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Rabbi's Corner:

Passover Message: Accept Discipline, You Rulers of the Earth

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

In many ways, this Passover will be as it has been in years past. *Barukh Hashem* (Thank God)! We will gather around the same tables with many of the same people, saying *Kiddush*, eating *Karpas*, and washing our hands, first without a blessing (*Urchatz*), and then with (*Rochtza*). We will eat matzah and bitter herb, tell of the bitterness of our oppression under Pharaoh, and speak of God's saving power, as the Torah and the haggadah instruct us to do. But this year, our knowledge that democracy and religious pluralism in Israel are under attack must enter the seder conversation.

I have spoken in the past about the importance of protecting the seder night from too much talk of politics and current events. Last year, I cautioned against speaking too much of the war in Ukraine - which was and still is on our minds and hearts. I still stand by those words, because I believe we need the first days of Passover to be a celebration of the God-given gift of freedom, and we mustn't lose sight of that holy joy. However, the question every year is how best to strike a balance. Our celebrations this year may feel hollow if we do not ground

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Fresh from the Bakery:

What Happens When We Pull Out All the Stops

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

Preparing for the Health and Wellness Fair on March 19 wasn't a simple matter. Volunteers worked for months to bring it together. Thank you to the core committee of Howard Trachtman, Ben Nudelman, Brad Baker, Jessica Benjamin, Joshua Mandell, and Linda Ungerlieder. Huge appreciation to Jessica, who did so much of the work to find and sign up our exhibitors. Thank you to Andrea Baron for helping with publicity, and to Andrea and Phyllis Werlin for assisting with logistics. Thank you to Brad and his group of furniture movers who created an extraordinary setup: Joshua Mandell, Erika Mackin, Avi Birsan, and Brian Cooper. Thank you to Carmen and Brian Cooper for setting up the food. Thank you to

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them, perhaps at the beginning of our seders, in the very challenging reality that world Jewry now faces. In the recent words of the [Massachusetts Board of Rabbis' unprecedented "Statement on Israeli Democracy"](#), Israel's governing coalition threatens to "weaken Israel's democratic institutions; drive a wedge between Israel and a major swath of American Jews; alienate converts to Judaism; endorse a radical version of Orthodoxy at the expense of Jewish pluralism; and elevate zealots with hateful ideologies to positions of significant power." All this is very serious for our loved ones in Israel, and very significant for American Jews as well.

The MBR's "Statement on Israeli Democracy," goes on to identify several of the governing coalition's most egregious developments. They include removing authority for the Border Police from the IDF and putting it into the hands of Itamar ben Gvir; elevating the voice of Bezalel Smotrich, who openly favors the expulsion of Arabs from Israel; empowering the Knesset to override judicial decisions; and attempting to alter the Law of Return in a way that would severely limit who can make Aliyah and who is a Jew in the eyes of the state.

Hundreds of thousands of Israelis have taken to the streets of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem to express their dismay and their opposition to these developments. I stand in solidarity with the protesters. In [her speech](#) in front of the State Capitol in Boston on March 15th, Israeli-American Rabbi Eliana Jacobowitz of Temple Bnai Brith in Somerville pointed out that Israel's "current government...seeks to further limit the rights of minorities, to further focus its legislation on the desires of its own members instead of serving the needs and interests of all Israelis. And it does it under the guise of Judaism. But let me tell you: this is not the Judaism of the prophets, it is not the Judaism of the [Israeli] Declaration of Independence, and it is not our Judaism."

So, if we agree with Rabbi Jacobowitz, as I certainly do, that the Judaism of Israel's current governing coalition is not our Judaism, then what is our Judaism? The answer: our Judaism is democratic. Our Judaism is devoted both to the love of our fellow Jews and to respecting the dignity and the rights of all God's creatures, be they Jewish or otherwise. Our Judaism celebrates difference. Our Judaism is committed to limiting the powers of our leaders. The Book of Deuteronomy limits the powers of the kings of Israel and requires them to study the Torah, and a state which releases the legislative branch from the checks and balances of the judiciary is not a state guided by our Judaism.

I will close with the words of the psalmist, who warns against leaders who pursue powers that serve them personally and not the people they are sworn to serve: "'So now, O kings, be prudent; accept discipline, you rulers of the earth!" (Psalm 2:7).



[To view this YouTube video:](#)
[Click Here](#)

Save the Date

Please set aside the evening of Sunday, June 4, for an evening to celebrate the 9 years we have had with Rabbi David as our spiritual leader and to wish him well in his next rabbinate. More details to come!



