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Rabbi's Corner: Friendship on Purim and in Judaism Generally

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

As I go to press with this article, Russia has just invaded Ukraine. Along with all of you, I am praying for the safety of our loved ones in Ukraine, and for a swift end to the fighting. An extra helping of love goes out to our community members who themselves lived years or decades of their lives in Ukraine. Please check in with your friends and neighbors who have ties to Ukraine.

Biblically speaking, Purim is primarily about the Jewish people's struggle with our enemies. The plot of the Book of Esther begins with the conflict between Mordecai and Haman, which, if not for the heroic intervention of Queen Esther, would have

turned into a genocide against the Jewish people. Given these facts about Purim in the Bible, it may come as a surprise that some people think of Purim as the Jewish holiday of friendship. The association of Purim with friendship emerges out of two verses in the book of Esther: one verse which describes the holiday as "an occasion for sending portions [*mishloach manot*] each man to his friend" (Esther 9:19) and the other verse which adds, "and gifts to the needy [*matanot la-evyonim*]" (9:22). Through these two verses the spirit of Purim shifts: Purim becomes both a holiday of friendship and a holiday of inclusion, a time when gifts given to the poor [remove](#)

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Fresh from the Bakery: A Time of Abundance

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

It has been a busy time at Temple Beth Israel, thanks to the commitment, time and energy of volunteers who give of themselves every day to our community.

On February 13, Howard Trachtman and Linda Ungerleider conducted a Dementia Friends workshop. This program sponsored by our Inclusion Committee gave participants new ways to assist those with dementia.

With more than 100 registrants, Hankus Netsky and the Program Committee led our annual Tish on February 18, a sing-along featuring the tunes of our beloved Morris Hollender (z"l) and his family.

On February 27, Brad Baker coordinated a full-day environmental justice

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symposium, *Caring for Trees to Care for Our World*, on behalf of both the Social Justice Committee and the Program Committee.

Looking ahead, on March 13 the Bylaws Committee will host a community conversation to hear members' input on the considerations that the committee is addressing in its review of the bylaws. And on March 22 we will hold a program on anti-Semitism jointly organized by our Social Justice Committee and the Social Action Team of First Parish Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Waltham.

Throughout all this, we are coming together for Friday night and Shabbat morning services, as well as Rabbi David's Torah and Talmud classes. He also has brought us Hashmiini, a monthly sermon that raises the voices of under-represented voices. The Membership Committee has been updating the membership directory and worked with the Development Committee to bring in two new grants to support outreach and programming. The Social Justice Committee keeps us engaged with the needs of the larger community, from running the Warming Center to contributing food to the Night Shelter and books to More Than Words. The Chesed Committee is arranging mishloach manot for Purim and the Brotherhood is continuing our yellow candle program in preparation for Yom HaShoah. New members and volunteers have joined in, whether to create our vital NextGen group or to help think through our community health response.

This is abundance.

All of our recent services, programs and meetings have been conducted online. This month, we mark two years since TBI went remote due to the pandemic—a situation that has persisted in full or in part at all times since. It may be difficult to feel we are in a time of abundance, when we continue to face the losses and hardships brought on by COVID-19.

But what can be more abundant than finding ways to connect when it seems harder than ever to do so? We are in a shmita year, when the land is to lie fallow so we cannot sow the fields for food production. Yet so much abundance results from this loss of agricultural goods. It is a time when debts are forgiven, and when private stores of food are available to all. The fields are rejuvenated from their rest when we return to farm them, and perhaps the community is closer

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from the period of mutual constraint and shared resources.

In no way am I suggesting that there is any good that justifies the loss of life, health and well-being imposed by the pandemic. But I am observing that we have found ways to foster good—to create abundance for our congregation and our larger community—in this time and in spite of this time.

The pandemic remains with us, in surges and dips, and we do not know what obstacles we may encounter in the future, whether from COVID-19 or other challenges. But I am confident that we will find the opportunities for abundance, and we will make them happen. There are so many ways for caring people to do so, some that we haven't even imagined yet. If you have an idea—or want to get involved in something already under way—please get in touch. Tell me about it here: <https://forms.gle/ffMixMCtpgNy5Lt5> or email me at dinawbaker@gmail.com.

