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Temple Talk



Rabbi's Corner - From a Hasidic Story to Celebrating Disability Culture

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month (JDAAIM). This year, I have a story for you. I think it can serve to illuminate a piece of the work that needs doing for disability awareness, acceptance, and inclusion. After sharing the story, I will explain how I think it illuminates our path forward. Having explored only some of the meaning of this great story, I will then tell how we must go beyond the story's limits in order to fulfill the mitzvot of disability inclusion.

As promised, the story. Before he became one of the greatest rabbis of early Hasidism, Rabbi Shmelke (Shmuel) of Nikolsburg had unusual sleep habits. He always slept in a chair, his head resting on his arm, and his arm stretched out on a table with a lit candle between two fingers. When

the candle burned down to his skin, he would wake up and resume studying Torah. One day, his friend Rabbi Elimelech visited him, and when Elimelech discovered how his friend was sleeping he immediately prepared a bed for him and persuaded him to lie down on it. Rabbi Elimelech closed the drapes so the room would be dark. The next morning, Rabbi Shmelke awoke in broad daylight for the first time in a long while, but he was not upset because he felt so good. When he led the community in the morning prayers, the people did not recognize him. He sounded so different. They were all liberated by his great energy. When he led the Song of the Sea, Rabbi Shmelke's singing was so powerful that the other daveners had to pick up their caftans (long suit coats) in order to avoid being splashed by the waves of water on

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Mark's Remarks- Remembering Lester Macklin

By: Mark Frydenberg



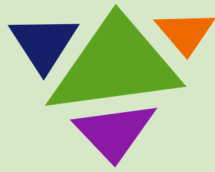
This month we remember Lester Macklin who died on January 7th. Lester served as Vice President of Temple Beth Israel for six years through 2018, beginning when Merrill Griff was president, and then continuing during the first four years of my presidency. He also served on the program committee and the finance committee. Lester was a driving force behind creating the Brotherhood fellowship at Temple Beth Israel.

He planned many trips for the program committee which allowed him to share his interests with the TBI community through a variety of social events. He loved minor league baseball and arranged frequent outings to see the Lowell Spinners and occasionally, the Boston Red Sox; he enjoyed the theatre, and organized visits to community theatre performances in Lexington. He loved being outdoors

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and planned cruises along the Boston Harbor, and arranged other cultural activities. He also enjoyed the annual Chinese food and movie event in December.

Lester introduced the Yellow Candle program to Temple Beth Israel, bringing renewed awareness of Holocaust Remembrance Day to Temple Beth Israel, and arranging a speaker for this annual event.

During his time as Vice President, Lester was keen to offer reminders and suggestions, pointing out ways to improve our building, our day-to-day operations, and our meetings. Lester was a big fan of Robert's Rules of Order, concerned that our meetings followed proper protocols. He would often send me email messages with the subject line "This & That." When I saw them, I knew a to-do list was coming. Following his many suggestions, he would end those messages with "Just my 2-cents." Once he concluded, "Just my 3-cents (inflation)."

Lester would email me that he "scrutinized the documents I sent him" – whether bylaws, minutes, or flyers for events. He kept track of details, from which blinds in the sanctuary needed to be adjusted to which areas of the synagogue needed cleaning and which prayer books needed rebinding. He was instrumental in researching and arranging for the installation of the accessibility ramp that leads from the sidewalk to the front entry of our building. He designed a small peg board to track when different groups were meeting in the building. This combined his love of woodworking with his desire to be incredibly efficient.

He and his wife Ellen attended Shabbat morning services almost every week, and enjoyed our monthly Shabbat dinners as well. Lester had his favorite menu items, and often made a special request for a cucumber and vinegar salad. Lester loved to cook. He also authored a book, *Celebrate around the Calendar*, with recipes and traditions for each day from a different part of the world.

