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Temple Talk

Brought To You By Rabbi Ben: Our Story of Freedom

By: Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell

Happy Spring!

I write to you the day after our wonderful Purim celebration. Thank you to everyone who joined us for a joyous and spirited celebration- and a special shoutout to our megillah readers (especially those who read for the first time!), our post megillah songleaders, and of course to Mark for the wonderful annual slideshow and fun ma'ariv service!

We are now preparing for our next holiday of Passover! Passover is known as chag ha'aviv, the holiday of spring. On Passover we experience the renewal of springtime not only in nature around us, but also in the stories we live and relive each year.

On Passover we relive the liberation from bondage in Egypt with all our senses: we taste the bitterness and salty tears of slavery and feel the mortar-like charoset on our tongues. Yet we also taste the fresh greens of

spring and the matzah our ancestors baked on the way to freedom. We sing songs of joy and liberation in Hallel and we recline in our chairs feeling at ease sipping four cups of wine. We experience the renewal of our people eons ago as if it were tonight; we are on the precipice of something new and something great as we take our first steps as a people together.

We experience this renewal by telling our story. That story, as we know, is not yet finished. The Jewish people leave Egypt and will spend 40 years in the wilderness on the way to the promised land.

We, too, know how incomplete our people's freedom is even in the modern-day miracle of the state of Israel. As of this writing 130 remain held hostage in Gaza by Hamas. Israel continues to fight (Continued on page 7)

Presidents Message By: Linda Ungerleider

I am writing this while I am beaming from the ruach at last night's Purim service. The costumes, plenty of readers, the up-to-date TBI slideshow featuring Barbie, delicious hamantaschen, songs and conversation made the evening such a delight. Special thanks to Rabbi Ben, Mark Frydenberg and all who read the Megillah, led songs and booed Haman.

April promises to also be an exciting month. There will be two programs following our Saturday kiddish lunches. One is April 6 with Martha Tolpin discussing more Yiddish literature. It will be a story with a surprise ending. On April 13, Diana Korzenik will talk with Willy Schild about his life after being smuggled out of Belgium.

Another special event will be a special guest speaker, Yehuda Michael, who will speak about Israel through a new lens after minyan and a Passover breakfast on Sunday, April 28. Some of you will remember Yehuda worshipping at TBI while studying at Brandeis and a guest at the home of Dina and Brad Baker. See the program information on page 2.

Let's not forget the first seder of Passover starts on Monday evening, April 22. Come join our second night Seder, on Tuesday evening, April 23. Please see the flier on page 3. All reservations with payment must be received by Monday, April 15 at 12:00 pm. Looking forward to our community coming together with each other and the community for this seder led by Rabbi Ben.

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Rabbi Ben's Upcoming Programs

Classes unless otherwise noted, will be held in-person with a Zoom option available to those unable to attend in person. To attend, please contact Rabbi Ben at rabbiben@tbiwaltham.org or 781-894-5146. Zoom links will be made available the week before each event.

1. Who Knows One, Two, Three, and More? Sunday April 7, 10-11 AM, hybrid

Community Passover Tradition Exchange

Prepare for Passover by learning new and familiar traditions for the seder from around the world and around TBI! Come with a tradition you or your family enjoy to share with others as we exchange ideas for our seders. Props, ritual objects, and seder plates encouraged!

2. HOT TOPICS CLASS with Special Guest Speaker Sunday April 28, 10:30 AM (following minyan at 9 AM and Passover Breakfast at 9:45) (THIS IS IN PLACE OF MY HOT TOPICS CLASS)

Former TBI regular and friend of the Bakers, will join us to share updates on his life since he studied at Brandeis. He earned degrees in International Development+Conflict Resolution, Coexistence, and Business Administration here in Waltham. He will share personal perspectives on being Jewish in the world today.

- **3. Yom Hashoah Memorial Gathering, Sunday May 5, 2-4 PM Hybrid** Join TBI members for an intimate memorial gathering to mark Yom Hashoah, Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day. We will offer traditional memorial prayers and share stories of family and friends who perished or were affected by the Holocaust.
- 4. Rabbi Ben at Lehraus (425 Washington St. in Somerville), Sunday May 5 at 5:30 PM In Person Only

Rabbi Ben will teach the following class at Lehraus. This class is co-sponsored by NextGen and open to all members of TBI as well as the wider Boston community. Registration link to follow soon from Lehraus. This class will be offered on a sliding scale.

