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Temple Talk



Brought To You By Rabbi Ben: Coming Together in the Brokenness

By: Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell

Chodesh Tov (may you have a good month)!

As I write we enter the new Hebrew month of Tammuz. Tammuz marks the change in seasons to summer, and with it, the change in focus to the losses of that which is dear to us.

On 17 Tammuz (July 13) we relive when the Roman army broke through the walls of Jerusalem. And three weeks later, on Tisha B'av, the 9th of Av (August 3), we relive the Temple's destruction and the loss of Jewish communal life in Jerusalem, as well as countless tragedies such as murders during the Crusades, the expulsion from Spain, and the liquidation of the Warsaw Ghetto.

This year there have been many losses. The still-raw death of hundreds on October 7, young soldiers' lives cut short in war, deaths from Iranian missiles. The destruction of kibbutzim and apartment buildings, the loss of homes, the burning of trees and vegetation in Israel's north, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The murders of Sarah Milgrim and Yaron Lischinsky and violent attacks on others. Feelings of insecurity amidst rising antisemitism, political violence, and erosion of norms. The loss of feeling at home.

The Jewish response to loss is to come together. After a death, we surround the mourner at the funeral, at shiva, and

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President's Message

By: Linda Ungerleider

First, a deep appreciation and much gratitude for your vote of confidence in my reelection as President. Thank you for your dedication and hard work to those who have completed their term on the Board of Directors. Todah rabah to those on the Board that are continuing to help Temple Beth Israel grow in so many ways.

To Rabbi Ben, thank you for challenging me and our community to be the bright light of Jewish services, learning, programs, events and Chesed in Waltham. The foundation is being set!

To you, our community, todah rabah for supporting us by welcoming the stranger, by participating in services, discussions, field trips and programs and through your financial commitments, and for bringing us your new ideas as demonstrated at the Annual Meeting. Thank you for all that you do!

My vision continues to work diligently to bring new programs and events to TBI. To welcome the stranger who comes to a service or programs and to get to know each one better. We need to meet each and every person, congregant or future member, at the place they are looking to connect to our vibrant community. I am part of the TBI cohort for the *Don't Kvetch Organize* presented by JOIN for Justice. We learned techniques to help us find out what our community members value and why, as we ask for volunteers for committees, special events and other opportunities

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Brought To You By Rabbi Ben: 70 Faces of Torah

By: Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell

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in the months of saying kaddish. So too do we come together on Tisha B'av as we sit in silence, like at shiva, to read Lamentations. Sharing suffering lightens its burden, enables us to cope, and allows us to discover a path forward. This Tisha B'av we will hold each other close, like in a big hug.

It fills me with hope how Jewish people have come together these last two years in what some describe as a "surge" of engagement. New York City's Temple Emanu-El plans to host thousands for the largest-ever Shabbat dinner this November. The "Great Nosh" will fill New York's Governor's Island this summer in one of the largest ever Jewish food festivals. And on June 24, our Boston Jewish community gathered in solidarity with recent victims to fight antisemitism and turn our pain into purpose.

Here at TBI, we'll gather together for both serious and lighter occasions, building community to support each other through all that we face. Join us for ice cream at Pizzi farm July 15 and August 20 and at Castle Island on July 20. We'll discuss what it means to be Jewish in today's world on July 27 and engage new members to join our community at our Open House on August 24. We will mourn together on Saturday evening August 2 on Tisha B'av, *and* we'll celebrate Shabbat Under the Stars on August 1. We will come together in times of joy and sadness, finding comfort, strength, and purpose in one another as we move forward together.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Rabbi Ben

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By: Linda Ungerleider

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that will help us continue to grow and thrive in the future. Personally, I would like to become more familiar with our new prayer book *Lev Shalem*. Will you join me?

Finally, we will continue to support the action teams that resulted from our Strategic Planning Day last September. The building use action team continues to gather information to facilitate future decisions on the use of our building. The program/education action team supports and helps expand our current offerings. The fundraising action team will help provide additional financial resources. The publicity action team increased our presence on social and print media. Thanks to each team's facilitators and members.

Remember to invite your family, friends and neighbors to our Open House on Sunday, August 24th. Let's build our community together!

