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## Temple Talk



# Rabbi's Corner: Family Stories in the Book of Genesis and on Thanksgiving

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

The Book of Genesis is about families. It's about parents and their children, siblings, cousins, nieces, and nephews. It's about aunts and uncles, spouses, full-siblings, half-siblings, in-laws, and servants. Over the course of six generations, from Abraham's father Terach to Joseph's children Ephraim and Menashe, we see a variety of types of interactions and relationships between family members in the Torah. Many of these interactions are imperfect and flawed. Jewish stories certainly do exist in which our ancestors are depicted as saintly, but our Torah has few such stories in it. The stories in the Torah - especially in Genesis - reflect the kinds of imperfection and flaws that we all have in our families. When we notice this fact about the Torah, it opens up an opportunity for us to see our own family stories as being sacred, too, even with our flaws.

Here's one way to tell the family story in Genesis. In chapter eleven, Abraham's father Terach shleps his family out of Babylonia into the outskirts of the land of Canaan. Terach thus uproots his family, turning them all into immigrants. Perhaps the premature death of his son Haran has something to do with Terach's decision to quit Babylonia. But the Torah doesn't tell us why Terach leaves. Abraham's surviving brother Nachor marries their niece Milkah, the daughter of their deceased brother, and Abraham marries Sarah, a childless woman of uncertain origin whom Abraham later claims is his half-sister. It is through Abraham and Sarah that God chooses to establish the covenant with the people Israel.

The drama that follows is filled with human imperfection, and  
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## Fresh from the Bakery: Maintaining and Strengthening the Foundation

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

We are in a period of defining foundations and creating generational continuity in our Torah portions. In *Chayei Sarah*, Abraham mourns Sarah upon her death, seeks a wife for Isaac, himself remarries, and then is buried beside Sarah. In *Toldot*, which in fact means "generations," we learn of the birth of Jacob and Esau and the machinations that secure Isaac the birthright and the blessing. *Vayetze* takes us to Jacob's marriages with Leah and Rachel that result in the children and grandchildren who will form the tribes of Israel, the name Jacob acquires in *Vayishlach* when he wrestles with an angel.

There is a lot in these stories, but I'll note just these two aspects: ensuring the future is central; and it can be messy.

That's how I think about one of the activities that's also early on our congregational calendar: determining and adopting Temple Beth Israel's annual budget. As Rabbi David told the board of directors, in his *d'var Torah* at our October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, there is holiness in this seemingly mundane work.

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## Fresh from the Bakery: Maintaining and Strengthening the Foundation

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

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By putting a budget in place, we make sure that TBI can function, from turning on the heat to tuning in on Zoom. It allows us to maintain and strengthen the foundation for the spiritual, educational and social life of the shul, keeping it thriving for the year ahead and from generation to generation. This is how we establish the footing for our congregational life.

To develop the budget, we looked at what we budgeted and spent in the prior year, and we considered the goals we established for the year to come (see my article in the last newsletter for a review of those goals). We then forecast our income and expenses, of course looking for any place we may reasonably be able to increase revenue or decrease costs. Each committee contributed to this process, making recommendations on the revenue and expenses for their areas.

Our Treasurer, Alan Levine, then worked with Andrea Baron in her role as Office Manager to develop the draft budget. The board members received this in advance of our October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. We then spent most of the meeting reviewing the budget, asking questions about it, and weighing considerations—always keeping in mind our goals for TBI. In the end, the vote to adopt the budget was unanimous.

There are two new items in the budget this year that I'd like to highlight.

One is the addition of maintenance staff for several hours each week. This person will conduct regular rounds through the building, helping us to spot and remediate issues in our aging structure before they get out of hand; we believe this may save us money in the long run. Additionally, we hope that this person will be able to take on some tasks for which we no longer have as consistent a volunteer force to support, from taking out the trash to mowing the lawn and setting up our Zoom for weekly services. Andrea now is in the process of trying to source a candidate for the role.

The second is someone to work part time on outreach and programming for youth, young adults, and young families. This expense, however, is dependent upon budgeted revenue from a grant to cover the cost; so, we are pursuing grant opportunities before seeking a resource to fill the role.

Below are graphics that give you more detail about our budget.

