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Temple Talk

Brought To You By Rabbi Ben: Entering Elul

By: Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell

Shalom!

Believe it or not, we are about to enter the new Hebrew year of 5785 on Rosh Hashanah Wednesday night October 2.

The new year opens up new possibilities for us as individuals and as a community. As our liturgy states, "hayom harat olam," or today, the world was born. Our mahzor Lev Shalem suggests this phrase can be more aptly translated: "today the world is pregnant [with possibility]." Today we have the chance to create our world anew as God did. We have the chance through teshuvah (return) to

become better versions of ourselves, and in so doing, discover new possibilities for ourselves, for our communities, and for the world as a whole. After this last difficult year, we need this sense of possibility more than ever. Rosh Hashanah reminds us that every year, the world is reborn.

If the world is born on Rosh Hashanah, then the month of Elul preceding it, to continue the above metaphor, is the birth canal. As Rabbi Dr. Dalia Marx writes, it is "the passageway through

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President's Message

By: Linda Ungerleider

September promises to be an exciting month! Join us for a plethora of services and programs. On September 6, there will be Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a temple-cooked dinner. Stay after Saturday kiddush as Diana Korzenik and Rose Myers lead informative discussions on September 7th and September 21st

Our Open House on Sunday, September 8 will welcome new and perspective members. Please invite your relatives and acquaintances to visit and meet our vibrant community and find out what we have to offer. All members are encouraged to join us on Sunday, September 22 for a discussion on growing and sustaining our community into the future. Dina Baker, Chair of the Development Committee, will facilitate this important strategic planning session. Please plan on attending.

Dr. Christopher Evans, Professor of Theology at Boston University, will be speaking on Christian Nationalism: Roots and Realities on Wednesday, September 25. This important topic is a threat to us as Jews, as well as our democracy. We welcome you, your invitees and the community. Our monthly bulletin and weekly eblasts contain pertinent information for all services and events. Our website is also a vital resource for our happenings for you and your acquaintances. I look forward to seeing many of you at TBI in September and the coming months.

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Membership Update

Edie Rosenberg

On Sunday, September 8th, 11:00am-1:00pm, we will be holding an Open



House. Come shmooze with members and potential members. Come meet Committee Chairs and learn more about ritual, educational, social, cultural and social justice events at TBI. Please invite anyone you know who might be interested in joining our community! The more, the merrier. Light refreshments will be served.





Temple Beth Israel Community | Tradition | Inclusion

We offer:

- Shabbat morning services with Kiddush lunch
- Weekly Shabbat evening services online, monthly in person with an "oneg" before or dinner after
- Online Thursday morning minyan
- Monthly Sunday morning service, breakfast, and Hot Topics with Rabbi Ben
- Social Justice, Cultural, and Social Events
- Member-led educational programs
- Rosh Chodesh Group
- NextGen Gatherings for 20s/30s
- Tikkun Olam Projects: Warming Center for the Unhoused, Family Table, Vegetable Gardens



Sunday, September 8 11:00 am - 1 pm 25 Harvard Street Waltham, MA

Open House Activities:

Learn with Rabbi Ben Chaidell Meet TBI Board Members Shmooze with TBI members Get info about TBI programs Enjoy light refreshments Activities for kids

For More Information:

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Temple Beth Israel is an egalitarian, traditional synagogue welcoming and including all who seek to enrich their Jewish lives. We are a community that celebrates Shabbat, holidays, and life's daily happenings together; we embrace learning, social, and spiritual growth, and offer a meaningful Jewish presence in the Waltham

Accessibility: Off-street parking; ramp at front entrance; lift from lobby to main level; ADA compliant rest room.

HELP TO CREATE THE FUTURE OF TBI

If you are a member of Temple Beth Israel, then please be with us as we spend the day together:

- Honoring our history;
- Identifying where we are today; and
- Establishing the priorities that will take us into the future

Temple Beth Israel has thrived for more than 100 years because we have always built on our past while pivoting to meet the current times. To continue sustaining TBI, we must gather to envision our future--and how we will make it happen together.

