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Rabbi's Corner: May Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

The rabbis of the Talmud are fascinated by the different words the Torah uses for rain. In a verse often understood to be focused on God's judgment, the second paragraph of the Shema says, "If, then, you obey the commandments that I enjoin upon you this day, loving Hashem your God and serving Hashem with all your heart and soul, I will grant the rain for your land in season, the early rain [*yoreh*] and the late [*malkosh*]" (Deuteronomy 11:13-14). The rabbis of the Talmud say the early rain is called *yoreh* because it instructs [*moreh*] people to plaster their roofs and to bring their produce from the fields into their houses. Or it's called *yoreh* because it moistens [*marve*] the earth, or because it falls gently and not vehemently. The creative explanations keep coming. After a while, the Talmud explains the late rain, too. It is called

malkosh, they say, because "it circumcises [*mal*] the stubbornness [*kashyuteihen*] of the Jewish people," i.e., it penetrates to the heart of the Jewish people. Or it is called *malkosh* because it fills out [*memaleh*] produce in its stalks [*bekasheha*] (Ta'anit 6a).

Rain is so interesting to the rabbis because it is super-important in the Torah. God makes it clear: since their land has no great rivers or lakes, the people of Israel depend completely on rain for its survival. The Fall holiday of Sukkot bears witness to the crucial importance of rain. Each of the four species in the *lulav* requires a great deal of water to grow. It's no coincidence that shaking *lulav* resembles a rain dance - that's what it is! In the first and second

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Fresh from the Bakery: Teshuvah from the TBI Board

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

Recently, during a d'var Torah, Rabbi David asked us to think about a type of teshuvah in which we focus on being a part of something larger than ourselves—a community, a country, the systems on which our lives are built, and so forth. While we often engage in teshuvah in relationship to other individuals, he offered an opportunity to think about our actions in relationship with larger contexts.

As I draft this article for the season of teshuvah, I am thinking about my work and actions—and those of the entire board of directors—in relationship with the TBI community as a whole. This is, after all, the context for everything the board considers, as a group and as individual contributors. So, our job is to be in an ongoing process of teshuvah. Yet I know that the work of the board seems distant to some. I want to write openly to you about what the board has been doing and the priorities we have been discussing. I also want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to engage in open lines of communication with TBI's leadership.

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By: Dina Wolfman Baker

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Who is on the Board

For starters, it's important that you know who serves on your board. The board year began in July, and our current board includes people who have served in the past and others who have newly joined. There are five officers and three at-large members, seven of whom were elected by the synagogue membership at the annual meeting in June and one of whom was last re-elected in 2020. The chairs of our seven standing committees also serve on the board; these are roles appointed by the president. And the immediate past president is a board role. For a list of all the board members, visit www.tbiwaltham.org/welcome/our-leadership.

When the board meets

Most board meetings include a portion that is open for all TBI members to attend, and a portion in executive session that is reserved for the board to work on issues only among themselves. This is not to be secretive, but to ensure the time and focus to work on business. But ultimately, the work we do is on the congregation's behalf, and we will share our decisions openly.

In case you'd like to sit in on the open portion of any board meetings, here is the schedule for the 2021-2022 year:

Monday, August 2, 2021—this was entirely in executive session, as the board met for the first time and held a two-hour virtual "retreat" to develop our priorities and expectations for how we will work and communicate with each other

Monday, October 11, 2021—more of this meeting than usual will be in executive session, as we must deliberate and vote on the budget

Monday, December 6, 2021

Monday, February 7, 2022

Monday, April 4, 2022

All of these meetings are scheduled for 7 pm to 9 pm. For now, we are meeting only on Zoom. If you would like to attend a meeting, please feel free to reach out to me for the link.

In June, we will hold our annual Congregational meeting; we do not have a separate Board meeting scheduled for that month.

The committees will seek to hold their meetings in the months when we do not have board meetings scheduled. However, if there ever is an issue that requires an additional board meeting, we have committed to each other that we will make ourselves available for it.

While some agendas will differ (as noted above for the August and October meetings), we expect to follow this general format to our meetings:

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Rabbi's d'var	5 minutes
Committee reports & discussions (except Finance)	40 minutes
Reports focused primarily on areas requiring feedback or decisions	
At least 15 minutes available for overall for discussions about the committee work	
Focus topic(s) discussion	45 minutes
Officers' and Rabbi's reports, as needed	up to 15 minutes
Focused on areas requiring feedback or decisions	
Executive Session	up to 15 minutes
Finance committee report	
Any other executive session item(s)	

How we work

At our August meeting, part of our discussion was about *how* we work. We talked about bringing ideas up first at the committee level where it most seems to fit—and then across the committees that might be involved. After that, if the committees have something to propose, it comes up to the board level. Throughout that process, however, the board members are available to each other for bouncing ideas—we're here to help each other think things through. But the committees do a great job of hashing out ideas so they are ready for official board consideration, and we want to make sure we never skip that important step.

We talked about being a web—that our work as board members often is most effectively done not individually, but together. Similarly, the committees work best when they look for where their proposed initiatives connect with the roles and interests of other committees and then reach out to each other, and compromise as needed in order to consider all the input, schedules and priorities involved.

