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Rabbi's Reflections - A Month Of Joyous Celebrations

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein



This past October and November, Temple Beth Israel had the great joy of celebrating three *bnei mitzvah* (that's a gender inclusive plural of *bar* and *bat mitzvah*) during three consecutive *Shabbatot*. This article is a *mazal tov* on this milestone for the

bnei mitzvah, for their loved ones, and for the entire Temple Beth Israel community.

Many *bnei mitzvah* are like Hava Shenkman, who celebrated becoming a bat mitzvah November 9th, reading *parashat Lekh Lekha*, the start of the Avraham

story. The elder daughter of Rustin and Yan Shenkman, Hava celebrated with her Zayde, her Bubbe, her grandmother, her younger sister Sefirah, and with other family and friends. This bat mitzvah was the culmination of several years of private study with Hava's *abba*, Rustin, combined with her learning at Keshet Newton, an after-school Jewish learning program. Hava dazzled everyone at Temple Beth Israel with her Torah and Haftarah chanting, her clear and interesting explanation of an instance of *gematria* (a form of Jewish meaning-making that assigns numerical values to Hebrew letters), and her strong clear voice. *Mazal*

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Mark's Remarks- Hiding, History, and Hope: Hidden Messages of the Dreidel

By: Mark Frydenberg

Along with lighting candles and eating potato latkes, playing dreidel is one of the most famous rituals of Hanukkah. Many play the holiday gambling game for peanuts, or pennies, spinning the four-sided top and hoping it landed on Gimmel. Gimmel means "Get," or take all the entire "pot." If it landed on Hei, you receive half the pot. Landing on Nun means you win Nothing, and I've seen two variations for Shin: either Share, where the pot was divided equally, or everyone contributes to the center stash. Hard core dreidel players might purchase a Spinagogue, a six-sided star-shaped stadium to hold the loot of six players, with a central



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Beth Israel Memorial Park

The cost for an individual grave in Temple Beth Israel Memorial Park for members is \$2,200. The cost for non-members is \$2,800, which includes one year of membership (\$600).



Graves in the Kulanu interfaith section are sold in lots of two, at a total cost of \$4,400 for members. The cost for non-members is \$7,600 for a lot of two, which includes one year of family membership (\$1,200).

Please contact **Jay Trilling** of Menorah Cemetery Management Corporation, at (857) 636-9440 for further information. —Jim Baron, Cemetery Committee Chair

News from the Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee is pleased to announce the establishment of the **Event Participation Fund** with board approval. This Fund will ensure that all members of the TBI community can attend Shabbat and holiday meals and other TBI events, regardless of their ability to pay a fee. Please see the article on page 6 for a full explanation. We have already received an anonymous donation to help our members attend future dinners and events, and welcome your contributions.

Our partner agencies appreciate greatly your generous donations. The Community Day Center has requested the following donations as the cold weather is here. Needs are men's gloves, hats and scarves; men and women's gently used boots, coats and jackets; individual sized wet wipes and body, foot and hand warmers. We continue to collect books for More Than Words and coats for Africano. All drop off bins are in our lobby.

Thank you in advance for all the contributions.

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Co-Chairs, Social Justice Committee



Mark's Remarks

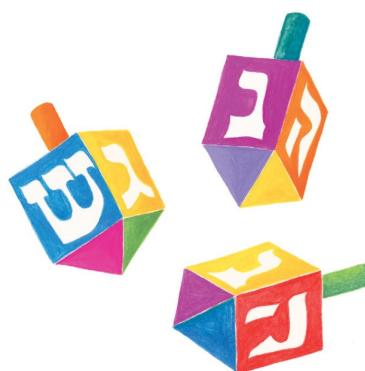
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area for dreidel spinning. It's offered by the Major League Dreidel organization – yes there was such a thing – which until recently sponsored an annual spinning tournament.

The dreidel is based on European four-sided spinning top called a totum, first played in the 1500s. Since then, many interpretations have given meaning to the dreidel as a symbol of Hanukkah.

According to a story of Eastern European origin, Jews played with the dreidel to hide from the Greeks that they were studying Torah, which had been outlawed. We play dreidel today on Hanukkah as they did.