WHEN: Sunday, September 22, 10 am - 4 pm Members only - RSVP by September 16th to RSVP: bit.ly/tbifuture or use the QR Code Lunch & snacks will be provided

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE & DINNER



Join us for a dinner and service on **Friday**, **September 6th**. We will be holding services first at 6:30pm and then will enjoy a delicious shabbat meal.

Cost is \$21/person. Click Here to pay online RSVP before September 3rd.

Portraits: Facilitated by Diana Korzenik Interviewing Ed Brown on September 7th

Join us on Saturday, September 7th after Kiddush for our next Portraits featuring Ed Brown. Join us for services at 9:30am, Kiddush lunch after services, and Portraits beginning immediately

following lunch around 1pm.

Click Here to view this on Zoom.

Rosh Chodesh Group



Join Us on Sunday September 8th at 5pm for Rosh Chodesh Elul.

Hot Topics:

Preparing for High Holy Days in a Post Oct. 7 Reality

Sunday Sept. 29 10:30 AM in-person and accessible by Zoom at link below, following inperson minyan at 9 AM (also accessible by Zoom at link below) and light breakfast at 9:45

This year's High Holy Days will look and feel different given the October 7 attack and the ongoing war in Israel. How will the world around us affect our rituals and prayers this year? We will consider how our holiday celebrations will be both different and the same this year, and how liturgy makes space for the tragedies we experience even as it enables us to look at the broader perspective of life.

Teshuvah in Children's Stories with Rose Meyers

Please join Rose Myers on Saturday, September 21st, at 1:00 pm after Kiddish, as we prepare for the High Holidays by examining forgiveness, guilt, teshuvah, trust both justified and unjustified, regret and missed opportunities in these children's books:

- We're in Big Trouble Blackboard Bear by Martha Alexander
- The Real Thief by William Steig
- Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson

Click Here to view this on Zoom.

Click Here to join on Zoom for the class and minyan.

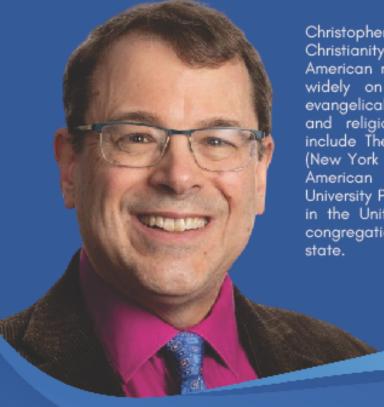
CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM ROOTS AND REALITIES

Wednesday Sept. 25, 2024 7:00 PM

Temple Beth Israel 25 Harvard Street Waltham, MA

ZOOM: Visit tbiwaltham.org

Dr. Christopher Evans explores Christian nationalism, particularly how evangelical Protestant groups claim the US was founded as a Christian nation. He will trace the historical evolution of these beliefs, their rejection of the separation of church and state, and their ties to anti-Semitism. Dr. Evans will also address the paradox of Christian Zionism, where these groups both defend Israel and link its existence to end-times prophecy and conspiracy theories.



Christopher Evans is Professor of the History of Christianity at Boston University. A scholar of American religion, he has taught and published widely on topics related to the history of evangelicalism, religion and American politics, and religion and popular culture. His books include The Social Gospel in American Religion (New York University Press, 2017) and Histories of American Christianity, An Introduction (Baylor University Press, 2013). He is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, having served congregations in Central and Western New York

Temple Beth Israel

RSVP REQUIRED AT: https://bit.ly/drchrisevans or scan QR Code





Pre-Order Your Box Lunch to eat at TBI at 2:00 PM (after Rosh Hashanah Services)

- Specify your choice of Falafel Wrap or Garden Salad with Hard Boiled Egg and Flaked Tuna
- All lunches include chips, apple, cookie, beverage
- \$15 per person, must be pre-paid
- Reservations and payment due to Andrea at TBI by Thursday Sept 26 or pay online (781) 894 5146 or office@tbiwaltham.org
- Minimum of 15 sign-ups necessary to hold the lunch

Tashlich Family Service and Shofar Blowing Waltham Watch Factory South Dock at 3:30PM

- Stay for lunch at TBI or meet at Watch Factory South Dock
- Directions: From TBI, Russell Street to Prospect Street, over the bridge, then right on Crescent, and right into the second Watch Factory entrance opposite Robbins Street to parking area.

