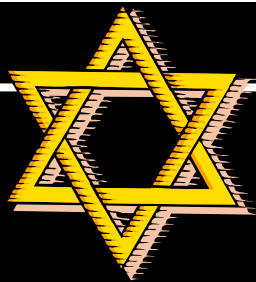


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Making Our Souls Visible

By: Rabbi Tracy Nathan

Shalom Haverim!

Our Living Room Conversations are off to a great start, and I want to share one of the themes beginning to emerge, as well as some of my own thoughts on my personal aspirations for a synagogue community.

Overwhelmingly, individuals spoke about the feeling of warmth at Temple Beth Israel, the experience of other congregants as genuine and real, the many moments in which they or their loved ones have felt invited in and cared for, and the general feeling of being welcomed.

Several noted, though, that even in our small congregation, there are many congregants who do not know each other or have not connected with each other in a deep way beyond Kiddush chatting. Many have not been in another members' home. These Living Room Conversations are a way for us to begin to engage with each other in a deeper way, to develop habits of conversation and communication that can open up our souls to one another.

One of the most beautiful descriptions of a synagogue I have

found is that given by Rabbi Alan Lew, z"l, my mentor, colleague, and friend, in a Kol Nidre sermon at Congregation Beth Shalom in San Francisco. He described how the root *pa'er* (ornament) is used throughout *pesukei d'zimra*, the first part of our morning prayers, and that the verb form means to cover something with ornaments. Rabbi Lew said that it feels as if we are clothing God with our prayers, "ornamenting God, and thereby rendering God visible, like Claude Rains, the Invisible Man, who was rendered visible by the bandages with which he covered himself. And we do the same for the soul. We ornament the soul by our prayers – we render it visible too."

He describes the synagogue as a place where this happens: "It isn't a building, nor a clubhouse, nor a place where we can focus on doing Jewish things and being Jewish as if Judaism were some kind of hobby....No, the synagogue is a *gesher*, a bridge to our souls, the place where we connect to our souls;

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Upcoming Events

Friday Night service and dinner - October 15th 6:30pm - see page 5

Sisterhood Breakfast and Meeting - October 17th 10:00am

Chanukah Celebrations - December 4 and 5 - see page 7 for details

Marks Remarks: Join us for Shabbat Dinner!

by Mark Frydenberg

The Religious Committee is trying an experiment this fall. After each of our monthly Shabbat evening services on October 15, November 19, and December 17, there will be a Shabbat dinner at the Temple. Turn Friday night into Shabbat evening as Rabbi Nathan leads spirited singing to welcome Shabbat, with services at 6:30 pm, followed by a home-cooked meal, good conversation, and songs and blessings after the meal. We're hoping this shared experience will help to strengthen our Shabbat evening community.

Rabbi Steve Greenberg, an Orthodox rabbi and fellow at the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership,

writes: "The Shabbat table community ... can happen anywhere that there are people, wine, hallah and good food. It helps, too, to set the mood, to prepare white tablecloths and flowers, but with these ingredients and a measure of good cheer, a Shabbat community is created. The rituals of Shabbat dinner themselves, while being very Jewish, seem nonetheless to speak a much wider language. For

example, netilat yadain, the custom of washing hands before eating bread, marks the table as an altar, the hallah bread as sacrifice, and members of the Shabbat community as priests, responsible for all the families of the earth. ... Shabbat [is] a day of Edenic joy, a taste of a perfected world to come."

He continues, "a Shabbat community is convened in a single evening and then disappears; still, its power to shape identity and experience is remarkable.... It engenders great pride in Jewish tradition and culture, while stretching the very meaning of Jewishness in marvelous ways. Shabbat dinner provides us with a sense of nostalgic Jewish homecoming wherever we are, and is, at the same time, a most amazing gift



to almost anyone."

We can't promise flowers and white table cloths, but we invite you to join us for wine, hallah, and good food, as well as good conversation and some wonderful melodies and songs. Leave the work of your week behind for the evening, and bring your stories, your family, and your friends. See the flyer in this newsletter to reserve your place at the table.

Making Our Souls Visible *(Continued from page 1)*

a *pa'er*, an ornament by which we render our souls visible....A bridge connecting us to our deepest sense of self, a place where our lives take on an added dimension, a place where we study and pray and are touched at the root of our souls. And a bridge connecting us to each other, a place of authentic spiritual community where we have supported each other with compassion and caring, where we have begun to heal both our own brokenness and the brokenness of the world.”