By: Mark Frydenberg

When Dina asked me to chair the rabbi search committee, I stated we would be as transparent as possible with the process. So first, I would like to introduce you to the members of the search committee:

Audrey Kennen is a life-long member of TBI; her parents and grandparents were among TBI's founding families. She led children's services here on the high holy days for many years.

Dina Baker is the current president of TBI, and served on prior search and rabbinic transition committees.

Edie Rosenberg is a longtime member of TBI who served on the Bylaws committee last year.

Erika Mackin is chair of the Ritual Committee and a TBI Next Gen member.

Jordan Kreidberg was recently a contributor on the health and safety committee.

Mark Frydenberg is the past-president of TBI, a past chair of the ritual committee and chair of prior Rabbi Search Committees.

Sadye Ezersky and her family are new members of TBI who celebrated their son Mason's Bar Mitzvah with us last fall.

Scott Tepper often reads Torah or helps to lead services at TBI and is currently teaching Torah reading to the Next Gen group.

The search committee hosted two listening sessions, one in person on Feb 26, and one on Zoom on March 1. Approximately 15 congregants attended each session. I led an exercise to identify the most important characteristics of our next rabbi, for them personally, and then for the temple. Among the most important five qualities were spirited prayer leader, inspiring teacher, caring pastoral presence, community builder, and ritual motivator.

The Search Committee met twice so far since the listening sessions. At our first meeting we reviewed the information we learned from the listening sessions, and incorporated these traits and other take-aways and priorities into a description of the role of our next rabbi, which you can find posted at <https://tbiwaltham.org/were-hiring/>.

We posted a description of the role with Hebrew College (a non-denominational Rabbinical school in Newton MA), the Rabbinical Assembly (the placement organization for Conservative rabbis), and the Academy of Jewish Religion (a non-denominational rabbinical school in New York). The latter two placement services required additional specific information about the local area and the local Jewish community, which we provided.

At our second meeting, we discussed the interview process. After an initial phone screen, candidates will meet with the search committee on Zoom for a full interview, and then we will invite those who we are interested in pursuing to spend a Shabbat with us, probably in April or May.

This may include leading a Friday night service in person or on Zoom, Saturday morning services, and a teaching on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning, depending on the candidate's availability.

With guidance from the Finance Committee, TBI is open to hiring a full-time rabbi, and will consider a 75-80% part time position if that better suits the candidate who is selected.

We thank those who participated in the listening sessions and invite everyone to meet the candidates when they join us later in the spring. Congregants will have an opportunity to provide their comments about the candidates they met. The search committee will consider all this information and make a recommendation to the ritual committee and board of directors.

Sincerely,
Mark Frydenberg

For the Search Committee

The Rabbi Search Committee is delighted to invite you to participate when Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell, a finalist candidate to serve as Temple Beth Israel's next rabbi, joins us from April 28 through April 30.

Friday, April 28 - Pre-Shabbat snack/mingle * 5:30-6:00 pm * Temple Beth Israel (in person only)

Kabbalat Shabbat service * 6:00-7:00 pm * Temple Beth Israel or [link here for Zoom](#)

Saturday, April 29 - Shabbat service * 9:30 am-Noon * Temple Beth Israel or [link here for Zoom](#)

Kiddush lunch with teaching * Noon-2:00 pm * Temple Beth Israel (in person only)

Casual open house—mingling/socializing * 5:30-7:00 pm * Home of Dina & Brad Baker, 97 Hamilton Road, Waltham

Sunday, April 30 - Bagel breakfast and teaching * 10:00 am-Noon (Zoom teaching begins at 11:00) * Temple Beth Israel or [link here for Zoom at 11](#)

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By: Dina Wolfman Baker

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Cydney Abnet for helping with setup and registration. And thanks to every one of you who came, who helped spread the word, who brought a guest. We had people coming in from the community at large, and from the TBI community—and that mix was magical. The energy in the building was simply terrific.

