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Rabbi's Reflections:

Ruth and Softening the Heart

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

Recently, I said that *Ruth* is the greatest of all books in the *Tanakh*. This, of course, is brazen PR and Marketing. I do not think that *Ruth* is a greater work of literature than any of the books of the Torah, or better than Song of Songs, or Psalms, or the prophecies of Isaiah, etc... So, the comparative language of "greatest" is an overstatement, which I employed to draw attention to a truly great and sometimes overlooked book. *Ruth* is a story with admirable, even flawless characters. It is a story with no villain, apart from death and famine. And we who praise the Torah for depicting our ancestors as three-dimensional people with multi-faceted personalities – we might balk at *Ruth* for its simple approach to human character. But this simplicity can direct us towards an entirely different kind of depth.

In last month's newsletter, I wrote about how the union of Ruth and Boaz is a healing of the separation between Abraham (Boaz's ancestor) and his nephew Lot (Ruth's ancestor). At our pre-Shavuot learning session, we observed that the respectful, tentative physical intimacy of Ruth and Boaz in Chapter 3 is a healing of the sexual exploitation in the story of Judah and Tamar (Genesis chapter 38). What I wish all Jews could know is the extent to which *Ruth* comes to heal or soften so much of the Torah's hard-heartedness. Healing and softening of the heart is a key theme in *Ruth* – even and especially healing by revising parts of the Torah that the authors or editors of *Ruth* felt needed revision.

Another way in which *Ruth* softens the Torah is in its attitude towards certain non-Israelites. According to Deuteronomy 23:4, a Moabite may never join the Israelite community. Moreover, Deuteronomy opposes any kind of peaceful interaction with a Moabite: "No Ammonite or Moabite shall be admitted into the congregation of the Lord; none of their descendants...You shall never concern yourself with their welfare or benefit as long as you live" (Deuteronomy 23:4-7). Deuteronomy harshly condemns the Moabites and instructs Israelites to shun them. But *Ruth* – herself a Moabite - does join the Israelite community. She marries Boaz and the whole community of Bethlehem approves of the marriage. When he marries her, Boaz refers to her by her ethnic origin as "Ruth the Moabite" (4:10). Then the people bless Ruth to be "like Rachel and Leah both of whom built up the House of Israel" (4:11). Finally, we are told, "So Boaz married Ruth," and the ethnic descriptor "Moabite" is left out. Could this mean that *Ruth* became completely Israelite, leaving behind her former Moabite identity, that the heart of Israel softened to accept her?

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

Mark's Remarks: Welcoming Cantor Elaine Shapiro

By: Mark Frydenberg



We are excited to welcome Cantor Elaine Shapiro as our Cantor in Residence as part of a Shabbat Celebration in honor of Temple Beth Israel's 100th anniversary.

A SHABBAT CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

Friday, June 5, 2015, 6:30 pm
Services and Shabbat Dinner

Cantor Shapiro will speak from her experience about the entry of women into the cantorate

Saturday, June 6, 9:00 am
Services and Kiddush Lunch

Cantor Shapiro will speak about remembrances of life in Waltham

Hazzan Elaine Shapiro, a native of Waltham, Massachusetts, graduated from the Seminary College of Jewish Music at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1977. She is [the first woman](#) cantor to receive her Diploma of Hazzan from the Jewish Theological Seminary of the Conservative Movement.

In South Florida, Cantor Shapiro has served in a full time capacity in pulpits at Temple Beth El, in West Palm Beach and, most recently, at Temple Sinai, in Delray Beach. She is a noted teacher of liturgy and cantillation and has served as a mentor to many aspiring cantors. As a distinguished member of the Cantors Assembly, Hazzan Shapiro has taken a leadership role in that prestigious body serving as Chairperson of the Southeast Region and as the first woman elected to the Executive Board of the Cantors Assembly.

Hazzan Shapiro's elegant soprano voice and vast classical repertoire have made her an artist whose talents are much in demand throughout the concert halls of America and Europe. She participated in the Concordia Youth Chorale on its European Tour and was a scholarship winner at the academy of Vocal Arts, in Philadelphia. Her appearances in the world of opera have included performances with the Connecticut State Opera, the Manhattan Opera Singers, and with the International House Performing Arts Foundation. As a guest soloist, Cantor Shapiro has sung with the Florida Symphony the Zamir Chorale, and the Choral Society of the Palm Beaches.

