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Rabbi's Corner: The Meaning of a Fallen Tree

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

I had just had a wonderful time celebrating Adar Kane's achievement of the age of bat mitzvah. Adar and I were walking out of the building where she had chanted and spoken so beautifully, when we both heard a loud crack. Adar knew instantly what had made the sound. It was a tree, perhaps fifteen feet tall, which evidently had just snapped at its base and fallen over a bench where we were all glad that we had not been sitting. Adar's grandmother asked me somewhat playfully, "Rabbi, what does it mean? Why did this tree fall down on the

day of Adar's bat mitzvah?" I offered, "This tree really wanted to get our attention." A vague answer. But now, after some reflection, I have more to say on this matter. As I flew from Boston to Virginia on Friday, December 10th for Adar's bat mitzvah, trees and houses, trains and cars were being uprooted and destroyed by dozens of tornadoes that struck Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, and Mississippi. The devastation continued during Adar's bat mitzvah service on Saturday December 11th. While Adar

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Fresh from the Bakery: Honoring the Memory of Bob Macauley

By: Dina Wolfman Baker



In the early morning hours of December 14, our community lost long-time friend and member Bob Macauley.

In so many ways, Bob represented the core of who and what we are at Temple Beth Israel. In remembering what he brought to us at TBI and to his many circles of family and friends, we can easily borrow from the themes represented in our tag line: Community/Tradition/Inclusion.

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By: Dina Wolfman Baker

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Community

Bob was a kind and welcoming person who easily made, greatly cherished, and devotedly nurtured his friends. At the TBI kiddush lunches, he never sat still for very long; it was a pleasure to watch him move from table to table, checking in on everyone.

For each person, he had a targeted question or two that showed his deep interest in their lives. At the dinner table in my home, he was even more inquisitive of each person's life (perhaps aided by having to stay the whole time at one table)—seeking information, uncovering perspective, listening closely, and always expressing his genuine support and admiration.

This investment in others was repeated in so many parts of Bob's life. Always I was hearing of his interactions with his children, his grandchildren (including their dogs), and the members of his family through his late wife Anita Israel. He had ongoing groups of friends from every stage of his career, a dinner group, a birthday group, his long-distance bike riding group... each and every one were priorities in his life, and they could feel it.

Tradition

That devotion was part of Bob's traditionalism. He believed in and lived the traditional values of being true to one's family and friends, working hard and well, and contributing meaningfully. This could take on many forms, from applying his engineer's mind to fix things around a loved one's home, to generously supporting a nonprofit that my sister-in-law launched after carefully assessing its mission, financial strength and efficacy. Tradition also seemed to be about honoring one's foundations. He paid tribute to his childhood exposure to his brother's model trains, for example, by bringing it forward as a retirement hobby (some might say obsession), in which he meticulously built and repaired his own sets and participated actively in model train organizations—which provided yet another group of friends. (My six-year-old grandson considered



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Bob's house to be the best indoor playground imaginable.)

Inclusion

Bob, who was not Jewish, came to us through his beloved wife and TBI member Anita Israel who died in November of 2013. In her last months, when she could not be on her own, Bob accompanied her to Shabbat morning services. After she died, he continued to attend—in large part, to spend that time sitting where Anita had sat. He stayed for kiddush lunch. He washed the dishes (because he'd promised Anita, but also because it was his way of contributing). He became very much one of our own.

It was through Bob that many of us at TBI began to see greater opportunities to achieve our aspirations as an inclusive congregation. Though he didn't make any demands, we wanted to find ways to better welcome members' family from other faith traditions. We updated our bylaws to expand the definition of membership and we established the Kulanu ("all of us") section of our cemetery, Beth Israel Memorial Park. Anita Israel became the first person interred there, and on December 16 Bob joined her. As he had wished, Bob was remembered with a funeral and burial officiated by TBI's Rabbi David Finkelstein.

