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Rabbi's Reflections: Let My People Go and Worship Me: TBI Responds to the Massacre at Al Noor and Linwood Mosques

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

Every year at our Passover seders we tell the story in which Moses tells Pharaoh repeatedly, in God's name, to "Let my people go." This moment has been made famous by the African American spiritual "Go Down Moses," famously recorded by Paul Robeson, the great singer and civil rights activist. It's a chillingly beautiful song, one that is sung at many seder tables across the country. Although it refers to Moses, Pharaoh, and "when Israel was in Egypt's land," to hear the song is to meditate on slavery in the United States, and on the struggle for civil rights. And yet, great as it is, the song leaves out an important phrase. In Exodus chapters 7-10, Moses repeatedly tells Pharaoh in God's name, "Let my people go AND WORSHIP ME." "Let my people go" may be a better

refrain for a song, perhaps because it's shorter, but something important is lost by clipping the verse one phrase before its end. The Hebrew word that gets translated as "worship me" is *v'ya'avduni*, from the root *ayin-bet-dalet*, meaning "to worship or to work." It would not be entirely incorrect, therefore, to translate the phrase as, "Let my people go and work for Me."

God's voice in the Torah is confined neither to the page of a book nor to a scroll. The Divine voice carries on through the millenia, commanding life to thrive and yearning for
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Mark's Remarks

By: Mark Frydenberg

Our New Look

This month we present a redesigned bulletin as part of the Temple's branding efforts. Thanks to Dina Baker and Zach Roe who led the board and the community in conversations in recent months regarding the synagogue's identity, and how we present Temple Beth Israel in words, in print, and online.

As we evaluated several logo possibilities, the committee members identified with different aspects of each design. To me, the star design represents the six-pointed star that welcomes everyone through our open social hall doors into our spaces for community and prayer. It is a Star of David design that is uniquely part of Temple



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Join our Drive to Help Our Neighbors

The Community Day Center (CDC), the only day shelter for the homeless in Metrowest Boston, continues to be in **need of shoes, gloves and backpacks. They also have an immediate need for new underwear.** Temple Beth Israel has been supporting this valuable organization for well over a year now. Your donations have been greatly appreciated they have gone directly to their clients in need immediately. Please leave your donation in the box near the coat room. Brad Baker delivers from TBI to the CDC on a regular basis.



Thank you,

Linda and Dina

Children's Services

April 6 and May 4

Led by Aki Yonekawa, our monthly children's service includes singing, storytelling and movement and provides an opportunity to meet other families in the greater Waltham area. Children join the main service for Adon Olam, and the congregation then enjoys kiddush, challah and a light lunch. The program is geared for children ages 2-7 but all ages are welcome.



TBI services and events are open to the community and membership is not required to participate.

Temple Beth Israel provides babysitting every Shabbat from 10 am to 12 noon. We have a large, carpeted playroom downstairs with a variety of books, toys and games and sufficient space for both quiet and active play. Children are also joyfully welcome in the main service and often move between the playroom and services.

For more information about children's programming, please contact the TBI office at (781) 894-5146.



By Mark Frydenberg

Al Bloom was the kind of person who liked to try to help people fix things and make them better. Here at Temple Beth Israel, it didn't matter what the job was. If he could do it, he would offer to help.

Let's start with the house committee. For many years, he and his friends Ed Kaufman, and Ben Cohen of blessed memory, were the house committee. The beam that's holding up the ceiling in the social hall in the corner by the door near the piano? Al and Ben installed the supports so the ceiling wouldn't cave in, they built the post, and stained it to match the paneling.



Then there was the revitalization committee. Al and his wife Jeanne served for several years with Sal Aratan of blessed memory, Susan Holbert and others, planning and attending programs to make Temple Beth Israel better.

On the board of directors, Al served as synagogue secretary after Elizabeth and Ron Stux moved away, from about 2004 to 2007. In my email archives, I found some of the minutes from Board of Directors' meetings that he wrote. Like Al, his minutes were succinct, direct, and clear. They made me long for the days when a house committee report at a Temple Board meeting was as simple as, "Ed Kaufman reported that everything looks good so far."

