



Temple Beth Israel

Community | Tradition | Inclusion

Temple Talk



Rabbi's Reflections—On Friendship and Chosen Family

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein



When Edith Hollender passed away, on Sunday morning February 2nd, at the age of 93, there were two people in the room with her. On one side of her bed was her friend Phyllis DeMaine, and on the

other was lifelong member of Temple Beth Israel, Jim Baron. Jim and Phyllis were holding Edith's hands when she died. I had never met Phyllis during Mrs. Hollender's lifetime, but I've known Jim since I started my rabbinate here. Jim

connected us all to Edith - the whole community of Temple Beth Israel, past, present, and future - in her final moments. For that, I will be forever grateful to you, Jim.

What was Jim Baron to Edith Hollender - friend or family? Like many survivors of the Shoah, Mrs. Hollender lost her whole family - mother, father, sister, grandparents, and more. Somebody told me - maybe it was Hankus Netsky, or maybe Merrill Griff - that

(Continued on page 5)

Mark's Remarks- Remembering Edith Hollender

By: Mark Frydenberg

Edith Grossman Hollender died on February 2nd. She was married to Morris Hollender, our Torah reader for more than 30 years at Temple Beth Israel, for 64 years, until his death in 2014. She celebrated her 93rd birthday on January 9th. Edith was born in Luchinev, a village in eastern Slovakia on the Hungarian border. She grew up in a small house heated by a wood stove, part of which was her father's store. Edith was 18 and her younger sister named Judith was 12 when they came to Auschwitz. After the war, she was taken to a sanatorium operated by nuns to recover from her illnesses. She met Morris in the sanatorium in the Tatra Mountains, where he was recovering from tuberculosis. They married in 1950, after regaining their health. For their 50th wedding anniversary in 2000, the Hollenders traveled to Auschwitz and brought back dirt that they placed in Temple Beth Israel's cemetery in remembrance of their parents and relatives who died in the Holocaust.

(Continued on page 3)

Inside this issue:

Rabbi's Reflections	1, 5
Mark's Remarks	1, 3
Chesed/Caring	2
Committee Notes	2
Friday Night Dinner	4
Passover Seder Flier	6
Passover Notes	7
Upcoming Events	8
Calendar	9
Yahrzeits	10
Rabbi's Study Groups	11
Office Renovation	12
Diana Korzenik—	13
Book Review	
Children's Service	14
and Havdallah	
Donations & Thank	15
Yous	



Temple Beth Israel

Rabbi: David Finkelstein
Phone: 781-786-8679
Email: rabbidavid@tbiwaltham.org
Office Hours: Thursdays
 10:15 - 11:30 am
 and by appointment

Officers

President: Mark Frydenberg
Vice President: Dina Baker
Secretary: Susan Baron
Treasurer / Finance: George Isaac
Membership: Ramila Maystrovsky

Board Members and Committees

Cemetery: Jim Baron
Chesed / Caring: Susan Holbert
Development: Howard Trachtman
House: Merrill Griff
 Catherine Cantrell
Program: Ben Nudelman
Ritual: Phyllis Werlin
Sisterhood: Nessie Baron z"l
Social Justice: Linda Ungerleider
At Large: Julie Gagnon
 Zachary Roe
 Bruce Trager

Special Interests

Inclusion: Howard Trachtman
Brotherhood: Paul Smith

Stay in Touch

Office Manager: Andrea Baron
Phone: 781-894-5146
Email: office@tbiwaltham.org
Office Hours: Monday - Friday
 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 25 Harvard Street
 Waltham, MA 02453

Web: www.tbiwaltham.org
Facebook: facebook.com/tbiwaltham
Twitter: @tbiwaltham

Notes from the Chesed/ Caring Committee Community Conversation

By: Devin Shmueli



On Sunday, February 16th, over a dozen people showed up to discuss the way we care for our community and how we hope to do so in the future! Knowing that questions would not be answered and processes were not discussed by the membership at large, conversation was limited to hopes for the future so that the Chesed committee can focus on the interests of the congregation. Many ideas were generated and, in order of priority as determined by participants in the community conversation, those ideas include: (1) Updating systems of communicating community care needs, (2) Addressing the needs of members who are not regularly with us, (3) Visiting and calling members who are experiencing a difficult time, (4) Approaching the needs of families with infants, children, and youth, (5) Creating a Chesed Listeners team, (6) Creating a prayer group and resources for prayers, and (7) Systems for caregiver support.