As a wife, mother, teacher, concert performer, and cantor, Hazzan Elaine Shapiro's boundless energy and enthusiasm for life have made her a pioneer in the efforts of women to expand their opportunities in today's society.

Cantor Shapiro will lead services on Friday evening and Saturday morning with Rabbi David Finkelstein. She will share her experiences growing up in Waltham, attending cantorial school at JTS, and leading the way for the many women who have followed her in the Cantorate.

Please sign up to attend or sponsor this special event in honor of TBI's 100th anniversary.



**Class A Affiliate of the
Boston Red Sox**

Take Me Out To The...

Living in New York for almost half his life, Lester Macklin rooted for the New York Mets after the Brooklyn Dodgers moved to LA. He switched allegiance to the Boston Red Sox after moving to Massachusetts. He NEVER liked the Yankees!

The Temple Beth Israel Program Committee is planning a trip to LaLecheur Park in Lowell in the afternoon of August 23rd to watch Lowell's Spinners (Red Sox class A affiliate) take on Staten Island (Yankees class A affiliate). This is baseball with the young players who aspire to play in the major leagues.

Maybe August 23rd sounds a long way off, but in reality, we need numbers NOW! Our hope is to amass enough fans so as to fill a bus for transportation to the game.

This will be a fun afternoon so bring the kids and your neighbors as well. This event is open to the public until the bus is filled.

Tear Off and Mail to the Temple: 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA 02453

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Email Address: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ * \$25.00 = _____ (amount enclosed)

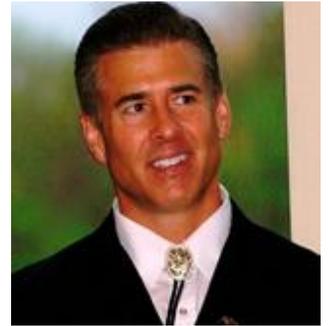
This price includes the cost of the bus (if we have at least 30 people attend) which will leave Temple Beth Israel at 1:45pm sharp.

Sisterhood Breakfasts Planned



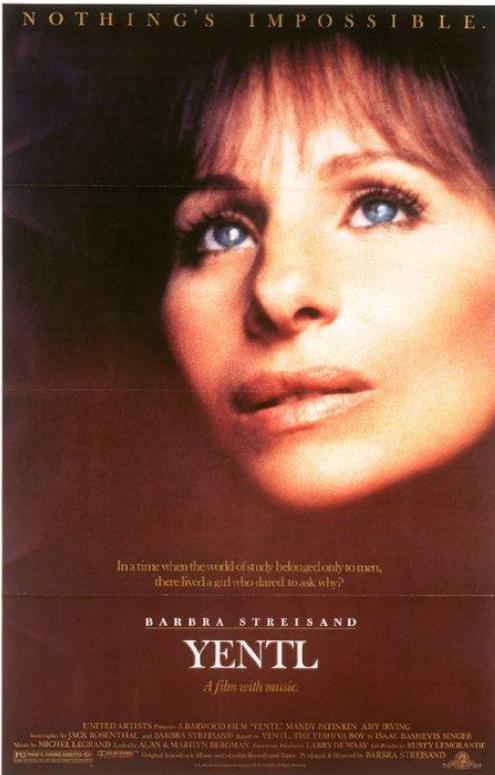
The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Israel has planned two breakfasts. The first one is on June 28th from 10am until Noon. Mel Simons will entertain us with his newly developed program. He has always been a crowd pleaser.

The second breakfast will take place in the fall on Sunday, October 18th at 10am. Trooper Dan will entertain us on this date.



As always, Sisterhood members and their spouses are free, all others \$10 per person.

Please contact Nessie Baron, 781-899-3866 or Andrea Baron, 781-894-5146 to RSVP for both of these events.



Sunday June 28th at 12:00pm
Join us for an afternoon at the
movies featuring: "Yentl"
Refreshments will be served.
No cost.