At services, Al was frequently on the bimah, standing by the side of the Torah reader for many years as a gabbai on Shabbat and on Rosh Hashanah, along with his longtime friend Arthur Marion. They would assign Aliyah honors to congregants, and then stand watch on either side as Morris Hollender read from the Torah week after week. It was fitting that funds donated in memory of his late wife, Jeanne, were used to sponsor a Torah reading class at Temple Beth Israel. Al always liked to finish what he started, and in 2011, at Temple Beth Israel we honored him on Simchat Torah morning with the *Chatan Torah* Aliyah, the person called up for the Aliyah when we finish reading the book of Deuteronomy before beginning the cycle again in Genesis.

When Jeanne took sick, Al still came to services on Saturday mornings. He was grateful when we sent home a care package for her lunch, to brighten her spirits, and let her know we were thinking of her.

Al became a national vice president of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Jewish Fraternity after he left MIT. He received an Outstanding Alumnus/Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Awards in June 2009. While at Temple Beth Israel, Al capitalized on his elder fraternal status by reaching out to the Jewish fraternity at Brandeis, asking his younger fraternity brothers to join us occasionally at our daily morning minyan. "How could they turn down a fraternity brother?" he said. He convinced the fraternity to send three or four guys each week from Brandeis to our daily minyan. He became their chauffer and their friend, picking them up from Brandeis earlier than any college student ever wakes up, driving them to the synagogue, and then back again in time for their morning classes.

Today we say farewell to Al Bloom, always content, friendly, and smiling, and always striving to make Temple Beth Israel even better.

Mark's Remarks:

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Beth Israel. The colors and the angled triangles add a sense of forward direction, welcoming and diversity. The white space between the triangles convey openness.

We are beginning to use this logo in print and social media. A redesigned website is in the works.

Purim 2019

Thanks to everyone who came in costume, ate hamentashen, and made loud noises when we heard the name of you-know-who on Purim! Thanks too to Scott Tepper, Rabbi David Finkelstein, Rabbi Sara Meirowitz, Sharon Rozines, and Andy Tannenbaum, who read the megillah for us on Purim Evening, and to Aki Yokenawa for arranging our kids' program, and to Marilyn Racette and Marge Marion for providing dinner. We also thank Merrill Griff for donating the Hamentashen in memory of his father, Harris Griff.



Passover Across America and in Waltham

We are planning our annual Community Seder for the first night of Passover, Friday, April 19. I am pleased to report that this year Temple Beth Israel was one of 70 locations across North America and beyond selected to participate in Passover Across America, a program of the National Jewish Outreach Program. Other recipients are from 26 US states, 3 Canadian provinces, Israel and New Zealand, which includes synagogues of all sizes and types, college campuses, outreach organizations and a U.S. military base.

Temple Beth Israel received a grant from the National Jewish Outreach Program that will subsidize our Seder and



enable us to welcome individuals who otherwise might not be able to attend a Seder.

NJOP's annual Passover Across America is a no-knowledge-of-Hebrew-necessary seder hosted in synagogues and Hillels around the country, designed for those who want to learn more about the meaning behind the Passover seder. The NJOP sponsored Seders include explanations of the seder rituals and traditions – including the festive Passover meal – with the songs and tunes you may remember and some you may be hearing for the first time.

Passover Across America brings together families, couples and singles to relive the exodus of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. No matter if you attend one or two Passover seders each year, have not attended a seder in a while, or have never experienced a traditional Passover seder, everyone is welcome.

Yom HaShoah

Thanks to Paul Smith for taking the lead in organizing, arranging, and sending out Yellow Candles for Yom HaShoah. Please remember to light yours on the evening of Wednesday, May 1, the date of Yom HaShoah.



We will open our doors the following Sunday, May 5th, at 6:30 pm for a community remembrance. Ms. Susie Davidson, author of *The Music Man of Terezin, the Story of Rafael Shaechter as Remembered by Edgar Krasa*, will be our speaker. She will be joined by Mr. Al Rosen, a liberator of Dachau concentration camp, who will share his first-hand account.

Your contribution to the Yellow Candle fund helps support our annual Holocaust Remembrance programs at Temple Beth Israel.



Temple Beth Israel Community Passover Seder

on the First Night of Passover,
Friday April 19, 6:30 pm

Who's Coming?

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Contact Email for this Reservation _____

Fees

_____ Adults at \$34 per person _____
 _____ Children (ages 10-18) at \$20 _____
 _____ Children under 10 (free) _____
 Total Amount Enclosed _____

Dietary Concerns

_____ Vegetarian Meals
 _____ Gluten Free Meals
 _____ Other (please specify) _____

How can you help before the Seder?