Bylaws Committee Update

By: Mark Frydenberg

The Bylaws Committee will host a community conversation on Sunday, March 13 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm on Zoom (it's the first day of Daylight Savings, so check your clocks!). We will present themes that have emerged in our review of the Temple's bylaws for which we propose changes. These include updating the bylaws to reflect our current membership structure, define member voting privileges, specify term limits for appointed committee chairs, and provide more clarity and protection of the cemetery in the dissolution process.

We will not take any votes at this meeting, nor will we present any specific language for consideration. The purpose is to introduce the areas which the Bylaws Committee has identified are in need of update, and share our approach for doing so with the congregation for feedback. Once the proposed changes are approved by the Board of Directors, the congregation will have ample time to review them prior to the annual meeting in June, at which we will take a vote to ratify them.

We welcome you to [participate on Zoom at this link](#). The meeting ID is 860 4114 9635.

Sincerely,

Mark Frydenberg (Chair) for the Bylaws Committee:
Miriam Chernoff
Merrill Griff
Natasha Moshinsky
Edie Rosenberg
Dina Baker (ex-officio)



Passover...

Watch for emails with details on our community Passover celebration.

Our standards for gathering inside

The TBI Community Health Task Force has identified metrics to determine when we can gather inside the building in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The synagogue building will be open for in-person gathering when **both** [daily positivity as reported here for Middlesex County](#), **and** the [2-week case counts for Waltham and Newton \(averaged\) as reported here](#), are at 600 or lower. We will base this on the most recent Thursday data, as the latter are updated only on Thursdays. We are using both metrics because the former is not specific to our towns, but is current, while the latter is specific to our towns but is a lagging indicator. By looking at both, we help to mitigate these data issues. We chose the threshold of 600 because this has been a turning point toward a surge. We are averaging Waltham and Newton data because these locations reflect the overwhelming majority of our membership and of participation in our services and other programming. Whenever either metric is above 600, the synagogue building will be closed for in-person gathering.

When we are open, as long as COVID-19 remains an active threat* we will follow our previously established guidelines plus these additions:

All people who are eligible for vaccination must have the greatest level of vaccination recommended for them by the CDC, [defined as "up to date" here](#); those who are ineligible for vaccine may attend in person without vaccination.

The required masking for people above age 2 must be with at least hospital grade paper masks (which we make available at the synagogue), though if people have higher grade masks such as KN95 they are encouraged to bring and wear those; other masks (e.g., cloth) are not sufficient.

We have instituted the vaccination requirement because evidence shows that masks alone are insufficient to curb transmission; for example, there is evidence that vaccinated people with breakthrough infections tend to be less contagious and for shorter periods of time than unvaccinated people with infections. [The updated TBI guidelines appear here](#).

When we are open, we are **open for all types of events** (religious, social, etc.), and will strive not to be virtual-only or in-person-only. We will continue to offer multi-access and look for ways to increasingly strive for equitable participation). However, synagogue business meetings may remain fully virtual to simplify and ease the time-burden of volunteering for leadership and committee work.

How to provide proof of vaccination

All who are eligible for vaccination must show proof of their "up to date" (**greatest possible**) vaccination level, either by [uploading their proof of vaccination to Temple Beth Israel here](#), or by showing their proof of vaccination at the door.

Proof of vaccination is a valid vaccination card, an image of that card, or the state vaccination digital passport. [Massachusetts vaccine records can be retrieved here](#). We will post a greeter at the front entry door of the building whenever we are open for programs, services or events; the greeter will check for vaccination status. Anyone who comes to the door without proof of "up to date" vaccination (either from prior upload or by showing proof at the door) will not be admitted.

If you may be interested in serving as a greeter, or if you have questions about our protocols, please contact me directly or [through this form](#).

*We recognize that state, local and CDC guidelines continue to change. The TBI Community Health Task Force continues to review all of these and is monitoring the impact of recent changes to help determine when it might be appropriate to change our protocols.