- Dramatization of "Yentl, the Yeshiva Boy," by Isaac Bashevis Singer (1902-1991); originally published in Yiddish c. 1960, then in English c. 1983. The story: In an Ashkenazic shtetl in Poland, Yentl Mendel is the boyishly klutzy daughter and only child of long widowed Rebbe ("Talmud Teacher") Mendel, who teaches Talmud (a codification of Jewish Law) to local boys - and to Yentl, but secretly because girls were not allowed to learn the law in those days. When her father dies, Yentl is all alone in the world. She takes the momentous decision to leave the village

and - disguised as a boy and calling herself by the name of her late brother, Anshel - seeks and gets admitted to a Yeshiva, to study the texts, traditions, subtleties and complexities of Torah, Talmud, etc. She befriends Avigdor who is engaged to Haddas, but her family discovers his brother committed suicide so they call off the wedding (in case Avigdor possesses the same madness). Anshel then finds "him"-self in the awkward ... *Written by [Micheal McLoughlin](#) - Written by [Tomius J. Barnard](#)*

Mark's Remarks: Healing Shattered Hearts

By MARK FRYDENBERG



There's one set of prayer books that we have at Temple Beth Israel that hope we never have to use: our siddurim for a house of mourning. If you've been to a shiva minyan for a member of Temple Beth Israel, you might recall we own two different editions of the same house of mourning prayer book, each with different paginations. Some prayers or psalms in one book are not included in the other. This can make it awkward for the service leader to announce pages during the service as they vary depending on whether a worshipper is using the black covered book or the orange covered book.

I am pleased to announce that this will change thanks to many generous donations in memory of Herb Baron z"l, who passed away last November. The Baron family has offered to allocate these funds for the purchase of new prayer books for a house of mourning. This is a wonderful way to remember and honor Herb's memory, as he chaired the Cemetery Committee for several years.

The Religious Committee met recently to select a new prayer book to be used at a house of mourning. We considered purchasing more of the same books we currently own, and we also reviewed three other books published by various denominations and an independent publisher.

Ultimately we chose *Healing Shattered Hearts*, a paperback volume with afternoon and evening services for a house of mourning. Editor, Dr. Joe Lewis, writes "To honor those we have loved and lost, we hold services in the house of mourning during the days of shiva. If guests are unfamiliar with the services, this book helps them participate fully. With contemporary translation, clear instructions and line-by-line transliterations, the complete Hebrew text is accessible to everybody."

Some participants may not be accustomed to reciting the evening prayers, others may only recognize Hebrew letters, yet need to hear or say the Aramaic words of the Kaddish to feel a sense of connection to the tradition of the loved one they lost. As shown in this section from the psalm for the house of mourning, we hope that the three columns containing a modern English translation, traditional Hebrew text, and transliteration will allow everyone to participate in the language of their choice.

109	Psalm 42	Psalms in the House of Mourning
<p>⁶ Why are you cowed, my spirit, moaning inside me? Hope in God: one day I shall thank God's saving presence.</p>	<p>מַה תִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה נַפְשִׁי וַתִּהְיֶה עָלַי הוֹחִלִי לֵאלֹהִים כִּי עוֹד אֹדְנֶנּוּ יְשׁוּעוֹת פָּנָיו</p>	<p>Mah tishtochachi nafshi, vatehemi alai? hochili IElohim ki od odenu yeshu'ot panav.</p>

The prayer book also features egalitarian afternoon and evening services; psalms traditionally recited in the house of mourning, readings from traditional and contemporary liturgical sources, complete explanations, instructions, and footnotes to provide the reader with both comfort and context. If you would like to examine a copy, please see me or Rabbi Finkelstein.

These are books we hope we don't use very often, but when we do, having everyone on the same page and able to understand the prayers being recited will help us form a community that cares for the mourners in our midst.

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Ruth turns separation into unity, exploitation into respect, and insularity into greater openness. *Ruth* reminds us to keep our friends and family close, to respect one another, and to search always for ways of opening our hearts to others. Temple Beth Israel is itself in a 100-year-long process of growth and opening. The upcoming consecration of the cemetery's interfaith section is only the most recent expression of TBI's legacy of openheartedness. In the past, TBI was the place where Morris Hollender kissed every woman's hand, and that was the symbol of our openness. With new times, come new forms of openness, new standards for respect, new friends and new family to keep close. May we all be inspired by *Ruth* to be strengthened in our ongoing quest to keep our hearts soft and open.

