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Temple Talk

Brought To You By Rabbi Ben: Lighting the Darkness

By: Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell

Shalom!

This coming month brings us to the darkest time of the year. As we approach the winter solstice, the sun shines for the fewest hours. This is also a time when many feel emotionally dark, whether due to the season or the individual and communal challenges we face. Our hearts remain with those held hostage in Gaza and those fighting in Israel facing this dark time.

One small gift of living in a dark time is that we notice even a small light, one not visible on a bright sunny day. Perhaps that is why we are commanded to light

Hanukkah candles only once sunset occurs. It is only in the dark that we can see the light. And once we notice one small light, such as the first Hanukkah candle, we can kindle more light and watch the light grow. Each night of Hanukkah we add to the light, and as we come together in community, we banish the darkness.

The Israeli children’s song “Banu Choshech Legaresh” captures this concept. Sung to a strong, determined tune, the song conveys how together we create light:

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President’s Message

By: Linda Ungerleider

We are asking for everyone’s help in determining the future of Temple Beth Israel. We have started to move forward in the four areas identified at our strategic planning day in September. Our four action teams are: building use, Jewish education/programs, publicity and fundraising.

Each of the four action teams have scheduled several meetings through December and January. At these meetings, each action team will begin to develop short-term and long-term plans for the coming year.

We are asking you to join an action team of your choice now! Contact Andrea for the name of each action team’s facilitator and upcoming meeting dates. The facilitator will be in touch with you to welcome you and let you know when the meetings are scheduled.

Our future is bright! TBI wants to grow its membership, meet its member’s needs through Jewish education and services, offer a variety of programs and social justice initiatives, and continue as a supportive community for all.

Be part of building our future!

With much appreciation and gratitude to all action team members,

Linda

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*Banu choshech legaresh,
 beyadeinu or va'esh.
 Kol echad hu or katan,
 vechulanu or eitan.*

We came to drive away the darkness
 in our hands is light and fire.
 Everyone's a small light,
 and all of us are a firm light.

Surah choshech, hal'ah sh'chor! Fight darkness, further blackness!
Surah mipnei ha'or! Fight because of the light!

The song suggests that darkness is not inevitable. We can drive it away by our light, and our light is stronger together.

I am looking forward to enjoying many small moments of light at TBI this month. Welcoming a guest at kiddush, sharing Shabbat dinner, serving someone in need of a warm meal. I feel a particular affection for these small gestures of care during this dark time of year, when we notice the light we bring to one another more than at other times. And from these small moments of warmth, we kindle a greater light that combats the darkness in our world.

Join us at TBI to kick off Hanukkah on Dec. 25, celebrate with latkes on Dec. 29, and light candles at City Hall on December 30 to light up our holiday. Our "enlightening" post kiddush discussions include portraits on Dec. 7 with Prof. Tzvi Abusch, Yiddish stories on Dec. 14 with Martha Tolpin, and Rose Myers' presentation of children's stories on the golem on Dec. 21. We will invite new members to join our community Shabbat dinner on 12/6, and we will invite members of the greater Waltham community to our warming center on Sunday afternoons beginning on 12/1. In this way, we will kindle the light of our community and share its warmth with those who need it.

I am excited to see the light we kindle together at TBI this month and beyond.

Rabbi Ben Chaidell



Shabbat Dinner

December 6, 2024

Service begins at 6:30pm and

Dinner will begin at 7:30pm

Join us for a delicious Temple cooked Shabbat Dinner with some new and longtime members.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, December 4 at noon.

RSVP by [Clicking Here](#), Scanning the QR code or sending an email to office@tbiwaltham.org



**** Cost is \$21 per person \$54/Family**

Reservations confirmed after December 4th will be \$10 more.

No money or reservations at the door.

**** Only members may take advantage of the Mark Frydenberg Event Participation fund by submitting what they can.**



Back to Basics with Rabbi Ben

Rabbi Ben plans to teach a spring class "Back to the Basics," which will offer an overview of Jewish life covering fundamental Jewish values, prayers, holidays, and history. Whether you're born Jewish or are new to Jewish life, the class will provide new perspectives and deeper meaning on what we do as Jews, increasing fluency in keva (ritual) skills as well as kavannah (intention) in your practice. Regular participation in this class will fulfill the learning requirements for conversion. Interested? Contact Rabbi Ben at rabbiben@tbiwaltham.org to learn more and share your feedback re: class timing and topics.

