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Rabbi's Corner: Summer Mourning and Rabbi David's Hot Picks for Summer Entertainment

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

This month of August begins during the Jewish calendar's most somber time: the Three Weeks between the Fast of Tammuz (July 16/17) and the Fast of the Ninth of Av (August 6/7). I will say a few things here about the Three Weeks, and then I will say some things of a far lighter nature: Rabbi David's Hot Picks for Summer Entertainment, because, come on, it's summer.

Mishnah Taanit 4:6 teaches that five terrible things happened on 17 Tammuz and on 9 Av. In Roman times, the Roman army breached the city wall of Jerusalem on 17 Tammuz and the Temple was destroyed on 9 Av in the year 69 CE. During the three weeks between these two days, fast days for the past

nearly two thousand years, we remember an ancient war that caused terrible Jewish suffering and that changed the shape of Jewish history as we know it. During the mourning of the Three Weeks, some Jews abstain from cutting their hair, purchasing new clothes, or listening to music. Mourning practices become even more intense during the last nine days of this period, when some Jews refrain from eating meat, drinking wine, and wearing freshly laundered clothes.

I wish strength to all those who will fast on the ninth of Av and I hope that your fast will be a meaningful one. The fast of the Ninth of Av is understood by some Jews as the beginning of the season of *teshuvah*

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Fresh from the Bakery: Honoring the Stars of TBI

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

During Shabbat Under the Stars, on July 15, we recognized those who volunteered to serve the Temple Beth Israel community during TBI's 2021-2022 year (July 1 through June 30), as they really are the stars of the show. Our volunteers give their time, talents and energy to keep our community moving forward.

I asked the leaders of all our committees to help by giving me their input on volunteers to recognize for their contributions over the past year. But even with their assistance, I can't help being nervous that I've inadvertently leave someone out. If I have I sincerely apologize and assure you that it was unintentional.

More than one-third of our membership served as volunteers in the last year. That's pretty amazing. There are other members who were active volunteers in the past, and others who will be in the future—everyone has their times when volunteering works in their lives. So having more than 1/3 of us volunteering, in any one year, shows that we have vibrance and personal investment as a community. This is what makes a congregation thrive. I want to repeat here the well-earned words of acknowledgement

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and appreciation that I shared at Shabbat Under the Stars.

In reverse alphabetical order by last name:

Phyllis Werlin served as chair of the Ritual Committee and on the board until stepping down earlier in the year, then continued to be a resource for information and a skilled and willing gabbai and great musical contributor to any and every service and program.

Penina Weinberg served on the Inclusion Committee to raise needs and recommend new solutions, and she developed an inventory of inclusion materials in the sanctuary,

Linda Ungerleider served as chair of the Social Justice Committee and a member of the board, as well as on the Community Health Task Force that we established this past year. She coordinated with other groups, including the program committee to co-sponsor the Caring for Our Trees to Care for Our World symposium and First Parish church for the warming center and the series on antisemitism.

Bruce Trager, as Vice President, was a member of the board and executive committee. He stood in for everything from Shabbat announcements to fielding congregant issues when I was away. Has was a key advisor and partner to me. And he frequently has served as a lay leader and as a greeter during Shabbat services.

Howard Trachtman chaired the Development Committee and, in that role, served on the board of directors. He also chaired the Inclusion subcommittee of the Social Justice Committee. He raised ideas for Program Committee execution in the areas of mental health, and he brought in the Development Committee to help get grant funding for them. He has been working with the Program Committee to produce an upcoming mental health wellness fair at TBI under a recent grant.

Scott Tepper stepped in whenever needed to lead services—often bringing us creative musical alternatives.

Paul Smith served on the Membership Committee and he arrived early to Shabbat morning services to ensure the bima lights were on and help to set up in any other way needed; he staffed the contact tracing table when we had that in effect.

Yaron Shragei served on the program committee and has been a frequent go-to person for ideas or expertise pertaining to Jewish/Israeli or other suggested entertainment options—and what is needed to mount them. He also has served as an on-call musician for proposed events.

Devin Shmueli was a Warming Center volunteer—and let's not forget, though it was the year prior, that the warming center first launched from an idea that Devin brought to us. He coordinated NextGen for most of the year, served on the nominating committee and frequently served as gabbai during Shabbat services.

Jonathan Schiff was a Social Justice Committee member and repeat volunteer in the warming center, as well as a planning resource and panel moderator for the Caring for Trees to Care of Our World symposium.