Other explanations add meaning to the Hebrew letters on its four sides. The four Hebrew letters form the acronym Nes Gadol Hayah Sham (A great miracle happened there). And in Israel, the letters on the sides of the dreidel are Nes Gadol Hayah Po (a great miracle happened here.) I don't know how the Pei translates into the game play. Perhaps Pei stands for Pay, and everyone contributes to the pot. This explanation of the letters of the dreidel will impress history buffs. An article on myjewishlearning.com suggests that the letters



N, G, H, and S represent the four kingdoms that tried to destroy the Jewish people in ancient times: Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon); Haman (Persia), Gog (Greece), and Seir (Rome). Yet another interpretation suggests that the letters refer to the four components of a human being: Nefesh (soul), Guf (body), Sekhel (mind), and these together make up Hakol (everything). For gematria fans, the letters N, G, H, S add up to 358, the same as the Hebrew for Moshiach (Messiah).

Kabbalists notice that the dreidel is square on the top, and circular on the bottom, representing the logic of the ancient Greeks at the top, and the presence of the Holy One at the bottom when all four sides come together at a singular point at the bottom. As stated in an article on inner.org, "The round contours revealed by the dreidel when it spins represent the realm of the Divine, which manifests as miracles —events that cannot be understood, and sometimes even perceived—by the rational human mind."

Spinning the dreidel represents hiding, history, and hope. It shows how the Jewish people has evolved and can be a reminder of how our own synagogue in Waltham continues to evolve. Like the dreidel, Temple Beth Israel spins in a spiral, always connected to our past, but making a wider circle to include all who enter.

Children's Services



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 10-12. 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 TBI office at (781) 894-5146.

Future Dates: Jan. 4, Feb. 8, Mar. 7, Apr. 4 and May 2

Shabbat Evening Services and Dinners

Dec. 6	6:30 pm Services (no dinner) Come and share a melody or learn a few new ones.	
Dec. 20	6:30 PM Services at 6:30 pm, Dinner following Menu: Salmon Dinner (Vegetarian option by request) Cost for dinner is \$18 per adult, \$40 per family if paid by 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.	
Jan. 3 Jan. 17	January 3: Services at 6:30 pm, No Dinner January 17: Services at 6:30 pm, Dinner following	

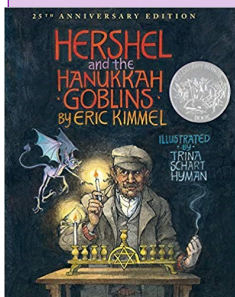
Brotherhood

An elite, but persevering group of the Brotherhood spent Sunday, November 10th at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem. Without question it was one of the most interesting trips we (the Brotherhood) have taken since our inception. Here are my thoughts on what we saw.

The two most outstanding exhibitions that were available were without a doubt two separate and distinct methods of what one sees in art. The differences in the methods only brought out the invisible goal the artist. One was purely photography and how one can skew and alter it to educate, amuse, provoke thinking and imagination, and allow the viewer to utter oohs and aahs for as many hours as they wish to view. The only criticism that I, as a viewer had, and it was solely my own, not others, was that she (the photographer) should have avoided labeling the photos, perhaps let the viewer call it as they see it, in other words, what they saw is what it was, maybe!

The second exhibit was equally as impressive, not only because of the display of talent we were facing, but the sheer monumental size of the paintings. We call them paintings not because they rank with the old European Masters, but because the artist knew the meaning of creation. He recognized that seeing colors vaporize and fly out to you at the same time was an experience for any human being, and with the ego one must have to be an artist, he called different colors different names. I am thinking he couldn't foresee old folks like us knowing that black was black no matter what he called it, but that was just a minor annoyance. Everything else, the lack of subject matter or the interpretation of what we were seeing is rightfully called Modern Art. You, the viewer, see the colors and the shapes and you the viewer determine what you are looking at. Once again, my sole criticism was being distracted by the artist's labels.

TBI Bookshelf by Marilyn Racette



The days are growing shorter, the nights longer, and that means Hanukkah will soon be here! TBI is blessed with a wonderful selection of children's books, and one of my favorites is *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins* by Eric Kimmel, illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. Hershel of Ostropol is a well-loved hero/trickster of Jewish folklore. In this tale he stops at a small village on the first night of Hanukkah, looking forward to light, warmth, merry songs, and platters of golden latkes. But the village is dark and silent. Goblins haunt the synagogue on the top of the hill, explain the villagers, and the goblins hate Hanukkah. Hershel knows he must do something to help the villagers. To find out what he does, look for this wonderful book in our children's book collection, housed in the family room. It is a treat for young and old alike.