And Let's Not Forget...Fun

What all this talk of devotion and tradition doesn't say is that Bob liked to have fun, and he sure did. When I brought my grandson over to play with the toy trains, Bob was in heaven playing with him. When he asked his questions across the dinner table, there was a twinkle in his eye. He liked to tease, and he greatly appreciated a well-made Black Russian cocktail (something he and I enjoyed together).



About 1-1/2 years after Anita's passing, I suddenly got it in my head that Bob was just the guy who was caring, smart, handsome, fun and good enough for my mother Toni, so I found a way to introduce them. I gave the d'var Torah, which is pretty much the only thing that gets Toni to synagogue, and as services ended I went over to say hello to Bob and made a point of introducing them. At kiddush lunch, Bob came to our table to chat...and stayed at the table throughout rather than making his usual rounds. I checked in with Toni afterward, relayed to Bob her impression ("he was an interesting man") when I saw him the

following week, and that led to a first date. They quickly became inseparable, whether traveling and dining; visiting museums, concerts and plays; viewing a lot of pandemic Netflix; or debating politics, they loved each other—and found fun together—for the next six years. Bob became a part of our family, and I miss him dearly.

Bylaws Committee Update

By: Mark Frydenberg

I'm writing this month in my role as the recently appointed chair of the ad hoc TBI Bylaws Committee. The TBI Bylaws require a review process at least once every five years. Due to the pandemic, we didn't get to complete this task last year, so President Dina Baker asked me to oversee the process this year. Serving on this committee with me are Miriam Chernoff, Merrill Griff, Natasha Moshinsky, and Edie Rosenberg. Dina is ex-officio.

The committee began its work in December, taking on a thorough review of the bylaws from beginning to end through the lens of TBI's values of community, tradition, and inclusion. Most of the conversations in our first two meetings have focused on updating the sections related to Membership and Rights of Membership. Since the last major revision six years ago, TBI has changed its membership structure, offering a sustaining membership model that enables members to pay a suggested amount, or more, or less as they are able. The bylaws need to accommodate this new process, which impacts sections on membership, rights of membership, the duties of the treasurer, and the responsibilities of the membership director.

The Committee also is looking at practices of other small conservative or similar synagogues, to make an appropriate recommendation regarding voting rights for Jewish member's spouses and partners of other faiths.

We will be addressing this topic at a Community Conversation on Sunday, March 13, at which time the committee will report back on our progress thus far and solicit your input on these and other issues. We hope to complete our work to present to the Board of Directors for their review prior to the board meeting scheduled for April 4th. This will give the board time to review and discuss any proposed changes and allow the Bylaws Committee time to share this information with the membership in advance of the Congregation's annual meeting scheduled for June 12.

Watch for details and a zoom link next month, for the upcoming community conversation. We thank you for being part of this process.



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chanted and told how the ancient Egyptian people sell their very freedom to Joseph for grain, entire communities were being obliterated in Kentucky, plunging individuals and families into poverty and insecurity. So maybe the tree fell outside the bat mitzvah venue to draw our attention to this disaster so that we might remember to contribute to the [Western Kentucky Red Cross Disaster Relief Fundraiser](#), for example, to which we can donate via its Facebook page, as of this writing.

Due to a lack of data, scientists have [not declared a connection](#) between severe tornadoes and global climate change. But even in the absence of that data, these tornadoes can't help but remind us of that greatest moral, economic and environmental challenge of our age. Whether burned by severe forest fires in Australia or the American West, or split by severe storms in Kentucky, trees are among the many life-forms impacted by human-made global climate change. The special place of trees in the earth's ecosystems is articulated by Brad Baker in his children's book, *Tree Is a Garden*: "Tree connects earth with sky and all water." *This year, Tu Bishvat (the New Year for the Trees) begins on Sunday evening, January 16th, and concludes on Monday evening, January 17th. Temple Beth Israel will observe Tu Bishvat with a Zoom-only Tu Bishvat seder on Sunday the 16th at 4pm (see the Shopping List for the Tu Bishvat seder on page 10). At this seder, we will learn about trees and bless God over their fruit in the hopes of restoring some balance to our relationship with the trees and, by extension, to our relationship with the entire more-than-human world.*

This year, Tu Bishvat is also Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, now also a national day of service, which commemorates the birth in 1929 of its namesake, the black preacher and Civil Rights leader. Whatever other meanings we attach to Adar's fallen tree, one of the causes was certainly rot at the tree's roots. The legacy of slavery in America is like rot infecting our national roots, a rot that continues to infect our 21st century branch of the tree in the form of systemic racism. Be on the lookout for service opportunities on this day in your neighborhood.