We also recognized that we have limitations in the amount of time, energy and appropriate skills we have available to invest among the board members and all of TBI's volunteers. We want to make sure we bring value to the congregation in a way that we realistically can support, and that we have the flexibility to apply our combination of talents, time and energy most effectively.

What guides us

At the August meeting we also identified a number of overall priorities for the year. None of them is about the work of any one committee or project; instead, they should guide decisions, approaches and priorities for each of us, for the committees and for our budgeting process. These include:

- Outreach/programming with appeal to the 15 to 25 age group and to the 25-45 age group
- Inreach to our members in personal, meaningful ways
- Leveraging the strength of the ritual talent among our congregants
- Weaving TBI and its space into the broader local community/organizations

As Rabbi David taught us, our connection to something larger than ourselves is one form of teshuvah. I hope that this article is one small aspect of the larger commitment to connect the work of the TBI board to the community. Let's keep the communication going. Everyone at TBI has ideas and perspective to add. We want to hear what's on your mind. As I mentioned above, you are welcome to attend the open portions of board meetings. You may reach out to any board member. Or offer your input through this link that goes directly to me: <https://bit.ly/3y6lpdK>.

May 5782 be a sweet year for you and for all those in your world of connection.

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Jerusalem temples, water was poured on the altar during Sukkot, instead of the usual wine. The Mishnah teaches that the rainy season begins as soon as Sukkot ends.

But the people's reliance on God to bring rain that is a blessing (no one wants destructive flood rains) - is not just the message of Sukkot - it's part of the message of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, too. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are days of judgment when we are taught to return to God, to reflect, mend our ways, and to seek forgiveness from those whom we've wronged. But why do we emphasize repentance in the Fall and not in the Spring? The answer is that we emphasize repentance in the Fall because that's the beginning of the rainy season in the land of Israel, which means that our chances of surviving this year are about to be written on the earth in raindrops. We tend to emphasize God's judgment of our individual lives, but both our prayers and the Torah emphasize our judgment as a community. The real book of life is the earth itself. Our names are written in it not in ink, but rather, in raindrops. To be written in the book of life means to receive rain as a community, as a region, and it means for our community's crops to grow, giving us food to eat. On Rosh Hashanah, we try to put our lives back together so that God will judge our community favorably, giving us rain, and, ultimately, food. On Yom Kippur, we intensify our prayers in the hope that we will arouse God's compassion so that God will bless us with rain.

In the song "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," which Hal David and Burt Bacharach wrote for the 1969 film *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, raindrops are associated with "the blues," with being unhappy. But ancient Jews would have been perplexed by this association, because, to them, rain was a sign of God's favor. Or maybe the "I" of the song would feel happier if he could see that the raindrops bring blessing. In the Babylonian Talmud Tractate Taanit 4a, the 4th century sage Rava teaches us to appreciate the benefits brought by different kinds of precipitation: "Snow brings benefits to the mountains; strong rain provides benefits to trees; light rain brings benefit to fruit; and drizzle is even beneficial to a seed under a clod of earth."

The Fall cycle of holy days, from Rosh Hashanah through the end of Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah), reminds us of the holy partnership between human communities, God, and climate. These holy days remind us to live in harmony with the climate, with the earth, with each other, and with God. In the new year 5782, may we see our local communities, our people, our nation, and the whole world achieve greater harmony with water and those to whom it flows.

May we also see an end to the coronavirus pandemic, speedily and in our days. Amen.

L'shanah tovah tikateivu - May we all be written in the book of life for a good year.

G'mar chatimah tovah - May we be sealed for a good year.

Chag Sameach - May we feel joy on our holy days.

May the rains come in their season, for blessing, and not for a curse.

Rabbi David

Mark's Remarks: Torah Covers in Memory of Al Simon

By: Mark Frydenberg, Immediate Past President

Shortly after Al Simon passed away in April, 2018, his family wanted to honor his memory with a lasting gift of Judaica to Temple Beth Israel.

Born in 1925, Al was the son of Carl and Mary Simon, who came to Waltham from Russia. The Simons, along with the Griffs, the Canters, the Gordons, and the Weiners, were founding families of Temple Beth Israel. He enjoyed attending Temple Beth Israel with his three first cousins Harris Griff, Evelyn Griff Forbes, and Ruth Simon Cormier.

Al attended cheyder and attended services at Temple Beth Israel in its early days, upstairs in the old building that used to stand at the same location as our current building. Going to shul on Saturdays at TBI was also a way for the Jewish children of Waltham to form a special bond. Many lived in the same neighborhood within walking distance of the synagogue, and Al would walk by their houses and pick them up as they made their way to the synagogue together.

Al married and moved to Newton and raised his four children there. He began attending Temple Emanuel where his children attended Hebrew school. However, Al kept his membership at TBI, where his parents had always belonged, and later he decided to come back to his roots, preferring a temple the size of TBI where he felt more at home.

After retiring, Al became a regular attendee at TBI's morning minyan. When he moved to Lasell Village, Al continued to attend services every Saturday morning at TBI until only a few weeks before he died.

If you look around the synagogue, you'll see the names of his parents, Carl and Mary Simon, in many places – on the silver yad used during Torah reading and on a Torah cover, both inscribed In Honor of Carl and Mary Simon's 50th anniversary; as well as on the sign above the door to the Chapel. His parents were involved in Temple Beth Israel their entire lives.

