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## **Temple Talk**

## Rabbi's Corner—Muscular vs. Miraculous Spirituality

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

The Hebrew month of Elul, which overlaps significantly with August this year, is a month for something that one of my teachers calls "muscular spirituality." This phrase can be a bit confusing, because the word "muscular" is being used in an unusual sense. With Rosh Hashanah coming in early September, and the rest of that month dense with other holy days (Yom Kippur, Sukkot, etc.), this subject is especially relevant now. This season of many holy days is a great time for spiritual renewal. Although many people wait until Rosh Hashanah, this renewal can begin in Elul. I will explain how Elul is an especially good time for muscular spirituality, and how the opposite kind of spirituality can sustain us as well.

My teacher, Rabbi Shmuel (Richie) Lewis, contrasted muscular spirituality with miraculous spirituality. Both are valid, but my teacher was only interested in the muscular type. He felt that miraculous spirituality was too accessible to benefit from his advocacy. As you read this article, it may be useful for you to think about which forms of spirituality interest you at this moment in your life.

Miraculous spirituality is what we experience when we climb or drive up Prospect Hill or some other hill or mountain. We look out and down from that high place at an expanse of natural beauty or architectural grandeur. Maybe it even makes us a bit dizzy. We sit quietly and take it in, or maybe the sight inspires us to clap our hands and do a little dance. We might also have this kind of experience while

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# Fresh from the Bakery: A Community of Individuals

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

On Friday evening, July 23, we enjoyed returning in person to Shabbat Under the Stars after interrupting this annual tradition with last year's online version. Many of us gathered outdoors to welcome Shabbat with prayer and then enjoy a potluck meal together. But it wasn't entirely back to the old ways. This was a "pandemic potluck" in which everyone brought food—but they ate only what they brought. More of a bring-your-own picnic dinner.

It proved to be—as I experienced it—a lovely blend of individual and group experience. Each of us ate exactly what we chose, a self-tailored meal. There never was a worry of whether you were bringing a shared dish that others would like, or that too many others also brought. We each knew that we had exactly what we would and could eat.

And yet, we broke bread as a community. We passed individually wrapped challah rolls, and pre-poured cups of wine and juice, and said the blessings in concert with each other.

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# Fresh from the Bakery: A Community of Individuals

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

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The unusual potluck symbolized to me the wonderful combination of unique individuals and binding connections that makes Temple Beth Israel who we are. As I looked about me during Shabbat Under the Stars, I saw around me people who tend to be serious and others who are always ready to laugh. Some of us were musical and others (myself!) were not. There were artists and technologists. Some were quiet, others garrulous. The beauty that we create from bringing together this diversity of experience, talent and outlook helps to form TBI. And, I realized, being together live allows that chorus of community to sing in a special way, just as our voices in prayer together truly mesh when we share the same space.

So, it is wonderful to be, at least some of us...at least some of the time, in person with each other once again.

But being a community centers around caring for each other. And as we proved over the last year and a half, sometimes we need to do that by being in our separate spaces. As we move forward in the coming months, we must continue rethinking how we best take care of each other. We celebrate each other's uniqueness, and that must include respecting each other's comfort level and health status as the pandemic continues into new phases. We have very personal needs and preferences for how we come together, and we can care for each other by always keeping that top of mind.

Right now, these are our protocols for gathering:

- All non-vaccinated individuals above the age of two must remain masked when indoors at TBI.
- No one may approach close to others without first knowing their comfort level with close proximity.
- When we serve food, it is individually pre-packaged and served in the social hall or outdoors where people can gather without crowding.
- All food must be eaten either at the social hall tables that have been spaced for distancing, or outdoors.
- All TBI services that take place live also are accessible online.

These standards will undoubtedly continue to change over time. At every stage, whatever our conventions are, let's honor them as agreements that bind us as a community and respect us as individuals.