The snap of the tree that fell on Adar's bat mitzvah day hits my ear like a shofar blast, waking me up to the perils people still face due to irresponsible environmental stewardship and persistent racial inequity. The coinciding of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Tu Bishvat can be a powerful reminder of some of the major challenges facing us today. There is an urgency



to address these challenges now - especially climate change - an urgency unlike that of previous generations. May we need no more powerful storms like those in Kentucky to move our leaders into action so that lives can be preserved and enabled to thrive, and so that balance can be restored in the relationship between humanity and the natural world.

Hashmiini: Let Me Hear Shabbat

DATES: Jan 22, Feb 19

DESCRIPTION: Once each month, Rabbi David will deliver a d'var Torah that lifts up one or more voices from a marginalized group within the Jewish community. Come hear and celebrate the voices of some Jews whose lived experience enables them to make a special contribution to Jewish life and to Torah.



NextGen: Havdalah and More

Temple Beth Israel has a group for adults in their 20s, 30s, and 40s called NextGen. They gather each month for a time to find connection and joy.

The next Havdalah will take place on January 8th at 5pm.

Here is the link to join online <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84466906229?pwd=bFFQU2VzcG1abzZxU05VT2l4Zzg4Zz09>

Shabbes in Upper Remety: Music of the Hollender Family—A Tish with Hankus Netsky (Friday Feb. 18)

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

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

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

7:00 PM— Shabbes in Upper Remety Tish (Note: The tish will have a separate Zoom link.)



Zoom links and more details will become available in the February Bulletin.

Rabbi David's Discussion Groups

MONTHLY KABBALAT SHABBAT with MAARIV

**** Now 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 January 7, February 4, and March 4

Description: This monthly service with spirited singing in the round will 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 *to'v me'od*) to catch up with friends and help everyone enter the restful spirit of Shabbat.



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 January 13, February 10, and March 10

Description: On January 13th, we will study Chapter 25 of Genesis, which presents the first 40 or so years of Rebekah's and Isaac's marriage, including their difficulty conceiving, Rebekah's search for God during pregnancy, the births of Esau and Jacob, and Esau's sale of the birthright for a pot of Jacob's lentils. We will explore our feelings towards these Biblical ancestors and investigate the particular challenges to the covenant posed during their lifetimes. 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)

**** Now on 3rd Tuesdays ****

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

Date: Tuesdays January 18, February 15, and March 15

Description: We continue studying in Tractate Taanit the more accessible ethical and inspirational teachings (rather than the legal discussions). Feedback within the group has wisely prompted us to limit our study to one or two short texts per session in order to make time for immersion in the strong Biblical current flowing under the surface of so many of these Talmudic teachings. English is the primary language of study; Hebrew/Aramaic also provided. All are welcome.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365026963?pwd=SytiQ0tqK3hraGFRdzdlc1NJQVFEnQT09>

Rabbi David's Office Hours:

Drop-in: January 4, 11, 18, 25 - 12:30-1:30pm.

Zoom Meeting ID: 811 0356 9244 Passcode: 157389

By Appointment Only: January 4, 11, 18, 25 - 10:30am-12:30pm.