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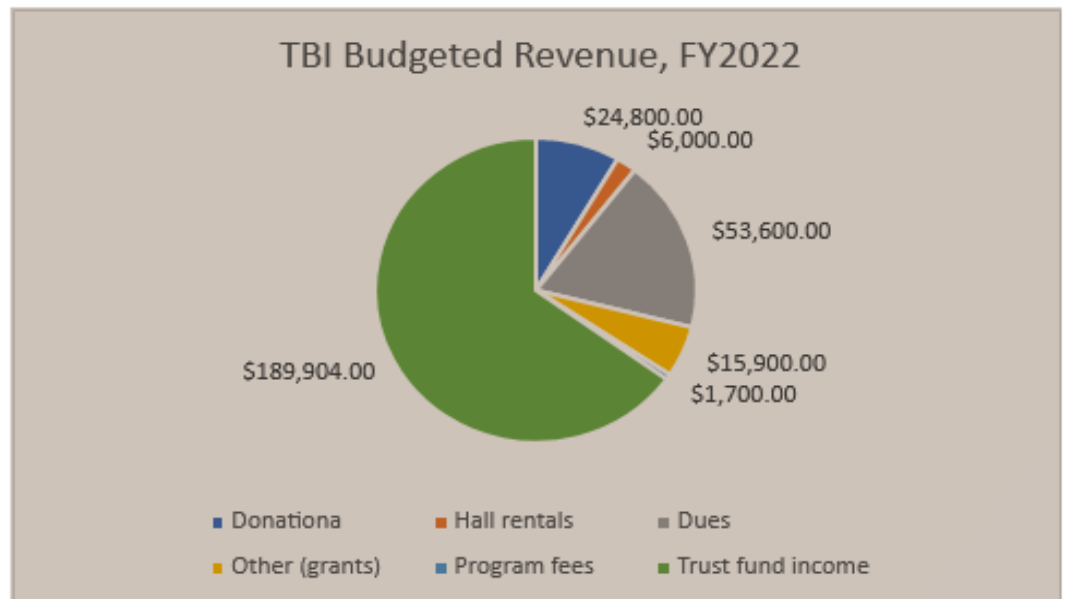
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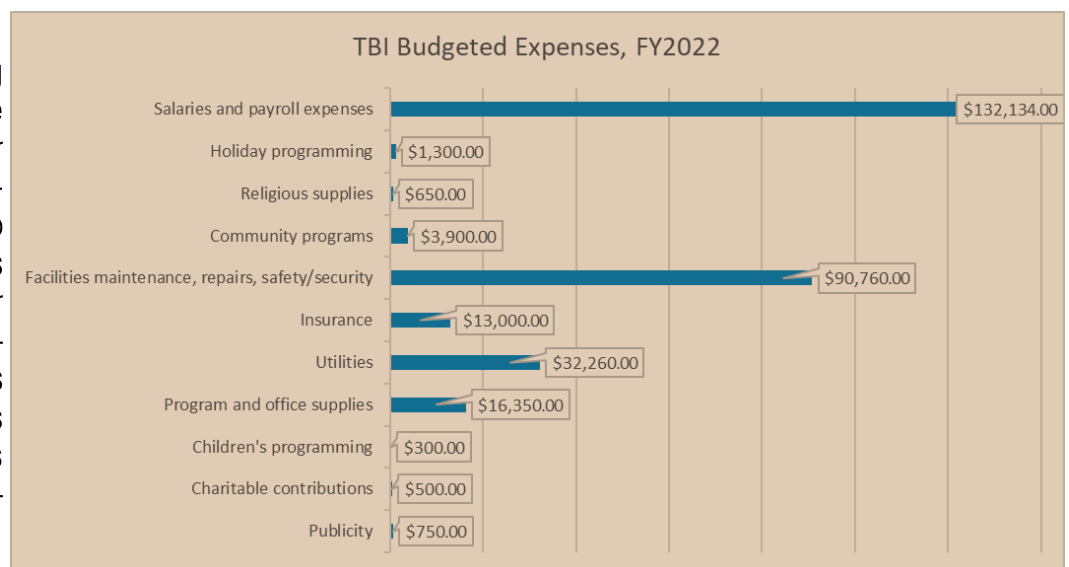
## Revenue

As I mentioned in my high holy day remarks, trust fund income accounts for about 2/3 of our operating revenue. We are fortunate to have strong and well managed investments that make this possible without dipping into the principal. However, there always is risk in being so dependent upon this source. If you have ideas for grants or other donations we might pursue, please reach out to me or to our Development Committee chair, Howard Trachtman. Or if you can consider giving a little more personally, I encourage you to invest in your congregation.



