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Rabbi's Corner:

Holding Trees and Life in Our Hands on Tu BiShvat

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

I don't know about you, but I hold trees in my hands all the time. I pick up fallen branches and twigs from the lawn and toss them off the grass before mowing. I pick up little helicopter seeds and launch them fluttering and spinning to the ground. I pick up pinecones, smell them (is that weird?), run my fingers along their scales, and, when asked, give them to my kids. I touch the bark of trees, hang hammocks and swings from trees, pick apples and pears and figs from them, and I gaze at them - root, trunk, branch, leaf, fruit and crown - when I'm out walking.

And yet, when I do encounter trees in all

these ways, I do not say a blessing. I only say a blessing over trees when I eat of their fruit. It's a Jewish thing. On Tu Bishvat - the Jewish New Year for Trees, which falls on Monday, February 6 (TBI's Tu Bishvat Seder will be after Shabbat services on Saturday, February 4) - we hold a piece of a tree in our hand(s), say a blessing, and we eat. Then we hold a cup of grape juice or wine in our hand, say a blessing, and we drink. We do this three or four times, read, talk and sing a little, and we call it a seder.

We can say food blessings all year round, but on Tu Bishvat, saying a food blessing

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Fresh from the Bakery: A Double Dose of Joy

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

When I think about both Tu BiShvat and Rosh Hodesh Adar falling in this month, it seems as though the calendar was designed to inject a couple of doses of joy into the bleakness of a New England February (though of course, that couldn't have been the case!).

February 6 brings us Tu BiShvat. Just when it's likely cold, maybe snowy or icy, and it feels too long since we've seen the burst of new plant life around us, we get to celebrate the new year of the trees, taste their fruits, focus on a Jewish frame of reference for restoration of the land's ecology, and even sip a four-season flight

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feels a little bit more meaningful. When I hold the fruit in my hand before blessing God for creating it, I am more aware of that fruit than I am of most other food I eat. A Tu B'shvat seder is a gentle way to increase awareness that the food we eat comes from somewhere - for example, that a date comes from a specific tree in an orchard or other place, in a city or town, and that someone harvested it and others transported it, and that everyone and everything that contributed to the production, transportation and even the eating of that date was created by the same Source of Life, Hashem.

The other time when I have special awareness of the tree parts in my hands is on Sukkot. Last Sukkot, I was holding the lulav and etrog in my hands, getting ready to say the blessing over them, when suddenly I got goosebumps and felt a small thrill. I had just been thinking about a classic Jewish teaching (see the midrash in [Vayikra Rabbah 30:14](#)) that compares the four species in the lulav to four parts of the human body: the palm frond compared to the spine, the willow leaf to the mouth, the myrtle leaf to the eye, the etrog to the heart. In previous years, I had not felt inspired by this teaching. I just thought it was cute. But now the teaching made me see in my hand my own spine, my own mouth, my eyes, and my heart. I was holding my own body in my hands. At the same time, I felt more aware of my spine within my body, more aware of my mouth, and so on. I felt that I was praying with my spine, praying with my heart, praying with my eyes, and praying with my mouth.

Though they both have a special focus on trees, Tu B'shvat and Sukkot are very different from one another. For starters, Sukkot is a seven-day *mo'ed* or holy time, while Tu B'shvat has never really improved its official status since it was a tax day on tree fruit in ancient times. But putting their differences aside, it's not hard to see that both Tu B'shvat and Sukkot offer opportunities for us to hold life in our hands. Whether we're holding our own lives or the lives of trees and other plants, when we hold that tree part and say a blessing, we have an opportunity to think about the dense network of relationships that hold up our lives - the relationship between ourselves and trees, and the people who help put us in relationship with those trees, and our ancestors, and the Land of Israel, and the land on which we live, and the planet Earth, and our neighbors, and Hashem. We have an opportunity to experience awe, and to begin searching for ways to express that awe in acts of love.

To All a Meaningful Tu B'shvat,

Rabbi David

Fresh from the Bakery: A Double Dose of Joy

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

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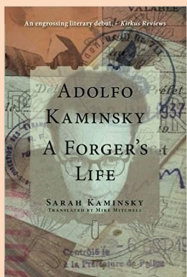
of wines reminding us that the year is an integrated cycle—and so the depth of winter must eventually yield to spring.