Rabbi's Reflections

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tov, Hava! I look forward to welcoming you back to Temple Beth Israel and hearing you chant and share your Torah interpretations again soon.

Tali Icekson celebrated becoming *bat mitzvah* on November 2nd, when we read *parashat Noach*. While Tali had studied at a Chabad religious school and at BJEP (Boston-area Jewish Education Project), she was the main motivating force behind her own *bat mitzvah* experience. A *bat mitzvah* was uncharted territory for Tali's parents, Ariella Frank and Daniel Icekson -- especially for Daniel, who grew up secular in Chile and in Israel. At Tali's initiative, her parents and her sister Maya opened their lives to Jewish communal celebration at TBI. Tali celebrated with her parents and her sister, her Saba (Hebrew for grandfather), her grandfather and his wife, her uncle, cousins, and other beloved family members and friends (and with her pets, in absentia!). As Tali's *bat mitzvah* tutor, I was always impressed with her sunny disposition, her outstanding musical talent, and her ardent desire to celebrate becoming *bat mitzvah*. *Mazal tov*, Tali! We look forward to being in continued community with you.

The first *bnei mitzvah* in this consecutive sequence of three was on October 26th, *Shabbat Bereishit*. It was the *bar mitzvah* of Devin Shmueli, one of Temple Beth Israel's most devoted new members. As an adult *bar mitzvah*, Devin's celebration gives us all an opportunity to learn a very beautiful lesson: we can celebrate our Judaism at any age! Any one of us can celebrate by setting some learning goals -- chanting a few verses of Torah/ Haftarah or preparing a sermon/*dvar Torah* -- inviting loved ones, and then sharing our learning at a *simchah*. Devin embraced his Judaism by leading the Torah service, chanting several verses of Torah, and by preparing and delivering an inspiring *dvar* about the creation of light and being created in the image of God. When it comes to sermonizing, Devin is a real pro. In Torah chanting,

he was tutored by his housemate, friend, and TBI member, almost-rabbi Sarah Noyovitz. Devin celebrated with his mother, his step-father, his aunt and uncle, and with other loved ones and friends. *Mazal tov*, Devin! Thank you for sharing your *simchah* with Temple Beth Israel. We'll see you next *Shabbes*!

Some of our members know this lesson of celebration well. Catherine Cantrell, Esther Keaney, and Genevieve Fosa just celebrated the anniversary of their adult *b'not mitzvah* last week on *Shabbat Hayyei Sarah*. When one person celebrates their Judaism in community, we all get to celebrate and share in the joy. If you are interested in setting some learning goals and planning a *bar/bat mitzvah* or other *simchah*, please don't hesitate to be in touch. Everyone deserves to celebrate their learning, and everyone deserves to be celebrated.

And what better month to convey this message of celebrating learning than the Hebrew month of Kislev? In Kislev, we celebrate Hanukkah, which comes from a Hebrew root meaning "to dedicate" or "to educate." As the Book of Proverbs says, "*Chanokh la'na'ar lefi darko*," "educate the child according to their way." May we all find ways to nurture our inner children and to continue pursuing our Jewish education.

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Sermon Topics

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

New for December, listed below are the Rabbi's sermon topics.

Dec 7	<i>Vayetzei</i>	Human Rights
Dec 14	<i>Vayishlach</i>	Struggling with God
Dec 21	<i>Vayeshev</i>	Brothers & Sisters
Dec 28	<i>Miketz</i>	[Congregant Dvar Torah]

Office Transitions

By: Mark Frydenberg

Our office manager, **Andrea Baron**, notified me back in September that she and Jim plan to spend the winter months in Florida. The winter is now here, and Andrea's last day in the office is December 6th. She plans to return by the end of March. Please welcome **Estela Aviles** who will be our temporary office manager during Andrea's absence. Estela comes to us from Qlik, a software company in Newton, where she has worked as an administrative assistant. Estela grew up in the neighborhood of Harvard Street before moving to North Waltham, where she currently resides. She will start on December 16th. Her office hours will be 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Thanks to Marilyn Racette, Susan Baron, and Erika Cohen for covering the office during the week before Estela begins. The office will be closed between December 25 and January 1.

Please join me in welcoming Estela when she arrives, and in wishing Andrea and Jim a warm winter in Florida.

New: *Event Participation Fund*

TBI wants to ensure that all members of our community can attend Shabbat and Holiday meals and other TBI events. The newly created **Event Participation Fund** will make this possible.

