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Rabbi's Corner: What is Anti-Semitism? How Do We Counteract It?

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

This month in the Jewish calendar is called Adar Rishon, or first Adar. It is a leap month, added seven times every nineteen years in order to align the moon-centeredness of the Jewish calendar with its solarly, so that Passover is always in the spring. In a "normal" non-leap year, we would be celebrating Purim this month, but because it is a leap year, we postpone the celebration of Purim until second Adar (Adar Sheni). As a consequence, this Adar (and all Adar Rishons) provide a kind of spaciousness or extra breathing room in the Jewish calendar. Here I take this extra space to think about anti-Semitism in the wake of the hostage-taking at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas. As Purim approaches next

month, I think of Haman's anti-Semitic advice to King Achashverosh in the Biblical book of Esther (the *Megillah*): "There is a certain people, scattered and dispersed among the other peoples in all the provinces of your realm, whose laws are different from those of any other people and who do not obey the king's laws; and it is not in Your Majesty's interest to tolerate them" (Esther 3:8).

In early January, I had the honor of speaking to the parishioners of Waltham's Unitarian Universalist congregation, First Parish, on a Sunday morning. They invited me to speak to them in a Q & A format to start

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Fresh from the Bakery: Flexible and Firmly Rooted

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

On the first Shabbat in February this year, we read Parashat Terumah which details the instructions for building and furnishing the Tabernacle in the wilderness. This year, I take a dual lesson from the parashat: having a religious home is foundational for us, yet so is adaptability in where and how we gather. The very idea of a Tabernacle that can accompany a nomadic group illustrates the ability to flex with changing circumstances even as the form and function of the space is fixed.

On December 31, TBI's leadership announced a decision to return to fully remote services and events, after six months during which some of us had been back in

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the building. This was a difficult transition, seeming to reverse progress we had been making from the long Zoom-based experience of the pandemic. I see it not as a reversal, however, but as an example of our healthy combination of adaptability and constancy. We immediately were able to shift back to our shared virtual space—one that stood ready for us, as we'd maintained it through our multi-access approach—and to communicate this change to the congregation. We made the decision on a Friday afternoon, and Shabbat services moved forward.

As the pandemic persists as an endemic part of our lives, I expect we will continue to make these adjustments. I am thankful for the tradition of constancy, the tradition of a physical space at the center of our religious practice and community, and the tradition of flexibility to ever changing circumstances. These interwoven elements help form a congregational fabric that is strong enough to endure.

The pandemic may shine a spotlight on it, but that balance of adaptability and tradition is central to who we are in many respects. Here are just a few examples in progress as I write this:

We have a Bylaws Committee engaged in a full review of our governing document, as committee chair Mark Frydenberg has reported, because the bylaws themselves dictate that we revisit them every five years to ensure they remain fresh and well aligned with the current needs of the congregation.

On February 18, Hankus Netsky will again lead us in a Friday night Tish honoring Morris Hollender and his musical traditions—though fully online for the second year in a row.

The Social Justice Committee and the Program Committee are sponsoring a February 27 program focusing on environment justice, a concept not yet even articulated at the time when the current TBI building was dedicated yet steeped in the Torah's commitment to just and careful stewardship of the land.

In March, the Social Justice Committee will begin providing programming on antisemitism, taking a current look at this persistent issue that has always been a priority for the congregation and the whole of the Jewish community.

We are a community of tradition, and within that tradition we adapt to changing circumstances. This is one of the things that sets TBI apart and keeps us vital: we are neither intransigently resistant to change nor divorced from our history.

I'm not trying to be pollyannish about the return to a fully remote experience. It's

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not a happy turn of events. I share the frustration and fatigue that many of us feel. I believe that we continue to experience a long-lived and multi-layered pandemic-induced grief—for the loss of our physical space; of our proximity to each other; of the easy, unplanned interactions that happen in passing; of religious and social experiences at full scale; and, for some of us, of loved ones who have died from COVID-19.