Edie Rosenberg was a Social Justice Committee member who served as a repeat volunteer in the warming center and a member of the antisemitism program planning group. She served on the Bylaws Committee and, in particular, as chief editorial partner to the committee chair.

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(turning or repentance), which culminates two months later with Yom Kippur. If this is how you experience the Ninth of Av, then I pray that that day might give you insight and propel you in your *teshuvah*. At the same time, I strongly discourage anyone with a health condition from fasting if there is a chance that it will endanger your health. Please do not deprive yourself of food and/or water if doing so presents a danger to you, if you need to eat and drink in order to take necessary medicines, etc...

The fast of 9 Av ends this year with the emergence of three stars between 8:32 and 8:45pm on Sunday, August 7. Then all Jews resume getting haircuts, eating meat, drinking wine, buying new clothes, wearing freshly laundered clothes, and listening to music. In the spirit of that return to pleasure, I present my favorite bits of entertainment so far this summer. I present to you the Netflix series *Stranger Things*, Susanna Clarke's novel *Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell*, and the music of Jacob Collier.

This summer, Netflix released the fourth season of its hit *Stranger Things*, a horror series set in the 1980s and centered on a group of four young teenage boys who play Dungeons and Dragons. I don't usually watch horror, but I decided to watch *Stranger Things* because of its depiction of 1980s childhood and young adulthood. The music, the suburban midwestern landscape, and the bike-riding remind me pleasantly of my own childhood. The depiction of young teenage boys banding together to play a collaborative fantasy game also echoes my past. Over four seasons, the gender imbalance of the central group is offset by at least one powerful, brilliant and/or brave young woman each season. The boys lurch and grope their way toward adulthood, all while battling powerful adults and evil creatures that try to encroach from a parallel universe. The fourth season, released in its entirety this July, uses the music of 80s pop artist Kate Bush as a plot-point in a way that moved me to tears. As long as you are not allergic to horror, highly recommended!

Unlike *Stranger Things*, Susanna Clarke's novel *Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell* (2004) isn't in the horror genre - but it does inhabit the related realm of fantasy and magic. After many years hoarding and studying all the books he could find about English magic, Mr. Norrell decides it is time to announce his presence as England's only true magician by performing his first public act of magic. One of the most impressively unique features of the book is how English magical literature - Mr. Norrell's field of expertise - is made to seem real. But Mr. Norrell is soon joined by another magician, Jonathan Strange, a younger, more personable man than Mr. Norrell, who starts out as Mr. Norrell's disciple. Set during the Napoleonic wars in the early nineteenth century, *Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell* shares one major feature with *Stranger Things*: both works are permeated with the fascination and the danger of creatures from hidden parallel worlds attempting to gain a foothold in our world. In Susanna Clarke's novel, the creature is a fairy; in *Stranger Things*, they're horrifying monsters.

My final hot pick for summer entertainment is the music of [Jacob Collier](#), which shares nothing in common with the previous two entries, as far as I can tell. A classically and jazzically trained singer, pianist, and more, [Jacob Collier](#) burst onto the musical scene in 2013 at the tender age of nineteen with [his music video cover](#) of Stevie Wonder's classic, "[Don't You Worry Bout a Thing](#)." Jacob's multiple virtuosities, sophisticated harmonies, his facility with computer music tools, and his youthful exuberance caught the eyes and ears of legendary music producer and one-time jazz trumpeter Quincy Jones, who took young Jacob under his wing. As a result, Jones has cameo appearances in some of Jacob's biggest productions, including but not limited to [his epic music video cover](#) of Lionel Richie's classic, "[All Night Long](#)," at 3:05, 5:26, 5:33, and more. [Jacob's online presence](#) is prodigious and varied, encompassing music videos, documentaries, detailed explanations of how he creates his various works (called "[Logic Session Breakdowns](#),"), [interviews about music theory](#), collaborations, live performances, and even harmonizations of bits of song sent in by fans, called [iHarmU](#). Honestly, I can't even keep up with all the many ways Jacob is present online, and I've tried! Jacob has created four albums so far (yes, that's still a relevant musical genre for him!): *In My Room* and *Djesse vol. 1-3*. He is currently touring the world with his music. I don't know if I've ever been this excited about a contemporary musician.

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Marilyn Racette served on the board as Membership Director and a member of the executive committee. She provided input to the Program Committee about how particular programs might impact membership growth or retention. She helped to organize the Shelach Menot gift bag distribution with the Chesed Committee. Marilyn served on the house committee, and always was there to pitch in no matter what chore needed to be done. She led its security subcommittee and managed the library. She was on the Ritual Committee, always was there for any cemetery events, and has helped set up for kiddush and served as a frequent greeter during Shabbat services.