Our Friday Night Dinner and Service has a standard fee of:

\$ 18 / individual

\$ 40 / family

When you register online, you will have the option of paying the standard amount or of privately choosing "other amount" to pay whatever you can (starting at \$5). If you register by mail or in person, simply note that it is an "other amount" for the event, on your check.

If you are able to pay more than the standard fee, you may use the "other amount" category and we will apply the excess to the Event Participation Fund.

This effort has been graciously funded, but if at any time it lacks sufficient funds this will be indicated on the registration page; only standard fees or above will be accepted at such a time.

Thank you for making it possible for everyone to attend our events.



Lighting Hanukkah Candles



The hanukkiyah, or Hanukkah menorah, holds nine candles: one candle for each of the eight nights of Hanukkah, and the shamash. Use the shamash to light the other candles in your hanukkiyah. When placing candles in your hanukkiyah, first place the shamash in its holder, which usually is higher or lower than the other candles. Then place the first candle in the far-right holder. Add one candle for each night, filling the hanukkiyah from right to left. When lighting the candles, first light the shamash and then use it to light the other candles from left to right, so that you always light the newest candle first.

Hanukkah begins on the evening of Sunday, December 22nd. On the first night, recite all three blessings. On the remaining nights, recite only the first two blessings. On Shabbat, light Hanukkah candles before lighting Shabbat candles.

ברוך אתה ה', אלהינו מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו, וצונו
להדליק נר של חנוכה. Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu
l'hadlik neir shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, instilling in us the holiness of mitzvot by commanding us to light the lights of Hanukkah.

ברוך אתה ה', אלהינו מלך העולם,
שעשה נסים לאבותינו,
בימים ההם ובזמן הזה. Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam,
she-asah nisim la-avoteinu,
ba-yamim ha-heim u-va-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are you Adonai our God, who rules the universe, accomplishing miracles for our ancestors from ancient days until our time.

On the first night only:

ברוך אתה ה', אלהינו מלך העולם,
שהחיינו וקיימנו והגענו לזמן הזה. Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam,
she-heheyenu v'kiy'manu v'higi'anu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, granting us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day.








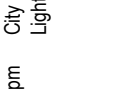

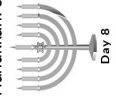


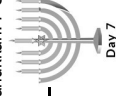
Hanukkah Candle Lighting With the Mayor at City Hall








Join Temple Beth Israel and Waltham's Mayor, Jeanette McCarthy on **Thursday, December 26th at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.**

We will be lighting the candles for the fifth day of Hanukkah.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7:00 am Morning Minyan	3	4 11:00 am Torah Study	5 7:00 am Morning Minyan	6 3:53 pm 6:30 pm Candle lighting Friday Night Service 	7 Parashat Vayetzei Shabbat Morning Services Shabbat Ends 9:00 am 5:23 pm
8	9 7:00 am Morning Minyan	10	11 7:00 pm Talmud Study	12 7:00 am Morning Minyan	13 3:53 pm Candle lighting 	14 Parashat Vayishlach Shabbat Morning Services Haydalah Program Shabbat Ends 9:00 am 4:30 pm 5:24 pm
15	16 7:00 am Morning Minyan	17	18	19 7:00 am Morning Minyan	20 3:56 pm 6:30 pm Candle lighting Friday Night Service and Dinner 	21 Bob Macauley sponsored Kiddush Parashat Vayeshev Shabbat Morning Services Shabbat Ends 9:00 am 5:26 pm
22 5:27 pm Hanukkah: 1 Candle 	23 7:00 am 5:27 pm Morning Minyan Hanukkah: 2 Candles 	24 5:28 pm Hanukkah: 3 Candles 	25 Christmas Day Hanukkah: 4 Candles 	26 7:00 am 5:29 pm 6:00 pm Morning Minyan Hanukkah: 5 Candles City Hall Candle Lighting 	27 4:00 pm 4:00 pm Hanukkah: 6 Candles Candle lighting 	28 Sylvia Hobbs sponsored Kiddush Parashat Miketz Rosh Chodesh Tevet Shabbat Morning Services Hanukkah: 7 Candles 9:00 am 5:31 pm
29 5:31 pm Rosh Chodesh Tevet Hanukkah: 8 Candles 	30 7:00 am Hanukkah: 8th Day Morning Minyan	31 New Year's Eve 	1	2 7:00 am Morning Minyan	3 	4 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day 	2 7:00 am Morning Minyan	3 4:06 pm 6:30 pm Candle lighting Friday Night Service 	4 9:00 am 5:37 pm Parashat Vayigash Shabbat Morning Services Shabbat Ends
5	6 7:00 am Morning Minyan	7 7:15 pm Asara B'Tevet Board Meeting 	8 11:00 am Torah Study	9 7:00 am Morning Minyan	10 4:13 pm Candle lighting 	11 Mark Frydenberg sponsored kiddush Parashat Vayechi 9:00 am 5:00 pm 5:44 pm Shabbat Morning Services Havdalah Program Shabbat Ends
12	13 7:00 am Morning Minyan	14	15 7:00 pm Talmud Study	16 7:00 am Morning Minyan	17 4:21 pm 6:30 pm Candle lighting Friday Night Service and Dinner 	18 Parashat Shemot Shabbat Morning Services Shabbat Ends
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 7:00 am Morning Minyan	21	22	23 7:00 am Morning Minyan	24 4:30 pm Candle lighting 	25 Parashat Vaera Shabbat Morning Services Shabbat Ends
26	27 Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat 7:00 am Morning Minyan	28	29	30 7:00 am Morning Minyan	31 4:39 pm Candle lighting 	