Lester's involvement in the Jewish community extended beyond Temple Beth Israel. Prior to joining TBI, he and Ellen were very active at Temple Emunah. Lester was a past-president of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, a role of which he was very proud. He attended their annual retreat weekend in Camp Ramah in Palmer, MA, each June, and received the "yasher koach" award for his work well done.

Our condolences to his wife Ellen, their son Mark, their daughter Anne and granddaughter Ruby, and the entire Macklin family. May they be comforted among all mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.





From a Hasidic Story to Celebrating Disability Culture

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either side (adapted from Martin Buber's *Hasidism and Modern Man*, Book I, part 2).

Our story begins with a description of Rabbi Shmelke's distinctive eighteenth century alarm clock: a lit candle between his fingers. The reason for this incendiary resourcefulness is Rabbi Shmelke's extreme dedication to the mitzvah of Torah study. So our story introduces Rabbi Shmelke as a kind of Torah hero who pushes himself to the peak of his performance, right? Except that there is a note of excess in his methods. He burns himself intentionally. He risks causing a fire in his home. He sleeps in a seated position and apparently has no bed. In a way, Rabbi Shmelke seems admirable, but he also engages in a pattern of self-harm and poor self-care. Is Rabbi Shmelke ill or is he just an ascetic with heroic willpower?

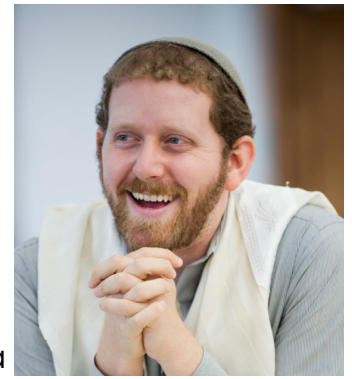
Could Rabbi Shmelke's pattern of self-harm and poor self-care indicate a kind of mental illness? Or is he just an ascetic? Without diagnosing his friend or pathologizing his behavior, Rabbi Elimelech persuades him to get better rest. This is *the* crucial moment in the story. **What do we do when we realize that a friend - someone we care about - is hurting themselves? What do we do when we see that someone we care about is not well?** In this case, Rabbi Elimelech seems to know what to do, but very often we don't know what kind of help other people need. Very often, we don't know what kind of help we need, either. The offering of solutions - trying to fix people - can cause a lot of damage. But there is a kind of help that is always right and never damaging, and that's radical compassion. A kind, non-anxious presence who accepts their inability to fix their friend, and who says, "I see that you are hurting. I am here, and I'm not going away. We can face this together." Sometimes, especially in the case of people experiencing mental illness, acceptance and inclusion come about through acts of acceptance, compassion, and love.

The rest of the story is gravy. Rabbi Elimelech helps Rabbi Shmelke get a good night's sleep, and the resulting improvement in his energy is felt by all in the way he leads the community in prayer. Rabbi Shmelke's focus has also shifted away from Torah study and towards prayer. Now let's think about one more aspect of Rabbi Elimelech's care for his friend. When Rabbi Elimelech sees Rabbi Shmelke's unhealthy sleep habits, he feels totally confident that his friend is capable of better health. But, for many people who live with disabilities, better health is not possible. In the words of Rabbi Julia Watts-Belser, who gets around in a wheelchair, "*What's wrong with me* has more to do with objectification, pity, and disdain than with honest muscle and bone. The primary problem lies in social attitudes, architectural barriers, and cultural conceptions of normalcy that value certain modes of being over others." In her triumphant Fall 2014 article, "God on Wheels: Disability and Jewish Feminist Theology," in *Tikkun* vol. 29, no. 4, Rabbi Watts-Belser demonstrates how disability endows her and others with special gifts to offer the Jewish community: "In [the disability justice movement], disability isn't a medical diagnosis, but a cultural movement. Approaching disability through the lens of culture allows us to appreciate disability as a dimension of human diversity. This perspective has often been overlooked in religious communities. But like the critical interpretive insights of feminist, queer, womanist, and liberation theologies, disability culture can bring vital, transformative insight to questions of spirit." In this way, inclusion is not the end of our path. In some cases, disability celebration should be the end goal.

