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Rabbi's Corner - What Have I to Do with Lamentation?

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

In "Song of Myself," Walt Whitman's epic and influential poem, first published in 1855, the poet asks, "Were mankind murderous or jealous upon you my brother or my sister?" Whitman assumes that his reader's answer is Yes. Maybe, for the Jewish community, he's right. He continues: "I am sorry for you, they are not murderous or jealous upon me;/ All has been gentle with me, I keep no account with lamentation;/ What have I to do with lamentation?"

There is something very appealing about Whitman's attitude. Maybe it's the intuition that, by focusing on what is lost, lamentation interferes with the spiritual ideals of gratitude (*hoda'ah*) and recognizing the good (*hakarat hatov*). It could also

be Whitman's focus on the present moment and his determination not to dwell on the past ("There was never any more inception than there is now, / Nor any more youth or age than there is now;/ And will never be any more perfection than there is now,/ Nor any more heaven or hell than there is now").

But this month of July begins during the Three Weeks, Judaism's most mournful period, culminating in **Tisha b'Av on Saturday night July 17th and Sunday July 18th**, a 25-hour fast in mourning for the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem. On Tisha b'Av we chant from the Biblical book of - you guessed it - *Lamentations*. Judaism, then, seems to respond to

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Fresh from the Bakery: Transition, Change, Tradition and Strength

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

I write this the day after we re-opened the physical space of Temple Beth Israel for Shabbat services, one week after the TBI membership elected me its next board president, as I sit on the back porch of my in-laws' home in Alton, IL. Brad and I arrived yesterday, finally able to be with them after a 1-½ year gap caused by the pandemic, in a home we're seeing for the first time since they moved a year ago to help accommodate their needs as they age.

That's a lot of transition.

All of us have experienced a lot of change and transition during the Covid-19 pandemic. It's been personal as individuals, and it's been collective as a community. This always is the case, of course, but in periods like this it is most acutely felt. TBI has fared well through this time. We have maintained and sustained our membership, and have even expanded it and the ways in which we meet its needs. Drafting this on the Sunday beginning the week of Parashat Balak, I see in that portion the hallmarks of what has made us so strong.

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Recognizing blessings

This is the Parasha in which Balaam blesses Israel despite being called upon to curse them. Like Balaam, even in circumstances that may have pressured us to focus on curses and hardships, we have found the blessings. We were not pollyannaish about it—we recognized our losses, our sadness, our frustrations, our loneliness and we found ways to support each other even when in isolation. But neither were we consumed by these, as we discovered new and profoundly positive ways to pray together, socialize with each other, and celebrate births, birthdays, and more.

Finding humor

One of the notable aspects of Parashat Balak is the humor it injects into Torah. Balaam, on his way to answer the summons from the Moabite King Balak to curse the Israelites, is blind to the angel that attempts to block his way. But his donkey sees it well—ricocheting back and forth across the path and finally speaking to Balaam who answers as though such animal discourse were an everyday occurrence. It's an absurdly funny scene. It's not unusual, in literature, to use humor to relieve tension. And there is plenty of tension here, from the threat of cursing the Israelites to the cruel beating that Balaam is imposing on his animal while blind to the divine presence.

Over the past 16 months, I've had the privilege of serving as the techno-usher of most of our Shabbat morning services. Each week I got on Zoom about ½ hour before services began so people could wander in early. What struck me was the laughter that happened from 10:00 to 10:30 each Saturday morning. We were experiencing stresses and losses of all kinds, yet when we came together as TBI we found and shared the moments of humor that helped each other to relieve the tension in our lives.

Loving our tents

Parashat Balak enshrines the beloved phrase *"Ma tovu ohalekha Ya'akov, mishk'notekha Yisra'el, (How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel!)"* This is from Balaam's beautiful blessing as he looks over Israel's encampment.

It continues: "They extend like streams, like gardens by the river, like aloes which Adonai planted, like cedars by the water. Water will flow from his wells, and his seed shall have abundant water...."

We have at TBI an abiding love of our physical space, our place of gathering, our congregational tent. This never wavered even as we could not be within its walls. We continued to recognize its goodness, extending it as a source of warmth and sustenance to our unhoused neighbors. We prepared it for our return, maintaining the building and updating the bathroom for ADA compliance. Meeting online—and a couple of times by the Charles River—was the extension of our tent as the water streamed from our well. Never did our thirst for our Jewish community go unslaked. And now we have both the well and the streams to sustain us as a community, together both in person and online.

