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Rabbi's Reflections - Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month By: Rabbi David Finkelstein



Did you know that February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month (JDAIM)? It's always a good time to listen to those who have been marginalized. It's

always a good time to listen to people who live with disability. But, like the Days of Awe and the value of *teshuvah*, JDAIM reminds us of the importance of hearing all voices all year round. In observance of JDAIM, and with the help of new TBI member Penina Weinberg, I have been reading and listening to the work

of Jewish disability activists. In her Eli Talk (basically a Jewish Ted Talk), ["We Were All at Sinai: The Transformative Power of Inclusive Torah,"](#) Rabbi Lauren Tuchman, who is blind, tells the following story from the Talmud, Tractate Chagigah 5b:

Two rabbis were walking along the road. When they arrived at a certain city, they asked a local man whether the city had a Torah scholar in it. The local responded, "Yes, we do have a Torah scholar. But he is blind." One of the rabbis said to the other, "It is beneath your dignity to visit

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Mark's Remarks- It's All About the Food

By: Mark Frydenberg

I want to alert you about ways you can eat with us at Temple Beth Israel during the upcoming months.



If you like eating fruits and nuts, Tu b'Shvat is your holiday. We will hold a **Tu b'Shvat seder at Shabbat lunch on Saturday, February 8th following services**, around noon.

On **Friday, February 21** please come for Kabbalat Shabbat services and dinner. Hankus Netsky will lead a "fish" – an evening of singing melodies of the Hollender family. Mr. Hollender, who was born in Upper Remety in the Carpathian Mountains of the Czech Republic, was a Holocaust survivor who later

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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.

News from the Social Justice Committee

Thank you to all who have donated to one of our partner organizations. The Community Day Center still needs winter coats/jackets for new clients, as well as, other warm clothing, hats, gloves and boots. There is also a need for new women's underwear. Africano also needs winter coats/jackets, especially for women and teenagers. More Than Words is always looking for more books.

Save the date: On Sunday, May 3, 2020 the Social Justice Committee will hold a Community Conversation entitled Faces of our Families. More information to follow.

Thank you in advance for all the contributions.

Linda Ungerleider

Dina Baker

Co-Chairs, Social Justice Committee



Yellow Candle Program Update

We will be distributing Yellow candles for Yom HaShoah to all members again this year. Yours should arrive by mail at the beginning of April. Your contribution supports our Yom HaShoah educational program.



Mark's Remarks

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relocated with his wife Edith to Waltham. He was a prayer leader and Torah reader at Temple Beth Israel for more than 30 years. He died in 2014. For the past several years in February or March (to coincide with his birthday, which was in February), Hankus Netsky has led this special evening in his memory. We will sing "Yedn Fritik Tsunakht" (Every Friday night), a song by his brother Shuli Hollender, learn a melody for L'cho Doydee and other zemiros (songs). The dinner that evening will have a special Eastern European theme.



We'll be serving pizza before our Purim celebration on **Monday, March 9th**. Have a triangular slice of pizza, hamantaschen, and other triangular snacks, and stay for

the annual megillah reading and slide show.

Later in March, we will take our Shabbat service and dinner down the road, to join the Brandeis Masorti minyan for Shabbat. Join us on **March 20th** as we spend Shabbat evening with Eli, Jacob, and other Brandeis

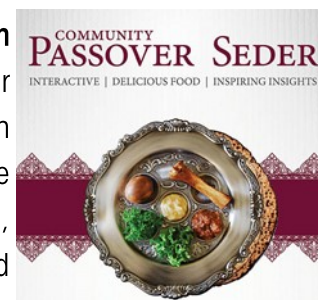
students who often come to us for Shabbat at TBI. You'll need to sign up online with Brandeis for dinner or send your payment to the TBI office and we can sign up for you ahead of time. See the details in this bulletin.



Please come to show your support for our friends at Brandeis who have invited us to join them for services and dinner.

In April, TBI will be hosting a **first-night Passover Seder on Wednesday April 8**. Mark your

calendar for that and plan to join us. If you'd like to help plan the seder, go shopping beforehand, or help with setting tables, food preparation, or volunteer in other ways, please call the Temple office now! The flyer will be in the March bulletin.



For more eating opportunities, please come to services or **sponsor a Shabbat lunch on Saturdays** or **come to morning minyan every Monday or Thursday at 7 am**, and you can have a bagel afterward.



