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## Rabbi's Reflections: "MeToo and its Jewish Historic Context" TBI Hosts the Jewish Women's Archive

**By: Rabbi David Finkelstein**

This article is about an event that took place at Temple Beth Israel this past February 13th. The subject of the event was Jewish American women (primarily) and how they have been addressing the problem of sexual harassment. Presented by historian Dr. Judith Rosenbaum, director of the Jewish Women's Archive (JWA), "MeToo and its Jewish Historic Context" was intended to inform the public about the JWA's new project, "Archiving MeToo." In the words of the JWA website, the goal of "Archiving MeToo" is "to create an archival collection...documenting stories of harassment and assault both within the Jewish community and outside of it. Taken together, these stories illustrate the systems and structures that shape women's experiences, as well as our collective power to make change" (<https://jwa.org/MeToo>). At the end of Dr. Rosenbaum's presentation, she invited anyone with a MeToo story to write it out on a JWA form and submit it to her directly. A few participants did so. If you have a MeToo story, I encourage you to archive it with the JWA through the above url.

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## Mark's Remarks: The Synagogue Where I Grew Up

**By: Mark Frydenberg**

Many of us have memories of the synagogues where we grew up. Temple Beth Israel is the only synagogue some of our life-long members ever knew. Their parents or grandparents were founding members, and the web of related families goes back for generations. For many of us who are not from Waltham originally, we may recall the synagogues in our hometowns, where we attended many Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, or Shabbat services, went to Hebrew school, and celebrated bar or bat mitzvahs, weddings, or funerals.



For me, the synagogue I grew up in was Temple B'nai Abraham in Meriden, CT. A small conservative synagogue, Temple B'nai Abraham has been part of our family's fabric for generations. It is where my parents were

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## Rabbi's Reflections: "MeToo and its Jewish Historic Context"

### TBI Hosts the Jewish Women's Archive

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

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At the center of Dr. Rosenbaum's presentation was a facilitated discussion about a young Jewish immigrant woman's letter published in *A Bintel Brief* in 1907. According to Wikipedia, "*A Bintel Brief* was a Yiddish advice column... Recent Jewish immigrants, predominantly from Eastern Europe, asked for advice on various facets of their acculturation to America...It was a part of some people's lives to such an extent as are radio and television today." The letter, which begins "1907 Dear Editor, I am one of those unfortunate girls" and is signed "a Shopgirl," was presented as an early document in the history of the American Jewish communities' struggle with sexual harassment. Dr. Rosenbaum asked participants to consider whether the situation described in the letter sounded contemporary or like a problem from a different time. Read the [letter](https://studylib.net/doc/14251312/isaac-metzker-ed.-a-bintel-brief-ballantine-books) at <https://studylib.net/doc/14251312/isaac-metzker-ed.-a-bintel-brief-ballantine-books>, and judge for yourself.

Here is a summary of the letter. In "1907 Dear Editor," "a Shopgirl" tells how her boss at her small town factory job made sexual advances to her. She rejected the advances, and then he attacked the quality of her work, loudly, in both Yiddish and in English. She ran away, refusing to submit to what she knew was his pattern of abuse. Other female workers sympathized, but they weren't willing to risk their own livelihoods to help a Shopgirl. She asks for advice from the editor of *A Bintel Brief*, telling him that she really needs the income to support herself and her parents.

What can we learn from this letter? It is certainly not a surprise that sexual harassment in the workplace was a problem in early 20<sup>th</sup> century Jewish New Jersey, where a Shopgirl was living. Sexual harassment has been a problem for centuries - no, for millennia. The Jewish community is far from immune to this problem. What else can we learn from the letter? We can ask ourselves how much progress American society has made during the past 112 years since the letter was published. In her presentation, Dr. Rosenbaum said that sexual harassment is deeply connected to the matter of gender inequality. An important step towards gender equality was taken in 1920, when the Nineteenth Amendment to our Constitution guaranteed women the right to vote. What has changed since 1920? According to Dr. Rosenbaum, the term "sexual harassment" entered the American lexicon in 1975 at a speakout in Ithaca, New York. Dr. Rosenbaum made a point of mentioning the important work black women have done for the Women's Liberation movement.

