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Rabbi's Reflections

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

Dear Friends,

Our great holiday of Shavuot is coming up during the last week of May. Surprised to me hear me call it great? I call it a great holiday because of its content and its potential, though it certainly is humble in reputation. Like many of us, I did not become acquainted with Shavuot until I was already an adult, and even then it took me a while to learn to love it. My love of Shavuot was unlocked by the Scroll of Ruth, which we will read in synagogue on Monday, Memorial Day, May 25, 2015, at about 10:30 in the morning.

Why do we read the Scroll of Ruth on Shavuot? Isn't Shavuot the festival when we celebrate the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai? We read the Ten Commandments on the first day of Shavuot, and the prayerbook calls it *zman matan Torateinu*, the time of the giving of our Torah. What does Ruth have to do with the giving of our Torah? One answer is that Ruth is the paradigmatic convert to the Israelite people. In becoming an Israelite as an adult, Ruth received the Torah and the yoke of the *mitzvot* with her whole being.

But there is another reason why we read Ruth on Shavuot. Like Pesach and Sukkot, the other pilgrimage festivals, Shavuot is a harvest holiday rooted in the changing of the seasons and in agriculture. The Torah calls Shavuot *chag hakatzir bikurei maasekha*, the Harvest

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

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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

Saturday, June 6, 9:00 am

Services and Kiddush Lunch

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 it's 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 my life, I rooted for the New York Mets after the Brooklyn Dodgers moved to LA. I switched allegiance to the Boston Red Sox after moving to Massachusetts. I 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

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

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.

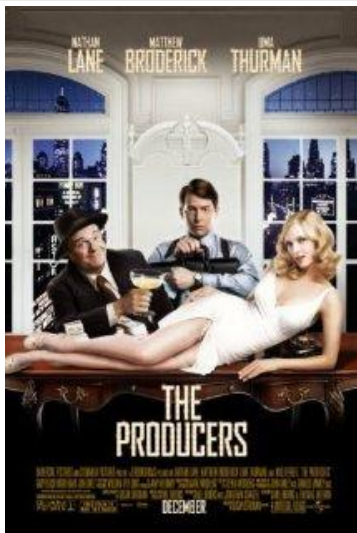
Shavuot Service Schedule

Erev Shavuot – Saturday May 23 7:30 pm: Early Evening of Study followed by Shavuot Evening Services at 9 pm

Join Rabbi David Finkelstein and others teaching for an early evening of study to celebrate the start of Cheesecake and dairy desserts to follow.

Sunday May 24 – First Day of Shavuot – Morning Services at 9 am

Monday May 25 – Second day of Shavuot, with Yizkor (also Memorial Day) services at 9 am, Yizkor will be at about 10:30 am, But please come earlier to help ensure that we can have a minyan. Blintzes for lunch!



Sunday May 3rd at 2pm
Join us for an afternoon at the
movies featuring: "The Producers"
Refreshments will be served.
No cost.

- New York, 1959. Max Bialystock was once the king of Broadway, but now all his shows close on opening night. Things turn around when he's visited by the neurotic accountant Leo Bloom, who proposes a scheme tailor-made for producers who can only make flops: raise far more money than you need, then make sure the show is despised. No one will be interested in it, so you can pocket the surplus. To this end, they produce a musical called Springtime for Hitler written by escaped Nazi Franz Liebken. Then they get the insanely flamboyant Roger De Bris to direct. Finally, they hire as a lead actress the loopy Swedish bombshell Ulla (whose last name has over 15 syllables). As opening night draws near, what can go wrong? Well, there's no accounting for taste...*Written by [rmlohner](#)*
- - After putting together another Broadway flop, down-on-his-luck producer Max Bialystock teams up with timid accountant Leo Bloom in a get-rich-quick scheme to put on the world's worst show.
 - *Written by [Tomius J. Barnard](#)*

Remembering

By: Lester Macklin



As a Jew, we remember those who have gone before us in a public way with our community. We remember during the four times Yizkor is recited each year. We remember during the annual Yahrtzeit for family members, and finally, we remember at Yom Hashoah.

This was the second year Temple Beth Israel participated in the Yellow Candle Program, and I want to personally thank all those who sent donations. As I promised at the onset of the program, all profits will be

used to sponsor a program with the Shoah theme. This will be a way our community keeps the memory from fading.

Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it, is why we remember the Shoah. My friend Joe Winokur is the son of a survivor. He was a very active member of the New England Region, Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs (FJMC), attaining the office of Regional President. Joe wanted to make a difference, and he did so by designing the Yellow Candle for distribution through the FJMC. I’m sorry to say, Joe is gone, but the Yellow Candle lives on, and is distributed worldwide in growing numbers. This year’s goal was one-million candles.