These ideas and the questions that arose with them will be discussed in the Chesed committee so that processes can be created to enact these ideas or address the various needs. We should celebrate the fact that three new Chesed Committee members have joined in this work. Likewise, everyone committed to being on the teams that supports the Chesed Committee in these various areas based on their interests, skills, and time availability. Everyone had the opportunity to decide what works for them. As these processes are put in place and these teams move forward in their work, guided by a Chesed Committee member, we will seek out interest from the congregation at large in joining these teams. Everyone will have the opportunity to commit to community care in some way!



Membership Committee Chair, Ramila Maystrovsky will be holding 2 events at her home in Weston.

1. Dinner to welcome new members (since 9/2019) at my house on 3/26/2020 at 6:00 pm. Invited new members should RSVP to email Ramilamay@gmail.com by 3/15/2020.
2. Membership committee meeting on 3/29/2020 at 1:00 pm



Mark's Remarks

(Continued from page 1)

While Morris received most of the recognition around the synagogue, Edith had her own set of accomplishments. She worked at the Herbarium at Harvard University where she was prepared specimens for mounting, and she wrote a paper published at Harvard on the impact of malnutrition, based interviews she conducted with Holocaust survivors.

Though the Hollenders had no children, their strong friendships in and out of the synagogue provided them with the family they didn't have. Edith and Morris were the model Jewish parents or grandparents for everyone at Temple Beth Israel. Morris was the spiritual center, and Edith was the proud grandmother, who rummaged through her pocket book to find a piece of candy to give whenever anyone marking a special birthday or anniversary had an Aliyah.

I often visited Edith at Evans Park, where she lived in Newton. I brought her the latest issue of a Jewish magazine from Prague which was sent monthly to my home address; she would ask about people at the shul, complain that she had few visitors, talk about how much she misses Morris, and we would look at photos on my phone. It didn't matter if she knew the people in the photos. She liked looking at pictures.

Edith was a great cook. She made chicken fricassee with boiled potatoes for Yom Tov and homemade

blintzes on Shavuos. Every year at Purim she would make rum balls dipped in confectioner's sugar, prune and poppy hamentashen, and lemon poppy cookies, and present them in decorative shalach manot boxes. Edith loved to make Russian potato salad – with peas, carrots, and boiled potatoes meticulously cut into equally sized cubes. And lots of mayo.

Edith once showed many of us how to make her favorite chicken paprikash for an Eastern-European themed Shabbat dinner at the Temple. She would carefully remove the skin from each chicken thigh, dip it in flour, and place it into the frying pan to sear before adding the other ingredients. It took us an hour to make four pieces of chicken. We were having about 50 people for dinner that night. Morris was getting tired, so they went home, and we changed the way we prepared her recipe.

Throughout her life and even through her last days, Edith tried to keep her world as simple as the small village where she spent her childhood. While she sometimes complained, she also learned to thrive by filling her world with music and magazines, colleagues and friends, her synagogue community, and her Evans Park community. She really enjoyed the activities there while she was able to attend them. *Zichronah livrachah*, may Edith Hollender be a blessing to all of us who knew her. And may her qualities of love, determination, simplicity and gratitude inspire us as we honor her life and her memory.



Shabbat Evening Services and Dinners

Mar. 6	6:30 pm Services (no dinner)
Mar. 20	<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>
April 8	<p>No Shabbat Dinner in April.</p> <p>Join us for the First Night of Passover at our Community Seder!</p>

Notice of Temple Beth Israel Annual Meeting and Elections

The Temple Beth Israel Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 7, 2020, at 10 am**. Breakfast will be served before the meeting, at 9:30 am. **Offices eligible for re-election at this meeting are Board Secretary and Membership Secretary, each for a two-year term.** A nominating committee recommends individuals for these offices. Linda Ungerleider is the contact person for the Nominating Committee. According to the Temple Bylaws, these milestones apply:

