

# Temple Talk



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## Places of Assembly By: Rabbi Tracy Nathan

I've been thinking about the different names for the institution that is located at 25 Harvard Street in Waltham. Our official name is Temple Beth Israel, which gives a sense of what those who named the congregation thought about what they were doing. The mission of TBI was similar to that of the Temple, a place one might repair one's relationship and commune with God, and meet up at least a few times a year with other Jews. Nowadays, people still refer to TBI as "the temple," but you also hear people say, "Will you be at shul on Shabbat?" Shul came from the Yiddish word for "school," for a shul is a house of Jewish learning, and as with many things Yiddish, there is also a sense of warmth in the term. The Hebrew term is Beit Knesset, or "House of Assembly," and the Greek word "synagogue" roughly translates to this concept of gathering together in a shared communal home.

For those of us who are at TBI regularly, it is this last sense of the term that I think feels most authentic to us - we are a place of gathering that feels like a second home. And in the life of the city, we are very much a "third place," the sociological idea lifted up by Ray Oldenberg. According to Oldenberg, third places (first is home; second is work) are those informal places that connect people to one another and help support the social vitality of a community. Third places are cafes, bars, parks and playgrounds, main streets (like Main and Moody), and commons.

As our technology and entertainment continues to become more and more personal, I so deeply value the face-to-face time of synagogue life: the kitchen shmoozing after weekday minyan that reminds me of my time in public houses in Ireland; the kiddush lunches after

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### Upcoming Events

Temple Annual Meeting/Dinner - Monday June 4th 6:00pm

Shabbat Dinner/Service - Friday June 15th 6:30pm

Children's Services - Saturday June 16th 10:45am

National Yiddish Book Center Visit—Sunday June 24th



## June Yahrzeits



Plaque Loc.	Name	Yahrzeit Date	
4-2	Ethel Wigod	28-May	Sivan 07
1-1	Morris Alpert	28-May	Sivan 07
4-3	Betty Tushin	28-May	Sivan 07
4-4	Carl Goldstein	29-May	Sivan 08
2-3	Barnett Messer	30-May	Sivan 09
3-3	Samuel Bloom	31-May	Sivan 10
5-3	Jacob Pernakoff	1-Jun	Sivan 11
	Minnie Zeramby	2-Jun	Sivan 12
2-2	Abraham Josephson	2-Jun	Sivan 12
6-1	Barnard Wolf	3-Jun	Sivan 13
1-1	Max Backer	3-Jun	Sivan 13
5-2	Irving Forbes	4-Jun	Sivan 14
2-2	Abraham Harris	4-Jun	Sivan 14
	Louis Zuckerman	4-Jun	Sivan 14
6-4	Rebecca Cohen	5-Jun	Sivan 15
4-4	Lillian Goldstein	6-Jun	Sivan 16
5-3	Lillian Levine	7-Jun	Sivan 17
2-1	Miriam Beecher	8-Jun	Sivan 18
5-3	Frieda Simmons	9-Jun	Sivan 19
5-4	Abigail Cotton	10-Jun	Sivan 20
4-3	Harry Klein	10-Jun	Sivan 20
4-2	Louis Sulkin	10-Jun	Sivan 20
4-4	Anna Goldstein	10-Jun	Sivan 20
4-2	Samuel Stanley Stoeger	11-Jun	Sivan 21
1-1	Ethel Cohen	11-Jun	Sivan 21
1-2	Sarah Greenblott	13-Jun	Sivan 23
	Joseph	13-Jun	Sivan 23
4-1	Jennie Shapiro	14-Jun	Sivan 24
3-2	Jacob Ginsburg	14-Jun	Sivan 24
	Barnet Borkow	15-Jun	Sivan 25
4-3	Samuel Lawrence Webb	15-Jun	Sivan 25
	Harry Ross	16-Jun	Sivan 26
1-4	Anna Wolk	17-Jun	Sivan 27
2-4	Harold Resnick	17-Jun	Sivan 27
6-1	Nathan Freedman	18-Jun	Sivan 28
1-4	Dora Rouffe	18-Jun	Sivan 28
6-3	Herbert Phillip Dane	20-Jun	Sivan 30
1-2	Samuel Kaitz	20-Jun	Sivan 30