A little more than two weeks later, we welcome Adar, when the joy of Purim on 14 Adar (March 7th this year) spills in the entirety of the month. Just think of how intense that happiness is, to stretch into the weeks on either side of it. Winter days are hard for many of us; perhaps this gives us some pleasure and hope as we anticipate and even presage the coming of warmer, longer, more colorful days.

While February may be an easy target for symbolizing drear, each of us experiences periods of hardship in different ways, to differing degrees, at varying times of the year. In these moments, our Temple Beth Israel community follows the model of bringing doses of joy or glimpses of a lessened burden into each other's lives. When the word goes out that someone is sick or in some other way suffering, people respond with calls, food and soup deliveries, and visits. These heartfelt actions can have an extraordinary impact on those at the receiving end. Sometimes it happens organically among those who know of the person's need. It also happens with planning, when the Chesed Committee is informed with an email message to chesed@tbiwaltham.org. And, only when we have an express request to do so from the person affected, the Chesed Committee may put out a wider communication.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a community committed to mutual support. It is wonderful that we celebrate together in our best moments, and that we pray and eat and socialize together as a matter of course. But when we reach out at the hardest times, it is as extraordinary as one day of joy so intense that it infuses a month. It is as beautiful as bringing the life and beauty of fruit-bearing trees into the depths of winter.

I am so thankful for this group of people who form our TBI congregation and bring doses of joy into each other's toughest moments.



TBI Bookshelf

By Marilyn Racette

Many thanks to Ed Brown for showing me the obituary of Adolfo Kaminsky, who died on January 9th at his home in Paris at the age of 97. Mr Kaminsky, using the skills he first learned as a teenager when he worked for a dry cleaner, was recruited by the French Resistance to forge ration books, identity cards, baptismal certificates and other documents to save the lives of thousands of Jews during the Nazi occupation of Paris. Later, as a professional photographer, he lent his talents for producing counterfeit documents for exiles, immigrants, and underground operatives, including Algerians in their struggle for independence from France, opponents of fascist dictator Francisco Franco in Spain, revolutionaries in Latin America, anti-apartheid activists in South Africa, and deserters during the Vietnam War. Kaminsky's past was cloaked in secrecy until he was well into his eighties, when his daughter Sarah Kaminsky convinced him to share the details of the dangerous work he did in support of justice around the world. The result, **Adolfo Kaminsky: A Forger's Life**, was first published in France in 2009, and later in English in 2016.

Health and Wellness Fair

TBI Waltham is planning a health and wellness fair. Right now it is scheduled for March 19, 2023 2pm. If bad weather, March 26, 2023. We received a \$1000 grant from CJP to do so.

We are planning to have a speaking program as well as info tables by the vendors. There will be refreshments served and we could use help with marketing this event.

We have a number of people on the committee planning the event, but we can always use more help. Let Howard Trachtman hdtd@mit.edu 781 642 0368 know if you are interested in helping on the committee, want to suggest a vendor, know of a speaker or want to help with marketing this event on social media.

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NEXT GEN

NextGen will be hosting our monthly Havdalah on February 11th at 6pm

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

Social Justice Committee Report

Joshua Mandell

The Social Justice Committee is currently running the Warming Center and is actively seeking volunteers. Please sign up via this form: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44aea829a0f4cf8-warming#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44aea829a0f4cf8-warming#/)

WELCOME
new members

Ethan Harris from Waltham

Donations

General Fund Donations

- Mel and Elaine Rosenberg in honor of Mel's parents Frank and Ina Rosenberg
- Jeanne and Dennis Sager in honor of the Kaswell Family
- Karin Kriegsman, in memory of her parents Hannah and Julius Handel

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

- Dianne Gratten
- Marvin Griff
- Ethan Harris
- Jonathan Lurie and Debra Darling

Saturday Kiddush Fund

- ♦ Catherine Cantrell - January 14 in honor of her son, Steven and her Bat Mitzvah anniversary
- ♦ Ed Brown - Feb 11 to celebrate the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah as well as Sue Furman (Bat Mitzvah), Ed Kaufman and the late Morris Hollender - we all recited Parsha Yitro
- ♦ Dana Fine and the Regional Chapter of Hadassah - March 4

TBI Community Projects

- ♦ In honor of Brad Baker's hard work in her garden from Doria Kutrakas.

