge-based group that organizes energy-upgrade work parties in the buildings of nonprofits (such as churches, food pantries and preschools). At the parties, team leaders teach volunteers hands-on skills in energy efficiency, while everyone works to make the building more efficient.

A goal of the audit was to help us understand how much energy the building consumes. One result of the energy audit is a set of recommendations, that when implemented, can make the building more energy efficient. Following these steps will save us money over time.

Representatives of HEET MA came to Temple Beth Israel in November, and crawled almost every inch of our 13,500 square foot building, upstairs and downstairs, the attic, and the basement, looking for ways we might save money on energy. They came up with several suggestions, from insulating the attic to installing LED light bulbs in the sanctuary, to swapping out the 50-year old refrigerator in the kitchen for a

more modern, energy-efficient model. In many cases, much of the replacement equipment comes with rebates that will lower the expenses even more. Every degree we can turn the temperature down for 8 hours per day in the winter will save 1% of our heating bill. Turning it down 10 degrees each night will save 10%. A programmable thermostat costs \$25.

The HEET MA report suggests changes that should be professionally completed, and also proposes those tasks that volunteers can complete with little experience. If you can change a light bulb, you can help! HEET also provides their own volunteers to pair up with Temple Beth Israel volunteers at an Energy Party during which we can complete many of the upgrades.

**Our Energy Party is scheduled for Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 16, from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm.** Please contact the Temple Office if you can attend. Come for as much time as you can if you can't stay all afternoon. Training will be provided, along with snacks! By helping out at the Energy Party, you can learn energy efficient skills for your own home, meet new people from the Temple and the greater Waltham community, and help TBI spend less money on energy.

Each week at Shabbat morning services, we read the prayer for our congregation, which asks for blessings "upon those who give funds for heat and light." Giving money for heat and light is important, but so is taking actual steps to reduce these costs! Doing so will enable our financial contributions to provide even more support for "wine for Kiddush and Havdalah, bread to the wayfarer and charity to the poor." Help us fix up our own house. Let everyone who enters be warm and welcome.

For more information about HEET, or performing an energy audit at your home, visit <http://www.heetma.com>.



# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Minyan 9am	3	4	5	6	7 Rabbi Tracy Nathan Veyechi
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Member Led Services Shemot
15	16 Minyan 9am Volunteer Day 12:30pm	17	18	19	20 Friday Night Service and Dinner 6:30pm	21 Rabbi Tracy Nathan Va'era
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Rabbi Tracy Nathan Bo
29	30	31	1	2	3	4 Ellen Band Beshallach

If not specified, Minyan—Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is at 7:00am and on Saturday and Sunday at 9:00am.

## Mazel Tov

To James Baron, Esq. on being chosen for inclusion in Boston Magazine's 2011 list of Super Lawyers Rising Stars.

## Thank You

To Owen Turner for getting our flag pole fixed and installing a new flag.

To Marilyn Racette and the Revitalization Committee for all their hard work organizing the Klezmer Hanukkah concert.

## Condolences

To Jill Stanton and Bruce Trager on the loss of Jill's mother Roslyn G. Stanton.

To Fred Manasse on the loss of his brother

## Saturday Kiddush Sponsors

January 7 - Mark Frydenberg and Yaron Shragai who both share the same Bar Mitzvah anniversary

## Get Well Soon

Ben Cohen



## We Need Minyanaires

Services are held at 7:00am on weekdays (except Tuesday) and at 9:00am on weekends & 8:00am on holidays.

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## Kaddish

We are not able to guarantee a minyan at each morning service, so if you need a minyan on a particular day to recite Kaddish, please let the Temple know at least 2 days prior.

## Donations

Ellen Band, in honor of Andrea Baron for her constancy, hard work and devotion to the Temple.

Ellen Band, in honor of Merrill Griff for his dedication, thoughtful work and years of service as president.