Plaque Loc.	Name	Yahrzeit Date	
3-1	Hyman Benjaminson	20-Jun	Sivan 30
4-3	Gertrude Riseberg	20-Jun	Sivan 30
5-4	Irma Salus	21-Jun	Tammuz 01
6-3	Barbara Griff Kappitt	22-Jun	Tammuz 02
2-1	Elizabeth Berman	23-Jun	Tammuz 03
1-4	Max Wolk	23-Jun	Tammuz 03
5-2	Elizabeth Barack	24-Jun	Tammuz 04
1-4	Louis Rouffe	24-Jun	Tammuz 04
3-3	James Cohn	24-Jun	Tammuz 04
1-2	Benjamin Kaitz	25-Jun	Tammuz 05
1-1	Ephraim Burofsky	25-Jun	Tammuz 05
6-3	Bernard Wolf	26-Jun	Tammuz 06
	Russell Scott Macklin	27-Jun	Tammuz 07
4-1	Joseph Norman	27-Jun	Tammuz 07
3-1	Louis Kaswell	27-Jun	Tammuz 07
6-4	Sumner Ginsburg	28-Jun	Tammuz 08
6-3	Harry Marion	29-Jun	Tammuz 09
1-2	Manuel Greenblott	29-Jun	Tammuz 09
	Sarah Bootin	29-Jun	Tammuz 09
	Rubin Mallick	29-Jun	Tammuz 09
	Jack Bloom	29-Jun	Tammuz 09
6-1	Manuel Shlager	30-Jun	Tammuz 10
	Mother	1-Jul	Tammuz 11
	Ben Goldstein	1-Jul	Tammuz 11
1-3	Frank Milesky	1-Jul	Tammuz 11
5-2	Elsa Stux	2-Jul	Tammuz 12
3-4	Morris Joel Tuchfeld	2-Jul	Tammuz 12
	Louise Goldman	4-Jul	Tammuz 14
2-3	Philip Merowitz	4-Jul	Tammuz 14
	David Koocher	4-Jul	Tammuz 14
3-3	Aaron Mendelsohn	4-Jul	Tammuz 14
3-1	Annie Margolis	4-Jul	Tammuz 14
3-4	Harry Smith	5-Jul	Tammuz 15
	Philip Weinstein	5-Jul	Tammuz 15
	David Freedman	5-Jul	Tammuz 15

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.

## Mark's Remarks: A Busy Summer Ahead!

By: Mark Frydenberg

While summer is a take it easy, the Religious Committee is planning some special events we hope you will enjoy.

In honor of our congregational trip to the Yiddish book center on Sunday, June 24, please sign up for our monthly Shabbat service and dinner on Friday, June 15 at 6:30 pm. We'll be having an Eastern European themed meal to get us in the mood for the trip the following weekend. Will there be borscht? kreplach? holichkes? cholent? kishka? kasha varnishkas? mandelbread? rugelach? Join us that evening to see what's cooking! (And if you can help us shop, cook, or set up for this dinner, or stay a bit later to help clean up afterward, please contact Andea in the Temple office.)

Join us for our second Services Under the Stars, a Shabbat evening service and pot luck dinner, to be held at the home of Susan Holbert and Pierce Butler in Waltham, on Friday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. We will provide beverages; please bring a cold salad, or a vegetarian or fish dish or a dessert to share, or purchase something with a hechsher (marking of kashrut certification). There will be two tables: food whose ingredients are kosher but may not be prepared using kosher utensils or in a kosher kitchen will go on the "vegetarian" table, food that is certified kosher or prepared in a kosher kitchen will go on a "kosher" table. If in doubt, please bring something you'll eat, and enough to share with 6 to 8 other people. These guidelines will allow everyone who comes to eat as a community. This service is in addition to our regularly scheduled "third Friday" service and dinner on July 20 at the Temple.

On Rosh Chodesh Elul, Sunday morning, August 19 we'll be holding a "synagogue skills"

workshop led by Rabbi Nathan and members of the community. What happens at services that you would like to learn how to do? This is your chance to learn what to do when called up for an aliyah, how to put on tefillin, lift or wrap the Torah, sound the shofar, and more. Let us know what you'd like to learn to do, and we can show you. No experience necessary, no reason to be embarrassed because you might not know how to do something you see others do at services—we are all here to learn together. Watch for more details in the next newsletter.

On weeks when Rabbi Nathan is away over the summer, we are looking for volunteers to help lead at Shabbat services, chant Torah or Haftarah, or to give a D'var Torah at Shabbat services. Please let her or me know if you are able to sign up.

Finally, the Religious Committee is looking to expand to welcome Temple members of different ages, demographics, religious backgrounds, and skills so that we can better plan meaningful services that meet the needs of our varied membership. If you would like to find out more about the Religious Committee, and talk about how you might participate, please contact me.

Thanks, and have a great summer!



### Shabbat Program for Children!

**On June 16th**, our Shabbat morning programming will include a service, Torah learning, and activities for young children all led by Eliana Light. Services will take place in our downstairs space beginning at **10:45am**.

