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## Rabbi's Corner

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

During these past two months, Temple Beth Israel lost some dearly loved members and friends: Herb Baron, Morris Hollender, Caryl Goldstein, and Robert Liss (brother of Renee Brown). Together we buried them, sat *shiva* for them, and said *Kaddish* for them. These rituals bring honor to the deceased and comfort to those who grieve. It has been an honor, a privilege, and a deep learning experience for me to walk with you through these losses. Here is a little wisdom for our tradition to help us think about this time of grief and possibility.

As February begins we find ourselves in the beginning of the book of Exodus. This part of our Torah-reading cycle is called SHOvAVIM – an acronym for the first six *parashiyot* of Exodus (*Shemot, Va'era, Bo, Beshalach, Yitro, Mishpatim*). Shovavim means “those who return,” and we are taught that this period of time is an auspicious one for focusing on the repair and maintenance of close relationships. In other words, while we grieve the loss of those who *were* close to us – and that grief is necessary and must not be hurried - let us not forget the great importance of communicating well with those closest to us *now*. May we all return to kindness and sensitivity with those closest to us. The process of grieving tends to turn us inward, and it may make us less sensitive to what others are going through. May our grief bring us inwardness that is self-aware, calm, and flexible.

This February also begins with *Tu BiShvat* (the fifteenth of *Shvat*) or Jewish Arbor Day. The mystics of Tzfat teach that Tu BiShvat takes us back to the Garden of Eden. There, Adam and Eve eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Bad, but they do not eat from the Tree of Life. On *Tu BiShvat*, say the mystics, we repair the mistake of Adam and Eve by eating from the Tree of Life. To eat from the Tree of Life is to meet life as it is with curiosity, with courage, and with love for all of God's creatures. May the past inspire us and teach us the right path, and may our hearts and minds focus on the present moment and on visioning for the future.

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

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**FINKELSTEIN (2014-)**

**Friday, March 6, 6:00 PM                      Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner**

Cost for dinner is \$18 per person (before March 3, \$20 after). Sign up at [tbiwaltham.org](http://tbiwaltham.org) or send your check to the Temple Office. Welcome our rabbis back to Temple Beth Israel.

**Saturday, March 7, 9:00 AM                      Shabbat Services and Lunch**

The rabbis and Cantors Ellen Band and Yossi Weintraub will participate at services. After lunch, the rabbis will share memories of their time in Waltham. Lunch sponsored by the Ritual Committee.

**Saturday, March 7, 7:00 PM                      Havdallah and Dessert Reception**

Havdallah and a short teaching, a dessert reception, slide show, and conversations. Informal music with TBI musicians.

**We are asking for sponsors of this special weekend event in order to make it accessible for everyone. Please send your contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100 or other amount to Temple Beth Israel.** If you are willing to assist with planning, shopping, providing rides to or from Logan airport, playing music on Saturday night, or other aspects of the event, please contact the Temple Office.

We have not been able to reach Rabbi Stanley Dreifuss who was a rabbi in Waltham in the 1970s. If you are in contact with him, please let us know as we would love to extend an invitation.

## Rabbi's Corner

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*Mishenikhnas Adar marbin b'simchah.* When the month of Adar arrives, we increase in joy (Talmud Tractate Ta'anit 29a). Adar, the month of Purim, begins on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Wherever we may be in our individual processes of grief, may we all experience uplift as Adar begins and Purim approaches. In one of the videos posted on the temple website, Morris Hollender remembers how joyous Purim was in his hometown of Vysni Remety, Czechoslovakia. He remembers how the non-Jewish villagers sang Purim songs and celebrated with their Jewish neighbors. Many of us said to each other at one of the funerals of the past few months, "It's good to see you, and I wish it were a happier occasion," or "We've got to stop meeting like this." *Nor oyf simchas* is the Yiddish, meaning "Only simchas." May we all be blessed in time with spiritual and emotional healing from our losses, and may our joy only increase.