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[financial obstacles so that every Jew can feast and give gifts to their friends.](#)

So, if Purim is the Jewish holiday of friendship, what place does friendship have in Judaism more generally? The Torah talks a great deal about parent-child relationships (especially father-son), sibling relationships, and there is also a strong emphasis on community, peoplehood, tribal identity, and even citizenship. But what about friendship? Perhaps Judaism's most famous teaching about friendship comes from *Pirkei Avot*, known in English as "Ethics of the Fathers" and recently translated by Rabbi Yitz Greenberg as [Sage Advice](#): "Joshua ben Perachya said: 'Make for yourself a teacher, acquire for yourself a friend, and judge everyone favorably'" (Avot 1:6). The earliest commentary on this teaching explains what may be implied in friendship: "*And acquire for yourself a friend. How so? This teaches that a person should acquire a friend for themselves who will eat with them and drink with them, study Scripture and Mishnah with them, go to sleep with them, and tell them all their secrets*" (*Avot deRabi Natan* 8:3). This Talmudic era source presents friendship beautifully as a relationship based on sharing nourishment and caring for the body, mind, and soul.

But where does this idea of friendship come from? The concept of friendship first appears in the Torah just after one of the great failures of family. Joseph's brothers throw Joseph into a pit, sell him into slavery, and deceive their father into believing that Joseph is dead. In the next chapter, one of these brothers - Judah - goes off on his own, perhaps out of shame and disgust over the cruel and immoral acts of his family (and himself). Living among the Canaanites, Judah marries a Canaanite woman and fathers three sons. Years pass, the boys grow up and two of them die. Then, says the Torah, "a long time afterward... the wife of Judah died. When his period of mourning was over, Judah went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, **together with his friend** Hirah the Adullamite" (38:12). The concept of friendship thus enters the Torah during Judah's most intense period of grief. After mourning the deaths of two sons and a wife, and utterly alienated from his family of origin, who accompanies Judah to the sheepshearing? His friend, Hirah the Adullamite.

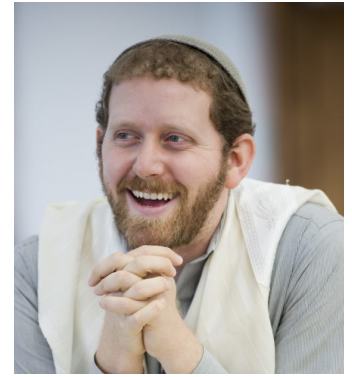
This first Biblical appearance of friendship adds something to the Talmudic teaching about friend acquisition. In addition to being about sharing food, drink, learning, sleep, and secrets (which is already a lot), the story of Judah and Hirah shows us that friendship is also about helping one another in times of need. When Judah needs a friend to keep him company in his grief, Hirah is there. And when Judah needs a friend to help him rejoin society after the end of his mourning, Hirah is with him. Anyone can be a friend: strangers and family members alike. Friends are the ones who are there when we need them.

The two Purim mitzvahs of giving - gifts to our friends [*mishloach manot*] and gifts to the needy [*matanot la-evyonim*] - can teach us these same two messages about friendship. There are friends to whom we give *mishloach manot*, with whom we share our days, eating and drinking, studying, sleeping, and even sharing secrets. Such friendships meet certain of our social needs, and if we are lucky, they contribute to the rhythm of everyday life. Another kind of friendship is a *matanot la-evyonim* friendship, one in which one person helps another person in need. Both kinds of friendship can exist simultaneously between the same people, and people who used to be *mishloach manot* friends can hit hard times and become *matanot la-evyonim* friends. But one of the goals of Purim is to break down barriers between these two groups of friends, healing economic divides that can grow within a community, and the Mark Frydenberg Event Participation Fund does that admirably here at TBI.

May we all be blessed on Purim and always to give gifts to our friends, to give to those who are in need, to celebrate our holidays, and to share our lives, food, learning, sleep and secrets with dear friends.

Happy Purim!