Inclusion Committee

by: Sue Schy - Committee Chair

Dear TBI members.

I want to introduce myself. My name is Sue Schy and I am the new Inclusion Chair taking over for Howard Trachtman. I have had hearing loss my entire life and currently have 2 cochlear implants, which help me to hear. I also have 3 adult children and 2 grandchildren. I joined TBI last year and immediately found a warm and inclusive community waiting for me and willing to help me navigate my own special needs.

I want to be here for all of you. Temple Beth Israel wants to be here for all of you, but we need to know who you are and what it is that you need from us. I am well-versed in hearing assistive technology and devices, but not so much about other needs of our community. As I've found out over the years, people are ready and more than willing to help if we only find our voice and ask. It is far too easy to just sit back, and, as I did as a child, just nod my head and pretend that I could hear what was going on. I'm a pro at bluffing, but not so much at always getting my needs met. Advocacy is the key to not only getting those needs met, but also key in educating others as to what those needs are. Please be in touch to let me know what we can do for you and what you might need for assistance in our community.

Unconscious bias exists with all of us. While we strive to be diverse, promote equity, and be inclusive, we also need to know if we are falling short.

I only have 2 questions to get this dialogue started. What is required by law and what an individual needs are often few and far between, and often fall short of what an individual needs in order to navigate their world.

What specific needs do you have?

How do you feel as a community that we can meet those needs?

Enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to hearing (pun intended) from you soon.

Sue

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which the new year begins."

It is in this passageway that we do the work necessary to renew ourselves and the world around us on Rosh Hashanah. The month of Elul is dedicated to reflection on our lives, our purpose, and our relationships with God and with one another. We consider where we have been so that we may know where we are going and how we can grow in the new year.

On September 22 at our strategic planning session led by Dina we will undertake this process as a community. We will reflect on our community's proud 110-year history in Waltham and consider our purpose as we chart our community's future and its sustainability. We hope that just as our personal reflection in Elul paves the way for new growth and possibilities, our communal reflection will open our community to new opportunities for growth and life.

I hope you will join us at our Open House on September 8 as we share with potential members what makes our community special. And on Saturday evening September 28, Cantor Band will lead us in the melodies that will inspire our reflection and our teshuvah this new year.

It is my prayer that our personal and communal journeys this season will meet. May we become fulfilled as individuals through the fellowship, prayer, learning, and service we find at the Temple, and may our community benefit from the contributions each of us make so that, together, we open up new worlds of possibility in this new year.

Shana Tova U'metuka – may a sweet new year await us all.

Rabbi Ben

Tasty Tuesdays

Join us on Tuesday, September 3 when we will be making pesto and babaganoush from basil and eggplant from our grow gardens. \$5 donation requested to cover costs and bring a vegetarian dish for potluck dinner together after if you desire. All are welcome - bring a friend! RSVP by Sunday, Sept. 1 to Andrea (office@tbiwaltham.org).

Here are some pictures from our Pickling Tuesday in August.







Ice Cream at Pizzi Farm

We all had a great time shmoozing and eating ice cream on August 19th.





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A great time was had by all at trivia night at Joe



Sent Me on Wednesday August 28th. Watch for the next one in September. Come join this crazy bunch!!

