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## Temple Talk



### **Brought To You By Rabbi Ben: Building Bridges with our Neighbors** **By: Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell**

Shalom!

A favorite memory from my childhood was hearing a recording of Mandy Patinkin sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" and "God Bless America" in Yiddish.

This integration of our Jewish language and culture with all-American ballads stirred me; it represents the hard-won acceptance Jewish Americans have sought in this country. It is remarkable that one can sing a patriotic ballad and an ode to America's pastime in Yiddish, as a

Jew. Amidst rising antisemitism, it is all the more important to assert both our Jewishness and Americanness today.

President George W. Bush designated this month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month, in which the culture and contributions of Jewish Americans are celebrated. Join us at TBI for opportunities to share our pride as Jews and support for Israel (whose birthday we celebrate on Yom Ha'atmzaut on May 1) as we build bridges  
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### **President's Message**

**By: Linda Ungerleider**

I am writing my article before the Hollander Concert. My senses are on high alert! Yes, the concert will be outstanding! The reception for sponsors will be tasty! And the social hall will be full! Thank you to Mark Frydenberg for the idea and being part of the core committee. He was joined by the organizational guru Edie Rosenberg. To Hankus Netsky, todah rabah for using your contacts and interview skills to the fullest. To all who helped with calls to members and community partners, thank you for making this fundraiser a success!

A huge shout out to the concert sponsors for supporting the TBI community and its future! The second annual Second Night Seder was hugely successful. A special todah rabah to Marilyn Racette and Sue Schy who led the team of many volunteers. Thank you, Rabbi Ben, for your vision and outreach to all!

May is filled with many special events. I just want to mention three: the Bat Mitzvah of Maris White, the Dr. Ruth one-woman show and attending a Boston Red Sox vs NY Mets game with other communities during Jewish Heritage Month. All the information is in this bulletin and in weekly eblasts.

See you at TBI and Fenway Park!



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with our neighbors in Waltham and beyond.

First, join me at the Waltham Public Library on Monday May 12 at 7 PM for a discussion of Dr. Atul Gawande's moving book *Being Mortal*. Inspired by Dr. Gawande's dedication to enable his father to live an active life till the end, we will discuss how we can empower those around us, and ourselves, to age with dignity. I hope to share Jewish wisdom on honoring our elders as we join with our neighbors on this topic.

Second, join our cemetery committee, local veterans, and Stanley elementary students on Friday May 23 at 10 AM for our annual flag ceremony at Beth Israel Memorial Park. We will pay tribute to the veterans buried at our cemetery and honor the contributions of Jewish Americans in defending our country.

On May 19 at 3 PM we'll explore the life of American Jewish icon Dr. Ruth Westheimer as acclaimed actress Alice Springer performs a one-woman matinee show at TBI. And at our monthly hot topics on Sunday May 25 at 10:30, I will lead a discussion inspired by Dr. Hasia Diner's recent work *Opening Doors* on the unlikely alliance between Irish and Jewish Americans in finding acceptance and success in America. This will prompt reflection on interfaith and intercultural relationships we have built and how we are stronger through our coalitions with others in this country.

And lastly, led by our nextgeners, TBI is attending Jewish Heritage Night at Fenway on May 19 at 7 PM! While our tickets are sold out, we hope you will join us by purchasing your own tickets or watching the game from home. I am excited to sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" with hundreds of Jews at Fenway, sharing our pride in being Jewish, supporting Israel, and in our shared home in this country.

Happy Jewish American Heritage Month!

Rabbi Ben



## First Friday Shabbat Service and Potluck

### Friday May 2 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!

## Waltham Public Library Initiating Inspiration Book Group: Being Mortal by Atul Gawande

### Monday May 12, 7 PM, Lecture Hall at Waltham Public Library (735 Main St)

Rabbi Ben will lead this Waltham Public Library book group's discussion on how we can empower those around us, and ourselves, to age with dignity inspired by Dr. Gawande's work to enable his father to live actively and meaningfully till the end. Copies of the book are available at the Waltham Public Library. Click [here](#) for more information.