This Rosh Hashanah, we will continue the Simon family legacy, adding four white, High Holy Day Torah covers inscribed "In Loving Memory of Al Simon." These vestments display images of Trees of Life, Jerusalem, and a dove, all symbols of life and peace.

Our thanks to Jeffrey Simon, Doug Simon, Marc Simon, Lisa Simon and their families for their generosity in remembering Al.



Our TBI Covid-19 Protocols for High Holidays and Every Day

High Holiday Days

To protect our congregants and our clergy, maintain a minyan in the sanctuary, and continue to provide High Holy Day honors as a treasured aspect of our experience, we will hold primarily online services as described below (See zoom links on the website and on pages 10-11 of this newsletter).

Only people who are fully vaccinated and masked will be allowed in the building for the holidays. Unfortunately we will not be making an exception for age or other factors related to obtaining a vaccination or wearing a mask. **We also will limit those in the building to congregants who have been offered and accepted an honor in the service, along with member(s) of their families who meet the vaccination and masking requirements.**

We very much want the youth in our community to have a High Holy Day experience. We will hold one Teen Meetup outdoors on Yom Kippur day at 2:00 pm. We will hold Family Services for younger children with their parents, outdoors on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur at 11:00 am. These are weather permitting.

Every Day

Middlesex County, MA--in which Waltham sits--continues to be at the level of Covid-19 infection for which the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends universal masking. We hold multi-access (in person and online) Shabbat morning services. We continue to **require all people over the age of two--vaccinated and unvaccinated--to be masked when gathering together indoors at TBI and on the front porch.**

We have suspended the sharing of snacks after Shabbat services, to avoid the situation in which people unmask to eat in our building. While we all have had much good intent to take our food outside, or even to distance while eating inside, it has proven too easy to slip back into our old habits of huddling close together. It is wonderful that we love to be with each other; when we are able, we will break bread together again.

Gathering at TBI requires:

- All individuals above the age of two must remain masked when indoors at TBI, regardless of Covid-19 vaccination status.

- If there are more than three people on the front porch, masking is required because the space puts people in close quarters.

- No one may approach close to others without first knowing their comfort level with close proximity.

Thank you for being a part of our community, for participating in making it safe and welcoming for everyone, and for showing compassion to each other at this time when all of us wish we could do things differently.



Help Wanted!

You have talent that can enrich your TBI community. And getting more involved—even in just a small way—may be enriching to you. We're a group of mutually supportive volunteers who respect that we all have limits on our time and energy. Here are a few "open positions" at TBI:

Friendly, sensitive good listener: Do you like getting to know people? The Membership Committee's mission is to work with other committees to attract and retain members. We are looking for folks in every demographic, including TBI teens and young adults, who are friendly, sensitive, and good listeners. Contact Membership Director Marilyn Racette at marilynracette@gmail.com.

Grant researcher, writer or proofreader: Are you interested in researching grants to help cover TBI's programs and other expenses? Do you have experience writing grant applications? Or are you a great proofreader? If so, the Development Committee could use your help. Contact Development Chair Howard Trachtman at howardtrachtman@gmail.com.

Passion for inclusion: Our Social Justice Committee has a sub-committee focused on increasing inclusion at TBI. Are you passionate about making sure people of all abilities have access to, and engagement with a meaningful experience at TBI? Do you bring lived experience with disabilities? Are you interested in how to make our multi-access services and programs as effective as possible? If you answered yes to any of these, contact Inclusion Chair Howard Trachtman at howardtrachtman@gmail.com or Social Justice Chair Linda Ungerleider at ulinda@gmail.com.

Love to make things grow: Help our own gardening expert keep the TBI grounds beautiful and plants watered. Learn about horticulture as you get in touch with nature. Contact House Committee member Brad Baker at Brad@white-oak-consulting.com.

Want to tackle anti-Semitism: Help design a series of programs to address the topic of anti-Semitism. Contact Social Justice Chair Linda Ungerleider at ulinda@gmail.com.

You name it: These are just a few examples of how to get involved. Have something you want to make happen? TBI may be the place to do it. Use this form to let us know what's on your mind: <https://bit.ly/3y6lpdK>.

No Walk-ins Permitted For Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

A very limited number of TBI members are permitted in our building for High Holy Day services, to maintain safety during the health crisis.

This has been fully arranged in advance, and there will be no walk-ins.

If you are not among those who have received prior permission to attend the service, you will not be offered entry.

Please know that we wish we could welcome you into the building, and we are doing this for everyone's safety.

You are welcome to join us online.
Go to www.tbiwaltham.org for all the links.



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,
stewed, whole)

Vegetarian Soup (kosher and low
sodium)

Canned Fruit (low sugar and in
fruit juice)

Cereal (low sugar and whole
grain)

Bring your donation to the Temple before Friday, September 17 between 9:30 and 5:00pm 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.

Shabbat in a Backyard Sukkah

Do you have a sukkah in your backyard? Would you be willing to host 4 people on Friday September 24 for dinner and Zoom services? Temple Beth Israel will provide the dinner prepared by our Chesed Committee chefs along with a challah and dessert.



If you have a sukkah and would like to participate, please contact andrea@tbiwaltham.org. Please let us know by Sept 13 in order for us to properly prepare.



Once we identify our hosts, we will then ask for those that would like to be matched with a sukkah.