We could never have done it without the exhibitors—six of whom also gave talks or workshops—spending their Sunday afternoons with us to help broaden people's knowledge of health and wellness practices. They are:

Needham Chiropractic
West Newton Hearing Center
Johnson Compounding and Wellness
Computer Care and Learning
New England Donor Services
Newton Wellesley Hospital
Marathon Physical Therapy
Mindful Healthcare Agency
Charles River Fitness
Brenner Reiki Healing
Square Medical Group
Learners at the Center
Cynthia Pilch massage and reiki
Catherine Cantrell recreational therapy
East Cambridge Savings Bank....financial literacy
Circus Complex
Metro Boston Recovery Learning Community
Blossom Health
Journey to Safety from Jewish Family & Children's Service





Membership

We welcome Gil Bohm to TBI. Gil is a dedicated volunteer at the Warming Center and a member of the NextGen group.

Linda Ungerleider

Donations

General Fund Donations

- Ed Brown, in memory of Donald Kaplan
- Ed Brown, in memory of David Smith
- Catherine Cantrell, in memory of Martin Cantrell and Myron Goretzley
- Marge and Arthur Marion, in memory of Peter Golden
- Anita Kennen, in memory of her parents, Thelma and Yukee Kennen

Saturday Kiddush Fund

- Julie and Chad Gagnon and Ed Brown
- Marilyn Racette, in memory of her father, Sal Araten
- Tzvi Abush and Martha Tolpin

Warming Center Donations

- Rabbi Toba Spitzer from Congregation Dorshei Tzedik
- Rabbi Suri Kreiger from B'nai Or
- Father Michael Nolan from St Mary's Church
- Rev. James DiPerri from Our Lady's Comforter of the Afflicted Parish

NextGen will be hosting their monthly Havdalah and Games Night on April 15th at 6:30pm

Stay tuned as there will be 2 Havdalah services and game nights starting in May. Also a babka class in late April or early May.

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

April 2nd will be the last day this year of the Warming Center (though we are still seeking volunteers through then). In future months, we have upcoming programs as part of the Kulanu initiative from the ADL, as well as more food-access-related programs.

We are also collecting cans of salmon for the Family Table, books for More Than Words and winter clothes for Waltham clothes drives, which can be placed in the bins in the Temple entrance.

Paul and Albert Smith wish to extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the members of TBI for their offers of care and comfort during their grief at the loss of their brother David. It will be an enduring memory for them.

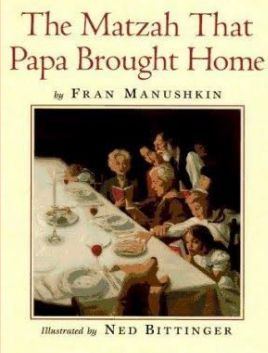
**Thank you all,
Paul and Al**

Thank you Aki and our teens for making hamantaschen and shelach menot bags for Purim this year. They look like they had a lot of fun.



TBI Bookshelf

By Marilyn Racette



The Matzah That Papa Brought Home, written by Fran Manushkin and illustrated by Ned Bittinger, is a wonderful Passover picture book to share with children ages 2 and up. Echoing the rhythms of Had Gadya from the Passover seder, the author highlights, in rhyme, various parts of the joyful celebration. The illustrations, rendered as oil paintings, bring the warmth of a family gathering to life. This is just one of several charming children's Passover books in our temple library.



Join The Community Conversation
Sunday, April 23
10:00-11:30

We will be discussing *People Love Dead Jews* by Dara Horn. The meeting will be held on Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85786872746?pwd=ckQ2OU5kRWJ2bWpwS2FHMjZhbnQQQT09>
Meeting ID: 857 8687 2746 Passcode: 641511

We hope you will bring your thoughts, something learned, a reflection or a question to the discussion. A lively discussion is expected!

The book is readily available through the Minuteman Library Network and electronic versions from the Boston Public Library (anyone can get an e-library card)

Book Overview: This book is described as a startling and profound exploration of how Jewish history is exploited to appease the living. Renowned and beloved as a prizewinning novelist, Dara Horn has also published penetrating essays since she was a teenager. Often asked by major publications to write on subjects related to Jewish culture and, more recently, of deadly anti-Semitic attacks. But never living Jews. In some of this book's essays, she reflects on subjects as far-flung as the international veneration of Anne Frank, the mythology that Jewish family names were changed at Ellis Island, the marketing of the Jewish history of Harbin China, and the little known life of the "righteous Gentile" Varian Fry. Throughout she challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths and so little respect for Jewish lives unfolding in the present. Horn draws upon her travels, her research and also her own family life in trying to explain and to assert the vitality, complexity and depth of Jewish life against Jew hatred that is on the rise.