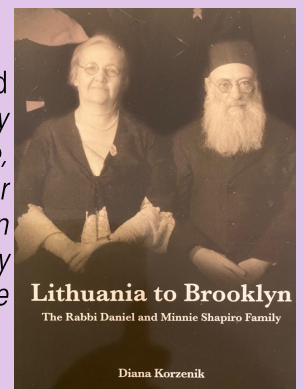
- If interested in being nominated for one of these offices, please contact Linda Ungerleider by March 9
- A slate of nominees from the nominating committee will be sent to the membership by April 23.
- Members not on the slate by the nominating committee have until May 8 to place themselves on the ballot
- The annual membership and election meeting will take place on Sunday, June 7, 2020.

To express your interest in being considered for nomination to the board in an elected position, or to recommend 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, 617-962-6347.

Thank You. — Mark Frydenberg, President

TBI Bookshelf by Marilyn Racette

This month Temple Beth Israel member Diana Korzenik will speak about her recently published book, *Lithuania to Brooklyn: The Rabbi Daniel and Minnie Shapiro Family*. Diana has written a very personal history of her family's Jewish life in 19th century Lithuania. How did they decide to leave, what were the hazards of actually departing, and then settling in Brooklyn with millions of other refugees from inside the Pale? In Brooklyn, Diana's maternal grandparents, Rabbi and Rebbetzin Shapiro, along with other immigrants, did their best to thrive, and to recreate the Jewish world they cherished. How did they meet the challenges? You can find a copy of Diana's family history in the Biography section of our temple library.





Rabbi's Reflections

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

(Continued from page 1)

for many survivors, after the war, their cousins became their brothers and sisters. Extended family became nuclear family. But for the Hollenders, that didn't happen. Instead, the community of Temple Beth Israel became their family. In that very real sense, Edith had family with her at the end.

Another way of choosing family, different from the Hollender's informal Waltham family, is legal adoption of a child. Our community has been deeply blessed and will be deeply blessed by those who choose to adopt a child, sometimes more than one. The Biblical model for adoption is beautiful: it is the adoption of the baby Moses by the daughter of Pharaoh. A midrash says that God blessed the daughter of Pharaoh for her compassion toward Moses. Because she took the defenseless infant into her care and into her family, God took the daughter of Pharaoh, as it were, into God's own family. And her name became Bityah or Batyah, the daughter of God.

Marriage and domestic partnership are also ways of choosing family, beyond the boundaries of the family into which we are born. The ancient rabbis of the Mishnah refer to marriage as *kiddushin*, which means "holiness," like *kaddish*, *kiddush*, and *kadosh*. When we marry, we declare that our spouse is holy to us, consecrated, and set apart from all others with a special and incomparable status. We agree in marriage, in the words of the *ketubah*, to provide for the needs of our spouse and to help them pursue what is best for them. We make, together with our spouse, a new family.

Finally, there is family that used to bear the label of friendship, but which at some

point transcended that label, and became just family. The blessing of friendship is of incalculable power. Those who are married still need friends. Those who have children need friends more than ever. Although we tend to associate the holiday of Purim with other things - costumes, noise-makers, *hamantaschen* - **Purim is also the Jewish holiday of friendship.** In addition to reading the Megillah and enjoying a festive meal, the central mitzvahs of Purim are the giving of gifts to friends and to those in need, the mitzvahs of *mishloach manot* or *shalach manos* and *matanot laevyonim*. We can learn from these mitzvot that what makes someone a friend or family member is that we are in a nurturing cycle of giving and receiving with them.

So in this joyous month of Adar, on this holiday of Purim, spread wide your net of friendship and family. Give gifts to those you love and to those in need, and give thanks for the blessings of love and care and connection that we call friendship, family, and community.

Happy Purim,

Rabbi David
rabbidavid@tbiwaltham.org

March Sermon Topics

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

DATE	PARASHAH	SPEAKER	TOPIC
Mar 7	Tetzaveh (Zakhor)	Rabbi David	Purim: The Problem of Memory
Mar 14	Ki Tissa (Parah)	Rabbi David	Pesach: Water and Purification
Mar 21	Vayakhel-Pekudei (Hachodesh)	Devin Shmueli	Transgender Visibility
Mar 28	Vayikra	Rabbi David	The Torah of Animals

Temple Beth Israel

Community Passover Seder

on the First Night of Passover, Wednesday April 8, 6:30 pm

Who's Coming?

