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Rabbi's Corner - Shine a Light on History & Defend Disability Rights Instead

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

I write this article today from our sun parlor in Waltham Highlands, where my home office has been for the past eight months. With windows facing east, south, and west, this room has become a kind of leaf, like one of those lying in piles, before they dried up and fell, spilling and spinning into every street. The sun parlor takes in sunlight at every hour of the day. As I sit here being nourished by that sunlight, I convert it into work for Temple Beth Israel - phone calls, newsletter articles, emails, sermons, prayers. In just a few hours, Shabbat will come in at 4:00pm. This will be the last Shabbat that arrives at 4:00pm or earlier until January 2021. The days are

short, and sunlight in this hemisphere is at its annual minimum.

In December, we all think about light. Our religious rituals - including Hanukkah, of course - are focused on it, ritually and thematically. I am pleased to report that Waltham's Mayor, Jeanette McCarthy, has once again graciously agreed to co-host a Candle Lighting event with Temple Beth Israel during Hanukkah. This year, because of the coronavirus pandemic, the candle lighting event will be held outside on the Waltham Common gazebo, on Tuesday, December 15th at

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Mark's Remarks- Hanukkah Jeopardy!

By: Mark Frydenberg

Remembering Alex Trebek, the host of Jeopardy! who died last month, here is a category of Hanukkah trivia. Please phrase your responses in the form of a question.

100: This popular miracle of the Hanukkah story is not mentioned at all in the Book of Maccabees

200: In the complete version of *Maoz Tzur*, the first letter of each of its five stanzas spell the name of this character from the Purim story

300: He was the first US president to observe Hanukkah by lighting the new National Menorah

400: In the Yiddish version of "I Have a Little Dreidel", the dreidel was not made out of clay, but rather from this material

500: Legend suggests that the letters on a dreidel stand for the names of these four persecutors of the Jewish people throughout history

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And now, the correct questions:

100: What is the oil that lasted for eight days?

There is no mention of the "oil miracle" in the two books of the Maccabees that documented the Hanukkah event of 164 B.C.E. or in any earlier accounts. The miraculous oil story seems to be a rabbinic invention transmitted hundreds of years after it allegedly occurred. Around that time, the Talmud mentions a ritual of lighting candles for eight nights to recall the small cruse of oil miraculously lasting eight nights.

200: Who is Mordechai?

Maoz Tzur was written in the 13th Century, and [the complete poem](#) summarizes different occasions when God has delivered the Jewish people from their enemies. The first stanza, which we usually sing on Hanukkah, thanks God for this protection. Later stanzas refer to the exodus from Egypt, liberation from Babylonia, Persia, and Syria. The fifth stanza retells the story of Hanukkah, saying "The Greeks gathered against me, breaking down the walls of my towers, and defiled all the oils. But from the last remaining flask, a miracle occurred."

The first letters of the first five stanzas form an acrostic, spelling the poet's name, Mordecai, in Hebrew (mem, reish, dalet, kaf, yud).

300: Who is Jimmy Carter?

According to an article entitled [How Hanukkah Came to the White House](#) by Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Sarna in The Forward, the first president who took official notice of Hanukkah was Jimmy Carter. "In 1979, he ended 100 days of self-imposed seclusion over the Iran hostage crisis by walking to Lafayette Park, lighting the new 'National Menorah' erected there by Chabad-Lubavitch, and delivering brief remarks. Every president since has recognized Hanukkah with a special menorah-lighting ceremony.

Hanukkah came to the White House itself, in 1989, when President George H.W. Bush displayed a menorah there, given to him by the Synagogue Council of America. But the first president to actually light a menorah in the White House was Bill Clinton. In 1993, he invited a dozen schoolchildren to the Oval Office for a small ceremony. The event made headlines when 6-year-old Ilana Kattan's ponytail dipped into the flame. Clinton ran his hands through her hair to snuff out the smoke."

400: What is lead?