RABBI DAVID'S SEPTEMBER OFFICE HOURS

Rabbi David has temporarily changed his office hours in September to accommodate the High Holy Days. His **drop-in** office hours are **12:30-1:30 pm** on the following dates:

Thursday, September 2, at TBI and on Zoom

Thursday, September 9, at TBI and on Zoom

Tuesday, September 14, at TBI and on Zoom

Thursday, September 23, at Rabbi's Home and on Zoom*

Thursday, September 30, at TBI only (no Zoom)

Rabbi David also is available on the dates listed above, by appointment only, from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. **Contact him at rabbidavid@tbiwaltham.org or 781.786.8679 to make an appointment.**

**For office hours at Rabbi David's home, call 781.786.8679 for the address.*

The regular schedule of Tuesday office hours will resume in October.

High Holy Day Schedule

2021-2022 High Holy Day Attendance

This year's services will again be broadcast on Zoom. All of the Zoom links are listed below and can be found on the Temple website. We will be contacting several Temple Members to participate in these services in house. If you would like to attend an in house service and you have not been asked yet, please contact the Temple Office or Rabbi David Finkelstein. **Only pre-registered members will be allowed into the Temple during services.**

Services on Thursday morning, Friday night, and Saturday morning can be seen on Zoom using our regular links.

Selichot Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 893 1262 6771 Passcode: 568690	Saturday, Aug. 28	9:00 pm Evening Program 10:00 pm Selichot with Rabbi Finkelstein and Cantor Ellen Band (Online Only)
Erev Rosh HaShanah Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 829 3134 5516 Passcode: 431310	Monday, Sept. 6	7:30 pm Evening Service (Online Only)
Rosh HaShanah Day 1 Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 865 7893 7559 Passcode: 992373	Tuesday, Sept. 7	9:00 am Morning Service 11:00a m Family Service—children and parents (in-person only; outside at TBI; weather permitting) 1:00 pm Service Concludes 5:00 pm Tashlich at Watch Factory South Dock
Rosh HaShanah Day 2 Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 865 7893 7559 Passcode: 992373	Wednesday, Sept. 8	9:00 am Morning Service 1:00 pm Service Concludes
Tzom Gedaliah Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 860 6404 5288 (no passcode needed)	Thursday, Sept. 9	8:00 am Morning Minyan (online only)
Shabbat Teshuvah Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 898 2996 2372 Passcode: 204635	Saturday, Sept. 11	9:30 am Shabbat morning service
Cemetery Memorial Service Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 813 1856 5104 Passcode: 970685	Sunday, Sept. 12	10:00 am Service at Beth Israel Memorial Park (in person and online)
Erev Yom Kippur Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 837 1657 5576 Passcode: 123937	Wednesday, Sept. 15	6:00 pm Kol Nidre Service

Yom Kippur Morning Service: Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 878 6101 6645 Passcode: 084087 Discussion: Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 892 4033 4471 Passcode: 236459 Afternoon/Evening Service: Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 822 4996 5705 Passcode: 736382	Thursday, Sept. 16	9:00 am Morning Service 11:00 am Family Service—children and parents (in-person only; outside at TBI; weather permitting) 11:30 am Yizkor (approximate time) 2:00 pm Teen Meetup (in-person only; outside at TBI; weather permitting) 3:30 pm Discussion 5:30 pm Mincha, Neila, Ma'ariv, Havdalah 7:35 pm Shofar
Build the Sukkah	Sunday, Sept. 19	10:00 am Put up Sukkah (Rain or Shine)
Erev Sukkot	Monday, Sept. 20	5:30pm Family Event: Decorate the Sukkah
Sukkot Yom Tov Day 1 Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 816 5303 1460 Passcode: 433228	Tuesday, Sept. 21	8:00 am Morning Service
Sukkot Yom Tov Day 2 Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 816 5303 1460 Passcode: 433228	Wednesday, Sept. 22	8:00 am Morning Service
Hol HaMoed Sukkot morning minyan Join Zoom Meeting	Thursday, Sept. 23	8:00 am Morning Minyan (online only)
Hol HaMoed Sukkot Shabbat Evening Join Zoom Meeting	Friday, Sept. 24	6:30pm Shabbat Service with Yizkor (online only)
Hol HaMoed Sukkot Shabbat Morning Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 898 2996 2372 Passcode: 204635	Saturday, Sept. 25	9:30am Shabbat morning service/Kohelet
Hoshanah Rabbah	Monday, Sept. 27	No Service Scheduled
Shemini Atzeret Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 870 0165 6241 Passcode: 652689	Tuesday, Sept. 28	8:00 am Morning Service (with Yizkor)
Simchat Torah Evening Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 850 7808 6694 Passcode: 100485	Tuesday, Sept. 28	6:00 pm Family Event: Torah Tour 6:20pm Evening Service/Dancing with Torah
Simchat Torah Morning Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 876 7310 4387 Passcode: 125828	Wednesday, Sept. 29	8:00 am Morning Service: Complete Torah Cycle and Begin Bereishit/Genesis
Shabbat Bereshit Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 898 2996 2372 Passcode: 204635	Saturday, October 2	9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service

A look at our most recent events: Tree Festival, Shabbat Under the Stars and our Open House



Cemetery Memorial Service

Join us on Sunday, September 12th at 10am for this service at Beth Israel Memorial Park, 190 South Street, Waltham. This service will also be available on Zoom.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

We will hold a brief service and read the names of everyone buried in the cemetery to date.