Swap Doom Scrolling for Community: How to Combat Loneliness Today
Everything God creates is "Tov" or "good" save for the first human, Adam, being
alone, which is "lo tov" or "not good." In this workshop we will practice hands-on
strategies from Torah, storytelling, and pastoral care to build community and become
a social connector to combat what US Surgeon General Vivek Murphy has
named an epidemic of loneliness in the US. Join to learn how you can
become an instrument of connection in your community and beyond!

Temple Beth Israel Community Passover Seder

on the Second Night of Passover,
Tuesday Night April 23 - 6:30

Doors open at 6pm

Seating by 6:30pm and Doors will close at 6:45pm

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Name(s)			
Phone Contact	Email for this Reservation		
Fees Adults at \$60 per person Subsidized Contribution \$50/adult Children (ages 10-18) at \$30 Children under 10 (free) Help Make "Our Cup Runith Over" By Sponsor First Cup of Wine—\$100 Second Cup of Wine—\$200 Elijah's Cup—\$300 Miriam's Cup—\$400	Dietary Concerns Vegetarian Meals Gluten Free Meals Other (please specify) How can you help before or on the day of the Seder? Go shopping Kasher the kitchen Portion or serve food Set tables Clean up, wash dishes, reset the hall		
How can you participate during the Seder? Lead a favorite song, prayer, or melody? (describe Read in English Hide or Find the Afikoman Sing	Miriam's cup Matzah cover		

To reserve your space, please return this form before **Monday**, **April 15**, **2024** with your total payment to **Temple Beth Israel**, **25 Harvard Street**, **Waltham**, **MA 02453**. You also may reserve your space online at **www.tbiwaltham.org** (please contact us with additional information on this form or any special requests). Reservations made after April 15, 2024, must be confirmed with the Temple office, and will be honored based on availability. We regret that we cannot accept reservations or payments the day of or at the door.





Rosh Hodesh Group - Sunday April 7 @ 5-6pm TBI Lobby

Rosh Hodesh has traditionally been a time when women would not work; instead, they would get together to celebrate with food, wine, etc. TBI has started its own Rosh Hodesh group for those identifying as female.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7 @ 5:00 pm in the TBI alcove. We will discuss Pesach rituals that include the matriarchs and other female ancestors. Bring your Miriam's cup or other ritual to share. If you would like to make a Miriam's cup from your own wine glass

afterwards, please email me at dickinsondr@hotmail.com.

RSVPs are appreciated.



Friday Night Kabbalat Services April 5th

Join us in house for Happy 1/2 Hour beginning at 5:45pm with wine and cheese

Services begin both in house and online at 6:30pm

PURIM - A great time was had by all who attended. Thanks to everyone that read



Yiddish Stories - with Martha Tolpin

Martha Tolpin continues her presentation of stories by, and discussions about, the founders of modern Yiddish literature: Mendele, the Seller of Books; I.L Peretz; and Sholom Aleichem. On April 6th, after services and kiddish lunch, Martha will present a short, irreverent story by Sholem Aleichem, variously known as "The Search" and "A Yom Kippur Scandal".



Let's keep up the jolly mood of Purim for as long as we can! Read the story, "A Yom Kippur Scandal" here.

This program will be available on Zoom for those that can not make it to services in-house.

TBI PORTRAITS - Facilitated by Diana Korzenik

I will interview Willy Schild on his life story highlighting his experiences in Belgium, Cuba, New York, Brazil and Israel. Intermingled will be stories about his war time accounts, military service (both in the US and Israel). We will also discuss his teaching, research, and relationships (some highs and lows).

TBI PORTRAITS will take place on Saturday April 13th after Kiddush. This will be on Zoom as well as in house.

Contact Diana Korzenik if you would like to volunteer to be an interviewee.