## Expenses

What we might call “keeping the lights on”—ensuring the integrity and security of our building—is one of our largest expenses, second only to payroll. Are there other ideas you have for investing in our present and future? Restricted donations for programs that support our community’s goals and needs, as well as the time and skills of volunteers, are always welcome.



So while the process has many steps and lots of input—and the circuitousness of query and discussion—in the end it brings us to a common basis for moving forward. As with our Torah readings in this season, it can be a little messy but we’re ensuring our future. Let’s now all build on the foundation to make that future together.

Please remember that all members of the board look forward to hearing from you, or you can communicate through this link with a message that will go directly to me: <https://bit.ly/3y6lpdK>.

## Mark's Remarks: Why are We Still Meeting Online? A D'var Torah on Vayera

**By: Mark Frydenberg, Immediate Past President**

At the beginning of the Torah portion of Vayera, God appears to Abraham to check in on him while he's sitting at the entrance of his tent. He and Sarah set up their tent in a place where shepherds regularly travelled, and they offer those who come by a drink or a meal.

Their tent doors are open and, as this week's portion tells us, while Abraham is recovering from his self-conducted surgery, waiting, and looking for guests, he sees three strangers approaching. He rushes to the door to meet them. They are angels in disguise. Abraham and Sarah offer them water to bathe and rest while they prepare cakes of bread, meat, and curds of milk for their guests. Vayera portrays Abraham and Sarah as demonstrating the value of 'hachnasat orchim' – welcoming guests into their homes.

Abraham focuses on the needs of the visitors more than on his own. He chases after them, turning his back on the divine presence who had been with him earlier – an act that shows that welcoming the stranger has higher priority than being in God's presence. Rashi says that God appeared to protect Abraham from being troubled with dealing with guests and made the day unusually hot so no travelers would visit. When God saw that Abraham was disappointed because no travelers came by, he brought three angels in the form of men.

Our classic texts place great value on welcoming guests. Rabbi David Kimchi, who lived in Spain during the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> century, comments that "The lesson is that extending hospitality is even greater than the merit of welcoming God into your house." Rabbi Yehuda, a Talmudic rabbi, teaches in the name of Rav, "Welcoming guests is greater than receiving the face of the Shechina" as it is written about Abraham, who said in Genesis 18, "Gentlemen, please do not go on, past your servant. Let a little water be brought..." Another teaching from Rav Dimi says that welcoming guests is greater than rising early to the Beit Midrash. He teaches that rising early to study Torah is the way we honor Torah, but welcoming a guest is equivalent to honoring God. For when one brings a guest into their home it honors them, because they were created in the image of God.

The past 18 months have seen the invention of a new type of Judaism that focuses on welcoming. We transcend physical place in real time so that we can create and maintain connections and welcome each other. The reasons our services went online in the spring of 2020 were because of concerns of safety and public health in the midst of a pandemic. Now though that it's safer to gather in person, we're still online. During this past summer, we could have said, "we're going to stop Zoom services and get together in person only." But we didn't.

The reason we meet online is no longer exclusively because of public health concerns – rather, like many synagogues across the country we have learned that being a welcoming community means being an inclusive, multi-access community. And that



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harsher words could certainly be used to describe it. A man sells his wife into the Pharaoh's harem. An uncle sends his nephew to live in a notoriously wicked place. A woman forces her maidservant to sleep with her husband. When the maidservant becomes pregnant, the woman torments her. Then, thirteen years later, the maidservant and her son get kicked out of the house forever by the boy's father, who is also the master of the house. This master of the house binds his other son on an altar and picks up a knife to slaughter him. All of that is just about Abraham and Sarah.

But Abraham's and Sarah's family story can be told another way. A man flees from famine into a land where there is food but also a tyrannical and exploitative leader. The man must sell his wife into a harem to save their family. When the man later becomes a wealthy farmer, violence breaks out between his shepherds and his nephew's shepherds. When the older farmer insists they part ways, the younger farmer chooses to move to a wicked place. The older farmer doesn't stop him. His wife feels it is her destiny to become a mother, but she has already experienced menopause. She enlists her maidservant to be her surrogate mother, but the strategy backfires and the woman reacts badly. When the woman becomes pregnant (miraculously) and has a son, she demands that her husband evict the servant and the son she had with the woman's husband. She is trying to stave off a battle of inheritance.