But I also know that, against a strong wind, it is the flexible structure that fares best. TBI has just the right amount of give to keep us firmly rooted. I take great comfort in that, and I hope you do too.

Upcoming Meetings

All Temple Beth Israel congregants are invited to attend Board of Director meetings, except portions in executive session. Please feel free to join us.

Board Meetings:

This year's remaining Board meetings will be:

Monday, February 7, 7:00-9:00 pm

Monday, April 4, 7:00-9:00 pm

These meetings are virtual and available here:

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83803321445?pwd=MW1EdU1lbnpRTnFyUklxQ2lRSFdwdz09>

Meeting ID: 838 0332 1445

Passcode: 001868

Annual Meeting of the Congregation:

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, June 12, 10:00 am-Noon. Please plan to join for reports on the year and to participate in elections for open board positions. This year, the membership also will vote on proposed changes to the bylaws. Further details will be available closer to the date.

We Want Your Input

You don't have to wait for a meeting to make your voice heard. Please be in touch with members of the board at any time to share your thoughts. Or use this link to provide feedback directly to the board president: <https://bit.ly/3y6lpdK>.

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their communal learning about anti-Semitism and how to counteract it. I am not an expert in that subject, but they invited me to speak to them because they rightly felt that strengthening their relationship with their local Jewish community would help them take a step away from Judeophobia (another word for anti-Semitism). I want to express my gratitude to Linda Ungerleider, Devin Shmueli, and to all the TBI leaders who have strengthened our relationship with First Parish, and for making my Q & A possible.

First, I was asked what I most wanted the world to know about Judaism, so I spoke about Hillel's golden rule and the mitzvah to love our neighbor as ourself found in Leviticus chapter 19. The conversation then turned to anti-semitism. I spoke about the blurry lines between anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. But this was all said before the hostage-taking on Shabbat morning in Congregation Beth Israel, a Reform synagogue in Colleyville, Texas, between Dallas and Fort Worth. My thinking about anti-Semitism has changed somewhat since then, because of both the hostage-taking itself and because of the discourse that has followed.

In the short time since that frightening event (from which the hostages mercifully emerged alive but the terrorist did not), I have read and listened to numerous people reflect about it, as I'm sure many of you have, too. Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, the heroic rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel, [told](#) the *Forward* that the gunman "was somebody who literally thought that Jews control the world. He thought he could come into a synagogue, and we could get on the phone with the 'Chief Rabbi of America' and he would get what he needed." The gunman's beliefs about Jewish power and how the Jewish community is organized, made me slack-jawed with disbelief at his ignorance. But since the Colleyville hostage-taking, I have been learning that while the gunman's beliefs about Jews and our power are certainly dangerous and upsetting, what's even more upsetting is just how common those beliefs are.

With Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day just a few weeks behind us and this month of February being Black History Month, we do well to compare anti-Semitism to racism. In a video series he created and wrote called ["Anti-Semitism Explained,"](#) American journalist Yair Rosenberg does just that when comparing the systemic natures of both racism and anti-Semitism: "Just as slavery's abolition in America didn't end racism, the defeat of Nazi Germany didn't end anti-Semitism." But in ["Why So Many People Still Don't Understand Anti-Semitism,"](#) a piece which Rosenberg published on January 19 in *The Atlantic*, he points out anti-Semitism's uniqueness: "Unlike many other bigotries, anti-Semitism is not merely a social prejudice; it is a conspiracy theory about how the world operates."