Please contact Jay Trilling of Menorah Cemetery Management Corporation, at (857)636-9440, for information on purchasing a lot in our cemetery.

Jim Baron, Cemetery Committee Chair

Thank You for Your Generous Donations



High Holy Day Donations:

Brad and Dina Baker	Ed Kaufman
Susan Baron	Esther Keaney
Steve Chilton	Thelma Kennen
Carmen Cooper	Alan Levine
Alan Corman	Erika Mackin
Joan Friedman	Carol Master
Mark Frydenberg	Sherry Mayrent
Robert Gross	Ben and Caroline Nudelman
Edie Rosenberg	Marilyn Racette
Ellie Handel	Shirazi Family
Hayes Family	Yaron Shragai and Felice Weiss
George and Judith Isaac	Arnold and Polly Slavet
Janice and Stanley Goldstein	Rob and Catherine Solomon
Robert Kaitz	Howard Trachtman
David Kaufman	

Other Donations:

Thelma Kennen, in memory of her mother Anna Esther Katz

Steve Chilton

Alan Corman

Thank You to Devin Shmueli for raising over \$2,000 in honor of his 35th Birthday. This would not have been possible without the 22 friends, family members, and TBI members that donated.

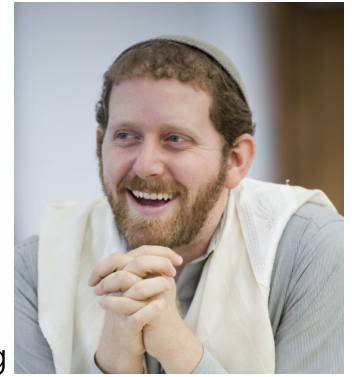
High Holy Day Prayerbooks (Machzor)

We will be using Machzor Lev Shalem as our High 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.

Rabbi David's Discussion Groups



MONTHLY KABBALAT SHABBAT with MAARIV

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

Date: Fridays September 3, October 1 and November 5

Description: Rabbi David (and/or a lay leader) leads the evening service after Kabbalat Shabbat once each month. Sharing of *to'v 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>

LUNCHTIME TORAH STUDY (monthly)

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

Date: Thursdays October 14, November 11 and December 9

Description: Having now studied the "Binding of Isaac," the Abraham and Sarah epic's dramatic capstone, we turn from the founders to the inheritor. Whereas, we had been studying the story of the founders of a new way, now we study the story of the first one to be born into God's covenant. How is inheriting different from founding? How will the covenant be transmitted to the next generation by one for whom the covenant was always a given, since his earliest infancy? And again, we confront the question of gender: is this covenant with Isaac, with Rebekah, or with Isaac and Rebekah? Hebrew is provided, but English is the primary language of study. All are welcome.

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

EVENING TALMUD STUDY (monthly)

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

Date: Wednesdays October 20, November 17 and December 15

Description: We will continue our study of the more accessible ethical and inspirational teachings, many of them narrative, in the Talmud (Gemara) Tractate Taanit. In October, we will begin from Taanit 6b. Guided by the *Eyn Yaakov*, Rabbi Yaakov ibn Chaviv's 16th century compilation, this study group reads together, shares reactions, discusses interpretations, and generally has a good time. Hebrew is provided, but English is the primary language of study. All are welcome.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365026963?pwd=SytiQ0tqK3hraGFRdZdlc1NJQVFhQT09>



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Sept. & Oct. 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.

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

	September and October Shabbat Services Online	Meeting ID
Sept. 3 & Oct. 1 Sept. 10, 17, 24 October 8, 15, 22, 29	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm Shabbat Shalom - 5:30pm—6:00 pm	860 9408 8277
Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Shabbat Morning IN PERSON AND ONLINE 9:30 am (please note new start time)	898 2996 2372 pw:204635
	Thursday Morning Minyan	
Sept. 2, 9, 23, 30 Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28	Morning Minyan 8:00am	860 6404 5288
	Rabbi's Discussion Groups	
Most Thurs. in Sept. Tuesdays in October	12:30pm-1:30pm Rabbi David's Open Zoom Hour See page 9 for dates and details	811 0356 9244 pw: 157389
Oct. 14, Nov 11, Dec. 9	12:00pm—1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study See page 14 for details	873 5344 3111 pw: 922863
Oct. 20, Nov 17, Dec. 15	7:00pm—8:30pm Evening Talmud Study See page 14 for details	833 6502 6963 pw: 615895