According to [The National Library of Israel](#), the Yiddish version entitled "Ich Bin a Kleyner Dreydl," was written by Shmuel Shlomo Grossman. While the melody of the Yiddish version of the dreidel song is similar to the English version, the lyrics differ with the Yiddish song describing a dreidel made of lead instead of clay and as the dreidel spins, the people join in and spin as well.

The Yiddish version reads:

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*Ich bin a kleiner dreidel, gemacht bin ich fun blai.
Kumt lomir ale schpilen, in dreidel – eins zwei drai.
Oi, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, oi, drei sich, dreidel, drei.
To lomir ale schpilen, in dreidel eins un zwei*

which in English reads:

*I am a little dreidel, I am made from lead.
Come let's all play dreidel – one two three.
Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, oh, dreidel, dreidel, spin.
So let's all play dreidel, one and two.*

500: Who are Nebuchadnezzar, Greeks, Haman, and Seir?

One legend [suggests](#) that the dreidel is an attempt to avert those who have persecuted the Jewish people:

- Nun ("N") – Nebuchadnezzar, king of the Babylonians
- Gimmel ("G") – the Greek empire
- Hei ("H") – Haman, the villain from the Persian empire in the Purim story
- Shin ("S") – Seir, the origin point of Edom, which is a reference to the Roman empire

A popular account is that Jewish students would use the dreidel to trick their oppressors as it was a way to study Torah without being discovered.

Please join me for Hanukkah candle lighting on Zoom on Dec 10 at 6:30pm when I will host a few more rounds of Hanukkah trivia to play together while we watch the candles burn down.

Hanukkah Events

- Thursday December 10 at 6:30pm** Candle lighting on Zoom followed by Hanukkah trivia while we watch the candles burn down.
- Tuesday, December 15th at 6:00pm** Candle lighting for the 6th night of Hanukkah with Mayor Jeanette McCarthy on the Waltham Common at the Gazebo. (You also can join on Zoom if you can't join in person.)
- Thursday December 17 at 6:30pm** Community Hanukkah candle lighting on Zoom and share the story of your menorah.

Zoom links will be provided in our weekly email blast.



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6:00pm. I am grateful for Mayor McCarthy, whose friendship with Temple Beth Israel has been demonstrated repeatedly through her annual presence at Hanukkah candle lightings, pre-Pesah hametz sales, and other events as they have come up.

But today, November 20th, a different, noteworthy event related to light is happening at City Hall. Today there is a protest - *kol hakavod* to you readers who were present and participated in it. It is a protest against the Waltham Lions' Club's plan to hold a Drive-Thru Holiday Light Show on the grounds of the Fernald Center. In the words of the protest organizers' [facebook page](#), the Fernald Center was "a former state institution where thousands of disabled people were raped, abused, and experimented on." In his recent article on [wbur.org](#), "[A Holiday Light Show in Waltham Obscures a Devastating History](#)," Waltham resident, teacher, and disability activist Alex Green sees this Lions Club Light Show at the Fernald as a perpetuation of a terrible injustice: "Disabled people do not get to have a history, and we are shamed for daring to demand that we deserve one that truly represents our story in this nation." Green's righteous outrage is palpable throughout his article. He hears an echo in Mayor McCarthy's approval of the light show of the Trump administration's unethical and deadly response to the coronavirus pandemic, which he notes "has disproportionately killed disabled people." On this last phrase, Green links to an article in the New York Times by Roni Caryn Rabin, "[Developmental Disabilities Heighten Risk of Covid Death](#)." Green asserts that by acting to obscure disability history with a holiday light show at the Fernald, the Lions Club and the Mayor - a good organization and a good person - are on the wrong side of history and they are obstructing disability rights.