December Yahrzeits

Eva Baron	Kislev 03	1-Dec
Bessie Griff	Kislev 05	3-Dec
Betty Taubman	Kislev 05	3-Dec
Morris Goodman	Kislev 05	3-Dec
Mildred Perlmuter	Kislev 06	4-Dec
John F. Kennedy	Kislev 06	4-Dec
Samuel Orovitz	Kislev 06	4-Dec
Ethel Fichtelberg	Kislev 06	4-Dec
Nathan Weiner	Kislev 07	5-Dec
Abraham Sheckman	Kislev 07	5-Dec
Margret Fassberg	Kislev 07	5-Dec
Roz Stanton	Kislev 07	5-Dec
Ella Blauer	Kislev 08	6-Dec
Helen Norman	Kislev 08	6-Dec
Arnie Kaufman	Kislev 08	6-Dec
Jenny Weitzenberg	Kislev 08	6-Dec
Milton Portnov	Kislev 09	7-Dec
Sylvia Moldoff	Kislev 09	7-Dec
Eileen Moses	Kislev 09	7-Dec
Blanche Weinstein	Kislev 10	8-Dec
Abraham Werblin	Kislev 10	8-Dec
Max Canter	Kislev 11	9-Dec
Edward Rosenberg	Kislev 11	9-Dec
Miriam Goldman	Kislev 11	9-Dec
Alexander Abraham	Kislev 11	9-Dec
Blanche Kaufman	Kislev 11	9-Dec
Donald Marc Merowitz	Kislev 11	9-Dec
Barney Geller	Kislev 12	10-Dec
Joseph Finstein	Kislev 12	10-Dec
Simon Greenberg	Kislev 12	10-Dec
Henry Milesky	Kislev 13	11-Dec
Mollie Fine	Kislev 13	11-Dec
Rose Bloom	Kislev 13	11-Dec
Becky Mankowich	Kislev 14	12-Dec
Louis Gould	Kislev 14	12-Dec
Bernice Mayrent	Kislev 15	13-Dec
Benjamin Caplan	Kislev 15	13-Dec
Jacob Mankowich	Kislev 15	13-Dec
Rose Grater	Kislev 15	13-Dec
Bella Weiner	Kislev 15	13-Dec
Abraham Ginsburg	Kislev 15	13-Dec
Mary Rosenfeld	Kislev 16	14-Dec
Meyer Rosenfeld	Kislev 16	14-Dec
Lipman Simmons	Kislev 16	14-Dec
Elaine Kaplan	Kislev 17	15-Dec
Sadye Leyton	Kislev 17	15-Dec
Lana Blackstone	Kislev 17	15-Dec
Jennie Fine	Kislev 18	16-Dec
Sadie Kaitz	Kislev 18	16-Dec
Jack Marcou	Kislev 18	16-Dec