September and October Yahrzeits

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Sarah Caplan	Elul 26	3-Sep
David Pokat	Elul 26	3-Sep
Samuel Pill	Elul 26	3-Sep
Abe Grater	Elul 26	3-Sep
Lillian Michaelson	Elul 26	3-Sep
Celia Chorney	Elul 28	5-Sep
Herman Bootin	Elul 28	5-Sep
Doris Resnikoff	Elul 28	5-Sep
Max Russell	Elul 29	6-Sep
James Zieff	Elul 29	6-Sep
Marion Cohen	Elul 29	6-Sep
Annie Meilman	Tishrei 02	8-Sep
Janet Greenblott	Tishrei 02	8-Sep
Noah Goldberg	Tishrei 02	8-Sep
Tsippa Shapiro	Tishrei 03	9-Sep
Jack Victor Itzkowitz	Tishrei 04	10-Sep
Rose Bronfman	Tishrei 04	10-Sep
Rose Sheer Wolk	Tishrei 05	11-Sep
Mary Hoffman	Tishrei 05	11-Sep
Louis Sheer	Tishrei 05	11-Sep
Ethel Shriberg	Tishrei 06	12-Sep
Stefanie C. Handel	Tishrei 06	12-Sep
Ida Pedell	Tishrei 07	13-Sep
Abraham Larks	Tishrei 09	15-Sep
Elliot Hillel Weinberg	Tishrei 09	15-Sep
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Minnie Krinsky	Tishrei 10	16-Sep
Louis Baron	Tishrei 12	18-Sep
Sarah Sheinhait	Tishrei 12	18-Sep
Louis Harris	Tishrei 14	20-Sep
Rose Talent	Tishrei 15	21-Sep
Sadie Sherman	Tishrei 15	21-Sep
Cynthia Ullman	Tishrei 15	21-Sep
Samuel Chansky	Tishrei 16	22-Sep
Gertrude Zuckerman	Tishrei 16	22-Sep
Florence Furman	Tishrei 17	23-Sep
Isaac Goldberg	Tishrei 18	24-Sep
Ashley Schiff	Tishrei 19	25-Sep
Zelda Wolfman	Tishrei 20	26-Sep
Sylvia Pinstein	Tishrei 20	26-Sep
Samuel Nussinow	Tishrei 21	27-Sep
Adolf Stux	Tishrei 22	28-Sep

Joseph Canter	Tishrei 23	29-Sep
Abraham Geller	Tishrei 23	29-Sep
Lena Merowitz	Tishrei 24	30-Sep
Morris Weinstein	Tishrei 25	1-Oct
William Riseberg	Tishrei 25	1-Oct
Jacob Hoffman	Tishrei 26	2-Oct
Sophie Tuchfeld	Tishrei 26	2-Oct
Ida Dubin	Tishrei 27	3-Oct
Sarah Benjaminson	Tishrei 27	3-Oct
Ruth Shapiro	Tishrei 29	5-Oct
Helen Talvy	Tishrei 29	5-Oct
Miriam Bowra	Tishrei 29	5-Oct
Lillian Berman	Tishrei 29	5-Oct
Benjamin Moldoff	Tishrei 30	6-Oct

Louis Geller	Cheshvan 02	8-Oct
Sophie Becker	Cheshvan 04	10-Oct
Ida Hollicker	Cheshvan 04	10-Oct
Edith Escott	Cheshvan 05	11-Oct
Samuel Dressler	Cheshvan 05	11-Oct
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Harriette Blackman	Cheshvan 07	13-Oct
Lottie Caplan	Cheshvan 07	13-Oct
Austin Rhodes	Cheshvan 07	13-Oct
Pearl Goldberg	Cheshvan 08	14-Oct
Harold Shapiro	Cheshvan 08	14-Oct
Bertha Grossman	Cheshvan 08	14-Oct
Rosalind Gardner	Cheshvan 09	15-Oct
Len Snyder	Cheshvan 09	15-Oct

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- ♦ **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, and Janet Moses, in memory of their grandfather, Louis Baron**
- ♦ **Sept 21 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her aunt, Cynthia Ullman**
- ♦ **Sept 24 - Beth Cormier and Sue Furman, in memory of their mother, Florence Furman**
- ♦ **Sept 25 - Karen Dines, in memory of Ashley Schiff**
- ♦ **Sept 26 - Dina Baker, in memory of her mother, Zelda Wolfman**
- ♦ **Oct 5 - Roni-Beth Shapiro, in memory of her mother, Ruth Shapiro**
- ♦ **Oct 5 - Catherine Cantrell, in memory of her mother, Miriam Bowra**
- ♦ **Oct 6 - Beverly Kaplan, in memory of her father, Benjamin Moldoff**
- ♦ **Oct 11 - Carol Cotton, in memory of her mother, Edith Escott**
- ♦ **Oct 14 - Roni-Beth Shapiro, in memory of her father, Harold Shapiro**
- ♦ **Oct 14 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of Bertha Grossman**
- ♦ **Oct 15 - Hannah Snyder, in memory of her grandfather, Len Snyder**
- ♦ **Oct 17 - Andrea Baron, in memory of her father, Allyn Abramson**
- ♦ **Oct 21 - Erika Cohen, in memory of her father, Arpad Viltschek**
- ♦ **Oct 21 - Bruce Trager, in memory of his grandmother, Rose Fox**
- ♦ **Oct 23 - Joel Weiner, in memory of his father, Edward Weiner**