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Contact Email for this Reservation _____

Fees

____ Adults at \$36 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
____ Miriam's cup
____ Flowers
____ Cup of Elijah
____ Matzah cover

To reserve your space, we must receive this form and your payment before **Wednesday, April 1, 2020**. Please send to **Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA 02453**. You also may reserve your space online at **www.tbiwaltham.org** (please contact us with additional information on this form or any special requests). **Reservations made after Wednesday, April 1, 2020, must be confirmed with the Temple office, and will be honored based on availability. We regret that we cannot accept reservations or payments at the door.**



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



Ta'anit Bekhorot: Fast of the First Born

Siyyum Following Morning Minyan

Breakfast with Mayor Jeanette McCarthy

Wednesday, April 8th 7:00 am

On the night the first born of the Egyptians were slain, the first born of the Israelites were saved. To remember the loss of the life and in gratitude for salvation, firstborn children fast on the day preceding Pesach. The fast begins at dawn on Tuesday April 7th and the common practice is to break the fast in the morning at a *seudat mitzvah* (a celebratory meal) following a *siyyum*, the celebration of the completion of study of a unit of Torah, Mishnah, or Talmud. The *siyyum* creates a joyful atmosphere that pushes aside the requirement to continue the fast.

The siyyum will take place immediately following morning minyan, Wednesday, April 8th at 7am.



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

POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR MECHIRAT HAMETZ

Note: If possible, all hametz should be eaten or removed before the holiday begins. Should this be financially difficult, the hametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. Please complete this form, which must be received in the mail no later than Tuesday, April 7th, to make sure it gets to the Rabbi in time. You may deliver it to the Rabbi in person by 7:00 am, Wednesday, April 8th.

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi David Finkelstein to act in my behalf to sell all *hametz* possessed by me – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein *hametz* owned may be found. Rabbi David Finkelstein has the full power and authority to assign or appoint a substitute to act in my behalf with all the same powers and authority that I have invested in the rabbi. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesach, which this year begins with sundown of Wednesday April 8th and runs through nightfall of Thursday, April 16, 2020.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____, in the year 2020.

Signed Name _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____

PURIM IS COMING!!

Monday, March 9th

beginning at 5:30pm

Kids' programming 5:30pm

Costume Parade: 6:30 pm

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

Rabbi David Finkelstein

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 6:30 pm (kids activities begin at 5:30).

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



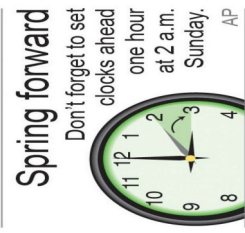








\$ 40 / family

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.

Temple Beth Israel

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 7:00 am Morning Minyan	3 Super Tuesday (regional holiday)	4 11:00 am Torah Study 	5 7:00 am Morning Minyan	6 5:23 pm Candle lighting 6:30 pm Friday Night Service 	7 Parashat Tetzaveh Shabbat Zachor 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services 6:55 pm Shabbat Ends
8 Daylight Saving Time starts 	9 Erev Purim 7:00 am Morning Minyan 5:30 pm Purim Celebration with Children 6:30pm Purim Costume Parade leading into Maariv 7:00 pm Purim - the whole megillah 	10 Purim 7:00 am Megillah Reading	11 Shushan Purim 7:00 pm Talmud Study 	12 7:00 am Morning Minyan	13 6:31 pm Candle lighting 	14 Diana Korzenik Sponsored Kiddush Parashat Ki Tisa Shabbat Parah 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services 7:00 pm Saturday Night Alive Havdallah Program 8:02 pm Shabbat Ends 
15 Torah Chanting (Trop) Workshop: From Basics to Tricks of the Trade 10am-Noon in TBI Library	16 7:00 am Morning Minyan 7:15 pm Board Meeting 	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 7:00 am Morning Minyan	20 6:30 pm Friday Night Service and Dinner at Brandeis University 6:39 pm Candle lighting	21 Caroline Nudelman Sponsors Kiddush Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei Shabbat HaChodesh 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services 8:10 pm Shabbat Ends
22 10:00am Book Talk and Discussion with Diana Korzenik 	23 7:00 am Morning Minyan	24	25	26 Rosh Chodesh Nisan 7:00 am Morning Minyan 6:00pm New Member dinner at the home of Ramila Maystrovsky	27 6:47 pm Candle lighting 	28 Parashat Vayikra 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Services 8:18 pm Shabbat Ends
29 1:00 pm Membership Committee meeting at the home of Ramila Maystrovsky	30 7:00 am Morning Minyan	31				Page 9 