With Love,

Rabbi Finkelstein

Contact Rabbi David at rabbidavid@tbiwaltham.org or 781-786-8679

Temple Beth Israel Memorial Park Newly Created Interfaith Section

Temple Beth Israel's Cemetery Committee and Board of Directors recently approved the creation of a separate section in our cemetery that is intended for interfaith married couples. This section will be in what we now refer to as "Section D." This is the unused section that is at the very end of the road in the cemetery, on the left-hand side. Granite pillars have been installed to mark this section.

When the Cemetery Committee and Board discussed this new section, we also discussed the possibility of opening it up to burials of family members of interfaith married couples, such as children, parents, siblings, and even extended family. This becomes a very difficult, complicated and emotional issue on many levels. It will take some time to work out what our policy is going to be. Your input is important, and on behalf of the Cemetery Committee, I welcome any feedback you have on this. While we work our way through this important issue, if by chance the cemetery is confronted with a situation where we are asked to allow the burial of a family member of an interfaith married couple, the Rabbi, the Ritual Committee, and the Cemetery Committee, working together, will address the issue on a case-by-case basis.

In the meantime, I am thrilled that the Cemetery Committee and Board, with important input from the Ritual Committee, were able to agree unanimously to authorize the creation of this new section to address the burial needs of interfaith married couples. Rabbi Finkelstein, in conjunction with the Cemetery Committee and Ritual Committee, will plan a consecration of this new section later this spring or summer.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Jim Baron

Chairperson, Cemetery Committee

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Howard D. Trachtman, BS, CPS, CPRP and Megan Wiechnik will be doing an

In Our Own Voice Presentation

on **Sunday, June 14th at 2pm** at Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham.
You do not need to be Jewish to attend and this presentation is open to the public.

Prospective In Our Own Voice presenters are especially welcome to attend.

In Our Own Voice is a program of the National Alliance on Mental
Illness, www.nami.org and www.namimiass.org

Both presenters tell their personal recovery story from mental illness through 5 stages of recovery: dark days, acceptance, treatment, coping skills and successes, hopes & dreams. Segments of people with different diagnoses and cultural backgrounds will also be shown through a DVD. The purpose of the program is to fight stigma and discrimination of people with mental illness and educate the public that people can recovery from mental illness and lead productive lives as well as useful resources..



Mr. Trachtman has been a long term member of Temple Beth Israel and had previously done an In Our Own Voice at Temple Beth Israel.

He is the co-founder of the Metro Boston Recovery Learning Community www.mbrlc.org and the NAMI Greater Boston Consumer Advocacy Network www.namigbcan.org

He developed psychiatric symptoms while at MIT and later graduated from Northeastern University with a degree in Business Administration/Management Information Systems.

He enjoys theater, concerts, reading and eating out.



Megan Wiechnik graduated from Northeastern University with a degree in Philosophy & Psychology and an eagerness to make positive social change. Megan manages a mental health resource helpline at NAMI Massachusetts: the NAMI Mass Compass. Megan also shares her story of hope and recovery as an In Our Own Voice presenter. In her free time, Megan enjoys tutoring ESL, cooking, art, music and the great outdoors.

Megan and Howard will both be taking questions from attendees and talking more about resources for both people with mental illness and their family and friends.

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, email Howard at hdt@nami.org or call [\(781\) 642-0368](tel:(781)642-0368).