Social Justice Committee

Chair: Joshua Mandell

- The Warming Center is now closed. Thank you to everyone that volunteered and made it a big success.
- The Community Day Center (collection bin in the lobby) is looking for, †shirts, new socks, mens underwear, size medium, shampoo, women's and men's spring clothes.
- There is a bin in our lobby for used books that are donated to More than Words.
- We are collecting canned salmon for the Family Table. Please place your donations in the wood bin in the Temple Lobby.

Programs coming in future months

- Sunday May 5 Yom Hashoah Memorial Gathering 2-4pm
- Sunday May 5 Rabbi Ben at Lehraus 5:30pm
- TBD Auschwitz Exhibit Field Trip in May
- TBI Annual Meeting June
- Mental Health Panel Discussion Led by Howard Trachtman June
- Whale Watch
- Havdallah and a Movie



Ta'anit Bekhorot: Fast of the First Born Siyyum Following Morning Minyan

Monday Morning, April 22nd 7:30 am

On the night the first born of the Egyptians were slain, the first born of the Israelites were saved. To remember the loss of the life and in gratitude for salvation, firstborn children fast on the day preceding Pesach. The fast begins at dawn on Monday April 22nd and the common practice is to break the fast in the morning at a *seudat mitzvah* (a celebratory meal) following a *siyyum*, the celebration of the completion of study of a unit of Torah, Mishnah, or Talmud. The *siyyum* creates a joyful atmosphere that pushes aside the requirement to continue the fast.

The siyyum and chometz sale will take place immediately following morning minyan, Monday April 22nd.

This year's siyyum is sponsored by Merrill and Carol Griff.



Visit http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide to view the Rabbinical Assembly's 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 this form, which must be received in the mail no later than Friday April 19th, to make sure it gets to the Rabbi in time. You may deliver it to the Rabbi in person by 7:00 am, Monday, April 22nd.

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Berme – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined by Torah arbe found. Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell has the full power and all the same powers and authority that I have invested Pesach, which this year begins with sundown on Monda 2024.	nd rabbinic law, and to leas ad authority to assign or app If in the rabbi. This transac	e all places wherein <i>hametz</i> owned may point a substitute to act in my behalf with tion will be in effect for the duration of
And to this I hereby affix my signature on this	day of	, in the year 2024.
Signed Name		
Printed Name		
Address		

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a war for its security and survival. Israeli soldiers and their families pray every day for their loved ones to come home safe. Innocent people across the region are suffering from the loss of their homes, their health, and their loved ones.

Passover comes to remind us what renewal and potential feel like. Its story gives us a (literal) taste of freedom that inspires us that we too can achieve a measure of redemption with God's help. If our ancestors in servitude for hundreds of years to the world's most powerful empire could become free, so too can we when we take the first step and trust that more will come. According to the midrash, Nachshon ben Aminadav took the first steps into the Red Sea, and then God parted it.

Here at TBI we are looking forward to retelling and reliving this story of hope and freedom with you. Join us for our community seder on Tuesday night April 23; we are excited to hold a seder for the first time since before the pandemic, and we would love your help to make it happen! (see flyer for more details). We will share Passover traditions with one another on Sunday April 7 and hear an on-the-ground update from Israel from former TBI'nik Yehudah Michael on Sunday April 28. Willy Schild will share his journey to freedom at our next installment of Portraits on April 13 and Martha Tobin will share insights from our next Yiddish short story on April 7.

Thank you to so many in our community for sharing your stories, and our story of freedom, this month. These stories remind us who we are, where we come from, and where we are going, and bring us forward on that path together.

Chag Sameach- Happy holiday of Passover!

Rabbi Ben

Rabbi Ben's Office Hours

Wednesdays from 9:30am –10:00am will be Zoom Only. Click Here to enter the zoom room.

From 10:00am - 12:00pm people can make an appointment or just drop in, understanding they may need to wait if someone is already with me.

On April 3rd office hours will be by appointment only.

On April 24th (during Passover) there will be no office hours.

Passover Service Schedule

Monday April 22 - Morning Minyan, Siyyum and Chometz Sale - 7:30am

Tuesday April 23 - Community Seder 6:30pm

Wednesday April 24 - Service 9:00am (Hybrid)

Thursday April 25 - Morning Minyan 8:00am

Friday April 26 - Yizkor and Welcoming Shabbat—5:30pm online only

Saturday April 27 - Regular Shabbat Services 9:30am (Hybrid)

Sunday April 28 - 9:00am (see page 2 for details)

Monday and Tuesday April 29 and 30 8:00am (Hybrid) Yizkor will take place on April 30 and this service will be followed by breakfast.