Ben Nudelman served as Program Committee chair and on the board of directors—programming being especially challenging in the ever-changing age of Covid. He participated on the investment committee to support us in making astute investments.

Natasha Moshinsky was an at-large member of the board of directors, and served on the Bylaws Committee. She has contributed to each Shabbat service, since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, by reciting a prayer for peace in both English and Ukrainian.

Marge Marion has helped to set up for kiddush.

Joshua Mandell volunteered in the warming center, co-led NextGen for the last portion of the year, and joined the Program Committee toward the end of the year.

Erika Mackin was an at-large member of the board, served on the Membership Committee, chaired the Nominating Committee, and co-led NextGen for last portion of the year. She also has been a greeter for Shabbat services.

Alan Levine was our Treasurer and member of the board and executive committee. He was on multiple committees and participated in whatever he was asked. He also frequently helped to gabbai during Shabbat services.

Jordan Kreidberg served on the Community Health Task Force that we established this past year, bringing his knowledge as a research physician.

Esther Keaney was an extraordinary note take for the Caring for Trees to Care for Our World symposium.

George Isaac was the right hand to the Treasurer and led the investment subcommittee—doing a tremendous job keeping us financially strong through our market investments.

Sylvia Hobbs served on the Program and Development Committees. She provided her expertise in identifying and writing proposals for grants.

Merrill Griff chaired the House Committee and served on the board of directors and the Bylaws Committee. As a past president, he has been a key advisor to me. And although Merrill lives in St. Louis for much of the year, and in Gloucester when he is local, he has checked on the Cemetery whenever in Waltham.

Julie Gagnon provided a dinner for the night shelter for our unhoused neighbors.

Mark Frydenberg, as immediate past president, served on the board and as a key advisor and support to me. He chaired the Bylaws Committee and continued to enhance and trouble-shoot our technology to build out our multi-access capabilities. Mark shopped for the snacks for our return to limited Shabbat kiddush, putting up with my obsession with offering healthy options. He provided a dinner for the night shelter and was a panel moderator for the Caring for Trees to Care for Our World symposium. Mark also served as a lay leader and a backup greeter during Shabbat services.

Joan Friedman was an at-large member of the board of directors. As a member of the Chesed Committee, she always has had soup on hand to help a member in need, and she also provided soup for the night shelter monthly dinner.

Carmen Cooper served on the Nominating Committee.

Erika Cohen helped to set up for kiddush.

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Miriam Chernoff served on the bylaws committee.

Catherine Cantrell cochaired the House Committee, serving as a backup to the chair and always pitching in no matter what chore needed to be done. On the Program Committee, she contributed many activity ideas and she was key to running the book club for several months. She also served on the Ritual Committee and as our floor gabbai for nearly every Shabbat morning service as well as a backup greeter for many of the services.

Ed Brown participated on the investment sub-committee to support us in making the investments that help keep us financially stable.

Jessica Benjamin was a warming center volunteer.

Susan Baron served on the board of directors and on the executive committee as our Recording Secretary, creating efficient processes for our minute-taking and providing practical perspectives.

Jim Baron chaired the Cemetery Committee and served on the board of directors. He participated on the investment sub-committee to support us in making effective investments.

Andrea Baron is a volunteer as well as our office manager; in fact, the hours of her staff role at TBI pale in comparison with the volunteer time she contributes. She chaired the Chesed Committee and served on the board of directors. She helped the Cemetery Committee in many ways, including handling the accounts receivable and payable, and maintaining a list and map of all of the veterans who are buried in the cemetery so the annual flag service for Memorial Day could go smoothly. She often has been the first point of contact when a funeral or unveiling is needed and, while this may be part of her staff role, that is a part-time position yet she has been available 24/7 for this, especially for a family dealing with a loss.

Brad Baker served on the Program Committee, often as the nexus between the program committee and other groups. On the Social Justice Committee, he focused on environmental justice and food access, including the TBI gardens and—for both Social Justice and Programming—conceived and led the Caring for Trees to Care for Our World symposium that brought in 14 speakers to share their diverse expertise from horticultural, government and Jewish perspectives. He also volunteered for the warming center. He was on the House committee, where he focused on caring for the outside grounds. And though not on the Cemetery Committee, while Jim Baron was away for the winter Brad stopped in to check on the Cemetery and report to Jim on its condition.

Thank you—to everyone who volunteered last year, and also to everyone who shows up to participate in any service or event, who has volunteered in years past and who will pitch in during future years. Together with Rabbi David and his family, Andrea in her staff role, and Cantor Band, we all make TBI what it is.