As a Jewish community, we must espouse, embody, and defend the highest possible standards of human rights that we can collectively imagine. With its clarion call to justice and its teaching that all human beings are made in God's image, our Torah urges us to proclaim the human rights of all people with disabilities and to demand that their memory be protected from disgrace and obscurity. As Waltham residents and as Jews who congregated in a Waltham-based community, the Fernald Center and its uses are in our hands. After today's protests, we must be ready to join in further peaceful actions to protect the image of God at the Fernald.

On each night of Hanukkah, before we light the candles and display them to publicize the Hanukkah miracle, we say the blessing: "*asher kid'shanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Hanukkah*" - "Blessed are You, God... who made us holy through your mitzvot and commanded us to kindle the light of Hanukkah." But this is strange! We say that God commands us to kindle Hanukkah lights even though the Torah says nothing whatsoever about Hanukkah. What gives us the right to say that God commands us to do something that isn't written in the Torah? Here, we see the boldness of the ancient rabbis in asserting the principle of human dignity. In the eyes of the ancient rabbis, every human being is invested with such inherent dignity that not even the Torah's silence about Hanukkah can prevent us from declaring that God has commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah lights. As Jews, we are responsible for bearing a profound message about human dignity, especially on Hanukkah. A holiday Light Show at the Fernald property is a desecration of the human dignity of disabled people that was already violated many times over at that site. Let Waltham be a leader in preserving the history of the disabled, and a leader in disability rights, rather than a place where human dignity is obscured.

Rabbi David

Rabbi David's Discussion Groups



MONTHLY KABBALAT SHABBAT with MAARIV

Time: 5:30-6:30pm on 1st Friday of the month on Zoom

Dates: Fridays December 4, January 1

Description: Now, back by popular demand, Rabbi David (and/or a lay leader) will lead the evening service after Kabbalat Shabbat once a month. Sharing of *tov me'od* - a good thing from your week to sweeten the arrival of Shabbat - will occur after the evening service, at 6:25pm. Lay leaders are encouraged to lead portions or all of Kabbalat Shabbat and/or maariv, as they are able. Please be in touch with Rabbi David (rabbidavid@tbiwaltham.org) if you want to lead some part of Friday night.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86094088277>

EVENING TALMUD STUDY (monthly)

Time: 7:00-8:30pm on 4th Wednesdays, on Zoom

Dates: Wednesdays December 23, January 27

Description: Topics are chosen to illuminate current local or national events, to prepare for upcoming Jewish observances and holy times, and/or to present key discussions in Talmudic thought. In honor of TBI's nascent Warming Center for unhoused community members, the November 25th session will focus on three Talmudic stories about bringing the needy into our homes. Together we will discuss how these stories capture the spectrum of our feelings about doing this great mitzvah. No prior experience with Talmud required. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365026963?pwd=SytiQ0tqK3hraGFRdzdlc1NJQVFhQT09>

LUNCHTIME TORAH STUDY (monthly)

Time: 12:00-1:30pm on 2nd Thursdays, on Zoom

Dates: Thursdays December 10, January 14

Description: We continue our study of the Abraham and Sarah story in *Sefer Bereishit* (the Book of Genesis), beginning with chapter 16, the first part of Hagar and Ishmael's story. We cover roughly one chapter per session. Discussion is largely driven by participant interest and observation. Rabbi David gently guides discussion back to the Biblical text as needed, peppers discussion with occasional rabbinic, Hasidic, or contemporary sources to aid in seeing the stories as Torah. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353443111?pwd=b0hQYXcvekVXWVBqMnpvRIISMSs2QT09>

Say "Thank You" by Sponsoring a Lunch at the TBI Warming Center

Beginning on December 6, we will open a Warming Center that will provide our unhoused neighbors with a place to receive warmth and sustenance each Sunday afternoon.

While it's safer now, during the pandemic, for our members to stay out of the building, it's also safest for the unhoused in our community to find warmth and nourishment within TBI's walls.

Remember, before the pandemic moved us to virtual gatherings, when you sponsored a kiddush lunch? Maybe it was to honor a special occasion or a loved one, or to express your appreciation for the community. You can return to this tradition, sponsoring lunches that will be served in the TBI social hall this winter.