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All of us

All of this happened because all of us happened. When Balak rebukes Balaam for bestowing blessings on Israel and thus depriving himself of the riches he'd have earned for issuing curses, Balaam replies: "If Balak gives me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot transgress the word of Adonai to do either good or evil on my own; only what Adonai speaks can I speak." We do not live in an age when God speaks directly to or through us. So it is instead through the influence of tradition and community that we speak our truth. It has been through our collective efforts and engagement, our shared quest to find ways to practice our traditions in the face of challenges, and our mutual care for each other that we found our voice of blessing in this past year.

This has, in fact, always been the way for TBI, as Brad and I know personally from our eight years here and as we have heard from those who represent generations of Temple Beth Israel families.

As I look to the work ahead of the TBI board, this is what I keep in mind: we face difficulty, navigate change, flourish in transition, uncover life's humor, and find strength in tradition, not through individual efforts or any one person's perspective but from our combined contributions. The board serves simply as a conduit for all that is goodly in our tent, so it may flow forth.

I ask only that each of you continues bringing to this stream the wonderful gifts you have to offer; they truly do make our tent abundant.

Mark's Remarks: Chukat and the Power of Community

By: Mark Frydenberg

(Here are excerpts from my remarks at the annual meeting on June 13, 2021).

When I became president of Temple Beth Israel, I really had only one goal: not to be the last president of Temple Beth Israel. In a time where smaller synagogues in greater Boston were closing or merging, it was a real concern, and I didn't want us to be next.

A friend gave me great advice when I started: he said that the most important job of a synagogue president is to identify their successor. So, I started on day one. I lobbied to add elected members-at-large to our board of directors, bringing new voices to represent the congregation's views, and learn how the board of directors works. It took a year to get that implemented and approved in the bylaws, and another year before we could actually elect people into those positions. I'm pleased that this strategy has paid off, as two at large board members, Dina Baker and Bruce Trager, first elected four years ago at large, have been nominated for election today as the next president and vice-president of the synagogue.

The Torah portion we read this coming week, Chukat, offers us insight into what has allowed us to continue to move forward together as a community during the past six years of my presidency at Temple Beth Israel. While Chukat is the shortest in the book of Numbers, it is filled with some of the most striking (no pun intended) moments in the Torah. Miriam dies, Aaron dies, and Moses strikes the rock rather than speaking to it. Moses does not make it to the Promised Land, but he brings the people

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Whitman by saying that lamentation is a value in itself, and that gratitude and recognizing the good are great but not sufficient for full spiritual health. Within a few years after the publication of his poem, Whitman would see his country shaken by a most horrifically lamentable Civil War. Did history teach Whitman the error of his naivete?

Do we really need lamentation?

What is so important about the mourning we do on Tisha b'Av, that we fast for 25 hours in order to achieve that mourning? What losses do we mourn for when we mourn on Tisha b'Av? The simple answer is that we mourn for the loss and destruction of the 1st and 2nd Temples - physical institutions which anchored the Jewish people geographically and spiritually, and which some say made us feel God's closeness. The siege of Jerusalem - which culminated in the destruction of the Temple (*churban habayit*) - killed thousands of Jews, ended Jewish sovereignty in the land of Israel for nearly two thousand years, traumatized and transformed Jewish civilization, greatly expanded the diaspora, and plunged the Jewish community into a spiritual state called *galut* (exile).

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the whole world is experiencing something like exile. Millions of people have died - the past weeks have been especially bad in Uganda and we are praying for the lives of our loved ones there. We in America are so very fortunate to have access to quality vaccines. Communities everywhere around the world are traumatized and, in some ways, transforming. One of the hardest features of the pandemic is its effect on the mourning process, the restrictions it has put on funeral attendance and in-person mourning rituals like sitting *shivah*.

When we lose someone or something we love, we grieve and we mourn, whether we want to or not. Perhaps the difference between lamentation and mourning is that, like grief, mourning is an inevitable process. We can delay it and resist it, but it will play itself out one way or another. Lamentation, on the other hand, may be a choice. If this is correct, then why would we choose to lament? Why would we choose to be different than the poet of "Song of Myself," who says, "I keep no account with lamentation"? In the face of great loss, tragedy and massive loss of life, in the face of terrible cruelty, injustice, or natural disaster, lamentation has the potential to open our hearts when we might feel defensive and closed off.

