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Temple Talk

Brought To You By Rabbi Ben: Adding Our Light

By: Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell

Shalom!

I write to you the day after our Annual Meeting filled with pride, joy, and hope for our community. Pride in all of our accomplishments this year, joy at the celebration of our community, and hope in what is to come next year and beyond.

Yesterday I shared how in the Torah portion of Beha'alotcha, Aaron kindles the flames of the menorah in the Tabernacle. This light has represented our people's devotion to God and to one another from the times of the Bible until today. In 1914, 110 years ago, we lit the light of the menorah here in Waltham when Temple Beth Israel established its location here on Harvard Street. It is a remarkable accomplishment

that this light remains strong today. It is now on us to carry that flame forward by each adding our own light to the flame of our community.

There are so many ways we have added our light this year. So many stepped up to organize and execute a joyous Passover seder for the first time in 5 years. So many step up each week to lead services, read Torah, and share meaningful teachings. So many came out just one day after the fast of Yom Kippur to build our sukkah. So many volunteered at our warming center and contributed to area organizations to share our community's light with others. As we each contributed our light, the flame of TBI burns bright as a beacon on
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Presidents Message

By: Linda Ungerleider

Thank you to those that attend the Annual Meeting on June 23. We heard the highlights from each committee chairperson. New members! More Torah readers! A wonderful second night of Passover Seder! Rabbi Ben's teachings! Portraits! Yiddish short stories! Kayaking! And so much more!

Welcome new Board of Directors members Denise Dickerson as co-chair of Program Committee and Sue Schy as Inclusion Committee chair. Erika Mackin will co-chair the House Committee and Dina Baker is now the chair of the Development Committee. As part of her portfolio, Dina will be overseeing a strategic planning ad hoc committee to determine ways TBI can continue to grow and be sustainable as a vibrant community.

I am so looking forward to another exciting and meaningful year! Together we will continue to build on our successes, find new learning opportunities, welcome all into our community and continue to support our Tikkun Olam projects.

Wishing all of you a pleasant summer. We will hold our regularly scheduled services. See you in August with more programs, including Kabbalah Shabbat services and pot luck dinner on August 2!

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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.

New Lens on the Weekly Parsha - Thursday July 18 at 12:00pm on Zoom only [Click Here](#).

Minyan, Breakfast and Hot Topics - Sunday July 21 at 9am in house and on Zoom - [Click Here](#).

Who Do We Help: Priorities in Tzedakah and Justice Work

Sunday July 21, 10:30 AM in-person and accessible by Zoom at link below, following minyan at 9 AM and light breakfast at 9:45

In a world of limited resources, we confront daily the decision of who to assist in our charity and justice work. Do we prioritize the local food pantry or life-saving medical treatment abroad? The Jewish community in Israel or our non-Jewish neighbors here in Waltham? Jewish law provides guidance on balancing commitments to those close and far from us for both practical and redemptive reasons; join for a discussion that will inform our work in Waltham and beyond to repair the world!

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 you can make an appointment or just drop in, understanding they may need to wait if someone is already with me.

****There will be no office hours on July 3**

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Harvard Street to all who encounter it.

Yesterday, Linda invited participants at our Annual Meeting to share their ideas on how to ensure TBI's light remains strong into the future. I was moved by the overflowing board of post-its our members shared. The enthusiasm and participation of our members filled me with hope for our future. As we sang Hatikva (the hope) to close our meeting, I felt a profound sense of faith that we will meet the challenges ahead together.

"Mah Tovv Ohaleicha Ya'akov- how goodly/beautiful are your tents O Jacob." Thank you to each of you, members of TBI, committee chairs and board members led by our President, Linda, and our executive director Andrea, for making our community the beautiful tent it is and for sharing your light with our community. I cannot wait to see the light we will create this next year and beyond!

Rabbi Ben Chaidell

Rosh Chodesh
Women's Group



Rosh Chodesh Group

Sunday July 7th @ 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 meeting will be held on Sunday, July 7th @ 5:00 pm in the TBI alcove for Rosh Chodesh Tammuz bring your favorite Israeli snack, beverage, story, etc. to share. please email me at dickinsondr@hotmail.com.

RSVPs are appreciated.

Next Program will be August 4th - Rosh Chodesh Av

Contact Denise Dickinson at dickinsondr@hotmail.com for questions, etc.