Rosh Chodesh Group

Rosh Chodesh
Women's Group



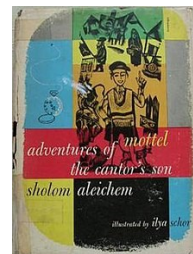
**Join Us on Sunday
December 1st at 5pm
for Rosh Chodesh
Kislev.**

**We will discuss dreams and other
aspects of the month.**

Yiddish Stories

**Saturday December 14 at
1pm**

**Join Martha Tolpin after
services as she discusses
"We Flood the World with Ink"**



[Click Here to read the story](#)

[Click Here](#) to view this on Zoom

Join Rose Myers after Kiddish at 1pm on Saturday, December 21, to talk about Jewish literature, secular stories and comic books and their inclusion of: Golems!

Have some serious fun as we look at the Golem, a magical creature made of clay, as he appears in Jewish literature, secular stories and comic books. He can save the Jewish community when no one else can, but he can also destroy it if he runs amok. His secular cousins include Frankenstein's monster, *My Fair Lady*, Asimov's robots, 2001's HAL, and *Barbie*.

We'll discuss

- power,
- magic,
- community,
- creation,
- consequences,
- and letters!

[Click Here](#) to view this on Zoom.



Portraits: Facilitated by Diana Korzenik Interviewing Tzvi Abusch

Join us on Saturday, December 7th at 1:00pm when Diana will interview Tzvi, in this edition of Portraits.



[Click Here](#) to view this on Zoom.



Help get the TBI Book Club started!

Join others interested in forming a book group.

Attend a Zoom discussion to help shape this group. When should we meet? What kind of books should we read? Who chooses what we read? Meet on Zoom or in person?

The discussion groups will be Thursday, December 19 at 7:00pm Sunday, December 22 at 7:00pm. Please let Andrea know which group you would like to attend and she will send you the Zoom link.



CELEBRATE HANUKKAH WITH TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

WEDNESDAY, DEC 25 MOVIES, MENORAHS, AND CHINESE FOOD

Celebrate the first night of Hanukkah with movies and kosher Chinese food.

2:30 PM - RomCom movie

- "Eight Gifts of Hanukkah"

4:30 PM - Candle Lighting

- Bring your Hanukkiyah and candles!

5:00 PM - Chinese Food

- General Tsos Chicken
- Veg Fried Rice
- Scallion Pancakes



6:00 PM - Horror Movie

- "The Golem" or "The Offering"

RSVP by Dec 22, 2024. Cost: \$21 per person (prepaid to the Temple Office). Walk-ins for dinner cannot be accepted.

Sign up and pay online:
bit.ly/HanukkahDec25
or send your check to
the Temple office
before Dec. 22.



MONDAY, DEC 30, 4:30 PM COMMUNITY CANDLE LIGHTING at Waltham City Hall

Join Rabbi Ben and Mayor McCarthy at this annual Waltham tradition in City Council Chambers. Candle lighting, songs and stories for all ages. Donuts and cider to follow. All are welcome!



TUESDAY, DEC 31, 5:30 - 7:30 PM LIGHT UP THE NEW YEAR

EARLY POTLUCK DINNER AND 7th NIGHT CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING



Enjoy a festive dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner, candle lighting and songs. Bring your Hanukkiyah to light!

Sign up for the potluck dinner:
<https://bit.ly/3VcJFud>



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TASTY TUESDAYS FEATURES

Dina's Challah Baking Class

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 6:00 pm

At the home of Dina & Brad Baker
(Waltham address provided upon registration)

- Learn everything from preparing, kneading and rising the dough; to variations in braiding (even the round challah braid); to the optimal egg wash.
- Leave with challah you've prepared, ready to enjoy at home.
- The class will last approximately 2 to 2-1/2 hours. Pizza dinner provided.