How do we tell our family stories? From what angle do we shine light into them? How do we tell the stories of our own lives? With the approach of Thanksgiving, our imaginations begin to fill again with stories and feelings about the people we will sit across from, stories about the people with whom we used to share turkey (or tofurkey) and cranberries, sweet potatoes, and marshmallows. Stories and feelings flow in about the family members who grew up in a different land than the land of their parents, and stories about the Terachs of our own families who themselves picked up and left. Feeling the presence of these stories now, we can rest assured: just as our ancestors did what they had to in order to keep themselves and their families alive, so we also do what is necessary to preserve ourselves and our families through flawed interactions and imperfect relationships.

Finally, as we remember sacred stories about our flawed and beloved Jewish ancestors, some of whom started again in the New World, we also think, on Thanksgiving, of those of us whose ancestors have lived on this land continuously for thousands of years. Like Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day, Thanksgiving is another opportunity to reflect on our relationship with the peoples who have lived here the longest (by far). In "Indigenous Peoples' Day, Explained," a recent article in *The New York Times*, Melina Delkic writes, "Supporters of the day say it may help bring attention to some of the ways Indigenous peoples are discriminated against and are disproportionately affected by climate change, gender violence and health issues, as well as to the Indigenous lands affected by mining, drilling and both public and private projects." For these reasons, our mission as a justice-pursuing people living in America must include Native American concerns. It was the Wampanoag tribe led by Chief Massasoit who shared their food with white colonizers at the "First Thanksgiving" in Plymouth in 1621. Although tragically and drastically reduced in number since the 1600s, the Wampanoag still live in New England, having reservation land on Cape Cod, on Martha's Vineyard, and in Taunton. May we all understand that there is no real boundary between "our story" and "their story," that Native American Jews exist and are a part of us, that their story is also our story, that we pray for and must work for a just and equitable future for all Native Americans, and that the Jewish story is always broader and more inclusive than we imagine. Native American Jews are a part of the Jewish family. On Thanksgiving weekend fifty and one hundred years from now, Jews will still be reading the stories of Abraham and Sarah, and their descendants. What stories will our descendants tell about us when they sit down to their Thanksgiving meals?

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means making it convenient and accessible for anyone who wishes to join whether in person or online.

At the end of our Thursday morning and Friday night services, we greet each other or offer "tov m'od's" (sharing what is good) and, in doing so, make everyone feel welcome. Like Abraham and Sarah, many of us invite guests to our homes, our sukkahs, our seders, and our synagogues, and now in this time of COVID, our tents or porches, to visit, have good conversation, or share a meal. Through shared experience, we strengthen our human connections. Our greatest connection to God is through our connection to one another.

# Hanukkah is Coming!

**Check upcoming weekly eblasts for details to come on:**

- Rabbi David's participation in the menorah lighting at Waltham's City Hall
- A congregational virtual candle-lighting and music event

*To help us prepare: please tell us your choice of a song include, and the story of how it relates to your Hanukkah experience. Submit your contribution to Brad Baker at [brad@white-oak-consulting.com](mailto:brad@white-oak-consulting.com).*



# Announcing...

# LIFT EVERY VOICE Shabbat!

**DATES:** Nov 20, Dec 25, Jan 22

**DESCRIPTION:** On the third Shabbat morning of every lunar month, Rabbi David will deliver a dvar Torah that lifts up one or more voices from a marginalized group within the Jewish community. Come hear and celebrate the voice of someone whose lived experience helps them make a special contribution to Jewish life and to Torah.

# Rabbi David's Discussion Groups

## MONTHLY KABBALAT SHABBAT with MAARIV

**\*\*Please note the change to multi-access\*\***

**Time:** 5:30-6:30pm on 1st Friday of the month, multi-access

**Place:** in-house at TBI, and on Zoom

**Date:** Fridays November 5, December 3, and January 7

**Description:** This monthly service will now be held in person as well as online! Rabbi David (and/or a lay leader) leads the evening service after Kabbalat Shabbat once a month. All participants are encouraged to share a few sentences about a good thing from their week (a *tov me'od*) to help everyone enter the restful spirit of Shabbat. It will be thrilling to have this spiritual, uplifting service together in person again!