Portraits: Facilitated by Diana Korzenik



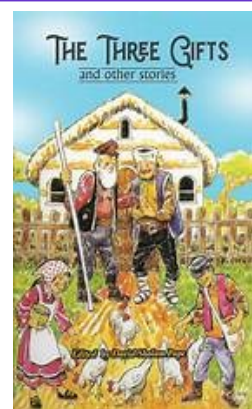
Join us on Saturday, July 13 after Kiddush for our next Portraits featuring Tzvi Abusch. Join us for services at 9:30am, Kiddush lunch after services and Portraits beginning immediately following lunch around 1 pm.

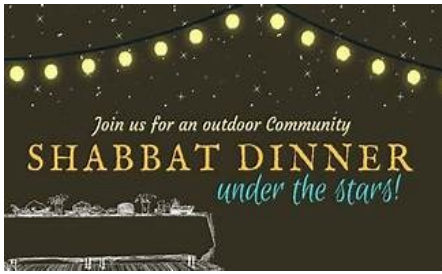
Yiddish Literature with Martha Tolpin

Yiddish stories, "the classics," with Martha Tolpin will continue on July 20th with I. L. Peretz's story "The Three Gifts." Because it is a bit long, Martha will omit and/or summarize parts of it. It does pay to read the whole story!

[Click here to read the story](#), which begins on page 41 or pick up a copy on the table in the lobby.

The program will be accessible by Zoom on the same link as services: [Click Here](#)





Shabbat Under the Stars!

Kaballat Shabbat at Dina and Brad's Home

Friday August 2, 6:30 PM

When: Friday, August 2, 2024, 6:30 service; 7:30 potluck dinner

Where: Home of Dina and Brad Baker,

RSVP: to the Temple Office and let us know what you will be bringing to share.

Bring: a dairy or pareve side dish, salad, or dessert to share with the group
Main courses, beverages, and challah will be provided by the host.

Waltham Pride Day

June 16th

Thank you so much for representing TBI at our interfaith table at Waltham Pride!
It meant a lot that we stood together with the LGBTQ community and our faith partners.
Today reminded me why I am proud to be the rabbi at TBI!
Enjoy the attached pictures!
Rabbi Ben



Social Justice Committee

Chair: Joshua Mandell

- The Community Day Center (collection bin in the lobby) is looking for, t-shirts, new socks, mens underwear, size medium and large, women's and men's spring and summer 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.
- Watch for further information about an upcoming talk from a Boston University professor as part of our participation in the Kulanu Initiative.



SUN., JULY 28th

WHALE WATCHING CRUISE WITH TBI

Included in the cruise:

- 3.5- to 4-hour whale watching tour on the Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary
- High-speed catamarans
- Professional, knowledgeable naturalists on board
- Sightings guaranteed
- Cash bar
- Light snacks available for purchase
- Outdoor viewing decks and indoor spaces with large windows

Let's get together again, and experience together the majesty of the whales, the Boston Harbor, and our community.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY JULY 12

<https://forms.gle/zkwZtjCQxGY42nSu6>

or contact the TBI office

**11:30am sailing from
New England Aquarium**

Group Rate: \$58 per person

The group rate will only be available if 20 people make a reservation in advance, otherwise it is \$70 for adults, \$62 for Seniors, \$50 for children under age 13, and \$5 for toddlers under 2.

**\$40 for NextGen and guests
(ages 22-45)**

**Bring or purchase your own
snacks/beverages**

LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE

**RSVP to the Temple Office by
Friday July 12th.**

NEXT GEN

The group has been busy over the past few months. They planned and held 2 events; a smores night and a triva night get together at a local bar on Main St. If you are between the ages of 22 and 45, contact Joshua Mandell at joshua6781@gmail.com to be added to their contact list.

Hi everyone! Congratulations to our two NextGen teams at Joe Sent Me's bar trivia tonight... they won second and third place out of many teams who competed tonight! We're hoping this will be a regular monthly event!





Donations

Saturday Kiddush Donations

- June 29 - Carmen Cooper
- July 6 - Sylvia Hobbs
- July 13 - Scott Tepper
- August 31 - Dina Baker and Toni Wolfman

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!

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.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer to be gabbai, to read from the Torah or chant a Haftarah, or sponsor a kiddush or contact Mark Frydenberg or Rabbi Ben if you would like to give a D'var Torah in the coming months.

General Fund Donations

- Diana Korzenik, in honor of Tzvi Abusch's second Bar Mitzvah
- Lois Rosenthal, in memory of her aunt, Freyda Pransky

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.