General Fund Donations

- Alan Flaschner
- Joseph Linitz

Join Us For Our Next In House Gathering Seder Tu Bishvat (multi-access)

DATE: Saturday, February 4th, 2023

TIME: 12:20-1:00pm

PLACE: in the TBI social hall and on Zoom (please use the Shabbat Morning Zoom link)

DESCRIPTION: Come celebrate trees and their many gifts to life on planet Earth at this early seder ritual (Tu Bishvat actually falls on Monday February 6th this year). Like the Passover seder, the Tu Bishvat seder is a meal punctuated by various readings or speeches, in this case, all having to do with trees and/or their fruit. We eat from plates full of fruit and drink grape juice and/or wine, in the manner established by Rabbi Isaac Luria and his group of late 16th century Jewish mystics in Tzfat (Safed). A Jewish ritual still in its infancy, the Tu Bishvat Seder has already evolved and been inflected by the establishment of the State of the Israel, by the global climate crisis, and more. **If you can, please bring a favorite poem or short reading about trees to recite/share.** All are welcome.



Friday Night Dinner, Service and Tisch

Friday March 3: Services at 6:30 (in person and on zoom) followed by a catered Persian-themed dinner in honor of Purim and Return to Upper Remety:

The annual Morris and Edith Hollender Tisch with Hankus Netsky (in person and on zoom) will begin at approximately 8:30 pm

Dinner: Catered by Jake's Falafel in Newton Center

Cost: \$20/person, \$48/family of 3 or more

Pay by paypal by going to our website: [Click Here](#)

Mail in your contribution to the Temple Office before February 27.

The Mark Frydenberg Event Participation Fund is available for TBI members if you can not afford the full contribution.



Hadassah Shabbat Across the Regions

March 3-4, 2023

**Shabbat Zachor
(Shabbat before Purim)**

Please join us for Shabbat Services Throughout Northern and Southern New England Regions, as we celebrate Hadassah's unique relationship with Israel that began 36 years before the founding of the state 75 years ago. Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services will be offered and may be attended in-person or virtually.

Friday evening Shabbat Services:

Congregation Beth Shalom, Clifton Park NY
Congregation Beth Jacob, Plymouth MA
Temple Beth El, Utica NY

Saturday morning Shabbat Services:

Kehillat Ohr Tzion, Williamsville NY
Temple Beth Israel, Waltham MA

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: Feb 3, Special Event March 3, None in April due to Passover

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 that Creation was "very good" (tov me'od) at the end of the sixth day, all participants in this service are encouraged to share a few sentences about something from their week that was - or may become - very good. 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: February 11, March 11, April 8

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](http://www.Haggadahsrus.com) (\$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=eGrFdUEt7rUKF_L-q6GIT5tSwAOt7G.1

Meeting ID: 852 7664 6999

Passcode: 072162

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

Dates: Feb 18 (adjusted for February Break) March 25, April 22

Description: For some of us, the Torah Service and 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.

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

Meeting ID: 885 0250 7881

Passcode: 872677

Rabbi David's Initiatives

Lunchtime Torah Study *Online only*

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

Date: Feb 9, Mar 9, April TBA

Description: TBI Lunchtime Torah Study continues its sequential study of the Book of Genesis/Sefer Bereishit on February 9th with the end of Chapter 31. Here, Rachel steals her father Laban's idols as she flees from him. Laban catches up with Rachel, Leah, Jacob, and their children, and he ransacks their caravan in search of his idols. By building a pillar and making a covenant with Laban, Jacob separates his family from Mesopotamia essentially for a thousand years. 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*

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

Date: Feb 28 (adjusted for February Break), March 21, April TBA

Description: This Midrash Study Group focuses primarily on narrative elaborations on the Biblical text of Genesis / Sefer Bereishit. In January, we studied midrash on the many unanswered questions emerging from the story of Cain and Abel. On February 28, we will move forward into other midrashim that elaborate on the generations between Adam-Eve and Noah. English is the primary language of study. English and Hebrew texts provided. All are welcome.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365026963?pwd=SytiQ0tqK3hraGFRdzdlc1NJQVFuQT09>

Hashmiini: Let Me Hear Shabbat

DATES: Feb 18, March 18, April 15

DESCRIPTION: Found in the Song of Songs 2:14, "*Hashmi'ini*" comes from a phrase meaning "Let me hear your voice." Hashmiini Shabbat features a sermon (*dvar Torah*) that lifts up at least one contemporary Jewish voice. While lively and respectful disagreement is a foundational Jewish value, 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.