Our lamentation on Tisha b'Av is the beginning of a great two-month-long project of opening the heart that reaches its climax on Yom Kippur and culminates with Sukkot, the time of our joy (*zman simchateinu*). Gratitude and recognizing the good cannot fully open the heart without the help of lamentation. He may not have wanted to admit it, but Walt Whitman knew this when he wrote "Song of Myself." This knowledge is evident in his section about the Massacre at Goliad, in the republic of Texas, on March 27, 1836: "Hear now the tale of a jet-black sunrise, / Hear of the murder in cold blood of four hundred and twelve young men...They were the glory of the race of rangers...Not a single one over thirty years of age."

This Tisha b'Av, may we lament for who and what we have lost so that we may begin the New Year with gratitude and recognition that are deep and full and life-giving.

Rabbi David



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one step closer.

In some ways, the fast paced, intense, and unpredictable nature of Chukat is a reminder especially of our last fifteen months together. Like the laws in Chukkat that defy explanation, we were faced with making and following rules that did not always make sense. And despite all of the traumas that the Israelites experienced in Chukat, and despite all we have been through this past year, we, too, have arrived to this day as a stronger, more united, and more caring community.

Rather than focusing on individuals, or even tribes when there are challenging moments in the Torah portion, the Israelites are described as a community in their responses. The Israelites argue as a group, they cry out as a community, they receive water as a congregation, and they mourn together. What allows the Israelites to move through these extraordinary moments is their togetherness as they follow the mitzvot, even when those commandments don't always make sense. After a series of mitzvot about purity and impurity, the Israelites arrive as a united community to the wilderness of Zin. Our shared experience of mitzvot brings us into relationships with one another. We have seen this in our own community during the past year:

We gathered for services on Friday nights every week during the past year – more than ever before in the past thirty years at Temple Beth Israel.

We reached out to the greater Waltham community offering our space as a shelter to those who needed a warm meal or a warm place to go on Sunday afternoons.

We comforted mourners in our community with virtual shivas, reached out to those who are recuperating with a hearty bowl of soup; and made sure those who were shut in had rides, shoppers, and phone calls.

We virtually celebrated holidays, learned, and socialized together, at a Passover Talent show, a challah baking class, study with the rabbi, and a virtual foliage tour of Mount Feake cemetery.

We now are in the unique position of redefining what togetherness means for our community. The past fifteen months have taught us that "here" can be anywhere, and that we can't leave behind those who are unable to join us in the next stage of our journey from online to back-in-person Judaism.

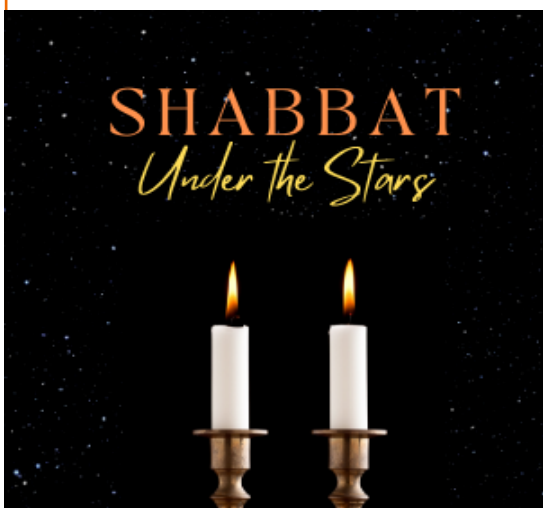
Each synagogue president tries to lead their congregation closer to the Promised Land. On our journey we identified community, tradition, and inclusion as our common values. These guided us as we redefined ourselves – from how we govern, to how we gather; from what our prayer spaces look to the shared prayer experiences we have in them. We celebrated life's milestones with meals, music, and memory. Ours was a journey that left us better off than when we started, and now the work continues with new leadership.

May we be blessed as we go on our way.

May we be guided in peace.

May our new leaders bring us closer to the Promised Land.

May we give thanks to the Source of Blessing, who enabled us to reach this day.



The Return of TBI's Shabbat Under the Stars!

On Friday, July 23, our outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat will be at the home of Dina and Brad Baker, 97 Hamilton Road in Waltham. This marks the return of our pre-pandemic July tradition!

6:00 Shabbat service

6:30 Bring-your-own picnic dinner (individual challah rolls and pre-poured wine and juice provided)

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.