Contact Rabbi David in advance to make an appointment at rabbidavid@tbiwaltham.org or 781.786.8679

Thank You for Your Generous Donations

- **In Memory of Ellie Handel**

Ed Brown
Julie, Chad and Audrey Gagnon
Ruth Malkin
Trager Family
Myra Biblowit
Dr. Lawrence Levine

- **In Memory of Bob Macauley**

Jim, Andrea and Michaela Baron
Brad and Dina Baker
Mark Frydenberg
Israel Family, Ted, Linda, Josh, Dave, and Mia & Doug Sigafos

- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Penina Weinberg

- **Warming Center**

Penina Weinberg

- **Mark Frydenberg Event Participation Fund**

Karin Kriegsman, in memory of her sister Ellie Handel

- **Other**

Denis and Jeanne Sager, in memory of Lewis & Goldie Kaswell, Ernest Kaswell and Harold Kaswell, grandparents, dad and uncle.

TBI Community News

We're happy to share news from the Temple Beth Israel community. Please reach out to each other!

Share your news here through this form: <https://forms.gle/EYfHmrWpB4JTzG6>



- **Eric and Jessica Benjamin** will be celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary on. They plan to visit New Orleans, where they used to live, and visit friends.
- **Dina Baker** has a big birthday in January. (big, as in it ends in a zero!)



Zoom with Us!

December 2021

We are now meeting by computer and by phone, and in person.

To join by phone--no computer needed: Dial (301)-715-8592. You will hear a prompt to enter a meeting ID. Enter the meeting ID, followed by #. In the listing of events below, we show the meeting ID for each event.

To join by computer or mobile device, visit zoom.us in a web browser, click *Join a Meeting*, and enter the meeting ID and password for the event (or click the direct link to the event posted on our website or in our weekly email update). **The current list of events appears below.**

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

	December	Meeting ID
Jan 7	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm ** Now In-house and Online **	860 9408 8277
Jan 14, 21, 28	Shabbat Shalom - 5:30pm—6:00 pm Online only	
Jan 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Shabbat Morning In-house and Online 9:30 am	898 2996 2372 pw:204635
	Thursday Morning Minyan	
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27	Morning Minyan 8:00am Online only	860 6404 5288
	Rabbi's Discussion Groups	
Jan 4, 11, 18, 25	12:30pm-1:30pm Rabbi David's Open Zoom Office Hours	811 0356 9244 pw: 157389
Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10	12:00pm - 1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study See page 7 for details	873 5344 3111 pw: 922863
Jan 18, Feb 15 Mar 15	7:00pm - 8:30pm Evening Talmud Study See page 7 for details	833 6502 6963 pw: 615895

Tu BiShvat Seder - Shopping List and Zoom Link

This year, Tu Bishvat (the New Year for the Trees) begins on Sunday evening, January 16th and concludes on Monday evening, January 17th. Temple Beth Israel will observe Tu Bishvat with a Zoom-only seder on Sunday the 16th at 4pm. At this seder, we will learn about trees and bless God over their fruit in the hopes of restoring some balance to our relationship with the trees and, by extension, to our relationship with the entire more-than-human world. If you'd like to, procure one fruit (dried version is fine) for each of the four categories below.

	Native to the Land of Israel	Native to Eastern North America
1. Fruit with inedible shell	Almond, orange, pomegranate	Walnut, chestnut
2. Fruit with inedible pit	Olive, date, carob	Peach, plum, cherry
3. Completely edible fruit	Fig, grape	Apple, pear, quince
4. Other tree parts	Bay leaf, cinnamon	Maple syrup

Join Zoom Meeting

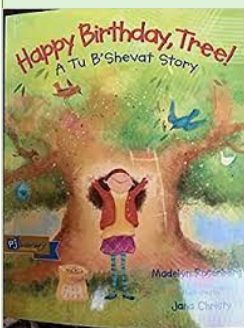
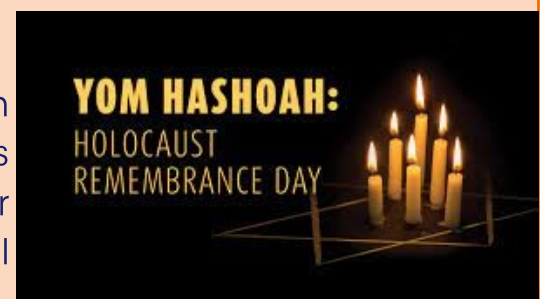
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Meeting ID: 836 7177 0045

Passcode: 041369

Yellow Candle Program Update

We will be distributing Yellow candles for Yom HaShoah to all members again this year. Yours should arrive by mail sometime in March. Your contribution supports our Yom HaShoah educational program.