For me the most thought-provoking part of Rosenberg's article is where he quotes Walter Russell Mead, a professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities at Bard College, in a piece

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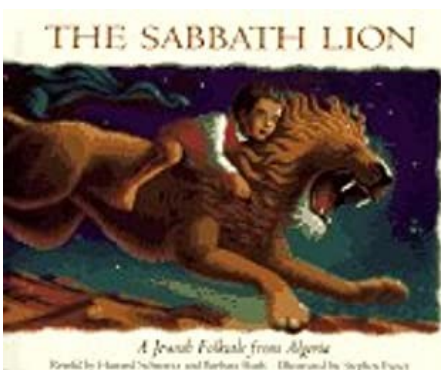
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called "[The BBC and 'the Jews'](#)," which was published in *The American Interest* on May 13, 2012. In this piece, Mead veers away from focusing on the toll that anti-Semitism takes on Jews in order to describe its devastating effect on those who profess anti-Semitic beliefs:

"The rise of anti-Semitism is... a leading indicator of a loss of faith in liberal values and of a diminished capacity to understand the modern world and to thrive in it... People who think "the Jews" run the banks lose the ability to understand, much less to operate financial systems... People who think 'the Jews' dominate politics lose their ability to interpret political events, to diagnose social evils and to organize effectively for positive change. People who think 'the Jews' run the media and control the news lose the ability to grasp what is happening around them... Emancipation from anti-Semitism is thus one of the necessary steps that many individuals and cultures have to take before they are able to act effectively and participate meaningfully in contemporary life."

Understanding the nature of anti-Semitism today is an important step towards shrinking its presence in our world. So is partaking deeply in Jewish community, in Jewish learning and prayer, celebration and mourning, enjoying Jewish music and food, and listening to Jews and reading Jewish literature. I look forward to continuing to search for, to find, and to implement effective ways to disabuse our world of anti-Semitic thinking, for the sake of the Jewish people, and for the sake of the whole world, so that events like the hostage-taking at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville never happen again.

Rabbi David



TBI Bookshelf

by Marilyn Racette

The Sabbath Lion is a Jewish folktale from Algeria, retold by Howard Schwartz and Barbara Rush, and illustrated by Stephen Fieser. Yosef loves the Sabbath. He is a poor boy who works hard in the marketplace for six days a week to bring home a little food to help his widowed mother and his siblings. When his mother learns that a relative in Egypt has died and left the family money, Yosef offers to make the journey to claim it. His mother

gives all her savings to a caravan leader to take Yosef safely across the desert, even selling her wedding ring, but the man breaks his promise, leaving the boy behind when Yosef insists on stopping to observe the Sabbath. In the desert Yosef's faith is tested and strengthened. This adventurous tale is best for ages 7 to 8 and highlights the power of faith, and of keeping promises.

Hashmiini: Let Me Hear Shabbat

DATES: Feb 19, March 19

DESCRIPTION: Once each month, Rabbi David delivers 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: Shabbat Dinner Online with OneTable

Friday, February 4th, 7pm-9pm

NextGen will hold a Shabbat dinner via Zoom with support from OneTable. Inspired by ancient Jewish wisdom, OneTable is a national non-profit that empowers folks to find, share, and enjoy Shabbat dinners, making the most of their Friday nights.

NextGen welcomes people in their 20s, 30s, and 40s-ish to join. First 15 RSVPs will receive around 8 dollars to supplement their dinner via a local grocery store or restaurant.

Click here to RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3GvSupQ>, and do so by February 2nd.

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

Once again at this year's event, Dr. Netsky will be joined by members of the New England Conservatory's Jewish Music Ensemble and TBI congregation members, who will help him lead the singing.

The event will take place on Zoom (limited space available for the portion beginning at 7:00; **preregistration is required, @ bit.ly/HollenderTish**). Upon registration, a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting will be provided (registrants may need to check their spam folder). TBI also provides a website dedicated to Morris Hollender's musical and cultural legacy, available at morrishollender.tbiwaltham.org.



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 is only available through the Zoom link provided after pre-registration; the regular Kabbalat Shabbat service link will function only for the 5:30 segment.)