GIVE FREELY

Introducing a new & exciting way for you, your friends & family to support Temple Beth Israel. Generate a \$10 donation to Temple Beth Israel for free, in under 60 seconds. Here's how: Give Freely is an online shopping assistant that finds you savings at over 10,000 stores and also generates donations to Temple Beth Israel when you shop, at no cost to you. It's super easy to install on your desktop browser only, and when you do Give Freely will make a \$10 donation to Temple Beth Israel in your name. Visit [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) to install.

Programs coming in future months

- Kabbalat Shabbat Under the Stars Friday August 2, at the home of Dina and Brad Baker
- Whale Watch
- Havdallah and a Movie
- Tai Chi

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.

July Yahrzeits

- July 8 - Merrill Griff, in memory of Barbara Griff Kappitt
- July 9 - Michael Tyutyunik, in memory of his mother, Liliya Tyutyunik
- July 12 - Julian Webb, in memory of Manya Webb
- July 12 - Ellen Zane, in memory of her father Sam Weinstein
- July 14 - Eleanor Baker, in memory of her father, Harry Baker
- July 15 - Arthur Marion, in memory of his father, Harry Marion
- July 16 - Ben Nudelman, in memory of Alex Greenbaum
- July 17 - Carol Halberstadt, in memory of Maneham Snyder
- July 20 - Erika Cohen, in memory of her husband Ben Cohen
- July 20 - Dianne Levine, in memory of her husband, Mark Levine
- July 22 - Ben Nudelman, in memory of Mark Nudelman
- July 25 - Alan Levine, in memory of Bessie Levine Hauser
- July 26 - Arthur and Margie Marion, in memory of their son, Marc David Marion
- July 28 - Barbara Camann, in memory of Charlotte Cohen
- July 30 - Frank Orovitz, in memory of Irma Orovitz
- July 30 - Merrill Griff, in memory of Mason Griff
- Aug 2 - Jim Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their mother, Nessie Baron
- Aug 6 - Caroline Nudelman, in memory of her mother, Rita Woolf
- Aug 8 - Martin Taubman, in memory of his wife, Joan Taubman
- Aug 12 - Jim Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their grandfather, Joseph Kaplan

August Yahrzeits

- Aug 12 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of his grandfather, William Schwartz
- Aug 12 - Paul and Albert Smith, in memory of their father, Benjamin Smith
- Aug 13 - Ed Brown, in memory of his father, Hyman Brown
- Aug 13 - Linda Ungerleider, in memory of Frances Yellowitz
- Aug 13 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her grandfather, Irving Zall
- Aug 16 - Merrill Griff, in memory of his aunt, Evelyn Forbes
- Aug 20 - Carol Halberstadt, in memory of her father, Maneham Halberstadt
- Aug 22 - Ed Kaufman, in memory of his father in law, Nathan Ullian
- Aug 23 - Patricia McCue, in memory of her mother, Sadye Canter
- Aug 23 - Julie Gagnon, in memory of her grandmother, Mulcan bat Yosef
- Aug 24 - Ed Kaufman, in memory of his sister in law, Adele Ullian
- Aug 24 - Dina Baker, in memory of her father, Bernard Wolfman
- Aug 25 - Bobby Shirazi, in memory of his mother Nadia Shirazi
- Aug 26 - Avi Birsan, in memory of Dumitra Birsan
- Aug 26 - Anita and Alan Kennen in memory of their grandmother, Anna Katz
- Aug 29 - James Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their great-grandfather, Walter Kaplan
- Aug 29 - Diana Korzenik, in memory of Harold Korzenik
- Aug 30 - Alan Levine, in memory of Harris Greene
- Aug 30 - Diana Korzenit, in memory of Minnie Pesche



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 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 \$7,200 for a lot of two, which includes one year of family 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

A few months ago, we were able to receive a free subscription to PJ Library. This organization also sends free, high quality children's books to Jewish families every month, "stories to spark conversations that inspire the whole family to explore and celebrate what they love about Jewish life." The latest addition to our library of children's books is *It's Challah Time!* Written by Latifah Berry Kropf with photography by Moshe Shai, this charming book shows a group of preschoolers preparing for Shabbat. They follow the recipe to make the challah dough, let it rise, braid and bake the loaves. The book includes a recipe for whole wheat challah, as well as the blessings over the Shabbat candles, the grape juice, and the bread.

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
- High Holiday Fund
- TBI Community Outreach
- Warming Center Fund
- Saturday Kiddush Fund -(Minimum \$200)

This donation is being made in honor of in memory of _____.

This donation is made by:

Name: _____
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