Rabbi David's Discussion Groups



MONTHLY KABBALAT SHABBAT with MAARIV

**** Multi Access Again ****

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

Place: in-house at TBI , and on Zoom

Date: Fridays March 4, April 1, and May 6

Description: This monthly service with spirited singing in the round is 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 *to'v 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 March 10 and April 14

Description: On March 10, we will complete our study of Genesis chapter 26 and begin chapter 27. These two chapters present Isaac in two different ways: as receiver and perpetuator of his father's relationships to God, land, and water, and as transmitter of these blessings to his own children. In the latter function, Rebekah plays a decisive and powerful role. 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 March 15, April 19, and May 17

Description: We continue studying in Tractate Taanit the more accessible ethical and inspirational teachings (rather than the legal discussions). We 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 these Talmudic teachings. Come see how love and deep knowledge of the Hebrew Bible defines Talmudic thinking. English is the primary language of study; Hebrew/Aramaic also provided. All are welcome.

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

Hashmiini: Let Me Hear Shabbat

DATES: March 19, April 16 (Passover), and May 21

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 special contributions to Jewish life and to Torah.

PURIM

♦ Multi-Access Megillah Reading (in person at 25 Harvard St. and online)

- DATE: Wednesday, March 16 starting promptly at 6:30pm
- Costume Parade @6:30pm followed by Evening Service
- Megillah Reading with slideshow @7:00pm (all of our Megillah readers will be in the building, chanting from a kosher megillah)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85443908453?pwd=MEVUbGh4Q0R5ZG0wakh2c0Z3TXRqQT09>

- Please bring *mishloach manot* for your friends and neighbors
- Please bring cash or check for *matanot la-evyonim* for [Yad Chesed](#)

♦ Purim Thursday Morning

- TBI Thursday Morning Minyan will occur online as usual, with no Megillah reading planned.
- Those who wish to hear a full Megillah reading online Thursday morning can do so through a number of other area synagogues, including Temple Emanuel in Newton. Click [here](#) for the live stream of Temple Emanuel's Purim morning service 6:45-8:00am on Thursday March 17, 2022.

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Jill Carni, wishes her mom Marion Carni

Hadassah Mutono

Rabbi David's Office Hours:

Drop-in: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

12:30-1:30pm.

Zoom Meeting ID: 811 0356 9244 Passcode: 157389

By Appointment Only: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

10:30am-12:30pm.

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

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>





Zoom with Us!

March 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.**

| | March Shabbat Services Online | Meeting ID |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| March 4 | Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm In Person and Online | 860 9408 8277 |
| March 11, 18, 25 | Shabbat Shalom - 5:30pm—6:00 pm Online only | |
| March 5, 12, 19, 26 | Shabbat Morning In-house (when building is open) and Online 9:30 am | 898 2996 2372 pw:204635 |
| | Thursday Morning Minyan | |
| Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Morning Minyan 8:00am Online only | 860 6404 5288 |
| | Rabbi's Discussion Groups | |
| Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 12:30pm-1:30pm Rabbi David's Open Zoom Office Hours See page 7 for details | 811 0356 9244 pw: 157389 |
| Mar 10, Apr 14 | 12:00pm - 1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study See page 7 for details | 873 5344 3111 pw: 922863 |
| Mar 15, Apr 19 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm Evening Talmud Study See page 7 for details | 833 6502 6963 pw: 615895 |

March Yahrzeits



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| 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 |
| Claire Braitman | Nisan 01 | 2-Apr |
| Louis Goldman | Nisan 01 | 2-Apr |
| Pauline Chernoff | Nisan 01 | 2-Apr |
| Ruth Etta Gans | Nisan 01 | 2-Apr |
| A. H. Sheer | Nisan 02 | 3-Apr |
| Barbara Leboff | Nisan 02 | 3-Apr |
| Dr. Rosa Kubin | Nisan 02 | 3-Apr |
| Ethel Griff | Nisan 02 | 3-Apr |
| Wilbert Mayrent | Nisan 02 | 3-Apr |
| Julius "Yukie" Kennen | Nisan 03 | 4-Apr |
| Phillip Levine | Nisan 03 | 4-Apr |
| John Jacobs | Nisan 04 | 5-Apr |
| Lillian Malick | Nisan 04 | 5-Apr |
| Ina Moses | Nisan 07 | 8-Apr |
| Louis Levine | Nisan 07 | 8-Apr |
| Dr. Max Tauber | Nisan 08 | 9-Apr |
| Gedalia Chosed | Nisan 08 | 9-Apr |
| Maurice Milesky | Nisan 08 | 9-Apr |
| Morris Trachtenberg | Nisan 08 | 9-Apr |
| William Cohen | Nisan 08 | 9-Apr |
| Rose Israel | Nisan 09 | 10-Apr |
| Sara Cohn | Nisan 10 | 11-Apr |

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.