## Rabbi's Corner—Muscular vs Miraculous Spirituality

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

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looking at a plant, or at an animal, at a painting, or while listening to music. We can call this spirituality miraculous because it is founded on the experience of wonder or awe, and the word "miracle" comes from the Latin *miraculum*, meaning "an object of wonder." In Hebrew, we call this *yir'ah*. *Yir'ah* is a completely valid form of spirituality, especially for the coming season of holy days which, after all, are called the *Yamim Nora'im*, or the Days of Awe. One prominent example of this inspiring and sometimes vertiginous spirituality is in our Torah reading for Rosh Hashanah Day 2, which involves an ascent up Mount Moriah, which means "Mount Awe" or "Mount Reverence." That's where the binding of Isaac occurs, an event that adds to the awe a large helping of terror. It reminds us that in addition to providing breath-taking vistas, high places also contain the potential for a disastrous fall.

Every holy day is itself like a hill or mountain that we may climb to experience awe. If we climb through Elul up to the mountain range of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot, then we will reach the first mountain with spiritual momentum. Each holy day gives us a special perspective that is unique to that day (or, in the case of Sukkot, unique to that week). In some kind of way, the point of a holy day is to give those who celebrate it an experience of miraculous spirituality.

Unlike miraculous spirituality, which is founded on special, occasional experiences, muscular spirituality is all about repetition and building momentum. Maybe these two spiritual modes are like Jacob and Esau. Esau is hairy, strong, impulsive, a hunter, and has multiple wives - his life could make a gripping reality TV show. But Esau's twin brother Jacob has unremarkable hair, he's a tent-dweller, unmarried. His young life is comparatively uneventful. But Jacob is close to his mother, and he inherits the Abrahamic covenant with God. Muscular spirituality - the young Jacob of spiritualities - isn't flashy, but it can be very impressive in the long run. It is called muscular because it is about growth, discipline, and repetition. Just as a small-muscled person can become stronger, bigger-muscled and more flexible through disciplined exercise, so too, a person can become stronger through practice. Spirituality, then, is like a muscle. Our spirituality can learn, grow, and become stronger through practice.

This month of Elul (~August) is a month for muscular spirituality. Traditionally, it has been a time when Jews have increased or deepened our prayer practice, recommitted ourselves to righteous action, and generally engaged in *teshuvah*, which means return - return to God, return to ourselves, return to health, strength, justice, return to love - even if only a little bit. According to tradition, Moses ascends another high place on the first of Elul: Mount Sinai. After Moses finds the Israelites worshipping the golden calf and he destroys the first tablets on the mountainside, Moses spends forty days on Mount Sinai earning back God's trust for Israel. The fortieth day is Yom Kippur, the day when God forgives Israel and when Moses comes down with the second set of tablets. Muscular spirituality takes time. Like Moses spending forty days up there without food or water, muscular spirituality requires persistence.

So, this Elul, I encourage us all to persist, maybe for forty days, from the first of Elul until Yom Kippur. Let's persist in doing something that can strengthen us spiritually. We can journal or pray, walk or meditate, sit and listen. We can cook, water plants, read or make our mark as a spiritual exercise, with growth as our goal. Let's persist.

L'shanah tovah - To a good year,

Rabbi David



## Mark's Remarks: Remembering David Freedman

By: Mark Frydenberg, Immediate Past President

I remember the days when David Freedman would walk all over town. He was unable to drive due to vision issues, but I'd see him walking on Moody Street or Main Street toward the Waltham Public Library, where he was an esteemed volunteer. He arranged for Temple Beth Israel to have a special exhibit in the library in 2014, commemorating the synagogue's centennial in Waltham.

He would walk to Temple Beth Israel, often the first to arrive on Saturday mornings. David handed out honors at Shabbat morning services, greeting each potential honoree with a warm welcome. He sat in his seat on the right hand side of the sanctuary. He was quiet, and reserved, and rarely was he the center of attention. David was very aware of and concerned about the welfare of the world at large. When we said *Mi sheberach* prayers for the sick he would often add the victims of a tragedy that was in the news, whether it was a tornado, flood, or mass shooting somewhere in the world. Though he was small in stature (perhaps from the polio he had as a child), he had a big heart. He enjoyed coming to services when we had Friday night dinners. When it became difficult for him to get out, he made occasional calls to check in with other TBI members. He didn't enjoy being in large crowds of people.