Rabbi David's Initiatives

MONTHLY KABBALAT SHABBAT with MAARIV

**** Online and In House ****

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

Place: In-house at TBI and on Zoom

Date: Aug 5, Sept 2, Oct 7

Description: This monthly service is back to being multi-access. Rabbi David and/or a lay leader leads the evening service in addition to and after Kabbalat Shabbat once a month. All participants are encouraged to share a few sentences about a good thing from their week (a *tov me'od*) to help everyone enter the restful spirit of Shabbat.

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

Renewed Shabbat Practice (online only)

"Blessing and Song" on 2nd Shabbat, 2-3pm EDT

Dates: August 13, September 10, October 8

Description: Singing and music have a special power to deepen our experience and our delight on Shabbat. We will come together to sing *birkat hamazon* - the Jewish blessings after a meal - and other Shabbat/Jewish songs. All participants are encouraged to acquire a copy of [*Let Us Sing: L'chu N'ran'nah*](#) (\$4.25 at www.Haggadahrus.com) so that we can all be on the same page, literally.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85276646999?pwd=eGrFdUEt7rUKF_L-q6GIT5tSwAOt7G.1

Meeting ID: 852 7664 6999

Passcode: 072162

"Torah Talk Table" on 4th Shabbat at 2-3pm EDT

Dates: August 27, September 24, October 22

Description: For some of us, the Torah Service and the sermon whet our appetite for Torah on Shabbat without quenching our thirst. "Torah Talk Table" provides that additional Torah discussion you yearn for on Shabbat. It gives us the opportunity to ask questions and share insights about whatever bit of Torah is on our minds. We often spend some time discussing a part of the weekly Torah portion, or a part of the Haftarah (weekly reading from the Prophets), but all are encouraged to bring whatever Torah is on your mind.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88502507881?pwd=TuHADXvZKgJ6wxo-dagUPHISFzJD-r.1>

Meeting ID: 885 0250 7881

Passcode: 872677

Eikhah Reading (Lamentations) on Tisha b'Av

In house and Online

DATE: Saturday Night August 6 **Time:** 9:00-10:30pm

DESCRIPTION: : We will pray the evening service, hear a few words from the rabbi, chant *Eikhah*, read a few *kinot* (laments composed especially for Tisha b'Av), and end with Mourner's Kaddish.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86299411179?pwd=MzkxeXJ5VzZzSnhzM3FWenQ5MU0vdz09>

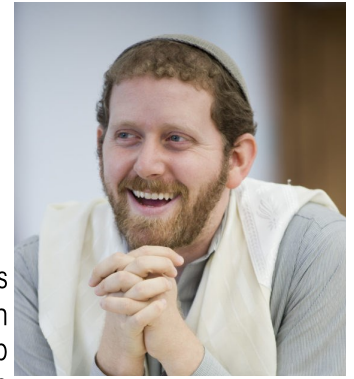
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Lunchtime Torah Study *Online only*

Time: 12:00-1:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month

Date: (on break in August), Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10

Description: After our break in July and August, TBI Lunchtime Torah Study will continue its sequential study of the Book of Genesis/*Sefer Bereishit* a few weeks before Rosh Hashanah with Chapter 28. In Chapter 28, Isaac and Rebekah transmit the covenant to Jacob, and Jacob begins his own journey with God away from home, like Abraham and Rebekah did before him. Jacob's story intensifies and extends a number of the questions raised by earlier chapters in Genesis, questions about how dreams carry meaning, the effect of erotic desire on the covenant, and how and why God shines into our lives, among others. English is the primary language of study. Hebrew and English texts provided. All are welcome.



Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353443111?pwd=b0hQYXcvekVXWVBqMnpvRlISMSS2QT09>

Dinnertime Midrash Study *Online only*

New Time and New Topic

Time: 6:00-7:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

Date: (on break in August), Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15

Description: Until now, this study session was dedicated to Talmud, and it occurred one hour later. Hopefully, the time change will bring even more energy to our study, and the topic change will do the same. While Talmud is a compilation of Jewish literary genres woven together (legal discussion, stories of rabbis, midrash, etc...), Midrash is one Jewish literary genre which can be found both in the Talmud and in many texts outside it. This Midrash Study Group will focus on narrative elaborations on the Biblical text of Genesis / *Sefer Bereishit*, and midrash selected to coincide with the Jewish calendar. English is the primary language of study. English and Hebrew texts provided. All are welcome.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365026963?pwd=SytiQ0tqK3hraGFRdzdlc1NjQVFhQT09>

