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# Temple Talk

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## Rav Menachem Froman, z”l: Lover of Neighbors and Pursuer of Peace.

By: Rabbi Tracy Nathan

In 2001, the year I studied in Israel at Mechon Schechter, I participated in a gathering that explored Jewish and Sufi music and prayer. Sufism is a mystical dimension and practice of Islam. The conference took place at Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam (“Oasis of Peace), “a village established by Jewish and Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel that is engaged in educational work for peace, equality, and understanding between the two peoples.” There were rabbis and sheikhs, scholars, musicians, and students, who learned, prayed, sang, and chanted together. And among the most memorable of those I learned from was Rav Menachem Froman, z”l, who just passed away on March 4th at the age of 68.

Rav Froman was the chief rabbi of the West Bank settlement of Tekoa, the ancient home of the prophet Amos. He dressed all in white and had a long, flowing white beard. I still remember that he and his wife, Hadassa, took about 30 minutes during the Friday night Shabbat table prayers to bless their ten

children from afar (they were not present), standing with open hands reciting *birkat kohanim* for each child.

Rav Froman grew up secular in Haifa, became religious and a rabbi, and was a founder of Gush Emunim, the West Bank settlement movement. While he always retained his belief in the divinely ordained right of Jews to live throughout the land of Israel, he was also a fiercely committed peace activist, who promoted a two-state solution and maintained and pursued relationships with many Palestinian political and religious leaders.

Rav Froman would say, “You have to love your neighbors, says the Lord, and the Palestinians are my neighbors.....so the love for the Palestinians is the essence of my religion.” (“The Peace-Seeking Settler Rabbi,” in Tablet Magazine, [www.tabletmag.com](http://www.tabletmag.com)) Peace, for him, was not simply a pragmatic solution to an intolerable political situation; it was an

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## Upcoming Events

April 12 - Friday Night Service and Dinner - 6:30pm

April 13 - Children’s Service - 10:45am

May 5 - Fermenting the Omer: Beer Brewing Workshop - 4-7pm

May 12 - Sisterhood / Mother’s Day Breakfast - 10:00am

## Rav Menachem Froman, z"l: Lover of Neighbors and Pursuer of Peace.

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essential religious value. As Yossi Klein HaLevi wrote, "The more elusive Middle East peace became, the more vigorously he pursued it....Even when I despaired of reconciliation with the Palestinians and wearied of his endless enthusiasm, Rav Menachem reminded me that we have no choice. "*Bakesh shalom v'radfehu*" - We are commanded not just to seek peace but to pursue it." ("Lessons from a Man of Peace," "The Jerusalem Post," <http://www.jpost.com/JewishWorld/JewishFeatures/Article.aspx?id=305512>)

Yossi Klein HaLevi writes of a time in which he and Rav Froman participated in a Sufi sacred chant circle (*zikr*) in a Palestinian refugee camp, and Rav Menachem said to the group that "two thousand years ago, my people sinned and were expelled by God from this land. But now God has brought us back, and I want to learn from my Muslim brothers who didn't leave here how to worship God in this land." Rav Froman was someone who would share in the same breath and with complete sincerity that Jews belong in the land and at the same time, Jews have much to learn from and respect from Palestinian neighbors, who also belong in the land.

Rav Menachem Froman taught us that, in HaLevi's words, "peacemaking was a mystery of the heart, a mission that required mystics no less than diplomats. Love for one's fellow mortal being endowed with an eternal soul, faith in God's capacity for the miraculous: Those were the qualities necessary to bring peace, especially in this sacred land."

May his memory be a blessing and inspire us to continue the patient, difficult, loving labor of peacemaking and intergroup dialogue and understanding.

Join us for  
Shabbat.



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

### This Month's Menu

Baked Salmon or Tofu  
Spring Vegetables  
Garden Salad  
Fruit and Pastry

Friday Evening: April 12th

Services: 6:30 pm (Note the change in time)

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 7:00 pm, singing, and good conversation. **Reserve now!** Payment must be received by Thursday morning, the day before the dinner you are attending.