When David moved to his apartment, I helped him set up his computer so he could stay in touch with his friends and family using email. He loved hearing a good joke and enjoyed sharing them with his friends and family in person or by email. Staying connected was very important to him. His synagogue friends recall that David often sent them greeting cards with personal messages for every holiday and, even in the midst of his own difficulties, he showed concern for the well-being of others.

David Freedman died on June 26th, and would have celebrated his birthday on August 13th. He will be missed by his many friends in the Temple Beth Israel community, who became his family. We say kaddish for him and remember his name, his kindness, and his spirit.

May these memories of David be a source of blessing.





## **SELICHOT with RABBI DAVID and CANTOR BAND**

**DATE**: Saturday night, August 28

**TIME**: Learning at 9:00 PM, followed by Prayers at 10:00 PM

WHERE: In-person at Temple Beth Israel and also accessible via

Zoom (click link below)

Zoom Link: click here to enter the service Sat, Aug. 28 at 9pm

**WHAT**: In the *Selichot* prayers, we remind God and ourselves of the *brit* or covenant, recommitting ourselves to living by the mitzvot, and asking God to continue being present and compassionate with us in this relationship. This year's learning will be the third annual Selichot learning session to focus on *brit*, or covenant. After studying in the past two years about the covenants with all life (Noah) and with Abraham, we turn our attention this year to the covenant at Mount Sinai with Moses and the entire people Israel. Learning will be participatory, primarily in English with Hebrew text provided. No prior knowledge required. All are welcome.

# High Holy Day Schedule

## 2021-2022 High Holy Day Attendance

We want to make sure we have a chair for you! Please let us know in a brief survey whether you plan to attend services in person. Please complete and submit the form before August 27th. If you are unsure, that's okay--just let us know all the services that you believe you may attend live. We're also collecting your contact information so we can get in touch with you if necessary. Here is the link to the survey: <a href="https://bit.ly/2021HighHolyDaySurvey">https://bit.ly/2021HighHolyDaySurvey</a>, or call the Temple office. Thank you.

Selichot	Saturday, Aug. 28	9:00pm 10:00pm	Evening Program Selichot with Rabbi Finkelstein and Cantor Ellen Band (no refreshments will be served)
Erev Rosh HaShanah Service	Monday, Sept. 6	7:30pm	Evening Service
Rosh HaShanah Day 1	Tuesday, Sept. 7	9:00am 10:30am TBD 1:00pm 5:00pm	Morning Service Children's Service (until 11:30 am) Teen Meetup Service Concludes Tashlich at Watch Factory South Dock (map available)
Rosh HaShanah Day 2	Wednesday, Sept. 8	9:00am 10:30am 1:00pm	Morning Service Children's Service (until 11:30 am) Service Concludes
Tzom Gedaliah	Thursday, Sept. 9	8:00am	Morning Minyan (online only)
Shabbat Shuvah	Saturday, Sept. 11	9:30am	Shabbat morning service
Cemetery Memorial Service	Sunday, Sept. 12	10:00am	Service at Beth Israel Memorial Park (in person and online)
Erev Yom Kippur	Wednesday, Sept. 15	6:00pm	Kol Nidre Service
Yom Kippur	Thursday, Sept. 16	9:00 am 10:45am 11:30am TBD 3:30pm 5:30pm 7:35pm	Morning Service Children's Service (until 11:45 am) Yizkor (approximate time) Teen Meetup Discussion Mincha, Neila, Ma'ariv, Havdalah Shofar and Break-the-Fast