So let us be aware that any and every person we meet might be living with a disability. Let us accept and include people of all abilities in our community's loving and compassionate embrace. And when it comes to disability culture, let's make some room to appreciate the gifts inherent in our diverse community.

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 February 5, March 5

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 February 24, March 24

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 February 11, March 11

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>



Notice of Temple Beth Israel Annual Meeting and Elections

The Temple Beth Israel Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 10 am on Zoom**. **Offices to be elected at this meeting are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Membership Secretary, as well as at most three at-large board positions. each for a two-year term.** A nominating committee recommends individuals for these offices.

According to the Temple Bylaws, these milestones apply:

- By Feb 13— Nominating Committee Convened
- By March 15—Announcement of committee members and open offices for re-election sent to membership. (This is that announcement)
- By April 29— Nominating committee shares a slate nominees with the membership .
- By May 14—Members not on the slate by the nominating committee may place themselves on the ballot
- The annual membership and election meeting will be held on Sunday, June 13.

Members of the nominating committee are Carmen Cooper, Mark Frydenberg, Julie Gagnon, Merrill Griff, and Paul Smith. 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 contact Merrill Griff at mdg584@gmail.com or 781 354-3278.

Thank You! Mark Frydenberg, President

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

The Warming Center has had a successful opening and is providing 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 for your continued support!





Zoom with Us!

February 2021

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/>.

	February Shabbat Services Online	Meeting ID
February 5 Feb. 12, 19, 26	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm Shabbat Shalom - 5:30pm—6:00 pm	860 9408 8277
Feb 19	Return to Upper Remety - Tish with Hankus Netsky 7:00 PM. You must register separately for the Tish. http://bit.ly/ShabbesTish	
Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27	Shabbat Morning Together - 10:30 am	898 2996 2372
	Thursday Morning Minyan	
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25	Morning Minyan 8:00am	860 6404 5288
	Rabbi's Discussion Groups	
Tuesdays	12:30pm-1:30pm Rabbi David's Open Zoom Hour	811 0356 9244 pw: 157389
Thurs. Feb 11	12:00pm—1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study	873 5344 3111 pw: 922863
Weds. Feb 24	7:00pm—8:30pm Evening Talmud Study	833 6502 6963 pw: 615895



February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month. We at TBI continue to address inclusion through programs and improving accessibility in our congregation. As a Congregational Partner of the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project, we continue to value their resources in ways to include all members. Programs

have included those with mental health, physical, hearing and sight disabilities helping members learn more about how their disability impacts their lives and how they feel included in our community. One participant in these Community Conversations has commented on how welcome and supportive he feels in our congregation. In addition, we have a handicap ramp, chair lift, flexible seating and now a ADA compliant handicap bathroom. Accessibility devices available include large print prayer books, magnifiers and fidget devices. More programs to come.

In honor of JDAIM, The Blue Dove Foundation is partnering with other national Jewish organizations for a month of education, education, solidarity-building, and empowerment in support of people with disabilities, powered by the Jewish Federations of North America. There are a few fun events including a performance by **Itzhak Perlman** on February 3. To learn more and register: <https://www.jewishtgether.org/jdam>

The Sunday Warming Center continues to welcome those in Waltham's unhoused community. Thanks to TBI and Seven Mile Road Church volunteers and our cooks from Food Not Bombs. Your donations of warm clothing and toiletries have been distributed. Used winter and work boots are needed and can be left in the donation bin in the lobby. Volunteer sign up link: http://bit.ly/TBI_WCP_Volunteers.

Our partner, The Community Day Center has asked for donations of individual bottled water and juices, as well as individual snacks. More Than Words continues to collect books and textiles. Thank you to members of the Brotherhood for bringing donated books to MTW.