Donations

Saturday Kiddush Donations

March 23 - Diana Korzenik

Sharing a light lunch after services each week strengthens and creates community. \$200 sponsors one Shabbat lunch for up to 40 people. Contact the office to reserve your week today!

General Fund Donations

- Merrill Griff, in memory of his father
 Harris Griff will be sponsoring the Siyyum
 before Passover.
- Anita Kennen, in memory of her parents Toby/Thelma and Julius/Yukee Kennen.
- Leon Schiff donated to our Warming Center

Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one listed on our yahrzeit page, or in honor of a special someone's life cycle event. You can use the form on page 11 and send in a check or donate online at our website using a credit card.

Thank You

Thanks to those who read Torah, Haftarah, led a portion of the service, were a gabbai, or gave a D'var Torah recently:

- Mark Frydenberg
- Scott Tepper
- Phyllis Werlin
- Alan Levine
- Zach Roe
- Dana Fine
- Erika Mackin
- Catherine Cantrell

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to volunteer to be gabbai, to read from the Torah or chant a Haftarah, or contact Mark Frydenberg or Rabbi Ben if you would like to give a D'var Torah in the coming months.

"Auschwitz: Not Long Ago; Not Far Away"

Starting March 15 and ending on September 2 there is a new exhibition coming to Boston. It is entitled, "Auschwitz: Not Long Ago; Not Far Away". The exhibit will feature over 700 items from the Holocaust. The exhibit will be held at the Castle, Park Plaza, 130 Columbus Ave. Boston. Tickets for seniors are about \$28.00. We would like to get at least ten people to go so we qualify for a group rate. There is a showing every thirty minutes and the tour lasts between an hour and a half to two hours. An audio device will guide your tour. There are no tour guides.

We are planning a trip for May 19th if we can get 10 or more people to attend. Please contact Andrea via email if you would like to attend.

zoom



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 <u>zoom.us</u> 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.**

For the latest schedule of online events, visit http://www.tbiwaltham.org/.

Dates	April	Meeting ID
	Shabbat Services Online	
April 5	Happy 1/2 Hour 5:45pm Inhouse and Online Services begin at 6:30	Click Here to Join
April 12, 19, 26	Shabbat Service - 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Online only	
April 6, 13, 20, 27	Shabbat Morning In-house and Online 9:30 am	Click Here to Join
	Thursday Morning Minyan	
April 6, 13, 18, 25	Morning Minyan 8:00 am Online only	Click Here to Join
	Sunday Morning Minyan	
April 28 see page 2	Sun. Morning Minyan & Breakfast 9:00am Yehudah Michael Teaching 10:30	Click Here to Join
All Online Services	All Online Services	858 6689 6770 pw: TBIservice

Rabbi Ben's Monthly Classes

April 11	Jewish Prayer 2.0: How, What, and Why We Pray Second Thursday of the Month, 7:00pm	Contact Rabbi Ben if Interested. Zoom Link available the week before the program
April 18	New Lenses on the Weekly Parsha - Online Only Third Thursday of the month at 12pm	Contact Rabbi Ben if Interested. Zoom Link available the week before the program
Passover Week April 22 - April 29	For a complete list of Passover inhouse and online services check out page 7	

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

If your loved one is remembered here, we remind you that it is customary to acknowledge the yahrzeit with tzedakah. TBI appreciates any gift you wish to make in memory of your loved ones.