Please give to honor someone special to you, express your thanks for the warmth and food you have, or simply to help welcome our neighbors. Every gift increases the potential to keep the Warming Center operating through the winter.

As with kiddush lunch, while our requested sponsorship is \$150, we encourage you to give at whatever level you can.

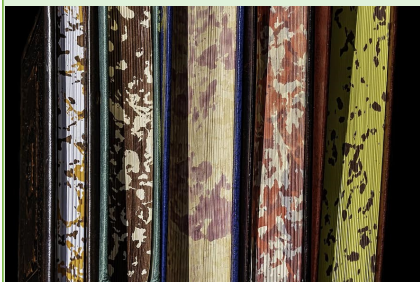
How to Contribute:

[Link here to the TBI online donation page.](#) Select "in honor of," and on the next page add a note that includes "Warming Center." If you have other tribute information, you can add it here too.

Or, send a check—with "Warming Center" notation—to:

**Temple Beth Israel
25 Harvard Street
Waltham, MA 02453**

Thank you. And may you find much to be thankful for during this most unusual holiday season.



TBI Library

The mission of the TBI library is to provide members, clergy, and staff with a variety of materials of Judaic interest, in a warm and welcoming environment, and to promote and encourage the sharing of Jewish learning and culture. We encourage reading, listening, and viewing for pleasure as well as for information and spiritual guidance.

TBI has a wonderful collection of adult and children's books, as well as CDs, DVDs, periodicals, and other media. We have a computer that visitors may use, as well as a wireless connection you may use with your device. While many of the adult books have been catalogued, we have just begun the process of cataloguing our children's books. You can [access the database here](#).

Rules for usage:

While most of TBI's materials may be borrowed and returned, some items are too fragile to transport and may only be used in the library. Books and other items may be borrowed for a two-week period. Please [contact the Librarian](#), Marilyn Racette, marilynracette@gmail.com at if you need to extend that period. Please also contact the Librarian if you wish to donate any materials to the library.



Social Justice Committee

TBI's Warming Center

For the Unhoused in Waltham

Opens Sunday, December 6

Welcome Chris Gamble, a local community activist and Director of the Waltham's Night Warming Center, as Program Director for our Warming Center. We can accommodate 20 unhoused community members and

5 volunteers each Sunday. The TBI Ad Hoc Committee developed COVID 19 precautions that meet or surpass current state and federal guidelines. Other protocols are in place to protect the safety of our building and congregants, as well as, community members and volunteers. In addition, resources are provided by the Board of Health and our partner agencies, including Community Day Center. The local chapter of Food Not Bombs will be cooking a hot meal and providing 3 volunteers each week.

We need 2 additional volunteers from TBI. You and the other volunteer will help supervise in the kitchen with food prep, and with set up of the Social Hall from 11:00-1:00. You may assist with check ins, and provide supervision from 1:00-4:00 at your own discretion. Training and protocols will be provided. Masks will always be worn, gloves will be provided and social distancing will be observed. Contact Brad Baker to volunteer at Brad@WhiteOak-Consulting.com

Additional ways to help

- Make a donation to TBI "Thank You" for Sponsoring a Lunch. See page 6. Bring warm jackets, coats, sweaters, pants and sweatshirts, as well as hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, used winter boots and new socks for men and women to the CDC collection box in the lobby. Some will be distributed on Sundays and also will be shared with our partner, The Community Day Center.

Other news

- The Community Day Center has requested donations of inexpensive rain ponchos, long johns/thermals and used men's boots.
- More Than Words continues to take used books and clothing to support their youth employment program.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the unhoused in Waltham.

Linda Ungerleider
Chair



Zoom with Us!

December 2020

We are now meeting by computer and by phone, instead of in person.

To join by phone--no computer needed: Dial (301)-715-8592. You will hear a prompt to enter a meeting ID. Enter the meeting ID, followed by #. In the listing of events below, we show the meeting ID for each event.