Contact Rabbi David at [rabbidavid@tbiwaltham.org](mailto:rabbidavid@tbiwaltham.org) or 781-786-8679

## Thank you for another great Shabbat

The Tu B'shvat Seder, in combination with January's last Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service was a double success. The more than two dozen worshipers sang and clapped their hands to the spirited tunes led by Rabbi Finkelstein. After welcoming the Shabbat bride, we ventured into the social hall for a rare treat.

Tu B'shvat is the New Year of Trees. Eating the different types of fruits from trees was symbolized by samples arranged as a Seder plate in the center of each table. And of course, there was wine, both red and white to adhere to the formula of the seder.

Fruits come in a variety of configurations, some with edible skin (apricots, dates), some with skin too tough to eat (pomegranate, orange) and some with seeds that are not eaten (olives, cherries). The tu B'shvat "Haggadah" explained the meaning and reasoning of this wonderful event.

To top off the evening, a festive meal was served. The rice pilaf, salmon, haddock, string beans and lasagna with two kinds of salad were followed by sumptuous desserts. As an individual who, in the past, has shopped for Temple Beth Israel dinners, I know the effort it takes to secure the right ingredients. Then there is the task of putting the dinner together. Cooking in the kitchen is a busy episode in the life of a congregant. In this case, three women produced the festive meal and set a beautiful table to emphasize the beauty of Shabbat and Tu B'Shvat.

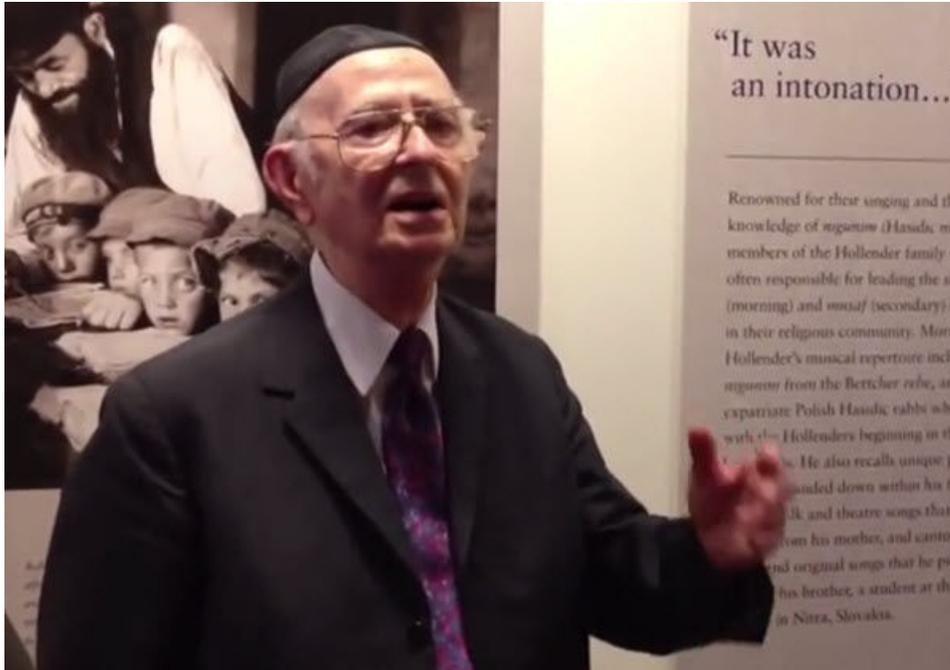
Our cooks and shoppers are Marge Marion, Genevieve Fosa and Andrea Baron in conjunction with Rabbi Finkelstein. A round of applause for this group is well deserved. Make sure you tell them how you appreciate their efforts. Now we can look forward to Passover and another great seder.

Lester Macklin

## Mark's Remarks:

### Keep Singing the Songs and Telling the Stories of Morris Hollender

By: Mark Frydenberg



Morris Hollender z"l took his last breaths on December 30 in the afternoon as his wife Edith, Rabbi Finkelstein, Joseph Weintraub and I, along with his hospice care givers, sat beside him. At a loss for words, we turned to wordless melodies – niggunim to accompany him from this world to the next. Our songs were melodies from verses of psalms that invoked the names of the angels, and asked that the Holy One open the gates as righteous man was about to enter.

