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Rabbi's Corner: The Blessings of Shavuot

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

To speak of the essence of the Shavuot festival is a little bit like sailing down the Ganges River in India and spotting a gharial. It sounds familiar to many of us, but few have experienced it firsthand. The gharial is an ancient crocodilian, dating back some 38 million years. Shavuot is not quite that old - only a few thousand years! - but both continue to live among us. In the *V'hasi-einu* prayer, said on every festival, we pray: "Grant us the blessing of Your festivals, Hashem our God, for life and peace, for joy and gladness." We have an opportunity when saying this prayer to connect to the essential blessings of the current festival, and to rejoice in them. But when we connect to the essential blessings of the exotic and little known festival of Shavuot, what exactly is it that we are connecting to?

It's usually not too difficult to identify the essence of a Jewish holiday. Freedom is the essence of Pesach. For Shabbat, it's rest, or tranquility. But it's harder to identify the essence of Shavuot. For this, we can thank history and

the rabbis. In the Bible, Shavuot is all about agriculture and the Temple, specifically, about bringing an offering of first fruits to the Temple. But the rabbis add to the Biblical Shavuot the idea that Shavuot is *zman matan Torateinu*, the time of the giving of our Torah. Because of this rabbinic innovation, the tradition of studying Torah all night - *tikkun ley! Shavuot* - became central to our observance of Shavuot.

For those of us who celebrate Shavuot, *tikkun*-style learning on the first night may express the essence of the festival. The blessing that we yearn for on Shavuot, then, is the blessing of *hitlamdut*, the blessing of understanding ourselves as perpetual students, always learning. Many Jews learn Torah every Shabbat, and indeed each Jewish holy time sees Jews studying holy texts appropriate to it. In this sense, Shavuot is no different than other Jewish holy times. But when understood as *zman matan Torateinu*, the time when God gives the Torah to the Jewish people at Mount Sinai,

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Fresh from the Bakery: Leadership Transitions

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

Temple Beth Israel is in a period of transition, as Rabbi David prepares to leave for a new stage in his career and we will have turnover in a number of our board roles. While change can feel challenging, it also gives us an opportunity to celebrate where we have been and find new avenues forward. With that in mind...

An Evening to Remember...

Let's come together to recall the moments of the last nine years with Rabbi David.

When: Sunday, June 11, 5:30 pm

Where: Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham

Who: TBI members and friends

What: A festive dinner to share laughter, reflect on the past nine years, and wish Rabbi David fulfillment and success in the next phase of his career.

Read on for RSVP information and how to participate in celebrating Rabbi David.

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Shavuot has the potential to take on additional meaning. What do we understand by the phrase *our Torah*? Is it the Torah we all share, or the Torah particular to each of us? When do we assume the posture of learning? Do we need to have a book open and a designated teacher in front of us in order to learn? *Hitlamdut* is the value of understanding that Torah refers not only to the Written and Oral Torahs, but also to the experiences, the sights, sounds, and interactions that constitute a life, through all of which God invites us to learn. *Hitlamdut* reminds us that Mount Sinai is not only a collection of elevated rock somewhere in the Sinai Peninsula - it is an attitude of receptivity and learning that can be cultivated in any geographical location and at any time. Our learning on Shavuot can be imbued with this significance and this knowledge that life is about learning, if we want it to be.

But, as mentioned above, learning was not an articulated part of Shavuot's meaning during Biblical times. It was only after the destruction of the Second Temple that Shavuot received the name, "the time of the giving of our Torah." So now we can ask: What is the essential blessing of the Biblical Shavuot that we can still experience today? Insofar as Shavuot's essential blessing was Temple-centered during Biblical times, we can try to imagine what it might have been like, but we cannot experience it directly. Insofar as Shavuot's essential blessing was agricultural, we can experience it to the extent that we ourselves are farmers, which most of us are not, though some number of us are gardeners.