_____ Go shopping
 _____ Kasher the kitchen

How can you help on the day of the Seder?

_____ Portion or serve food
 _____ Set tables
 _____ Clean up, wash dishes, reset the hall

How can you participate during the Seder?

_____ Lead a favorite song, prayer, or melody?
 (describe _____)
 _____ Read in English
 _____ Hide or Find the Afikoman
 _____ Sing!

What can you bring to make your table festive?

_____ Candles and candlesticks
 _____ Empty Seder Plate
 _____ Miriam's cup
 _____ Flowers
 _____ Cup of Elijah
 _____ Matzah cover

To reserve your space, please return this form before **Friday, April 12, 2019** with your total payment to **Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA 02453**. You also may reserve your space online at www.tbiwaltham.org (please contact us with additional information on this form or any special requests). Reservations made after April 12, 2019, must be confirmed with the Temple office, and will be honored based on availability. We regret that we cannot accept reservations or payments at the door.



For more information, please contact **Temple Beth Israel** at **781-894-5146** (office) or www.tbiwaltham.org (web). Temple Beth Israel is located at **25 Harvard Street, Waltham**, just opposite Hannaford Supermarket. Parking is available.

Ta'anit Bekhorot: Fast of the First Born
Siyyum Following Morning Minyan
Breakfast with Mayor Jeanette McCarthy
Friday, April 19th 7:00 am

On the night the first born of the Egyptians were slain, the first born of the Israelites were saved. To remember the loss of the life and in gratitude for salvation, firstborn children fast on the day preceding Pesach. The fast begins at dawn on Friday, April 19th and the common practice is to break the fast in the morning at a *seudat mitzvah* (a celebratory meal) following a *siyyum*, the celebration of the completion of study of a unit of Torah, Mishnah, or Talmud. The *siyyum* creates a joyful atmosphere that pushes aside the requirement to continue the fast.

The siyyum will take place immediately following morning minyan, Friday, April 19th at 7am.
This year's siyyum is sponsored by Merrill and Carol Griff.



Visit <http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide> to view the Rabbinical Assembly's Guide for preparing your home for Passover.

POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR MECHIRAT HAMETZ

Note: If possible, all hametz should be eaten or removed before the holiday begins. Should this be financially difficult, the hametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. Please complete this form, which must be received in the mail no later than Thursday April 18th, to make sure it gets to the Rabbi in time. You may deliver it to the Rabbi in person by 7:00 am, Friday April 19th.

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi David Finkelstein to act in my behalf to sell all *hametz* possessed by me – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein *hametz* owned may be found. Rabbi David Finkelstein has the full power and authority to assign or appoint a substitute to act in my behalf with all the same powers and authority that I have invested in the rabbi. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesach, which this year begins with sundown of Friday, April 19th and runs through nightfall of Saturday, April 27th, 2019.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____, in the year 2019.

Signed Name _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____

April Shabbat Evening Services

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Shabbat Evening Services (no dinner)

6:30 pm (No dinner)

Come and share a melody or learn a few new ones.

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Community Seder

April's Dinner and Service is the community Seder.

You must sign up before April 12 to reserve your space.

See flyer in this bulletin on page 5.



**Coming
Up:**

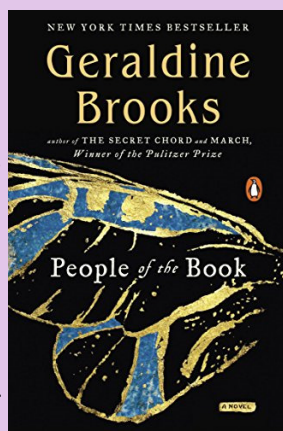
May 3 (no dinner), 17 (with dinner) June 7 (no dinner), 21 (with dinner)

TBI Bookshelf

by Marilyn Racette

People of the Book by Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks is inspired by a true story. There really is a Sarajevo Haggadah; the illustrated manuscript, one of the oldest Sephardic Haggadahs in the world, originated in Barcelona around 1350 and has survived many close calls with destruction.

In her novel, Brooks' heroine, rare book expert and conservator Hannah Heath, finds tiny artifacts between the pages- a wine stain, a fragment of an insect's wing, salt crystals, and a white hair- keys that unlock the mysterious journey of the book. The intrigues of fine art forgery and political fanatics add spice to this well imagined tale, a good read at any time, but especially as we approach Passover.