Rabbi David's Discussion Groups

MONTHLY KABBALAT SHABBAT with MAARIV

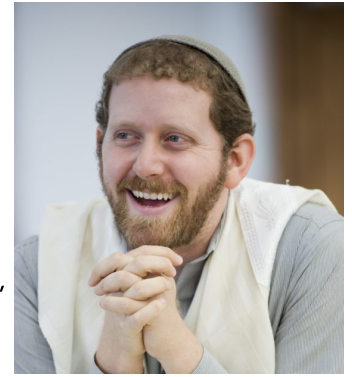
**** Online Only ****

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

Place: in-house at TBI once we reopen the building from the surge, and on Zoom

Date: Fridays February 4, March 4, and April 1

Description: This monthly service with spirited singing in the round will be held in person (when the building is open) 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 catch up with friends and help everyone enter the restful spirit of Shabbat.



LUNCHTIME TORAH STUDY (monthly—online only)

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

Date: Thursdays February 10, March 10, and April 14

Description: On February 10, we will study Chapter 26 of Genesis, in which Isaac repeats a questionable maneuver first performed by his father Abraham: pretending that his wife is his sister. What did this story mean when it was about Abraham and Sarah, and what does it mean now that it's about Isaac and Rebekah? Furthermore, what sort of person is Avimelekh, the one to whom Isaac pretends, and why does the Torah keep bringing him back into its story? 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)

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. Come see how the rabbis of the Talmud applied Biblical midrashic thinking in their post-Biblical teachings. English is the primary language of study; Hebrew/Aramaic also provided. All are welcome.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365026963?pwd=SytiQ0tqK3hraGFRdzdlc1NJQVFhQT09>

Rabbi David's Office Hours:

Drop-in: February 1, 8, 15, 22, - 12:30-1:30pm.

Zoom Meeting ID: 811 0356 9244 Passcode: 157389

By Appointment Only: February 1, 8, 15, 22- 10:30am-12:30pm.

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

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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/EYfHmrWpB4JTznGb6>



- **Congratulations to Devin Shmueli on passing all of his tests to become an EMT. We wish him well as he starts his new career.**
- **Happy Birthday #29 (for the first time) to Michaela Baron, on February 14.**



Zoom with Us!

February 2022

We are now meeting by computer and by phone, and in person (though we do close the building temporarily in COVID-19 surges—please check the website).

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.**

	February Shabbat Services Online	Meeting ID
Feb 4	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm Online only	860 9408 8277
Feb 11, 18, 25	Shabbat Shalom - 5:30pm—6:00 pm Online only	
Jan 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Shabbat Morning In-house (when building is open) and Online 9:30 am	898 2996 2372 pw:204635
	Thursday Morning Minyan	
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24	Morning Minyan 8:00am Online only	860 6404 5288
	Rabbi's Discussion Groups	
Feb 1, 8, 15, 22	12:30pm-1:30pm Rabbi David's Open Zoom Office Hours See page 7 for details	811 0356 9244 pw: 157389
Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14	12:00pm - 1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study See page 7 for details	873 5344 3111 pw: 922863
Feb 15, Mar 15 Apr 19	7:00pm - 8:30pm Evening Talmud Study See page 7 for details	833 6502 6963 pw: 615895



Join the global movement to change the way people think, act and talk about dementia!

How do I become a Dementia Friend?

You will become a Dementia Friend by attending this one-hour information session to learn five key messages about living with dementia, and the simple things you can do to make a difference in your community.



What Happens at the Information Session?

This free information session is a discussion led by volunteer Dementia Friends Champions. You'll learn what dementia is, what it's like to live with it, and some tips for communicating with people who have dementia.

Participants say:

"This has opened my eyes."

"I wish I knew this five years ago when my family was going through it."

"I will be much more aware at work and out in my community."

When: Sunday, February 13

10:00-11:15 am

On Zoom (virtually)

Champions: Howard Trachtman

Linda Ungerleider

RSVP: office@tbiwaltham.org

Dementia Friends is a global movement developed by the Alzheimer's Society in the United Kingdom and now underway in Massachusetts and across the United States.