Eikah Reading (Lamentations) on Tisha b'Av

DATE: Saturday night July 17

TIME: 9:00-10:30pm

WHAT: We will pray the evening service, hear a few words from the rabbi, chant *Eikhah* and a few *kinot*, and end with Mourner's Kaddish.

WHERE: in-person at TBI and accessible on Zoom

[CLICK HERE to access on Zoom](#)

Social Justice Committee - A Year in Review

The Social Justice Committee continues to partner with the Community Day Center in helping to provide food, used clothing, toiletries and MBTA money cards for the unhoused community in Waltham. We also collect books for More Than Words.

In the fall of 2020, we sponsored three community conversations led by JOIN for Justice that let us through awareness of and communication about racial justice issues. In February, Pastors Joseph and Ophelia Ardayfio of Mars Hill Fellowship Church gave a thoughtful sermon at a Shabbat service and then joined us in a lively discussion.

From early December through mid-April, a Warming Center for the unhoused was held in our social hall on Sunday afternoon. Community members were provided with a hot lunch in a warm place. All were offered new socks, toiletries, and other donated items, such as hats, scarves, warm clothes and boots. The hot lunches were provided by Food Not Bombs with food donated by local supermarkets. Funding was provided by a City of Waltham grant, a grant from Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project and donations from congregants and several faith organizations in the area.

To help provide for those with food insufficiency in the Jewish community, a food drive for Family Table, a service of JF+CS was held before Yom Kippur. At Purim, we conducted a drive for Chesed and TBI made a donation in honor of our out-of-town members.

Food Access, led by Brad Baker, continues to expand gardens at TBI and in the community. Herbs, flowers, and vegetables are available over the growing season. One goal is to help others learn to grow food for themselves. We have joined the Beantown Jewish Gardens organization to help meet our goals.

Environmental justice is a new focus of the committee. One project involves growing fig trees to be planted on our property. Along with a group of middle school students, Brad is leading the growing of soon-to-be over 100 native growing saplings that will be planted around the new Waltham High School.

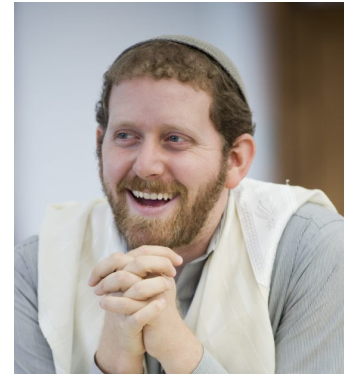
We are a diverse and inclusive community. As a partner of the Ruderman Foundation Inclusion Project, the ADA compliant handicap bathroom has been completed. In partnership with the Blue Dove Foundation (BDF), a discussion of mental illness in the Jewish community was held between Rabbi David and Devin Shmueli, TBI congregant and member of BDF team.

As we enter Pride Month, may we strive to be a place where each person who walks through our doors knows that no matter who they are, or where they are on life's journey, they are welcome at TBI. We want LGBTQIA+ individuals and their families to feel at home in our community. We are grateful that many do.

Linda Ungerleider
Committee Chair

Rabbi David's Discussion Groups

The Rabbi's study groups (Talmud, Torah) will not be meeting in July.



MONTHLY KABBALAT SHABBAT with MAARIV

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

Dates: Fridays July 2 and August 6

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>

This will meet in the Temple and online.

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

1st Monday of every month, 11am to Noon:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85836722412?pwd=ROxmMTFRQ2tXcVNmNHJlWmRrd2VvUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 3672 2412

Passcode: Schmooze

Dates to remember: Monday, July 5, August 2 at 11 am

TBI Members' Thursday Schmooze

3rd Thursday of every month, 1 pm – 2 pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84875146576?pwd=RzIXNUR6Y0pMYy8ya1Nld2hja29yUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 7514 6576

Passcode: Schmooze

Dates to remember: Thursday, July 15, August 19 at 1 pm



Zoom with Us!

July 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/>.

	June Shabbat Services Online	Meeting ID
July 2	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm	860 9408 8277
July 9, 16, 23, 30	Shabbat Shalom - 5:30pm—6:00 pm	
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Shabbat Morning IN PERSON AND ONLINE 9:30 am (please note new start time)	898 2996 2372 pw:204635
	Thursday Morning Minyan	
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	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
No Meeting in July	12:00pm—1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study	873 5344 3111 pw: 922863
No Meeting in July	7:00pm—8:30pm Evening Talmud Study	833 6502 6963 pw: 615895

Save the Date



At TBI

**Sunday, August
15th**

Book Club



Please feel free to join us - July 27 at 7pm on Zoom.