February Yahrzeits

Charles Silver	Shvat 10	1-Feb
Joseph Benjamin	Shvat 10	1-Feb
Joshua Mikels Webb	Shvat 10	1-Feb
Ira Zinkerman	Shvat 11	2-Feb
Beril Novick	Shvat 12	3-Feb
Max Chernoff	Shvat 12	3-Feb
Edythe Simon	Shvat 13	4-Feb
Louis Kniznik	Shvat 13	4-Feb
Molly Hauser	Shvat 13	4-Feb
Morris Katz	Shvat 13	4-Feb
David Rothman	Shvat 14	5-Feb
Eva Trachtman	Shvat 14	5-Feb
Ilona Viltshchek	Shvat 14	5-Feb
Rose Leavy	Shvat 14	5-Feb
Samuel Cutler	Shvat 14	5-Feb
Dinzie Cutler	Shvat 15	6-Feb
David Ullman	Shvat 16	7-Feb
Ida Chansky	Shvat 16	7-Feb
Sarah Fischer	Shvat 16	7-Feb
Harry Kritzman	Shvat 19	10-Feb
Jacob Rosenfield	Shvat 19	10-Feb
Joseph Milesky	Shvat 19	10-Feb
Sadie Krinsky	Shvat 19	10-Feb
Monroe M. Frankel	Shvat 21	12-Feb
Saul Cohen	Shvat 21	12-Feb
Shirley Benjamin	Shvat 21	12-Feb
Dora Dame	Shvat 22	13-Feb
Morris Freedman	Shvat 22	13-Feb
Gussie Kniznik	Shvat 23	14-Feb
Renee Brown	Shvat 24	15-Feb
Samuel Wolk	Shvat 24	15-Feb
Ida Kulin	Shvat 25	16-Feb
Solomon Harris	Shvat 25	16-Feb
Maurry Furman	Shvat 26	17-Feb
Sadie Baron	Shvat 26	17-Feb
William Becker	Shvat 26	17-Feb
Dorothy Ullian	Shvat 27	18-Feb
Florence Lipkin	Shvat 27	18-Feb
Irving Norman	Shvat 27	18-Feb
Louis Nochemsohn	Shvat 27	18-Feb
Sarah Milesky	Shvat 27	18-Feb
Sarah Freedman	Shvat 27	18-Feb
Sylvia Weinstein	Shvat 27	18-Feb
Mildred Rothbart	Shvat 29	20-Feb
Regina Greenbaum	Shvat 29	20-Feb
Helen Rose Justice	Shvat 30	20-Feb

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

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

- Feb 1 - Eric Benjamin, in memory of his father, Joseph Benjamin
- Feb 2 - Jill Carni, in memory of Ira Zinkerman
- Feb 3 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her grandfather, Max Chernoff
- Feb 5 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her uncle, David Rothman
- Feb 5 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of his grandmother, Eva Trachtman
- Feb 5 - Erika Cohen, in memory of her mother, Ilona Viltshchek
- Feb 7 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her grandfather, David Ullman
- Feb 12 - Barbara Camann, in memory of her father, Saul Cohen
- Feb 12 - Eric Benjamin, in memory of his mother, Shirley Benjamin
- Feb 15 - Ed Brown and Julie Gagnon, in memory of their wife and mother, Renee Brown
- Feb 17 - Beth Cormier and Susan Furman, in memory of their father, Maurry Furman
- Feb 18 - Ed Kaufman, in memory of his mother-in-law, Dorothy Ullian
- Feb 20 - Ben Nudelman, in memory of his mother, Regina Greenbaum
- Feb 20 - Zachary Roe, in memory of his grandmother, Helen Rose Justice