AN AFTERNOON OF KOSHER WINE TASTING

Join us

When Ricky Gordon of Gordon's Liquor leads us through a tasting of a dozen kosher wines.

Choose your favorites and stock up for your Passover Seder—and beyond.

Get answers to all your kosher wine questions.

And enjoy some accompanying fruit, cheese, and crackers for a lovely and delicious afternoon.

Gordon's will generously donate 25% of all sales at the tasting to Temple Beth Israel.











April 7, 2019 1:00-3:00 pm

Temple Beth Israel
25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA

Free; all wine tasters are welcome.

April Calendar

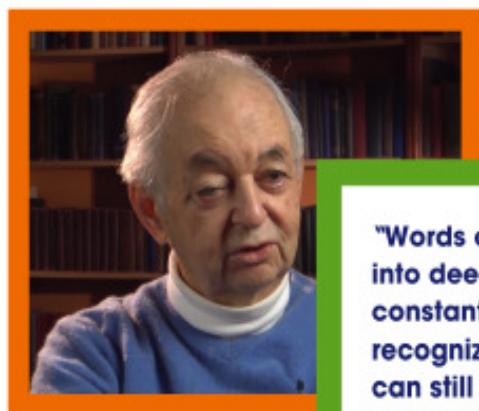
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| | 1 7:00 am Morning Minyan | 2 | 3 | 4 7:00 am Morning Minyan | 5 6:30 pm Friday Night Service (no dinner) 6:57 pm Candle lighting  | 6 Parashat Tazria Rosh Chodesh Nisan Shabbat HaChodesh 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services 11:00 am Kids Services 7:58 pm Havdalah (42 min)  |
| 7 1:00 pm Wine Tasting  | 8 7:00 am Morning Minyan | 9 | 10 7 pm Talmud Study | 11 7:00 am Morning Minyan | 12 7:05 pm Candle lighting  | 13 Parashat Metzora Shabbat HaGadol 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services NJOP Passover Workshop 8:06 pm Havdalah (42 min) |
| 14 | 15 7:00 am Morning Minyan | 16 | 17 11 am Torah Study | 18 TBI Kitchen Prep and Cooking for Passover 7:00 am Morning Minyan | 19 Erev Pesach Ta'anit Bechorot 7 am Minyan and Siyum 6:30 pm SEDER 7:13 pm Candle lighting  | 20 Pesach I 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services 8:14 pm Candle lighting |
| 21 1st day of the Omer Pesach II 8:15 pm Havdalah (42 min) | 22 2nd day of the Omer Pesach III (CH"M) 7:00 am Morning Minyan | 23 3rd day of the Omer Pesach IV (CH"M) | 24 4th day of the Omer Pesach V (CH"M) | 25 5th day of the Omer Pesach VI (CH"M) 7:00 am Morning Minyan 7:20 pm Candle lighting | 26 6th day of the Omer Pesach VII 7:00 am Yom Tov Service 7:21 pm Candle lighting | 27 7th day of the Omer Pesach VIII 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services YIZKOR 8:22 pm Havdalah (42 min) |
| 28 8th day of the Omer | 29 9th day of the Omer 7:00 am Morning Minyan | 30 10th day of the Omer | 1 Light Yellow Candle in the Evening for Yom HaShoah  | 2 7:00 am Morning Minyan | 3 6:30 pm Friday Night Service (no dinner) 6:57 pm Candle lighting  | 4  SUNDAY MAY 5 Yom HaShoah Program 6:30 pm |

Mark Your Calendar

Yom HaShoah Program—Sunday May 5, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Yom HaShoah: Stories of Liberation from Local Holocaust Survivors

Susie Davidson is a local journalist and author. She will speak on her experiences interviewing and documenting the stories of Boston-area Holocaust survivors and WW II liberating soldiers, and how it has enriched her life. Among her books is "I Refused to Die: Stories of Boston-Area Holocaust Survivors and Soldiers who Liberated the Concentration Camps of World War II" (2005).



"Words of hate too often turn into deeds of hate, and we must constantly be on the alert to recognize that new Holocausts can still happen, as we have seen with Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and other modern genocides." - Al Rosen

Al Rosen will give a first-hand account of liberating the Dachau concentration camp, as well as a subcamp of Roma (Gypsy) inmates. He resides in Brookline, MA.

When: Sunday, May 5, 2019, 6:30 PM

Where: Temple Beth Israel is located at 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA, opposite Hannaford Supermarket. Parking is available. Temple Beth Israel is accessible via an outside ramp to the lobby, and a lift from the lobby to the sanctuary. Please contact us at 781-894-5146 or office@tbiwaltham.org for more information.