March Yahrzeits

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
Annette Feinsand	Adar1 06	2-Mar
Philip Rosenfield	Adar1 06	2-Mar
Jacob Shay	Adar1 06	2-Mar
Maurice Katz	Adar1 06	2-Mar
Arthur Nochemsohn	Adar1 07	3-Mar
Marsha Goldstein	Adar1 07	3-Mar
Paul Keaney	Adar1 08	4-Mar
Sonia Smith	Adar1 08	4-Mar
Minnie Milesky	Adar1 08	4-Mar
Esther bat		
Avraham Avinu	Adar2 09	5-Mar
Gnesia Crevoshay	Adar2 09	5-Mar
Louis Michelson	Adar1 10	6-Mar
Samuel Margolis	Adar1 10	6-Mar
Yetta Blackstone	Adar1 10	6-Mar
Harold Katz	Adar1 10	6-Mar
Harold Seltzer	Adar2 11	7-Mar
David Beecher	Adar1 11	7-Mar
Rose Cohen	Adar1 11	7-Mar
Frieda Resnick	Adar1 11	7-Mar
Marcia Slarskey	Adar1 12	8-Mar
Neil Baker	Adar1 12	8-Mar
Joseph Harris	Adar1 13	9-Mar
Ann Wolf	Adar1 13	9-Mar
Ira David Seltzer	Adar1 14	10-Mar
Harris Griff	Adar1 14	10-Mar
Jane Siegel	Adar1 14	10-Mar
William Milesky	Adar1 15	11-Mar
Max Ritter	Adar1 15	11-Mar
Philip Shapiro	Adar1 16	12-Mar
Edward Gilman	Adar1 17	13-Mar
Dr. Samuel Messer	Adar2 17	13-Mar
Al Bloom	Adar2 17	13-Mar
Yetta Fischer	Adar1 18	14-Mar
Fannie Beecher	Adar1 19	15-Mar
Louis Freedman	Adar1 19	15-Mar
Gertrude Levison	Adar1 19	15-Mar
Elizabeth Rosenberg	Adar2 20	16-Mar
Alex Lietsky	Adar1 20	16-Mar
Bernard Sharfman	Adar1 20	16-Mar
Robert Fox	Adar1 20	16-Mar
Sal Araten	Adar1 22	18-Mar
Dora Milesky	Adar1 22	18-Mar

Jennie Goldberg	Adar1 22	18-Mar
David Goldstein	Adar2 22	18-Mar
Martha Mikelbank	Adar1 23	19-Mar
Rose Nussinow	Adar1 23	19-Mar
Gerald Woolf	Adar2 25	21-Mar
Rose Braverman	Adar1 25	21-Mar
Annie Alpert	Adar1 26	22-Mar
Judith Smith	Adar1 27	23-Mar
Leonard Kaufman	Adar1 27	23-Mar
Sandra Gustin	Adar1 27	23-Mar
Aaron Greenblott	Adar1 27	23-Mar
Rose Wolk	Adar1 27	23-Mar
Bessie Levison	Adar1 28	24-Mar
Harry Wolf	Adar1 28	24-Mar
Clara Wiggetman	Adar1 28	24-Mar
Abraham Feinsand	Adar1 29	25-Mar
Aaron M Smith	Adar1 29	25-Mar
Alice Wolf Cohen	Adar1 29	25-Mar
Lena Smith	Adar1 29	25-Mar
Patricia Wexler	Adar2 29	25-Mar

