



# Temple Talk

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## Rabbi's Corner: Seek God's Face Always

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

Dear Community,

Being together on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah, was really awesomely wonderful. Thank you! I love being Jewish, and I love being Jewish with you. But now that the awesomeness of these Days of Awe are behind us, now that the days are getting shorter and colder, how can we, during the holiday-poor month of Cheshvan, guard and stoke the flame that we lit in our souls during the holiday-rich month of Tishrei? My teacher Rabbi David Jaffe wrote to me recently about a Hassidic custom of asking, after the Fall holidays, "How did the holidays enter you?" (*Eikh hachagim nikhnas?*) In what ways did your experience of the holidays enter your daily life? What challenges have you encountered that might have made you forget the warmth and togetherness, the music and the majesty?

For a few more paragraphs, I will attempt to answer these questions by turning to the Zohar, a 13<sup>th</sup> century Spanish work of Torah elaboration (*midrash*), and the central work of Jewish mysticism. In Zohar 3:93b, Rabbi Yitzhak elucidates a difficult verse in Psalm 27, the psalm which the ancient rabbis designated for recitation during the Fall holiday season, also known as "The Penitential Psalm." *Siddur Sim Shalom* translates the verse: "It is You that I seek, says my heart. It is Your Presence that I seek, O Lord." This translation is crystal clear, but it ignores the difficulty in the verse. Sacrificing clarity for faithfulness to the original Hebrew, *Machzor Lev Shalem* offers, "It is You of whom my heart said, 'Seek my face!' It is Your Presence..." More faithful to the Hebrew, but what does it mean?

Unlike the *siddur* and the *machzor*, both of which limit themselves to meanings inherent in the verse, the Zohar cherishes its lack of clarity and pins on the verse a deep but far-fetched message. In Zohar 3:93b, Rabbi Yitzhak asserts that another verse lurks in the

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**The next bulletin will be for December and January. If you have an article that you would like to submit please get it in to the Temple office before November 15th.**

## Rabbi's Corner: Seek God's Face Always

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essence of this one. That other verse is from 1 Chronicles 16. It says, "Seek God and His strength; seek God's face *always*."

In other words, the holidays are special, and when they come around again we seek God and connection like at no other time. But the truth is that God and connection are available all the time. We may seek (and find) God's Presence *always*, at all times. The holidays merely serve to remind us what is available year round, every day, whenever and wherever we have the longing to connect. It was wonderful connecting with you on the holidays. Let's connect again soon.

May God command His angels to protect you wherever you may go.

May they carry you in their hands so that no stone can make you stumble.

(from Psalm 91)

Rabbi David

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Temple Beth Israel has enriched our congregation with these new members:

Ann Baker	Zvi Ruder and Leslie Ament
Eleanor Baker	Rustin Shenkman
Lydia Fascia	David Smith
Natalya Gomelskya	Robert and Catherine Solomon
Hella Hackerem	Stan Tobias
Vanessa Lefevre	Roz Potter
Ian Rosenblum	
Shaun and Rachel Hayward and Leora and Isaac	

I know they will be greeted and befriended by all. That's the way it is at Temple Beth Israel, and we look forward to getting to know each family and help them settle in.

Ellen Macklin  
Membership Secretary

### **Condolences**

To Catherine Solomon on the loss of her mother

To Catherine Cantrell on the loss of her mother



## 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 this year (between December 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.

## Saturday Kiddush Sponsors

9/13	Lester and Ellen Macklin, in honor of Ellen's Birthday
9/20	Howard Trachtman, in honor of his D'var Torah
9/27	Marge and Arthur Marion in honor of Arthur's Birthday
10/11	TBI Sisterhood
10/18	Bob Macauley in memory of Anita Israel
10/25	Rabbi's Sara Meirowitz and David Finkelstein in honor of their anniversary
11/1	Brad and Dina Baker in honor of their 30th Wedding Anniversary
11/8	Jim, Andrea, Michaela Baron in honor of Jim's birthday
11/15	Esther Keaney, Catherine Cantrell, Genevieve Fosa in honor of their Bat Mitzvah anniversary
11/22	Susan Kane, in honor of Michelle Lauder's birthday
11/29	TBI Sisterhood

## THANK YOU

### Thanks to those who read Torah, Haftarah, or gave a D'var Torah in September and October:

Helene Aronson	Noah Beit Aharon
Cantor Ellen Band	Rabbi David Finkelstein
Genevieve Fosa	Mark Frydenberg
Susan Holbert	Ted Israel
Susan Kane	Rabbi Sara Meirowitz
Catherine Nudelman	Celia Schneider
Yaron Shragai	Hazan Yosi Weintraub

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

## Donations

### General Fund

Ed and Renee Brown, in memory of Gloria Krigest.