All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Free of charge.

A brief candle lighting ceremony remembering all who perished during the Holocaust will precede the presentation.



Temple Beth Israel sent all members a yellow candle to light in observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day. Your contribution to the Yellow Candle Program supports Holocaust remembrance programming at Temple Beth Israel. **Please send in your contribution, and remember to light your candle on the evening of Yom HaShoah, Wednesday, May 1, 2019.**

TBI Earns Partner Status with RSIP

By: Dina Baker



On March 26, we learned that the **Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project** (RSIP) awarded Temple Beth Israel with partner status. For the past year, we have been an affiliate congregation of RSIP, which came with a \$500 grant that we used toward inclusion programming. As a partner, we will receive a grant of \$5,000 to use toward the execution of the action plan we submitted with our application to RSIP.

That includes the goals of:

- Refurbishing the main floor bathroom for full accessibility
- Increasing active and broad inclusion in services
- Creating a more consistent welcome process that ensures a welcoming environment in which people receive the assistance they need
- Improving accessibility information and communication

For each of these actions, we will have clear steps, roles and responsibilities, evaluation processes, and funding plans.

Well on our way

We earned the partnership status and grant in part because of our thoughtful action plan, but also because of how much commitment to inclusion we already demonstrate. Our application included an assessment of our current state, where we were able to note, as examples, that

we are already making inroads, and this ranges from things as seemingly small as positioning drinking cups by the water fountain to the complex project of completely renovating our sanctuary and social hall so we provide flexible space with easy access for seating and wheel chairs, better lighting and a main level reader's table. ...[W]e held a program on living with mental illness [that] focused on reducing stigma and discrimination as well as the spiritual component to this work. In the past year, our rabbi developed a conversational method of partnering with a special needs bar mitzvah so he could confidently deliver a d'var Torah.

All of these aspects of TBI also fall within our inclusion efforts that RSIP recognizes:

- Mission statement that incorporates inclusion
- Inclusive language during worship ("Please rise *if you are comfortable* doing so.")
- People with disabilities in leadership
- Active inclusion committee
- Meeting special dietary needs
- Building accessibility

Congratulations to everyone who has participated in our inclusion efforts. We look forward to taking them to the next level as a RSIP partner.



Rabbi's Reflections (continued)

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living beings to be able to worship and work freely. This Divine call for freedom was recently amplified again by terrible acts. It is a sad truth that in recent years, hate crimes have been on the increase. When the horrifying news arrived On Friday morning, March 15th, I heard the news that a white supremacist terrorist had massacred 50 Muslim worshippers (and injured 50 more) at Al Noor and Linwood mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. It reminded me immediately of the 11 Jewish worshippers at the Etz Hayyim/Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh (aleyhem hashalom - peace be upon them) who were murdered on a Shabbat morning in October 2018 by another white supremacist terrorist. In act of great kindness and solidarity, Muslim Americans raised many thousands of dollars to help defray the cost of funerals and rebuilding after the Tree of Life massacre. Now the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh is raising funds for New Zealand's Muslim community. I, too, wanted to do something positive in response to this atrocity. So I walked down to the Waltham Islamic Society to express my support.

Temple Beth Israel's relationship with the Waltham Islamic Society is growing like the deepest relationships sometimes do: slowly and carefully. In May 2016, the Waltham Islamic Society held an Open House that was enjoyed by at least ten members of Temple Beth Israel. In February 2017, more than 20 of our Muslim neighbors joined us at Temple Beth Israel for an Interfaith Potluck & Tu Bishvat Seder. After a two-year hiatus in significant contact, I showed up at the Waltham Islamic Society before Jum'uah prayers to express my support for the Muslim community of Waltham. As I walked down Moody Street, I thought about what I might say if I would be invited to speak. I wanted to support our Muslim neighbors in whatever way felt appropriate to them. When I arrived, I was greeted with smiles, handshakes, and salaam aleikum. I was tempted to respond in Yiddish, "aleikhem shalom," but I said in my best Arabic, aleikum salaam. Young and old welcomed me, and offered me