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

Shabbat Evening Services and Dinners

Feb. 7	6:30 pm Services (no dinner)	
Feb. 21	<p>TISH WITH HANKUS NETSKY 6:30 PM</p> <p>Services at 6:30 pm, Dinner and Program following</p> <p>Menu: Stuffed Cabbage (Eastern Europe theme)</p> <p>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. Let us know of any dietary restrictions; we will do our best to accommodate.</p>	
Mar. 6 Mar. 20	<p>March 6: Services at 6:30 pm, No Dinner</p> <p>March 20: Services at 6:30 pm and Dinner following at Brandeis with Eli, Jacob, and the Masorti Minyan. You must sign up online to reserve your place. Click here to sign up. (Link to http://bit.ly/shabbat-dinner-brandeis)</p> <p>Cost is \$15.25 per person. If you don't have internet access, send your payment to the TBI office by March 15 and we will sign you up.</p>	

Upcoming Events

- **Yellow Candles** will arrive in your mailboxes in March. Keep an eye!
- **Teen Meet Up** - March 1 11am-1pm
- **Purim** - March 9th at 6:30 pm (snack and kids program at 6)
- **Diana Korzenik** will talk about her book this Spring (date TBA)
- **Community Passover Seder** - Weds April 8 (First Night)
- **Yom HaShoah** program will be on May 1
- **Social Justice Committee** community conversation on May 3

TBI Bookshelf by Marilyn Racette

This month I'd like to tell you about a recent book by Sarah Hurwitz, **Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life—in Judaism (After Finally Choosing to Look There)**. The title almost says it all, but not quite. Hurwitz, formerly a head speechwriter for Michelle Obama, is a talented and entertaining wordsmith. This is a thoughtful guide to her journey from occasional temple goer to someone diving deeper into her heritage, and finding relevance, a rich variety of ideas, and wisdom for the 21st century. Recommended for anyone who has wrestled with feelings about their place in Judaism.



Rabbi's Reflections

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

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this blind Torah scholar. You stay here, and I will visit him without you." But the second rabbi refused: "No. We will visit him together." So both rabbis visited the Torah scholar, and at the end of their visit, the Torah scholar gave them a tremendous blessing. As the two rabbis took their leave of the city, the one rabbi said to the other, "If I had listened to you, I would have missed out on a truly great blessing!"

What blessings do we miss out on when we marginalize people? Do we assume that people who live with visible disabilities can make significant contributions to community, or do we assume the opposite? One of those rabbis in the Talmudic story seems to think that the Torah scholar's disability makes him less worthy than a seeing Torah scholar. This rabbi wants to accommodate the Torah scholar with a visit from one rabbi, but he does not want to celebrate him fully with a visit from both rabbis. We might wonder: Why is this rabbi so stingy? Is he perhaps preoccupied with his own dignity as a rabbi?

In her Eli Talk, referenced above, Rabbi Tuchman speaks about her own experiences being marginalized and othered: "When I'm studying a Braille siddur or a Braille tractate of Talmud in synagogue, people often come up to me and say, 'Is that Hebrew?' or 'Wow. That's so cool you can read that.' These comments feel othering, because the underlying message is that there is one correct way to access information, and then there are ways of accessing that are different or other. All ways of accessing information are valid."

I am so proud of Temple Beth Israel's efforts in the areas of accessibility and inclusion. Many people have praised us during the past year for our renovations, some of which make TBI a more accessible synagogue, for our welcoming efforts, for our large print siddurim, our usage of microphones, our spinners. We're definitely moving in the right

direction.

Rabbi Tuchman challenges us to commit even more deeply to the value of inclusion: "Disability is a natural part of human diversity. The knowledge that people gain from living with disability is valuable and culturally significant...All of us are learning, because no one is an expert on disability. We are all the individual experts on our own lives and experiences. Which means that when we do this sacred work, we have to enter it with a great deal of humility, a great deal of *anavah*. [We need to be] Deeply committed to helping folks who want to "do Jewish" as their full selves to have that opportunity."

Our inclusion work at TBI has opened our doors to many blessings that have benefitted and will benefit all of us. That being said, many blessings still haven't managed to reach us. What blessings are we missing out on? What new connections can we make to allow those blessings access to us? What new openings can we make so that all the voices of Temple Beth Israel and of Waltham's Jewish community can sing here?

May you feel connected to the land and the trees on Tu B'shvat!

May we all increase our joy in the coming month of Adar!

Rabbi David
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February Sermon Topics

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

Feb 1	<i>Parashat Bo</i>	Miracles
Feb 8	<i>Parashat Beshallach</i>	The Torah of Music
Feb 15	<i>Parashat Yitro</i>	Congregant D'var Torah
Feb 22	<i>Parashat Mishpatim</i>	Disability
Feb 29	<i>Parashat Terumah</i>	Susan Baron

Thank you to everyone that made Hanukkah happen at TBI in December.