One of the questions we have been exploring in our Living Room Conversations is what our ideal community would look and feel like. For me, it would be a community in which our own souls are rendered visible and in which each of us renders the souls of others visible. This might happen in different contexts for different people— and part of the goal of these Conversations is to see what emerges as primary places in which to focus our

communal energy and resources in providing opportunities for soul visibility.

For some this will be through prayer, song, or music; for others through shared learning; shared meals; providing meals for those in a time of need; through interfaith dialogue and action in Waltham; or working together for social justice and local and global responsibility.

I am looking forward to our remaining Living Room Conversations and their follow-up. If you still want to join in a Conversation but you were unable to in this first round, please let me know by emailing me at rabbinate@tbiwaltham.org or calling 781-894-5146, for we are already arranging for at least one more in the few weeks. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing more and more of the fullness of each of our souls.

-Rabbi Tracy Nathan

You may reach Rabbi Nathan at rabbinate@tbiwaltham.org 781-894-5146

Friday Night Services

We will be holding Friday Night Services the Third Friday of the month at 6:30pm, Oct. 15th, Nov. 19th and Dec. 17th

We Need Minyanaires

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

Kaddish

We can not always guaranty that we will have a minyan at our morning services so if you need to recite Kaddish, please let the Temple know at least 2 days ahead of time.

Mahzor Dedications

We will place a label in the front cover of a new mahzor acknowledging your donation to the Goldstein/Gordon Prayer book fund in honor or in memory of your loved ones.



Please send your requested inscriptions to the Temple office along with your donation of \$36 per book.

October 2010

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Tishri 23 6:08pm	2 Bereshit
3	4	5	6	7	8 Tishri 30 5:56pm	9 Cheshvan 1 Noah
10	11	12	13	14	15 5:45pm Services 6:30pm Dinner following	16 Lech Lecha
17 Sisterhood Meeting 10:00am	18	19	20	21	22 5:34pm	23 Vayeirah
24	25	26	27	28	29 5:24pm	30 Chayei Sarah
31 Cheshvan 23						

Oct 15 - 6:30pm Friday Night Service - Dinner following service (reservation required for dinner only)

Oct 17 - 10:00am - Sisterhood Meeting/Breakfast

Oct 30 - B'not Mitzvah - Ina Moses, Genevieve Fosa, Esther Keaney and Catherine Cantrell

Morning Minyan - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:00am

Shabbat Services followed by Kiddush lunch - Saturdays at 9:00am

Sunday Morning Services - 9:00am

November 2010

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Cheshvan 24	2	3	4	5 5:16pm	6 Toldot
7 Cheshvan 30 Standard Time Begins	8 Kislev 1	9	10	11	12 4:08pm	13 Vayeitzei
14	15	16	17	18	19 4:02pm Services 6:30pm Dinner following	20 Vayishlach
21	22	23	24	25 Minyan at 9am	26 3:58pm	27 Vayeishev
28	29	30 Kislev 23	1 Kislev 24	2	3 3:55pm	4 Miketz

Nov 6th Turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to sleep.

Nov 7th - Standard Time Begins

Nov 19 - 6:30pm Friday Night Service - Dinner following service (reservation required for dinner only)

Morning Minyan - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:00am

Shabbat Services followed by Kiddush lunch - Saturdays at 9:00am

Sunday Mornings Services - 9:00am

Donations

Thank you to the Sisterhood for donating a speaker and microphone to add to our new sound system.

Thank you to Owen and Anne Turner for making and donating the new lectern on the bima.

Thank you to the Sisterhood for donating the flowers on the bimah during the holidays.

Rabbis Tracy Nathan and Scott Slarskey in honor of Merrill and Carol Griff.

Jim, Andrea and Michaela Baron, in honor of Cantor Ellen Band and Rabbi Tracy Nathan.

In Memory Of

Herb and Nessie Baron, in memory of Matilda Nelson.

Toby Bernstein and Rob Freundlich, in memory of Matilda Nelson.

Esther Davidson, in memory of her husband Oscar Davidson.

Roni-Beth Shapiro and Cantor Elaine Shapiro, in loving memory of their dear parents, Harold and Ruth Shapiro.

Join us for
Shabbat.