I believe that in order to access a Biblical sense of the blessing of Shavuot, our best course is to study the Book of Ruth, in accordance with the ancient tradition of reading that book during the festival. Like you and me, Ruth lives during a time without a Jerusalem Temple. We live after the destruction of the Temple, and she lived at a time before the First Temple was built, but after the desert wanderings, when Israel was living in the Promised Land, planting and harvesting there, but not yet united under a monarchy. The beating heart of the book, I think, is in Ruth's impassioned declaration to Naomi, her mother-in-law, "your people is my people, and your God my God" (1:16). It is a declaration of loyalty, conviction and commitment to face life's challenges (and its joys) together. Through famine and loss, birth and death, our fate is tied to one another, we are part of a people in relationship with God. We can say it to our family members, to our friends and our communities, and we can say it to our fellow Jews across the ocean and all over the world. Though we may be separated by geography and ideology, and though it is sometimes painful to say so, I nevertheless declare: "your people is my people, and your God my God." And in that conviction, there is blessing.

Although TBI will not be learning together all night, we will continue our tradition of learning together for a couple of hours in advance of the holiday on Thursday evening, May 25. Please look in your weekly emails from TBI for forthcoming details about that learning session. We will also have yom tov services Friday morning May 26 starting at 9:00 am and Saturday morning May 27 Shabbat/yom tov services starting at 9:30. Those who wish to study all night are encouraged to register for Havurat Shalom's tikkun - which is free, in person, and on Zoom (multi-access) - [here](#).



Fresh from the Bakery: Leadership Transitions

By: Dina Wolfman Baker

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To prepare for the evening:

If you'd like, write down a brief, specific memory or two from the last nine years with Rabbi David, and/or gather one or two photos from his rabbinate. **Send them no later than Friday, May 12, to dinawbaker@gmail.com, with the precise subject line "June 11 event" so we can include them in some special items we're preparing.** If you wish to share a memory during the evening, there will be an opportunity for that, too (whether or not you've sent one in advance).

RSVP: The cost is \$30 per person to cover the cost of dinner. To attend, please link here or contact the TBI office to provide payment and registration. You must register absolutely no later than Sunday, May 28, so we can confirm our dinner order.

TBI Members for whom the cost is prohibitive may pay what they can afford. The Mark Frydenberg Event Participation Fund will underwrite the cost.

Get to Know the TBI Board Nominees

On April 4, the Nominating Committee announced its slate of nominees for elected roles. Now, let's learn a little more about the TBI members who have agreed to step up to serve in this way. Remember—we will vote at the **annual meeting on Sunday, June 11, 10 am to Noon. Please participate in-person at TBI, or attend online:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82758858512?pwd=VUI1L3RpZWVhdVN2MWtMd2ZaUUU3dz09>

Meeting ID: 827 5885 8512

Passcode: 977750

And now, introducing...

Linda Ungerleider, nominee for President:

A proud Grammy to six, Linda is a retired special education teacher and TEAM facilitator. She started volunteering as a swimming instructor in her teens and has served on boards of local, synagogue, and national organizations. In addition to her role at TBI, she serves on the board of The Community Day Center of Waltham. Linda currently serves on the TBI board as Membership Director, and prior to that she served as chair of the Social Justice Committee. She hopes to start traveling abroad again.

Erika Mackin, nominee for Vice President:

Erika is originally from Omaha, NE and has been a member of TBI for the past four years since moving to Waltham from upstate New York. She served as an at-large board member for one year before taking over the Ritual Committee chair position last fall. She also co-leads the NextGen group with Joshua Mandell. When not in committee meetings, she enjoys cooking, knitting, and walking in Prospect Hill Park.