RSVP: Advance registration absolutely required by January 10. Dina must do significant advance prep based on the number of registrants, so no exceptions will be made.

SCAN, CALL or EMAIL the Temple office to sign up.

<https://bit.ly/ChallahMakingJan14>

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SAVE THE DATE

Morris Hollender:

**A 100TH
BIRTHDAY
CONCERT**

featuring

**HANKUS NETSKY
JESSICA KATE MEYER
EDEN MACADAM-SOMER
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Born in Czechoslovakia in 1925, Morris Hollender (1925-2014) kept his family's rich musical heritage alive. A survivor of Auschwitz, Mr. Hollender served as a lay religious leader at Temple Beth Israel in Waltham, MA, where he generously shared stories, songs, jokes, and folk-wisdom with anyone who listened. His music, blending Sephardic and Ashkenazic influences, is a testament to his resilience, and continues to inspire communities around the world.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 AT 3:00 PM
TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL, 25 HARVARD ST, WALTHAM, MA

Join our mailing list for ticket information
or contact us for sponsorship opportunities.
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What is Your Formative Mitzvah? What is your blessing in the world? by: Elisha Wolfin

TBI hosted Rabbi Elisha Wolfin on Shabbat November 8-9 while he was in town for a pastoral care retreat with Hebrew Senior Life. Rabbi Wolfin is the visionary founder of Kehillat Veahavta, a Masorti (Conservative) community in Zichron Ya'akov, Israel. Rabbi Wolfin shared with us an update from Israel at war, including the strength and selfless leadership he witnessed in Israel since October 7, especially among younger Israelis. He inspired us with his energy and passion to build the Jewish future. Here is his dvar Torah from Shabbat morning. We hope to stay in touch with Rabbi Wolfin and his community in the year ahead as part of our congregational efforts to support Israel.

This week's parasha (*Lech Lecha* November 9th) begins with the commandment which changed the face of humanity: "Now the LORD said to Abram: 'Go forth, out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you.'" (Bereishit 12:1)

This is the first commandment that God commands Avraham our forefather. Go, He tells him. Go always; Go your whole life. Go, and do not stop. Go, and do not become stuck. Go towards the horizon that I will continuously show you.

And this first Mitzvah becomes his formative Mitzvah, which colors the rest of Avrahams life. He is on the go his entire life.

He insists on maintaining his status as a stranger - in Egypt, in Grar, and even in the Promised Land - just so that he can be in motion continuously. When he dares think that perhaps he has gotten to a place where he can rest, he is sent forth again - away from his comfort zone - and told to sacrifice all that is familiar to him and become an outsider again.

This is the nature of one's first, formative commandment – it forms his or her existence, and it is the impetus for the movement which defines their life. Now, there is a second Mitzvah that follows the first: "And you shall be blessing!" (ibid).

I understand this sequence as follows: if you follow your formative God-given Mitzvah, you will be a blessing to the world. So, let's look at the first commandment given to the other heroes of the Torah. You may want to contemplate the deeper meaning of each commandment.

The first mitzvah given to Adam and Eve is: "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that creeps upon the earth" (Bereisheit 1:28). **Notice, if this commandment is abused, humans can no longer be a blessing and fulfill their role as partners with God.**

The first mitzvah given to Cain a moment before he murders his brother Hevel is: "Carry yourself well, for if you do not, sin couches at the door; and unto you is its desire, but you may rule over it" (Bereishit 4:7). **When we are not able to rule over our emotional states, our blessing is compromised. But when we do, even our most difficult moods can be a gift!**

The first mitzvah given to Noah is: " And God said to Noah: 'The end of all flesh is come before Me... Make you an ark of gopher wood..." (Bereishit 6:13-14). **At turbulent times, know how to create a temporary capsule, a refuge. There are times in life when "just floating" is one's only option. Float, flow, or die.**

The first mitzvah given to Yitzchak is: "Go NOT down to Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell you of. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you" (Bereishit 26:2-3). **Some people are wanderers, they go there, and then there... Going elsewhere, searching for God, for joy, for answers. Others, on the other hand, hold the secret of staying put, standing still, and going deep. Going within.**