Please stay and join us for a communal kiddush lunch in our social hall following Shabbat morning services.

# June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <sup>Naso</sup> Member Led
3	4 Annual Meeting/ Dinner 6:00pm	5	6	7	8	9 Beha'alotecha Member Led
10	11	12	13	14	15 Friday Night Service and Dinner 6:30pm	16 Shelach-Lecha Rabbi Tracy Nathan 10:45am Children's Service
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Korach Member Led
24 <sup>National</sup> Yiddish Book Center Tour 12pm in Amherst	25	26	27	28	29	30 Hukkat Rabbi Tracy Nathan

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

## Donations

Lester and Ellen Macklin, in memory of Marcia Slarskey, mother of Rabbi Scott Slarskey and mother-in-law of Rabbi Tracy Nathan.

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Julius and Thelma Kennen, in memory of David Kagan.

Esther Keaney, in memory of her mother Helen Keaney.

Hella Hakerem

## In Honor Of

Ed and Renee Brown, in honor of the wedding of Carol Halberstadt's son.

Emmanuel Aronie, in honor of his parents, Boaz and Ida Aronie, former members of Temple Beth Israel from 1942-1953.

## Saturday Kiddush Sponsors

May 26—Marge and Arthur Marion - in honor of Marge's Birthday.

## Guest Chef

Do you have an old family recipe you would like to share with the Temple community? Or, is there something special you would like to make? Come join us in the Temple kitchen for Friday night dinner preparations. It would be a chance to get to know your Temple family and it would help make our Friday night dinners a pleasant and memorable experience for everyone who comes.

Here are our upcoming dates: June 15, July 20 and August 17

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the Shabbat morning service, where I can converse with and learn from others with such different life experiences from me.

I also value the richness of Waltham when it comes to "third places." A couple of weeks back I wandered through the Steampunk Festival, and talked with strangers, local artists and merchants and bumped into congregants. Last week after the service, some of us went to a local playground and spent the better part of the day talking while the children played. This is what I yearned for as a child of the suburbs - public spaces where one might bump into friends or acquaintances or even have the possibility of striking up conversations with strangers. I enjoy some of my friends' updates on Facebook, but to me, nothing can take the place of these human, face-to-face, encounters.

I'd love to think about how our gathering place can link up with those of the wider Waltham community. We had a taste of this on Martin Luther King Day when guests came into our home to help with energy efficiency. How can we as a community be more of a part of the Waltham community? Let's talk about this face-to-face as we gather in our temple-shul-beit kneset-synagogue home. And I encourage you to take a walk to the many public spaces and public gatherings of Waltham - to the Charles River Riverfest June 15-17; to the spray parks, playgrounds, and the public pool that is opening soon; to Moody Street and Main Street cafes and pubs and small grocers - and many more.

## Get Well Soon

Helene Altman



# Membership Booklet

Temple Beth Israel is in the process right now of producing our MEMBERS BOOK. We expect it will be available by Rosh HaShannah. The MEMBERS BOOK listings will include current members and all new members who join the temple from now throughout the summer up to Aug 15. Please encourage any potential members in your circle to sign up as soon as possible so they can be "written in the book."

to buy an ad to be published in the MEMBERS BOOK for a very modest fee. The advertising fees are \$25.00 for a quarter page ad. Each whole page cost \$100.00. Please note -- Ed Brown of the Membership Committee has agreed to be the recipient of all the advertisers' checks their business cards if they want their cards reproduced, and/ or written messages to be typeset for the ads.

The Membership Committee is organizing the many facets of book production. Marge Marion, Genevieve Fosa, and Ellen Macklin plan to contact prospective members, - those who have come to concerts and Shabbos dinners. In addition to encouraging new people to join we need your help in many aspects of this project.

For the same modest fees, \$25.00 for a quarter page ad or \$100 for a full page ad, you may write your own messages - thanks to those who lead us at services, remembrances of those who have passed, an expression of gratitude to the shul community, eg. Kitchen committee that prepares our dinners and Kiddush lunches, those who plant the spring flowers, the musicians who play at our concerts or a message in honor of a special event that will take place. These messages also may plant the seeds for the upcoming shul *100th anniversary in 2014*. Now is the time for collecting Temple history. Contact members who have stories from the Temple's past. Perhaps they can write memories of someone or some event in a quarter page or full page. Maybe they have photographs they would be happy to see published as **Congratulations** to the shul on becoming almost 100.

At the Temple's ANNUAL MEETING June 4th, 2012, President Merrill Griff and others will share temple news and you can see the format of the book per Mark Frydenberg's design. At this time you can review and correct your listings for the book. We want all information to be accurate. Those unable to attend June 4th will have an option to view and make your corrections on the web but only up to Aug 15. Thereafter the MEMBERS BOOK is off to the printers!!!