## **High Holy Day Schedule**

Build the Sukkah	Sunday, Sept. 19	10:00am	Put up Sukkah (Rain or Shine)	
Erev Sukkot	Monday, Sept. 20	5:30pm	Family Event: Decorate the Sukkah	
Sukkot Yom Tov Day 1	Tuesday, Sept. 21	8:00am	Morning Service/Kiddush in Sukkah	
Sukkot Yom Tov Day 2	Wednesday, Sept. 22	8:00am	Morning Service/Kiddush in Sukkah	
Hol HaMoed Sukkot	Thursday, Sept. 23	8:00am	Morning Minyan (online only)	
Shabbat Service	Friday, Sept. 24	6:30pm	Shabbat Service with Yizkor (online only)	
Hol HaMoed Sukkot Shabbat Morning	Saturday, Sept. 25	9:30am	Shabbat morning service/Kohelet Kiddush in the Sukkah	
Hoshanah Rabbah	Monday, Sept. 27	No Service	No Service Scheduled	
Shemini Atzeret	Tuesday, Sept. 28	8:00am	Morning Service (with Yizkor)	
Simchat Torah Evening	Tuesday, Sept. 28	6:00pm 6:20pm	Family Event: Snack and Torah Tour Evening Service/Dancing with Torah	
Simchat Torah Morning	Wednesday, Sept. 29	8:00am	Morning Service: Complete Torah Cycle and Begin Bereishit/Genesis	
Shabbat Bereshit	Saturday, October 2	9:30am	Shabbat Morning Services	

Times and events are subject to change. Please see our website calendar for updated event details.

All services will meet in our sanctuary and will be on Zoom, unless otherwise noted above.

We will announce Covid protocols for the High Holidays closer to the date, but please know that we may require masks for all who attend in person, regardless of vaccination status. We also expect to hold all children's activities outdoors, so they will occur only if weather permits.

All Zoom links will be provided in the next newsletter and will also be listed on our website by the end of August.

# Welcome to Your Synagogue Community New Members, Old Members and Prospective Members Please Join Us for our Open House



## Visit the Temple Beth Israel Open House for:

- A study session with Rabbi David Finkelstein
- Some schmoozing with current members of our Board
- Information about our ritual, educational, social, cultural and social justice events
- A focus on inclusion of all
- Exploring our options for personalized b'nai mitzvah ceremonies
- Light refreshments, games, a raffle and gift bags for our attendees

**Temple Beth Israel** is an egalitarian, traditional synagogue welcoming all who seek to enrich their Jewish lives. We are a community that celebrates Shabbat, holidays, and life's daily happenings together; we embrace learning, social, and spiritual growth, and offer a meaningful Jewish presence in the Waltham area.

When: Sunday, August 15th, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA

**Accessibility**: Parking available; ramp at front entrance; lift to

social hall and sanctuary

**Questions**: andrea@tbiwaltham.org or 781-893-8693



#### All are welcome:

- High Holy Days--visitors welcome free of charge
- Shabbat mornings, followed by a community kiddush
- Shabbat evenings online
- Morning minyan online on Thursdays
- Classes with Rabbi David
- Social events
- Social justice activities

## Can't make it on Sunday?

Join us for an early start to our on-line Friday evening service on August 20th.

Our service will start at 5:30 but the Zoom session will begin at 5pm for an informal meeting with the Rabbi and TBI members.

## Please note our practices for meeting in-person:

- All non-vaccinated individuals above the age of two must remain masked when indoors at TBI.
- No one may approach close to others without first knowing their comfort level with close proximity.
- All food must be eaten either at social hall tables that are set up for distance, or outdoors.

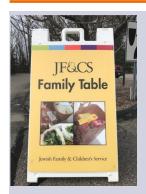
## **High Holy Day Prayerbooks (Machzor)**



We will be using Machzor Lev Shalem as our holy day prayer book as we have for the past several years.

We will not be sharing the pages from the machzor on the screen during the service. If you will be joining us on Zoom, you may pick up a printed copy of Machzor Lev Shalem for each person in your household by going to Temple Beth Israel before the holidays during office hours to sign out a copy.

