



# Temple Beth Israel

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## Temple Talk



## Brought To You By Rabbi Ben: 70 Faces of Torah

By: Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell

Shalom!

We recently celebrated Maris White becoming bat mitzvah on May 17. It brought our community tremendous joy to hear her perspective on Torah. She chose a difficult portion and brought it to life by understanding what motivated the characters and sharing lessons for today on how to raise children. I am so grateful for her perspective on this portion. It reminded me how we need all our perspectives on Torah to unearth the wisdom contained within it for our world. If you or someone you know would like to become bar or bat mitzvah (regardless of your age!),

do let me know!

Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berdichev notes that the final tally of the Israelites in our first Torah portion of this month, Bamidbar, comes to 603,550, which is also according to his count the number of letters in the Torah. This suggests that each of us form the Torah into the story of our people and our wisdom for the world. We each contribute an integral part of it. As the Etz Chaim Torah commentary notes, just as the absence of one letter renders a Torah scroll invalid, so too does the loss of one Jewish person make our people's work

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## President's Message

By: Linda Ungerleider

As I reflect on the past year, I am curious to know what your favorite services, programs and activities were. Did you enjoy this year's High Holy Day services as much as I did? Did you attend any of Rabbi Ben's classes? What was your favorite program? Did you meet new people at one of our meals? My favorites will be revealed at the annual meeting!

We, at TBI, had so much to choose from this past year. Let us know if there is a program you would like us to bring to TBI?

Join our community at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 8 for a light breakfast at 9:30am and our meeting at 10:00am. Hear about our past year and plans for the future! Elect our Board of Directors for 2025-2027 and be a part of our growth!



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incomplete. Each of us are essential.

That is why I am thrilled that Scott Tepper, Violet Radnofsky, and Carl Weinstein will share unique perspectives on Torah this Shavuot on Sunday evening June 1, 7-9 PM at TBI. Each of their teachings- on the experience of Holocaust survivors, on the songs nature sings, and on Kaballah- form the wisdom of our people. I hope you will join me in learning with and from them!

Later this month we will enjoy Cantor Band's presentation of sound art, a Torah (literally, wisdom or teaching) on the value of listening we recall every day in the Shema as we heed Moses' call to us to listen.

I am excited to share that this month we will begin praying with Siddur Lev Shalem on Shabbat mornings. This newest Shabbat prayerbook of the Conservative movement offers prayers in updated designs with accessible and egalitarian language that reflects our values. It also includes thoughtful commentaries that add meaning and relevance to our prayers. I encourage you to explore our new prayerbook and the many perspectives they offer on Torah beginning Saturday May 31!

Lastly, we continue to mourn Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim, who were murdered outside the Capital Jewish Museum last week. This young couple were an integral part of our people's story; the Torah we celebrate on Shavuot will be missing their passion and dedication to Israel, the Jewish people, and peace. May their memories inspire our work for Israel, for our people, and for a world more whole this holiday.

I look forward to learning all our perspectives on Torah this month and beyond.

Rabbi Ben

## Siddur Lev Shalem Book Order

We will begin praying from [Siddur Lev Shalem](#), the Conservative Movement's newest prayerbook for Shabbat and Festivals, beginning May 31!

If you would like to join a group order to receive your own copy of Siddur Lev Shalem for home use, please:

- 1) Contact Andrea at [office@tbiwaltham.org](mailto:office@tbiwaltham.org) with the number of books you would like **AND**
- 2) Submit payment of \$40 per book [here](#) or by check to the office **by June 23**.

We will only order books for those **who submit payment AND inform Andrea of their order by June 23**. This group order will offer TBI members a 35% discount and savings on shipping as well.

We will ensure TBI members who cannot come in-person to services will receive a book regardless of ability to pay; contact Rabbi Ben if assistance is necessary.

### Dedicating Lev Shalem Prayerbook:

All are invited to dedicate one or more prayerbooks with a custom bookplate for \$40/book. For each book you wish to donate, please provide details for the inscription (i.e. "presented by [Name]", "honoring [Name]," "celebrating [Occasion]," or "remembering [Name]") . Submit payment [here](#) or by check to the office **by June 23** and send dedication information to Andrea at [office@tbiwaltham.org](mailto:office@tbiwaltham.org)

## **Tikkun Leil Shavuot: New Perspectives on Our Story**

Sunday June 1, 7-9 PM. In-person and accessible on Zoom [here](#). (see details on flyer below)

Celebrate Torah on the anniversary it was given! Gain new perspectives on our people's story at half-hour learning sessions led by TBI Members followed by a dairy dessert kiddush and ma'ariv service.

## **Shavuot Holiday Services: Monday June 2 and Tuesday June 3, 9:30 AM**

In-person and accessible on Zoom [here](#).

Join us for blintz breakfast at 9 AM on Tuesday June 3 before services.

Yizkor will be held during Tuesday June 3 service after Torah reading.

## **First Friday Shabbat Service and Potluck**

### **Friday June 6 at TBI**

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service in-person and on Zoom [here](#)

7:30 PM Vegetarian Potluck: sign up to bring a dairy/vegetarian dish [here](#).