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

## LUNCHTIME TORAH STUDY (monthly—online only)

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

**Date:** Thursdays November 11, December 9, January 13

**Description:** On November 11th, we will study selections from Genesis chapter 24, where Abraham's servant travels outside the land of Canaan on his master's command to find a wife for his son Isaac. After his father bound him on an altar and held a knife over him at God's request, is it possible that Isaac will now carry his father's relationship with God into the future? Does Abraham believe Isaac will carry the covenant, or will that be Rebekah's job? Who are Isaac and Rebekah, anyway? English is the primary language of study; the original Hebrew is also provided. All are welcome.

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353443111?pwd=b0hQYXcvekVXWVBqMnpvRIISMSS2QT09>

## EVENING TALMUD STUDY (monthly—online only)

**\*\*Please note the time change to 3rd Tuesdays\*\***

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

**Date:** Tuesdays November 16, December 21, January 18

**Description:** We will continue our study of the more accessible ethical and inspirational teachings, many of them narrative, in the Talmud's Tractate Taanit. In November, we will begin from Taanit 7a. Guided by the *Eyn Yaakov*, Rabbi Yaakov ibn Chaviv's 16th century compilation, this study group reads together and follows the organic flow of group discussion. Rabbi David provides literary, historical, and linguistic insight, and ensures equal participation. English is the primary language of study; Hebrew is provided. All are welcome.

## Rabbi David's Office Hours:

**Drop-in:** November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 12:30-1:30pm.

Zoom link: 811 0356 9244 Passcode: 157389

**By Appointment Only:** November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 10:30am-12:30pm.

Contact Rabbi David in advance to make an appointment at [rabbidavid@tbiwaltham.org](mailto:rabbidavid@tbiwaltham.org) or 781.786.8679

# Thank You for Your Generous Donations

## High Holy Day Donations:

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## Other Donations:

- Ellen Band in memory of her mother Freda Band
- George and Judith Isaac, in memory of David Freedman
- Phyllis Werlin, in honor of Mark Frydenberg, to the Mark Frydenberg Event Participation Fund
- Ken Koocher, to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Yaron Shragai and Marilyn Racette to the TBI Community Projects Fund
- Marilyn Racette, in memory of her aunt, Sara Wolf
- Charles Weinstein, in honor of Howard Trachtman
- Mark Frydenberg, in honor of the wedding of Tzvi Abush and Martha Tolpin
- Mark Frydenberg, in honor of Bob Macauley's birthday
- Ed Brown and Julie Gagnon and Family, in memory of Justin Liss
- Jonathan Schiff

## Scenes from our October 17 barbecue with our unhoused neighbors in the Waltham community





## Zoom with Us!

## November 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](https://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/>.

	<b>November Shabbat Services Online</b>	<b>Meeting ID</b>
Nov 5	<b>Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm</b> <b>** Now In-house and Online **</b>	860 9408 8277
Nov 12, 19, 26	<b>Shabbat Shalom - 5:30pm—6:00 pm</b>	
Nov 6, 13, 20, 27	<b>Shabbat Morning In-house and Online</b> <b>9:30 am</b>	898 2996 2372 pw:204635
	<b>Thursday Morning Minyan</b>	
Nov 4, 11, 18, 25	<b>Morning Minyan 8:00am</b> <b>Online only</b>	860 6404 5288
	<b>Rabbi's Discussion Groups</b>	
Tues 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	<b>12:30pm-1:30pm</b> <b>Rabbi David's Open Zoom Office Hours</b>	811 0356 9244 pw: 157389
Nov 11, Dec. 9, Jan 13	<b>12:00pm—1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study</b> <b>See page 7 for details</b>	873 5344 3111 pw: 922863
Nov 16, Dec. 21, Jan 18	<b>7:00pm—8:30pm Evening Talmud Study</b> <b>See page 7 for details</b>	833 6502 6963 pw: 615895

## NEXTGEN

Temple Beth Israel has launched NetGen, a group for adults in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. They gather each month for fun and connection. On Saturday, October 23rd at 5:45 pm, they met for S'mores and Havdalah at Rabbi David's house. They had a blast and are looking to plan something for November, too. We hope you will share this information with your networks because there is always room for more NextGen members!