June Yahrzeits



Plaque Loc.	Name	Date		Plaque Loc.	Name	Date	
5-2	Irving Forbes	1-Jun	Sivan 14	3-1	Louis Kaswell	24-Jun	Tammuz 07
2-2	Abraham Harris	1-Jun	Sivan 14	6-4	Sumner Ginsburg	25-Jun	Tammuz 08
	Louis Zuckerman	1-Jun	Sivan 14		Sarah Bootin	26-Jun	Tammuz 09
6-4	Rebecca Cohen	2-Jun	Sivan 15		Jack Bloom	26-Jun	Tammuz 09
4-4	Lillian Goldstein	3-Jun	Sivan 16	1-2	Manuel Greenblott	26-Jun	Tammuz 09
5-3	Lillian Levine	4-Jun	Sivan 17	6-3	Harry Marion	26-Jun	Tammuz 09
2-1	Miriam Beecher	5-Jun	Sivan 18		Rubin Mallick	26-Jun	Tammuz 09
5-3	Frieda Simmons	6-Jun	Sivan 19	6-1	Manuel Shlager	27-Jun	Tammuz 10
4-2	Louis Sulkin	7-Jun	Sivan 20		Carol Halberstadts Mother	28-Jun	Tammuz 11
4-4	Anna Goldstein	7-Jun	Sivan 20	1-3	Frank Milesky	28-Jun	Tammuz 11
4-3	Harry Klein	7-Jun	Sivan 20		Ben Goldstein	28-Jun	Tammuz 11
5-4	Abigail Cotton	7-Jun	Sivan 20	5-2	Elsa Stux	29-Jun	Tammuz 12
4-2	Samuel S. Stoeger	8-Jun	Sivan 21	3-4	Morris Joel Tuchfeld	29-Jun	Tammuz 12
1-1	Ethel Cohen	8-Jun	Sivan 21	2-3	Philip Merowitz	1-Jul	Tammuz 14
1-2	Sarah Greenblott	10-Jun	Sivan 23	3-1	Annie Margolis	1-Jul	Tammuz 14
3-2	Jacob Ginsburg	11-Jun	Sivan 24	3-3	Aaron Mendelsohn	1-Jul	Tammuz 14
4-1	Jennie Shapiro	11-Jun	Sivan 24		Louise Goldman	1-Jul	Tammuz 14
4-3	Samuel L. Webb	12-Jun	Sivan 25		David Koocher	1-Jul	Tammuz 14
2-4	Harold Resnick	14-Jun	Sivan 27		Benjamin Cohen	1-Jul	Tammuz 14
1-4	Anna Wolk	14-Jun	Sivan 27		David Freedman	2-Jul	Tammuz 15
1-4	Dora Rouffe	15-Jun	Sivan 28	3-4	Harry Smith	3-Jul	Tammuz 15
6-1	Nathan Freedman	15-Jun	Sivan 28	5-4	Irving Altman	4-Jul	Tammuz 16
3-1	Hyman Benjaminson	17-Jun	Sivan 30	1-4	Moishe Simon	4-Jul	Tammuz 16
4-3	Gertrude Riseberg	17-Jun	Sivan 30	3-2	Philip Fischer	5-Jul	Tammuz 17
6-3	Herbert Phillip Dane	17-Jun	Sivan 30		Louis Goldstein	5-Jul	Tammuz 17
1-2	Samuel Kaitz	17-Jun	Sivan 30	5-2	Hannah Canter	6-Jul	Tammuz 18
5-4	Irma Salus	18-Jun	Tammuz 01	3-3	Dora Levine	6-Jul	Tammuz 18
6-3	Barbara Griff Kappitt	19-Jun	Tammuz 02	3-1	Bessie Levine Hauser	7-Jul	Tammuz 19
	Isaac Beck	20-Jun	Tammuz 03	6-4	Beatrice Bloom	7-Jul	Tammuz 19
2-1	Elizabeth Berman	20-Jun	Tammuz 03	3-4	Harry J. Rosenfeld	8-Jul	Tammuz 20
1-4	Max Wolk	20-Jun	Tammuz 03	4-4	Marc David Marion	8-Jul	Tammuz 20
1-4	Louis Rouffe	21-Jun	Tammuz 04	1-1	David Bronfman	8-Jul	Tammuz 20
5-2	Elizabeth Barack	21-Jun	Tammuz 04	4-3	Morris Canter	9-Jul	Tammuz 21
3-3	James Cohn	21-Jun	Tammuz 04	1-2	Bessie Gordon	10-Jul	Tammuz 22
1-1	Ephraim Burofsky	22-Jun	Tammuz 05	3-4	Max Sulkin	11-Jul	Tammuz 23
1-2	Benjamin Kaitz	22-Jun	Tammuz 05	5-3	Ruth Milesky	12-Jul	Tammuz 23
6-1	Russell Scott Macklin	23-Jun	Tammuz 06	4-2	Rebecca Wolk	13-Jul	Tammuz 24
6-3	Bernard Wolf	23-Jun	Tammuz 06	4-1	Mason Griff	13-Jul	Tammuz 24
4-1	Joseph Norman	24-Jun	Tammuz 07		Irma Orovitz	13-Jul	Tammuz 24

Thank You

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

Cantor Ellen Band	Alan Levine
Rabbi David Finkelstein	Rabbi Sara Meirowitz
Genevieve Fosa	Mark Frydenberg
Bruce Trager	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.