Thank you to Sylvia Hobbs for providing the refreshments.

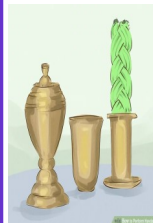


- Robert Tannenwald
- Pennie Weinberg

Havdalah Program

Join us as we end Shabbat together with a community

Havdalah service on
Saturday evening,
February 15th at
5:30 pm.



Calling All Teens PRE-PURIM TEEN MEETUP w/AKI

TBI members and friends ages 12-18 are invited to a Teen Meetup with Aki Yonekawa, TBI's youth educator, on **Sunday March 1st, 11:00am-1:00pm**. Aki will lead learning, activities, and preparing of a presentation for our Purim Megillah reading. Teens are encouraged to attend the Megillah Reading, too (bring the whole family!). The Megillah Reading will happen this year on Monday evening March 9th, starting at 7:00pm (kids activities begin at 6:00).

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

On our website when you sign up, you can choose to pay the standard single, two-person or family fee for Shabbat dinner or a lower amount. If you choose a lower amount, simply note "Event Participation Fund" in the explanation. The fee you choose remains private.

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 above the standard fee, we welcome you to do so and we will apply the excess to the Fund. This effort is well-funded, but if at any time it lacks funds we will allow only standard fees at that time.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Parashat Bo Shabbat Morning Services 9:00 am 6:10 pm Shabbat Ends
2	3 7:00 am Morning Minyan 7:15 pm Board Meeting 	4	5 11:00 am Torah Study 	6 7:00 am Morning Minyan	7 4:48 pm Candle lighting 6:30 pm Friday Night Service 	8 Parashat Beshalach Shabbat Morning Services 9:00 am 10:45 am Children's Services 12:00pm Tu B'shvat Seder 6:19 pm Shabbat Ends
9	10 7:00 am Tu B'Shvat Morning Minyan	11	12 7:00 pm Talmud Study 	13 7:00 am Morning Minyan	14 4:57 pm Valentine's Day Candle lighting 	15 Parashat Viro Shabbat Morning Services 9:00 am 5:30 pm Havdalah Program 6:28 pm Shabbat Ends
16 10:00 am Chesed Community Meeting 	17 7:00 am Presidents' Day (regional holiday) Morning Minyan	18	19	20 7:00 am Morning Minyan	21 5:06 pm Candle lighting 6:30 pm Friday Night Service and Dinner Tish w/ Hankus Netsky 	22 Parashat Mishpatim Shabbat Shekalim Shabbat Morning Services 9:00 am 6:37 pm Shabbat Ends
23	24 7:00 am Morning Minyan	25 Rosh Chodesh Adar	26 Rosh Chodesh Adar	27 7:00 am Morning Minyan	28 5:14 pm Candle lighting 	29 Parashat Terumah Shabbat Morning Services 9:00 am 6:46 pm Shabbat Ends

Lawrence Carni	Shvat 01	27-Jan
Sidney Tushin	Shvat 02	28-Jan
Esther Kniznik	Shvat 03	29-Jan
Pearl Portnov	Shvat 04	30-Jan
Sadie Shay	Shvat 04	30-Jan
Eleazer Weitzenberg	Shvat 04	30-Jan
Anita Kaitz	Shvat 05	31-Jan
Clara Loewy Lustig	Shvat 05	31-Jan
Lillian Wigod Stroum	Shvat 05	31-Jan
Richard Lustig	Shvat 06	1-Feb
Esther Weiner	Shvat 06	1-Feb
Louis Perlmutter	Shvat 06	1-Feb
Julius Handel	Shvat 07	2-Feb
Sylvia Kurtzman	Shvat 08	3-Feb
Benjamin Freeman	Shvat 08	3-Feb
Samuel Seskin	Shvat 08	3-Feb
Sarah Kennen	Shvat 09	4-Feb
Rubin Elkins	Shvat 09	4-Feb
Sophie Koocher	Shvat 09	4-Feb
Joshua Mikels Webb	Shvat 10	5-Feb
Charles Silver	Shvat 10	5-Feb
Joseph Benjamin	Shvat 10	5-Feb
Beril Novick	Shvat 12	7-Feb
Max Chernoff	Shvat 12	7-Feb
Morris Katz	Shvat 13	8-Feb
Molly Hauser	Shvat 13	8-Feb
Edythe Simon	Shvat 13	8-Feb
Bessie Goldberg	Shvat 13	8-Feb
Louis Kniznik	Shvat 13	8-Feb
Ilona Viltshchek	Shvat 14	9-Feb
David Rothman	Shvat 14	9-Feb
Rose Leavy	Shvat 14	9-Feb
Samuel Cutler	Shvat 14	9-Feb
Dinzie Cutler	Shvat 15	10-Feb
David Ullman	Shvat 16	11-Feb
Sarah Fischer	Shvat 16	11-Feb
Ida Chansky	Shvat 16	11-Feb
Harry Cohen	Shvat 17	12-Feb
Morton Ginsburg	Shvat 18	13-Feb
Joseph Milesky	Shvat 19	14-Feb
Jacob Rosenfield	Shvat 19	14-Feb
Sadie Krinsky	Shvat 19	14-Feb
Harry Kritzman	Shvat 19	14-Feb
Shirley Benjamin	Shvat 21	16-Feb
Monroe M. Frankel	Shvat 21	16-Feb
Saul Cohen	Shvat 21	16-Feb
Dora Dame	Shvat 22	17-Feb
Morris Freedman	Shvat 22	17-Feb
Gussie Kniznik	Shvat 23	18-Feb
Sam Bogan	Shvat 23	18-Feb
Samuel Wolk	Shvat 24	19-Feb
Jacob Koocher	Shvat 24	19-Feb
Renee Brown	Shvat 24	19-Feb
Solomon Harris	Shvat 25	20-Feb