The first mitzvah given to Yaakov in his dream is: "I am the LORD...The land whereon you lie, to you will I give it, and to your seed. And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south" (Bereishit 28: 13-14). **Unlike his father, he did spread his wings and fly. He is the wandering Jew, who spreads our People's blessing to the four corners of the earth.**

The first mitzvah Moshe is given is: "Take your shoes off your feet, because the place whereon you stand is holy ground" (Exodus 3:5). Moshe taught us the concept of holy space and holy time. Can you also notice holy moments, holy encounters, and holy places? The first mitzvah that Aharon is given (although it is given through Moshe), is: "And you shall speak to him, and put the words in his mouth; ... And he shall be your spokesman to the people; and it shall come to pass, that he shall be to you a mouth" (Exodus 4:14-16). **Most of us babble incessantly. We speak, but few know how to speak accurately, connecting heaven and earth.**

The first mitzvah that Am Yisrael is given is: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:2). **Our communal commandment is liberating ourselves and others from any man-made gods (the gods of money, beauty, youth, etc.). Notice that the first mitzvah indicates the hidden point at which one's material and spiritual worlds meet. Where we get to access the highest voice – the voice of the Creator. That voice is not a one-time event. Usually, it is**



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first heard in childhood or adolescence, but it continues to echo throughout a person's life. It is rare that the voice changes.

It often happens that a person understands the voice and its commandment only in retrospect, later in life, as he looks back and tries to make sense of his life's journey. This parasha begins with the command "Lech Lecha", continues with "be a blessing", and ends with the mitzvah of brit milah. Metaphorically, the orlah (literally, the foreskin), is a barrier between the material and the spiritual. It is the barrier that won't allow us to hear the higher voice.

If you are unable to hear that voice, know that it is nevertheless there. You have yet to tune into it or remove the orlah separating you from it. Try to look at your life in retrospect and notice its formative moments. What is the direction in which your life has flowed? Is there an interesting motif that repeats itself? If what you notice is exciting, gladdening and energizing, this is a sign that it is authentic and of Divine origin. If not, then the voice you hear is only the everyday stirring of your mind. In this case, there is probably an invisible orlah covering your eyes and your heart, preventing you from hearing the voice that is trying to be heard.

I will soon be 61. I can definitely look back for the formative commandment in my life, and as I listen I can sense the excitement:

Look inwards at all times.

Look deeper;

And then deeper still!

If you think you've arrived, know that it is temporary.

Look for the Divine, the Infinite that exists in everything.

Seek the essence - the Spirit that exists in everything, manifests everything that has been created.

See that it is good. If you cannot see it is good, you are not yet done looking - keep searching.

Look for the blessing, because the Divine, the Essence, is always a source of blessing.

Use your mind, but also be aware of the physical sensations in your body - they will tell you whether you are on the right path.

How about you? What is the essential commandment of your life? What is the mitzvah that is evident and formative? If you would like to share, I would love to hear!

We, as the children of Avraham, continue to journey, to develop, to renew ourselves, to demand progress. We continue to remove the orlah of the heart which prevents us from hearing the Divine voice - peeling it off a little at a time, over and over again. Because the orlah, just like the Divine voice, never ceases, and is not a one-time occurrence. And each action of peeling is painful all over again.

Thank you for reading.

Elisha Wolfin

Social Justice:

On December 1st, the TBI Warming Center will be opening again for the winter. We are seeking volunteers! [Click Here to sign up and volunteer.](#)

The Warming Center and Community Day Center are in need of the following during these cold winter months:

Socks - Men's Underwear - Sweaters - Warm Jackets - Gloves

Please bring your donations to the Temple on Sunday (1-4) or Monday or Thursday (10-1).

Please contact Joshua Mandell at joshua6781@gmail.com if you're interested in helping out. There will be a signup sheet on page 9, so that you can sign up for specific shifts, but for now please make sure to get in contact with Joshua so that we know you're able to help.

Thank you!