October and November Yahrzeits

Gladys Atkins	Cheshvan 09	15-Oct
Lena Canter	Cheshvan 09	15-Oct
Bella Elkins	Cheshvan 10	16-Oct
Allyn Abramson	Cheshvan 11	17-Oct
Ida Bloomenthal	Cheshvan 12	18-Oct
Leon Pinstein	Cheshvan 12	18-Oct
Nathan Stroum	Cheshvan 12	18-Oct
Arthur Merowitz	Cheshvan 14	20-Oct
Arpad Viltschek	Cheshvan 15	21-Oct
Rose Fox	Cheshvan 15	21-Oct
Elsie Seskin	Cheshvan 15	21-Oct
Rebecca Slatrow	Cheshvan 16	22-Oct
Edward Weiner	Cheshvan 17	23-Oct
Max Talent	Cheshvan 18	24-Oct
Herman York	Cheshvan 19	25-Oct
Daniel Griff	Cheshvan 21	27-Oct
Abraham Goldstein	Cheshvan 21	27-Oct
Philip Silver	Cheshvan 21	27-Oct
Bernard Resh	Cheshvan 25	31-Oct
Lester Goldberg	Cheshvan 25	31-Oct
Madeline P. Kaplan	Cheshvan 26	1-Nov
Joseph Tuchfeld	Cheshvan 26	1-Nov
Benjamin Wolk	Cheshvan 28	3-Nov
Max Katz	Cheshvan 28	3-Nov
Herbert Baron	Cheshvan 29	4-Nov
Chaim Taubman	Cheshvan 30	5-Nov
Mildred Chorney	Kislev 01	5-Nov
Sarah Wiesman	Kislev 01	5-Nov
David Kniznick	Kislev 01	5-Nov
Julius Weiner	Kislev 02	6-Nov
Bella Kane	Kislev 02	6-Nov
Jacob Nottenburg	Kislev 02	6-Nov
Eva Baron	Kislev 03	7-Nov
Isadore Solomon	Kislev 04	8-Nov
Bessie Griff	Kislev 05	9-Nov
Betty Taubman	Kislev 05	9-Nov
Morris Goodman	Kislev 05	9-Nov
Mildred Perlmutter	Kislev 06	10-Nov
John F. Kennedy	Kislev 06	10-Nov
Samuel Orovitz	Kislev 06	10-Nov
Ethel Fichtelberg	Kislev 06	10-Nov
Nathan Weiner	Kislev 07	11-Nov
Abraham Sheckman	Kislev 07	11-Nov
Margret Fassberg	Kislev 07	11-Nov
Roz Stanton	Kislev 07	11-Nov
Ella Blauer	Kislev 08	12-Nov
Helen Norman	Kislev 08	12-Nov
Arnie Kaufman	Kislev 08	12-Nov
Jenny Weitzenberg	Kislev 08	12-Nov
Milton Portnov	Kislev 09	13-Nov

Sylvia Moldoff	Kislev 09	13-Nov
Eileen Moses	Kislev 09	13-Nov
Blanche Weinstein	Kislev 10	14-Nov
Abraham Werblin	Kislev 10	14-Nov
Max Canter	Kislev 11	15-Nov
Edward Rosenberg	Kislev 11	15-Nov
Miriam Goldman	Kislev 11	15-Nov
Alexander Abraham	Kislev 11	15-Nov
Blanche Kaufman	Kislev 11	15-Nov
Donald M. Merowitz	Kislev 11	15-Nov

Barney Geller	Kislev 12	16-Nov
Joseph Finstein	Kislev 12	16-Nov
Simon Greenberg	Kislev 12	17-Nov
Henry Milesky	Kislev 13	17-Nov
Mollie Fine	Kislev 13	17-Nov
Rose Bloom	Kislev 13	17-Nov
Becky Mankowich	Kislev 14	18-Nov
Louis Gould	Kislev 14	18-Nov
Bernice Mayrent	Kislev 15	19-Nov

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- ♦ **Nov 1 - Ed and Donald Kaplan, Jim Baron and Audrey Kennen in memory of their mother/grandmother, Madeline Kaplan**
- ♦ **Nov 3 - Thelma Kennen, in memory of her father, Max Katz**
- ♦ **Nov 4 - James Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their father, Herbert Baron**
- ♦ **Nov 5 - Martin Taubman, in memory of his father, Chaim Taubman**
- ♦ **Nov 7 - Jim Baron, Audrey Kennen, and Janet Moses in memory of their grandmother, Eva Baron**
- ♦ **Nov 8 - Rob Solomon, in memory of his father, Isadore Solomon**
- ♦ **Nov 9 - Merrill Griff, in memory of his mother, Bessie Griff**
- ♦ **Nov 9 - Martin Taubman, in memory of his mother, Betty Taubman**
- ♦ **Nov 10 - Frank Orovitz, in memory of his father, Samuel Orovitz**
- ♦ **Nov 10 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of her aunt, Ethel Fichtelberg**
- ♦ **Nov 11 - Jill Stanton, in memory of her mother, Roz Stanton**
- ♦ **Nov 12 - Janice Goldberg, in memory of her mother, Ella Blauer**
- ♦ **Nov 12 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of her grandmother, Jenny Weitzenberg**
- ♦ **Nov 13 - Beverly Kaplan, in memory of her mother, Sylvia Moldoff**
- ♦ **Nov 13 - Janet Moses, in memory of her sister, Eileen Moses**
- ♦ **Nov 15 - Ed Kaufman and David Kaufman, in memory of their wife/mother, Blanche Kaufman**
- ♦ **Nov 19 - Sherry Mayrent, in memory of her mother, Bernice Mayrent**
- ♦ **Nov 22 - Robert Kaitz, in memory of his great grandmother, Sadie Kaitz**
- ♦ **Nov 25 - Diana Korzenik, in memory of her sister, Ruth Korzenik Franklin**
- ♦ **Nov 27 - Andrea Baron, in memory of her mother, Rhoda Abramson**
- ♦ **Nov 27 - Robert Macauley, in memory of his wife, Anita Israel**

Social Justice Committee Report

The Social Justice Committee met in August to set some priorities for the coming year.