Morris Bootin	Kislev 18	16-Dec
Paul Meyerovitz	Kislev 19	17-Dec
Tillie Klayman	Kislev 19	17-Dec
Samuel Blackstone	Kislev 19	17-Dec
Shiphrah Goldberg	Kislev 19	17-Dec
Eva Rebecca Tauber	Kislev 20	18-Dec
Sarah Harris	Kislev 20	18-Dec
Philip Leavy	Kislev 20	18-Dec
Edward Rubin	Kislev 21	19-Dec
Ida Canter	Kislev 22	20-Dec
Rhoda Abramson	Kislev 23	21-Dec
Anita Israel	Kislev 23	21-Dec
Rebecca Sechter	Kislev 23	21-Dec
Bertha Lebowitz	Kislev 23	21-Dec
Harry Cotton	Kislev 24	22-Dec
Dr. Ludwig Kubin	Kislev 24	22-Dec
Ida Mendelson	Kislev 25	23-Dec
Charles Mendelsohn	Kislev 25	23-Dec
Charles Goldstein	Kislev 25	23-Dec
Dr. Joseph Jacobs	Kislev 27	25-Dec
Dora Posner	Kislev 28	26-Dec
Jennie Elkins	Kislev 28	26-Dec
Louis Sheer	Kislev 28	26-Dec

Carl Simon	Kislev 29	27-Dec
Joseph Berman	Kislev 29	27-Dec
Chana Chosed	Kislev 29	27-Dec
Faye Chorney	Kislev 29	27-Dec
Benjamin Greene	Kislev 30	28-Dec
Leah Freedman	Kislev 30	28-Dec
Blume Pill	Kislev 30	28-Dec
Aaron Wolk	Tevet 01	29-Dec
Simon Canter	Tevet 01	29-Dec
Arthur S. Friedman	Tevet 01	29-Dec
Marcus Bern	Tevet 02	30-Dec
Hella Hakerem	Tevet 02	30-Dec
Hugh Greenblott	Tevet 02	30-Dec
Ethel Potash	Tevet 02	30-Dec
Alan Goldberg	Tevet 02	30-Dec
Joseph Drapkin	Tevet 02	30-Dec
Samuel Horenstein	Tevet 02	30-Dec
Isadore Ingber	Tevet 02	30-Dec
Shlome P. Freedman	Tevet 03	31-Dec

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 two days in advance.

- ◆ **James Baron**, Dec 1, in memory of his grandmother, Eva Baron
- ◆ **Merrill Griff**, Dec 3, in memory of his mother, Bessie Griff
- ◆ **Martin Taubman**, Dec 3, in memory of his mother, Betty Taubman
- ◆ **Frank Orovitz**, Dec 4, in memory of his Samuel Orovitz
- ◆ **Marilyn Racette**, Dec 4, in memory of his mother, Ethel Fichtelberg
- ◆ **Jill Stanton**, Dec 5, in memory of her mother, Roz Stanton
- ◆ **Janice Goldstein**, Dec 6, in memory of her mother, Ella Blauer
- ◆ **Beverly Kaplan**, Dec 7, in memory of her mother, Sylvia Moldoff
- ◆ **Janet Moses**, Dec 7, in memory of her sister, Eileen Moses
- ◆ **Ed and David Kaufman**, Dec 9, in memory of Blanche Kaufman
- ◆ **Sherry Mayrent**, Dec 13, in memory of her mother, Bernice Mayrent
- ◆ **Robert Kaitz**, Dec 16, in memory of his great - grandmother, Sadie Kaitz
- ◆ **Robert Marcou**, Dec 16, in memory of his father, Jack Marcou
- ◆ **Andrea Baron**, Dec 21, in memory of her mother, Rhoda Abramson
- ◆ **Robert Macauley**, Dec 21, in memory of his wife, Anita Israel
- ◆ **Richard Goldberg**, Dec 21, in memory of his grandmother, Rebecca Sechter
- ◆ **Irving and Sheila Lesnick**, Dec 27, in memory of Faye Chorney
- ◆ **Alan Levine**, Dec 28, in memory of his grandfather, Benjamin Greene
- ◆ **Joan Friedman**, Dec 29, in memory of his father, Arthur Friedman
- ◆ **Gita Hakerem Foster**, Dec 30, in memory of her mother, Hella Hakerem