Annual Appeal

I just wanted to remind everyone how important your annual appeal donation is to Temple Beth Israel. The annual appeal is not the same as your membership payment - they are different. If you filled in the donation card and sent in your donation, as indicated in the list below, thank you! If you did not yet send in the donation you promised on your annual appeal card, please send it in as soon as possible. If you did not complete an annual appeal card, you can still donate - please just send in your donation with a brief note that it is for the annual appeal. **We really need 100% participation in this appeal. Please make sure you are on the list of those who donated for the annual appeal.** Whether you donate \$10 or \$10,000, your annual appeal donation is appreciated and needed.

Jim Baron

Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairperson

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Donations

Saturday Kiddush Donations

Dec 28 - Sylvia Hobbs, in honor of Hanukkah

Jan 11 - Toni Wolfman, in memory of Bob Macauley

Jan 18 - Alan Corman

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

TBI Community Projects and Warming Center

- Diana Korzenik
- Leon Schiff

Strategic Planning Fundraising:

- Diana Korzenik
- Martha Tolpin
- Baron Family, in memory of Eva Baron, Rhoda Abramson, and Eileen Moses
- Stephen Etkind, in memory of his mother, Lillian Etkind
- Joe Linitz, in memory of his father, Henry Linschitz
- Ed Brown, in honor of Dina and Brad's new grandson, Caleb

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 15 and send in a check or donate

Welcome New Members

Judith Faberman & daughter Maris White

William Lewis

Ken and Violet Radnofsky

Levi and Angela Schmitt

Phillip Steindel

Special Announcements

Thank you to Ken Radnofsky for inviting TBI members to come to his concert at the New England Conservatory. Those of us that attended thoroughly enjoyed your saxophone, and clarinet playing.

Mazel Tov to Dina and Brad Baker on the birth of their second grandchild, Caleb.



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.**

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

Dates	December Shabbat Services Online	Meeting ID
December 6 December 13, 20, 27	Friday Night Service & Dinner 6:30 - 9:00pm See Flier on Page 4 Shabbat Service - 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Online only	<u>Click Here to Join</u>
Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28	Shabbat Morning In-house and Online 9:30 am	<u>Click Here to Join</u>
Thursday Morning Minyan		
Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26	Morning Minyan 8:00 am Online only	<u>Click Here to Join</u>
All Online Services	All Online Services	858 6689 6770 pw: TBIservice
Rabbi Ben's Monthly Classes		

Thursday, December 19	New Lenses on the Weekly Parsha - Online Only Third Thursday of the Month at 12:00pm	Contact Rabbi Ben if Interested. Zoom Link available the week before the program
Sunday, December 15	Minyan and Breakfast and Hot Topics Begins at 9:00am in house and online (Breakfast is in house only) Hot Topics: Hanukkah- Rebuilding our People's Home begins at 10:30am <i>What happened after the Maccabees defeated the Greeks? Join us to explore "the day after" the Hanukkah miracle as the Maccabees established the last independent Jewish state before the modern state of Israel. Learn the hidden history of the Hasmonean dynasty and the political intrigue that it contained, discovering lessons for how to maintain our home in the world in which we live.</i>	<u>Click Here to Join On Zoom</u>



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.

December Yahrzeits

Dec 3 - Joseph Linitz, in memory of his father, Henry Linschitz
 Dec 4 - James Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their grandmother, Eva Baron
 Dec 5 - Rob Solomon, in memory of Isadore Solomon
 Dec 6 - Merrill Griff, in memory of his mother, Bessie Griff
 Dec 6 - Martin Taubman, in memory of Betty Taubman
 Dec 6 - Carl Weinstein, in memory of his uncle, Miles Cohn
 Dec 7 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of Ethel Fichtelberg
 Dec 7 - Frank Orovitz, in memory of Samuel Orovitz
 Dec 8 - Jill Stanton, in memory of her mother, Roz Stanton
 Dec 9 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of Jenny Weitzenberg
 Dec 9 - John Fine, in memory of Barbara Fine
 Dec 10 - Janet Moses, in memory of her sister, Eileen Moses
 Dec 12 - David Kaufman, in memory of his mother, Blanche Kaufman
 Dec 16 - Karin Kriegsman and David Kaufman, in memory of Ellie Handel
 Dec 17 - Judith Isaac, in memory of her mother, Ediya
 Dec 19 - Robert Kaitz, in memory of Sadie Kaitz
 Dec 22 - Diana Korzenik, in memory of Ruth Korzenik Franklin
 Dec 24 - Joel Israel, in memory of Anita Israel Macauley
 Dec 24 - Andrea Baron, in memory of her mother, Rhoda Abramson
 Dec 24 - George Isaac, in memory of his father, Yoseph Isaac
 Dec 29 - Helen Lewis, in memory of her father, Julius Lewis
 Dec 31 - Alan Levine, in memory of his grandfather, Benjamin Greene
 Jan 1 - Joan Friedman, in memory of her father, Arthur Friedman

