Rabbi’s Corner: Celebrating TBI as a Learning Community on Chanukah
By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

The word Chanukah means “dedication,” but it also kind of means “education.” The Hebrew root of the word - ch.n.k. - can also be found in the word chinukh, which not only kind of but actually means “education.” Because of this closeness of the words Chanukah and chinukh, and because wordplay is a time-honored Jewish engine for Torah, Jews have been thinking about education on Chanukah for many centuries. In this brief article, I join my punning forebears by taking the occasion of Chanukah to celebrate TBI as a learning community, an illuminated and illuminating community. A great deal of learning has been happening in our community, on so many levels - searching for light together, discovering insight, sharing the warmth and the glow of it. I will try to name the learning I have seen happening that is most obviously connected to Torah.

First, there are those who have been learning Torah chanting - we celebrate you! Learning to chant Torah is challenging on many levels and requires great dedication and courage. It also enables our community to celebrate our essence in a beautiful way. Not long ago, Erika Mackin, Joshua Mandell, and Mira Liang studied Torah chanting with Scott Tepper, one of TBI’s most skilled practitioners. They chanted from a scroll publicly on Shabbat Haazinu, October 8th. Before that, Devin Shmueli studied Torah chanting with another teacher and shared his learning publicly on Shabbat Nitzavim, September 24th. Brandeis student Rebecca Brandon chanted verses from her bat mitzvah portion on Shabbat Lekh Lekha.

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National Donor Sabbath, while mostly focused on the two weekends prior to Thanksgiving, is observed by many congregations throughout November and December.

During this time, faith leaders, donor families, transplant recipients, and donation and transplantation professionals participate in services and programs from many religions to provide insight into the need for the lifesaving and healing gifts passed to others through transplantation, while also encouraging people to register their decision to be organ, eye and tissue donors.

It is important to connect the opportunity to be a donor with religious communities in order to debunk the myth of religions not supporting donation. In fact, all major religions in the U.S. support donation as a final act of compassion and generosity and, in Judaism, it falls under the obligation to save a life.

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November 5th - she also delivered a fine dvar Torah that day. Most recently, Catherine Cantrell reprised her bat mitzvah chanting on Shabbat Chayei Sarah, November 19th. Our High Holy Day chanters of Torah and Haftarah were outstanding: Cantor Band, Susan Holbert, Caroline Nudelman, Rabbi Sara Meirowitz, Erika Mackin, Celia Shneider, Yaron Shragai, Merrill Griff, and Larry Bloom.

In addition to the learning and the leyning (Torah chanting) that happens on Shabbat mornings during services, TBI also has a great deal of Torah learning happening online outside of services these days. Recently, the Dinnertime Midrash Study Group (meeting on 3rd Tuesdays at 6pm) learned classical rabbinc answers to the questions: 1) Where was Adam when the serpent talked to Eve? And 2) How did the serpent really persuade Eve to eat from the Tree of Knowledge? The Lunchtime Torah Study Group (meeting on 2nd Thursdays at noon) studied Genesis chapter 30, the births of the twelve tribes of Israel and the character of our mother Leah, whose frustrated desire for her husband’s love reaches a turning point with the birth of Judah, whose name means “gratitude to God.” There is now also learning on Shabbat afternoons at 2pm twice a month: “Torah Talk Table” hosts an informal Torah schmooze on 4th Shabbats and “Blessing and Song” includes learning of Shabbat table songs (which do include some Torah) on 2nd Shabbats.

So many other types of learning happen at TBI. Devin Shmueli recently taught Yaron Shragai how to direct the Torah Service as first gabbai, Brad Baker shares his deep knowledge about trees and other plants on a regular basis, learning happens every month at the TBI Book Club, and so much more. This Chanukah, I pray that we all feel the warmth of TBI’s learning community. In Pirke Avot, “R. Hanania ben Teradion says...When two sit and busy themselves with words of Torah, the Shekhinah (God’s presence) is with them” (3.3). As we gaze on the Chanukah lights, let us reflect: What light do I carry that I can share more with my community? What light has been inaccessible to me that I am now ready to receive?

Thank you to all of TBI’s students and teachers and To All a Happy Festival of Lights! Chag Urim Sameach!