Jim Baron, nominee for Treasurer:

Jim has been a lifelong member of TBI. He has served in the following capacities:

- Member of the TBI Finance Committee
- Bingo worker, with about 15-20 other dedicated volunteers, raising money for the TBI endowment
- Chairperson of the Cemetery Committee for the past 9 years
- Member of the Board of Directors for approximately 30 years
- Vice President during President Merrill Griff's tenure
- Chair of two Bylaws Revision Committees
- Chair of one Nominating Committee
- First editor of our "Temple Talk" newsletter.
- Shofar blower for the past 45 years

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Jim has a BA in Economics from Brandeis University, an MA in Education from Emmanuel College, and a JD from Suffolk Law School. He is self-employed as a special education attorney, representing parents of children with disabilities when they have disputes with school districts regarding education. He is married to Andrea Baron, and they have one adult daughter, Michaela.

Edie Rosenberg, nominee for Membership Director:

Edie grew up in Newton and, except when she went to university and subsequently spent some time in Israel, she has been in this area all of her life. She lives with her husband, Rob Gross, in Brookline. Edie retired last year after a long career in hospital administration. They joined TBI 27 years ago after they were married by (then) TBI Rabbi Rim Meiorowitz and were impressed and delighted by how welcoming the community is. In recent years she has served on ad hoc committees (including Bylaws and Rabbi Search) and she has volunteered at the warming center. As Membership Director, Edie hopes to work with current members, TBI leadership, and our new rabbi to build on our existing strengths as a caring, vibrant community and encourage new folks to join us.

Dana Fine, nominee for At-large member of the Board:

Dana has been married 34 years. She is the mother of four sons and a full-time software customer support and QA consultant, as well as: Co-President of Hadassah Shawsheen Valley chapter, Hadassah Northern New England Education and Advocacy chair, Hadassah Northern New England Recording Secretary, and member of Montefiore Synagogue cemetery committee. Her hobbies include vacation travel for sightseeing, contra dancing, English country dance, and participating in two amateur dance troupes—Wayside Inn Steppers and Lexington Historical Society dancers. She enjoys going to services each week, as often as possible, and she is enjoying being a member of the TBI community. She says, “Luckily I have a lot of energy!”

Joan Friedman, nominee for re-election as At-large member of the Board:

Joan has been on the Board for two years (serving a current term as At-large member), a member of TBI for about 5 years, and a resident of Waltham for more than twenty years. She loves studying, cooking, and sitting in a kayak on the Charles River on a quiet day.

Natasha Moshinsky, nominee for re-election as At-large member of the Board:

Natasha is serving a current term as an At-large board member. She was born in the former Soviet Union, in the Ukraine Republic, which is now the country of Ukraine. She immigrated to the United States at a young age but was raised with the language, culture, and values of her home country of Ukraine. Natasha is a Special Educator working with teenagers diagnosed with mild to moderate disabilities. As a liaison, she is a strong advocate for them and their needs. The synagogue and her Ashkenazi Jewish background are strong aspects of her culture. She says that her heart lies in TBI and she would love to continue advocating for the needs of the congregation and serving in the leadership role of this community. She says: “This community is my second family that has always been supportive with everything but it has been especially evident when war broke out in my homeland where some of my family and relatives still reside. The support that I received from this community was more than any other support that I had received during this last year of ongoing uncertainty. I hope to continue to be part of the community, part of the leadership, and support others in much the same way that I was supported.”

We have an opportunity to embrace change at TBI by cherishing memories, celebrating together, and voting for our future.



This month we will begin holding two Havdalas per month instead of just one - the first Shabbat of the month will have an all ages Havdalah at sundown and the third will have a NextGen specific Havdalah.

Additional events TBD via our social media and mailing groups - contact Joshua or Erika for more information or to get more regular information.

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

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Warming Center Donation

Thank you for your generous donation from Congregation Tifereth Abraham in Winthrop:

"My grandnephew, Jon Schiff has told me about your sponsorship of what he termed "warm nights" at your shul. We want to help you." -Leon Schiff



NextGen held a babka making session on Sunday April 23rd. This looks yummy!!