COMMUNITY BOARD GAME NIGHT AT TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL SEPT. 19, 7:00 PM

Come join us at Temple Beth Israel's social hall for a relaxed evening of classic and new board games. Whether you're a hardcore board game hobbyist or you've never rolled dice before, we hope you will enjoy attending this event, open to the general public. Snacks will be provided! If you have a game that you especially want to play, feel free to bring it! We'll be playing whatever most attendees want to, or splitting into multiple groups if necessary. **Everyone Invited!!**







September 2024

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 | September | Mooting ID |
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| Dales | Shabbat Services Online | Meeting ID |
| September 6 | Service and Dinner 6:30pm | Click Here to Join |
| September 13, 20, 27 | Shabbat Service - 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Online only | <u>GHOR HOTO TO GOIN</u> |
| September 7, 14, 21, 28 | Shabbat Morning In-house and Online 9:30 am | Click Here to Join |
| | Thursday Morning Minyan | |
| September 5,12, 19, 26 | Morning Minyan 8:00 am Online only | Click Here to Join |
| | Sunday Morning Minyan | |
| September 29 | Morning Minyan & Light Breakfast 9:00am Rabbi Ben Teaching 10:00am | Click Here to Join |
| All Online Services | All Online Services | 858 6689 6770 pw: TBIservice |

Rabbi Ben's Monthly Classes

| None during the summer | Jewish Prayer 2.0: How, What, and Why We Pray Second Thursday of the month at 7pm | Contact Rabbi Ben if Interested. Zoom Link available the week before the program |
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| September 19 | 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 |
| September 29 | Minyan and Breakfast and Hot Topics only 9:00am in house and online | This program can be viewed on the Service Zoom link above. |

High Holy Day Services and Schedule 5785



All services will be in person and on Zoom unless otherwise listed.

Dates and Times are subject to change.

| Selichot | Saturday, Sept. 28 | 7:00 pm Havdalah, Meaning and Melodies of the High Holy Days 8:30 pm Selichot Service |
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| Erev Rosh HaShanah | Wednesday, Oct. 2 | 6:45 pm Dessert Reception 7:30 pm Evening Service |
| Rosh HaShanah Day 1 | Thursday, Oct. 3 | 9:00 am Morning Service 2:30 pm Lunch at TBI (Prepaid and Reservations Required) 3:30 pm Tashlich & Family Service at Watch Factory South Dock, Crescent St across from Robbins St. |
| Rosh HaShanah Day 2 | Friday, Oct. 4 | 9:00 am Morning Service 5:00 pm Tashlich (Rain Date) |
| Shabbat Shuva | Saturday, Oct. 5 | 9:30 am Shabbat morning service |
| Sunday Minyan followed by Cemetery Memorial Service | Sunday, Oct. 6 | 9:00 am Services (at TBI) Tzom Gedalia 10:30 am Service at Beth Israel Memorial Park, 190 South Street (IN PERSON ONLY) |
| Erev Yom Kippur | Friday, Oct. 11 | 5:15 pm Doors Open 5:40 pm Kol Nidre Service (promptly) |
| Yom Kippur | Saturday, Oct. 12 | 9:00 am Morning Service 11:30 am Yizkor (approximate time) 2:45—3:30 pm Discussion w/Susan Holbert 3:45 pm Mincha, N'eilah, Ma'ariv, Havdalah 6:50 pm Shofar and Break the Fast |
| Build the Sukkah | Sunday, Oct. 13 | TBD We could use your help! |
| Erev Sukkot | Wednesday, Oct. 16 | 6:30 pm Kabbalat Chag (Welcoming Sukkot) 7:00 pm Dairy Dinner in the Sukkah (BYO) |
| Sukkot Yom Tov Day 1 | Thursday, Oct. 17 | 9:30 am Morning Service/Kiddush in Sukkah |
| Sukkot Yom Tov Day 2 | Friday, Oct. 18 | 9:30 am Morning Service/Kiddush in Sukkah 6:30pm Service and Dinner in Sukkah |
| Hol Hammoed Sukkot | Sunday, Oct. 20 | 9:00am Minyan, Breakfast and Hot Topics |
| Hoshanah Rabbah | Wed., Oct. 23 | Field Trip! Join Rabbi Ben at a nearby minyan! |
| Shemini Atzeret / Erev Simchat Torah | Thursday, Oct. 24 | 9:30am Services and Yizkor (approx. 11am) 5:45 pm Snacks 6:30 pm Maariv/Simchat Torah Celebration |
| Simchat Torah Morning | Friday, Oct. 25 | 9:30 am Morning Service: Complete Torah Cycle and Begin Bereishit/Genesis |
| Shabbat Bereshit | Saturday, Oct. 26 | 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services |

If you are planning to attend services for the High Holy Days, please send in your membership contribution or seat contribution then click on the link or scan the QR code.