Perhaps the greatest lesson we can learn from reading a Shopgirl's letter is the courage that was required to write it. The editor of *A Bintel Brief* did not respond in a particularly helpful way, but he did publish the letter. A Shopgirl got her story of sexual harassment published (in 1907!), and although she may not have gotten justice, she made her voice heard and she told her story. And many people heard her story. Dr. Rosenbaum said of the Jewish Women's Archive, "We value the power of stories and the power of listening. We need time to sit with these stories. We move too quickly from one topic to the next. When someone tells you that your story matters, and they hear you, the effect is transformational."

This month we encounter two Biblical women who certainly have MeToo stories of their own to tell: Queen Esther and Queen Vashti. We will hear how King Achashverosh summons Queen Vashti to appear before him and his revelers "in the royal crown" (Esther 1:11) – a Midrash says, "in *only* the royal crown" – and of how Vashti refuses. We will hear how Achashverosh divorces her and dethrones her for refusing to submit to his whims, and how the king's adviser fears her voice – how he fears that if she tells her MeToo story, then men throughout the kingdom will become disgraced in their wives' eyes. And while he overstates the case, the king's adviser gets something right. Perhaps Dr. Rosenbaum said it best when she described the essence of MeToo and the Jewish Women's Archive with the following statement: **Women's voices can change the world.** It is that very message that Mordecai impresses on his niece Esther when he tells her, "If you keep completely silent at this time, then relief and deliverance will rise up for the Jews from another place, but you and your family may be lost. And who knows? Maybe it was precisely for a time like this that you arrived at this royal estate!" (Esther 4:14). I encourage us all to make our voices heard, not to allow ourselves to be bullied into silence. May we all make our voices heard, and may we find trustworthy listeners who can help us change the world.

Happy Purim!

## 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.

**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:

Notify the nominating committee of your interest to be nominated	Monday, March 4, 2019
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 express your interest in being considered for nomination to the board in an elected position, or would like to recommend the name of individual(s) with whom the nominating committee might speak about serving on the board, please speak with Linda Ungerleider, the contact person for the nominating committee, [ulinda@gmail.com](mailto: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

# 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  
☐ Cook or prepare food

#### 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 ☐ Cup of Elijah  
☐ Miriam's cup ☐ Matzah cover  
☐ Flowers  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://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](http://www.tbiwaltham.org) (web). Temple Beth Israel is located at 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, just opposite Hannaford Supermarket. Parking is available.



## Mark's Remarks: The Synagogue Where I Grew Up

By: Mark Frydenberg

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married; my mother taught Sunday school there for 59 years; my father still serves on the synagogue's Hevra Kadisha (burial society), attends Shabbat morning services, and was often the gabbai and led Shacharit for many years. Now you know where I get it from.

My mother's family had almost an entire column of plaques on a Yahrzeit tablet in the sanctuary, with names going back to my great-great grandfather. I went to Hebrew school at Temple B'nai Abraham; it is where my Bar Mitzvah wasn't cancelled despite a huge winter blizzard; I received college scholarships from the synagogue, and as an adult, often returned to lead Shacharit on many Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah mornings.

Returning to Temple B'nai Abraham on a Shabbat morning or holiday was a return to a childhood second home. The oak-filled sanctuary, with light beaming through the stained-glass windows, the iconic gold carpeting, blue velvet upholstered seats, and carved woodwork remained as I remembered it. I knew that former Hebrew school teachers, family friends, and congregants reliably would be in attendance on a Saturday morning when I visited. They are synagogue family, eager to catch up whenever I made a cameo appearance.