To pick up a book at another time, or request that someone delivers a book to your home, please notify Andrea Baron in the Temple office. You will sign a form agreeing to return the book(s) by November 1, or agree to pay a replacement cost of \$54 per book.





## Food Drive for the Days of Awe

Temple Beth Israel will conduct a Food Drive to support Family Table a project of Jewish Family and Children's Service.

We will collect healthy foods that serve Jewish families and individuals in many communities.

## Please consider donating some of their greatest needs:

Whole Grain Pasta Whole Grain Crackers Solid White Tuna in Water

Brown Rice Dried Beans Raisins

Canned Salmon Shabbat Candles Canned Vegetables

Canned Tomatoes (sauce, diced, Vegetarian Soup (kosher and low Canned Fruit (low sugar and in fruit

stewed, whole) sodium) juice)

Cereal (low sugar and whole grain)

Bring your donation to the Temple any time before Friday, September 17 between 9:30 and 5:00 and place it in the Family Table collection box on the porch.

If you prefer, a check can be made out to Family Table and sent to: Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA 02453.

## Schmooze with Us

Do you miss running into other TBI members at the entry of our building, and sinking into the sofas for a chat? Or gathering at a table in the social hall and seeing where the conversation goes?

The Chesed Committee has created two opportunities every month for you to do this on Zoom, since we still can't come together in person. No agenda. No business to discuss. No facilitator. No idea who might show up!

Drop in, see who you run into, and see what conversation happens. It's possible no one else will be there, but it's worth checking!

This is unmoderated, but basic rules apply—only friendly, respectful conversation. Please do not share the link outside the TBI community. And please keep the discussion purely social; this is not for synagogue business.

Enjoy!

TBI Members' Monday Schmooze

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month, 11am to Noon:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85836722412?pwd=R0xmMTFRQ2tXcVNmNHJIWmRrd2VvUT09

Meeting ID: 858 3672 2412

Passcode: Schmooze

Date to remember: Monday, August 2 at 11 am

TBI Members' Thursday Schmooze

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month, 1 pm – 2 pm:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84875146576?pwd=RzIXNUR6Y0pMYy8ya1NId2hja29yUT09

Meeting ID: 848 7514 6576

Passcode: Schmooze

Date to remember: Thursday, August 19 at 1 pm

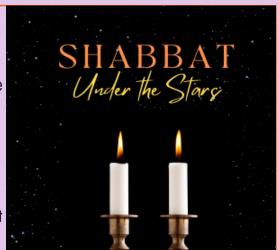
#### TBI's Shabbat Under the Stars!

On Friday, August 27th, our outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat will be at the home of Susan Holbert and Pierce Butler, 24 Harris Street in Waltham.

6:00 Shabbat service

6:30 Bring-your-own picnic dinner

We will follow TBI's protocols for outdoor gathering that are current at that time.



**Pre-registration required** so we can communicate in the case of inclement weather. Pre-register by sending an email to office@tbiwaltham.org or by calling the TBI office at 781-894-5146.

Service will be available on Zoom from 6:00 to 6:30 Meeting ID 860 9408 8277.

If we cancel for inclement weather, the Zoom service will be available to all beginning at 6:00 pm.

## Rabbi David's Discussion Groups

## MONTHLY KABBALAT SHABBAT with MAARIV

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

**Date**: Friday August 6

**Description**: Now, back by popular demand, Rabbi David (and/or a lay leader) leads the

evening service after Kabbalat Shabbat once each 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 (<u>rabbidavid@tbiwaltham.org</u>) if you want to lead some part of Friday night.