## New Views on the Parsha - Constant Light online only

### Thursday, May 15 12pm - Monthly, the third Thursday - [Click Here to Join on Zoom](#)

Synagogue sanctuaries have a *ner tamid*, an eternal light, modeled on the lamp that burned constantly in the Temple as described in our Torah portion. Discover the lessons this lamp teaches on how God, and we, show up for one another and can build relationships of consistent support in our lives.

## Building Power Together: The Irish, the Jews, and Relationships of Mutual Support in America

### Hot Topics: May 25 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 the unlikely and complicated alliance between the Irish and Jewish immigrant communities recounted by Dr. Hasia Diner in [Opening Doors](#), we will reflect on the mutually beneficial relationships in our lives. Bring a story about how you or a community of which you are a part built a relationship with a neighbor from a different background and invite friends of any background to join us!

## Derash on Davening: The Shema

### Saturday, May 31 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.

[Click Here to pay for your tickets now via Paypal.](#)



# BECOMING *Dr. Ruth*

WRITTEN BY **MARK ST. GERMAIN**

A ONE-WOMAN SHOW

FEATURING ACCLAIMED ACTRESS

**ALICE SPRINGER** AS **DR. RUTH**

Everyone knows Dr. Ruth Westheimer from her career as a pioneering radio and television sex therapist. Few, however, know the incredible journey that preceded it. From fleeing the Nazis in the Kindertransport and joining the Haganah in Jerusalem as a scout and sniper, to her struggles to succeed as a single mother coming to America, *Becoming Dr. Ruth* is filled with the humor, honesty and life-affirming spirit of Karola Ruth Siegel, the girl who became "Dr. Ruth", America's most famous sex therapist.

*Alice Springer is excited to reprise her role as Dr. Ruth and has performed in numerous productions, including Annie, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, and Annie Warbucks, for which she won an EMACT DASH award for Best Actress.*

**SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025**

**MATINEE AT 3:00 PM**

**TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL, 25 HARVARD ST, WALTHAM, MA**

**GENERAL ADMISSION \$20**

**Purchase tickets <http://bit.ly/drruthbti>  
or \$25 at the door (CASH ONLY)**

**For more information:**

**Call 781 894 5146**

**or email [andrea@tbiwaltham.org](mailto:andrea@tbiwaltham.org)**



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Join us on Saturday, May 17th when we will come together and celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of Maris White.

Kiddush Lunch to follow sponsored by Maris' parents Judy Faberman and Michael White

Rosh Chodesh  
Women's Group



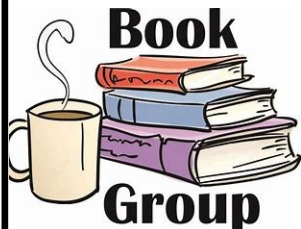
## Rosh Chodesh Group

**Sunday, May 4th at 5pm for Rosh Chodesh - Iyar**

Rosh Chodesh Iyar is May 4th @ 5:00pm. Iyar is a month of healing. Come share your own method of self-care, relaxing scents, etc.

Rosh Chodesh -Sivan falls between two holidays, so we will discuss the options.

**Next Rosh Chodesh - June 1st**



## Book Group

The next meeting of the book club will be Tuesday, May 27 at 7 PM on Zoom. May's Book will be "*The Goddess of Warsaw*" by: Lisa Barr. The discussion will be led by Linda.



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

## 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!

## **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.



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**the cosmos, and our community**  
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**and ma'ariv service.**

**FEATURING:**

**SCOTT A. TEPPER**  
**Everything has a Song:**  
**Perek Shira**

**VIOLET GILBOA**  
**Demystifying Kabbalah:**  
**A Brief History**

**CARL WEINSTEIN**  
**Weddings in the Bergen-**  
**Belsen Displaced Persons**  
**Camp**





# 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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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	May	Meeting ID
May 2	<b>Friday Night Service—Pot Luck Dinner</b> <b>6:30pm - 9:00pm</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Join Service</a>
May 9, 16, 23, 30	<b>Shabbat Service - 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm</b> <b>Online only</b>	<a href="#">Click Here for the Zoom Link</a>
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	<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>		
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	<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, May 31st 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>
Thursday, May 15	<b>New Lens on the Weekly Parsha</b> <b>Online Only</b> Third Thursday of the Month at 12:00pm	<a href="#">Click Here to Join on Zoom</a>
Sunday, May 25	<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>