TBI Bookshelf

by Marilyn Racette

This month we celebrate the secular New Year. On the evening of January 16th, we celebrate another New Year! Tu B'Shevat, also called Rosh HaShanah La'llanot, literally means New Year of the Trees. *Happy Birthday, Tree! A Tu B'Shevat Story*, written by Madelyn Rosenberg and illustrated by Jana Christy, is great to share with a child age 4 to 8. Read about Joni's and Nate's birthday party for their tree. This is a lovely introduction to ideas about how, as Jews, we have a responsibility to take care of the earth. You can find this book, and other children's holiday books, in TBI's family room.



Dr. H Myer Bloomenthal	Tevet 29	2-Jan
Lawrence Carni	Shvat 01	3-Jan
Sidney Tushin	Shvat 02	4-Jan
Esther Kniznik	Shvat 03	5-Jan
Pearl Portnov	Shvat 04	6-Jan
Sadie Shay	Shvat 04	6-Jan
Eleazer Weitzenberg	Shvat 04	6-Jan
Anita Kaitz	Shvat 05	7-Jan
Clara Loewy Lustig	Shvat 05	7-Jan
Lillian Wigod Stroum	Shvat 05	7-Jan
Richard Lustig	Shvat 06	8-Jan
Esther Weiner	Shvat 06	8-Jan
Louis Perlmutter	Shvat 06	8-Jan
Julius Handel	Shvat 07	9-Jan
Sylvia Kurtzman	Shvat 08	10-Jan
Benjamin Freeman	Shvat 08	10-Jan
Samuel Seskin	Shvat 08	10-Jan
Sarah Kennen	Shvat 09	11-Jan
Rubin Elkins	Shvat 09	11-Jan
Sophie Koocher	Shvat 09	11-Jan
Joshua Mikels Webb	Shvat 10	12-Jan
Charles Silver	Shvat 10	12-Jan
Joseph Benjamin	Shvat 10	12-Jan
Ira Zinkerman	Shvat 11	13-Jan
Beril Novick	Shvat 12	14-Jan
Max Chernoff	Shvat 12	14-Jan
Morris Katz	Shvat 13	15-Jan
Molly Hauser	Shvat 13	15-Jan
Edythe Simon	Shvat 13	15-Jan
Bessie Goldberg	Shvat 13	15-Jan
Louis Kniznik	Shvat 13	15-Jan
Ilona Viltshchek	Shvat 14	16-Jan
David Rothman	Shvat 14	16-Jan
Rose Leavy	Shvat 14	16-Jan
Eva Trachtman	Shvat 14	16-Jan
Samuel Cutler	Shvat 14	16-Jan
Dinzie Cutler	Shvat 15	17-Jan
David Ullman	Shvat 16	18-Jan
Sarah Fischer	Shvat 16	18-Jan
Ida Chansky	Shvat 16	18-Jan
Harry Cohen	Shvat 17	19-Jan
Morton Ginsburg	Shvat 18	20-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.