Donations

Saturday Kiddush Donations

- Sept. 7 Marilyn Racette in memory of her mother.
- Sept. 14 Diana Korzenik iho Catherine Cantrell's birthday

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 <u>CLICK HERE</u> 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.

GIVE FREELY

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It's super easy to install on your <u>desktop</u> 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.

General Fund Donations

- Jim and Andrea Baron, in memory of Joseph Kaplan and Walter Kaplan
- Carrie Gardier, in memory of her parents
- Linda Ungerleider, in memory of Frances Yellowitz

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.

Programs coming in future months

- Prayerbook Hebrew Class
- Torah Trope Class
- Lunch and Tashlich after Rosh
- Hashanah services
- Haftorah Chanting mentoring
- Tai Chi classes
- Sukkah Building
- Pot Luck in the Sukkah
- Dinner in the Sukkah
- Simchat Torah Celebration
- More Portraits, Yiddish Literature and other fun Saturday afternoon programs
- Hanukkah on Christmas

Portraits: Ellen Band

by: Diana Korzenik
Summarized by: Phyllis Werlin

Ellen has been TBI's High Holy Day cantor since 2001.

This is a recap of that interview with some things that you may not know about our Cantor!

Ellen was born in Toronto. Back in the fifties, Toronto's mid-town area, where she lived, was still developing. She is the eldest of her siblings and remembers how all the kids could go out and play in the street all day with no worries.

Ellen's mother Freda was from a small city, Kingston Ontario, and her dad Philip was from Poland. He came to Canada at age 7, speaking only Polish and Yiddish. Her mother was a singer, so we know where Ellen got her musical talent! Ellen says that her mother had a sparkling personality and heard that from the time her mother was very young, she was always singing and dancing.

Ellen's earliest memories of Judaism were watching her mother bless the Shabbat candles and then pray silently for those who were ill. She often went to shul with her father. The shul was Conservative, and women and men sat together, but women did not participate in the service.

When Ellen was 4, a new Hebrew Day School was built locally, and she attended for nine years. Her Kindergarten teachers were Israeli, and she learned Hebrew well enough that she considers it her second language. She also enjoyed the weekly children's services that she attended. The school served cupcakes to entice the kids to come to services! However, after nine years, when it was time to go to high school, Ellen told her parents that she wanted to go to the public high school.

Ellen says when she got there, she felt like an "immigrant." By that she means, there were so many more activities to get involved in that school was like a new country. Even though school life was different from the Hebrew Day School experience and she didn't quite fit in at first, as she was younger and smaller than the other students, she decided to get involved in everything. She played sports, became a cheerleader, and helped decorate for Prom. Ellen says she got a great education; it was one of the best high schools ground.

But Ellen was still shy. So shy in fact that she did not want to go through the formal Bat Mitzvah ritual. It was only much later on that she realized that prayer was something that really spoke to her.

Ellen attended York University in the frozen tundra of North Toronto. Before university, her whole world had mainly been Jewish. All her friends were Jewish. And now in university she was meeting all kinds of people. Her world was opening up.

Ellen describes herself as one who is always pushing out the boundaries of her life. At age 18, after her first year of university, she went to CA with her best friend, hitchhiked around and ended up in the Berkeley Bay area.

Ellen left Canada for the US in 1977 with no papers and was taken aback when an immigration officer at the airport asked why she was going to California and whether or not she had a student visa to attend UCSD. She was worried when he told her to get "status" when she got to San Diego. Things were easier in the 70s, and she was allowed in without a Visa, promising to get one right away.

Ellen had some musical training in piano, In 1973, she took a summer course with the American composer Pauline Oliveros. The course introduced her to the world of Avant Garde/Experimental music and Sound Art. She wasn't trained in music theory but realized that she had great ears and heard sounds in a way that other people did not.