Hashmiini: Let Me Hear Shabbat

DATES: August 20

DESCRIPTION: Our Hashmiini dvar for August will be delivered by special guest Professor Marla Brettschneider, a political philosopher and university professor at the University of New Hampshire who most recently completed her book *The Hidden Jews of Ethiopia: The Beta Israel of Kechene and North Shewa*. Professor Brettschneider's primary research interest is in diversity political theory: including feminist, queer, critical race, Jewish, and class. On the Jewish Women's Archive website, [Marla describes her family](#) as "an adoptive, multi-racial, two mom family with a mix of Jews birthed, raised, and by choice." The primary focus of her talk will be the topic and context of her new book, and the challenge of raising up the voices of persecuted Ethiopian Jews still living in Ethiopia.

High Holy Day Schedule 2022



(events and times are subject to change)

Selichot	Saturday, Sept. 17	9:00pm Evening Program 10:00pm Selichot with Rabbi Finkelstein and Cantor Ellen Band (no refreshments will be served)
Erev Rosh HaShanah Service	Sunday, Sept. 25	7:30pm Evening Service
Rosh HaShanah Day 1	Monday, Sept. 26	9:00am Morning Service 10:30am Children's Service (until 11:30 am) TBD Teen Meetup 1:00pm Approximate service end time 5:00pm Tashlich at Watch Factory South Dock
Rosh HaShanah Day 2	Tuesday, Sept. 27	9:00am Morning Service 10:30am Children's Service (until 11:30 am)
Morning Minyan	Thursday, Sept. 29	8:00am Morning Minyan (online only)
Shabbat Shuvah	Saturday, Oct. 1	9:30am Shabbat morning service
Cemetery Memorial Service	Sunday, Oct. 2	10:00am Service at Beth Israel Memorial Park (in person and online)
Erev Yom Kippur	Tuesday, Oct. 4	6:00pm Kol Nidre Service
Yom Kippur	Wednesday, Oct. 5	9:00 am Morning Service 10:45am Children's Service (until 11:45 am) 11:30am Yizkor (approximate time) TBD Teen Meetup 3:30pm Discussion 5:30pm Mincha, Neila, Ma'ariv, Havdalah 7:35pm Shofar and Break-the Fast
Build the Sukkah	Sunday, Oct. 9	10:00am Put up Sukkah (Rain or Shine)
Erev Sukkot	Sunday, Oct. 9	5:30pm Family Event: Decorate the Sukkah
Sukkot Yom Tov Day 1	Monday, Oct. 10	8:00am Morning Service/Kiddush in Sukkah
Sukkot Yom Tov Day 2	Tuesday, Oct. 11	8:00am Morning Service/Kiddush in Sukkah
Hol HaMoed Sukkot	Thursday, Oct. 13	8:00am Morning Minyan (online only)
Shabbat Service	Friday, Oct. 14	5:30pm Shabbat Service <u>with Yizkor</u> (online only)
Hol HaMoed Sukkot Shabbat Morning	Saturday, Oct. 15	9:30am Shabbat morning service/Kohelet Kiddush in the Sukkah
Hoshanah Rabbah	Sunday, Oct. 16	No Service Scheduled
Shemini Atzeret	Monday, Oct. 17	8:00am Morning Service (with Yizkor)
Simchat Torah Evening	Monday, Oct. 17	6:00pm Family Event: Snack and Torah Tour 6:20pm Evening Service/Dancing with Torah
Simchat Torah Morning	Tuesday, Oct. 18	8:00am Morning Service: Complete Torah Cycle and Begin Bereishit/Genesis
Shabbat Bereishit	Saturday, October 22	9:30am Shabbat Morning Services

Please Join Us for our Annual Open House

New Members, Long-time Members, Friends, Guests and Prospective Members



Visit the Temple Beth Israel Open House for:

- A study session with Rabbi David Finkelstein
- Some schmoozing with current members and members of our Board
- Information about our ritual, educational, social, cultural and social justice events
- Exploring our options for personalized b'nai mitzvah ceremonies
- Light refreshments (Covid protocols permitting), a raffle and more

Temple Beth Israel is an egalitarian, traditional synagogue welcoming all who seek to enrich their Jewish lives. We are a community that celebrates Shabbat, holidays, and life's daily happenings together; we embrace learning, social and spiritual growth, and offer a meaningful Jewish presence in the Waltham area.