**NextGen meets again for Games and Havdalah on November 20th at 5:00. Watch for details to follow.**





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 Shecktmann	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 Rosenburg	Kislev 11	15-Nov
Miriam Goldman	Kislev 11	15-Nov
Alexander Abraham	Kislev 11	15-Nov
Blanche Kaufman	Kislev 11	15-Nov
Donald Merowitz	Kislev 11	15-Nov

**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.**

- ♦ 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

## November and December Yahrzeits

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Joseph Finstein	Kislev 12	16-Nov
Simon Greenberg	Kislev 12	17-Nov
Henry Milesky	Kislev 12	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
Benjamin Caplan	Kislev 15	19-Nov
Jacob Mankowich	Kislev 15	19-Nov
Rose Grater	Kislev 15	19-Nov
Bella Weiner	Kislev 15	19-Nov
Abraham Ginsburg	Kislev 15	19-Nov
Mary Rosenfeld	Kislev 16	20-Nov
Meyer Rosenfeld	Kislev 16	20-Nov
Lipman Simmons	Kislev 16	20-Nov
Elaine Kaplan	Kislev 17	21-Nov
Sadye Leyton	Kislev 17	21-Nov
Lana Blackstone	Kislev 17	21-Nov
Jennie Fine	Kislev 18	22-Nov
Sadie Kaitz	Kislev 18	22-Nov
Jack Marcou	Kislev 18	22-Nov
Morris Bootin	Kislev 18	22-Nov
Paul Meyerovitz	Kislev 19	23-Nov
Tillie Klayman	Kislev 19	23-Nov
Samuel Blackstone	Kislev 19	23-Nov
Shiphrah Goldberg	Kislev 19	23-Nov
Eva Rebecca Tauber	Kislev 20	24-Nov
Sarah Harris	Kislev 20	24-Nov
Philip Leavy	Kislev 20	24-Nov
Ruth Franklin	Kislev 21	25-Nov
Edward Rubin	Kislev 21	25-Nov
Ida Canter	Kislev 22	26-Nov
Rhoda Abramson	Kislev 23	27-Nov
Anita Israel	Kislev 23	27-Nov
Rebecca Sechter	Kislev 23	27-Nov
Bertha Lebowitz	Kislev 23	27-Nov
Harry Cotton	Kislev 24	28-Nov
Dr. Ludwig Kubin	Kislev 24	28-Nov

Ida Mendelson	Kislev 25	29-Nov
Charles Mendelsohn	Kislev 25	29-Nov
Charles Goldstein	Kislev 25	29-Nov
Aaron Wolk	Tevet 01	5-Dec
Simon Canter	Tevet 01	5-Dec
Arthur S. Friedman	Tevet 01	5-Dec
Marcus Bern	Tevet 02	6-Dec
Hella Hakerem	Tevet 02	6-Dec
Hugh Greenblott	Tevet 02	6-Dec
Ethel Potash	Tevet 02	6-Dec
Alan Goldberg	Tevet 02	6-Dec
Joseph Drapkin	Tevet 02	6-Dec
Samuel Horenstein	Tevet 02	6-Dec
Isadore Ingber	Tevet 02	6-Dec
Rav Daniel Ben Zalman	Tevet 03	7-Dec

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- ♦ **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**
- ♦ **Nov 27 - Richard Goldberg, in memory of his grandmother, Rebecca Sechter**
- ♦ **Dec 5 - Joan Friedman, in memory of her father, Arthur Friedman**
- ♦ **Dec 6 - Gita Hakerem Foster, in memory of her mother, Hella Hakerem**
- ♦ **Dec 7 - Diana Korzenik, in memory of her grandfather, Rav Daniel ben Zalman**