- ♦ Jan 3 - Jill Carni, in memory of her father, Lawrence Carni
- ♦ Jan 6 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of her grandfather, Eleazer Weitzenberg
- ♦ Jan 7 - Robert Kaitz, in memory of his aunt, Anita Kaitz
- ♦ Jan 11 - Steven Kennen, in memory of his mother, Sarah Kennen
- ♦ Jan 12 - Eric Benjamin, in memory of his father, Joseph Benjamin
- ♦ Jan 14 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her grandfather, Max Chernoff
- ♦ Jan 16 - Erika Cohen, in memory of her mother, Ilona Viltshchek
- ♦ Jan 16 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her uncle, David Rothman
- ♦ Jan 16 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of his grandmother, Eva Trachtman
- ♦ Jan 18 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her grandfather, David Ullman



January Yahrzeits

Joseph Milesky	Shvat 19	21-Jan
Jacob Rosenfield	Shvat 19	21-Jan
Sadie Krinsky	Shvat 19	21-Jan
Harry Kritzman	Shvat 19	21-Jan
Shirley Lillian Benjamin	Shvat 21	23-Jan
Monroe M. Frankel	Shvat 21	23-Jan
Saul Cohen	Shvat 21	23-Jan
Dora Dame	Shvat 22	24-Jan
Morris Freedman	Shvat 22	24-Jan
Gussie Kniznik	Shvat 23	25-Jan
Sam Bogan	Shvat 23	25-Jan
Samuel Wolk	Shvat 24	26-Jan
Jacob Koocher	Shvat 24	26-Jan
Renee Brown	Shvat 24	26-Jan
Solomon Harris	Shvat 25	27-Jan
Ida Kulin	Shvat 25	27-Jan
Maurry Furman	Shvat 26	28-Jan
William Becker	Shvat 26	28-Jan
Sadie Baron	Shvat 26	28-Jan
Sarah M. Freedman	Shvat 27	29-Jan
Sylvia Weinstein	Shvat 27	29-Jan
Louis Nochemsohn	Shvat 27	29-Jan
Irving Norman	Shvat 27	29-Jan
Florence Lipkin	Shvat 27	29-Jan
Dorothy Ullian	Shvat 27	29-Jan
Sarah Milesky	Shvat 27	29-Jan
Regina Greenbaum	Shvat 29	31-Jan
Mildred Rothbart	Shvat 29	31-Jan
Helen Rose Justice	Shvat 30	31-Jan
Abigail Decker	Adar1 01	2-Feb
Lillian Bloom	Adar1 01	2-Feb
Edward Baron	Adar1 01	2-Feb
Fannie Blackstone	Adar1 01	2-Feb
Jacob Krinsky	Adar1 03	4-Feb
Benson Griff	Adar1 04	5-Feb
Harry Canter	Adar1 04	5-Feb
Eva Rothman	Adar1 05	6-Feb
Saul G. Ginsburg	Adar1 05	6-Feb
Vital Crevoshay	Adar1 05	6-Feb

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- ♦ Jan 23 - Eric Benjamin, in memory of his mother, Shirley Lillian Benjamin
- ♦ Jan 23 - Barbara Camann, in memory of her father, Saul Cohen
- ♦ Jan 26 - Ed Brown and Julie Gagnon, in memory of their wife and mother, Renee Brown
- ♦ Jan 28 - Sue Furman and Beth Cormier, in memory of their father, Maury Furman
- ♦ Jan 29 - Ed Kaufman, in memory of Dorothy Ullian
- ♦ Jan 31 - Ben Nudelman, in memory of his mother, Regina Greenbaum
- ♦ Jan 31 - Zach Roe, in memory of his grandmother, Helen Rose Justice
- ♦ Feb 2 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her aunt, Lillian Bloom
- ♦ Feb 2 - Susan Baron, in memory of her father, Edward Baron
- ♦ Feb 6 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her grandmother, Eva Rothman