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

Martin and Rhoda Koocher, in memory of Ben Cohen and Harry Baker.

Diana Korzenik, in honor of Brad Baker, for all of his Open House decorating.

Hella Hakerem, in honor of Sheila Lesnick's Birthday.

Orrin Potash, in honor of his loved ones.

Louis Trachtman, in honor of Howard Trachtman's Dvar torah reading.

Robert Macauley, in memory of Ben Cohen.

Lillian Etkind, in memory of her brother, Jack Victor Itzkowitz.

Ellen Band, in appreciation of the TBI congregation and community.

Libby Libner, in honor of Benjamin Libner, LT USAF, service to our country.

Joe Weintraub, in memory of Harry Baker, Anita Israel and Ben Cohen.

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### Morris Hollender Torah Reading Fund

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Ted and Linda Israel and Josh, Mia and David, in memory of Anita Israel.

## Mark's Remarks:

### Remembering Rabbi Judith Abrams, The Internet's Talmud Teacher

By: Mark Frydenberg

I recently learned of the sudden death of Rabbi Judith Abrams on Wednesday, October 22 at the age of 56. Rabbi Abrams was a reform rabbi who back in 1995, had the idea that she could use the Internet to help the world study Talmud. So she started an online study group called Maqom (visit [magom.com](http://magom.com)) where for 19 years, she has been posting passages from the Talmud for people to talk about by email, and later in an online discussion group, with partners or individually. She would write back to her students by email, and share comments with the group. Quickly the study group grew to have hundreds of followers, with many active participants.



Ironically, it was 19 years ago (10/24/1995) to the day of her funeral when she posted her first Talmud passage from Tractate Brachot about living a full life. She taught us:

All the people who have reverently read a given Torah scroll before you leave an essence of their soul in that scroll. You might try opening a Torah scroll to see if you can sense this. This will be especially evident if you can compare an old scroll with a new one. The sensation is indescribable but definitely there.

This also hints at a deep mystical truth: the most life-intensifying thing in our faith (Torah) is reminiscent of death, too. Spiritual development involves paradox. Really living means living now and after you die and understanding how that works. Death doesn't necessarily have to refer only to physical death. It can also denote the death-by-degrees that comes from not actually living your life.

Rabbi Abrams lived her life fulfilling her mission of teaching Talmud, and making it alive, hoping her students would do the same. Her posts often related Talmud to medical care, illness, and healing. She so often found ways to apply ancient insights to modern times.

A true pioneer, she had a sense of the power of online learning and community, even when that community was dispersed around the world. She was always aware of the promise the Internet enabled for learning, first setting up Maqom on the web, and later, recording "10 minutes of Talmud" podcasts for people to listen and study with her every day. Through her writings and her podcasts she reached thousands of students online, Jews and non-Jews, rabbis and non-professional Jews, and shared her joy of the Talmud. She encouraged me to write and learn more, and invited me to write a few essays for a book she was working on, A Beginner's Guide to the Steinsaltz Talmud. Some of the selections that I wrote, appearing in the rightmost column of our Friday night siddur, were inspired by lessons and Talmud passages she shared. Her comments about were always encouraging and made me want to learn more with her.

Zichronah livrachah, May her memory be a blessing.