Like many small synagogues around the country, Temple B'nai Abraham faced a declining membership in recent years, and the building that was their home for nearly the past 70 years became too big to maintain. At the end of 2018, the synagogue sold their building to a Church of Christ, and for the next several months will be meeting for services in a member's home, as they pursue a merger with another conservative synagogue about 12 miles away.



Temple B'nai Abraham gratefully donated to us at Temple Beth Israel several prayer books, library books, kitchen items, and ritual objects. A small lectern that my father made in 1985 and donated to Temple B'nai Abraham in memory of my uncle, is now in our sanctuary, as is a Torah stand that he built in 2001. Temple B'nai Abraham's former rabbi, Gloria Rubin, and her husband Martin Rubin commissioned the Torah stand in memory of their parents. I thank them for their generosity, allowing us to use it in our sanctuary, as we honor their parents' memories by retaining their names on the plaques affixed beneath the stand.

One of our Torah scrolls apparently has wider poles than the Torah scrolls in Meriden, so my father built two new supporting boxes which we attached to the shelf, to ensure our Torah scrolls stand securely.

Temple B'nai Abraham is establishing an endowed collection at the Meriden Public Library to contain Holocaust-related books and testimonies, so that the synagogue will have a legacy in the city and can continue to provide resources for ongoing Holocaust education to the Meriden community. I have contributed to this fund in the name of Temple Beth Israel, as a token of our appreciation for the honor of giving some of their synagogue items a new home at Temple Beth Israel.

For me, the new items in our sanctuary are reminder of my family and the synagogue where I grew up. When you see them in our sanctuary, I hope you will take time to think about a synagogue where you grew up. By sharing these stories, Temple Beth Israel will continue to be a synagogue that all of us can call home.



# Branding TBI

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

Over the past several months, the Temple Beth Israel community has been considering its brand. TBI congregant Zach Roe joined me in facilitating a board brand retreat, and then we held a Community Conversation on the topic. Zach and I work in marketing, outreach and organizational communication. Based on these sessions, we finalized our brand architecture and vocabulary. A small committee then crowd-sourced logo options through [logocontest.com](https://logocontest.com), leading to the purchase of a new logo design.

The brand architecture encompasses the many things we offer and how they segment to serve our audiences' needs. We don't have room for all of that here, so I'll simply include the overarching positioning statement and the brand vocabulary.

## Positioning Statement

Temple Beth Israel, the only synagogue in Waltham, MA, is an independent congregation that combines a 100+ year history with a vibrant, diverse, close-knit membership and a focus on the future of Judaism. We provide spiritual, social and physical access to and inclusion in meaningful Jewish life and tradition and community engagement.

## Brand Vocabulary

This is the core vocabulary we will seek to use when we describe TBI and our offerings:

Acceptance	Dialogue	Inclusion / Inclusive	Progressive / Progress
Accessible / Accessibility	Diversity	Independent	Religion / Religious
Activity	Education	Judaism / Jewish	Social Life / Friendship
Care / caring	Egalitarian	Justice	Spiritual
Community	Future	Lifecycle	Tradition
Connection	Generations	Meaning	Vibrant
Conversation	History	Pastoral	
	Holidays	People	

## Visual Brand

Finally, we sought a visual representation that—along with its tag line—would combine with the messaging, photos and other images we choose in our materials to effectively express our brand.

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## Branding TBI

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

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In the crowdsourcing process, we provided the designers with our brand architecture, the outcomes of our brand conversations and images from the synagogue. From 18 designers we received a total of



**Temple Beth Israel**  
Community | Tradition | Inclusion

158 designs, and in the end we selected an option from a designer based in Spain. We received both a horizontal and a vertical version, and we have the files in every possible format giving us tremendous flexibility in the use of our logo. Temple Beth Israel has full and exclusive ownership of the logo and the files.