When: Sunday, August 28th, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA

Accessibility: Off Street Parking available; ramp at front entrance; lift to social hall and sanctuary; ADA compliant bathroom

Questions: andrea@tbiwaltham.org or 781-894-5146



All are welcome:

- Shabbat mornings, followed by a community kiddush
- Shabbat evenings online and inhouse the first Friday of the month
- Morning minyan online on Thursdays
- Classes with Rabbi David
- Social justice activities



Please note our practices for meeting in-person:

- Covid Protocols are in place.
- Must show proof of vaccination at the door.
- Masks must be worn while inside the building.



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Thank You for Your Generous Donations

- Stephen Etkind, in memory of his mother, Lillian Etkind
- Sue and Paul Etkind, in memory of Lillian Etkind

To the Saturday Kiddush Fund

- Paul Smith, in honor of the birth of his great granddaughter
- Elaine Shapiro, and Roni-Beth Shapiro in memory of Ellie Handel

Thank you to Joan Freidman for donating soup to the Chesed Committee

Thank you to the Kaitz Family

More than 5 years have passed since the death of George Kaitz in April of 2017 at age 91. We have just received a generous donation from his estate. George lived in Florida for the last several years of his life. Many of you might not be aware of what he did for TBI and meant to TBI, and how his legacy and hard work have helped us every day for decades. Here is just a glimpse into what George and his wife, Natalie contributed to TBI:

George worked on the 1967 Building Committee to build the synagogue building that we use today.

George and Natalie both worked Bingo every Monday night for decades. Natalie was a caller for the games, while George dealt with the finances and organized much of what needed to happen behind the scenes for Bingo to be so successful. The proceeds from Bingo are what funded most of the endowment that we benefit from today, that still help to cover some of our expenses and keep our dues as low as they are. It is not an understatement to say that we would not even be in existence today if it were not for Bingo, and Bingo would not have happened if it were not for George and Natalie Kaitz (and many others who worked so diligently every Monday night).

George also helped to ensure that the Bingo proceeds were invested properly for our future.

He was a leader of our Temple for many years, and was always gentle, kind and compassionate. George and Natalie were involved with or led numerous committees and activities, including Bingo, Jewish War Veterans, Finance, Building, Religious and Programming.

George was a lead Kohen at all High Holy Day services. We are thrilled that this tradition has carried on with George's son, Bobby.

On a personal level, I will always remember hearing George's deep voice say hello to me every week at Bingo and how he always gave me such a big hug and kiss at holiday time.

Thank you to George and his family for the generous donation from George's estate to the Temple.

Andrea Baron



This Rosh Hashanah, your community is collaborating to lend a hand to members in need. Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP), Jewish Family Service of Metrowest (JFS), Jewish Family & Children's Service (JF&CS), Yad Chessed, and Yachad are all working together again to provide complimentary, home-delivered meal boxes that will contain two kosher meals to help celebrate the Jewish New Year with a sense of joy and nourishment.

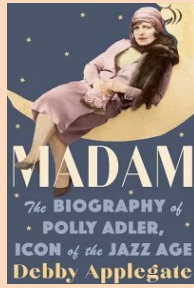
As we observe Rosh Hashanah, we are hoping for an end to the pandemic, which continues to have an acute impact on many lives. We will concentrate our attention, funds, and efforts on providing celebratory meals to the many community members facing hardship.

If you would like to participate in this program, please contact the Temple Office and the Chesed Committee will send you the link to sign up. If you do not have email the Chesed Committee will sign you up. You will need to be home on Thursday September 22 to receive delivery of either a meat or vegetarian dinner.

THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS FRIDAY AUGUST 26TH.

Book Club

The next book will be *Madam: The Biography of Polly Adler, Icon of the Jazz Age* by Debbie Applegate. It is great, starting with Adler's Ukrainian upbringing in the 1900s. If you only get that far, it's worth the read. Then it goes on to many fascinating stories about the Jewish gangland world of the 1920s and 30s in New York and the role of brothels in New York's political and artistic life. Told with humor and good will, it gives a good picture of a side of Jewish life I never knew about. This madam is quite the character!



Available in all formats: as a book from the library, on audible, or downloadable from the Library app.

Then feel free to Zoom with the TBI book club as we discuss it. We will be starting up again after the High Holidays, hopefully on Tuesday evening, October 25. Please let me know if you want a link and I will put you on the book club mailing list.

Susan Holbert

Rabbi David's Office Hours:

NEW DAY FOR OFFICE HOURS

Drop-in: Every Wednesday 12:30-1:30pm.

Zoom Meeting ID: 811 0356 9244
Passcode: 157389

By Appointment Only: Every Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm.