Social Justice Committee Report

By Joshua Mandell

The Social Justice Committee invites you to a barbeque with the unhoused community on Monday, May 29 from 1:00-3:30

The Social Justice Committee will host a barbeque with the unhoused in our community on Monday, May 29 on our front lawn and in collaboration with the Waltham Leadership Council and Chaplains on the Way. The barbeque will be held from 1:00-3:30. Help is needed in setting out tables and chairs and providing salads and desserts, as well as servers and security in the building. Setup will start at 11:45. Cleanup can start around 3:30 as the event ends.

Please let Joshua Mandell (joshua6781@gmail.com) know if you can help with setup/cleanup or with a food donation.

Kosher food will be provided. For food donations, we are seeking fresh green salad, potato salad, coleslaw, bean salad, and/or any dessert you would like to bring. Setup starts at 11:45 but food donations can be dropped off until 1:00.

This barbeque is in collaboration with the Waltham Community Leadership Council and with Chaplains on the Way. Thank you. for helping with this community activity for our guests.

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

followed by dinner around 7:30pm

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](#)

Or mail in your contribution to the Temple Office before May 3rd

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

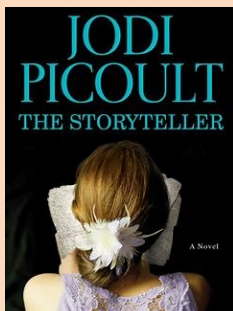
Shavuot Schedule

**All events are multi-access, except for Friday evening.*

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| Thursday, May 25 | 7:30pm-9:00pm | Communal Learning: <i>Tikkun Leyl Shavuot</i> Facilitated by Rabbi David (and others TBA) (Visit this webpage for information about the all-night tikkun with Congregation Havurat Shalom in Somerville.) |
| Friday, May 26 | 9:00am | Yom Tov Services Reading: 10 Commandments in Exodus |
| | 5:30pm | Shabbat Evening Service (<u>online only</u>) |
| Saturday, May 27 | 9:30am | Shabbat Yom Tov Service Reading: 10 Commandments in Deuteronomy (also featuring: <u>Book of Ruth</u> and <u>Yizkor</u>) |

TBI Bookshelf

By Marilyn Racette



Jodi Picoult is a well-known author of bestselling novels. When I learned that one of her books, *The Storyteller*, a Holocaust novel, was being removed from school library shelves in Marin County Florida I was curious and decided to read it. There are four narrators, and the story shifts between them. Sage is a young Jewish woman who is not religious and is scarred emotionally and physically. Josef is a grandfatherly man, recently widowed, whom Sage meets at a grief group and becomes friendly with. Though well respected in the town, he has a dark secret. Minka, Sage's beloved grandmother, is a Holocaust survivor, and has kept most of her memories locked away. Leo is young Jewish man, and a Nazi hunter.

Between them, and a fantasy story that Minka wrote many years ago, a tapestry emerges, with scenes of horror, as well as love and kindness, and questions are raised about what it means to forgive and to be forgiven.

Rabbi David's Initiatives

Lunchtime Torah Study *Online only*

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

Date: May 11, June 1 (adjusted)

Description: TBI Lunchtime Torah Study continues its sequential study of the Book of Genesis/ Sefer Bereishit on May 11th with Chapter 33. After twenty years apart, Jacob and Esau briefly reunite. Do they reconcile? Why is the reunion so brief? English is the primary language of study. Hebrew and English texts provided. All are welcome.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353443111?pwd=b0hQYXcvekVXWVBqMnpvRIISMSs2QT09>



Dinnertime Midrash Study *Online only*

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

Date: May 16, June 20

Description: This Midrash Study Group focuses primarily on narrative elaborations on the Biblical text of Genesis / Sefer Bereishit. On May 16th, we will study midrashim on Serach bat Asher, who is Jacob's granddaughter and about whom the midrashic traditions are surprisingly rich. 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>

Hashmi'ini: Let Me Hear Shabbat

DATES: 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." Hashmi'ini 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 Hashmi'ini 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: 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