She became knowledgeable in recording technology and set up a studio at her home, where she has different types of microphones and equipment. She experimented with tape loops and sound effects, even recording her canary to sing along with himself!

But Judaism and prayer still called to her. Ellen started attending a synagogue in Somerville, learned how to chant Torah and lead services, which led to leading the High Holy Days in 2000. Ellen entered Hebrew College in what later became their Cantorial school and studied with the Cantor from Kehillat Israel, Scott Sokol, in Brookline. She was invited to become the Ritual Director of KI in January 2002. She auditioned at TBI, for the High Holyday position in April 2001. Not expecting to get the position, she was thrilled when she was offered the role. And now she has been with us for over twenty years!!

As for her musical endeavors, Ellen has not done much since COVID, but is thinking about starting up again, maybe even presenting at TBI. (Ellen forgot to mention that she was a guest composer at RPI in Troy, NY, in October 2023, where she taught 2 classes and was featured in the faculty concert that included a world premiere of a commissioned piece of hers). She has done performances at her loft in Somerville during Open Studios, and hopefully we will be able to see Ellen's other talents in the near future!

Remembering Arthur Marion by Rabbi David Finkelstein

The most beautiful smile I ever saw.

A man who loved to sing and dance and pray, to be with others, tell stories. A man who gave wonderful hugs. He was upset when men didn't wear a yarmulke in the shul. He was so happy in his Judaism that he tried to convert everyone. He wanted everyone to be with him, to be part of the family. Perhaps in part because he grew up at Temple Beth Israel, Arthur's was a sweet and joyful spirit of welcome to all who entered the synagogue.

Although Arthur didn't lead prayers anymore from the bimah when I met him in 2014, his singing was a profound support for me as I led from the bimah. Arthur had so much spirit, so much ruach, a deep deep love for the words and

the songs of Jewish prayer. I will always remember him with the greatest fondness.



A word about Marge. Never was there a more loving or more supportive spouse. I met Arthur and Marge as a pair, attending services together and Torah study, Shabbat meals together and concerts, gardening activities, and interfaith events together. Arthur told me about his father Harry Marion's deli on Moody Street, his days as Mr. Weiner's Hebrew school student, his encounters on the streets of Waltham on his way to TBI, and his initiation with the "alte-kahckers" of Temple Beth Israel (Arthur's words) in the custom of drinking a lechayyim (hard liquor) after services.

My heartfelt condolences to Marge, Renee and Michelle, Aiden, Paige, and Faith, and to everyone who loves and cares for them.

Donations in memory of Arthur:

Rabbis David and Sara, Rafi and Libi Ed Brown Marilyn Racette
Paula Levine Ed Brown Linda Ungerleider

Social Justice Committee

Chair: Joshua Mandell

- The Community Day Center (collection bin in the lobby) is looking for t-shirts, new socks, underwear, size medium and large, women's and men's summer and fall clothes, individual bottles of water and snacks.
- There is a bin in our lobby for used books that are donated to More than Words.
- We are collecting canned salmon and healthy cereal for the Family Table. Please place your donations in the wood bin in the Temple Lobby.
- Just announced: Christopher Evans, Professor of Theology at BU, will be speaking on Wednesday, September 25th. See Flyer on Page 6.

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.

September Yahrzeits

- Sept 2 Merrill Griff, in memory of Ethel Griff
- Sept 4 Hankus Netsky, in memory of Lester Netsky
- Sept 4 Denise Dickinson, in memory of Dennis Dickinson
- Sept 4 Marilyn Racette, in memory of her mother,
 Anna Araten
- Sept 5 Joel Weiner, in memory of Ella Weiner
- Sept 8 Janice Goldstein, in memory of Aaron Blauer
- Sept 12 Susan Baron, in memory of Agatha Baron
- Sept 13 Steven Kennen, in memory of Joseph Kennen
- Sept 14 Helen Lewis, in memory of Hanna Yavelow
- Sept 21 Joan Kent, in memory of Morris Seidman
- Sept 27 Diana Korzenik, in memory of Lillian Shapiro Korzenik
- 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 Korzenik, in memory of Minnie Pesche