Ida Kulin	Shvat 25	20-Feb
Maurry Furman	Shvat 26	21-Feb
William Becker	Shvat 26	21-Feb
Sadie Baron	Shvat 26	21-Feb
Sarah Mindel Freedman	Shvat 27	22-Feb
Sylvia Weinstein	Shvat 27	22-Feb
Louis Nochemsohn	Shvat 27	22-Feb
Irving Norman	Shvat 27	22-Feb
Florence Lipkin	Shvat 27	22-Feb
Dorothy Ullian	Shvat 27	22-Feb
Sarah Milesky	Shvat 27	22-Feb
Regina Greenbaum	Shvat 29	24-Feb
Mildred Rothbart	Shvat 29	24-Feb
Helen Rose Justice	Shvat 30	24-Feb
Abigail Decker	Adar1 01	26-Feb
Lillian Bloom	Adar1 01	26-Feb
Edward Baron	Adar1 01	26-Feb
Fannie Blackstone	Adar1 01	26-Feb
Jacob Krinsky	Adar1 03	28-Feb
Benson Griff	Adar1 04	29-Feb

Harry Canter	Adar1 04	29-Feb
Eva Rothman	Adar1 05	1-Mar
Saul G. Ginsburg	Adar1 05	1-Mar
Vittal Crevoshay	Adar1 05	1-Mar
Ruth Gordon	Adar1 06	2-Mar
Philip Rosenfield	Adar1 06	2-Mar
Jacob Shay	Adar1 06	2-Mar
Maurice Katz	Adar1 06	2-Mar

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.

- ◆ **Steven Kennen**, Jan 21, in memory of his father, Abraham Kennen
- ◆ **Stanley Goldstein**, Jan 24, in memory of his mother, Caryl Goldstein
- ◆ **Jill Carni**, Jan 27, in memory of her father, Lawrence Carni
- ◆ **Marilyn Racette**, Jan 30 in memory of her grandfather, Eleazer Weitzenberg
- ◆ **Robert Kaitz**, Jan 31 in memory of his aunt, Anita Kaitz
- ◆ **Elli Handel**, Feb 2 in memory of her father Julius Handel
- ◆ **Steven Kennen**, Jan 31, in memory of his mother, Sarah Kennen
- ◆ **Martin Koocher**, Feb 4, in memory of his sister, Sophie Koocher
- ◆ **Eric Benjamin**, Feb 5, in memory of his father Joseph Benjamin
- ◆ **Miriam Chernoff**, Feb 7, in memory of her grandfather, Max Chernoff
- ◆ **Erika Cohen**, Feb 9, in memory of her mother Bessie Goldberg
- ◆ **Amy Rothman**, Feb 9, in memory of her uncle David Rothman
- ◆ **Miriam Chernoff**, Feb 11, in memory of her grandfather, David Ullman
- ◆ **Eric Benjamin**, Feb 16, in memory of his mother, Shirley Benjamin
- ◆ **Barbara Camann**, Feb 16, in memory of her father, Saul Cohen
- ◆ **Martin Koocher**, Feb 19, in memory of his father, Jacob Koocher
- ◆ **Ed Brown and Julie Gagnon**, Feb 19, in memory of Renee Brown
- ◆ **Beth Cormier & Susan Furman**, Feb 21, in memory of their father Maurry Furman
- ◆ **Ed Kaufman**, Feb 22, in memory of his mother-in-law, Dorothy Ullian
- ◆ **Ben Nudelman**, Feb 24, in memory of his mother, Regina Greenbaum
- ◆ **Zachary Roe**, Feb 24, in memory of his grandmother, Helen Rose Justice
- ◆ **Miriam Chernoff**, Feb 26, in memory of her aunt, Lillian Bloom
- ◆ **Susan Baron**, Feb 26, in memory of her father, Edward Baron



Study Groups with Rabbi David

Torah Study Group: The Universal Human Story

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

at Temple Beth Israel

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

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.