At his funeral, before the Eil Malei Rachamim, we removed all of the Torah scrolls from the ark, and held them, a fitting tribute to a Torah reader. Morris probably never heard of this thousand-year-old ritual before, but would have said it is "very proper."

Rabbi Finkelstein quoted one of Morris's favorite verses from Psalm 91 – "His angels he will set to watch over you in all your paths. They shall carry you in their hands, lest your foot stumble on a stone." and we prayed that the angels carry Morris in their hands on his journey to the next world.

Since his death, and for the months before it, many of us shared so many songs and stories about Morris. His melodies, jokes, and favorite sayings reminded us what a vibrant, caring, funny, knowledgeable, courageous and humble person that he was. We need to keep telling those stories, laughing at those jokes, and singing those melodies.

Joseph and I have uploaded audio recordings of Morris singing online, and I have shared many of them, along with several videos from Purim, the Yiddish Book Center visit, and an oral history interview conducted with Herb Baron z"l in 2001. Morris also penned a hand-written 35-page letter describing his experiences during the Holocaust. These audio recordings, videos, and living history are available now on the Temple's website at <http://tbiwaltham.org> . Several of the eulogies, tributes, and an audio recording of his funeral are also available.

It is an honor to remember Morris Hollender doing what he loved so much – singing, praying, reading the Torah and telling stories. If you have a remembrance or a recording of Morris to share, please email it to [remembermorris@tbiwaltham.org](mailto:remembermorris@tbiwaltham.org) and we will post it on the TBI website as our tribute continues.

## Morris Hollender

By: Merrill Griff

Generosity, humility and humanity

Morris' recovery started with the generosity of an American G.I. When his concentration camp was liberated an American G.I. gave Morris an American army blanket to keep warm. It was a life saver and an act of generosity. Edith made her army blanket into a warm pantsuit.

So began Edith and Morris' journey to America and a life of generosity.



After World War II the Hollenders recovered, settled in Czechoslovakia and eventually came to America in 1967. They settled in Waltham and all of our lives became intertwined with theirs and enriched.

When Morris Hollender wandered into our temple, we viewed him warmly and welcomed him as a guest and potential minyan regular. Little did we know that he and Edith would become not only synagogue members, but members of our temple family. We were the mishpocha they lacked here and they were the example of family we idealized.

We did not know what a gentleman he was or how much knowledge about Torah, sacred music, rituals and humanity he possessed. In his over 40 years with us, he never spoke negatively about anyone! That is a Herculean feat among Jews! He always shared his knowledge about Hebrew, the prayers, the Torah reading, music and his jokes with anyone who was willing to listen. Morris Hollender read the Torah, led services, took care of all Yahrzeits, and prepared for all holidays with passion for over 40 years. He always wanted to share his knowledge.

He was a rare individual with a big heart. Despite not owning an automobile, he always found a way to visit the sick in their homes or at a hospital. He willingly allowed people to share the bima and lead services or read the torah if they desired. He was our self appointed ambassador to any new person who entered the temple to pray or visit. If you were a woman, your introduction was with total European panache. You received a hand shake and a kiss on the hand. If you were a man, it was a handshake and an expectation to join him for a "I'chaim" after services. He made time for everyone.

At the end, we, his family visited him daily. We expressed our love to him and Edith. We brought the minyan to him. His guiding spirit and love moved all of us. Morris' last request involved his burial. He requested that he be buried with the army blanket that an American soldier so generously gave him.

We, in return, learned about generosity, humility and spirituality from one of the world's Tzaddiks. Zacchariah the prophet teaches, "It's not by might nor power but by my spirit says the Lord". Morris Hollender lived and taught all of us how to be above all, a Mensch.