Mary Bloom	Tevet 04	1-Jan	Newell Goldberg	Tevet 22	19-Jan
Sarah Feingold	Tevet 04	1-Jan	Aaron Tushin	Tevet 22	19-Jan
Milton Blackman	Tevet 04	1-Jan	Frank Rosenburg	Tevet 23	20-Jan
Sam Schectman	Tevet 04	1-Jan	Samuel Gordon	Tevet 23	20-Jan
Ralla Blackstone	Tevet 05	2-Jan	Sarah R. Greene	Tevet 24	21-Jan
Beverly Fine	Tevet 06	3-Jan	Harry Levison	Tevet 24	21-Jan
Marilyn Mallick	Tevet 06	3-Jan	Nathan and		
Philip Shriberg	Tevet 06	3-Jan	Rae Sudhalter	Tevet 24	21-Jan
Howard Kaplan	Tevet 06	3-Jan	Abraham Kennen	Tevet 24	21-Jan
Morris Hollender	Tevet 08	5-Jan	Samuel Cron	Tevet 24	21-Jan
Morris Rothman	Tevet 08	5-Jan	Nathan Goldstein	Tevet 25	22-Jan
Gail Tushin	Tevet 09	6-Jan	Rose Tatelman	Tevet 26	23-Jan
Hannah Handel	Tevet 09	6-Jan	Caryl Goldstein	Tevet 27	24-Jan
Michael S. Laufer	Tevet 10	7-Jan	Dr.M.Bloomenthal	Tevet 29	26-Jan
Sadie Cumenes	Tevet 10	7-Jan			
James H. Seilers	Tevet 10	7-Jan			
Daniel Wolk	Tevet 10	7-Jan			
Rudy Seigler	Tevet 11	8-Jan			
Jennie Sulkin	Tevet 11	8-Jan			
Harry Rosenthal	Tevet 12	9-Jan			
Ida Hollicker	Tevet 13	10-Jan			
Nafthali Shapiro	Tevet 14	11-Jan			
Joseph Sherman	Tevet 14	11-Jan			
Jerry Resnikoff	Tevet 14	11-Jan			
Harriet Lietzky	Tevet 14	11-Jan			
Dolores Simon	Tevet 15	12-Jan			
Archie Sudhalter	Tevet 16	13-Jan			
Harry Kniznik	Tevet 17	14-Jan			
Steven Cantrell	Tevet 18	15-Jan			
Richard Cotton	Tevet 18	15-Jan			
Bertha Creveshay	Tevet 18	15-Jan			
Dora Geller	Tevet 18	15-Jan			
Abraham Alper	Tevet 19	16-Jan			
Irving Etkind	Tevet 19	16-Jan			
Eva Wolf	Tevet 19	16-Jan			
Harris Posner	Tevet 19	16-Jan			
Betty Ullman	Tevet 20	17-Jan			
Harold Levison	Tevet 20	17-Jan			
Joseph Pill	Tevet 22	19-Jan			

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.



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 two days in advance.

- ◆ **Irving Malick**, Jan 3, in memory of his wife, Marilyn Malick
- ◆ **Don Kaplan and Ed Kaplan**, Jan 3, in memory of their brother, Howard Kaplan
- ◆ **Amy Rothman**, Jan 5, in memory of her uncle, Morris Rothman
- ◆ **Ellie Handel**, Jan 6, in memory of her mother, Hannah Handel
- ◆ **Pam Laufer**, Jan 7, in memory of her husband, Michael Laufer
- ◆ **Zachary Roe**, Jan 7, in memory of his grandfather, James Herbert Seilers
- ◆ **Catherine Cantrell**, Jan 15, in memory of her son, Steven Cantrell
- ◆ **Carole Cotton**, Jan 15, in memory of her husband, Richard Cotton
- ◆ **Lillian Etkind**, Jan 16, in memory of her husband, Irving Etkind
- ◆ **Miriam Chernoff**, Jan 17, in memory of her aunt, Betty Ullman
- ◆ **Bonnie Gordon**, Jan 20, in memory of her father, Samuel Gordon
- ◆ **Alan Levine**, Jan 21, in memory of his grandmother, Sarah Rachel Greene
- ◆ **Steven Kennen**, Jan 21, in memory of his father, Abraham Kennen
- ◆ **Stanley Goldstein**, Jan 24, in memory of his mother, Caryl Goldstein

Study Groups with Rabbi David

Torah Study Group: The Universal Human Story

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

at Temple Beth Israel

January 8, February 5, March 4, May 6, June 3



After several months focusing on the Garden of Eden story in Genesis chapters 2 and 3, this Torah Study Group now continues with the rest of the universal human story, contained in Genesis chapters 4-11. With help from *The Beginning of Wisdom* by Leon R. Kass, and from classical and modern midrash, we will study the stories of Cain, Seth, Noah, and the Tower of Babel. Our main question: How does the Torah's telling of these stories help us conduct lives of righteousness, kindness, and holiness today?