Building Allyship

Kabbalat Shabbat Friday Night Service and Dinner

With Members of the First Parish in Waltham

Friday May 5th

Services at 6:30 (in person and on zoom) followed by dinner around 7:30pm

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

Our Social Justice Committee continues to build allyship against antisemitism. Both of our congregations are interested in learning more about each other's lives, values and religious practice. Meet members of the First Parish Social Action Committee and their leaders.

Dinner: A traditional chicken dinner will be served. Dietary requests can be accommodated

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 May 1st

Funding from the Mark Frydenberg Event Participation Fund is available for TBI members who cannot afford the full contribution.

Rabbi David's Initiatives

Lunchtime Torah Study *Online only*

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

Date: April 20 (adjusted for Pesach), May 11, June 1 (adjusted)

Description: TBI Lunchtime Torah Study continues its sequential study of the Book of Genesis/*Sefer Bereishit* on April 20th with the end of Chapter 32 and 33. Jacob's wrestling encounter presents with a startling number of unanswered questions, and then Jacob and Esau reunite. Do they reconcile? English is the primary language of study. Hebrew and English texts provided. All are welcome.



Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353443111?pwd=b0hQYXcvekVXVVBqMnpvRlISMSS2QT09>

Dinnertime Midrash Study *Online only*

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

Date: April 11 (adjusted for Pesach), May 16, June 20

Description: This Midrash Study Group focuses primarily on narrative elaborations on the Biblical text of Genesis / *Sefer Bereishit*. In February, we studied midrash connecting the Book of Esther with Psalm 22. On April 11 we will study midrashim on the biblical Serach bat Asher. 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: April 15, May 20, June 17

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.

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

Dates: April 22, May 27, June 24

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 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. No Office Hours April 5th or 12th



April Yahrzeits

Sara Cohn	10 Nissan	1-Apr
Madeline Sidell	11 Nissan	2-Apr
Sophia Rosenfield	12 Nissan	3-Apr
Morris Goldman	13 Nissan	4-Apr
Martin Cantrell	14 Nissan	5-Apr
Myron Goretzky	14 Nissan	5-Apr
Mary Kaplan	14 Nissan	5-Apr
Alfred "Al" Simon	16 Nissan	7-Apr
Gittle Edelman	16 Nissan	7-Apr
Charles Cumenes	17 Nissan	8-Apr
Myron Stroum	17 Nissan	8-Apr
Abraham Slatrow	18 Nissan	9-Apr
Frances Hoffman	18 Nissan	9-Apr
Lena Sheer	19 Nissan	10-Apr
Sonia Weiner	19 Nissan	10-Apr
Gertrude Wolk	20 Nissan	11-Apr
Robert Elliot Weinberg	27 Nissan	11-Apr
Racquel Scarlett	20 Nissan	11-Apr
Eli Weiner	21 Nissan	12-Apr
Samuel Goodman	21 Nissan	12-Apr
Belle Freedman	22 Nissan	13-Apr
Nathan Sheer	23 Nissan	14-Apr
Ruth Seigler	23 Nissan	14-Apr
Ethel Stroum	24 Nissan	15-Apr
Goldie Gammernan	24 Nissan	15-Apr
Jeanne Bloom	24 Nissan	15-Apr
Morris Ullman	24 Nissan	15-Apr
Anna Wolf	25 Nissan	16-Apr
Moshe Ben Aaron	25 Nissan	16-Apr
Richard Cutter	26 Nissan	17-Apr
Edith Canter	27 Nissan	18-Apr
Francis Chorney	27 Nissan	18-Apr
Max Eisenberg	27 Nissan	18-Apr
Jacob Werlin	28 Nissan	19-Apr
Goldie Ramler	30 Nissan	21-Apr
Nathan Kauffman	30 Nissan	21-Apr
Samuel Trager	30 Nissan	21-Apr
Thelma Kennen	30 Nissan	21-Apr
Goldie Ramler	30 Nissan	21-Apr
Nathan Kauffman	30 Nissan	21-Apr
Samuel Trager	30 Nissan	21-Apr
Thelma Kennen	30 Nissan	21-Apr
Freda Kaufman	01 Iyyar	22-Apr
Gertrude Goldstein	01 Iyyar	22-Apr
Shirley Hoffman	01 Iyyar	22-Apr
Bessie Sheer	02 Iyyar	23-Apr
Samuel David Coppelman	02 Iyyar	23-Apr