## 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 now and August 2015). It is a great way to 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

12/13 Irving and Shiela Lesnick

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1/24 – Ben and Caroline Nudelman IHO Caroline's Birthday

2/7 Ed and Renee Brown

3/7 - Tbi Ritual committee in honor of our rabbis

3/14 Diana Korzenik iho her birthday

**To sponsor a Kiddush lunch,  
please contact the temple office.**

## THANK YOU

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

Cantor Ellen Band	Rachel Hayward
Noah Beit Aharon	Merrill Griff
Catherine Cantrell	Susan Kane
Rabbi David Finkelstein	Rabbi Sara Meiorowitz
Genevieve Fosa	Esther Keeney
Mark Frydenberg	Susan Holbert
Caroline Nudelman	Mike Rosenberg
Celia Schneider	Yaron Shragai
Hazzan Yossi 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

Barbara Labitt wishes a speedy recovery to Lester Macklin.

Marlene Leboff wishes a speedy recovery to Lester Macklin.

Marilyn Tracy wishes a speedy recovery to Lester Macklin.

Gertrude Mishara wishes a speedy recovery to Lester Macklin.

Yukie and Thelma Kennen, in memory of Abe Kennen.

Vadim Bubes and Yelizaveta Goltser, in memory of Judith Kilman and Jacob Bubes and Maria and Nicholas Goltser.

Merrill and Carol Griff, in memory of Ben Cohen.

## Donations

### In Memory of Morris Hollender

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Annette Manasse  
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Lillian Etkind  
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Michael and Nancy Taicher  
Shirley Swardlick  
Merrill Griff  
Lester and Ellen Macklin

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Esther Keaney  
Thelma and Yukie Kennen  
Harry and Carol Wolf  
Eleanor and Ann Baker  
Lester and Ellen Macklin  
Dolores and Lester Mack  
Ed and Renee Brown  
Mark Frydenberg  
Bob Macauley  
Ellen Band  
David DeMarco  
Marvin Griff  
Erika Cohen  
Merrill and Carol Griff  
Marilyn Rose

### In Memory of Robert Liss

Lester and Ellen Macklin  
Audrey, Steven, Joshua and Jared Kennen  
Nessie Baron  
Merrill and Carol Griff

### In Memory of Maryann Bowra

Esther Keaney



## February Yahrzeits

Plaque Loc.	Name	Date	
2-3	Beril Novick	1-Feb	Shevat 12
	Edythe Simon	2-Feb	Shevat 13
3-2	Molly Hauser	2-Feb	Shevat 13
1-2	Morris Katz	2-Feb	Shevat 13
	Bessie Goldberg	2-Feb	Shevat 13
1-3	Louis Kniznik	2-Feb	Shevat 13
1-3	Rose Leavy	3-Feb	Shevat 14
4-4	Samuel Cutler	3-Feb	Shevat 14
6-4	Ilona Viltshchek	3-Feb	Shevat 14
4-4	Dinzie Cutler	4-Feb	Shevat 15
3-2	Sarah Fischer	5-Feb	Shevat 16
1-1	Ida Chansky	5-Feb	Shevat 16
	Harry Cohen	6-Feb	Shevat 17
	Morton Ginsburg	7-Feb	Shevat 18
2-2	Harry Kritzman	8-Feb	Shevat 19
4-1	Jacob Rosenfield	8-Feb	Shevat 19
1-3	Sadie Krinsky	8-Feb	Shevat 19
4-1	Joseph Milesky	8-Feb	Shevat 19
2-2	Monroe M. Frankel	10-Feb	Shevat 21
6-3	Saul Cohen	10-Feb	Shevat 21
3-2	Dora Dame	11-Feb	Shevat 22
4-4	Morris Freedman	11-Feb	Shevat 22
	Sam Bogan	12-Feb	Shevat 23
1-3	Gussie Kniznik	12-Feb	Shevat 23
3-4	Samuel Wolk	13-Feb	Shevat 24
	Jacob Koocher	13-Feb	Shevat 24
2-2	Solomon Harris	14-Feb	Shevat 25
	Ida Kulin	14-Feb	Shevat 25
	William Becker	15-Feb	Shevat 26
5-2	Maurry Furman	15-Feb	Shevat 26
1-3	Sarah Milesky	16-Feb	Shevat 27
1-4	Sylvia Weinstein	16-Feb	Shevat 27
1-2	Sarah Mindel Freedman	16-Feb	Shevat 27
2-3	Louis Nochemsohn	16-Feb	Shevat 27
5-1	Irving Norman	16-Feb	Shevat 27
4-2	Florence Lipkin	16-Feb	Shevat 27
5-3	Dorothy Ullian	16-Feb	Shevat 27
5-1	Mildred Rothbart	18-Feb	Shevat 29