# November Yahrzeits

Plaque Loc.	Name	Date	
3-3	Louis Geller	26-Oct	Cheshvan 02
3-1	Sophie Becker	28-Oct	Cheshvan 04
4-4	Ida Hollicker	28-Oct	Cheshvan 04
4-3	Edith Escott	29-Oct	Cheshvan 05
3-1	Samuel Dressler	29-Oct	Cheshvan 05
6-3	Ida Michels	30-Oct	Cheshvan 06
6-4	Harriette Blackman	31-Oct	Cheshvan 07
4-1	Lottie Caplan	31-Oct	Cheshvan 07
3-2	Austin Rhodes	31-Oct	Cheshvan 07
5-2	Pearl Goldberg	1-Nov	Cheshvan 08
	Harold Shapiro	1-Nov	Cheshvan 08
	Rosalind Gardner	2-Nov	Cheshvan 09
3-1	Gladys Atkins	2-Nov	Cheshvan 09
5-2	Lena Canter	2-Nov	Cheshvan 09
6-3	Bella Elkins	4-Nov	Cheshvan 10
	Allyn Abramson	5-Nov	Cheshvan 11
4-1	Ida Bloomenthal	6-Nov	Cheshvan 12
3-4	Leon Pinstein	6-Nov	Cheshvan 12
2-4	Nathan Stroum	6-Nov	Cheshvan 12
6-3	Arthur Merowitz	8-Nov	Cheshvan 14
6-4	Arpad Viltschek	9-Nov	Cheshvan 15
4-4	Elsie Seskin	9-Nov	Cheshvan 15
1-4	Rebecca Slatrow	12-Nov	Cheshvan 16
3-2	Edward Weiner	13-Nov	Cheshvan 17
3-4	Max Talent	14-Nov	Cheshvan 18
4-4	Herman York	15-Nov	Cheshvan 19
	Chaim Taubman	16-Nov	Cheshvan 20
1-2	Daniel Griff	17-Nov	Cheshvan 21
4-4	Abraham Goldstein	17-Nov	Cheshvan 21
4-1	Bernard Resh	21-Nov	Cheshvan 25
	Lester Goldberg	21-Nov	Cheshvan 25
6-3	Madeline P. Kaplan	22-Nov	Cheshvan 26
3-4	Joseph Tuchfeld	22-Nov	Cheshvan 26
6-2	Benjamin Wolk	24-Nov	Cheshvan 28
5-3	Max Katz	24-Nov	Cheshvan 28
	Betty Taubman	26-Nov	Cheshvan 30
6-3	Sarah Wiesman	23-Nov	Kislev 01
1-3	David Kniznick	23-Nov	Kislev 01

Plaque Loc.	Name	Date	
4-4	Julius Weiner	24-Nov	Kislev 02
2-2	Bella Kane	24-Nov	Kislev 02
2-3	Jacob Nottenburg	24-Nov	Kislev 02
5-1	Eva Baron	25-Nov	Kislev 03
5-2	Bessie Griff	27-Nov	Kislev 05
2-2	Morris Goodman	27-Nov	Kislev 05
5-1	Mildred Perlmutter	28-Nov	Kislev 06
2-4	John F. Kennedy	28-Nov	Kislev 06
5-1	Nathan Weiner	29-Nov	Kislev 07
2-4	Abraham Sheckman	29-Nov	Kislev 07
5-4	Margret Fassberg	29-Nov	Kislev 07
5-1	Helen Norman	30-Nov	Kislev 08
5-2	Milton Portnov	1-Dec	Kislev 09
6-1	Sylvia Moldoff	1-Dec	Kislev 09
4-2	Eileen Moses	1-Dec	Kislev 09
6-3	Blanche Weinstein	2-Dec	Kislev 10
	Abraham Werblin	2-Dec	Kislev 10
6-1	Max Canter	3-Dec	Kislev 11
3-4	Edward Rosenberg	3-Dec	Kislev 11
5-1	Miriam Goldman	3-Dec	Kislev 11
2-1	Alexander Abraham	3-Dec	Kislev 11
6-3	Blanche Kaufman	3-Dec	Kislev 11
6-3	Donald Marc Merowitz	3-Dec	Kislev 11
2-2	Barney Geller	4-Dec	Kislev 12
6-3	Joseph Finstein	4-Dec	Kislev 12
2-2	Simon Greenberg	4-Dec	Kislev 12
3-3	Henry Milesky	5-Dec	Kislev 13
3-2	Mollie Fine	5-Dec	Kislev 13
3-3	Rose Bloom	5-Dec	Kislev 13
2-3	Becky Mankowich	6-Dec	Kislev 14
2-2	Louis Gould	6-Dec	Kislev 14

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.

## Shabbat Service and Dinner



**Friday, November 21, 6:30pm**

The meal will be stuffed peppers (beef and vegetarian).  
Please let us know if you any special dietary needs when you sign up.

This is an open house for prospective members. Meet Rabbi Finkelstein and members of the TBI community. If this will be your first time visiting TBI, let us know when you sign up, so you can be our guest for **dinner**.

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

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Interested in learning, teaching, or improving your skills in leading the service, reading Torah, chanting Haftarah, giving a Torah talk, or helping out in some way with the service?

We are thinking of offering classes if there is enough interest.

Let us know!

Please contact Susan Holbert [\(781\)893-0514](tel:7818930514) for more information.

### 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

### TBI Membership on Waltham Day

Do the residents of Waltham and its surrounding towns know that Temple Beth Israel exists? Ellie Handel, Alan Levine, Ben Nudelman and I were very pleased to learn that they do. Many visitors to our area said, "We admire your gardens." Thanks to Brad Baker, we are on the map and are a positive presence. We offered packets of seeds from our vegetables provided by Brad.