## December Yahrzeits

Shlome Freedman	Tevet 03	7-Dec
Mary Bloom	Tevet 04	8-Dec
Sarah Feingold	Tevet 04	8-Dec
Milton Blackman	Tevet 04	8-Dec
Sam Schectman	Tevet 04	8-Dec
Ralla Blackstone	Tevet 05	9-Dec
Beverly Fine	Tevet 06	10-Dec
Marilyn Mallick	Tevet 06	10-Dec
Philip Shriberg	Tevet 06	10-Dec
Howard Kaplan	Tevet 06	10-Dec
Morris Hollender	Tevet 08	12-Dec
Morris Rothman	Tevet 08	12-Dec
Gail Tushin	Tevet 09	13-Dec
Hannah Handel	Tevet 09	13-Dec
Michael S. Laufer	Tevet 10	14-Dec
Sadie Cumenes	Tevet 10	14-Dec
James Herbert Seilers	Tevet 10	14-Dec
Daniel Wolk	Tevet 10	14-Dec
Rudy Seigler	Tevet 11	15-Dec
Jennie Sulkin	Tevet 11	15-Dec
Harry Rosenthal	Tevet 12	16-Dec
Ida Hollicker	Tevet 13	17-Dec
Naffthali Shapiro	Tevet 14	18-Dec
Joseph Sherman	Tevet 14	18-Dec
Jerry Resnikoff	Tevet 14	18-Dec
Harriet Lietzky	Tevet 14	18-Dec
Dolores Simon	Tevet 15	19-Dec
Archie Sudhalter	Tevet 16	20-Dec
Harry Kniznik	Tevet 17	21-Dec
Steven Cantrell	Tevet 18	22-Dec
Richard Cotton	Tevet 18	22-Dec
Bertha Creveshay	Tevet 18	22-Dec
Jacob Trachtman	Tevet 18	22-Dec
Dora Geller	Tevet 18	22-Dec
Abraham Alper	Tevet 19	23-Dec
Irving Etkind	Tevet 19	23-Dec
Eva Wolf	Tevet 19	23-Dec
Harris Posner	Tevet 19	23-Dec
Betty Ullman	Tevet 20	24-Dec
Harold Levison	Tevet 20	24-Dec
Joseph Pill	Tevet 22	26-Dec
Newell Goldberg	Tevet 22	26-Dec
Aaron Tushin	Tevet 22	26-Dec
Frank Rosenburg	Tevet 23	27-Dec
Samuel Gordon	Tevet 23	27-Dec
Sarah Rachel Greene	Tevet 24	28-Dec
Harry Levison	Tevet 24	28-Dec
Nathan & Rae Sudhalter	Tevet 24	28-Dec
Abraham Kennen	Tevet 24	28-Dec

Samuel Cron	Tevet 24	28-Dec
Nathan Goldstein	Tevet 25	29-Dec
Rose Tatelman	Tevet 26	30-Dec
Caryl Goldstein	Tevet 27	31-Dec
Dr. H Myer Bloomenthal	Tevet 29	2-Jan



**We wish a long life to our members who are observing a Yahrzeit in the coming weeks.**

**If you would like assistance to arrange a *virtual minyan* so that you may say kaddish for your loved ones, please contact the Temple office at least one week in advance.**

- ♦ **Dec 10 - Irving Malick, in memory of his wife, Marilyn Malick**
- ♦ **Dec 10 - Donald and Ed Kaplan, in memory of their brother, Howard Kaplan**
- ♦ **Dec 12 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her uncle, Morris Rothman**
- ♦ **Dec 13 - Ellie Handel, in memory of her mother, Hannah Handel**
- ♦ **Dec 14 - Pam Laufer, in memory of her husband, Michael Laufer**
- ♦ **Dec 14 - Zach Roe, in memory of his grandfather, James Herbert Seilers**
- ♦ **Dec 19 - Simon Family, in memory of their mother, Dolores Simon**
- ♦ **Dec 22 - Catherine Cantrell, in memory of her son, Steven Cantrell**
- ♦ **Dec 22 - Carol Cotton, in memory of her husband, Richard Cotton**
- ♦ **Dec 22 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of his father, Jacob Trachtman**
- ♦ **Dec 23 - Lillian Etkind, in memory of her husband, Irving Etkind**
- ♦ **Dec 24 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her aunt, Betty Ullman**
- ♦ **Dec 28 - Alan Levine, in memory of his grandmother, Sarah Rachel Greene**
- ♦ **Dec 28 - Steven Kennen, in memory of his father, Abe Kennen**
- ♦ **Dec 31 - Stan Goldstein, in memory of his mother, Caryl Goldstein**

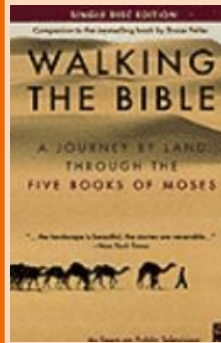
## Social Justice Committee Report

The Community Day Center has seen an increase in the number of those who are unhoused seeking lunches and case management services this fall. As winter approaches, the need for warm clothes, especially winter jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, socks, gloves, hats and boots for men and women is critical. There is a drop-off box in TBI's lobby. There are opportunities to be a volunteer at CDC. Please contact Caroline, Executive Director, at (781) 392-6311 to discuss how you may help.