Plaque Loc.	Name	Date	
6-3	Abigail Decker	20-Feb	Adar 01
2-4	Abraham Tatelman	20-Feb	Adar 01
3-3	Benjamin Lebowitz	20-Feb	Adar 01
4-3	Fannie Blackstone	20-Feb	Adar 01
4-3	Goldie Rachel Webb	20-Feb	Adar 01
1-2	Harry Freedman	20-Feb	Adar 01
1-2	Robert Gordon	20-Feb	Adar 01
1-2	Eva Kaitz	21-Feb	Adar 02
4-4	Mildred Marion	21-Feb	Adar 02
5-4	Evelyn Myers	22-Feb	Adar 03
1-3	Jacob Krinsky	22-Feb	Adar 03
4-2	Benson Griff	23-Feb	Adar 04
2-1	Harry Canter	23-Feb	Adar 04
3-2	Saul G. Ginsburg	24-Feb	Adar 05
1-1	Vittal Crevoshay	24-Feb	Adar 05
6-4	Jacob Shay	25-Feb	Adar 06
5-3	Maurice Katz	25-Feb	Adar 06
5-4	Philip Rosenfield	25-Feb	Adar 06
6-3	Ruth Gordon	25-Feb	Adar 06
2-3	Arthur Nochemsohn	26-Feb	Adar 07
4-4	Marsha Goldstein	26-Feb	Adar 07
6-4	Minnie Milesky	27-Feb	Adar 08
1-1	Gnesia Crevoshay	28-Feb	Adar 09
4-1	Harold Katz	1-Mar	Adar 10
2-3	Louis Michelson	1-Mar	Adar 10
3-1	Samuel Margolis	1-Mar	Adar 10
1-1	Yetta Blackstone	1-Mar	Adar 10
2-1	David Beecher	2-Mar	Adar 11
2-4	Frieda Resnick	2-Mar	Adar 11
	Harold Seltzer	2-Mar	Adar 11
	Rose Cohen	2-Mar	Adar 11

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 Your Calendars

## Purim March 4

Rachel Hayward and Rabbi David Finkelstein will lead a special Purim program for young kids and their families on March 4 before the congregation's megillah reading. All little kids (and big kids and adults!) are invited to come in costume to celebrate. **At 6 pm**, making shalach manot and a craft project, followed by telling the story of Purim.

**The adult celebration begins at 6:30 pm**, with a humorous Purim maariv service, followed by a costume parade and songs with all the kids. The annual Megillah reading and slide show begins at 7 pm. Hamentashen will be served!

## Purim March 5

We will read the megillah at morning minyan on March 5 starting at 7 am. Please join us early in the morning!

**Sunday March 29 at 2 pm:** Concert with Hankus Netsky, a Musical Tribute to Morris Hollender

## Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 am

After the morning minyan, Rabbi Finkelstein will lead a siyyum. First born children are welcome to be exempt from fasting on that day. Have your last bagel before Pesach. Mayor McCarthy will be with us to buy our chametz, and we will symbolically burn the Temple's chametz that morning to prepare for Passover.

## Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm

Mark your calendar for our annual community seder. Note that this year our community seder will be the first night of Passover. Watch for reservation form and more information in the March bulletin.

**Sunday April 12,** Morning Minyan and Breakfast Program

9:00 am Minyan

10:00 am Breakfast – and speaker Daniel Kimmel - \$10

## 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.

Jim Baron  
Cemetery Chairman

## Shabbat Learning

Please join us at the end of Kiddush Lunch for Torah learning in preparation for Pesach.

We will be putting the Art Green book on hold for a few months.