Ellen Band, in honor of Mark Frydenberg for his dedication, devotion and years of service to the Temple.

Ellen Band, in honor of Rabbi Tracy Nathan for her thoughtful and informative sermons, rabbinic guidance and collegial support.

Ina Moses, in memory of her father, Louis Baron, and her daughter, Eileen Ruth Moses.

Ina Moses, in honor of Harry and Ann Baker's 70th wedding anniversary.

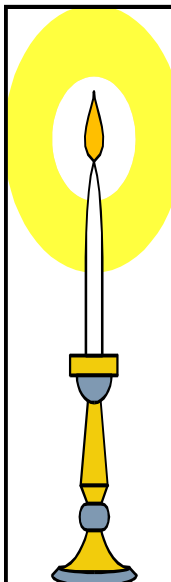
Dr. Jack Porter, in honor of his grandson, Nathan Alexander Porter

Hella Hakerem

## We are grateful to those who contributed to our Yom Kippur appeal...

Edie Rosenberg and Robert Gross

Joel Weiner



## Candle Lighting Times

Dec 30	4:02pm
Jan 6	4:09pm
Jan 13	4:16pm
Jan 20	4:25pm
Jan 27	4:34pm
Feb 3	4:43pm
Feb 10	4:52pm
Feb 17	5:01pm
Feb 24	5:10pm
Mar 2	5:17pm

Join us for  
Shabbat.



## Welcome Shabbat with Services and Community Dinner

**Services: 6:30 pm**

**Dinner: 7:30 pm**

\$12 per adult, \$30 per family

Welcome Shabbat with a spirited Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:30 pm, led by **Rabbi Tracy Nathan**, followed by a Temple-cooked dinner at 7:30 pm, singing, and good conversation. **Reserve now!** Payment must be received by Thursday morning, the day before the dinner you are attending. We cannot accept payment at the door, and will not send bills afterward.

**Friday Nights**

**Jan 20**

**Feb 10 - For  
Tu B'Shvat**

Send your check to Temple Beth Israel, P.O. Box 540182, Waltham, MA 02454-0182. For more information, see [www.tbiwaltham.org](http://www.tbiwaltham.org), email: [office@tbiwaltham.org](mailto:office@tbiwaltham.org) or call the Temple Office at (781) 894-5146.

Names of Adults and Children Attending:	Date		Number		Amount
	Jan 20	Adults		\$12 per adult or \$30 per family	
		Children			
Contact Phone:	Feb 10	Adults		\$12 per adult or \$30 per family	
		Children			
Email:				Payment Enclosed	



### The Tall Ships Return to Boston!

**Mark Sunday, July 1, 2012 on your calendar** because the Tall Ships from across the globe are scheduled to return to Boston next summer, marking the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the role of the *USS Constitution* in the conflict. Celebrate 200 years of history and the writing of our national anthem, the *Star Spangled Banner* as you cruise the harbor, dine on fabulous food and take part in this significant event.

Climb aboard *Boston Harbor Cruises*, relax as you cruise the Boston Harbor and take in the magnificent views. Enjoy the narration as we sail among these majestic towering ladies of the sea. Feast on a delicious three course meal at the *Gloucester House Restaurant* located on historic Seven Seas Wharf.

After lunch, visit the charming coastal village and artist colony of Rockport, also the site of Norman Rockwell's "Motif #1". Here you will have free time for browsing in the many shops and art galleries that crowd its bustling streets before leaving for home.

Our coach is comfortable and has a restroom on board. This exciting day is all yours and the Price is Right, \$85 per person. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends and relatives. **You do not have to be a member of Temple Beth Israel to be part of our group.**

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**Temple Beth Israel Tall Ships, Sunday, July 1, 2012**

**PO Box 540182 Waltham, MA 02454-0182**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

No. Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$85 \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed

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Thank you in advance.**

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For your convenience, please use this form to make your donations and send to:  
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I have chosen the fund indicated at the right:

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