Our ongoing partnerships with Community Day Center (CDC) and More Than Words (MTW) continue through our congregant's generous donations. The CDC continues to need individually wrapped snacks and single servings of water and juices. Please save warm winter coats, jackets and sweaters/sweatshirts, as well as, boots for collection starting in October. New hats, gloves and underwear will also be greatly appreciated. MTW continues to collect books for resale through their youth employment program. Check their website (shop.mtwyouth.com) for that book you have wanted to read! Donation boxes in TBI's lobby.

Anti-Semitism is a topic of importance to our community and all Jewish people. Understanding its history; the impact on all aspects of our lives; the role of social media; and how to confront anti-Semitic acts individually and as a community are some topics that can be discussed in future programs. If you would like to be part of the planning committee or have resources to share, please contact Linda (ulinda@gmail.com).

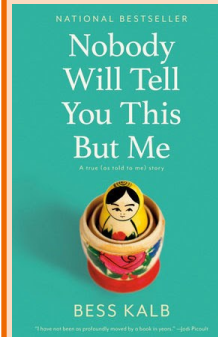
You may have noticed the many containers of trees around TBI. This is a Waltham community effort to identify over 100 native species that will be planted around the new high school next year. Educating our members and others of the importance of trees and bees is part of the Environmental Justice work led by Brad Baker.

The Inclusion Committee is continuing to promote inclusive practices in our services and programs, as well as inform us on the nature of and how TBI strives to include those with visible and invisible disabilities. TBI is committed to welcoming all who walk into our building.

Linda Ungerleider
Committee Chair

Book Club

Please feel free to join us - Wednesday, September 29 at 7pm on Zoom.



The book for September is *Nobody Will Tell You This But Me* by Bess Kalb

Bess Kalb, an Emmy-nominated comedy TV writer, channels the voice of her deceased grandmother Bobby Bell to share the multigenerational story of women in her family. This "representation of a life" begins with Bobby's mother's immigration from Russia to America and concludes with Kalb's writing of the book. Kalb deftly captures her grandmother's fierce, loving, and particular personality. Especially charming is Bobby's advice to "Bessie", often unsolicited and always honest. Striking a perfect balance between levity and poignancy, this is a standout memoir, featuring strong family relationships with much love and laughter.

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

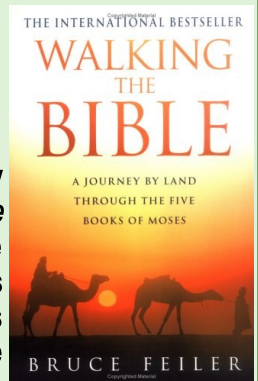
Everyone welcome! Those who haven't read the book often lead us down the most interesting avenues of shared knowledge and experience

Hope to see you there.

TBI Bookshelf

by Marilyn Racette

A recent donation to the TBI Library included a copy of *Walking The Bible* by award winning author Bruce Feiler. Early on the author admits that like many of his contemporaries, after leaving home he lost touch with his religious



roots, and viewed the Bible as a book gathering dust on a shelf. But as he traveled the world, old feelings from the past kept coming back to him. On a trip to Jerusalem he begins realize that the "story—so timeless, so abstract—might have happened in a place that was identifiable, no less one I could visit...a living breathing entity...an ongoing narrative." As this experience is repeated throughout his travels in the Middle East, Feiler decides to approach the Bible "with contemporary methods of learning—traveling, talking, experiencing." The result is part adventure, part archeological detection, and part spiritual quest, combined in one eloquent narrative.

Online Schmooze Suspended

The Chesed Committee provided the online TBI Schmooze options twice monthly when we could not meet in person. With some in-person/multi-access gatherings now occurring with Covid-19 protocols, the Committee has found the Schmoozes are no longer being used. These sessions are therefore being discontinued. We hope they provided valuable connection to those who participated!

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

Sign Up for TBITalk

TBITalk is Temple Beth Israel's new members' only discussion list on email. Sign up to send and receive messages from TBI members on the TBITalk discussion list by entering your email and contact information in the Subscribe section of this page:

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For your convenience, please use this form to make your donations and send to: Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA 02453. You may also donate online at <http://tbiwaltham.org/donate>. The minimum donation amount is \$10. Please add additional information on another sheet.

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Mark Your Calendar! September and October Highlights

Friday Night Shabbat Service	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm September 3 and October 1 Shabbat Service- 5:30pm—6:00 pm Sept. 10, 17, 24 and Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29
Shabbat Morning	Shabbat Morning Services - Saturdays at 9:30am In house and Online
Rabbi Office Hours	For September Dates and times - See page 9 October Dates - 5, 12, 19, 26 - 12:30pm-1:30pm
Cemetery Service	Sept. 12, 10:00am at Beth Israel Memorial Park on South St. This service will also be available on Zoom.
Sukkot/Friday Night Service	Shabbat in a Backyard Sukkah Friday Night Sept. 24 Dinner at 5:30 Service at 6:00 Details page 9
High Holy Days	A complete schedule can be found on pages 10-11 and on the TBI website: www.tbiwaltham.org