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

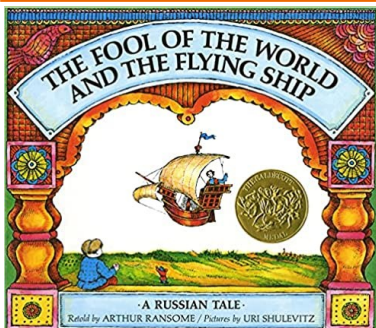


Upcoming Events

Watch our weekly emails for event details over the summer.



If you are between the ages of 22 and 45 years old, you are welcome to RSVP. Just email Erika mackined@gmail.com or Joshua joshua6781@gmail.com



TBI Bookshelf

by Marilyn Racette

The bookstore I work at has a display of Caldecott Medal winners in our children's room. The Caldecott Medal, named after 19th century illustrator Randolph Caldecott, is awarded yearly by the American Library Association to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. One of my favorites, *The Fool of The World and The Flying Ship*, is a Russian folk tale, retold by Arthur

Ransome and illustrated by Uri Shulevitz. Shulevitz, who was born in Warsaw, Poland, fled that country in 1939 with his family. In 1959 he moved to New York City where he studied painting, worked as an illustrator for a Hebrew children's book publisher, and later wrote his own children's books. In *The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship*, a couple has three sons, who go off to make their fortunes. The youngest is thought to be a fool. But his adventures show that kindness and generosity are not foolish. At a time when these qualities can seem to be in short supply, this is a beautifully illustrated, heartwarming, and humorous story.

August Yahrzeits

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Joseph Bloomthal	Av 05	2-Aug
Sarah Pearl Becker	Av 05	2-Aug
Abraham Isaac Pedell	Av 06	3-Aug
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Benjamin Smith	Av 08	5-Aug
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William Schwartz	Av 08	5-Aug
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Nathan Ullian	Av 18	15-Aug
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Nadia Shirazi	Av 21	18-Aug
Samuel Blackstone	Av 21	18-Aug
Anna Esther Katz	Av 22	19-Aug
Israel Pill	Av 22	19-Aug
Moses Nochemsohn	Av 22	19-Aug
Sylvia Schwartz	Av 24	21-Aug
Harold Korzenik	Av 25	22-Aug
Walter Kaplan	Av 25	22-Aug

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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.

- ◆ August 1 - Martin Taubman and Joel Taubman, in memory of Joan Taubman
- ◆ August 3 - Ed Kaufman, in memory of his sister-in-law, Roberta Lederman
- ◆ August 5 - Paul, Albert and David Smith, in memory of their father, Benjamin Smith
- ◆ August 5 - Donald Kaplan and Ed Kaplan, in memory of their father, Joseph Kaplan
- ◆ August 5 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of his grandfather, William Schwartz
- ◆ August 6 - Ed Brown, in memory of his father, Hyman Brown
- ◆ August 6 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her grandfather, Irving Zall
- ◆ August 9 - Merrill Griff, in memory of his aunt, Evelyn Forbes
- ◆ August 9 - Barbara Camann, in memory of her aunt, Jane Siegel
- ◆ August 13 - Carol Halberstadt, in memory of Manehan Snyder
- ◆ August 15 - Ed Kaufman, in memory of his father-in-law, Nathan Ullian
- ◆ August 16 - Julie Gagnon, in memory of her grandmother, Mulcan bat Yosef
- ◆ August 16 - Patricia McCue, in memory of her mother Sadye Canter
- ◆ August 17 - Ed Kaufman, in memory of his sister-in-law, Adele Ullian
- ◆ August 17 - Dina Baker, in memory of her father, Bernard Wolfman
- ◆ August 18 - Bobby Shirazi, in memory of his mother, Nadia Shirazi
- ◆ August 19 - Anita Kennen, in memory of her grandmother, Anna Esther Katz
- ◆ August 21 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of his grandmother, Sylvia Schwartz
- ◆ August 25 - Diana Korzenik, in memory of her father, Harold Korzenik
- ◆ August 25 - Jim Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their great grandfather, Walter Kaplan