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

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

- April 5 - Catherine Cantrell, in memory of Martin Cantrell and Myron Goretzky
- April 11 - in memory of Racquel Scarlett
- April 15 - Larry Bloom, in memory of his mother, Jeanne Bloom
- April 15 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her uncle, Morris Ullman
- April 16 - Ed Brown, in memory of his father-in-law, Moshe ben Aaron
- April 17 - Judith Isaac, in memory of her brother, Richard Cutter
- April 18 - Penina Weinberg, in memory of her brother, Robert Elliot Weinberg
- April 19 - Phylis Werlin, in memory of her father, Jacob Werlin
- April 21 - Bruce Trager, in memory of his grandfather, Samuel Trager
- April 21 - Anita Kennen and Alan Kennen, in memory of their mother Thelma Kennen



April & May Yahrzeits



Aaron Weiner	03 Iyyar	24-Apr
Benjamin Benjaminson	03 Iyyar	24-Apr
Florence Woodin	03 Iyyar	24-Apr
Joseph Slatrow	03 Iyyar	24-Apr
Nicholas Shneider		
Fairweather	03 Iyyar	24-Apr
Rubin Zelinetsky	03 Iyyar	24-Apr
Anna Geller	04 Iyyar	25-Apr
David Wigod	04 Iyyar	25-Apr
Dora Koszerek	04 Iyyar	25-Apr
Phylis Keller	4 Iyyar	25-Apr
Howard Lewis	05 Iyyar	26-Apr
Margaret Werlin	05 Iyyar	26-Apr
Morris Levison	05 Iyyar	26-Apr
Rebecca Zall	05 Iyyar	26-Apr
Anna Ida Burofsky	06 Iyyar	27-Apr
George Freeman	07 Iyyar	28-Apr
Goldie Kaswell	07 Iyyar	28-Apr
Goldie Stoerger	07 Iyyar	28-Apr
Mary Trager	07 Iyyar	28-Apr
Baba Shirazi	07 Iyyar	28-Apr
Charles S. Slatrow	09 Iyyar	30-Apr
Judith Kaplan	09 Iyyar	30-Apr
Anne Itzkowitz	10 Iyyar	1-May
Samuel Louis Griff	10 Iyyar	1-May
Edith Rose Wolf		
Friedlander	11 Iyyar	2-May
Gad Hakerem	11 Iyyar	2-May
Herman Greene	11 Iyyar	2-May
Morris Canter	11 Iyyar	2-May
Simon Hoffman	11 Iyyar	2-May
Robert Liberman	12 Iyyar	3-May
Bessie Silver	13 Iyyar	4-May
Aaron Soltes	14 Iyyar	5-May
Samuel Schwartz	14 Iyyar	5-May
Eliot Tanner	15 Iyyar	6-May
Etta Liberman	15 Iyyar	6-May
Fannie Kennen	15 Iyyar	6-May
Sophie Messer	15 Iyyar	6-May
Lois K. Wynn	15 Iyyar	6-May
Anna Resh	16 Iyyar	7-May
Chiam Crevoshay	17 Iyyar	8-May
Freda Griff	17 Iyyar	8-May
Ilene Joyce Nathanson	17 Iyyar	8-May
Louis Berman	17 Iyyar	8-May
Simon Kniznik	17 Iyyar	8-May
Hyman Weinstein	18 Iyyar	9-May
Jacob Fine	18 Iyyar	9-May
Louis Dubin	18 Iyyar	9-May
Morris Fischer	18 Iyyar	9-May
Helen Keaney	19 Iyyar	10-May
Angela Fox	19 Iyyar	10-May

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- April 22 - Ed Kaufman, in memory of his mother, Freda Kaufman
- April 24 - Celia Shneider, in memory of Nicholas Shneider Fairweather
- April 26 - Phyllis Werlin, in memory of Margaret Werlin
- April 26 - Amy Rothman, in memory of Rebecca Zall
- April 28 - Robert Kaitz, in memory of Goldie Stoerger
- April 28 - Bruce Trager, in memory of Mary Trager
- April 28 - Bobby Shirazi, in memory of his father, Baba Shirazi
- May 1 - Stephen Etkind, in memory of Anne Itzkowitz
- May 1 - Merrill Griff, in memory of Samuel Griff
- May 2 - Gita Hakerem Foster, in memory of Gad Hakerem
- May 2 - Patricia McCue, in memory of her father, Morris Canter
- May 6 - Anita Kennen, Alan Kennen and Steven Kennen, in memory of there grandmother, Fannie Kennen
- May 6 - Rabbi David Finkelstein and Stephanie Wynn, in memory of Lois Wynn
- May 8 - Merrill Griff, in memory of Freida Griff
- May 10 - Esther Keaney, in memory of Helen Keaney
- May 10 - MicKenzie Edwards, in memory of her soulmate, Angela Fox





Zoom with Us!