## Thursday Classes with Rabbi Finkelstein

Synagogue Skills - Feb 12, 26, March 12, 26

Torah Study - Feb 5, 19, March 5, 19

All are welcome

# February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>Tu</i> <i>B'Shvat</i>	5 <i>Torah Study</i> 7pm	6 <i>Ⓢ</i> 4:47	7 <i>Yitro</i> <i>Cantor Ellen</i> <i>Band leads</i> <i>services</i>
8	9	10	11	12 <i>Synagogue</i> <i>Skills 7pm</i>	13 <i>Ⓢ</i> 4:56	14 <i>Mishpatim</i> <i>Shabbat</i> <i>Shekalim</i>
15	16 <i>President's</i> <i>Day minyan</i> <i>at 7am</i>	17	18	19 <i>Torah Study</i> 7pm  <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	20 <i>Ⓢ</i> 5:05  <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	21 <i>Terumah</i>
22	23	24	25	26 <i>Synagogue</i> <i>Skills 7pm</i>	27 <i>Ⓢ</i> 5:13	28 <i>Tetzaveh</i> <i>Shabbat</i> <i>Zachor</i>

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

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## **In Memory of Julius L. Weiner**

**By: Merrill Griff**

Merrill shared this remembrance at services in December.

Each generation in Waltham has been fortunate to have had an extraordinary fellow congregant among us. Morris Hollender is the sage and chacham that we all know.

However this week marks the *yahrzeit* of an extraordinary man who carried the mission of education to almost every Jewish person, male and female in Waltham. Not only did he educate and teach us in Waltham, but he taught the Jewish families in Newton, Lexington, Weston, Sudbury, Marlboro, Watertown, Wellesley, Lincoln, Concord and Beverley when those towns did not allow the construction of synagogues. Only the Adams St. Temple in Newton existed at the same time as Temple Beth Israel did. These towns mentioned allowed very few if any Jews to buy property in their towns.

Mr. Julius Weiner came from Romania. He fought in World War I, was a prisoner of war, and eventually came to Waltham in the twenties. He lived on Francis Street, had a wife Sonia and two children. He was brilliant. Like Mr. Hollender he spoke several languages, knew all his secular subjects and could have been a physician. Instead, he was Mr. Everything.

Initially, he taught Hebrew school here. He started in the 1920's and finished teaching in the early 1960's. He taught not only Hebrew, but bar and bat mitzvah students, and taught congregants how to read the Torah. He read the Torah every week just like Morris Hollender.

He tutored students in secular subjects. He helped my uncle pass his language requirements so he could attain his Ph.D.

Since there were no kosher butchers in the area until the 1950's, he was the *shochet* for us and the surrounding communities. When the kosher butcher shops opened in Newton, he still performed *shechitah* on all sorts of chicken, geese and ducks for the Italian and French Canadian families that still raised their own food.

He taught every Jewish child his or her bat mitzvah lessons and Hebrew. At one time 80% of the independent shops on Main and Moody Street were owned by people who belonged to this temple. There were clothing shops, furniture stores, shoe stores, plumbers, auto mechanics, junk men, blacksmiths, liquor shops, printing shops, restaurants and bookies. Mr. Weiner taught them, and their children. He covered all the bases.

Almost every person whose name is on our memorial plaques was taught by this extraordinary person. In fact, in our congregation today, Arthur Marion, Alec Simon, Nessie Baron and me were taught by him. He taught me Hebrew and also how to read the Torah. His most indelible lesson was simple. He told me to always use a siddur to pray. Don't memorize. You'll always make at least one mistake. Maybe this is why I always rely on my prayer book and have a hard time reciting prayers without it. His legacy spanned over 5 decades.

Every student from my generation remembers Julius Weiner. Most of my contemporaries never came back after their bar or bat mitzvahs, but they all remember fondly the time they spent in Hebrew School here with Mr. Weiner. At the end of each class we would line up, and Mr. Weiner would dispense to each student a stick of Wrigley's chewing gum. To this day when ever I meet any of my classmates from his class we all remember the reward for enduring class, a stick of Wrigley's chewing gum.

In his memory, I'd like to say kaddish for him.

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**Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA 02454-0182**

I have chosen the fund indicated at the right:

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

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

This donation is made by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please send acknowledgement to:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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