Ruth Etta Gans	Nisan 01	26-Mar
Pauline Chernoff	Nisan 01	26-Mar
Louis Goldman	Nisan 01	26-Mar
Claire Braitman	Nisan 01	26-Mar
Wilbert Mayrent	Nisan 02	27-Mar
Ethel Griff	Nisan 02	27-Mar
Barbara Leboff	Nisan 02	27-Mar
A. H. Sheer	Nisan 02	27-Mar
Dr. Rosa Kubin	Nisan 02	27-Mar
Phillip Levine	Nisan 03	28-Mar
Julius "Yukie"		
Kennen	Nisan 03	28-Mar
John Jacobs	Nisan 04	29-Mar
Lillian Mallick	Nisan 04	29-Mar



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.

- ◆ March 1 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her grandmother, Eva Rothman
- ◆ March 2 - Ellen Feinsand, in memory of her mother, Annette Feinsand
- ◆ March 4 - Esther Keaney, in memory of her father, Paul Keaney
- ◆ March 4 - Albert, Paul, & David Smith, in memory of their mother, Sonia Smith
- ◆ March 5 - Carol Master, in memory of her mother, Esther bat Avraham Avinu
- ◆ March 7 - Martin Koocher, in memory of his mother-in-law, Rose Cohen
- ◆ March 9 - Harry Wolf, in memory of his mother, Ann Wolf
- ◆ March 10 - Merrill Griff, in memory of his father, Harris Griff
- ◆ March 10 - Barbara Camann, in memory of her sister, Jane Siegel
- ◆ March 13 - Larry Bloom, in memory of his father, Al Bloom
- ◆ March 16 - Bruce Trager, in memory of his grandfather, Robert Fox
- ◆ March 18 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of her father, Sat Araten
- ◆ March 19 - Joan Taubman, in memory of her mother, Martha Mikebank
- ◆ March 21 - Caroline Nudelman, in memory of her mother, Rita Woolf
- ◆ March 23 - Albert Smith, in memory of his wife, Judith Smith
- ◆ March 25 - Ellen Feinsand, in memory of her father, Abraham Feinsand
- ◆ March 26 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her grandmother, Pauline Chernoff
- ◆ March 26 - Alan Goldman, in memory of his father, Louis Goldman
- ◆ March 26 - Robert Braitman, in memory of his mother, Claire Braitman
- ◆ March 27 - Sherry Mayrent, in memory of her father, Wilbert Mayrent
- ◆ March 28 - Alan Levine, in memory of his father, Philip Levine
- ◆ March 28 - Thelma Kennen, in memory of her husband, Yukie Kennen
- ◆ March 29 - Irving Mallick, in memory of his mother Lillian Mallick



Study Groups with Rabbi David



Torah Study Group: The Universal Human Story

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

at Temple Beth Israel

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

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.

News from the Social Justice Committee

Let's continue to celebrate Jewish Disability, Awareness and Inclusion Month at TBI throughout the year! We welcome all who enter our community! We learn about their sameness and their differences! We care for one another!

Rabbi David's Dvar Torah on February 21 reminded all of us that we need to stop seeing disability as a diagnosis. We need to start seeing disability as culture, as a valuable source of insight and other gifts to our and the greater community. Bias against people with a disability can make us see only a diagnosis, the "something" wrong with the person. Most disabilities are not evident and we only know about it when informed. But when we free ourselves from bias, we can see the disability as culture. Yes, we can see that people with disabilities bring a perspective on religious communal life that can benefit us all. We were also introduced to Rabbi Darby Jared Leigh's ASL translation of the Shema as an example of such benefit. Rabbi Julia Watts Belser's reading of Ezekiel's vision of the divine chariot is another example. (Ask Rabbi David why.)

The Social Justice committee in collaboration with the Rabbi, the Board of Directors and other committees continues to address the needs of our congregants in being and feeling included in our community. As a partner of the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project, TBI has held discussions of welcoming and including those with disabilities related to mental health, as well as, vision, hearing and mobility. We provide handicap access to the Temple and sanctuary, flexible seating, main level reader's table, large print books for services, readers and magnifiers, fidget tools and increased signage in low light areas. We have also improved our amplification system and insist that a microphone be used by all who are speaking. The RSIP grant has allowed us to hire an ADA approved architect to redesign the bathroom in the family room to make it handicapped accessible. Remodeling work should be completed this summer.