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

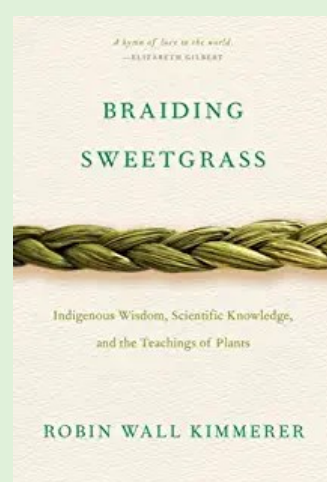
The book will be *The Tenth Song* by Naomi Ragen available in all formats at the Waltham Library.

Summary from *Booklist* review: When the successful veneer of an Orthodox family in a Boston suburb suddenly crumbles, the daughter runs off to a desert commune in Israel to study with a charismatic Kabbalist. Her mother follows in an attempt to rescue her. Both women undertake journeys of self-discovery that lead to healing for the shattered family. This novel mixes current events and traditional Jewish values with a little romance and feminism. Its appeal is to those interested in contemporary Jewish issues.

Amazon readers: a "gripping book" that is "hard to put down."

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

Rabbi David and I are both fans of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer. The subtitle of the book is "Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants". This is an apt description of the content but does not convey the parallels that I have seen between the native wisdom that the author explores and our own Judaic expressions of reverence for the planetary home that was created for our use and stewardship. At a time when our ecosystems and our very existence as part of them seem imperiled, this book provides some 'new' ways to think about how we live, and the connections we share.

Morris Canter	Tamuz 21	1-Jul
Bessie Gordon	Tamuz 22	2-Jul
Charlotte Cohen	Tamuz 22	2-Jul
Ruth Milesky	Tamuz 23	3-Jul
Max Sulkin	Tamuz 23	3-Jul
Mason Griff	Tamuz 24	4-Jul
Rebecca Wolk	Tamuz 24	4-Jul
Irma Orovitz	Tamuz 24	4-Jul
Charlotte Pearl Shlager	Tamuz 26	6-Jul
Natalie "Nessie" Baron	Tamuz 27	7-Jul
Bella Larks	Tamuz 27	7-Jul
Father of Richard Goldberg	Tamuz 27	7-Jul
George Lesnick	Tamuz 28	8-Jul
Andrew Wolf Decker	Tamuz 29	9-Jul
Esther Canter	Tamuz 29	9-Jul
Abraham Caplan	Tamuz 29	9-Jul
Gladys Milesky	Av 01	10-Jul
Sylvia Levin	Av 02	11-Jul
Rita Woolf	Av 02	11-Jul
Fannie Weiner	Av 02	11-Jul
Maurice Tushin	Av 03	12-Jul
Sylvia Seidman	Av 04	13-Jul
Benjamin Sheer	Av 04	13-Jul
Samuel Elkins	Av 04	13-Jul
Mary Simon	Av 04	13-Jul
Joan Taubman	Av 04	13-Jul
Sarah Pearl Becker	Av 05	14-Jul
Joseph Bloomthal	Av 05	14-Jul
Abraham Isaac Pedell	Av 06	15-Jul
Roberta Lederman	Av 06	15-Jul
Aaron Sheer	Av 07	16-Jul
Benjamin Smith	Av 08	17-Jul
Etta Meyerovitz	Av 08	17-Jul
Benjamin L. Lerman	Av 08	17-Jul
William Schwartz	Av 08	17-Jul
Joseph Kaplan	Av 08	17-Jul
Chaya Zacharewich	Av 09	18-Jul
Paul Lewis Ginsburg	Av 09	18-Jul
Irving Zall	Av 09	18-Jul
Hyman Brown	Av 09	18-Jul
Rachel Leah Ingber	Av 09	18-Jul
Ida Kaitz	Av 10	19-Jul
Bernard Bloomenthal	Av 11	20-Jul
Paul Onigman	Av 11	20-Jul
Howard Paul Mermelstein	Av 12	21-Jul
Evelyn Forbes	Av 12	21-Jul
Albert Chorney	Av 12	21-Jul
Jane Siegel	Av 13	21-Jul