Join us for a spirited Kaballat Shabbat service to welcome Shabbat, followed by a delicious vegetarian potluck feast!



## **Derash on Davening: The Shema**

### **Saturday, June 14 at sermon slot during Shabbat services approx. 11am -**

In-person and accessible on Zoom [here](#)

We will gain new perspectives on what may be a familiar prayer as we explore how the Shema reinforces central beliefs about our relationships with God and with one another.

## **New Views on the Parsha - The Hidden Meaning of Challah online only**

**Wednesday, June 18 12pm -** (NOTE Different Date this Month due to the federal holiday Juneteenth on the 3rd Thursday of the month) - [Click Here to Join on Zoom](#)

You may be familiar with challah as the bread we enjoy on Shabbat. Join us to explore another dimension of challah: the practice of setting aside a piece of dough (also known as challah) from what we bake as a sacred gift from biblical times to today. We will understand the significance of this gift and what it can teach us about how we nourish one another and ourselves.

## **Lessons from Being Mortal: Living a Full Life by Facing Death**

**Hot Topics: June 29th at 10:30 AM in-person at TBI, preceded by minyan at 9 AM and breakfast**

Minyan and class accessible on Zoom [here](#)

Inspired by Dr. Atul Gawande's book [Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End](#) and our recent book group at the Waltham library, we will share insights from Jewish tradition and best practices in medical, palliative, and elder care on how to prepare for our and our loved ones' inevitable deaths. We will offer both practical resources and moral perspectives on how facing death enables us to live our best lives.

This book is available at the Waltham Public Library if you would like to read it. <https://waltham.lib.ma.us/>

## Interfaith Table at Waltham Pride

**Sunday June 8, 11 AM-4 PM, Waltham Common**

Join TBI and our partners First Lutheran, Agape, and Santuario Luterano for an interfaith table at Waltham's Pride celebration to share our values of inclusion and support for the LGBTQ community. This is a chance to increase the wider community's awareness of TBI as we distribute flyers and share about our Temple as a welcoming place for all.

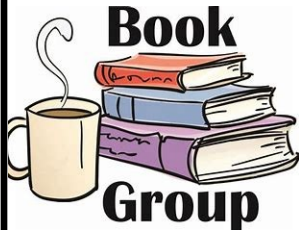


## NextGen Trivia

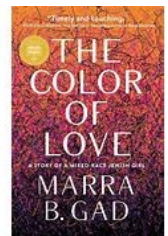
**June 11, 7-10 PM**

All are invited (regardless of age!) to join NextGen's top-placing trivia team at Joe Sent Me on Main Street.

## Book Group



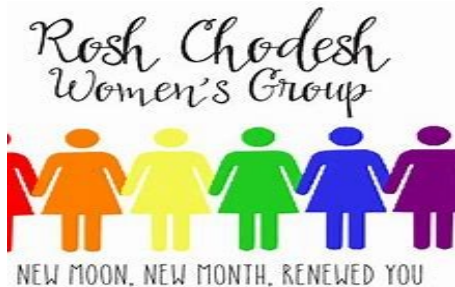
The next meeting of the book club will be Tuesday, June 17 at 7 PM on Zoom. June's Book will be "The Color of Love: A Story of a mixed-Race Jewish Girl" by Marra Gad.



Contact Kenzie Edwards at [kenzie135481@yahoo.com](mailto:kenzie135481@yahoo.com) for the Zoom link.

## Rosh Chodesh Group

**Sunday, June 29 at 5pm for Rosh Chodesh - Tamuz**



Rosh Chodesh Tamuz will begin @ 5:00pm.

We can talk about how to keep "positive" during this "negative" month.

**Next Rosh Chodesh - July 27 Av**

## Social Justice

Now that the days are longer and the sun is shining and warming up our days, Food Not Bombs will be cooking in our kitchen on Sundays and serving their delicious vegan creations on the Waltham Common on Sunday afternoons for lunch. Rain or Shine. The Day Center continues to remain open and is in need of the following items

**Socks - Underwear - Light Jackets—Sweatshirts - Summer Shirts/Shorts/Pants - Individual Snacks**

We are also committed to help our neighbors at **Family Table** by providing **canned salmon and healthy non-sugar cereal**.

Please bring your donations to the Temple on Monday thru Friday during office hours or when we are open for services.

Thank you!



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](https://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	June	Meeting ID
June 6	<b>Friday Night Service—Pot Luck Dinner</b> <b>6:30pm - 9:00pm</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Join Service</a>
June 13, 20, 27	<b>Shabbat Service - 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm</b> <b>Online only</b>	<a href="#">Click Here for the Zoom Link</a>
June 7, 14, 21, 28	<b>Shabbat Morning</b> <b>In-house and Online 9:30 am</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Join</a>
	<b>Thursday Morning Minyan</b>	
June 5, 12, 19, 26	<b>Morning Minyan 8:00 am</b> <b>Online only</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Join</a>
<b>All Online Services</b>	<b>All Online Services</b>	<b>858 6689 6770</b> <b>pw: TBIservice</b>

## Rabbi Ben's Monthly Classes

Saturday, June 14 In lieu of a sermon	<b>Derash on Davening: The Shema</b> During service, in-person and accessible on Zoom <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">Click Here to Join on Zoom</a>
Wednesday, June 18	<b>New Lens on the Weekly Parsha</b> <b>Online Only</b> Change of day for June Only at 12:00pm	<a href="#">Click Here to Join on Zoom</a>
Sunday, June 29	<b>Join Us</b> <b>For Minyan, Breakfast and Hot Topics</b> <b>9:00am</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Join On Zoom</a>



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.