February Yahrzeits



Ruth Gordon	Adar1 06	7-Feb
Philip Rosenfield	Adar1 06	7-Feb
Jacob Shay	Adar1 06	7-Feb
Maurice Katz	Adar1 06	7-Feb
Arthur Nochemsohn	Adar1 07	8-Feb
Marsha Goldstein	Adar1 07	8-Feb
Paul Keaney	Adar1 08	9-Feb
Sonia Smith	Adar1 08	9-Feb
Minnie Milesky	Adar1 08	9-Feb
Louis Michelson	Adar1 10	11-Feb
Samuel Margolis	Adar1 10	11-Feb
Yetta Blackstone	Adar1 10	11-Feb
Harold Katz	Adar1 10	11-Feb
David Beecher	Adar1 11	12-Feb
Rose Cohen	Adar1 11	12-Feb
Frieda Resnick	Adar1 11	12-Feb
Marcia Slarskey	Adar1 12	13-Feb
Fanna Kreidberg	Adar1 12	13-Feb
Neil Baker	Adar1 12	13-Feb
Joseph Harris	Adar1 13	14-Feb
Ann Wolf	Adar1 13	14-Feb
Ira David Seltzer	Adar1 14	15-Feb
Harris Griff	Adar1 14	15-Feb
Jane Siegel	Adar1 14	15-Feb
William Milesky	Adar1 15	16-Feb
Max Ritter	Adar1 15	16-Feb
Philip Shapiro	Adar1 16	17-Feb
Edward Gilman	Adar1 17	18-Feb
Yetta Fischer	Adar1 18	19-Feb
Fannie Beecher	Adar1 19	20-Feb
Louis Freedman	Adar1 19	20-Feb
Gertrude Levison	Adar1 19	20-Feb
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Bernard Sharfman	Adar1 20	21-Feb
Robert Fox	Adar1 20	21-Feb
Rose Brown	Adar1 21	22-Feb
Sal Araten	Adar1 22	23-Feb
Marshall Kreidberg	Adar1 22	23-Feb
Dora Milesky	Adar1 22	23-Feb
Jennie Goldberg	Adar1 22	23-Feb
Martha Mikelbank	Adar1 23	24-Feb
Rose Nussinow	Adar1 23	24-Feb
Larry Webb	Adar1 25	26-Feb
Rose Braverman	Adar1 25	26-Feb
Annie Alpert	Adar1 26	27-Feb
Judith Smith	Adar1 27	28-Feb
Leonard Kaufman	Adar1 27	28-Feb
Sandra Gustin	Adar1 27	28-Feb
Aaron Greenblott	Adar1 27	28-Feb
Rose Wolk	Adar1 27	28-Feb

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

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

- ♦ Feb 9 - Esther Keaney, in memory of her father, Paul Keaney
- ♦ Feb 9 - Paul, Albert and David Smith, in memory of their mother, Sonia Smith
- ♦ Feb 13 - Jordan Kreidberg, in memory of his mother, Fanna Kreidberg
- ♦ Feb 15 - Merrill Griff, in memory of his father, Harris Griff
- ♦ Feb 15 - Barbara Camann, in memory of her sister, Jane Siegel
- ♦ Feb 21 - Bruce Trager, in memory of his grandfather, Robert Fox
- ♦ Feb 22 - Ed Brown, in memory of his mother, Rose Brown
- ♦ Feb 23 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of her father, Sal Araten
- ♦ Feb 23 - Jordan Kreidberg, in memory of his father, Marshall Kreidberg
- ♦ Feb 26 - Julian Webb, in memory of his father, Larry Webb
- ♦ Feb 28 - Albert Smith, in memory of his wife, Judith Smith

Social Justice Committee Report

Warming Center

The TBI Warming Center has been hosting more guests this year. After a hot lunch and dessert, many stay for more than two hours. Food Not Bombs continues to cook and serve great food. Several guests have become dedicated volunteers.