Each Purim, Temple Beth Israel members help support Yad Chesed, a local organization that is fulfilling the mitzvah of Matanot L'evyonim or gifts for those who are experiencing food insufficiency. This tradition of helping those in need is central to the spirit of Purim. **Please send your donation to TBI by February 21 or see the information about Yad Chesed on Page 11 so that Yad Chesed can notify recipients on Purim.**

Thank you for your commitment to making our Temple a welcoming and inclusive community for all.
Linda Ungerleider, Chair

Guest Speakers at February 20 Shabbat Morning Services



As a next step in TBI's exploration of racial justice issues, the Social Justice Committee and Rabbi David have invited **Pastors Joseph and Ophelia Ardayfio** of Mars Hill Fellowship Church to speak during Shabbat services on Saturday morning, February 20. They founded their majority Black congregation in Brookline in 2008, with a grounding in justice. Please join us at services for this opportunity to learn about the connection between racial justice and faith through their lens.



Shabbes in Upper Remety: Music of the Hollender Family—A Tish with Hankus Netsky (Friday Feb. 19)

Hankus Netsky will lead a "tish" – (singing around a table) featuring melodies of the Hollender family. This annual event honors the late Morris Hollender, Temple Beth Israel's long-time baal tefile (prayer leader) and Torah reader, and his wife Edith. Auschwitz concentration camp survivors, the Hollenders came to the Boston area from Czechoslovakia in 1967.

Joining Hankus will be members of New England Conservatory's Jewish Music Ensemble and congregation members, who will help him lead the singing of unique traditional Eastern European Jewish Melodies that Morris Hollender remembered from his childhood in Upper Remety in the Carpathian Mountains of the Czech Republic, and shared generously with others during his time in the United States.

5:30 PM— Hankus Netsky will share a nigun and Morris Hollender's L'cho Doydee melody during our weekly Kabbalat Shabbat service.

6:00 PM— Have dinner at home (we suggest you make chicken paprikash)

7:00 PM— Shabbes in Upper Remety Tish (Note: The tish will have a separate Zoom link. Prior registration for the tish is required.)

Sign up at <http://bit.ly/ShabbesTish> - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Yiddish/Klezmer Dance Workshop on Sunday, March 7 at 3 PM.

Balancing individual expression and community togetherness, traditional Yiddish dance, sometimes called Klezmer Dance, is as beautiful as it is fun. Join Avia Moore for a workshop that will have you shining in your living room! With plenty of room for variation, these are traditional dances that everyone can enjoy together (once we are back together). We will learn steps and style for the core Yiddish dance repertoire - including freylekhs, bulgars, and zhoks. Along the way we will chat about the historical and contemporary contexts of the dances. This introduction to Yiddish dance is for new dancers, experienced dancers, and even those that think they are not dancers. This is also a great class for klezmer musicians – better understanding the dances is a step towards becoming a great dance band leader.



Avia has joyfully taught and led Yiddish dance at festivals and events transcontinentally. She is a PhD Candidate in Theatre and Performance Studies at York University (Canada) where her research examines the ways in which heritage and traditional cultural practices are performed on modern stages and in contemporary life.

This program is free but donations are greatly appreciated.

Register in advance for this meeting: <http://bit.ly/TBIDanceworkshop>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Thursday Morning Minyan 8:00am

Our morning minyan is a vital part of what makes TBI a caring community. It's important to have a minimum of ten Jewish adults present, and visible on the screen to gather as a virtual minyan. By attending, you can show your support to our community and to those saying Kaddish.

The minyan will begin promptly at 8 am, and will end by 9 a.m. We include Torah reading. We 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 borrow a prayer book at TBI (contact Andrea to arrange), download at <http://www.tbiwaltham.org/pray/morning-minyan/> or [click here](#). We also share the pages on the screen.

**Please attend when you can
and start your Thursday with us!**

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 860 6404 5288



Thursday, February 25th at 6:30 pm

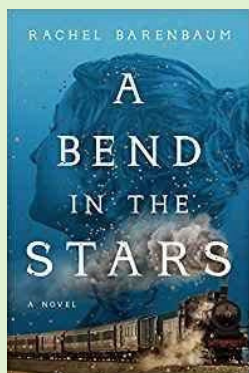
Join us for our megillah reading and slide show all from the comfort of your own home.