the honor of sitting in a chair (the vast majority of worshippers sat on the carpet). When Imam Sayanvala arrived, he had a brief conversation with one of the community's Ugandan leaders - a man named Abu Rahim - and they agreed that they would like me to speak for a few minutes before the Jum'uah prayers would begin. I listened to Imam Sayanvala speak about giving thanks to God for all the simple blessings of our lives - for being able to wake up in the morning, for our shoes, for our clothing, for food, for family, for life - and then he invited me up to the front of the room. I walked carefully through a crowd of at least 100 men and boys, all of whom were seated on the carpet, until I reached the microphone. I thanked Imam Sayanvala for inviting me to speak, introduced myself as the rabbi of Temple Beth Israel, and I said that I had come today to express my support to the Muslim community of Waltham after the atrocities in the mosques in New Zealand. Several of the worshippers remembered me from the Open House and the Tu Bishvat Seder. I thanked God - alhamdulillah - for my life, my family, and my community. I told my Muslim audience that I was praying for the good health, success, and safety of all of them and their families and friends. I encouraged them to stay in touch with us. And I wished them Jum'uah Mubarak - a blessed Friday afternoon prayer gathering. Many thanked me as I left the building to continue my preparations for Shabbat.

The Book of Exodus tells us that God instructed Moses, and Moses told the Pharaoh ten times, "Let my people go and worship/serve Me." The voice of God rings on throughout the generations. Let my Jews go and worship Me without the threat of violence. Let my Muslims go and worship Me without the threat of violence. Let my Christians go, and my Buddhists, and my Hindus, etc... As we sit at our Seder tables this year to celebrate our freedom and to thank the Great Spirit of Liberation which commanded the Pharaoh "when Israel was in Egypt's land," let us remember how the call for freedom - of which religious freedom is one expression - continues to ring out in this generation. This year we may be slaves, but next year may we all be free. Free to thank God in our own way, and free to serve and to work and to worship in safety and with dignity.

Hag Sameah,

Rabbi David

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting, Nominations and Elections

The Temple Beth Israel Annual Meeting

will be held on

Sunday, June 2, at 10 am.

Breakfast will be served before the meeting, at
9:30 am.



Please note this change. With the recent bylaws amendment to start our fiscal year on July 1, the board chose to schedule the annual meeting to align more closely with our fiscal year. Holding the annual meeting in June, rather than in August, as in the past, also will allow any newly elected officers or board members to work together over the summer to plan for the High Holydays and the year ahead.

In accordance with the Temple Beth Israel bylaws, I have convened a nominating committee which is responsible for recommending a slate of officers and directors to serve the synagogue through the next election cycle (2019-2021). Linda Ungerleider has agreed to be the contact person for the Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee are Linda Ungerleider, Bob Macauley, Susan Holbert, Alan Levine, and Catherine Cantrell.

Offices eligible for re-election in 2019 are President and Treasurer, each for a two-year term, and up to three Directors-At-Large, each for two-year terms. Directors-at-large are voting members of the board who do not have the portfolio of an elected officer or appointed committee chair. Their presence and voice on the board give representation to the congregation's diversity of opinion and experience in the governance of Temple Beth Israel. Electing Directors at Large allows us to increase the number of potential candidates eligible for future leadership roles, and while not required, some current Directors at Large have assisted in special projects or ad hoc committees that fit their skills and interests. This announcement also serves as notice of milestones regarding the nominations and elections process, with dates determined by the Temple Beth Israel bylaws:

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| Slate of nominees will be sent to the membership by | Thurs. April 18, 2019 |
| Last day for members not on the slate presented by the Nominating Committee to place themselves on the ballot by notifying the nominating committee | Friday, May 3, 2019 |
| Annual General Membership and Election Meeting | Sunday, June 2, 2019 |

For more information, or if you would like to place your name on the ballot, or recommend the name of individual(s) with whom the nominating committee might speak about serving on the board, please contact with Linda Ungerleider, ulinda@gmail.com, 617-962-6347. Thank you for your interest in recommending, serving on, or voting for future members of the Temple Beth Israel Board of Directors.