-Rabbi David

TBI Bookshelf

By Marilyn Racette

Some months ago, a customer at Book Ends asked for a copy of One Hundred Saturdays by Micheal Frank. A friend of his had recommended it. Intrigued, I picked up a copy myself. Over the course of 100 visits with Stella Levi, the author listened to her story. Stella, in her late nineties at the time that he met her, told of her youth on the island of Rhodes in the Jewish quarter there. It is hard to find the right words to describe this book. It is the story of a young girl growing up and coming of age in a unique place and time, of loss, tragedy, identity, and ultimately, resilience. A blurb inside the front jacket describes Rhodes as a “luminous, legendary island” and something of this luminosity infuses the tale that Stella spins for us.
COMMUNITY CANDLE LIGHTING

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022
at 4:30 pm
IN PERSON
at Temple Beth Israel

Bring your candles and menorah for the first night of Chanukah!

Latkes will be served. Please RSVP if you plan to attend in person:
office@tbiwaltham.org
or call 781 894 5146

Or light candles with us on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 831 9664 3110

Hanukkah Candle Lighting with the Mayor at City Hall

Join Temple Beth Israel and Waltham’s Mayor, Jeanette McCarthy and Rabbi David, on Thursday, December 22 at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

We will be lighting the candles for the sixth night of Hanukkah.

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See you December 11 at 5:00pm for Havdallah and Latke Making.

Donations

General Fund Donations

- Erika Cohen and Diana Korzenik, in honor of reopening the new kitchen and to all who helped cook meals and serve Kiddush over the years.
- In Honor of Rebecca Brandon reading Torah on the anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah parsha With love from Cari, Eric and Sarah Brandon

Saturday Kiddush Fund

- Phyllis Werlin - Nov 19
- Toni Wolfman - Jan 7 in memory of Bob Macauley

Thank you to those who have made a High Holy Day Contribution:

- Carmen Cooper

Social Justice Committee Report

The Warming Center program is beginning soon this season and will continue to be hosted at First Parish Waltham (50 Church Street in Waltham, just north of the Common) weekly starting on Sunday, December 4th. This will be the third year of the program and we need volunteers to serve food to our unhoused neighbors. If you can volunteer at the warming center between 12:30 and 4:30, whether for a full or half shift, please sign up at the link here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44aea829a0f4cf8-warming As last year, Food Not Bombs is preparing warm meals at TBI's kitchen. You can also donate dishes to help meet demand, submitting on the signup sheet which dishes you will bring and when. We thank you all for your support in contributing to this important work.

We also are collecting new socks, hats, gloves, scarves, and hand and foot warmers for men and women to be distributed at the warming center. These items can be dropped off in the collection box in our lobby.

Joshua Mandell
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This is the statement from Judaism’s Conservative Movement, as it appears on the Donate Life America website:

Organ, eye and tissue donation is encouraged in the Jewish faith. Donation and transplantation does not desecrate a body or show lack of respect for the dead, and any delay in burial to facilitate organ donation is respectful of the decedent. Organ donation saves lives and honors the deceased. The Conservative Movement’s Committee on Jewish Laws and Standards has stated that organ donations after death represent not only an act of kindness, but are also a “commanded obligation” which saves human lives.

Two members of my family are alive today because of organ donation. With far too few deceased donor organs available through the registry—there are more than 100,000 people in the U.S. alone waiting for lifesaving organ transplants at this moment—they likely would not have survived until an organ became available for them. Fortunately, each received a living donation. I donated a kidney to my brother in 1998. Twenty years later, his wife received a kidney from a dear friend of mine who considered saving a life to be her legacy, as her very existence is thanks to the life-saving protection her mother received from a village family and the Mother Superior in a Catholic orphanage in defiance of the Vichy government during the Holocaust.

It’s a life and death decision

I already mentioned that more than 100,000 people are awaiting organ transplantation in the U.S. But dig into the statistics, and you understand more of the story:

- Every 9 minutes, another person is added to the national transplant waiting list
- 6,000 people died awaiting transplants in the U.S. in 2021
- 17 people die each day while waiting for organ transplants

You are powerful

Registering to be a donor make you incredibly powerful in the lives of others. Being on the registry means that, only after all measures have been taken to save your life, upon your death you could save up to 8 lives through organ donation, restore sight to 2 people with your corneas, and heal the lives of up to 75 people with your tissue. Since 1988, registration has translated into 880,000 transplants, and in 2021 alone nearly 20,400 donors brought new life to recipients and their families.