After the megillah reading there will be a Purim Shpiel put on by our very own TBI Show Team. The Shpiel will be based on Harry Potter.



[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 848 8052 5497



TBI Bookshelf

by Marilyn Racette

Because we celebrate Valentine's Day this month, it seems fitting to write about a love story. ***A Bend in the Stars*** is Rachel Barenbaum's 2019 debut novel. This epic tale of romance and injustice is historical fiction, "a heart-pounding journey across WWI-era Russia, about an ambitious young doctor and her scientist brother in a race against Einstein to solve one of the greatest mysteries of the universe." Please contact the library if you would like to borrow it!

Joseph Milesky	Shvat 19	1-Feb
Jacob Rosenfield	Shvat 19	1-Feb
Sadie Krinsky	Shvat 19	1-Feb
Harry Kritzman	Shvat 19	1-Feb
Eric Benjamins Mom	Shvat 21	3-Feb
Monroe M. Frankel	Shvat 21	3-Feb
Saul Cohen	Shvat 21	3-Feb
Dora Dame	Shvat 22	4-Feb
Morris Freedman	Shvat 22	4-Feb
Gussie Kniznik	Shvat 23	5-Feb
Sam Bogan	Shvat 23	5-Feb
Samuel Wolk	Shvat 24	6-Feb
Jacob Koocher	Shvat 24	6-Feb
Renee Brown	Shvat 24	6-Feb
Solomon Harris	Shvat 25	7-Feb
Ida Kulin	Shvat 25	7-Feb
Maurry Furman	Shvat 26	8-Feb
William Becker	Shvat 26	8-Feb
Sadie Baron	Shvat 26	8-Feb
Sarah Freedman	Shvat 27	9-Feb
Sylvia Weinstein	Shvat 27	9-Feb
Louis Nochemsohn	Shvat 27	9-Feb
Irving Norman	Shvat 27	9-Feb
Florence Lipkin	Shvat 27	9-Feb
Dorothy Ullian	Shvat 27	9-Feb
Sarah Milesky	Shvat 27	9-Feb
Regina Greenbaum	Shvat 29	11-Feb
Mildred Rothbart	Shvat 29	11-Feb
Helen Rose Justice	Shvat 30	11-Feb
Abigail Decker	Adar1 01	13-Feb
Lillian Bloom	Adar1 01	13-Feb
Edward Baron	Adar1 01	13-Feb
Fannie Blackstone	Adar1 01	13-Feb
Robert Gordon	Adar2 01	13-Feb
Abraham Tatelman	Adar2 01	13-Feb
Benjamin Lebowitz	Adar2 01	13-Feb
Harry Freedman	Adar2 01	13-Feb
Goldie Rachel Webb	Adar2 01	13-Feb
Eva Kaitz	Adar2 02	14-Feb
Mildred Marion	Adar2 02	14-Feb
Jacob Krinsky	Adar1 03	15-Feb
Evelyn Myers	Adar2 03	15-Feb
Mitchell Lane Roe	Adar2 03	15-Feb
Benson Griff	Adar1 04	16-Feb
Harry Canter	Adar1 04	16-Feb
Eva Rothman	Adar1 05	17-Feb
Saul G. Ginsburg	Adar1 05	17-Feb
Vittal Crevoshay	Adar1 05	17-Feb
Ruth Gordon	Adar1 06	18-Feb
Philip Rosenfield	Adar1 06	18-Feb
Jacob Shay	Adar1 06	18-Feb
Maurice Katz	Adar1 06	18-Feb
Annette Feinsand	Adar1 06	18-Feb
Arthur Nochemsohn	Adar1 07	19-Feb
Marsha Goldstein	Adar1 07	19-Feb
Paul Keaney	Adar1 08	20-Feb
Sonia Smith	Adar1 08	20-Feb
Minnie Milesky	Adar1 08	20-Feb
Esther bat Avraham	Adar2 09	21-Feb
Gnesia Crevoshay	Adar2 09	21-Feb
Louis Michelson	Adar1 10	22-Feb
Samuel Margolis	Adar1 10	22-Feb
Yetta Blackstone	Adar1 10	22-Feb