Coleman Wexler	Av 14	23-Jul	Esther Davidson	Av 20	29-Jul
Ellen Leavy	Av 15	24-Jul	Helene Altman	Av 20	29-Jul
Manehan Snyder	Av 16	25-Jul	Bernard Wolfman	Av 20	29-Jul
Dina Ella Backer	Av 17	26-Jul	Samuel Blackstone	Av 21	30-Jul
Fannie Zelinetsky	Av 17	26-Jul	Nadia Shirazi	Av 21	30-Jul
Samuel Tatelman	Av 18	27-Jul	Israel Pill	Av 22	31-Jul
Nathan Ullian	Av 18	27-Jul	Anna Esther Katz	Av 22	31-Jul
Molly Sheer	Av 19	28-Jul	Moses Nochemsohn	Av 22	31-Jul
Mulcan bat Yosef	Av 19	28-Jul	Celia Hamberg	Av 24	2-Aug
Sadye Canter	Av 19	28-Jul	Sylvia Schwartz	Av 24	2-Aug
Hannah Mollie Sheer	Av 19	28-Jul	Walter Kaplan	Av 25	3-Aug
Harold Bloom	Av 19	28-Jul	William Michaelson	Av 26	4-Aug
Hyman Kulin	Av 20	29-Jul	Harris Greene	Av 26	4-Aug
Adele Ullian	Av 20	29-Jul	Katherine Sidell	Av 27	5-Aug

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.

- ♦ Jul 2 - Barbara Camann, in memory of her mother, Charlotte Cohen
- ♦ Jul 4 - Frank Orovitz, in memory of his mother, Irma Orovitz
- ♦ Jul 4 - Merrill Griff, in memory of his uncle, Mason Griff
- ♦ Jul 7 - James Baron, Audrey Kennen, Donald Kaplan, and Ed Kaplan, in memory of Natalie "Nessie" Baron
- ♦ Jul 7 - Richard Goldberg, in memory of his father
- ♦ Jul 11 - Caroline Nudelman, in memory of her Mother
- ♦ Jul 13 - Dr. Martin Taubman, in memory of his wife Joan Taubman
- ♦ Jul 15 - Ed Kaufman, in memory of his sister-in-law, Roberta Lederman
- ♦ Jul 17 - Paul, Al and David Smith, in memory of their father, Benjamin Smith
- ♦ Jul 17 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of his grandfather, William Schwartz
- ♦ Jul 17 - Don Kaplan and Ed Kaplan, in memory of their father. Joseph Kaplan
- ♦ Jul 18 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her grandfather, Irving Zall
- ♦ Jul 18 - Ed Brown, in memory of his father, Hyman Brown
- ♦ Jul 21 - Barbara Camann, in memory of her sister, Jane Siegel
- ♦ Jul 21 - Merrill Griff, in memory of his aunt, Evelyn Forbes
- ♦ Jul 25 - Carol Halberstadt, in memory of Menahem Tziyon ben Leah
- ♦ Jul 27 - Ed Kaufman, in memory of his father-in-law, Nathan Ullian
- ♦ Jul 28 - Julie Gagnon, in memory of her grandmother, Mulcan bat Yosef
- ♦ Jul 28 - Patricia McCue, in memory of her mother, Sadye Canter
- ♦ Jul 29 - Ed Kaufman, in memory of his sister-in-law, Adele Ullian
- ♦ Jul 29 - Dina Baker, in memory of her father, Bernard Wolfman
- ♦ Jul 30 - Bobby Shirazi, in memory of his mother, Nadia Shirazi
- ♦ Jul 31 - Thelma Kennen, in memory of her mother, Anna Esther Katz
- ♦ 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

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Wilma Stern, in memory of her husband, Robert Stern

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Yellow Candle Donation from George and Judith Isaac

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Congratulations

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Congratulations to our new officers who will transition into their roles starting on July 4th :

President: Dina Baker
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Membership Director: Marilyn Racette
Secretary: Susan Baron (continuing)
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Shabbat	July 2 - Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv (5:30 to 6:30 pm) online only Fridays - Shabbat Shalom (5:30 to 6:00 pm) Under the Stars - July 23 - see page 6 for details
Schmooze	See page 7 for the Zoom Links Monday, July 5, at 11 am, Thursday, July 15, at 1 pm
Tuesdays	Rabbi's Office Hour 12:30-1:30pm
Torah Study Talmud Study	12:00pm-1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study - no meeting in July 7:00pm-8:30pm Evening Talmud Study - no meeting in July
Tisha B'Av	Services for Tisha B'Av on Saturday July 17—In House and on Zoom TIME: 9:00-10:30pm See page 6 for details