The Warming Center still needs your help on Sundays until April 17. Please consider donating a casserole and/or spending a few hours helping to greet guests and help with set up or clean up. All tasks are easy and take just a few minutes. This link is for both food donations and volunteering: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4daea72fa6f85-warming>

Dinner for the Night Shelter

Once each month, TBI will provide dinner for those in the Night Shelter, housed at Community Day Center. Our next dinner will be Wednesday, January 12. Please sign up to provide a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert to serve 12. Food may be dropped off between 12:30-4:00 or 7:00-7:30 at 16 Felton Street Waltham. Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4d4ea72fa6f85-monthly>

New Opportunity: Dementia Friends Synagogue

From the Inclusion Committee: Jewish Family and Children's Services (JF&CS) is the master trainer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The 2022 Synagogue Initiative is to change the way people act, think, and talk about dementia in our Massachusetts Jewish communities. Dementia Friends is a global public awareness program that has reached 20 million people worldwide. We are looking for volunteers from TBI who would like to become Dementia Friends Champions. Champions attend a 2.5 hour training on Zoom and then lead a 1-hour information session with the congregation, family, or friends. The training is free of charge, and provides all of the knowledge and materials needed to facilitate this information session. Champions are welcome to work together. TBI plans to hold a Community Conversation this winter via Zoom.

JF&CS is offering three Champion trainings in early 2022, on these dates:

Wednesday, January 12, 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Register in advance here: <https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?jE9zIYxfgSIDM8fnMiUrfeeK5>

Thursday, January 13, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Register in advance here: <https://zoom.us/join/join?secret=97585976&pwd=97585976>

Thursday, January 20, 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Register in advance here: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJckcO6rgD4pE9PCfrHb_a8F7_TJ5uowXKq2

Please choose the date that is convenient for you. It is only necessary to attend one of the trainings. Let Howard Trachtman (h.trachtman@comcast.com) know you are participating in a training or have any questions.

The Community Day Center

As the only day program for the unhoused in MetroWest Boston, CDC continues to support this community in many ways. Our Temple continues to donate clothing and toiletries. This month's needs are: warm jackets, hooded sweatshirts, sweaters, new thermal underwear, used boots, gloves, scarves and hats. New socks and underwear are always welcome. Hand warmers, too.

More Than Words

TBI continues to collect books for this wonderful job development program. The collection box is in our lobby. You are also welcome to drop off your donations at 56 Felton Street, Waltham.

Todah Rabah

Todah rabah to Edie Rosenberg, Julie Gagnon, Chris Gamble, Jonathan Schiff, Devin Schmueli, Brad Baker, Linda Ungerleider and Joan Friedman for their time and donations to the unhoused community at the Warming Center and Night Shelter. Thanks to those who continue to donate to the Community Day Center and More Than Words through their donation boxes in our lobby. Tikkun Olam, together we are repairing the world!

Please feel free to contact SJ committee chair Linda Ungerleider (ulinda@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

Temple Beth Israel Memorial Park

Temple Beth Israel has maintained a cemetery for its members since 1951. Beth Israel Memorial Park is located on South Street, between the Stanley Elementary School and Children's Hospital. Graves are available in Section A (the right side as you enter the cemetery), Section B (the left side as you enter the cemetery) and in Kulanu (the left side, after Section B). The cost to purchase an individual grave in Sections A or B for Temple members is \$2,200 (\$4,400 for two). The cost for non-members is \$3,200 per grave, which includes one year of membership (\$600).

Kulanu is dedicated to serving the needs of Jewish Temple members who are married to a non-Jewish spouse. 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).

If you are interested in purchasing one or more graves, please contact **Jay Trilling** of Menorah Cemetery Management Corporation at (857) 636-9440.

—Jim Baron, Cemetery Committee Chair

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Temple Beth Israel Donation Form

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.

Attached is my donation check in the amount of \$ _____. Please allocate it to the following funds.

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Mark Your Calendar! January Highlights

Friday Night Shabbat Service	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm January 7 - In-house and Online Welcoming Shabbat Service- 5:30pm—6:00 pm January 14, 21, 28 - Online Only
Shabbat Morning	Shabbat Morning Services - Saturdays at 9:30am In house and Online
Rabbi Office Hours	January 4, 11, 18, 25 - 12:30pm-1:30pm See page 7
NEXTGEN	Saturday January 8 at 5:00pm See page 6
Tu BiShvat Seder	Sunday, January 16th at 4:00pm See page 10
Let Me Hear	DATES: Jan 22, Feb 19 See page 6 for program description