Harold Katz	Adar1 10	22-Feb	Gertrude Levison	Adar1 19	3-Mar
David Beecher	Adar1 11	23-Feb	Alex Lietsky	Adar1 20	4-Mar
Rose Cohen	Adar1 11	23-Feb	Bernard Sharfman	Adar1 20	4-Mar
Frieda Resnick	Adar1 11	23-Feb	Robert Fox	Adar1 20	4-Mar
Harold Seltzer	Adar2 11	23-Feb	Elizabeth Rosenberg	Adar2 20	4-Mar
Marcia Slarskey	Adar1 12	24-Feb	Sal Araten	Adar1 22	6-Mar
Fanna Kreidberg	Adar1 12	24-Feb	Marshall Kreidberg	Adar1 22	6-Mar
Neil Baker	Adar1 12	24-Feb	Dora Milesky	Adar1 22	6-Mar
Joseph Harris	Adar1 13	25-Feb	Jennie Goldberg	Adar1 22	6-Mar
Ann Wolf	Adar1 13	25-Feb	David Goldstein	Adar2 22	6-Mar
Ira David Seltzer	Adar1 14	26-Feb	Martha Mikelbank	Adar1 23	7-Mar
Harris Griff	Adar1 14	26-Feb	Rose Nussinow	Adar1 23	7-Mar
Jane Siegel	Adar1 14	26-Feb	Larry Webb	Adar1 25	9-Mar
William Milesky	Adar1 15	27-Feb	Rose Braverman	Adar1 25	9-Mar
Max Ritter	Adar1 15	27-Feb	Gerald Woolf	Adar2 25	9-Mar
Philip Shapiro	Adar1 16	28-Feb	Annie Alpert	Adar1 26	10-Mar
Edward Gilman	Adar1 17	1-Mar	Judith Smith	Adar1 27	11-Mar
Dr. Samuel Messer	Adar2 17	1-Mar	Leonard Kaufman	Adar1 27	11-Mar
Al Bloom	Adar2 17	1-Mar	Sandra Gustin	Adar1 27	11-Mar
Yetta Fischer	Adar1 18	2-Mar	Aaron Greenblott	Adar1 27	11-Mar
Fannie Beecher	Adar1 19	3-Mar	Rose Wolk	Adar1 27	11-Mar
Louis Freedman	Adar1 19	3-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 *virtual minyan* so that you may say kaddish for your loved ones, please contact the Temple office at least one week in advance.