**Zoom Link:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86094088277

## **LUNCHTIME TORAH STUDY (monthly)**

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

**Date**: Thursdays August 12

**Description**: On June 23rd, we complete dour discussion of Genesis 21, the story of Hagar and Ishmael's eviction from the house of Abraham-Sarah and their subsequent embrace by God. We concluded our study of chapter 21 by reading and discussing the story of Abraham's treaty with the neighboring Philistine king of Gerar, Avimelekh. After taking vacation in July, we will turn our attention on August 12 to Genesis chapter 22, the difficult and radical capstone chapter of the Abraham-Sarah epic known as "The Binding of Isaac." Rabbi David will point out some special features of this unique chapter and a participant-driven text-based discussion will follow.

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

## **EVENING TALMUD STUDY (monthly)**

# \* \* \* Please note the day change to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. \* \* \*

Time: 7:00-8:30pm on 3rd Wednesdays, on Zoom

Date: Wednesdays August 18

**Description:** We will study and discuss highlights from the Gemara (the later layer of the Talmud, recorded 200 -600 CE) in Tractate Taanit, whose Mishnah we studied during the winter and spring. Our study will be guided by the *Ein Yaakov*, Rabbi Yaakov ibn Chaviv's 16th century compilation of the Talmud's non-legal, ethical and inspirational teachings. We began on June 23 with an introduction to *Ein Yaakov*, followed by sequential study of *Ein Yaakov*'s selections for Tractate Taanit. We will continue studying Tractate Taanit in *Ein Yaakov* on August 18.

Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365026963?pwd=SytiQ0tqK3hraGFRdzdlc1NJQVFnQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365026963?pwd=SytiQ0tqK3hraGFRdzdlc1NJQVFnQT09</a>

## Zoom with Us!

## August 2021

We are now meeting by computer and by phone, and 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 <a href="http://www.tbiwaltham.org/">http://www.tbiwaltham.org/</a>.

	August Shabbat Services Online	Meeting ID
August 6	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm	0/0 0/00 0077
August 13, 20, 27	Shabbat Shalom - 5:30pm—6:00 pm	860 9408 8277
August 7, 14, 21, 28	Shabbat Morning IN PERSON AND ONLINE 9:30 am (please note new start time)	898 2996 2372 pw:204635
	Thursday Morning Minyan	
August 5, 12, 19, 26	Morning Minyan 8:00am	860 6404 5288
	Rabbi's Discussion Groups	
Tuesdays	12:30pm-1:30pm Rabbi David's Open Zoom Hour No office hours on August 3rd	811 0356 9244 pw: 157389
August 12	12:00pm—1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study	873 5344 3111 pw: 922863
August 18	7:00pm—8:30pm Evening Talmud Study	833 6502 6963 pw: 615895

## **Social Justice** Committee Report

During this month, the TBI community continues to support our partners with helpful donations.

The Community Day Center is in need of individual servings of snacks and drinks, including bottled water, individual bags of chips, individual bags of cookies, granola bars, and juice; and could use disposable razors. They will also accept monetary donations to purchase MBTA ride cards for clients. You may bring your donation to 16 Felton Street, Waltham, and call (781) 392-6311 for a staff member to accept your donation.

More Than Words continues to collect used books and textiles. Located at 56 Felton Street, Waltham, with donation bins located near their front door. They have reopened and you can also shop online at https://shop.mtwyouth.org for that book you desire.

The SJ Committee will meet in early August. If you have a social justice topic or action of interest and would like the committee to consider it, please contact Linda at ulinda@gmail.com or at 617-962-6347.

## **Book Club**

Please feel free to join us - August 24 at 7pm on Zoom.

Contact Susan Holbert and she will personally send you a Zoom link to the meeting.



The book for August will be Cilka's Journey by Heather Morris.

Cilka Klein is 18 years old when Cilka's Journey Auschwitz-Birkenau is liberated Soviet soldiers. But Cilka is one of the many women who is sentenced to a labor camp on charges of having helped the Nazis--with no consideration

of the circumstances Cilka and women like her found themselves in as they struggled to survive. Once at the Vorkuta gulag in Sibera, where she is to serve her 15-year sentence, Cilka uses her wits, charm, and beauty to survive.