## April Yahrzeits

Plaque Loc.	Name	Yahrzeit Date		Plaque Loc.	Name	Yahrzeit Date	
2-2	Samuel Goodman	1-Apr	Nisan 21	3-3	Judith Kaplan	19-Apr	Iyar 09
3-4	Eli Weiner	1-Apr	Nisan 21	3-2	Samuel Louis Griff	20-Apr	Iyar 10
6-1	Belle Freedman	2-Apr	Nisan 22		Anne Itzkowitz	20-Apr	Iyar 10
4-3	Ruth Seigler	3-Apr	Nisan 23	5-3	Herman Greene	21-Apr	Iyar 11
3-1	Nathan Sheer	3-Apr	Nisan 23	5-4	Morris Canter	21-Apr	Iyar 11
	Samuel Seidman	3-Apr	Nisan 23	1-2	Simon Hoffman	21-Apr	Iyar 11
	Jeanne Bloom	4-Apr	Nisan 24	6-1	Edith Friedlander	21-Apr	Iyar 11
3-4	Ethel Stroum	4-Apr	Nisan 24	1-3	Robert Liberman	22-Apr	Iyar 12
3-1	Goldie Gammerman	4-Apr	Nisan 24	5-4	Aaron Soltes	24-Apr	Iyar 14
6-1	Anna Wolf	5-Apr	Nisan 25	5-4	Samuel Schwartz	24-Apr	Iyar 14
	Moshe Ben Aaron	5-Apr	Nisan 25	4-1	Sophie Messer	25-Apr	Iyar 15
	Anna Macklin	5-Apr	Nisan 25	5-4	Fannie Kennen	25-Apr	Iyar 15
2-1	Edith Canter	7-Apr	Nisan 27	1-3	Etta Liberman	25-Apr	Iyar 15
4-2	Max Eisenberg	7-Apr	Nisan 27		Anna Goldstein	25-Apr	Iyar 15
	Victoria Sokoloff	9-Apr	Nisan 29	5-1	Eliot Tanner	25-Apr	Iyar 15
5-3	Goldie Ramler	10-Apr	Nisan 30	4-1	Anna Resh	26-Apr	Iyar 16
2-2	Nathan Kauffman	10-Apr	Nisan 30	1-1	Chiam Crevoshay	27-Apr	Iyar 17
4-4	Gertrude Goldstein	11-Apr	Iyar 01	3-3	Ilene Joyce Nathanson	27-Apr	Iyar 17
5-3	Freda Kaufman	11-Apr	Iyar 01	2-1	Louis Berman	27-Apr	Iyar 17
5-1	Shirley Hoffman	11-Apr	Iyar 01	1-3	Simon Kniznik	27-Apr	Iyar 17
6-4	Samuel D. Coppelman	12-Apr	Iyar 02	5-2	Freda Griff	27-Apr	Iyar 17
1-4	Bessie Sheer	12-Apr	Iyar 02	1-4	Hyman Weinstein	28-Apr	Iyar 18
2-4	Rubin Zelinetsky	13-Apr	Iyar 03	2-2	Jacob Fine	28-Apr	Iyar 18
1-4	Joseph Slatrow	13-Apr	Iyar 03		Morris Fischer	28-Apr	Iyar 18
1-1	Benjamin Benjaminson	13-Apr	Iyar 03	2-1	Louis Dubin	28-Apr	Iyar 18
3-1	Aaron Weiner	13-Apr	Iyar 03	5-4	Joseph Kurtzman	30-Apr	Iyar 20
4-3	Florence Woodin	13-Apr	Iyar 03	2-1	H. L. Berman	30-Apr	Iyar 20
4-2	David Wigod	14-Apr	Iyar 04	6-3	Frances Rose Kaplan	30-Apr	Iyar 20
2-2	Anna Geller	14-Apr	Iyar 04	5-1	Barbara Hoffman	1-May	Iyar 21
2-2	Dora Koszerek	14-Apr	Iyar 04	6-4	Harry Sheinhite	1-May	Iyar 21
1-3	Morris Levison	15-Apr	Iyar 05	2-3	Zelda Pokat	1-May	Iyar 21
6-3	Howard Lewis	15-Apr	Iyar 05	6-4	Richard Rosenberg	2-May	Iyar 22
1-1	Anna Ida Burofsky	16-Apr	Iyar 06	1-3	Charles Leavy	2-May	Iyar 22
3-1	Goldie Kaswell	17-Apr	Iyar 07	3-1	Laura Kurtzman	2-May	Iyar 22
6-1	George Freeman	17-Apr	Iyar 07				
	George Sokoloff	17-Apr	Iyar 07				
4-2	Goldie Stoerger	17-Apr	Iyar 07				
5-4	Charles S. Slatrow	19-Apr	Iyar 09				

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.

# April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Ø 6:56	6 Shemini/ Mevarchim HaChodesh Iyar Rabbi Tracy Nathan
7 Yom Hashoah	8 Board Meeting 7pm	9	10	11	12 Ø 7:04 Friday night dinner/ service 6:30pm	13 Tazria-Metzora Children's Service 10:45 Rabbi Tracy Nathan
14	15 Patriot's Day Minyan 7am Yom HaZikaron	16 Yom HaAtzmaut	17	18	19 Ø 7:12	20 Acharrei/Mot/ Kedoshim Member Led
21	22	23	24	25	26 Ø 7:20	27 Emor Member Led
28 Lag B'Omer	29	30	1	2	3	4 Behar/Behukotai Mevarchim HaChodesh Sivan Rabbi Tracy Nathan

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

# Donations

Correction: Harry and Ann Baker in loving memory of their son Neil.

Rustin Shenkman

Andrea Segal, in memory of Attorney Janet Giller, who passed away unexpectedly in September.

For the Temple Board, Torah Readers, and Kitchen Helpers in appreciation of your long years of dedicated service - from Catherine Cantrell.

## Rabbi's Fund

Merrill and Carol Griff, in honor of Rabbi Tracy Nathan's birthday.