Registration takes about a minute. Just go here online: https://registerme.org/ or contact me at dinawbaker@gmail.com and I’ll help you get registered.

Living donation is another powerful option. It is an opportunity to save a life while you are still alive, which I can testify is an extraordinary experience. Living donation was developed as a direct result of the critical shortage of deceased donors. To spare an individual a long and uncertain wait, relatives, loved ones, friends, and even individuals who wish to remain anonymous may serve as living donors. On average, 1 in 4 living donors are not biologically related to the recipient. Kidney and liver transplant candidates who are able to receive a living donor transplant can receive the best quality organ much sooner, often in less than a year.

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What’s more, patients who receive a living donor transplant are removed from the national transplant waiting list, making the gift of a deceased donor kidney or liver available for someone else in need.

Back when I donated, the possibility was dependent upon the compatibility between donor and recipient—my brother and I were fortunate to be a great match. But the options have changed dramatically, and now there are chain kidney transplant donations in which a donor/recipient pair are incompatible, and through a chain of giving the recipient’s life is saved along with several others in the chain. Not all transplant centers participate. This article provides good information about it: https://transplants.org/donor-swap/ and you can learn more at this site for the UNOS Kidney Paired Donation project: https://unos.org/transplant/kidney-paired-donation/. Its vision is for every kidney transplant candidate with an incompatible but willing and approved living donor to receive a living donor kidney transplant.

If you are considering being a living donor, it’s important to note that living donation is not included in your deceased donor registration. In the coming years, you will be able to register your interest in being a living donor in the National Donate Life Living Donor Registry, but that is not yet an option. In the meantime, visit DonateLife.net/how-to-start-the-living-donation-process/ for more information on how to start the process.

I’m writing this article just before Thanksgiving; at my family’s table this year—as in every year since 1998—we are thankful for the gift of life. You likely are reading this article just before Hanukkah, the festival of lights and of rededication. What better time of year to “be a light to those who are waiting” and to rededicate yourself to the mitzvah of saving a life.

TBI Kitchen

During the past three years, we opened our kitchen to Food Not Bombs (FNB) so that they could prepare meals for Waltham’s Unhoused Community. Now that we are beginning to have community meals together, we cleaned and re-kasered the kitchen to rededicate it (at this season of Chanukah) as a kosher kitchen for shared use between TBI and FNB. This involved identifying areas of the kitchen for each of our food items, sorting and organizing, and washing dishes that haven’t been used for years. We immersed utensils into boiling water, used a blow torch to touch the surfaces of metal trays, pots and pans with its flame, and designated items for meat (red) and dairy (blue). We kashered the sinks by pouring boiling water over all surfaces, and the ovens by setting them at the highest heat possible for a period of time. Thanks to everyone who helped with this process so that we can eat together again as a community.

- Andrea Baron
- Susan G. Baron
- Ovidu Birsan
- Denise Dickinson
- Mark Frydenberg
- Chris Gamble
- Erika Mackin
- Scott Tepper
- Linda Ungerleider
- Phyllis Werlin

We look forward to our first community Shabbat dinner together on December 2nd!
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: Dec 2, Jan 6
Description: This monthly service is multi-access, in the synagogue and online. Rabbi David and/or a lay leader leads the evening service in addition to and after Kabbalat Shabbat once a month. In memory of God’s assessment at the end of the sixth day that Creation was “very good” (tov me’od), all participants in this service are encouraged to share a few sentences about something from their week that was (or may become) very good (tov me’od). In this way, we join the tranquil spirit of Shabbat with a smile.

