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Temple Talk

Welcome, Rabbi David Finkelstein



We welcome Rabbi David Finkelstein to Temple Beth Israel. Your first opportunity to meet "Rabbi David" and his family will be at Shabbat morning services and lunch on August 2, 2014. Please plan to attend.

Rabbi Finkelstein was ordained from Hebrew College Rabbinical School in June, 2014. Before coming to Temple Beth Israel, he served at Temple Shalom, a Conservative Synagogue in Salem, MA, where he led participatory Shabbat and holiday services, delivered Divrei Torah, and provided pastoral care. Previously he was an intern at the Boston Synagogue in Boston, where he led

traditional egalitarian services, facilitated Torah discussions, and planned outreach events for young adults. He also worked as a Torah reader for Temple Israel of Nantasket, where he chanted the full Torah portion each week at this independent congregation. He provided chaplaincy and pastoral care to patients and their families at Mass General Hospital, and has worked in a variety of capacities at Jewish summer camps. Prior to entering rabbinical school, he taught English and humanities at colleges in the Boston area. He holds a MA in Humanities from University of Chicago, and a BA in English from University of Wisconsin. He is also an accomplished musician.

He is married to Rabbi Sara Meirowitz, and they are the parents of a toddler, Rafi Finkelstein. By the time you see this, they will be packing up (or unpacking) and moving to Waltham.

Thanks to the members of the search committee, ritual committee, and board of directors, and to all of the congregants who participated in the search process by attending candidate interviews and auditions, and the town meeting. Your involvement made the search process thoughtful, caring, and showed the strength of our community. As we begin our second century under the leadership of Rabbi David, we are grateful that Cantor Ellen Band and Hazzan Yosi Weintraub will continue to participate at various services throughout the year.

Contact Rabbi David at rabbidavid@tbiwaltham.org.

The next bulletin will be for September. If you have an article that you would like to submit please get it in to the Temple office before August 15th.

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Monday - Friday

9:00am - 12:00pm

August Happenings

Saturday	August 2	9:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Services, Kiddush Lunch to welcome Rabbi David Finkelstein and his family to Temple Beth Israel
Monday	August 5	8:00 PM	Tisha B'Av Services. Rabbi David will give a short teaching about the holiday, and we will read the book of Eicha (Lamentations).
Tuesday	August 6	7:00 AM	Morning Services for Tisha B'Av. Please join us at the morning minyan, at which we will read Eicha again. Services should be over by 8:30 AM.
Monday	August 11	6:30 PM	Board Meeting. We will be planning the calendar for the year. Committee chairs, bring your calendars!
Monday	August 18	7:00 PM	Ritual Committee Meeting
Friday	August 22	6:30 PM	Shabbat Services and Dinner led by Rabbi Finkelstein. Sign up!
Sunday	August 24	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday Morning Minyan Congregational Breakfast sponsored by Sisterhood and Annual Meeting
Thursday	August 28	5:30 PM	Bus Trip to see Lowell Spinners play against Aberdeen Ironbirds.
Monday	September 1	8:00 AM	Labor Day. Monday Morning Minyan begins one hour later than usual, at 8:00 AM.
Friday	September 12	6:30 PM	Shabbat Services, Dinner, and Open House. Please invite any prospective members to join us as our guest for dinner.
Saturday	September 13	9:00 AM	Shabbat Services and Kiddush Lunch. Open House. Please invite prospective members to join us!

Trip to Lowell Spinners



The Lowell Spinners will be playing against the Aberdeen Ironbirds on August 28 2014. The Lowell Spinners are a class A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, and the Ironbirds are a class A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles.

Come, bring your family. Your children will love it, and so will you. We will be meeting the bus at Temple Beth Israel at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person. Please send your name, contact information, and check to Temple Beth Israel, PO Box 540182, Waltham, MA, 02454 to sign up.

Sisterhood News

Did you know that Temple Beth Israel has a Sisterhood? The Sisterhood is open to all female members of Temple Beth Israel. Dues is \$10/year or \$150 for a lifetime membership. The Sisterhood holds several breakfasts each year and will also be helping the Temple celebrate its 100th year.

Contact Nessie Baron 781-899-3866 or the Temple Office to join.