### June Yahrzeits

June 1 - Alan Dechter, in memory of his grandmother, Bella Kovitz

June 3 - Bruce Trager, in memory of Jack Trager

June 4 - Stanley Goldstein, in memory of his father, Carl Goldstein

June 4 - Jill Stanton, in memory of her father, Myron Stanton

June 6 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of her grandmother, Grete Araten

June 9 - Sylvia Hobbs, in memory of her mother, Beatrice Hobbs

June 9 - Alan Dechter, in memory of his mother, Dorothy Dechter

June 11 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of Ida Ullman

June 11 - Steven Zieff, in memory of Irene Zieff

June 12 - Barbara Camann, in memory of Steven Siegel

June 12 - Ken Radnofsky, in memory of Matthew Israel Radnofsky

June 13 - Alan Levine, in memory of his mother, Lillian Levine

June 14 - Mark Frydenberg, in memory of his father, Bernie Frydenberg

June 14 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of Sheila Loretta Reback

June 19 - Martin Taubman, in memory of George Mikelbank

June 28 - Merrill Griff, in memory of Barbara Griff Kappitt

### July Yahrzeits

July 2 - Julian Webb, in memory of Manya Webb

July 2 - Amy Rothman, in memory of Milton Rothman

July 2 - in memory of Sam Weinstein

July 4 - in memory of Harry Baker

July 5 - Michele Marion, in memory of her grandfather, Harry Marion

July 6 - Ben Nudelman, in memory of Alex Greenbaum

July 7 - Carol Halberstadt, in memory of Maneham Snyder

July 10 - Erika Cohen, in memory of her husband Benjamin Cohen

July 10 - Dianne Levine, in memory of her husband Mark Levine

July 12 - Ben Nudelman, in memory of Mark Nudelman

July 14 - Helen Norman, in memory of Hannah Canter

July 15 - Alan Levine, in memory of his grandmother, Bessie Levine Hauser

July 16 - Michele Marion, in memory of her brother, Marc David Marion

July 18 - Barbara Camann, in memory of Charlotte Cohen

July 20 - Frank Orovitz, in memory of Irma Orovitz

July 23 - James Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their mother, Nessie Baron

July 23 - Michele Marion, in memory of her father, Arthur Marion

July 26 - David Kaufman, in memory of his father, Edward Kaufman

July 27 - Caroline Nudelman, in memory of her mother, Rita Woolf

July 29 - Martin and Joel Taubman, in memory of Joan Taubman

July 29 - Joan Kent, in memory of her mother, Sylvia Seidman



## TBI Bookshelf

By Marilyn Racette

This month I'm asking for your help in finding new homes for copies of the Hertz Pentateuch and Haftorahs that we used to use for our Saturday morning services, also the newer Sim Shaloms for Shabbat and Festivals that we received from other temples but have decided not to adopt. Would you like a copy for yourself or someone you know? Please let me know! Andrea will also be asking other temple administrators if they are interested, and Rabbi Ben will be asking his connections as well. We will keep a few copies of the Hertz for ourselves, but any other books that we cannot find a new home for will be sent to the Genizah run by the Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts, to await burial. You can also help us offset the cost for this—\$18 per box—with a donation to the temple. Thank you for your help!



## 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

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please send acknowledgment to:

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## Mark Your Calendar! June Highlights

[Click Here to Sign Up for the My Life as a Sound Artist Program](#)

### **TBI Annual Meeting**

Join us on Sunday June 8th for our Annual Meeting.

9:30am - Light Breakfast

10:00am - Meeting and Election of Officers

We hope to see you either in-house or online for this informative meeting.



**MY LIFE AS A  
SOUND ARTIST**

**CANTOR ELLEN BAND**

SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd  
1pm at TBI

As a way of deepening the Portraits experience, I will discuss my life and work in Sound Art. Our time together will include:

- An introduction to Sound Art and its history
- Audio examples of my work as a Sound Artist
- Descriptions of my working style
- Discussion of how sound figures in your lives

Sound artist and composer Ellen Band creates solo and collaborative works for performance, sound installation, and sound sculpture. She performs in numerous venues in the USA, Canada, Europe, and Israel; has presented sound installations at Logan International Airport Boston, festivals such as the Sound Symposium, and SoundCulture 96; and is the founder and director of Audible Visions, a sound and music series in her Somerville, MA loft.

This event will take place at Temple Beth Israel. Call 781-894-5146, sign up online at <https://bit.ly/SoundArtistMarch16>, or scan the QR code. Please respond by Wednesday, June 18th.



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