- ♦ Feb 3 - Eric Benjamin, in memory of his mother
- ♦ Feb 3 - Barbara Camann, in memory of her father, Saul Cohen
- ♦ Feb 6 - Ed Brown and Julie Gagnon, in memory of Renee Brown
- ♦ Feb 8 - Susan Furman, in memory of her father, Maurry Furman
- ♦ Feb 9 - Ed Kaufman, in memory of Dorothy Ullian
- ♦ Feb 11 - Ben Nudelman, in memory of his mother, Regina Greenbaum
- ♦ Feb 11 - Zachary Roe, in memory of his grandmother, Helen Rose Justice
- ♦ Feb 13 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her aunt, Lillian Bloom
- ♦ Feb 13 - Susan Baron, in memory of her father, Edward Baron
- ♦ Feb 13 - Chester Webb, in memory of his mother, Goldie Webb
- ♦ Feb 14 - Robert Kaitz, in memory of his grandmother, Eva Kaitz
- ♦ Feb 15 - Zachary Roe, in memory of Mitchell Lane Roe
- ♦ Feb 17 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her grandmother, Eva Rothman
- ♦ Feb 18 - Ellen Feinsand, in memory of her mother, Annette Feinsand
- ♦ Feb 20 - Esther Keaney, in memory of her father, Paul Keaney
- ♦ Feb 20 - Albert, Paul and David Smith, in memory of their mother, Sonia Smith
- ♦ Feb 21 - Carol Master, in memory of her mother, Esther bat Avraham Avinu
- ♦ Feb 22 - Jordan Kreidberg, in memory of his mother, Fanna Kreidberg
- ♦ Feb 26 - Merrill Griff, in memory of his father Harris Griff
- ♦ Feb 26 - Alan Corman, in memory of his father
- ♦ Feb 26 - Barbara Camann, in memory of her sister, Jane Siegel
- ♦ Mar 1 - Larry Bloom, in memory of his father, Al Bloom
- ♦ Mar 4 - Bruce Trager, in memory of his grandfather, Robert Fox
- ♦ Mar 6 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of her father, Sal Araten
- ♦ Mar 6 - Jordan Kreidberg, in memory of his father, Marshall Kreidberg
- ♦ Mar 9 - Julian Webb, in memory of his father, Larry Webb
- ♦ Mar 9 - Caroline Nudelman, in memory of her father, Gerald Woolf
- ♦ Mar 11 - Albert Smith, in memory of his wife, Judith Smith

Donations

- The Halderstein Owl Trust
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Warming Center Donations

- Robert Gross and Edie Rosenberg
- Ellen Band, in honor of Mark Frydenberg
- First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Temple Beth Israel Memorial Park

The cost for an individual grave in Temple Beth Israel Memorial Park for members is \$2,200. The cost for non-members is \$2,800, which includes one year of membership (\$600). Graves in the Kulanu interfaith section are sold in lots of two, at a total cost of \$4,400 for members. The cost for non-members is \$7,600 for a lot of two, which includes one year of family membership (\$1,200). Please contact **Jay Trilling** of Menorah Cemetery Management Corporation, at (857) 636-9440 for further information. —Jim Baron, Cemetery Committee Chair

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For over 30 years Yad Chessed has worked to address the needs of Jews in our community who are struggling with financial and food insecurity. With the support of donors, synagogues, schools and partner organizations, Yad Chessed's team of social workers provides swift emergency financial assistance, grocery gift cards, and compassionate care, advice, and referrals to those in need.

From now until Purim Day (11am on Friday 2/26), Yad Chessed will be collecting monetary donations and group pledges to fulfil the mitzvah of Matanot L'evyonim. The mitzvah of helping those in need is central to the spirit of Purim and reminds us that we are obligated and honored to extend a hand in times of joy and celebration. In accordance with Jewish law, the funds raised for Matanot L'evyonim will then be distributed on Purim Day itself so our neighbors in need can purchase food for themselves and their families. Last year, **you** – our generous community of supporters – raised over \$100,000 to help people afford food!

While we may be celebrating Purim differently this year, we know our community will still come together to donate to Yad Chessed and remember those in need.

When donating online at yadchedded.org/donate, you may note **Temple Beth Israel, Waltham** in the "in honor of" field. You may also mail a donation to Yad Chessed at: 440 Totten Pond Road, Suite 401, Waltham, MA 02451. **Please include the word "Purim" and Temple Beth Israel, Waltham on your check memo.**

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Shabbat	Fri Feb 5 - Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv (5:30 to 6:30 pm) Fri Feb 12, 19, 26 - Shabbat Shalom (5:30 to 6:00 pm) Saturday Mornings at 10:30 am
Fri Feb 19	Shabbes in Upper Remety—Music of the Hollender Family A Tish with Hankus Netsky (7 pm)
Tuesdays	Rabbi's Office Hour 12:30-1:30pm (note the new time)
Thurs. Feb 11	12:00pm—1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study
Wed. Feb 24	7:00pm—8:30pm Evening Talmud Study
Thu Feb 25	Purim—Megillah Reading 6:30pm and Shpiel 