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| 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 |
| Frances Rose Kaplan | 20 Iyyar | 5/11/2023 |
| H. L. Berman | 20 Iyyar | 5/11/2023 |
| Joseph Kurtzman | 20 Iyyar | 5/11/2023 |
| Barbara Hoffman | 21 Iyyar | 5/12/2023 |
| Harry Sheinhite | 21 Iyyar | 5/12/2023 |
| Lori Ann Roe | 21 Iyyar | 5/12/2023 |
| Sophie Trager | 21 Iyyar | 5/12/2023 |
| Zelda Pokat | 21 Iyyar | 5/12/2023 |
| Charles Leavy | 22 Iyyar | 5/13/2023 |
| Laura Kurtzman | 22 Iyyar | 5/13/2023 |
| Richard Rosenberg | 22 Iyyar | 5/13/2023 |
| Lillian Etkind | 22 Iyyar | 5/13/2023 |
| Harry Dubin | 23 Iyyar | 5/14/2023 |
| Fritz Benedick | 24 Iyyar | 5/15/2023 |
| Samuel Goodman | 24 Iyyar | 5/15/2023 |

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.

- 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
- May 12 - Bruce Trager, in memory of Sophia Trager
- May 13 - Stephen Etkind, in memory of his mother, Lillian Etkind



May & June Yahrzeits

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| Fritz Benedick | 24 Iyyar | 5/15/2023 |
| Samuel Goodman | 24 Iyyar | 5/15/2023 |
| Sara Bloomenthal | 25 Iyyar | 5/16/2023 |
| Avraham ben Yitzhak Itsik | 27 Iyyar | 5/18/2023 |
| Barnett Sacks | 27 Iyyar | 5/18/2023 |
| Henry Mefford Roe | 27 Iyyar | 5/18/2023 |
| Lena Norman | 27 Iyyar | 5/18/2023 |
| Jacob Cohn | 28 Iyyar | 5/19/2023 |
| Charles Tankel | 29 Iyyar | 5/20/2023 |
| Fannie Tatelman | 29 Iyyar | 5/20/2023 |
| Bernie Finkelstein | 01 Sivan | 5/21/2023 |
| Dr. Samuel Berstein | 01 Sivan | 5/21/2023 |
| John Hoffman | 01 Sivan | 5/21/2023 |
| Jack Bloom | 02 Sivan | 5/22/2023 |
| Morris Gordon | 02 Sivan | 5/22/2023 |
| Polly Freedman | 02 Sivan | 5/22/2023 |
| Sarah Eisenberg | 02 Sivan | 5/22/2023 |
| Max Berman | 03 Sivan | 5/23/2023 |
| Rose Endelman | 03 Sivan | 5/23/2023 |
| Joseph Kaufman | 05 Sivan | 5/25/2023 |
| Albert Michelson | 06 Sivan | 5/26/2023 |
| Betty Tushin | 07 Sivan | 5/27/2023 |
| Carl Goldstein | 07 Sivan | 5/27/2023 |
| Ethel Wigod | 07 Sivan | 5/27/2023 |
| Jack Trager | 07 Sivan | 5/27/2023 |
| Morris Alpert | 07 Sivan | 5/27/2023 |
| Myron Stanton | 08 Sivan | 5/28/2023 |
| Carlena Bertha Hungerford Weinberg | 29 Iyyar | 5/29/2023 |
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| Barnett Messer | 09 Sivan | 5/29/2023 |
| Irving Braitman | 09 Sivan | 5/29/2023 |
| Zisl ben Nisn Shoteur | 09 Sivan | 5/29/2023 |
| Grete Araten | 10 Sivan | 5/30/2023 |
| Samuel Bloom | 10 Sivan | 5/30/2023 |
| Jacob Pernakoff | 11 Sivan | 5/31/2023 |
| Abraham Josephson | 12 Sivan | 6/1/2023 |
| Nanette Gordon | 12 Sivan | 6/1/2023 |
| Barnard Wolf | 13 Sivan | 6/2/2023 |
| Beatrice Hobbs | 13 Sivan | 6/2/2023 |
| Max Backer | 13 Sivan | 6/2/2023 |
| Abraham Harris | 14 Sivan | 6/3/2023 |
| Irving Forbes | 14 Sivan | 6/3/2023 |
| Louis Zuckerman | 14 Sivan | 6/3/2023 |
| Ida Ullman | 15 Sivan | 6/4/2023 |
| Irene Zieff | 15 Sivan | 6/4/2023 |
| Rebecca Cohen | 15 Sivan | 6/4/2023 |
| Lillian Goldstein | 16 Sivan | 6/5/2023 |
| Steven Siegel | 16 Sivan | 6/5/2023 |
| Lillian Levine | 17 Sivan | 6/6/2023 |
| Bernie Frydenberg | 18 Sivan | 6/7/2023 |
| Miriam Beecher | 18 Sivan | 6/7/2023 |