February & March Yahrzeits



Abigail Decker	Adar1 01	22-Feb
Edward Baron	Adar1 01	22-Feb
Fannie Blackstone	Adar1 01	22-Feb
Lillian Bloom	Adar1 01	22-Feb
Abraham Tatelman	Adar2 01	22-Feb
Benjamin Lebowitz	Adar2 01	22-Feb
Goldie Rachel Webb	Adar2 01	22-Feb
Harry Freedman	Adar2 01	22-Feb
Robert Gordon	Adar2 01	22-Feb
Eva Kaitz	Adar2 02	23-Feb
Mildred Marion	Adar2 02	23-Feb
Jacob Krinsky	Adar1 03	24-Feb
Evelyn Myers	Adar2 03	24-Feb
Mitchell Lane Roe	Adar2 03	24-Feb
Benson Griff	Adar1 04	25-Feb
Harry Canter	Adar1 04	25-Feb
Eva Rothman	Adar1 05	26-Feb
Saul G. Ginsburg	Adar1 05	26-Feb
Vittal Crevoshay	Adar1 05	26-Feb
Annette Feinsand	Adar1 06	27-Feb
Jacob Shay	Adar1 06	27-Feb
Maurice Katz	Adar1 06	27-Feb
Philip Rosenfield	Adar1 06	27-Feb
Ruth Gordon	Adar1 06	27-Feb
Arthur Nochemsohn	Adar1 07	28-Feb
Marsha Goldstein	Adar1 07	28-Feb
Minnie Milesky	Adar1 08	1-Mar
Paul Keaney	Adar1 08	1-Mar
Sonia Smith	Adar1 08	1-Mar
Esther bat Avraham Avinu	Adar2 09	2-Mar
Gnesia Crevoshay	Adar2 09	2-Mar
Harold Katz	Adar1 10	3-Mar
Louis Michelson	Adar1 10	3-Mar
Samuel Margolis	Adar1 10	3-Mar
Yetta Blackstone	Adar1 10	3-Mar
David Beecher	Adar1 11	4-Mar
Frieda Resnick	Adar1 11	4-Mar
Rose Cohen	Adar1 11	4-Mar
Harold Seltzer	Adar2 11	4-Mar
Fanna Kreidberg	Adar1 12	5-Mar
Marcia Slarskey	Adar1 12	5-Mar
Neil Baker	Adar1 12	5-Mar
Jack Corman	Adar2 14	7-Mar
Harris Griff	Adar2 14	7-Mar
Jane Siegel	Adar1 14	7-Mar

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- Feb 22 - Susan Baron, in memory of her father, Edward Baron
- Feb 22 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her aunt, Lillian Bloom
- Feb 22 - Chester Webb, in memory of his mother, Goldie Rachel Webb
- Feb 23 - Robert Kaitz, in memory of his grandmother, Eva Kaitz
- Feb 24 - Zach Roe, in memory of his uncle, Mitchell Lane Roe
- Feb 26 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her grandmother, Eva Rothman
- Feb 27 - Ellen Feinsand, in memory of her mother, Annette Feinsand
- March 1 - Esther Keaney, in memory of her father, Paul Keaney
- March 1 - Paul, Albert and David Smith, in memory of their mother, Sonia Smith
- March 5 - Jordan Kreidberg, in memory of his mother, Fanna Kreidberg
- March 7 - Alan Corman, in memory of his father, Jack Corman
- March 7 - Merrill Griff, in memory of his father, Harris Griff
- March 7 - Barbara Camann, in memory of her sister, Jane Siegel



Zoom with Us!

February 2023

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.**

	February Shabbat Services Online	Meeting ID
February 3 February 10, 17, 24	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv Shabbat TIME: 5:30-6:30 pm (in person and online) Shabbat Service - 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Online only	860 9408 8277
February 4, 11, 18, 25	Shabbat Morning In-house (when building is open) and Online 9:30 am	898 2996 2372 pw:204635
	Thursday Morning Minyan	
February 2, 9, 16, 23	Morning Minyan 8:00 am Online only	860 6404 5288
	Rabbi's Initiatives	
February 1, 8, 15, 22	12:30 pm-1:30 pm Rabbi David's Open Zoom Office Hours See page 7 for details	811 0356 9244 pw: 157389
February 11, March 11, April 8	Blessing and Song 2:00-3:00 pm See page 6 for details	852 7664 6999 pw: 072162
February 18, March 25 April 22	Torah Talk Table 2:00-3:00 pm See page 6 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

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:

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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

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Friday Night Shabbat Service	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30-6:30 pm Feb 3- In House and Online Welcoming Shabbat Service- 5:30pm—6:00 pm Feb 10, 17, 24- Online Only
Shabbat Morning	Shabbat Morning Services - Saturdays at 9:30am In House and Online Hashmiini: Let Me Hear Shabbat— Feb 18
NextGen	6:00pm Havdallah - Feb 11
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 Rabbis new and updated programs Check pages 6-7 for details
Happenings See page 5	Tu B'Shvat Seder—Saturday February 4th Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner and Tisch—Friday March 3rd Hadassah Shabbat Across the Regions—Sat. March 4th