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The image in the logo was interpreted from the Magen David on the doors to our social hall / sanctuary space—something specifically suggested in our Community Conversation—so it is uniquely reflective of TBI. It also represents the three words in the tagline. As a Magen David, it is very much rooted in our **tradition**. More abstractly, the way in which the triangles of the star gather around the center suggests **community**, and the variability in those triangles speaks to **inclusion**. And as a bright,

contemporary Magen David that conveys forward movement, it speaks to our vitality and eye to the future while incorporating the preferred colors that many congregants identified during our discussions.

We look forward to incorporating our new brand concept and logo into our materials in the coming weeks and months—from updating our Bulletin and letterhead to redesigning our website so it reflects the brand and becomes easier to navigate. Please feel free to reach out on the topic as we move through this transition. If you would like a copy of the complete brand architecture document, or any additional information on TBI's brand process, please contact me at [dinawbaker@gmail.com](mailto:dinawbaker@gmail.com)



### SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY



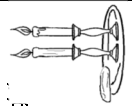






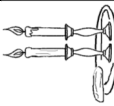
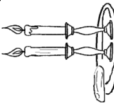
If Waltham schools are cancelled or open late due to bad weather, Monday and Thursday minyans will be cancelled automatically. Decisions about cancelling Friday evening and Shabbat morning services will be made by 4 pm on Friday afternoon. We will change the outgoing message on the synagogue phone and post all cancellations on the website [tbiwaltham.org](http://tbiwaltham.org) and on Facebook and Twitter. Cancellations are also sent to WBZ Radio 1030 AM. If in doubt, stay home and stay safe!

#### WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

Find us on Facebook! [facebook.com/tbiwaltham](https://facebook.com/tbiwaltham)

#### WE'RE ON TWITTER!

Follow us at @tbiwaltham !

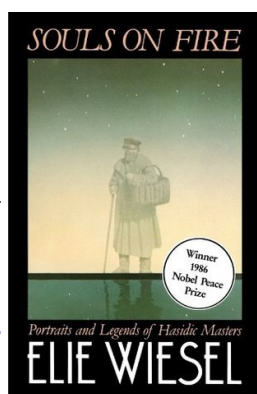
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 5:17 pm Candle lighting Friday Night Service (for dinner) 	<b>2</b> Marilyn Racette sponsors Kiddush Parashat Vayakhel Shabbat Shekalim 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services 6:18 pm Havdalah (42 min)
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 am Morning Minyan	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 11:00 am Torah Study 	<b>7</b> Rosh Chodesh Adar II Morning Minyan 7:00 am	<b>8</b> Rosh Chodesh Adar II Candle lighting 5:25 pm 	<b>9</b> Parashat Pekudei Shabbat Morning Services 6:26 pm Havdalah (42 min) 
<b>10</b> Daylight Saving Time starts 	<b>11</b> 7:00 am Morning Minyan	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Talmud Study 	<b>14</b> 7:00 am Morning Minyan	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Friday Night Service and Dinner 6:33 pm Candle lighting 	<b>16</b> Parashat Vayikra Shabbat Zachor 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services 7:34 pm Havdalah (42 min)
<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> 7:00 am Morning Minyan 7:15 pm TBI Board Meeting 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Erev Purim Ta'anit Esther 6:00pm Children's Program 6:30pm Maariv 7:00pm Megillah Reading	<b>21</b> Purim Morning Minyan 7:00 am 	<b>22</b> Shushan Purim Candle lighting 6:41 pm 	<b>23</b> Parashat Tzav Shabbat Morning Services 7:42 pm Havdalah (42 min)
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## TBI Bookshelf

### by Marilyn Racette

One of the many treasures of our library is an autographed copy of *Souls on Fire* by Elie Wiesel, the distinguished, award winning author and Holocaust survivor best known for *Night*, his memoir based on his experience as a prisoner in Auschwitz and Buchenwald. But *Souls on Fire: Portraits and Legends of Hasidic Masters* is a celebration. Indeed, the original title, in French, is *Hasidic Celebration*. A reviewer for *The New York Times Book Review* wrote, "Wiesel does not merely tell us, but draws, with the hand of a master, the portraits of the leaders of a movement that created a revolution in the Jewish world. *Souls on Fire* is a loving, personal affirmation of Judaism." You can find this gem in the biography section of the TBI Library.