January Yahrzeits

Jan 2 - Gita Foster, in memory of her mother, Hella Hakerem
 Jan 3 - Diana Korzenik, in memory of her grandfather, Rav Daniel Ben Zalman
 Jan 6 - James Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their uncle, Howard Kaplan
 Jan 8 - In memory of Morris Hollender
 Jan 10 - Zach Roe, in memory of, James Herbert Seilers
 Jan 10 - Merrill Griff, in memory of Michael Laufer
 Jan 10 - Toni Wolfman, in memory of Robert Macauley
 Jan 12 - Karin Kriegsman, in memory of her mother, Hannah Handel
 Jan 18 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of, Jacob Trachtman
 Jan 18 - Catherine Cantrell, in memory of her son, Steven Cantrell
 Jan 19 - Stephen Etkind, in memory of his father, Irving Etkind
 Jan 20 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of Betty Ullman
 Jan 22 - Paul and Albert Smith, in memory of their sister, Margaret Smith
 Jan 24 - Steven Kennen, in memory of Abraham Kennen
 Jan 24 - Alan Levine, in memory of his grandmother, Sarah Rachel Greene
 Jan 27 - Stanley Goldstein, in memory of his mother Caryl Goldstein
 Jan 30 - Jill Carni, in memory of her father, Lawrence Carni
 Jan 30 - Erika Mackin, in memory of her grandfather, Robert Terrance Mackin

Lighting Hanukkah Candles

Hanukkah begins on the evening of Wednesday, December 25th. On the first night, recite all three blessings. On the remaining nights, recite only the first two blessings. On Shabbat, light Hanukkah candles before lighting Shabbat candles.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵיר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה. Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu
l'hadlik neir shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, instilling in us the holiness of mitzvot by commanding us to light the lights of Hanukkah.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ,
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם וּבְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה. Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam,
she-asah nisim la-avoteinu,
ba-yamim ha-heim u-va-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are you Adonai our God, who rules the universe, accomplishing miracles for our ancestors from ancient days until our time.

On the first night only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהַגַּעְנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה. Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam,
she-heheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higi'anu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, granting us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day.

Trees for Sale

Brad Baker has acquired a lot of trees from a landscaper and is selling them at well below wholesale cost. 10% of the proceeds will be donated to TBI.

If you are looking for a tree or know someone who is, stop by the Temple to take a look at the many varieties available.

Contact Brad (215-872-6219) if you would like to purchase one or more.

Free delivery!





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

In a few weeks we'll be lighting menorahs, spinning dreidels and savoring delicious latkes. Just in time for Hanukah, PJ Library has sent us a copy of *Little Red Ruthie: A Hanukkah Tale*, written by Gloria Koster and illustrated by Sue Eastland. In this variation of the classic Little Red Riding Hood fairytale, Ruthie is heading to her grandma's house for the holiday, but gets lost in the woods. She's found by a hungry wolf who wants to eat her, of course, but she conquers her fears, as brave as a Maccabee, and convinces the wolf it would be better to eat her on her way home from grandma's, after she's eaten plenty of latkes. The wolf agrees, but as he sees her disappearing into the woods, decides he can't wait. Read the book to a favorite grandchild, or for your own pleasure, to find out how brave, clever Ruthie manages to save herself and Bubbe Basha.

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.

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

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