Sincerely,
Mark Frydenberg,
President

April Yahrzeits

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|---------------------|----------|--------|
| Gerald Woolf | Adar2 25 | 01-Apr |
| Patricia Wexler | Adar2 29 | 05-Apr |
| Ruth Etta Gans | Nisan 01 | 6-Apr |
| Louis Goldman | Nisan 01 | 6-Apr |
| Claire Braitman | Nisan 01 | 6-Apr |
| Wilbert Mayrent | Nisan 02 | 7-Apr |
| Ethel Griff | Nisan 02 | 7-Apr |
| Barbara Leboff | Nisan 02 | 7-Apr |
| A. H. Sheer | Nisan 02 | 7-Apr |
| Dr. Rosa Kubin | Nisan 02 | 7-Apr |
| Phillip Levine | Nisan 03 | 8-Apr |
| "Yukie" Kennen | Nisan 03 | 8-Apr |
| John Jacobs | Nisan 04 | 9-Apr |
| Lillian Mallick | Nisan 04 | 9-Apr |
| Ina Moses | Nisan 07 | 12-Apr |
| Louis Levine | Nisan 07 | 12-Apr |
| Gedalia Chosed | Nisan 08 | 13-Apr |
| William Cohen | Nisan 08 | 13-Apr |
| Maurice Milesky | Nisan 08 | 13-Apr |
| Dr. Max Tauber | Nisan 08 | 13-Apr |
| Morris Trachtenberg | Nisan 08 | 13-Apr |
| Rose Israel | Nisan 09 | 14-Apr |
| Sara Cohn | Nisan 10 | 15-Apr |
| Madeline Sidell | Nisan 11 | 16-Apr |
| Sophia Rosenfield | Nisan 12 | 17-Apr |
| Morris Goldman | Nisan 13 | 18-Apr |
| Shana Chosed | Nisan 13 | 18-Apr |
| Ida Koocher | Nisan 13 | 18-Apr |
| Ida Greenberg | Nisan 14 | 19-Apr |
| Mary Kaplan | Nisan 14 | 19-Apr |
| Gittle Edelman | Nisan 16 | 21-Apr |
| Alfred "Al" Simon | Nisan 16 | 21-Apr |
| Charles Cumenes | Nisan 17 | 22-Apr |
| Myron Stroum | Nisan 17 | 22-Apr |
| Abraham Slatrow | Nisan 18 | 23-Apr |
| Frances Hoffman | Nisan 18 | 23-Apr |
| Lena Sheer | Nisan 19 | 24-Apr |
| Sonia Weiner | Nisan 19 | 24-Apr |
| Gertrude Wolk | Nisan 20 | 25-Apr |
| Samuel Goodman | Nisan 21 | 26-Apr |
| Eli Weiner | Nisan 21 | 26-Apr |

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| Belle Freedman | Nisan 22 | 27-Apr |
| Samuel Seidman | Nisan 23 | 28-Apr |
| Nathan Sheer | Nisan 23 | 28-Apr |
| Ruth Seigler | Nisan 23 | 28-Apr |
| Goldie Gammernan | Nisan 24 | 29-Apr |
| Jeanne Bloom | Nisan 24 | 29-Apr |
| Ethel Stroum | Nisan 24 | 29-Apr |
| Anna Macklin | Nisan 25 | 30-Apr |
| Moshe Ben Aaron | Nisan 25 | 30-Apr |
| Anna Wolf | Nisan 25 | 30-Apr |
| Richard Cutter | Nisan 26 | 1-May |
| Francis Chorney | Nisan 27 | 2-May |
| Max Eisenberg | Nisan 27 | 2-May |



We wish a long life to our members who are observing a Yahrzeit in the coming weeks. If you would like assistance to arrange a minyan so that you may say kaddish for your loved ones, please contact the Temple office at least 2 days in advance.

- **Robert Braitman**, April 6, in memory of his mother, Claire Braitman
- **Sherry Mayrent**, April 7, in memory of her father, Wilbert Mayrent
- **Alan Levine**, April 8, in memory of his father, Philip Levine
- **Thelma Kennen**, April 8, in memory of her husband, Yukie Kennen
- **Irving Malick**, April 9, in memory of his mother, Lillian Malick
- **Janet Moses**, April 12, in memory of her mother, Ina Moses
- **Martin Koocher**, April 18, in memory of his mother, Ida Koocher
- **David Freedman**, April 27, in memory of his mother, Belle Freedman
- **Larry Bloom**, April 29, in memory of his mother, Jeanne Bloom
- **Julie Gagnon**, April 30, in memory of her grandfather, Moshe Ben Aaron
- **Judith Isaac**, May 1, in memory of her brother, Richard Cutter



If you would like to add a name to our yahrzeit list or purchase a plaque for the Memorial Wall, please contact the temple office by phone 781-894-5146 or email office@tbiwaltham.org.