Welcome Shabbat with Services and Community Dinner at Temple Beth Israel

Services: 6:30 pm

Dinner: 7:30 pm

Friday Evenings

October 15

November 19

December 17

\$10 per adult, \$25 per family

Welcome Shabbat with a spirited Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:30 pm, led by **Rabbi Tracy Nathan**, followed by a home-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. (Sorry, no refunds are given if you are unable to attend after your payment is received.)

October and November Yahrzeits

Plaque Loc.	Name	Yahrzeit Date		Plaque Loc.	Name	Yahrzeit Date	
2-2	Abraham Geller	1-Oct	Tishri 23		Lester Goldberg	2-Nov	Cheshvan 25
5-2	Joseph Canter	1-Oct	Tishri 23	3-4	Joseph Tuchfeld	3-Nov	Cheshvan 26
2-3	Lena Merowitz	2-Oct	Tishri 24	6-3	Madeline P. Kaplan	3-Nov	Cheshvan 26
4-3	William Riseberg	3-Oct	Tishri 25	6-2	Benjamin Wolk	5-Nov	Cheshvan 28
1-4	Morris Weinstein	3-Oct	Tishri 25	5-3	Max Katz	5-Nov	Cheshvan 28
3-4	Sophie Tuchfeld	4-Oct	Tishri 26		Betty Taubman	7-Nov	Cheshvan 30
4-2	Jacob Hoffman	4-Oct	Tishri 26	1-3	David Kniznick	8-Nov	Kislev 01
2-3	Ida Dubin	5-Oct	Tishri 27	6-3	Sarah Wiesman	8-Nov	Kislev 01
1-1	Sarah Benjaminson	5-Oct	Tishri 27	2-2	Bella Kane	9-Nov	Kislev 02
	Bernard Ross	5-Oct	Tishri 27	2-3	Jacob Nottenburg	9-Nov	Kislev 02
	Ruth Shapiro	7-Oct	Tishri 29	4-4	Julius Weiner	9-Nov	Kislev 02
2-1	Lillian Berman	7-Oct	Tishri 29	5-1	Eva Baron	10-Nov	Kislev 03
3-4	Helen Talvy	7-Oct	Tishri 29	2-2	Morris Goodman	12-Nov	Kislev 05
5-3	Benjamin Moldoff	8-Oct	Tishri 30	5-2	Bessie Griff	12-Nov	Kislev 05
3-3	Louis Geller	10-Oct	Cheshvan 02	5-1	Mildred Perlmutter	13-Nov	Kislev 06
3-1	Sophie Becker	12-Oct	Cheshvan 04	2-4	John F. Kennedy	13-Nov	Kislev 06
4-4	Ida Hollicker	12-Oct	Cheshvan 04	5-1	Nathan Weiner	14-Nov	Kislev 07
4-3	Edith Escott	13-Oct	Cheshvan 05	2-4	Abraham Shecktman	14-Nov	Kislev 07
3-1	Samuel Dressler	13-Oct	Cheshvan 05	5-4	Margret Fassberg	14-Nov	Kislev 07
6-3	Ida Michels	14-Oct	Cheshvan 06	5-1	Helen Norman	15-Nov	Kislev 08
4-1	Lottie Caplan	15-Oct	Cheshvan 07	5-2	Milton Portnov	16-Nov	Kislev 09
6-4	Harriette Blackman	15-Oct	Cheshvan 07	6-1	Sylvia Moldoff	16-Nov	Kislev 09
3-2	Austin Rhodes	15-Oct	Cheshvan 07	4-2	Eileen Moses	16-Nov	Kislev 09
5-2	Pearl Goldberg	16-Oct	Cheshvan 08		Abraham Werblin	17-Nov	Kislev 10
	Harold Shapiro	16-Oct	Cheshvan 08	6-3	Blanche Weinstein	17-Nov	Kislev 10
3-1	Gladys Atkins	17-Oct	Cheshvan 09	6-4	Blanche Kaufman	18-Nov	Kislev 11
5-2	Lena Canter	17-Oct	Cheshvan 09	6-3	Donald M. Merowitz	18-Nov	Kislev 11
	Rosalind Gardner	17-Oct	Cheshvan 09	2-1	Alexander Abraham	18-Nov	Kislev 11
6-3	Bella Elkins	18-Oct	Cheshvan 10	5-1	Miriam Goldman	18-Nov	Kislev 11
4-1	Ida Bloomenthal	20-Oct	Cheshvan 12	3-4	Edward Rosenberg	18-Nov	Kislev 11
3-4	Leon Pinstein	20-Oct	Cheshvan 12	6-2	Max Canter	18-Nov	Kislev 11
2-4	Nathan Stroum	20-Oct	Cheshvan 12	2-2	Simon Greenberg	19-Nov	Kislev 12
6-3	Arthur Merowitz	22-Oct	Cheshvan 14	6-3	Joseph Finstein	19-Nov	Kislev 12
6-4	Arpad Viltschek	23-Oct	Cheshvan 15	2-2	Barney Geller	19-Nov	Kislev 12
4-4	Elsie Seskin	23-Oct	Cheshvan 15	3-3	Rose Bloom	20-Nov	Kislev 13
1-4	Rebecca Slatrow	24-Oct	Cheshvan 16	3-3	Henry Milesky	20-Nov	Kislev 13
3-2	Edward Weiner	25-Oct	Cheshvan 17	3-2	Mollie Fine	20-Nov	Kislev 13
3-4	Max Talent	26-Oct	Cheshvan 18	2-3	Becky Mankowich	21-Nov	Kislev 14
4-4	Herman York	27-Oct	Cheshvan 19	2-2	Louis Gould	21-Nov	Kislev 14
1-2	Daniel Griff	29-Oct	Cheshvan 21	2-2	Abraham Ginsburg	22-Nov	Kislev 15
4-4	Abraham Goldstein	29-Oct	Cheshvan 21	3-4	Bella Weiner	22-Nov	Kislev 15
4-1	Bernard Resh	2-Nov	Cheshvan 25	1-1	Benjamin Caplan	22-Nov	Kislev 15