We had an area right on Moody Street and were very busy all day. Many of our congregants came to visit or support us. The highlight of the day was seeing Rabbis David and Sara and Rafi Finkelstein walking down the path towards us.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day a success.

Ellen Macklin  
Membership Sec'y

## 2 New Classes Starting at TBI in November

### ***Parashat Hashavuah – The Weekly Torah Portion***

meeting on alternate Thursday evenings

7-8:30pm at the Temple, beginning on November 6

In this class, we will investigate selections from the weekly Torah portion with the help of classical Jewish commentators, Talmud, *midrash*, Jewish mystical texts, modern scholarship, and anything else that can help us understand and connect to our precious heritage. Come join this latest iteration of our 3,000+ years-old book club and lend your voice and your life experience to the discussion!

### ***Synagogue Skills Workshop***

meeting on alternate Thursday evenings

7-8:30pm at the Temple, beginning on November 13

Whether you want to work on your Hebrew reading skills, comprehension of the *siddur*, Torah chanting, prayer leadership, the art of the *gabbai*, or any other synagogue skill, this workshop will be for you. Come as you are or bring a study buddy. The rabbi will be hopping from table to table or sitting nearby, ready to help you develop your synagogue skills for the betterment of our community locally and worldwide.

Do you like to cook? Can you help with food shopping? We're looking for a few volunteers who can help with food shopping or meal preparation for Shabbat lunches and dinners once or twice a month. Please call Marge Marion at [508-561-2338](tel:508-561-2338) if interested.



Join Us On Saturday,  
November 29th

To welcome, Cantor Ellen Band, as she leads services, reads from the Torah, and gives the D'var torah.

## 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 are \$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.

# November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Morning Minyan - Breakfast/ Program 9:00am	27	28	29	30	31 <sup>8</sup> 5:21pm	1 Lech-Lecha
2  Daylight Savings time ends - turn clocks back one hour	3	4	5	6	7 <sup>8</sup> 4:12pm	8 Vayera
9	10	11	12	13	14 <sup>8</sup> 4:06pm	15 Chayei Sara
16	17	18	19	20	21 <sup>8</sup> 4:00pm Friday Night Service/Dinner 6:30pm	22 Toldot
23	24	25	26	27  Thanksgiving Minyan 8am	28 <sup>8</sup> 3:56pm	29 Vayetzei Cantor Ellen Band
30						

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

## **We cannot afford to hide; We must act.**

**By: Merrill Griff**

There is a song by the rock group, the Doors that starts with these words, "When I was back there in seminary school there was a person there who put forth the proposition that you can petition the L-rd with prayer, petition the L-rd with prayer." Jim Morrison repeats this last line 3 times and then shouts, "You can not petition the L-rd with prayer!" and then proceeds to sing another lyric about asking for sanctuary and a place to hide.

Today we are here to petition Hashem with prayer and fix what is wrong between us and the divine, between us and our fellow human beings. The task is an active one. It involves not only prayer but also action. We cannot afford to hide. We must act.

This year has seen a shift in spiritual leadership. Every one likes progress but few like change. Temple Beth Israel has 100 years of history that involve both change and progress. It has not been a passive existence, but one of action.

Most recently we hired a new Rabbi, Rabbi David Finkelstein. He is committed to his new post, this temple and this city. He and his wife Sara Meirowitz and son, Rafi live in Waltham. His commitment to this shul is exemplified by his enthusiasm and the hours he dedicates to the revitalization of this shul. Sara, his wife, has shown her dedication by reading Torah and leading services. Even their 10 month old son Rafi attends services every Saturday. Thanks Rafi. That's commitment!

Our beloved Morris Hollender can no longer read the Torah. This change motivated a number of congregants to learn Torah reading. Now with the help of Cantor Ellen Band and Chazan Joseph Weintraub, we provide a complete Torah reading every Saturday. This is another example of action and commitment.

Mark Frydenberg of the religious committee took charge and came up with a plan to insure members would sign up to read the Torah, haftarah, and make sure all holidays have congregants to help our rabbi conduct services. Susan Holbert coordinates lay people to offer a d'var Torah once a month.

The program committee led by Yaron Shragai coordinates a variety of concerts, movies and lectures for us and the community. Ellen Macklin of the Membership Committee tirelessly pursues new members with innovative ideas and a meticulous action plan. Her efforts and her committee's work has produced a 10% increase in membership.