Study Groups with Rabbi David

Torah Study Group: Midrash on The Garden of Eden

Wednesday mornings, 11:00am-12:30pm

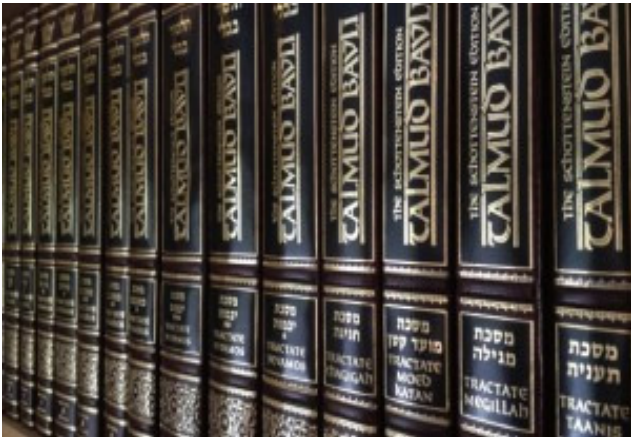
at Temple Beth Israel

April 10, May 8, June 12



With the help of Wilfred Shuchat's book, *The Garden of Eden & the Struggle to Be Human According to the Midrash Rabbah*, we will explore and investigate the Biblical text, practice our own rabbinic close reading skills, and explore rabbinic homilies on chapter 2 of the Book of Genesis (*Bereishit*). All are welcome, Jew and non-Jew, veterans of midrash and beginners alike.

Talmud Study Group: The Most Significant Talmudic Discussions



Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm at

Temple Beth Israel

April 3, May 15, June 5

Beginning in Fall 2008, Professor Jon A. Levisohn of Brandeis University collected 25 responses to the question, "What are the Talmudic sugyot (topics or discussions) that every Jew ought to know, the most famous or significant Talmudic discussions?" The sugyot were chosen "for their theological and ideological significance, their contemporary practical significance, or their centrality in discussions among commentators. Or in some cases, perhaps their idiosyncrasy." In this long-term learning project, I hope to learn every one of the 67 sugyot in the list. Let's take the journey together. We'll learn slowly and deliberately, taking one discussion at a time. There's no rush. All texts will be provided in the original language (Hebrew and/or Aramaic) and in English translation. All are welcome. No prior familiarity with Talmud required.

Thank You

Donations:

- Rebecca Gill and family, in loving memory of her mother, Sandra Gustin who passed away 10 years ago.
- Esther Keaney, in memory of Madeline Foust.
- Lillian Etkind, in memory of Ellen Feinsand's mother

Shabbat Lunch

Sponsors:

- Contact the Temple office if you would like to sponsor a kiddush lunch.

Condolences:

- To Ellen Feinsand on the loss of her mother, Annette Feinsand.
- To Larry Bloom on the loss of his father, Al Bloom.

Thank You:

Thanks to those who read Torah, Haftarah, led a portion of the service, or gave a D'var Torah recently:

- Rabbi David Finkelstein
- Rabbi Sara Meirowitz
- Phyllis Werlin
- Caroline Nudelman
- Bruce Trager
- Mark Frydenberg
- Cantor Ellen Band
- Scott Tepper
- Catherine Cantrell

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

The Membership Committee Needs Your Help

The Membership committee will hold regular meetings on the **last Sunday of every month** in our house (Maystrovsky residence, 101 Kings Grant Rd, Weston) **at 1:00 pm.**

Everyone who has ideas and constructive suggestions on how we can increase membership in our synagogue is welcome. **Our next meeting will be on April 28th.**

RSVP to Mila Maystrovsky
ramilaMay@gmail.com or
781-439-7135.

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April Highlights—Mark Your Calendar

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| APRIL 5 | Shabbat Evening Services 6:30 pm (No dinner) |
| APRIL 19 | Siyyum for the First Born 7 am. Breakfast with Mayor McCarthy. Sell your chametz. Community Seder 6:30 pm. Reserve your Space by Friday, April 12. |
| APRIL 20, 21 | Services for First Days of Passover Saturday, April 20, at 9 am Sunday, April 21, at 9 am. Please help make this minyan! |
| APRIL 26, 27 | Services for Last Days of Passover Friday, April 26 at 7 am. Please help make this minyan! Saturday, April 27 at 9 am, with Yizkor |

Morning Service Times

Monday and Thursday, 7 am
Shabbat Morning, 9 am

Please contact the Temple Office
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arranging a minyan because you
are saying Kaddish.

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