On Sunday, October 17, the Temple hosted a BBQ for the unhoused community in collaboration with Chaplains on the Way. Special thanks to Andrea Baron, Joan Friedman, Diana Korzenik, Erika Mackin, Jonathan Schiff and Devin Shmueli for their help in the kitchen and whatever needed to be done on that day. Also, the support of congregants who attended was appreciated.

Heard a great speaker? Found a good website? Know an organization doing this work? The Social Justice Committee is looking for your ideas and assistance in developing programs on anti-Semitism. Please contact Linda at [ulinda@gmail.com](mailto:ulinda@gmail.com).

## Book Club



The October 26 was postponed to November 16th at 7:00pm

We will discuss *Walking the Bible* by Bruce Feller available in all formats at the Waltham Library -- and here at the TBI library as well.

"One part pulse-pounding adventure story, one-part archaeological detective work, and one part an uplifting spiritual exploration, *Walking The Bible* vividly recounts an inspiring personal odyssey—by foot, jeep, rowboat, and camel—through the greatest stories ever told. Award-winning author Bruce Feiler crosses the Red Sea, climbs Mt. Sinai, and interviews Bedouin and pilgrims, as he attempts to answer the question: Is the Bible just an abstraction, or is it a living, breathing entity? *Walking the Bible* is a stunning and elevating work of courage, scholarship, and heart that revisits the inscrutable landscape where the world's great religions were born—and uncovers fresh answers to the most profound questions of the human spirit."

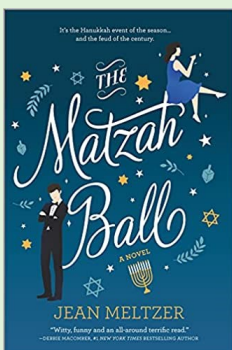
Everyone welcome to join in the discussion. Attendance by people who have been to Biblical places in Israel would be an added contribution!

Hope to see you there.

## TBI Bookshelf

by Marilyn Racette

*The Matzah Ball* by debut author Jean Meltzer is an antidote to the onslaught of bad news that goes along with a global pandemic and its challenges, at least for a little while. Rachel Rubenstein-Goldblatt has a big secret. The daughter of a prominent rabbi is a very successful Christmas romance novelist, under the pen name Margot Cross. She's hidden it from her family for a decade. She has another secret that only her family and best friend know. She has a chronic illness that has kept her from experiencing the kind of love that she's been writing about. When her publisher insists that they need a Hanukkah romance if they're going to renew her contract, she's not sure she can deliver. Hanukkah just isn't as magical as Christmas, is it? Compounding her distress, Jacob, the boy who broke her heart years ago and is now a hugely successful event planner, returns to New York to throw a huge celebration of Hanukkah. She's determined to find her inspiration at the gala event, even if it means working with him. And of course, so much goes wrong before everything goes right. Get ready for a Hanukkah miracle!



## Temple Beth Israel Memorial Park

The cost for an individual grave in Temple Beth Israel Memorial Park for members is \$2,200. The cost for non-members is \$2,800, which includes one year of membership (\$600).

Graves in the Kulanu interfaith section are sold in lots of two, at a total cost of \$4,400 for members. The cost for non-members is \$7,600 for a lot of two, which includes one year of family membership (\$1,200).

Please contact **Jay Trilling** of Menorah Cemetery Management Corporation at (857) 636-9440 for further information.

—Jim Baron, Cemetery Committee Chair

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## Mark Your Calendar! November Highlights

<b>Friday Night Shabbat Service</b>	<b>Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm</b> November 5 - In-house and Online <b>Welcoming Shabbat Service- 5:30pm—6:00 pm</b> November 12, 19, 26 - Online Only
<b>Shabbat Morning</b>	<b>Shabbat Morning Services - Saturdays at 9:30am</b> In house and Online
<b>Rabbi Office Hours</b>	<b>November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 12:30pm-1:30pm</b>
<b>NEXTGEN</b>	<b>Saturday November 20 at 5:00pm</b> Details will follow
<b>Book Club</b>	<b>Tuesday November 16 at 7:00pm</b> Details page 14
<b>Lift Every Voice Shabbat</b>	<b>DATES: Nov 20, Dec 25, Jan 22</b> See page 6 for program description