Sponsor a Kiddush Lunch

The cost to provide our Kiddush lunch for our usual attendance of 30 to 40 people is about \$150. To ensure that we can continue providing Shabbat lunches into the future, we are asking members, and friends of Temple Beth Israel to sponsor a Shabbat lunch once or twice next year (between September 2014 and August 2015). It is a great way celebrate a birthday, wedding or Bar/Bat Mitzvah anniversary, or other milestone with your TBI family. You might also sponsor lunch in memory of a loved one, or just because

To sponsor a lunch, please contribute \$150 to the Shabbat Kiddush fund or, if that amount is prohibitive, please consider co-sponsoring a lunch with another congregant by making a smaller contribution (\$36, \$54, \$72, or any amount you can afford).

We will thank all lunch sponsors at announcements at the end of services, and list names of sponsors in the Temple newsletter. Please send your check to the office along with the date of the lunch you would like to sponsor or co-sponsor, and if there is a special occasion. We will contact you to find out your favorite Kiddush lunch foods to put on the menu.

Donations

General Fund

Ellen Band, in memory of her father.

Ellen Band, in honor of Ed and Ellie for all their hard work at the Temple.

Ellen Band, in memory of Harry Baker and Ben Cohen.

Mark Frydenberg, in memory of Harry Baker and Ben Cohen.

Herb and Nessie Baron, in memory of Harry Baker and Ben Cohen.

Diana Korzenik, in memory of Harry Baker and Ben Cohen.

Caroline Nudelman, in memory of Ina Moses.

Lester and Dolores Mack, in memory of Harry Baker.

Thelma and Julius Kennen, in memory of Harry Baker and Ben Cohen.

Lillian Etkind, in memory of Harry Baker.

David Kaufman, in memory of Harry Baker.

Robert Goldfarb

Hella Hakerem

Kenneth Kelps

THANK YOU

Thanks to those who read Torah, Haftarah, or gave a D'var Torah in June and July:

Susan Holbert

Caroline Nudelman

Susan Kane

Cantor Ellen Band

Rabbi Tracy Nathan

Yaron Sharagai

Catherine Cantrell

Michelle Lauder

Mark Frydenberg

Genevieve Fosa

Hazzan Yosi Weintraub

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Kim Umans

Phyllis Werlin

Celia Schneider

Merrill Griff

Please contact mark@tbiwaltham.org to volunteer to read from the Torah or chant a Haftarah, or susan@theindexpros.com if you would like to give a d'var torah in the coming months.

Beth Israel Cemetery

The cost for a single grave is \$2,200 for Temple members.

Non-members are charged an additional \$400 to become members of the Temple. The total for non-members is \$2,600 per grave.

Two graves together are considered a lot. For members a lot costs \$4,400 and for non-members it costs \$5,200

Please contact **Jay Trilling** of Menorah Cemetery Management Corporation, at (857)636-9440 for further information.