Thank you to Mila Maystovsky and her son Ben, Sylvia Hobbs, and Joan Friedman who represented Temple Beth Israel by attending the "No Hate, No Fear" Solidarity March across the Brooklyn Bridge in Brooklyn, NY on Sunday January 5th.

"No Hate. No Fear." Solidarity March in NYC

BY: Mila Maystrovsky

"Why do I have to get up at 4:00 a.m. on a Sunday?" my teenage son inquired. We were preparing to travel to the "No Hate. No Fear." Solidarity March in New York City on Sunday, January 5. I explained to him that all Jewish people are responsible to help combat antisemitism. If we don't stand up for ourselves now, at a time when Jewish-Americans are targets of anti-Semitic attacks, then we can't expect others to stand up for us. Ultimately, marching to end hate and fear for Jewish-Americans and Jewish people is more important than sleep or our usual Sunday activities. That night my son and I prepared posters to take with us to the march. We wanted to counteract the message of hate with messages of love.

The most profound reason to march was the lesson from our collective history. We are charged to remember the 6 million Jewish people who vanished in the Holocaust and to unite against hate. Each of us have the right to light candles on Shabbat, to gather together in the synagogue, and to live in the communities we've built in this beautiful, free country without fearing that these spaces may be dangerous or targeted.

It was still dark when my son and I left our house to join others from the Boston area at the JCC. At 5:00 a.m. our bus left to bring us to the NYC "No Hate. No Fear." Solidarity March. When we reached New York we marched with the strong winds in our faces, holding the signs we had made the night before. As we walked over the 151-year-old Brooklyn Bridge, with more than 20,000 other people, we felt powerful, uplifted, and united against the recent acts of hate and fear.

The march ended with a rally at Columbus Park, where we heard loud and clear messages from our leaders: "Antisemitism is not created by Jewish people. They cannot be blamed for it, but they can stand up together against it. We are a big community where there is no place for hate and fear." My son and I were proud to represent our community and our synagogue at this historic event, and hope to continue spreading the message from the march of love and kindness so that we can prevail against hate and fear.



Thank You

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- **Jordan Kreidberg**
- **Arlene Wexler**
- **Lillian Etkind, in memory of her husband, Irving Etkind**
- **Martha Tolpin**
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- **Diana Korzenik**
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Shabbat Lunch

Sponsors

- **Ed Brown**
- **Sylvia Hobbs**
- **Susan Holbert**

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**
- **Cantor Ellen Band**
- **Elie Perr**
- **Jacob Smith**
- **Phyllis Werlin**
- **Caroline Nudelman**
- **Bruce Trager**
- **Mark Frydenberg**
- **Catherine Cantrell**
- **Zachary Roe**
- **Alan Levine**
- **Yaron Shragai**
- **Susan Holbert**

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. During office hours, please ring the outside doorbell or call the office from your mobile phone to be buzzed 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.

Membership Booklet Update

We will be printing a new edition of our membership directory this spring. If you would like to place an ad in the membership book, please contact Mila Maystrovsky (membership@tbiwaltham.org)

Prices are \$100/full page, \$50/half page/ \$25 quarter-page/business card.

Temple Beth Israel Donation Form

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.

_____ General Fund _____ Event Participation Fund _____ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
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Calendar Highlights You Don't Want To Miss!

7	Shabbat Services, 6:30 pm No Dinner
8	Tu Bishvat Seder after Shabbat Services 12:00pm
15	Havdalah Service 5:30PM
16	Chesed/Caring Committee Community Conversation 10 am to Noon
21	Tish With Hankus Netsky Shabbat Services, 6:30 pm with Dinner
Mar. 1	PRE-PURIM TEEN MEETUP w/AKI TBI members and friends ages 12-18 are invited to a Teen Meetup with Aki Yonekawa, TBI's youth educator, on Sunday March 1st, 11:00am-1:00pm.
Mar. 20	Shabbat Services and Dinner at Brandeis University with Eli, Jacob, and the Masorti Minyan, 6:30 pm

Morning Service Times

Monday and Thursday, 7 am
Shabbat Morning, 9 am

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