## Children's Services

**March 9, 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.**

**PURIM IS COMING!!**

**Wednesday March 20**

**beginning at 6:30pm**

**Kids' programming 6-6:30pm**

**Ma'ariv 6:30 pm**

**Megillah reading 7pm**



Don't miss this year's slide show that accompanies the reading, and nosh some hamentashen!

If you would like to chant a chapter of the megillah, please contact

Mark Frydenberg or Rabbi David Finkelstein

# 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.

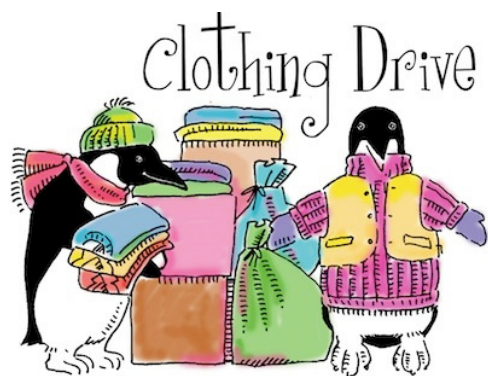
Gordon's will generously donate 25% of all sales at the tasting to Temple Beth Israel.

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

Temple Beth Israel

25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA

**Free; all wine tasters are welcome. Registration required no later than Friday, March 22 at [tinyurl.com/TBIwine](https://tinyurl.com/TBIwine).**



## Join our Drive to Help Our Neighbors This Winter

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

## Who's Who at Temple Beth Israel

### Clergy:

Rabbi:	David Finkelstein
Cantor:	Ellen Band

### Officers:

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Membership:	Ramila Maystrovsky
Secretary:	Susan G. Baron

### Chairs of Standing Committees:

Cemetery	Jim Baron
Chesed / Caring:	Susan Holbert
Development:	Howard Trachtman
Finance:	George Isaac
House:	Merrill Griff / Catherine Cantrell
Membership:	Ramila Maystrovsky
Program:	Yaron Shragai
Ritual / Religious:	Phyllis Werlin
Sisterhood:	Nessie Baron

### Contacts for Special Interests:

Inclusion:	Howard Trachtman
Social Justice:	Dina Baker / Linda Ungerleider
Brotherhood:	Paul Smith
Office Manager:	Andrea Baron

## Shabbat Evening Services and Dinner



Friday, March 15 at 6:30 pm

On the menu for March is stuffed shells, salad, garlic bread, and desserts.

Please contact the Temple office if you have special dietary requirements. Vegetarian / non-dairy options will be available at all meals. Cost for dinner is \$18 per adult, \$40 per family if paid by the Weds. before the dinner. \$21 per adult, \$45 per family for later reservations. Register online at <http://tbiwaltham.org> or contact the Temple office to sign up.

**Save the date: Friday, April 19 (Community Passover Seder)**

**Next Shabbat Evening Service and Dinner: May 17.**

## Shabbat Evening Services (no dinner)

Join us on **Friday March 1st** at 6:30pm for our Friday Night Service Only service.

These services are short and sweet and are not followed by a dinner. Come and share a melody or learn a few new ones.

Future Dates: April 5, May 3



## Donations

### General Fund

- Thelma Kennen, in memory of her brother, Maurice Katz

## Membership Committee News

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 March 31st.**

**RSVP to Mila Maystrovsky**  
[ramilaMay@gmail.com](mailto:ramilaMay@gmail.com) or 781-439-7135.

It is never too late to donate. You can send in your donations to the Temple Office or contribute online at <http://tbiwaltham.org>, or by clicking [Paypal](#) or [GoFundMe](#).