To join by computer or mobile device, visit zoom.us in a web browser, click *Join a Meeting*, and enter the meeting ID and password for the event (or click the direct link to the event posted on our website or in our weekly email update). **The current list of events appears below.**

For the latest schedule of online events, visit <http://www.tbiwaltham.org/virtual-tbi/>.

	December Shabbat Services Online	Meeting ID
Dec. 4 Dec. 11, 18, 25	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm Shabbat Shalom - 5:30pm—6:00 pm	860 9408 8277
Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26	Shabbat Morning Together - 10:30 am	898 2996 2372
	Thursday Morning Minyan	
Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24	Morning Minyan 8:00am	860 6404 5288
	Rabbi's Discussion Groups	
Tuesdays	1:00pm - 2:00pm Rabbi David's Open Zoom Hour	811 0356 9244 pw: 157389
Thurs. Dec.10 Jan. 14	12:00pm—1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study	873 5344 3111 pw: 922863
Weds. Dec.23 Jan. 27	7:00pm—8:30pm Evening Talmud Study	833 6502 6963 pw: 615895

Thursday Morning Minyan 8:00am

The minyan will begin promptly at 8 am, and will end by 9 a.m. The Zoom link is below. We will include the Torah reading. We will use Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays. (Note, this is a different edition of the siddur than what we have used at the synagogue.) You can pick up a copy at TBI (contact Andrea to make arrangements), or follow along in the PDF version which you can download at <http://www.tbiwaltham.org/pray/morning-minyan/> or [click here](#).

[Click Here to Zoom in to the Minyan](#)

Zoom id: 860 6404 5288

Challah Baking is Back! Once again presented by Dina Baker... on Zoom

Event date and time - Sunday, December 20 - in TWO parts

Part I: 10 AM - 12:00 Noon - Online Class
Instruction via Zoom

Part II: Noon - 3 PM (approx.) - additional time on your own to finish your challah

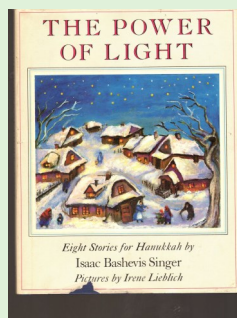
What you will be doing

During Part I: In class, prepare, knead and punch down your dough, watch a demo how to bread your dough (so you can do it later after class)

During Part II: braid and bake your challah after class on your own

If interested, please sign up no later than Thursday, December

17. Email DinaWBaker@gmail.com, and use the subject line: Hallah. Once you register, Dlnah will send the Zoom link and recipe. There is no cost to participate, but you will need to provide your own recipe ingredients as needed - flour, yeast, oil, eggs, etc.



TBI Bookshelf

by Marilyn Racette

Once again the days have grown short, and night lingers. Soon we will celebrate Hanukkah; though it will very different this year, with many of us apart from loved ones, whether we are near or far there are stories we can share. Last year I wrote about one of my favorite children's books, ***Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins***, by Eric Kimmel, with wonderful illustrations by Trina Schart Hyman. It's a great story to read aloud. ***The Power of Light: Eight Stories for Hanukkah***

is a classic collection of very short tales by master storyteller Isaac Bashevis Singer. Here are tales of miracles, and the triumph of love and faith, set in the Old and the New World, from Bilgoray to Brooklyn, to entertain teens and adults. If you would like to borrow either book to enliven your holiday celebration, or just brighten up a winter evening, please email me at library@tbiwaltham.org.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The next annual meeting of the membership of Temple Beth Israel will take place on Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 10:00 am. Details to follow.