October Yahrzeits

- Oct 2 Steven Zieff, in memory of James Zieff
- Oct 6 Stephen Etkind, in memory of Jack Victor Itzkowitz
- Oct 8 Karin Kriegsman, in memory of Stefanie Claire Handel
- Oct 8 Judith Isaac, in memory of her father, Shimone
- Oct 13 Alan Corman, in memory of, Mary Sullivan
- Oct 14 James Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their grandfather, Louis Baron
- Oct 14 Carl Weinstein, in memory of their grandfather, Melvin Cohn
- Oct 16 Miki Abelow, in memory of her father, Arthur Abelow
- Oct 17 Miriam Chernoff, in memory of Cynthia Ullman
- Oct 19 Beth Cormier and Susan Furman, in memory of their mother Florence Furman
- Oct 22 Dina Baker, in memory of her mother,
 Zelda Wolfman
- Oct 23 Dianne Levine, in memory of her mother, Bertha Popolow
- Oct 26 Miki Abelow, in memory of her mother,
 Claire Abelow
- Oct 31 Catherine Cantrell, in memory of her mother, Miriam Bowra
- Oct 31 Roni-Beth Shapiro and Elaine Shapiro, in memory of their mother, Ruth Shapiro

Remembering Ed Kaufman by: Mark Frydenberg

Ed Kaufman died in August at the age of 95. He had been living in a rehab facility in Belmont for the past 4 years. His room was filled with photos of his family along the windowsill – his children Lynn, David, and Alan, and their families, his wife Blanche who died in 1999. and Ellie



Handel, his companion during his retirement years, along with several banners and caps from the Boston Celtics. When I visited him at Belmont Manor, he told stories about the people in his photos, or who sent him birthday cards or balloons, or who came to visit. He complained about the food and was very happy when I brought him a cup of soup from Panera one day. He always asked what was going on at the Temple, even though he was no longer able to attend. While it was difficult for him to get out, he enjoyed spending time in the sunshine in the courtyard at Belmont Manor when he was able.

Eddie was a stalwart at Temple Beth Israel. He worked at Bingo for many years, was on the building committee, and assisted in the kitchen back in the days when Shabbat lunch was a slice of salmon ham, a hand full of iceberg lettuce, and a cling peach, served on a sectioned Styrofoam plate. We've come a long way.

He also served as the synagogue's Treasurer for many years. He was always honored with an Aliyah at Rosh Hashanah which he shared with his son David. Even since he retired, he would be our go-to person for issues about taking care of the building.

Ed was fortunate to have friendship with Ellie Handel (z"l) for many years. I'm told that they both happened to be dining individually at Masao's Kitchen on Moody Street. One of them must have invited the other to their table, and that was the beginning of a companionship that brought joy to both them and their families. When Ellie passed away in 2021, Ed's son David told me in an email, "Ellie's love and support to our Dad was second to none – her generosity and thoughtfulness to my brother, sister and their respective families (as well as me) was off the charts – she will be deeply missed."

Ellie and Ed worked tirelessly behind the scenes to setup for events and keep things going at TBI, and most of us didn't even know when they were here. TBI honored them with a kiddush lunch in 2018 for their many years of service.

Ed also was a cousin of Phyllis Werlin. We remember Ed Kaufman for his love of the Celtics, his family, and Temple Beth Israel.

Donations in memory of Ed:

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—Jim Baron and Alan LevineCemetery Committee Chairs

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| Friday Night Shabbat Service | Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner and Service First Friday of September 6:30pm Welcoming Shabbat Service online only- 5:30pm all other Fridays |
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| Shabbat Morning | Shabbat Morning Services - at 9:30am In House and Online |
| Open House | See Flier Page 2 |
| TBI Portraits and Other Programs in September | See page 3 for details |
| Dr. Christopher Evans Program | See Flier page 4 |
| High Holy Days Calendar | See Page 9 |
| Board Game Night | See Page 7 |
| Donations and Yahrzeits | See Page 10 and 14 for details |