April Yahrzeits

- April 4 Caroline Nudelman, in memory of her father, Gerald Woolf
- April 9 Miriam Chernoff, in memory of Pauline
 Chernoff
- April 10 Marlene Leboff, in memory of her daughter, Barbara Leboff
- April 10 Merrill Griff, in memory of Ethel Griff
- April 11 Anita Kennen and Alan Kennen, in memory of their father, Julius "Yukie" Kennen
- April 11 Alan Levine, in memory of his father,
 Phillip Levine
- April 15 Janet Moses, in memory of her mother, Ina Moses
- April 19 Susan Schy, in memory of Sidney Silver
- April 22 Catherine Cantrell, in memory of Myron Goretzky
- April 28 In memory of Racquel Scarlett
- May 2 Larry Bloom, in memory of his mother,
 Jeanne Bloom
- May 2 Miriam Chernoff, in memory of Morris
 Ullman
- May 3 Ed Brown, in memory of Moshe Ben
 Agron
- May 4 George Isaac, in memory of Richard Cutter
- May 6 Phyllis Werlin, in memory of Jacob
 Werlin

May Yahrzeits

- May 8 Bruce Trager, in memory of Samuel Trager
- May 8 Anita Kennen and Alan Kennen, in memory of their mother, Thelma Kennen
- May 9 Edward Kaufman, in memory of Freda Kaufman
- May 11 Celia Shneider, in memory of Nicholas Shneider Fairweather
- May 13 Phyllis Werlin, in memory of Margaret
 Werlin
- May 13 Amy Rothman, in memory of Rebecca Zall
- May 15 Robert Kaitz, in memory of Goldie Stoerger
- May 15 Bruce Trager, in memory of Mary Trager
- May 15 Bobby Shirazi, in memory of his father,
 Baba Shirazi
- May 18 Merrill Griff, in memory of Samuel Louis
 Griff
- May 19 Patricia McCue, in memory of her father
 Morris Canter
- May 23 Anita Kennen and Alan Kennen, in memory of their grandmother, Fannie Kennen
- May 25 Merrill Griff, in memory of Freda Griff
- May 27 Esther Keaney, in memory of Helen Keaney
- May 27 Kenzie Edwards, in memory of her soulmate, Angela Fox
- May 29 Zach Roe, in memory of Lori Ann Roe
- May 29 Bruce Trager, in memory of Sophie Trager
- May 30 Stephen Etkind, in memory of his mother
 Lillian Etkind





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 \$3,600 per grave, which includes one year of membership.

You must be a Temple member for two or more consecutive years to take advantage of Member pricing; Non-member pricing applies to all others.

Kulanu is dedicated to serving the needs of Jewish Temple members who are married to a non-Jewish Graves in the Kulanu interfaith section are sold in lots of two, at a total cost of \$4,400 for The cost for non-members is \$7,200 for a lot of two, which includes one year of family members. membership.

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 and Alan Levine **Cemetery Committee Chairs**



TBI Bookshelf

By Marilyn Racette

For this month, when we will celebrate Passover, I'd like to recommend a Gittel's Hands, a children's book by Erica Silverman, with illustrations by Deborah Norse Lattimore. This variation on the Rumpelstiltskin fairy tale is set in a tiny village at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains. Yakov the water carrier has a kind-hearted and talented daughter. Gittel bakes and sews and cooks and embroiders while she listens to her father, who loves to

talk. One day, as everyone is preparing for Passover, Yakov laments that he cannot buy any more hay because he is already in debt to the hay merchant. When Gittel asks if they could pay the merchant in some other way, Yakov jumps up and says, "Child, come with me!" Yakov praises his daughter's skills, and the crafty merchant sets Gittel three tasks, but makes certain that she will fail each time by withholding needed materials. Gittel's kindness earns her the help of Elijah; despite her father's boastful words and the merchant's duplicity, all turns out for the best. The illustrations, in the style of famous painter Marc Chagall, are a wonderful complement to this tale.

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For your convenience, please use this form to make your donations and send to: Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA

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Mark Your Calendar! April Highlights

Friday Night Shabbat Service	Happy 1/2 Hour and Kabbalat Shabbat Service In House and Online 5:45pm First Friday of the month Welcoming Shabbat Service online only- 5:30—6:00
Shabbat Morning	Shabbat Morning Services - at 9:30am In House and Online
Rosh Chodesh Group	See Page 4 for Details
TBI Portraits	See page 5 for details
Check out our Programs	See page 2 and 9 for details
Passover Community Seder	See page 3 for Details
Minyan, Breakfast & Hot Topic	See Pages 2 for Details This month, we will have a minyan, a Guest Speaker, and Breakfast will include Fried Matzah