September Yahrzeits



Harris Greene	Av 26	23-Aug
Minnie Pesche	Av 26	23-Aug
William Michaelson	Av 26	23-Aug
Blanche Levison	Av 27	24-Aug
Corinne Freeman	Av 27	24-Aug
Jacob Merowitz	Av 27	24-Aug
Katherine Sidell	Av 27	24-Aug
Aaron Mendelsohn	Av 28	25-Aug
Ethel Griff	Av 29	26-Aug
Oscar Davidson	Av 30	27-Aug
Louis Alpert	Elul 02	29-Aug
Aaron Blauer	Elul 05	1-Sep
Rose Ritter	Elul 05	1-Sep
Cecelia Belle Freeman	Elul 06	2-Sep
Rachel Shecktman	Elul 07	3-Sep
Abraham Goldstein	Elul 08	4-Sep
Benjamin Greenblott	Elul 08	4-Sep
Ruth Cormier	Elul 08	4-Sep
Agatha Baron	Elul 09	5-Sep
Carrie Altman	Elul 10	6-Sep
Gayle Raye Schupak	Elul 10	6-Sep
Joseph Kennen	Elul 10	6-Sep
Sara Weinstein	Elul 10	6-Sep
Samuel Wolf	Elul 11	7-Sep
Si Wynn	Elul 12	8-Sep
Nathan Weiner	Elul 12	8-Sep
Louis Goldberg	Elul 13	9-Sep
Mary Nochemsohn	Elul 13	9-Sep
Harry Goldberg	Elul 14	10-Sep
Jennie Bernstein	Elul 14	10-Sep
Samuel Arnold	Elul 14	10-Sep
Anna Ginsburg	Elul 15	11-Sep
Hyman Cohen	Elul 15	11-Sep
Rose Jacobs	Elul 16	12-Sep
Rebecca Wolf	Elul 18	14-Sep
Daniel Leaken	Elul 19	15-Sep
Bessie Aronie	Elul 20	16-Sep
Dorothy Nottenburg	Elul 20	16-Sep
Joseph Ullman	Elul 20	16-Sep
David Feingold	Elul 21	17-Sep
Louis Kniznik	Elul 22	18-Sep
Sarah Mendelsohn	Elul 22	18-Sep
A. Harvey Cinamon	Elul 23	19-Sep
Annie Siegel	Elul 24	20-Sep
Lillian Shapiro Korzenik	Elul 24	20-Sep
Louis Goldstein	Elul 24	20-Sep

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- ♦ August 23 - Alan Levine, in memory of his grandfather, Harris Greene
- ♦ August 23 - Diana Korzenik, in memory of her grandmother, Minnie Pesche
- ♦ August 24 - Steven Etkind, in memory of his aunt, Katherine Sidell
- ♦ August 26 - Merrill Griff, in memory of Ethel Griff
- ♦ Sept 1 - Janice Goldstein, in memory of her father, Aaron Blauer
- ♦ Sept 5 - Susan Baron, in memory of her mother, Agatha Baron
- ♦ Sept 6 - Steven Kennen, in memory of his grandfather, Joseph Kennen
- ♦ Sept 8 - Rabbi David Finkelstein and Stephanie Wynn, in memory of Si Wynn
- ♦ Sept 20 - Diana Korzenik, in memory of her mother, Lillian Shapiro Korzenik





Zoom with Us!

August 2022

We meet by computer, 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.**

	August Shabbat Services Online	Meeting ID
August 5	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm	
August 12, 19, 26	Shabbat Shalom - 5:30pm—6:00 pm Online only	860 9408 8277
August 6, 13, 20, 27	Shabbat Morning In-house (when building is open) and Online 9:30 am	898 2996 2372 pw:204635
	Thursday Morning Minyan	
August 4, 11, 18, 25	Morning Minyan 8:00am Online only	860 6404 5288
	Rabbi's Initiatives	
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	12:30pm-1:30pm Rabbi David's Open Zoom Office Hours See page 7 for details	811 0356 9244 pw: 157389
August 13, Sept. 10 and October 8	Blessing and Song 2-3pm EDT See page 5 for details	852 7664 6999 pw: 072162
August 27, Sept. 24 and October 22	Torah Talk Table 2-3pm EDT See page 5 for details	885 0250 7881 Pw:: 872677

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! August Highlights

Friday Night Shabbat Service	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm August 5 - In House and Online Welcoming Shabbat Service- 5:30pm—6:00 pm August 12, 19, 26 - Online Only
Shabbat Morning	Shabbat Morning Services - Saturdays at 9:30am In House and Online Hashmiini: Let Me Hear Shabbat— August 20
Eikhah Reading (Lamentations) on Tisha b'Av	Tisha b'Av Services Saturday Night August 6 9pm-10:30pm
Rabbi Office Hours	Office Hours will now be on Wednesdays 12:30pm-1:30pm See page 11
Rabbi's Initiatives	The Rabbi is introducing some new and updated programs this month. Check pages 6-7 for details
Open House	August 28th See Page 9