Bernice Mayrent	Kislev 15	1-Dec
Benjamin Caplan	Kislev 15	1-Dec
Jacob Mankowich	Kislev 15	1-Dec
Rose Grater	Kislev 15	1-Dec
Bella Weiner	Kislev 15	1-Dec
Abraham Ginsburg	Kislev 15	1-Dec
Mary Rosenfeld	Kislev 16	2-Dec
Meyer Rosenfeld	Kislev 16	2-Dec
Lipman Simmons	Kislev 16	2-Dec
Elaine Kaplan	Kislev 17	3-Dec
Sadye Leyton	Kislev 17	3-Dec
Lana Blackstone	Kislev 17	3-Dec
Jennie Fine	Kislev 18	4-Dec
Sadie Kaitz	Kislev 18	4-Dec
Jack Marcou	Kislev 18	4-Dec
Morris Bootin	Kislev 18	4-Dec
Paul Meyerovitz	Kislev 19	5-Dec
Tillie Klayman	Kislev 19	5-Dec
Samuel Blackstone	Kislev 19	5-Dec
Shiphrah Goldberg	Kislev 19	5-Dec
Eva Rebecca Tauber	Kislev 20	6-Dec
Sarah Harris	Kislev 20	6-Dec
Philip Leavy	Kislev 20	6-Dec
Edward Rubin	Kislev 21	7-Dec
Ida Canter	Kislev 22	8-Dec
Rhoda Abramson	Kislev 23	9-Dec
Anita Israel	Kislev 23	9-Dec
Rebecca Sechter	Kislev 23	9-Dec
Bertha Lebowitz	Kislev 23	9-Dec
Harry Cotton	Kislev 24	10-Dec
Dr. Ludwig Kubin	Kislev 24	10-Dec
Ida Mendelson	Kislev 25	11-Dec
Charles Mendelsohn	Kislev 25	11-Dec
Charles Goldstein	Kislev 25	11-Dec
Dr. Joseph Jacobs	Kislev 27	13-Dec
Dora Posner	Kislev 28	14-Dec
Jennie Elkins	Kislev 28	14-Dec
Louis Sheer	Kislev 28	14-Dec
Carl Simon	Kislev 29	15-Dec
Joseph Berman	Kislev 29	15-Dec
Chana Chosed	Kislev 29	15-Dec
Faye Chorney	Kislev 29	15-Dec
Benjamin Greene	Kislev 30	16-Dec
Leah Freedman	Kislev 30	16-Dec
Blume Pill	Kislev 30	16-Dec
Aaron Wolk	Tevet 01	16-Dec
Simon Canter	Tevet 01	16-Dec
Arthur S. Friedman	Tevet 01	16-Dec

Marcus Bern	Tevet 02	17-Dec
Hella Hakerem	Tevet 02	17-Dec
Hugh Greenblott	Tevet 02	17-Dec
Ethel Potash	Tevet 02	17-Dec
Alan Goldberg	Tevet 02	17-Dec
Joseph Drapkin	Tevet 02	17-Dec
Samuel Horenstein	Tevet 02	17-Dec
Isadore Ingber	Tevet 02	17-Dec
Shlome P. Freedman	Tevet 03	18-Dec
Mary Bloom	Tevet 04	19-Dec
Sarah Feingold	Tevet 04	19-Dec
Milton Blackman	Tevet 04	19-Dec
Sam Schectman	Tevet 04	19-Dec
Ralla Blackstone	Tevet 05	20-Dec
Beverly Fine	Tevet 06	21-Dec
Marilyn Mallick	Tevet 06	21-Dec
Philip Shriberg	Tevet 06	21-Dec
Howard Kaplan	Tevet 06	21-Dec
Morris Hollender	Tevet 08	23-Dec
Morris Rothman	Tevet 08	23-Dec
Gail Tushin	Tevet 09	24-Dec