To learn more, visit www.dementiafriendsma.org or contact Linda Ungerleider at 627-962-6347.

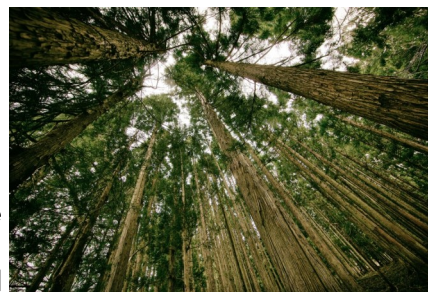
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Caring for Our Trees to Care for Our World

An Environmental Justice Symposium

Sunday February 27th beginning at 10:00am

Three 90-minute sessions– morning, afternoon and evening – will feature expert speakers discussing problems or issues related to environmental justice, and solutions involving trees—a lynchpin to the health and sustainability of our environment. Their topics will range from contemporary work in which they are engaged, to religious, philosophic or historic knowledge and expertise. A resulting white paper will explore the problems and solutions to make recommendations for an environmental justice platform focused on caring for our trees in order to better care for our world.



The Agenda (times shown in Eastern time zone):

Morning-10:00-11:30 am

- Kristin Ace, Shade Tree Commission of Morristown, NJ
- William Doyle, Waltham MA Conservation Commission
- Ernest Ruzicka, Landscape Architecture Degree from Temple University
- Lance Ebel, Newleaf Environmental (land management)
- Brad Baker, White Oak Consulting (landscape design and horticultural education)

Afternoon-1:00-2:30 pm

- Cydney Abnet, Wellesley College student
- Adam Green, Park Ranger, Waltham MA Recreation Department
- George Darcy, Waltham MA City Council
- David Meshoulam, Speak for the Trees-Boston
- Jonathan Paz, Waltham MA City Council

Evening-5:00-6:30 pm

- Rabbi David Finkelstein, Temple Beth Israel, Waltham, MA
- Arthur Warsoff, Tree Utah
- Rabbi Katy Allen, Jewish Climate Action Network -MA
- Closing Speaker-to be announced!

**Agenda subject to change*

Thank you to our sponsors:

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[Link here to register and receive your access to the Zoom event.](https://tbiwaltham.org/caring-for-our-trees-to-care-for-our-world/)

Your registration gives you access to all sessions, and you may come and go as you like. As a registrant, you will receive an advance copy of the resulting white paper before it is released to the public.

\$18 fee requested* *.

You can either mail a check payable to Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA 02451 or pay by credit card on our website: <https://tbiwaltham.org/caring-for-our-trees-to-care-for-our-world/>

You can choose to pay the requested fee or another amount. If you choose a lower amount, note "Event Participation Fund" in the explanation. If you pay above the requested fee, the extra amount will be a donation to the fund. The fee you choose remains private. This allows us to include all participants regardless of ability to pay.

*** Proceeds will be restricted to use for Temple Beth Israel's programming and work in environmental justice and broader social justice issues, except as noted above.*

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
Vittal Crevoshay	Adar1 05	6-Feb
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
Alex Lietsky	Adar1 20	21-Feb
Bernard Sharfman	Adar1 20	21-Feb
Robert Fox	Adar1 20	21-Feb
Rose Brown	Adar1 21	22-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 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
- ♦ 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

February and March Yahrzeits

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
Abraham Tatelman	Adar2 01	4-Mar
Benjamin Lebowitz	Adar2 01	4-Mar
Goldie Rachel Webb	Adar2 01	4-Mar
Harry Freedman	Adar2 01	4-Mar
Robert Gordon	Adar2 01	4-Mar
Eva Kaitz	Adar2 02	5-Mar
Mildred Marion	Adar2 02	5-Mar
Evelyn Myers	Adar2 03	6-Mar
Mitchell Lane Roe	Adar2 03	6-Mar
Esther bat Avraham Avinu	Adar2 09	12-Mar
Gnesia Crevoshay	Adar2 09	12-Mar
Harold Seltzer	Adar2 11	14-Mar
Jack Corman	Adar2 14	17-Mar
Al Bloom	Adar2 17	20-Mar
Dr. Samuel Messer	Adar2 17	20-Mar
Elizabeth Rosenberg	Adar2 20	23-Mar
David Goldstein	Adar2 22	25-Mar
Gerald Woolf	Adar2 25	28-Mar
Patricia Wexler	Adar2 29	1-Apr