### Touro Synagogue Tour

*Touro Synagogue, in Newport, Rhode Island, is the oldest, active synagogue in the United States. Built in the mid Seventeen hundreds, it is beautiful, not only in its simplicity, but in its position in our country's history.*

Come see it. A bus will be at Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, in Waltham, to pick us up at 10:00 am, on Sunday, June 2, 2013. We will have lunch at a restaurant — the cost is extra — and return to our temple in the afternoon.

**Tickets for the bus and the tour are \$36.00.**

Registration Ends when the bus is full!

First Come - First Served

For information call Ed Brown at (617) 527-6832, or Lester Macklin at (781) 275-2327.

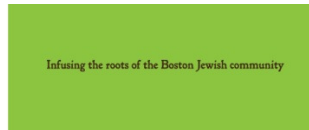
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#### Touro Trip, June 2, 2013

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

Number of attendees \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$36.00/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Temple Beth Israel; PO Box 540182; Waltham MA 02454



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## Fermenting the Omer

**Join us to learn the ancient arts of beer brewing, counting the omer and Jewish drinking songs**

Traditionally we count the days from the second day of Passover to Shavuot, known as the Counting of the Omer. In the days of the Temple, on the second day of Passover an omer (measurement) of barley was cut down and brought to the Temple as an offering. At Shavuot, the wheat harvest began with an offering of wheat at the Temple.



Barley, lacking adequate levels of gluten to make bread, has been viewed throughout the ages as an inferior grain. Luckily, there is an age-old tradition to use it to brew beer!



**Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00pm**

**Bottling: May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**To register, go to**

**[http://fermentingtheomer.eventbrite.com/\\*\\*](http://fermentingtheomer.eventbrite.com/**)**

**You must be 21 to register for this program.**

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**Educators:**

**Aidan Acker** began his brewing career in San Francisco in 2005. In that time, he estimates he has brewed over 100 gallons of beer. He moved to Boston from the west coast in 2008 to attend Harvard Graduate School of Design, where he studied landscape architecture. His favorite beer is BBC's Steel Rail Pale Ale.

**Rabbi Tracy Nathan** is the spiritual leader of Temple Beth Israel of Waltham. She recently edited Keshet's Resource Guide for Jewish Weddings for LGBTQ Couples, and has served and taught in congregations and schools in Greater Boston, New York City, and San Francisco. She did some home brewing many moons ago under the tutelage of her spouse, and enjoys oatmeal stout.

For more information, contact [leora@beantownjewishgardens.org](mailto:leora@beantownjewishgardens.org) or (617) 877-2036



This program is supported by a Young Adult Community Grant from Combined Jewish Philanthropies.



# Our Shabbat Program for Children



Our monthly Shabbat morning program for children will be held on **April 13th**. The morning 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.

## Beth Israel Cemetery

Beginning on November 1, 2012 the Beth Israel Cemetery in Waltham is now being managed and run by the Menorah Cemetery Management Corporation.

The price of graves remains the same. Single graves are priced at \$2,000 for Temple members and \$2,350 for non-members.

The director of Menorah Cemetery Management Corporation, Jay Trilling, can be reached at (857)636-9440 or (617)630-9192. Please contact Jay to purchase graves or for any concern about the cemetery.

Herb Baron  
Cemetery Chairman

## Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood

Did you know that Temple Beth Israel has a Sisterhood? Become a member today. It's real simple. Dues are \$10 per year. Send in your dues to the Temple Office.

Become a member now and you can attend our

## Mother's Day Breakfast Sunday May 12th at 10:00am

Make checks payable to: Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood and mail, before May 7th to Temple Beth Israel, PO Box 540182, Waltham, MA 02454-0182.

## Running to Support Cancer Research

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, TBI Member Steve Chilton will once again run 26.2 miles as a charity runner in the Boston Marathon.

In 2008, he was briefly paralyzed by a stroke. Since then, he has run 4 (26.2 mile) marathons, including the Boston Marathon which he ran in 2011 to raise funds for the American Stroke Association.

This year, Steve will be running with **Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's** marathon team in support of the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research. "I am running in honor of the (too) many friends and family members who have had to battle cancer."

While cancer is one of the leading causes of death and illness in the U.S., innovative research has greatly increased the chance of survival and, today, there are nearly 14 million cancer survivors.

"If any TBI member would like me to run in memory of a cancer victim or in honor of a cancer patient or survivor, I will wear a ribbon with their name on it and send it to them after it completes its 26.2 mile journey."

To donate in support of Steve's run and to help fund cancer research, go to [www.RunDFMC.org](http://www.RunDFMC.org) or contact Steve at 617-733-9088 or [chilste@yahoo.com](mailto:chilste@yahoo.com). 100% of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge supports cancer research.

"Together, we can help researchers at Dana-Farber and can reach the ultimate finish line – a world without cancer!"

## We Need Minyanaires

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

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(Please use a separate form for each fund. **Minimum donation: \$10**)

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