"Based on a true story, the riveting tale of a young woman's determination to survive a Siberian forced labor camp is a moving testament to the power of kindness, ingenuity, and hope." .....People

Everyone welcome! Those who haven't read the book often lead us down the most interesting avenues of shared knowledge and experience!

Hope to see you there.

## **TBI Bookshelf**

## by Marilyn Racette

In today's Boston Globe I read about an Alabama police officer standing at attention during a rainstorm, to honor a deceased WWII veteran as the funeral procession passed by. That may be why Jews in American Wars by J. George Friedman and Louis A. Falk caught my eye. Donated to the TBI library by Newton Post 211 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, this slim volume, with its patriotic red, white, and blue cover, tells of Jews who have 'contributed in a military way to the upbuilding of this country'. From Asser Levy of New Amsterdam, the 'first fighting Jew in the New World' through the portrayals of Jews fighting in the Revolutionary War; the War of 1812; the Civil War; the Spanish American War; WWI and WWII, the authors 'prove the patriotism of the American Jew'. Through the years we have fought for our country, and for the opportunity to fight for our country.

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Katherine Sidell	Av 27	5-Aug
Corinne Freeman	Av 27	5-Aug
Blanche Levison	Av 27	5-Aug
Jacob Solomon Merowitz	z Av 27	5-Aug
Aaron Mendelsohn	Av 28	6-Aug
Ethel Griff	Av 29	7-Aug
Oscar Davidson	Av 30	8-Aug
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Louis Alpert	Elul 02	10-Aug
Ella Weiner	Elul 02	10-Aug
Rose Ritter	Elul 05	13-Aug
Aaron Blauer	Elul 05	13-Aug
Bertha Zellin	Elul 06	14-Aug
Cecelia Belle Freeman	Elul 06	14-Aug
Rachel Shecktman	Elul 07	15-Aug
Alexander Freedman	Elul 07	15-Aug
Ruth Cormier	Elul 08	16-Aug
Abraham Goldstein	Elul 08	16-Aug
Benjamin Greenblott	Elul 08	16-Aug
Agatha Baron	Elul 09	17-Aug
Gayle Raye Schupak	Elul 10	18-Aug
Joseph Kennen	Elul 10	18-Aug
Carrie Altman	Elul 10	18-Aug
Sara Weinstein	Elul 10	18-Aug
Samuel Wolf	Elul 11	19-Aug
Nathan Weiner	Elul 12	20-Aug
Mary Nochemsohn	Elul 13	21-Aug
Louis Goldberg	Elul 13	21-Aug
Samuel Arnold	Elul 14	22-Aug
Jennie Bernstein	Elul 14	22-Aug
Harry Goldberg	Elul 14	22-Aug
Anna Ginsburg	Elul 15	23-Aug
Hyman Cohen	Elul 15	23-Aug
Rose Jacobs	Elul 16	24-Aug
Rebecca Wolf	Elul 18	26-Aug
Stanley Bloom	Elul 18	26-Aug
Daniel Leaken	Elul 19	27-Aug
Dorothy Nottenburg	Elul 20	28-Aug
Bessie Aronie	Elul 20	28-Aug
Joseph Ullman	Elul 20	28-Aug
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	Morris Macklin	Elul 20	28-Aug	Noah Goldberg	Tishrei 02	8-Sep
	David Feingold	Elul 21	29-Aug	Tsippa Shapiro	Tishrei 03	9-Sep
	Louis Kniznik	Elul 22	30-Aug	Jack Victor Itzkowitz	Tishrei 04	10-Sep
	Sarah Mendelsohn	Elul 22	30-Aug	Rose Bronfman	Tishrei 04	10-Sep
	A. Harvey Cinamon	Elul 23	31-Aug	Rose Sheer Wolk	Tishrei 05	11-Sep
	Louis Goldstein	Elul 24	1-Sep	Mary Hoffman	Tishrei 05	11-Sep
	Annie Siegel	Elul 24	1-Sep	Louis Sheer	Tishrei 05	11-Sep
	Hedwig Benedick	Elul 25	2-Sep	Ethel Shriberg	Tishrei 06	12-Sep
	Abraham Crevoshay	Elul 25	2-Sep	Stefanie C. Handel	Tishrei 06	12-Sep
	Sarah Caplan	Elul 26	3-Sep	lda Pedell	Tishrei 07	13-Sep
	David Pokat	Elul 26	3-Sep	Abraham Larks	Tishrei 09	15-Sep
	Samuel Pill	Elul 26	3-Sep	Elliot Hillel Weinberg	Tishrei 09	15-Sep
	Abe Grater	Elul 26	3-Sep	Barnett Goldstein	Tishrei 10	16-Sep
	Lillian Michaelson	Elul 26	3-Sep	Florence Milesky	Tishrei 10	16-Sep
	Celia Chorney	Elul 28	5-Sep	Herbert Larks	Tishrei 10	16-Sep
	Herman Bootin	Elul 28	5-Sep	Minnie Krinsky	Tishrei 10	16-Sep
	Doris Resnikoff	Elul 28	5-Sep	Louis Baron	Tishrei 12	18-Sep
	Max Russell	Elul 29	6-Sep	Sarah Sheinhait	Tishrei 12	18-Sep
	James Zieff	Elul 29	6-Sep	Louis Harris	Tishrei 14	20-Sep
	Marion Cohen	Elul 29	6-Sep	Rose Talent	Tishrei 15	21-Sep
	Annie Meilman	Tishrei 02	8-Sep	Sadie Sherman	Tishrei 15	21-Sep
	Janet Greenblott	Tishrei 02	8-Sep	Cynthia Ullman	Tishrei 15	21-Sep
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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.