With the proceeds donated to sponsor programs about the Shoah, we invited Rabbi Joseph Polak to speak to us about his latest book, *After The Holocaust, The Bells Still Ring*, on April 30th as part of Rabbi Finkelstein’s Thursday evening learning experience.

Thank You to all who made this event possible with your donations.

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New Members Get-together

On March 22 we had a very successful evening graciously hosted by Diana Korzenik in her lovely home. There was much camaraderie and new friends were made as we indulged in drinks and finger foods.

As we all sat around the long dining room table, Rabbi Finkelstein organized four study groups and we reworded sections from Pirkei Avot, The Ethics of Our Saviors. We all contributed to the discussion and were pleased with the results.

Brad Baker did a wonderful job of removing snow to enable us to park our cars and safely walk to Diana's house.

The Membership Committee helped welcome the newcomers and naturally, it was followed by a collation of fruits, desserts, and drinks. We hope all our new and "old" members become involved with our temple and I can be the liaison with the Temple Beth Israel committees. What you put into an organization you get out of it. Try it, you'll like it.

Ellen Macklin

Membership Secretary

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 are currently being 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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Festival of the First Fruits of Your Labor. The main action in the Scroll of Ruth takes place in a field during the barley harvest. According to tradition, we read Ruth on Shavuot because its main action takes place on or near Shavuot.

There in the barley field of Boaz the Judahite, Ruth – the impoverished Moabite immigrant who clung to her Israelite mother-in-law and would not part from her – follows behind the harvesters gleaning the dropped sheaves of barley. With her, Ruth carries the legacy of her ancestor Lot, nephew of Abraham, who parted from Abraham when their shepherds quarreled. Moab, the progenitor of Ruth's nation of origin, is Lot's son, the product of an incestuous union between Lot and one of his daughters.

But there, in the barley fields of Bethlehem, Ruth the descendant of Lot meets Boaz the Judahite, a descendant of Abraham. Having heard of Ruth's great kindness and loyalty to her mother-in-law, Boaz shows great kindness to Ruth. He instructs his harvesters to let her glean freely. Ultimately, Ruth and Boaz marry, reuniting the descendants of Abraham with the descendants of Lot, and paving the way for Ruth's great grandson David, the great king of Israelite unity, the most celebrated king in Jewish history.

The Scroll of Ruth teaches us that social harmony – the achievement of King David – is the product of kindness: Ruth's kindness to Naomi, and Boaz's kindness to Ruth. Boaz allows Ruth to glean in his field. Gleaning, says the website of the Boston Area Gleaners, “is a method of improving community food security...since ancient times.” If we wish to, we can glean as well by donating our time to the Boston Area Gleaners, whose offices happen to be on Beaver Street in Waltham, and whose acts of kindness run from May through January. There are so many ways of being kind. We can also contribute to the gardens around TBI, whose produce benefits all those in search of delicious, nutritious food.

May we all double our acts of kindness, and may times of greater social harmony be on their way, soon and in our days!

Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Finkelstein

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





May Yahrzeits



Plaque Loc.	Name	Date		Plaque Loc.	Name	Date	
1-2	Simon Hoffman	30-Apr	Iyar 11	2-4	Fannie Tatelman	18-May	Iyar 29
5-3	Herman Greene	30-Apr	Iyar 11	3-1	Dr. Samuel Berstein	19-May	Sivan 01
5-4	Morris Canter	30-Apr	Iyar 11	5-1	John Hoffman	19-May	Sivan 01
6-1	Edith Wolf Friedlander	30-Apr	Iyar 11	1-2	Morris Gordon	20-May	Sivan 02
1-3	Robert Liberman	1-May	Iyar 12	1-2	Polly Freedman	20-May	Sivan 02
5-4	Aaron Soltes	3-May	Iyar 14	4-2	Sarah Eisenberg	20-May	Sivan 02
5-4	Samuel Schwartz	3-May	Iyar 14	3-1	Max Berman	21-May	Sivan 03
	Anna Goldstein	4-May	Iyar 15		Rose Endelman	21-May	Sivan 03
5-1	Eliot Tanner	4-May	Iyar 15	5-3	Joseph Kaufman	23-May	Sivan 05
1-3	Etta Liberman	4-May	Iyar 15	4-2	Albert Michelson	24-May	Sivan 06
5-4	Fannie Kennen	4-May	Iyar 15	2-4	Molly Smith	24-May	Sivan 06
4-1	Sophie Messer	4-May	Iyar 15	4-3	Betty Tushin	25-May	Sivan 07
4-1	Anna Resh	5-May	Iyar 16	4-2	Ethel Wigod	25-May	Sivan 07
3-3	Ilene Joyce Nathanson	6-May	Iyar 17	1-1	Morris Alpert	25-May	Sivan 07
1-3	Simon Kniznik	6-May	Iyar 17	4-4	Carl Goldstein	26-May	Sivan 08
5-2	Freda Griff	6-May	Iyar 17	2-3	Barnett Messer	27-May	Sivan 09
2-1	Louis Berman	6-May	Iyar 17	3-3	Samuel Bloom	28-May	Sivan 10
1-1	Chiam Crevoshay	6-May	Iyar 17	5-3	Jacob Pernakoff	29-May	Sivan 11
2-1	Louis Dubin	7-May	Iyar 18	2-2	Abraham Josephson	30-May	Sivan 12
	Morris Fischer	7-May	Iyar 18	1-1	Max Backer	31-May	Sivan 13
2-2	Jacob Fine	7-May	Iyar 18	6-1	Barnard Wolf	31-May	Sivan 13
1-4	Hyman Weinstein	7-May	Iyar 18	5-2	Irving Forbes	1-Jun	Sivan 14
5-4	Joseph Kurtzman	9-May	Iyar 20	2-2	Abraham Harris	1-Jun	Sivan 14
6-3	Frances Rose Kaplan	9-May	Iyar 20		Louis Zuckerman	1-Jun	Sivan 14
2-1	H. L. Berman	9-May	Iyar 20	6-4	Rebecca Cohen	2-Jun	Sivan 15
5-1	Barbara Hoffman	10-May	Iyar 21	4-4	Lillian Goldstein	3-Jun	Sivan 16
6-4	Harry Sheinhite	10-May	Iyar 21	5-3	Lillian Levine	4-Jun	Sivan 17
2-3	Zelda Pokat	10-May	Iyar 21	2-1	Miriam Beecher	5-Jun	Sivan 18
1-3	Charles Leavy	11-May	Iyar 22	5-3	Frieda Simmons	6-Jun	Sivan 19
3-1	Laura Kurtzman	11-May	Iyar 22	4-2	Louis Sulkin	7-Jun	Sivan 20
6-4	Richard Rosenberg	11-May	Iyar 22	4-4	Anna Goldstein	7-Jun	Sivan 20
2-1	Harry Dubin	12-May	Iyar 23	4-3	Harry Klein	7-Jun	Sivan 20
4-4	Samuel Goodman	13-May	Iyar 24	5-4	Abigail Cotton	7-Jun	Sivan 20
5-3	Fritz Benedick	13-May	Iyar 24	4-2	Samuel S. Stoeger	8-Jun	Sivan 21
4-1	Sara Bloomenthal	14-May	Iyar 25	1-1	Ethel Cohen	8-Jun	Sivan 21
2-3	Lena Norman	16-May	Iyar 27		Joseph	10-Jun	Sivan 23
3-3	Barnett Sacks	16-May	Iyar 27	1-2	Sarah Greenblott	10-Jun	Sivan 23
2-1	Jacob Cohn	17-May	Iyar 28	3-2	Jacob Ginsburg	11-Jun	Sivan 24
2-4	Charles Tankel	18-May	Iyar 29	4-1	Jennie Shapiro	11-Jun	Sivan 24

Thank You

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

Cantor Ellen Band	Rachel Hayward
Catherine Cantrell	Phylis Werlin
Rabbi David Finkelstein	Rabbi Sara Meirowitz
Genevieve Fosa	Mark Frydenberg
Caroline Nudelman	Hazzan Yossi Weintraub
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 Merrill and Carol Griff for sponsoring the refreshments at our Purim celebration and at our Siyyum.

Saturday Kiddush Sponsors

May 9 - David Freedman - in memory of his parents, Nathan and Belle Freedman

May 16 - Sisterhood

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

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

In Memory of Caryl Goldstein

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Marlene Leboff, in memory of her daughter, Barbara Leboff

Julius and Thelma Kennen, in memory of Maurice Katz

Jacob and Beverly Baron, in memory of Herb Baron.

Thank You

To Erika Cohen for her donation sponsoring the piano tuning for the March 29th concert, and for replacing the microwave in our kitchen.

May 2015

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1 7:25 Friday Night Service and Dinner 6:30pm	2 Acharei Mot- Kedoshim
3 Movie 2pm	4	5	6	7 Lag Ba'Omer Class: 7pm	8 7:33	9 Emor
10	11	12	13	14 Class: 7pm	15 7:40	16 Behar- Bechukotai
17	18	19 Rosh Chodesh Sivan	20	21 Class: 7pm	22 7:47	23 Bamidbar Shavuot - 7:30pm
24 Shavuot - 9:00am	25 Shavuot - Yizkor 9:00am	26	27	28 Class: 7pm	29 7:53	30 Nasso
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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

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

\$15 per adult, \$36 per family if paid by the Wed. before the dinner

\$18 per adult, \$40 per family for late reservations

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.**



Thursday Classes with Rabbi Finkelstein

Synagogue Skills - May 14 and 28

Torah Study - May 7 and 21

All are welcome

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

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.

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