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- ♦ 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
- ♦ Mar 4 - Chester Webb, in memory of his mother, Goldie Rachel Webb
- ♦ Mar 5 - Robert Kaitz, in memory of his grandmother, Eva Kaitz
- ♦ Mar 6 - Zach Roe, in memory of his uncle, Mitchell Lane Roe
- ♦ Mar 12 - Carol Master, in memory of her mother, Esther bat Avraham Avinu
- ♦ Mar 17 - Alan Corman, in memory of his father, Jack Corman
- ♦ Mar 20 - Larry Bloom, in memory of his father, Al Bloom
- ♦ Mar 28 - Caroline Nudelman, in memory of her father, Gerald Woolf

Social Justice Committee Report

The Social Justice Committee invites you to learn with us and to support others in February.

Learning:

On Sunday, February 13, we will hold a Community Conversation to learn how to be a Dementia Friend. Learn five key messages about what dementia is, what it's like to live with it and some tips for communicating with those with dementia. These simple things you can do can make a difference in the lives of others, in your community and at TBI. See the flier on page 10 to register and for more information. This program is presented by the Inclusion Committee.

On Sunday, February 27, join **Caring for Trees to Care for Our World: An Environmental Justice Symposium**. *Organized by Brad Baker and in collaboration with the Program Committee, we will learn from a wide-ranging panel about issues related to environmental justice and solutions involving trees—a lynchpin to the health and sustainability of our environment. Join industry leaders, local officials and Jewish speakers.* The flier can be found on page 11.

Supporting:

The Community Day Center is in need of large boxes and individual packets of tissues and Q-tips, as well as used winter boots, preferably for men. The donation box is in the TBI lobby.

The Warming Center is in need of lunch casseroles/main dish each Sunday. Drop off at First Parish Waltham Unitarian Universalist (UU) church between 12:30-1:15 pm on Sundays. Volunteers are also needed to help greet, serve and speak with guests, and to assist with a quick set up and easy clean up. This link is to sign up for food donations and volunteering: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4daea72fa6f85-warming>.

On Tuesday, February 8, we will provide the evening meal at the Night Shelter for the unhoused community. We are in need of a main dish, side dish, salad and dessert to serve 12 to 14. Drop off can be 12:30-3:30 pm or 7:00 pm that day, at the Community Day Center (16 Felton St. Waltham). Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4daea72fa6f85-monthly>

Save the Date: On Tuesday, March 22, our Social Justice Committee in collaboration with the Social Action Team at First Parish Waltham UU will present a webinar on Anti-Semitism at 7:00. This will be the first in a series. Details to follow.

Please feel free to contact Social Justice 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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Mark Your Calendar! February Highlights

Friday Night Shabbat Service	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm February 4 - Online Only Welcoming Shabbat Service- 5:30pm—6:00 pm February 11, 18, 25 - Online Only
Shabbat Morning	Shabbat Morning Services - Saturdays at 9:30am Online Only Hashmiini: Let Me Hear Shabbat— February 19
Rabbi Office Hours	February 1, 8, 15, 22 - 12:30pm-1:30pm See page 7
NEXTGEN	Friday Night February 4—7pm-9pm See page 6
Dementia Friends Workshop	Sunday, February 13th 10:00am-11:15am See page 10
Tish with Hankus Netsky	Friday, February 18th See page 6
Environmental Justice Symposium	Sunday, February 27th beginning at 10:00am See page 11