## Donations

### General Fund Donations

- Merrill Griff and Carol Wilcox, wishing Phyllis Werlin a refuah shlemah
- Merrill Griff and Carol Wilcox, in memory of Harris Griff, they donated the hamantaschen for Purim
- Thank you to everyone who donated at Purim to Yad Chessed. Collectively we donated over \$300 dollars.
- Catherine Cantrell, in memory of Myron Goretsky

### In Memory of Marge Marion from:

- Merrill Griff and Carol Wilcox
- Diana Korzenik
- Deborah Nelson
- Steven, Audrey, Joshua and Jared Kennen
- Jim, Andrea and Michaela Baron

### Saturday Kiddush Sponsors

- May 17 - Michael White and Judy Faberman in honor of Maris' Bat Mitzvah
- May 31 - Alan Dechter, in memory of his mother, Dorothy Dechter
- June 7 - Alan Dechter, in memory of his grandmother, Bella Kovitz

### Hollender Concert Donations

- Charlotte Diamond
- Mayor Jeannette McCarthy
- Joseph and Sharon Kalus
- Catherine Cantrell
- Shira Hecht
- City Councilor Paul Katz - with pride and gratitude, I join in celebrating this beautiful evening of music and community.

### Mark Frydenberg Event Participation Fund

- Friends of the Meriden Public Library

## Thank You to all of our Morris Hollender Concert Sponsors

- Susan Baron
- Brad and Dina Baker
- Cantor Ellen Band
- Ed Brown
- Rabbi Ben Chaidell
- Sue Ellen Dodell and Joel Chaiken
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- Dana Fine
- Mark Frydenberg
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- Edie Rosenberg and Robert Gross
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- JF&CS
- Market Basket
- Masao's Kitchen
- Superior Shoe and Boot Repair

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee recommendations are as follows:

- President : Linda Ungerleider
- Vice President: Erika Mackin
- Membership: OPEN
- Treasurer: Merrill Griff
- At-Large: Edie Rosenberg

To the Committee - thank you for your service.  
Bruce Trager, Committee Chair

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.

### May Yahrzeits

May 1 - Celia Shneider, in memory of Nicholas Shneider Fairweather

May 3 - Phyllis Werlin, in memory of Margaret Werlin

May 3 - Amy Rothman, in memory of Rebecca Zall

May 5 - Robert Kaitz, in memory of Goldie Stoerger

May 5 - Bruce Trager, in memory of Mary Trager

May 5 - Bobby Shirazi, in memory of his father, Baba Shirazi

May 8 - Stephen Etkind, in memory of Anne Itzkowitz

May 8 - Merrill Griff, in memory of Samuel Louis Griff

May 9 - Gita Hakerem Foster, in memory of her father, Gad Hakerem

May 9 - Patricia McCue, in memory of Morris Canter

May 13 - Anita Kennen, in memory of Fannie Kennen

May 15 - Merrill Griff, in memory of Freda Griff

May 17 - Esther Keaney, in memory of Helen Keaney

May 17 - Kenzie Edwards, in memory of Angela Fox

May 19 - Zach Roe, in memory of Lori Ann Roe

May 19 - Bruce Trager, in memory of Sophie Trager

May 20 - Stephen Etkind, in memory of his mother, Lillian Etkind

May 22 - Sue Schy, in memory of her aunt, Sadie Glanz

May 25 - Zach Roe, in memory of Henry Mefford Roe

May 29 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of Jack Bloom

May 31 - Willy Schild, in memory of Ruth Schild

### 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



# TBI Bookshelf

By Marilyn Racette

It may be the influence of the recent concert, but I find myself thinking about Morris, and about Yiddish. And that got me thinking about Sholem Aleichem, a name familiar to so many of us. **Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness** is a dvd, and while not currently available in our library, it is available through interlibrary loan in the Minuteman Public Library system. Sholem Aleichem (the pen name of Solomon Rabinovich) was considered by some to be the Yiddish Mark Twain, whose wit and clear-eyed look at humanity earned him popularity and a place as a central figure in yiddish literature. This film uses archival footage and includes commentary from Bella Kaufman (Aleichem's granddaughter), Aaron Lansky of the Yiddish Book Center, and Professor Ruth Wisse of Harvard University.



## 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:

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