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2-3	Jacob Mankowich	22-Nov	Kislev 15
5-1	Rose Grater	22-Nov	Kislev 15
1-4	Lipman Simmons	23-Nov	Kislev 16
4-1	Mary Rosenfeld	23-Nov	Kislev 16
2-4	Meyer Rosenfeld	23-Nov	Kislev 16
1-1	Lana Blackstone	24-Nov	Kislev 17
6-3	Elaine Kaplan	24-Nov	Kislev 17
3-3	Sadye Leyton	24-Nov	Kislev 17
	Sadie Kaitz	25-Nov	Kislev 18
6-3	Jack Marcou	25-Nov	Kislev 18
2-2	Jennie Fine	25-Nov	Kislev 18
2-3	Paul Meyerovitz	26-Nov	Kislev 19
2-2	Tillie Klayman	26-Nov	Kislev 19
4-3	Samuel Blackstone	26-Nov	Kislev 19
1-2	Shiphrah Goldberg	26-Nov	Kislev 19
2-2	Sarah Harris	27-Nov	Kislev 20
4-3	Philip Leavy	27-Nov	Kislev 20
4-2	Eva Rebecca Tauber	27-Nov	Kislev 20
3-2	Edward Rubin	28-Nov	Kislev 21
2-1	Ida Canter	29-Nov	Kislev 22
	Rebecca Sechter	30-Nov	Kislev 23
3-3	Bertha Lebowitz	30-Nov	Kislev 23

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.

“Hankus Netsky and Friends - A Chanukah Celebration”



8pm to 10pm

Saturday, December 4th

The program will feature vocalist Lisa Jacobs and six of the areas finest musicians in lively Yiddish and Hebrew repertoire, including songs and nigunim gathered from our very own Morris Hollender.

Hankus Netsky is founder and director of the Klezmer Conservatory Band and Music Director for Itzhak Perlman's "In the Fiddler's House" and "Jewish Roots" projects. He is the director of the Discovery Project at the National Yiddish Book Center and chair of the Contemporary Improvisation Department at the New England Conservatory.

Tickets:

\$15 Temple Members

\$20 Non-members

Chanukah Party



3-5pm
Sunday
December 5th

Snacks, Games, Storytelling,
Singing,
Games, Candlelighting, and
more...

Come, bring your menorah and
have a great time!

Sisterhood Breakfast and Meeting

Join us on Sunday October 17th for a
Sisterhood Breakfast and Meeting.

Fred Manasse will be our guest
speaker.

Please RSVP by Monday October 11th
to Nessie Baron or the Temple Office.

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