Hannah Handel	Tevet 09	24-Dec
Michael S. Laufer	Tevet 10	25-Dec
Sadie Cumenes	Tevet 10	25-Dec
James Herbert Seilers	Tevet 10	25-Dec
Daniel Wolk	Tevet 10	25-Dec
Rudy Seigler	Tevet 11	26-Dec
Jennie Sulkin	Tevet 11	26-Dec
Harry Rosenthal	Tevet 12	27-Dec
Ida Hollicker	Tevet 13	28-Dec
Nafthali Shapiro	Tevet 14	29-Dec
Joseph Sherman	Tevet 14	29-Dec
Jerry Resnikoff	Tevet 14	29-Dec
Harriet Lietzky	Tevet 14	29-Dec
Dolores Simon	Tevet 15	30-Dec
Archie Sudhalter	Tevet 16	31-Dec
Harry Kniznik	Tevet 17	1-Jan
Steven Cantrell	Tevet 18	2-Jan
Richard Cotton	Tevet 18	2-Jan
Bertha Creveshay	Tevet 18	2-Jan
Jacob Trachtman	Tevet 18	2-Jan
Dora Geller	Tevet 18	2-Jan

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 *virtual minyan* so that you may say kaddish for your loved ones, please contact the Temple office at least one week in advance.

- ◆ Dec 1 - Sherry Mayrent, in memory of her mother, Bernice Mayrent
- ◆ Dec 4 - Robert Kaitz, in memory of his great grandmother, Sadie Kaitz
- ◆ Dec 9 - Andrea Baron, in memory of her mother, Rhoda Abramson
- ◆ Dec 9 - Robert McCauley, in memory of his wife, Anita Israel
- ◆ Dec 9 - Richard Goldberg, in memory of his grandmother, Rebecca Sechter
- ◆ Dec 16 - Alan Levine, in memory of his grandfather, Benjamin Greene
- ◆ Dec 16 - Joan Friedman, in memory of her father, Arthur Friedman
- ◆ Dec 17 - Gita Hakerem Foster, in memory of her mother, Hella Hakerem
- ◆ Dec 21 - Irving Malick, in memory of his wife Marilyn Malick
- ◆ Dec 21 - Ed and Donald Kaplan, in memory of their brother Howard Kaplan
- ◆ Dec 23 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her uncle, Morris Rothman
- ◆ Dec 24 - Ellie Handel, in memory of her mother, Hannah Handel
- ◆ Dec 25 - Zach Roe, in memory of his grandfather, James Seilers
- ◆ Jan 2 - Catherine Cantrell, in memory of her son, Steven Cantrell
- ◆ Jan 2 - Carole Colton, in memory of her husband, Richard Colton
- ◆ Jan 2 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of his father, Jacob Trachtman
- ◆ Jan 3 - Lillian Elkind, in memory of her husband, Irving Elkind
- ◆ Jan 4 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her aunt, Betty Ullman
- ◆ Jan 8 - Alan Levine, in memory of his grandmother, Sarah Rachel Greene
- ◆ Jan 8 - Steven Kennen, in memory of his father, Abraham Kennen
- ◆ Jan 11 - Stan Goldstein, in memory of his mother, Caryl Goldstein



Donations

- Edie Rosenberg and Robert Gross, in honor of, all of us for getting through this crazy time!
- Rabbi Carl Perkins, Temple Aliyah, in honor of Caroline Nudelman.

For the Food Access Program

- Michael and Serene Victor
- Rabbi David Finkelstein

Warming Center Donations

- Walter Gazda
- Marilyn Racette
- Edie Rosenberg and Robert Gross

High Holy Day Pledges

Although we are not in our building, our operating expenses continue. We welcome your additional High Holy Day pledge.

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- Rim Meiowitz
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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

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Shabbat	Fri Dec 4 - Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv (5:30 to 6:30 pm) Fri Dec 11, 18, 25 - Shabbat Shalom (5:30 to 6:00 pm) Saturday Mornings at 10:30 am
Thursdays	Morning Minyan at 8 am
Dec 8	Board of Directors Meeting 7pm
Tue Dec 15	6:00 pm Hanukkah Candle Lighting with Mayor McCarthy Outdoors on the Waltham Common Gazebo
Sun Dec 20	Challah Baking 10am (see page 9 for details)