April 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.**

	April Shabbat Services Online	Meeting ID
No First Friday Service in April April 14, 21, 28	Shabbat Service - 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Online only	860 9408 8277
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Shabbat Morning In-house (when building is open) and Online 9:30 am	898 2996 2372 pw:204635
	Thursday Morning Minyan	
April 6, 13, 20, 27	Morning Minyan 8:00 am Online only	860 6404 5288
	Rabbi's Initiatives	
April 12, 19, 26	12:30 pm-1:30 pm Rabbi David's Open Zoom Office Hours See page 9 for details	811 0356 9244 pw: 157389
April 22, May 27, June 24	Torah Talk Table 2:00-3:00 pm See page 9 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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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.

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Passover Services

Date	Time	Observance	Zoom Links All services are in house and online unless otherwise specified
Wed. April 5 Erev Pesach	8:00 am 8:30 am 8:40 am 8:45 am	Morning Service Siyyum Chametz Sale Light Breakfast	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88673191802?pwd=cUdpc2xDYlYrVmxcXNzN1JCQ3pVUT09
Thur. April 6 Yom Tov Day 1	9:00 am	Torah: Exodus 12 The First Pesach (in Egypt) Haftarah: Joshua 5:2-6:1 The First Pesach in the Holy Land	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86064045288
Friday April 7 Yom Tov Day 2		No Morning Service Seder Recovery Day	
Friday April 7 Shabbat Evening	5:30pm	Yizkor, Brief Evening Service, <i>Tov Me'od</i>	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86094088277 ONLINE ONLY
Saturday April 8	9:30 am	Torah: Exodus 33:12-34:26 13 Attributes, Pilgrimage Holidays Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14 "Valley of the Dry Bones"	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89829962372?pwd=aHVBbGZWbU1SdFlnNmg4YUZ5WkxiUT09
Wed. April 12 Yom Tov Day 7	8:00 am	Torah: Exodus 13/14 Crossing the Reed Sea on Dry Land Haftarah: 2 Samuel 22:1-51 David's Song of Victory & Thanksgiving	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84772110324?pwd=aEhUVHlIWHDldUFlbGMvYmw4aTNYQT09
Thursday April 13 Yom Tov Day 8	8:00am Yizkor will be at 9:00am or later	****with YIZKOR**** Torah: Deuteronomy 14:22- 16:17 3 Pilgrimage Holidays Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6 Anticipation of Great Redemption to Come	Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86064045288

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to view the Rabbinical Assembly's recommendations and guide for preparing your home for Passover.

POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR MECHIRAT HAMETZ

*Note: If possible, all hametz should be eaten or removed before the holiday begins. Should this be financially difficult, the hametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. **Please complete the form on page 13**, which must be received in the mail at TBI no later than Monday, April 3rd, to make sure it gets to the Rabbi in time. Or you may deliver it to the Rabbi in person or via email by 9:00 am Tuesday April 4th.*

It is customary to use this as an opportunity to give tzedakah.

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi David Finkelstein to act in my behalf to sell all *hametz* possessed by me – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein *hametz* owned may be found. Rabbi David Finkelstein has the full power and authority to assign or appoint a substitute to act in my behalf with all the same powers and authority that I have invested in the rabbi. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesach, which this year begins on Wednesday, April 5th and runs through nightfall of Saturday, April 13, 2023.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____, in the year 2023.

Signed Name _____

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Friday Night Shabbat Service	Welcoming Shabbat Service- 5:30pm—6:00 pm April 14, 21, 28- Online Only
Shabbat Morning	Shabbat Morning Services - Saturdays at 9:30am In House and Online Hashmiini: Let Me Hear Shabbat— April 15
NextGen	6:30pm Havdallah - April 15
Passover Schedule	See page 14 and 15
Rabbi Office Hours	Office Hours will now be on Wednesdays 12:30pm-1:30pm See page 9
Rabbi's Initiatives	The Rabbis initiatives and updated programs Check pages 9 for details
Kulanu	Join the Community Conversation Sunday April 23 - See page 8 for details
Friday Night Service & Dinner	May 5 - See page 8 for details
Meet Rabbi Search Committee Candidate	April 28, 29, 30 See page 3 for details