Diana Korzenik and Ellen Macklin  
Membership Co-Chairs

To add to the usefulness of this book, we seek to include local advertisers. Please think of people and services you value and on whom you rely. Please ask them

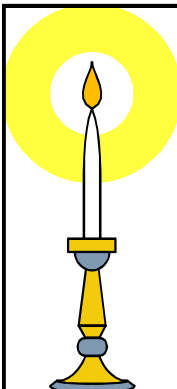
## Beth Israel Memorial Park - Waltham, MA

For the past six years the individual graves at Beth Israel Cemetery have been priced at \$1700 for Temple members and \$1950 for non-members. Two abutting graves are considered to be a lot. Each lot, therefore, was priced at \$3400 for Temple members and \$3900 for non-members.

Due to rising maintenance and other related costs, the price of graves and lots will increase as of September 1, 2012. The new amount for each grave will be \$2000 for Temple members and \$2300 for non-members. Lots will cost \$4000 for Temple members and \$4600 for non-members.

If you are possibly considering the purchase of pre-need graves or lots, it would be prudent to purchase them before the price rises on September 1, 2012.

Please contact the Jewish Cemetery Association at 617-244-6509 for more information.



### Candle Lighting Times

June 1	7:56pm
June 8	8:01pm
June 15	8:05pm
June 22	8:07pm
June 29	8:07pm
July 6	8:06pm
July 13	8:03pm

### We Need Minyanaires

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

Join us for  
Shabbat.



Friday Evenings,

June 15

July 20

August 17

## Welcome Shabbat with Services and Community Dinner at Temple Beth Israel

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 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. We cannot accept payment at the door, and will not send bills afterward. Sign up for all three dinners and save!

Names of Adults and Children Attending:	Date		Number		Amount
	Contact Phone:	June 15	Adults		\$12 per adult or
Children				\$30 per family	
Email:	July 20	Adults		\$12 per adult or	
		Children		\$30 per family	
	August 17	Adults		\$12 per adult or	
		Children		\$30 per family	
<b>Sign up for all three dinners now and save!</b>				<b>Discount:</b>	
				<b>\$5 per adult or \$15 per family</b>	
				Payment Enclosed:	

## Temple Beth Israel visits the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA Sunday June 24, 2012

Please join us at the National Yiddish Book Center, 1021 West St. (on the Hampshire College Campus) in Amherst, MA, as we honor Morris and Edith Hollender, whose stories are prominently featured in the Lee & Alfred Hutt Discovery Gallery, a permanent exhibit curated by Hankus Netsky and Christa Whitney. The Hutt Gallery is an interactive exhibit that celebrates and furthers our understanding of Jewish cultural identity through personal stories, objects, music, photographs, and interviews.

Aaron Lansky, founder and President of the Book Center, is planning to be on hand to greet us. We will also tour several other exhibits including "Sholem Bayis: The Jewish Home," and "S. Ansky - A Living Connection."

Our current plan is to drive our various cars (a group will depart from the Temple parking lot at 10 AM) and meet around 12 noon at Atkins Farm, a large grocery store with many picnic tables, for lunch. Bring your own picnic lunch, or buy ready-to-eat items (inc. vegetarian, dairy, and fish-based options) at Atkins Farm. At 1, we will proceed to the Yiddish Book Center, which is less than a quarter mile away.

### Here are very easy directions:

From Boston and points East: From Boston, it takes approximately 2 hours to the Center. Follow the Massachusetts Turnpike I-90 West. Take Exit 4 onto Route I-91 North. Take Exit 19 Northampton/Amherst, Route 9. Right onto Route 9 East. Pass over the Calvin Coolidge Bridge. Before the Getty Station, take a right. At the stop sign, make a right onto Route 47. After 1.8 miles, take a left onto Bay Road toward Hampshire College/South Amherst. Continue another 2.7 miles\* and turn right on route 116 - Atkins farm is on that corner (a corner know as "Atkins Corner").

\*If you decide to skip Atkins for lunch, go only 2.5 miles on Bay Road and turn left at the Bay Road entrance of Hampshire College. The Eric Carle Museum will be on your right. Turn right at the intersection. The Center is the second parking lot on your right.

The Book Center's Phone # is [413 256 4900](tel:4132564900). If you get lost (!) or have any other questions, Hankus Netsky (the organizer of the trip) can be reached on his cell phone at [617 893 0120](tel:6178930120). **Please RSVP to Hankus Netsky so he can coordinate all the drivers.**

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