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

Afternoon Shabbat Community (online only)

How do I keep my Shabbat practice going on Shabbat afternoon, after services? For millenia, Jews have imbued Shabbat with holiness by gathering for meals, blessing together, singing, and studying Torah. TBI supports your afternoon Shabbat practice with the offerings below:

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

Dates: Dec 10, Jan 14, February 11
Description: In generations past, table-singing was more common. Today, Shabbat is a precious access point to this neglected spiritual practice. On “Blessing and Song” Shabbat, we come together to sing birkat hamazon - the Jewish blessings after the meal - and other Shabbat and Jewish songs. So that we can all be on the same page and see each other on the screen, participants are encouraged to acquire a copy of Let Us Sing: L’chu N’ran’nah ($4.25 at www.HaggadahSrus.com), also available at the Israel Book Shop and at Kolbo Fine Judaica Gallery in Brookline.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85276646999?pwd=eGrFdUEt7rUKFL-q6GIt5tSwAQt7G.1
Meeting ID: 852 7664 6999
Passcode: 072162

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

Dates: Dec 24, Jan 28, Feb 18 (3rd week in February)
Description: For some of us, the Torah Service and the sermon whet our appetite for Torah on Shabbat but they do not quench our thirst. “Torah Talk Table” provides that additional Torah discussion you yearn for on Shabbat. We often discuss a part of the weekly Torah portion, or a part of the Haftarah (weekly reading from the Prophets), but all are encouraged to share Torah questions and reflections of all kinds.

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Meeting ID: 885 0250 7881
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Lunchtime Torah Study *Online only*
Time: 12:00-1:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month
Date: Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9
Description: TBI Lunchtime Torah Study continues its sequential study of the Book of Genesis/Sefer Bereishit on December 8th with Chapter 30. This chapter contains most of the Torah’s information about our matriarchs, the mothers of the twelve tribes of Israel: Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, and Zilpah. Each of the twelve tribal namesakes is born in this chapter, except for Benjamin. Leah and Rachel name them and give naming speeches for each, according to the tradition established by Eve when Cain - the first to be born of woman - was born. English is the primary language of study. Hebrew and English texts provided. All are welcome.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353443111?pwd=b0hQYXcvekVXWVbMnpvRlISMSs2QT09

Dinnertime Midrash Study *Online only*
New Time and New Topic
Time: 6:00-7:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
Date: Dec 20 (Chanukah), Jan 17 Feb 28 (adjusted for February Break)
Description: This Midrash Study Group focuses primarily on narrative elaborations on the Biblical text of Genesis / Sefer Bereishit. In November, we studied midrash on Genesis chapters 2 and 3 from Bereishit Rabbah, one of the oldest collections of written midrash. The midrash explored the interaction between Eve and the serpent in the Garden of Eden. The December 20th session will explore midrash on the line of Cain, or possibly the Flood. English is the primary language of study. English and Hebrew texts provided. All are welcome.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365026963?pwd=SyltQlQlK3hraqGRdzdlc1NjJQVeGT09

Hashmiini: Let Me Hear Shabbat
DATES: Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18

DESCRIPTION: Found in the Song of Songs 2:14, “Hashmi’ini” means “Let me hear.” The full phrase is “Let me hear your voice.” Hashmiini Shabbat features a sermon (dvar Torah) that lifts up at least one contemporary Jewish voice. While disagreement can be a productive feature of many Jewish discussions, on Hashmiini Shabbat we focus on opening our ears and our hearts to the voice of another. Come hear and celebrate the voices of contemporary Jews whose lived experience enables them to make a special contribution to Jewish life and to Torah.

Rabbi David’s Office Hours:
Drop-in: Wednesdays 12:30-1:30pm.
Zoom Meeting ID: 811 0356 9244 Passcode: 157389
By Appointment Only: Every Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm.
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- Dec 1 - Jill Stanton, in memory of her mother, Roz Stanton
- Dec 2 - Janice Goldstein, in memory of her mother, Ella Blauer
- Dec 2 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of Jenny Weitenberg
- Dec 3 - Janet Moses, in memory of her sister, Ilene Moses
- Dec 5 - Ed and David Kaufman, in memory of Blanche Kaufman
- Dec 9 - Sherry Mayrent, in memory of Bernice Mayrent
- Dec 9 - Karin Kriegsman and Edward and David Kaufman, in memory of Ellie Handel
- Dec 12 - Robert Kaitz, in memory of Sadie Kaitz
- Dec 15 - Diana Korzenik, in memory of Ruth Korzenik Franklin
- Dec 17 - Andrea Baron, in memory of her mother, Rhoda Abramson
- Dec 17 - Joel Israel, in memory of Anita Israel
- Dec 18 - Carol Cotton, in memory of Harry Cotton
- Dec 24 - Alan Levine, in memory of his grandfather, Benjamin Greene
- Dec 25 - Rabbi David Finkelstein and Barry Finkelstein, in memory of Claire Finkelstein
- Dec 25 - Joan Friedman, in memory of her father, Arthur Friedman
January Yahrzeits