## Condolences

In memory of Madeline Foust, mother of Rabbi Jeff Foust, from George and Judith Isaac,

In memory of Rhoda Abramson, from Merrill and Carol Wilcox Griff

In memory of Hella Hakerem, Temple member and mother of Gita Foster, from:

- Merrill and Carol Griff
- Diane Kaskon
- Erika Cohen
- Ellie Handel

## Shabbat Kiddush Sponsors

Feb 2 - Caroline and Ben Nudelman, in honor of Ben's Birthday

Feb 16 - Ed Brown, and Julie, Chad and Audrey Gagnon and Phyllis Werlin

Feb 23 - George and Judith Isaac, in memory of their parents and Susan Holbert, in honor of her anniversary

March 2 - Marilyn Racette in memory of her parents

## Thanks to those who read Torah, Haftarah, or gave a D'var Torah



Rabbi David Finkelstein

Rabbi Sara Meiowitz

Phyllis Werlin

Merrill Griff

Caroline Nudelman

Celia Schneider

Mark Frydenberg

Yaron Shragai

Zach Roe

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



## Study Groups with Rabbi David

Join Us

### Torah Study Group: Midrash on The Garden of Eden

Wednesday mornings, 11:00am-12:30pm  
at Temple Beth Israel  
March 6, 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

March 13, 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.

## March Yahrzeits

Rose Braverman	Adar1 25	2-Mar
Annie Alpert	Adar1 26	3-Mar
Judith Smith	Adar1 27	4-Mar
Leonard Kaufman	Adar1 27	4-Mar
Sandra Gustin	Adar1 27	4-Mar
Aaron Greenblott	Adar1 27	4-Mar
Rose Wolk	Adar1 27	4-Mar
Bessie Levison	Adar1 28	5-Mar
Harry Wolf	Adar1 28	5-Mar
Clara Wiggetman	Adar1 28	5-Mar
Abraham Benjamin Feinsand	Adar1 29	6-Mar
Aaron Mordecai Smith	Adar1 29	6-Mar
Alice Wolf Cohen	Adar1 29	6-Mar
Lena Smith	Adar1 29	6-Mar
Robert Gordon	Adar2 01	8-Mar
Abraham Tatelman	Adar2 01	8-Mar
Benjamin Lebowitz	Adar2 01	8-Mar
Harry Freedman	Adar2 01	8-Mar
Goldie Rachel Webb	Adar2 01	8-Mar
Eva Kaitz	Adar2 02	9-Mar
Mildred Marion	Adar2 02	9-Mar
Evelyn Myers	Adar2 03	10-Mar
Mitchell Lane Roe	Adar2 03	10-Mar
Esther bat Avraham Avinu	Adar2 09	16-Mar
Gnesia Crevoshay	Adar2 09	16-Mar
Harold Seltzer	Adar2 11	18-Mar
Dr. Samuel Messer	Adar2 17	24-Mar
Elizabeth Rosenberg	Adar2 20	27-Mar
David Goldstein	Adar2 22	29-Mar
Gerald Woolf	Adar2 25	01-Apr
Patricia Wexler	Adar2 29	05-Apr

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.

- **Albert Smith**, Mar 4 in memory of his wife, Judith Smith
- **Ed Kaufman**, Mar 4 in memory of Leonard Kaufman
- **Robert Kaitz**, Mar 9 in memory of his grandmother, Eva Kaitz
- **Zachary Roe**, Mar 10 in memory of his uncle, Mitchell Lane Roe
- **Carol Master**, Mar 16 in memory of her mother, Esther bat Avraham Avinu
- **Caroline Nudelman**, April 1 in memory of her father, Gerald Woolf



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](mailto:office@tbiwaltham.org).

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