Talmud Study Group: The Most Significant Talmudic Discussions

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

Temple Beth Israel

December 11, January 15, February 12, March 11,
April 1, May 13, June 10



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.

Learn to Make Challah!



Sunday, December 15, 10AM - 1:00 PM

Hosted at Dina and Brad's home*

Basics and variations; your own challah to take home; plus plenty of snacks and schmoozing

COST: \$5.00 per person

Pre-registration by December 12 Required

Space limited to first 10 registered

**To register, call TBI @ 781-894-5146*

Registrants will receive location details

Hanukkah Celebration: From Latkes to Lights at TBI

Wednesday, December 25th, 2 to 5 pm

Join us for an afternoon of latkes and lights, games, and music. Bring your menorah and candles to light.

Cost \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Please contact the Temple office to sign up.

Pre-registration is encouraged !



Candle Lighting with the Mayor at City Hall

**Thursday, December 26th at
6:00pm**



Join Temple Beth Israel and Waltham's Mayor, Jeanette McCarthy on in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

4:30 pm–10:00 pm

At the Museum of Fine Arts

465 Huntington Avenue

Boston, Massachusetts 02115

617-267-9300



Free admission begins at 4 pm; all Hanukkah events are free.

Come together for an evening of art, music, and activities in celebration of Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights. Immerse yourself in history and tradition with a tour of the MFA's Judaica collection, catch an array of musical performances by artists from around the world, and view a one-of-a-kind menorah created by a local artist before participating in a community gathering.

At TBI carpool is being organized by Paul Smith. Contact him by phone at 617-999-8448 or email paul_smith135@aol.com

Chesed/Caring Committee Community Conversation

**Sunday February 16th
from 10:00am to 12:00pm**



Devin Shmueli, member of the Chesed/Caring Committee, will be guiding us in a community conversation on Sunday, February 16th from 10:00 to 12:00. During this community conversation, we will explore the ways that we as members and friends of Temple Beth Israel can deepen our work as a community of chesed.

We will discuss what it is that the community does in and for our congregation, celebrate the work that is going well, and name what we hope to see in the future. In our conversation together, we will also consider what we have in terms of resources and assets to make sure that we have reasonable expectations around the Chesed/Caring work within our community. We are all responsible for one another, ensuring that our community is one of caring.

Thank You

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- David Saltzberg
- Steven Zieff
- Jordan Kriedberg
- Sylvia Hobbs
- Arlene Wexler

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- Toni Wolfman

Shabbat Lunch

Sponsors

- **Robert Macauley - Dec 21**, in memory of his wife, Anita Israel
- **Sylvia Hobbs - Dec 28**
- **Mark Frydenberg - Jan 11**, in honor of his Bar Mitzvah Anniversary

Sharing a light lunch after services each week strengthens and creates community. \$150 sponsors one Shabbat lunch for 35 to 40 people, Contact the office to reserve your week today!

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
- Elie Perr
- Jacob Smith
- Phyllis Werlin
- Caroline Nudelman
- Bruce Trager
- Mark Frydenberg
- Catherine Cantrell
- Zachary Roe
- Alan Levine
- Yaron Shragai
- Susan Holbert
- Tali Ickson
- Chava Shenkman

Please email readtorah@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.

Security Update

Temple Beth Israel has installed a new security system. A keypad at the front door allows us greater control over who can enter our building. During office hours, please ring the outside doorbell and Andrea will buzz you in.

During services and special events, we will unlock the front doors and a Temple member will greet anyone coming in. If you are willing to be one of our greeters at Friday night or Saturday morning services or other events, please contact

Marilyn Racette at marilynracette@gmail.com. This is a new experience for all of us; thank you for your help in adjusting to it.

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For your convenience, please use this form to make your donations and send to: Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA 02453. You may also donate online at <http://tbiwaltham.org/donate>. The minimum donation amount is \$10. Please add additional information on another sheet.

Attached is my donation check in the amount of \$ _____. Please allocate it to the following funds.

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December Highlights — Mark Your Calendar

6	Shabbat Services, 6:30 pm No Dinner
15	Challah Baking
20	Shabbat Services, 6:30 pm with Dinner
25	Latkes and Lights at TBI
26	Menorah Lighting at City Hall, 6pm

Morning Service Times

Monday and Thursday, 7 am

Shabbat Morning, 9 am

Please contact the Temple Office
in advance if you would like help
arranging a minyan because you
are saying Kaddish.

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