Anita Israel  
Kislev 23  17-Dec

Aaron Wolk  
Tevet 01  25-Dec

Claire Finkelstein  
Tevet 01  25-Dec

Arthur S. Friedman  
Tevet 01  25-Dec

Simon Canter  
Tevet 01  25-Dec

Alan Goldberg  
Tevet 02  26-Dec

Ethel Potash  
Tevet 02  26-Dec

Hella Hakerem  
Tevet 02  26-Dec

Hugh Greenblatt  
Tevet 02  26-Dec

Isadore Ingber  
Tevet 02  26-Dec

Joseph Drapkin  
Tevet 02  26-Dec

Marcus Bern  
Tevet 02  26-Dec

Samuel Horenstein  
Tevet 02  26-Dec

Rav Daniel Ben Zalman  
Tevet 03  27-Dec

Shlome Pincus Freedman  
Tevet 03  27-Dec

Mary Bloom  
Tevet 04  28-Dec

Milton Blackman  
Tevet 04  28-Dec

Sam Schechtman  
Tevet 04  28-Dec

Sarah Feingold  
Tevet 04  28-Dec

Ralla Blackstone  
Tevet 05  29-Dec

Beverly Fine  
Tevet 06  30-Dec

Howard Kaplan  
Tevet 06  30-Dec

Marilyn Mallick  
Tevet 06  30-Dec

Philip Shriberg  
Tevet 06  30-Dec

Morris Hollender  
Tevet 08  1-Jan

Morris Rothman  
Tevet 08  1-Jan

Gail Tushin  
Tevet 09  2-Jan

Hannah Handel  
Tevet 09  2-Jan

Daniel Wolk  
Tevet 10  3-Jan

Robert Macauley  
Tevet 10  3-Jan

James Herbert Seilers  
Tevet 10  3-Jan

Michael S. Lauffer  
Tevet 10  3-Jan

Sadie Cumenes  
Tevet 10  3-Jan

Jennie Sulkin  
Tevet 11  4-Jan

Rudy Seigler  
Tevet 11  4-Jan

Harry Rosenthal  
Tevet 12  5-Jan

Ida Hollicker  
Tevet 13  6-Jan

Harriet Lietzky  
Tevet 14  7-Jan

Jerry Resnikoff  
Tevet 14  7-Jan

Joseph Sherman  
Tevet 14  7-Jan

Naftali Shapiro  
Tevet 14  7-Jan

Dolores Simon  
Tevet 15  8-Jan

Archie Sudhalter  
Tevet 16  9-Jan

Harry Kniznik  
Tevet 17  10-Jan

Bertha Creveshaw  
Tevet 18  11-Jan

Dora Geller  
Tevet 18  11-Jan

Jacob Trachtman  
Tevet 18  11-Jan

Richard Cotton  
Tevet 18  11-Jan

Steven Cantrell  
Tevet 18  11-Jan

Abraham Alper  
Tevet 19  12-Jan

Eva Wolf  
Tevet 19  12-Jan

Harris Posner  
Tevet 19  12-Jan

Irving Etkind  
Tevet 19  12-Jan

Betty Ullman  
Tevet 20  13-Jan

Harold Levison  
Tevet 20  13-Jan

Aaron Tushin  
Tevet 22  15-Jan

Joseph Pil  
Tevet 22  15-Jan

Newell Goldberg  
Tevet 22  15-Jan

Frank Rosenburg  
Tevet 23  16-Jan

Samuel Gordon  
Tevet 23  16-Jan

Abraham Kennen  
Tevet 24  17-Jan

Harry Levison  
Tevet 24  17-Jan

Nathan and Rae Sudhalter  
Tevet 24  17-Jan

Samuel Cron  
Tevet 24  17-Jan

Sarah Rachel Greene  
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Nathan Goldstein  
Tevet 25  18-Jan