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- May 18 - Sherry Mayrent, in memory of her father-in-law, Avraham ben Yitzhak Itsik
- May 21 - Rabbi David Finkelstein, in memory of Bernie Finkelstein
- May 22 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of Jack Bloom
- May 25 - Ed Kaufman, in memory of Joseph Kaufman
- May 27 - Stanley Goldstein, in memory of his father, Carl Goldstein
- May 27 - Bruce Trager, in memory of Jack Trager
- May 28 - Jill Stanton, in memory of her father, Myron Stanton
- May 29 - Penina Weinberg, in memory of Carlena Bertha Hungerford Weinberg
- May 29 - Sherry Mayrent, in memory of her friend, Zisl ben Nisn Shoteur
- May 30 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of her grandmother, Grete Araten
- June 2 - Sylvia Hobbs, in memory of her mother, Beatrice Hobbs
- June 3 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of Ida Ullman
- June 4 - Steven Zieff, in memory of Irene Zieff
- June 5 - Barbara Camann, in memory of Steven Siegel
- June 6 - Alan Levine, in memory of his mother, Lillian Levine
- June 7 - Mark Frydenberg, in memory of his father, Bernie Frydenberg





Zoom with Us!

May 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.**

| | May | Meeting ID |
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| | Shabbat Services Online | |
| May 5 | First Friday Night Shabbat Service and Dinner 6:30pm - 7:30pm | 860 9408 8277 |
| May 14, 21, 28 | Shabbat Service - 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Online only | |
| May 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 | |
| May 4, 11, 18, 25 | Morning Minyan 8:00 am Online only | 860 6404 5288 |
| | Rabbi's Initiatives | |
| May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 12:30 pm-1:30 pm Rabbi David's Open Zoom Office Hours See page 9 for details | 811 0356 9244 pw: 157389 |
| 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

Sign Up for TBITalk

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<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/](https://www.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
☐ TBI Community Outreach ☐ 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! May Highlights

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| Friday Night Shabbat Service | Welcoming Shabbat Service- 5:30pm—6:00 pm May 12, 19, 26 - Online Only |
| Friday Night Service & Dinner | May 5 - See page 6 for details RSVP by May 3rd for dinner |
| Shabbat Morning | Shabbat Morning Services - Saturdays at 9:30am In House and Online Hashmiini: Let Me Hear Shabbat— May 20 |
| NextGen | 6:30pm Havdallah for Everyone May 6 6:30pm Havdallah for NextGen Members Only May 20 |
| Rabbi Office Hours | Office Hours will now be on Wednesdays 12:30pm-1:30pm See page 7 |
| Rabbi's Initiatives | The Rabbis initiatives and updated programs Check pages 7 for details |
| Shavuot Services | Thursday through Saturday May 25-27 See page 6 for details |
| BBQ | Monday, May 29th 1pm-3pm See page 5 for details |
| Save the Date | June 11 - Celebration in honor of Rabbi David June 11 - TBI Annual Meeting and Election of Officers |