Herb Baron

Cemetery Chairman

August Yahrzeits

Plaque Loc.	Name	Yahrzeit	Date	Plaque Loc.	Name	Yahrzeit	Date
3-4	Benjamin Sheer	31-Jul	Av 04	1-3	Israel Pill	18-Aug	Av 22
6-4	Sylvia Seidman	31-Jul	Av 04	5-3	Anna Esther Katz	18-Aug	Av 22
4-3	Mary Simon	31-Jul	Av 04		Henrietta Ross	18-Aug	Av 22
5-2	Samuel Elkins	31-Jul	Av 04	2-3	Moses Nochemsohn	18-Aug	Av 22
2-1	Joseph Bloomthal	1-Aug	Av 05	2-2	Walter Kaplan	21-Aug	Av 25
3-1	Sarah Pearl Becker	1-Aug	Av 05	3-3	William Michaelson	22-Aug	Av 26
3-3	Abraham Isaac Pedell	2-Aug	Av 06	6-3	Harris Greene	22-Aug	Av 26
	Roberta Lederman	2-Aug	Av 06		Katherine Sidell	23-Aug	Av 27
1-4	Aaron Sheer	3-Aug	Av 07	6-1	Corinne Freeman	23-Aug	Av 27
2-3	Etta Meyerovitz	4-Aug	Av 08	4-2	Blanche Levison	23-Aug	Av 27
4-2	Joseph Kaplan	4-Aug	Av 08	5-1	Jacob Solomon Merowitz	23-Aug	Av 27
4-3	Benjamin L. Lerman	4-Aug	Av 08	2-3	Aaron Mendelsohn	24-Aug	Av 28
3-4	Chaya Zacharewich	5-Aug	Av 09	3-2	Ethel Griff	25-Aug	Av 29
6-1	Paul Lewis Ginsburg	5-Aug	Av 09		Oscar Davidson	26-Aug	Av 30
	Hyman Brown	5-Aug	Av 09	3-3	Sumner Mason Tirk	27-Aug	Elul 01
3-3	Rachel Leah Ingber	5-Aug	Av 09	4-4	Morris Potash	27-Aug	Elul 01
	Ida Kaitz	6-Aug	Av 10	6-4	Anna Araten	27-Aug	Elul 01
2-1	Bernard Bloomenthal	7-Aug	Av 11	1-1	Louis Alpert	28-Aug	Elul 02
2-3	Paul Onigman	7-Aug	Av 11		Mother of Edith Weinstein	28-Aug	Elul 02
6-3	Howard Paul Mermelstein	8-Aug	Av 12	3-2	Ella Weiner	28-Aug	Elul 02
	Evelyn Forbes	8-Aug	Av 12	4-3	Rose Ritter	31-Aug	Elul 05
4-3	Coleman Wexler	10-Aug	Av 14		Aaron Blauer	31-Aug	Elul 05
4-3	Ellen Leavy	11-Aug	Av 15		Bertha Zellin	1-Sep	Elul 06
1-1	Dina Ella Backer	13-Aug	Av 17	3-2	Cecelia Belle Freeman	1-Sep	Elul 06
2-4	Fannie Zelinetsky	13-Aug	Av 17	2-4	Rachel Shecktman	2-Sep	Elul 07
	Karl Meiselman	13-Aug	Av 17		Alexander Freedman	2-Sep	Elul 07
2-4	Samuel Tatelman	14-Aug	Av 18	6-2	Ruth Cormier	3-Sep	Elul 08
5-3	Nathan Ullian	14-Aug	Av 18		Abraham Goldstein	3-Sep	Elul 08
3-3	Molly Sheer	15-Aug	Av 19	1-2	Benjamin Greenblott	3-Sep	Elul 08
	Mulcan bat Yosef	15-Aug	Av 19				
3-1	Sadye Canter	15-Aug	Av 19				
1-4	Hannah Mollie Sheer	15-Aug	Av 19				
5-3	Harold Bloom	15-Aug	Av 19				
	Hyman Kulin	16-Aug	Av 20				
	Adele Ullian	16-Aug	Av 20				
1-1	Samuel Blackstone	17-Aug	Av 21				
	Nadia Shirazi	17-Aug	Av 21				

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

Please call if you will be attending a weekday morning minyan to say Kaddish so we can help you ensure that 10 people are present.

Mark's Remarks: Remembering Two Good Friends of the Temple

By: Mark Frydenberg

Harry Baker and Ben Cohen both died in July, leaving a loss to their families, friends, and the Temple community. Please take a moment with me to remember them.

Remembering Ben Cohen

A summer rain sprinkled on the cemetery lawn at the start of Ben Cohen's funeral, as if the heavens were crying with us over his passing.

Around Temple Beth Israel, Ben will be remembered as Mr. Fix It, often tinkering with his pal Al Bloom to repair walls, wires, and windows. He was proud to be a Cohen who wasn't a Kohen, giving up his priestly status when he married Erika. Ben chanted a Haftarah on the High Holidays.

Ben liked asking questions. In the kitchen after services, or in casual conversation, he was always curious. He often read the Torah with a literal eye, asking questions such as, "Where did the Jewish people get the gold to build the calf from after they crossed the sea?" or "Does God really want that from us?" or "How can I believe in a God who brings such injustice into the world?" Even Ben's favorite greeting -- "How ya doing, buddy?" -- was another question to which he really wanted to know the answer.

Ben was a weekday minyan regular, and when that became too much for him, he and Erika would still make an effort to attend services on Shabbat.

At home, Ben was a loving husband to Erika for over 50 years, a father to Harvey and Morton Cohen, grandfather of Samantha, Scott, Samuel, and Theresa. He enjoyed his garden and his tomato plants. He liked gadgets until they got too complicated. When electronic address books first came out, he said "I could use one of those. I can't keep all those phone numbers in my head anymore. But it's got to be simple to use." There went that idea.

We remember Ben for his helpful hands, his good questions, and his willingness to listen. He was down to earth, welcoming, and open. May his memory be a blessing.