Rose Tatelman  
Tevet 26  19-Jan

Caryl Goldstein  
Tevet 27  20-Jan

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- Dec 26 - Gita Hakerem Foster, in memory of her mother, Hella Hakerem
- Dec 27 - Diana Korzenik, in memory of her grandfather, Rav Daniel Ben Zalman
- Dec 30 - Jim Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their uncle, Howard Kaplan
- Dec 30 - Irving Mallick, in memory of his wife, Marilyn Mallick
- Jan 1 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her uncle, Morris Rothman
- Jan 3 - Zach Roe, in memory of his grandfather, James Herbert Seilers
- Jan 3 - Toni Wolfman, in memory of Robert Macauley
- Jan 11 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of his father, Jacob Trachtman
- Jan 11 - Carole Cotton, in memory of her husband, Richard Cotton
- Jan 11 - Catherine Cantrell, in memory of her son, Steven Cantrell
- Jan 12 - Stephen Etkind, in memory of his father, Irving Etkind
- Jan 13 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her aunt Betty Ullman
- Jan 17 - Steven Kennen, in memory of his father Abraham Kennen
- Jan 17 - Alan Levine, in memory of his grandmother, Sarah Rachel Greene
- Jan 20 - Stanley Goldstein, in memory of his mother, Caryl Goldstein
- Jan 21 - Hillel Stavis, in memory of his father Eugene Binyamin Stavis
# Zoom with Us!  December 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](https://zoom.us) in a web browser, click **Join a Meeting**, and enter the meeting ID and password for the event (or click the direct link to the event posted on our website or in our weekly email update). The current list of events appears below.

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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

Sign Up for TBITalk

TBITalk is Temple Beth Israel’s members’ only discussion list on email. Sign up to send and receive messages from subscribing TBI members on the TBITalk discussion list by entering your email and contact information in the Subscribe section of this page: http://listserve.tbiwaltham.org/listinfo.cgi/tbitalk-tbiwaltham.org

After you have subscribed, you are welcome to communicate with all members of TBITalk by sending an email message to tbitalk@tbiwaltham.org. By participating, you agree to the terms of use.

Planet Aid Bins

Did you know that we get .05 cents per pound of clothing deposited into the Planet Aid boxes on the Hannaford side of our building? Planet Aid donated $3500 to TBI last year which amounts to 70,000 pounds of clothing donated during the year.

Now that Waltham does not allow clothing to be put in the trash, we hope more people will utilize these donation bins.

Social Media

Follow us on social media:
Facebook: facebook.com/TBIWaltham/
Twitter: twitter.com/tbiwaltham

Temple Beth Israel Donation Form

For your convenience, please use this form to make your donations and send to: Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA 02453. You may also donate online at http://tbiwaltham.org/donate. The minimum donation amount is $10. Please add additional information on another sheet.

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

___ General Fund ___ Mark Frydenberg Event Participation Fund ___ Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
___ Goldstein Prayerbook Fund ___ Morris Hollender Torah Fund ___ Children’s Services
___ Education Fund ___ Warming Center Fund ___Saturday Kiddush Fund

This donation is being made ___ in honor of ___ in memory of ________________________________ .

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Mark Your Calendar!  December Highlights

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In House and Online  
Welcoming Shabbat Service 5:30pm—6:00 pm  
December 9, 16, 23, 30 - Online Only |
| Shabbat Morning               | Shabbat Morning Services - Saturdays at 9:30am  
In House and Online  
Hashmiini: Let Me Hear Shabbat— Dec 17 |
| NextGen                       | December 11 5:00pm Havdallah and Latkes                                 |
| Book Club                     | Watch your email for Event Details                                      |
| Rabbi Office Hours            | Office Hours will now be on Wednesdays  
12:30pm-1:30pm See page 7                                                 |
| Rabbi’s Initiatives           | The Rabbi new and updated programs.  
Check pages 6-7 for details                                                |
| Hanukkah Candle Lighting      | December 18 at 4:30 at TBI See Page 3  
December 22 at 6:30 with the Mayor in City Council Chambers See Page 3 |
| Friday Night Dinner           | December 2nd following the service  
See page 3 for details                                                    |