In continuing to address needs of all members, the Social Justice committee introduced the Event Participation Fund to allow all to participate in Temple events regardless of one's ability to pay. **We will sponsor a community conversation "Faces of our Families" on Sunday, May 3 from 10:00 to 12:00. Details to follow.**

Lastly, we generously continue to donate to our partner organizations: Community Day Center (CDC), Africano and More Than Words. CDC is in need of new men's underwear, socks for men and women, sweatshirts and spring jackets. They are always in need of shirts, jerseys, pants and shoes/sneakers for men and women. Thanks for filling the donation bins in the lobby.

—Linda Ungerleider and Dina Baker, Co-Chairs, Social Justice Committee

Thank you to the Office Painting Crew

A special shout out to the following for spending time during the month of February choosing colors, spackling, sanding, moving furniture, cleaning and painting the Temple office. That was a lot of work, and very much appreciated.

Jonathan Schiff
Devin Shmueli
Zach Roe
Annalise Barrett
Mila Maystrovsky
Ben Maystrovsky
Alan Levine
Julie Gagnon
Sara Noyovitz
Erica Mankin
Mark Frydenberg
Scott Tepper
Susan G Baron
Marilyn Racette
Catherine Cantrell



The Gift of Gabbai: By Phyllis Werlin

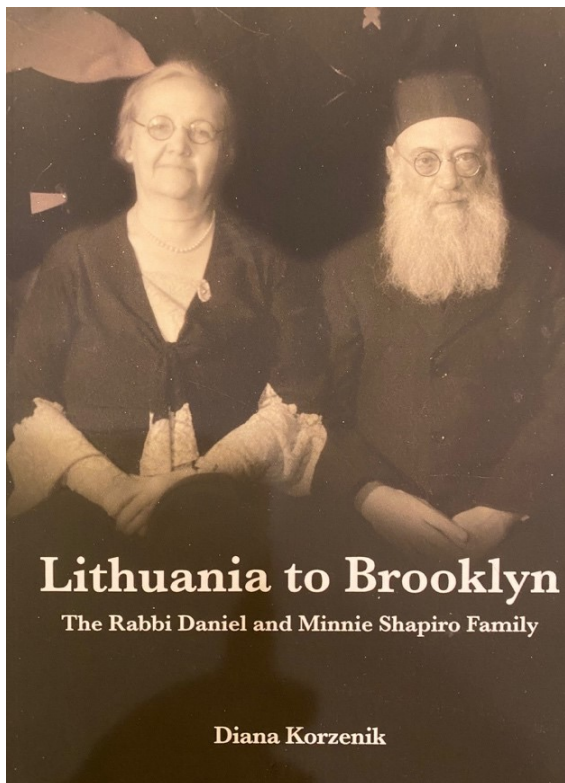
Recently, Rabbi David held a class at TBI to teach some enthusiastic congregants how to act as a Gabbai during our Torah service. The Rabbi's class included Yaron Shragai, Erica Mackin, Devin Shmueli, Zach Roe, Eli Perr, Catherine Cantrell and current Gabba'im Phyllis Werlin and Alan Levine. Traditionally, the *Gabbai* stands next to the Torah reader, following along in the Tikkun - a version of the text with vowels and trop markings (which are not present in the scroll), in order to correct the reader if an error is made in the reading.

In many synagogues, including TBI, there are two Gabba'im, who flank the reader on each side, and who each have specific duties. While one assists the reader, the other Gabbai assists those who come up to say the blessings, making sure that the blessings are said correctly and that proper ritual is followed.

Some of the topics discussed in the class included: the proper reverence that should be shown during the Torah Service, such as standing when the ark is open; how to call up a person to do the blessings and how to assist them if they are unfamiliar with the rituals (such as touching their tallis or wimple to the scroll where the reading begins or ends) and asking

(Continued on page 13)





Book Talk & Discussion with Dr. Diana Korzenik

Sunday, March 22, 10 AM

The author, Dr. Diana Korzenik, a Brooklyn native and long-term TBI Waltham member, will describe the life history and research that tells the story—through one family's history—of a vast pattern of Jewish Lithuanian migration to the United States around the turn to the 20th century. The author departs from generations of silence about the Old World, telling how her family's documents and objects revealed this heroic generation's cherished culture and their struggles to recreate it while surviving in an alien New World.