Remembering Harry Baker

These are a summary of my eulogy at Harry's funeral. You can find the complete eulogy online at

<http://tbiwaltham.org/2014/07/07/remembering-harry-baker/>

Harry Baker made scrambled eggs and folded dollar bills on Friday mornings. After morning minyan, you'd find Harry serving up the bits of lox with eggs from his special stockpile in the third refrigerator, for which only he had the key, and folding up the dollar bills that he collected from those in attendance to cover the cost. Friday was Harry's day to make breakfast special.

In addition to watching over the scrambled eggs, he watched even more closely over his "golden egg", a name he lovingly used to refer to the Temple's endowment fund. Decades of volunteer work at Bingo from Harry and many others at the synagogue created an endowment which Harry guarded to make sure that Temple Beth Israel remains viable and financially sound for years to come. He always asked for budgets at board meetings so he could manage these investments wisely.

Harry's activities around the synagogue were many: He organized the Leisure Club, ushered at the holidays, volunteered at Bingo, served on the board of directors, and on the Ritual Committee. He proudly represented the Jewish War Veterans at Memorial Day events on Waltham Common.

When it came to services, Harry often resisted change. The first time we interviewed a female cantor for the high holidays, he attended the interview. After she sang a variety of prayers, I remember Harry said "for a gal she is pretty good."

Harry Baker was a devoted husband to Anne for 73 years, and father to Eleanor and their late son Neil. He and Anne have several grandchildren.

My wish is that we continue what Harry has taught us through the example of his life at Temple Beth Israel: make everyday things special, be financially responsible, make sure people have what they need, and take time to enjoy the people you're with.

May Harry's memory inspire us and be a blessing.

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  7:47	2 <i>Shabbat Welcoming Rabbi David Finkelstein and Family DEVARIM</i>
3	4	5 <i>Tisha B'Av Services 8pm.</i>	6 <i>Tisha B'Av Services 7am.</i>	7	8  7:38	9 <i>VAETCHANAN</i>
10	11 <i>Board Meeting 6:30pm.</i>	12	13	14	15  7:29	16 <i>EIKEV</i>
17	18 <i>Ritual Committee Meeting 7pm.</i>	19	20	21	22  7:18 <i>Friday Night Service/Dinner 6:30pm</i>	23 <i>RE'EH</i>
24 <i>Temple/ Sisterhood Breakfast Meeting 9am service 10am breakfast</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Lowell Spinners Trip 5:30pm.</i>	29  7:07	30 <i>SHOFTIM</i>
31	1 <i>Labor Day Minyan 8am.</i>	2	3	4	5  6:55	6 <i>KI TETZE</i>

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

Sisterhood Sponsors Breakfast at TBI Annual Meeting



Date: Sunday August 24, 2014

Time: 9:00am service in the chapel,
breakfast to follow 10:00am

Join us on Sunday August 24th for a delicious breakfast. Meet the new Rabbi of Temple Beth Israel, Rabbi David Finkelstein and his wife Rabbi Sara Meirowitz.

The breakfast will include a summary of Temple business as part of our annual meeting, an update of Sisterhood activities, and Rabbi Finkelstein will offer words of welcome.

Everyone is invited to attend. **This breakfast is being sponsored by the Sisterhood.** There is no cost for the breakfast.

In order to properly prepare, please make your reservation by **August 18th** to Andrea Baron in the Temple Office (781) 894-5146 or Nessie Baron at (781) 899-3866.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

Please **RSVP** by **August 18th** to Andrea Baron in the Temple Office (781) 894-5146 or Nessie Baron at (781) 899-3866.



Friday Night Dinner & Shabbat Service

Friday, August 22, 6:30pm



Join us for a Temple B-B-Q with all the fixins
Grilled Chicken, Veggie Burgers, Corn on the Cob, Salads, Dessert

Service begins at 6:30pm
Dinner begins after services around 7:30pm

\$15 per adult, \$36 per family if paid by the Wed. before the dinner
\$18 per adult, \$45 per family for late reservations

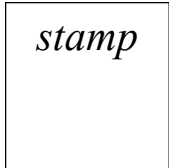
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- General Fund
- High Holiday Donation
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Carl Goldstein Siddur—Memorial Fund
- Morris Hollender Torah Reading Fund
- Children's Services and Programming
- Other, please specify: _____

Temple Beth Israel Donation Form

For your convenience, please use this form to make your donations and send to:
Temple Beth Israel, P O Box 540182, Waltham, MA 02454-0182

I have chosen the fund indicated at the right:

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

Attached is my check in the amount of: \$ _____

The donation is being made

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