- ♦ 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
- ♦ Apr 2 - Robert Braitman, in memory of his mother Claire Braitman
- ♦ Apr 2 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her grandmother, Pauline Chernoff
- ♦ Apr 3 - Sherry Mayrent, in memory of her father, Wilbert Mayrent
- ♦ Apr 4 - Thelma Kennen, in memory of her husband, Yukie Kennen
- ♦ Apr 4 - Alan Levine, in memory of his father, Phillip Levine
- ♦ Apr 5 - Irving Malick, in memory of his mother, Lillian Malick
- ♦ Apr 8 - Janet Moses, in memory of her mother Ina Moses

Social Justice Committee Report for March

Dementia Friends: We added nine new Dementia Friends to the over 10,000 in Massachusetts. This information session provided five key messages everyone should know and a bit about what it is like to live with dementia.. Beside committing to a dementia-friendly action, participants shared personal experiences that they found helpful in being a companion to a person with dementia. Each new Dementia Friend can turn their new understanding of dementia into practical actions that can help someone with dementia feel more included in our TBI community, as well as, in their community.

If there is enough interest, another Dementia Friends session can be scheduled. Please let Howard Tractman at howarddtrachtman@gmail.com of your interest.

The Caring for Our Trees is to Care for the World Symposium provided experts from national and local conservationists and volunteers in the importance of trees now and in the future. Thank you Brad Baker, the creator and manager of this day devoted to trees as an environmental justice concern. The sessions were well attended by local and national registrants. Three panel sessions featured 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 ranged 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. Thank you Dina Baker and Jonathan Schiff for your support and contributions to this successful symposium.

SAVE THE DATE; MARCH 22 7:00-8:30 Fighting Antisemitism

Antisemitism is on the rise in the US. Even well-informed Americans, including Jews, don't understand the history and pervasive nature of what has been called "the oldest hatred in the world". The rise of high school and college campus hate crimes, attacks on places of worship, and other incidents leave us perplexed and anxious for the safety of our neighbors, friends, and relatives.

About six months ago the social justice committees from Temple Beth Israel and First Parish in Waltham formed a partnership to address antisemitism. Working together, we decided to present educational programs focusing on the history of antisemitism, current tropes, and ways to take action against antisemitism through allyship.

Join us for the first virtual session on Tuesday, March 22, from 7-8:30 PM. This session will focus on the history of antisemitism, and feature discussions of ideas in this short film by the Berkeley Center For Jewish Studies <https://jewishstudies.berkeley.edu/antisemitism-education/antisemitism-antisemitism-training-film/>

Register for the session here: <https://tinyurl.com/AntisemitismSeminar>

Reminders:

Volunteer to provide dinner for the Night Shelter on Tuesday, March 8. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DAEA72FA6F85-warming>

Volunteer to volunteer at the Warming Center on Sundays.

Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DAEA72FA6F85-monthly>

The Community Day Center is in need of individual bottles of water and juices, granola bars and small bags of chips or snacks. Dropoff box is located in our lobby.

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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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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| Friday Night Shabbat Service | Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm March 4 - In House and Online Welcoming Shabbat Service- 5:30pm—6:00 pm March 11, 18, 25 - Online Only |
| Shabbat Morning | Shabbat Morning Services - Saturdays at 9:30am Online Only Hashmiini: Let Me Hear Shabbat— March 19 |
| Rabbi Office Hours | March 1, 8, 15, 22 - 12:30pm-1:30pm See page 7 |
| NEXTGEN | Watch our Weekly Email for Details |
| Community Conversation | Sunday March 13 10:30-Noon See Page 3 |
| Fighting Antisemitism | March 22 7:00pm-8:30pm Online See page 10 for details |
| PURIM | Wednesday, March 16th beginning at 6:30 with a costume parade. Megillah reading begins around 7pm See Page 7 for details |