COST: \$5.00 per person*

Call TBI @ 781-894-5146 or online at www.tbiwaltham.org

*Includes refreshments and snacks. Signed books available for \$16 each.

The Gift of Gabbai—(Continued from page 12)

for their Hebrew name; how to say the Misheberach (healing prayer) for each person; the proper way to lift the Torah for Hagbah; and who should lead the Misheberachs for the congregation, and chant the Chatzi Kaddish.

The Gabba'im also make sure that all the proper ritual items are ready for the service, including the reading "Yads", Tikkuns, Torah cover, and Misheberach lists.

These duties can be divided between the two Gabba'im so that one person may correct the reader, while the other will give a signal at the end of each sentence, as the Torah scroll itself has no vowels or punctuation markings. Different readers may require assistance in different ways, and that is something that the Gabba'i can ask the reader in advance.

Not to be forgotten are the duties of the Floor Gabba'i, currently being done very capably by Catherine Cantrell, which include welcoming visitors, and distributing the various honors, which includes offering an Aliyah, opening the Ark, and lifting and dressing the Torah.



Synagogue Skills Workshops w/Rabbi David

Torah Chanting (Trop) Workshop: From Basics to Tricks of the Trade

Sunday March 15, 10am-Noon in TBI Library

In this workshop, we will study a selection of trop marks and practice chanting them. We will learn about trop mark categories, the 3 functions of trop marks, pausal forms, the tvir rule, and how to improve your Biblical Hebrew. We will also diagram a few *pesukim* (verses), and discuss different strategies for learning to chant from a Torah scroll. Basic Hebrew reading recommended. No experience in Torah chanting necessary.



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: Mar. 7, Apr. 4 and May 2



Community Havdalah

Saturday evening, March 14th at 7pm

Join us for a small meal, games, fun conversations, and a songful havdallah ceremony. Seudah Shlishit, the 3rd meal of Shabbat, is at 7:00pm. Our havdallah ceremony starts at 7:40pm when Shabbat ends. We'll sing Shabbat away and enter a new week. All are welcome!

Temple Beth Israel Memorial Park

Purchasing Graves

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

Flags for Memorial Day

On Monday, May 11th at 9:00am, Temple Beth Israel, the Stanley School 5th graders and the Waltham Veterans will be placing flags on the graves of veterans at Beth Israel Memorial Park. All are welcome to attend this ceremony.



Thank You

Donations

All March donations will be listed in the April newsletter due to the office renovation. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Shabbat Lunch Sponsors

March 14 - Diana Korzenik

March 21 - Caroline and Ben Nudelman

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!

Yellow Candles

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.

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
- Yosi Weintraub
- Mark Frydenberg
- Catherine Cantrell
- Zachary Roe
- Alan Levine
- Susan Baron
- 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
_____ Goldstein Prayerbook Fund _____ Morris Hollender Torah Fund _____ Children's Services _____ Education Fund

This donation is being made _____ in honor of _____ in memory of _____.

This donation is made by:

Name: _____
Address: _____

Please send acknowledgment to:

Name: _____
Address: _____



Temple Beth Israel

25 Harvard Street
Waltham, MA 02453

Help us save on postage!

Pick up your copy of Temple Talk at the synagogue
or read it online at www.tbiwaltham.org.

March Highlights

6	Shabbat Services, 6:30 pm, No Dinner
9	Erev Purim, Kids Program 5:30; Maariv and Megillah Reading 6:30
14	Community Havdalah 5:30PM
20	Shabbat Services and Dinner at Brandeis University with Eli, Jacob, and the Masorti Minyan, 6:30 pm—Sign up at http://bit.ly/shabbat-dinner-brandeis
22	Lithuania to Brooklyn Book Talk with Diana Korzenik, 10 am

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.

Connect with Us



office@tbiwaltham.org



www.tbiwaltham.org



facebook.com/tbiwaltham



[@tbiwaltham](https://twitter.com/tbiwaltham)