- Aug 2 Howard Trachtman, in memory of his grandmother, Sylvia Schwartz
- Aug 4 Alan Levine, in memory of his uncle, Harris Greene
- Aug 5 Lillian Etkind, in memory of her sister, Katherine Sidell
- Aug 7 Merrill Griff, in memory of Ethel Griff
- Aug 9 Hankus Netsky, in memory of his father, Lester Netsky
- Aug 9 Marilyn Racette, in memory of her mother, Anna Araten
- Aug 10 Joel Weiner, in memory of his mother, Ella Weiner
- Aug 13 Janice Goldstein, in memory of her father, Aaron Blauer
- Aug 14 Irene Kulin, in memory of her mother, Bertha Zellin
- Aug 17 Susan Baron, in memory of her mother, Agatha Baron
- Aug 18 Steven Kennen, in memory of his grandfather, Joseph Kennen
- Sept 3 Sandra Beck, in memory of her aunt, Lillian Michaelson
- Sept 6 Steven Zieff, in memory of his father, James Zieff
- Sept 10 Lillian Etkind, in memory of her brother, Jack Victor Itzkowitz
- Sept 15 Penina Weinberg, in memory of her father, Elliot Hillel Weinberg
- Sept 18 Audrey Kennen and Jim Baron, in memory of their grandfather, Louis Baron
- Sept 21 Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her aunt, Cynthia Ullman

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Shabbat	Aug 6 - Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv (5:30 to 6:30 pm) online only Fridays - Shabbat Shalom (5:30 to 6:00 pm) Under the Stars - Aug 27 - see page 10 for details Saturday Mornings at 9:30 AM (IN PERSON AND ONLINE)
Schmooze	See page 7 for the Zoom Links Monday, August 2, at 11 am, Thursday, August 19, at 1 pm
Tuesdays	Rabbi's Office Hour 12:30-1:30pm (no office hours on Aug 3)
Open House	Sunday August 15 11:00am - 1:00pm See page 8 for details
Torah Study	12:00pm-1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study - August 12
Talmud Study	7:00pm-8:30pm Evening Talmud Study - August 18
Selichot	Services for Selichot on Saturday night August 28 —In House and on Zoom TIME: 9:00-11:00pm See page 5 for details