Thanks to Rachel and Shaun Hayward, who organized a special event for children and their families on the evening of Shavuot. Along with their parents, several young children made edible Ten Commandments for snacks, sat under tents in the social hall, sang songs about the Torah, and climbed Mount Sinai in our sanctuary in honor of the holiday of giving of the Torah. Rabbi Finkelstein told a story for parents and their kids.

Thanks to Rabbi Sara Meirowitz, Rabbi David Finkelstein, and Mark Frydenberg for teaching on Erev Shavuot.

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.

Donations

Janet Moses, in memory of her mother Ina Moses.

Janet Moses, in memory of her uncle Herb Baron.

Janet Moses, in memory of Caryl Goldstein.

Catherine Cantrell, in honor of her grandson's Bar Mitzvah.

Lester and Ellen Macklin, in honor of Catherine Cantrell's grandson's Bar Mitzvah.

Lillian Etkind, in memory of her mother Anne Itzkowitz.

Thelma and Yukie Kennen, in memory of her father Maurice Katz.

Hella Hakerem in honor of Leibi Feldmans Bar Mitzvah.

Hella Hakerem, in memory of Moshe Katz.

Ed and Renee Brown, in memory Phoebe Altman.

Saturday Kiddush Sponsors

June 6—In Honor of Cantor Elaine Shapiro

June 13—Sisterhood

June 27—Irving and Sheila Lesnick

July 4—Sue and Larry Goodman

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

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 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.

June 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4 Torah Study 7pm	5  7:58pm Friday Night Service and Dinner with Elaine Shapiro 6:30pm	6 Beha'Alotecha Cantor in Resi- dence Elaine Shapiro at Ser- vices, 9am
7	8	9	10	11 Synagogue Skills 7pm	12  8:02pm	13 Shelach
14 In Our Own Voice Program 2pm	15	16	17	18 Torah Study 7pm	19  8:05pm	20 Korach
21	22	23	24	25 Synagogue Skills 7pm	26  8:06pm	27 Chukat
28 Sisterhood Breakfast 10am Movie 12pm	29	30	1	2 Torah Study 7pm	3  8:06pm	4 Independence Day Balak

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



Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, June 5th, 6:30pm

Welcoming Cantor in Residence Elaine Shapiro Zimmerman



After dinner, Cantor Shapiro will speak from her experience about the entry of women into the cantorate.

Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs when you sign up.

Service begins at 6:30pm

Dinner begins after services around 7:30pm

\$18 per adult, \$42 per family if paid by the Wed. before the dinner
\$21 per adult, \$51 per family for late reservations



Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, July 10th, 6:30pm



July's Shabbat service will be followed by a pot luck dinner at the home of Brad and Dina Baker, 97 Hamilton Road, in Waltham, on Friday July 10 starting at 6:30 pm. There is no cost to attend, but please bring a dairy, vegetarian, or pareve appetizer, main or side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Homemade and store-bought items are welcome. We will provide the beverages, challah, wine, and grape juice.

One table at our pot luck dinner will be for stored-bought food that carries a hechsher, or kosher certification, and food prepared at home in a kosher kitchen. Another will be for vegetarian food that does not have such a label. Please place the items you bring in the appropriate table when you arrive. This will allow everyone to share a meal together. Please RSVP to the temple office if you are coming.

Thursday Classes with Rabbi Finkelstein

Synagogue Skills - June 11 and 25

Torah Study - June 4 and 18

Election of Officers

This is an election year at Temple Beth Israel. The date of our General Temple Meeting will be announced next month.

As per our current By-Laws regarding the election of officers, the President will appoint a committee to recommend a slate of officers. The term is 2 years.

Members whose names are not on the slate presented by the Nominating Committee and who wish to run for office may place themselves on the ballot by contacting the Temple office in writing at least forty-five days prior to the election meeting.

Nominations from the floor may not be made or accepted at the annual election meeting.

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

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