The kitchen committee of Marge Marion, Ellie Handel, Genevieve Fosa and Mark Frydenberg tirelessly and with great effort, produce a kiddush lunch every Saturday after services.

Jim Baron, Andrea Baron, Irving Lesnick and Bruce Trager reworked the temple's by laws.

Brad Baker dedicates a lot of time, energy and hard work to improve the temple's landscaping and grow vegetables for our weekly kiddush lunches and donates the rest to Waltham food banks. His involvement demonstrates action.

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## **We cannot afford to hide; We must act.**

**By: Merrill Griff**

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Nessie Baron, president of the Sisterhood and her organization have been very supportive. We can all thank the sisterhood for their financial support that has helped this temple during a number of financial crises. The sisterhood's generosity extends to the beautiful flower arrangement that graces the bima.

Our temple is 100 years old. It needs some tender loving care. We have expenses. We have a new rabbi who is here 75% of the time. We have new programs to celebrate our heritage. This synagogue is dedicated to making a run for another 100 years. However we need the help of everyone present today.

To maintain and flourish as a synagogue and community center, it takes time, effort and money. Yom Kippur is a holiday for prayer and reflection. But let us all start the new year with a commitment to support this temple financially beyond our dues. Every board member has donated more than the amount required by temple dues. We have acted.

Before Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzin Norgay began their quest to conquer Mt. Everest, each spent time in quiet prayer and reflection. They both realized that answers to prayers sometimes lie in those who pray.

My challenge to all of you today is to pray and donate your time, personal involvement and money.

*Gmar chatima tovah!*

Merrill Griff

### **High Holiday Donations**

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## My High Holiday Message

By: Lester Macklin

It is common in any synagogue for people to come and go any time during services. There is a scientific method to indicate this graphically. Attendance at Temple Beth Israel during the High Holy Days, seems to follow a pattern known as the “Bell Curve.” When graphed, it takes on the shape of a bell, and depicts growth, then decline, over time. At TBI this indicates that there are few congregants at 8:30 when Shacharit begins, then a steady influx of people for the Torah Service, and finally a rate of decline, mirroring the earlier increase, but in reverse.

I’m writing this because I was scheduled to talk immediately after the Torah Service but was rescheduled to the time just before Ein KHALOHEINU when few congregants are present, as per the Bell Curve. For those who missed my words, I have reproduced them as follows:

“Rabbi Finkelstein mentioned crying in his sermon, as a means of getting what you want, and here is another means to that end. A salesman was about to be late for an important meeting in Boston, and was not able to find a space to park his car. In desperation, he closed his eyes and prayed, “God, if you can find a parking space for me, I will follow all your 613 mitzvot.” He looks, and behold, there was a parking spot just ahead. The salesman says, “Never mind Lord, I just found one.”

Parking spaces in Boston are rare, and prayer will seldom create one. Why are we here? We are here to ask for forgiveness for any mitzvot we may have disregarded. We are glad you have chosen Temple Beth Israel to talk to God, and we sincerely hope your prayers are answered.

This year we are celebrating Temple Beth Israel’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. That’s a long time for this community to know where to go during times of crisis, life cycle events as well as celebrating holidays. At one time, this was the only Conservative synagogue within a large radius of itself. People come and go. Rabbis come and go and you are here at the start of a new beginning, a new year and our new Rabbi, David Finkelstein.

Last year I told you that we have no blood relatives in this area, and that we feel the members of Temple Beth Israel are our family. Temple Beth Israel is almost perfect and we are striving to be perfect. What we need are those of you who are not members to join us. Being a member means you are an integral part of the team. Participate as much as you want or as little as you want, and take advantage of the programs we offer. Did we miss something? Help us start whatever that might be. We are egalitarian, we are welcoming, we are a family...be part of our family, become a member. If you have questions, speak with my wife, Ellen, who chairs the Membership Committee.

Getting a little nostalgic, I remember the “old days” in Brooklyn during these High Holy Days when the Shamos stood before the Ark and asked for donation pledges. His system was to be sure he did not miss any one, so row by row, from the front to the back he pointed and from memory, announced last year’s pledge. We sat in the 3<sup>rd</sup> row on the right side. With little time available, my father would consult with his brothers and just in time he would say, “The Macklin brothers pledge \$100.” That was a lot of money in the 40’s. Let me be the designated shamos, and ask you to be generous as we venture into our second century led by Rabbi Finkelstein and President Merrill Griff.

L’Shana Tova!

Lester Macklin

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- Carl Goldstein Siddur—Memorial Fund
- Morris Hollender Torah Reading Fund
- Children's Services and Programming
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

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This donation is made by:

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