As always, I am just a phone call or email away.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Linda

Monthly Kaballat Shabbat Service and Potluck



Friday July 11

*Please note our "First Friday" is postponed due to the fourth of July holiday

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

7:30 PM Potluck Shabbat Dinner: Sign up to bring a dairy/vegetarian dish [here](#)



Friday August 1 - Shabbat Under the Stars - see page 7

Friday September 5

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

7:30 PM Potluck Shabbat Dinner: Sign up to bring a dairy/vegetarian dish [here](#)

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

New Views on the Parsha - online only

[Click Here to Join on Zoom](#)

Thursday July 17, 12-1 PM - New Leaders for New Times

Join us to discover the Torah's lessons for leadership as God chooses Moses' successor, Joshua. Learn what makes Joshua stand out and step up as the new leader, how Moses models sustainable leadership in stepping back for Joshua, and how we can apply both lessons to step up and step back as leaders in our lives.

Online ONLY at Zoom link [here](#).

Thursday August 21, 12-1 PM - All Roads to the Temple

Online ONLY at Zoom link [here](#)

Our Torah portion emphasizes the rule, unique to Deuteronomy, that all sacrificial offerings are brought to one place, despite historical evidence of many sites of worship. We will explore why Deuteronomy encourages our ancestors to gather in one place for pilgrimages and festivals, and what that teaches us about how we gather today.

Hot Topics: To Be a Jew Today by Noah Feldman

Sunday July 27, 10:30 AM in-person at TBI, following minyan at 9 AM and breakfast

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

What does it mean to be Jewish today? Harvard law professor Noah Feldman offers a thought-provoking starting point in his 2024 book *To Be a Jew Today: A New Guide to God, Israel, and the Jewish People*. We will discuss Feldman's analysis of Jewish views on God, Israel, and antisemitism (including his front-page Time article on the topic), which center both the love, and the

Tisha B'Av

Saturday Night August 2

7:30-8 PM: Refreshments before fast

8-8:45 PM: Teaching on October 7 Lamentations

8:45-9 PM: Ma'ariv

9-9:45 PM: Reading of Eichah (Lamentations)

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

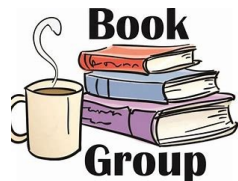
Join us to commemorate Tisha B'av with light refreshments, followed by Rabbi Ben's teaching on lamentations written about the October 7 massacre that connect this tragedy with others we have faced. After a short ma'ariv service, we will chant Eichah (Lamentations). Bring a flashlight or use your phone as we dim the lights during Eichah.

"Problematic Promises" by Rose Myers

Saturday, July 5, 1 PM after Kiddush in-person and accessible on Zoom [here](#)

"Problematic Promises" by Rose Myers will continue to explore well-meaning, but deadly promises.

This time, we'll see why this week's Haftarah about Jephthah ends where it does---before it becomes problematic! Rose will share some Talmud (Ta'anit 4a), Midrash old and new, and other reactions about Jephthah and his daughter. Our generation is not the first to be troubled by this story.

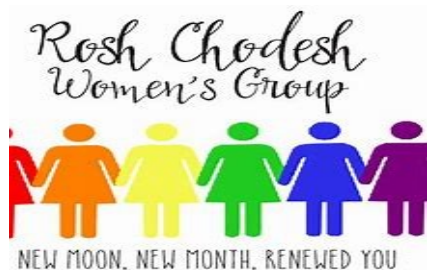


Book Book Group

The next meeting of the book club will be Tuesday, July 22 at 7 PM on Zoom. July's Book will be "The Sabbath" by Abraham Joshua Heschel. This month's lead/book selection is by Joseph Linitz.

If you have any questions contact Kenzie Edwards kenzie135481@yahoo.com

[Click Here to Join the Zoom on July 22](#)



Rosh Chodesh Group

July 27 Av - 5:00pm

August 31 Elul - 5:00pm

September 28 Tishri - 5:00pm

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

Men's and Women's Clothing, Shoes and Outerwear - Individual Snacks - Bottles of Water

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!

Library

I'd like to thank the members who have given donations to offset the cost of bringing our old copies of the Hertz Pentateuch and Haftarah to the geneziah for eventual burial. We have covered about half of our costs. If you are able to make a small donation—eighteen dollars-- to help us cover the rest of our cost, it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Marilyn Racette



A DAY ON CASTLE ISLAND



Meet at TBI at 10 am to carpool to South Boston.

Bring your own lunch or buy lunch from Sullivan's. There are picnic tables and bathrooms within 5-10 minutes walk from Sullivan's.

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

**DEPART FROM TBI AT 10 AM
RETURN APPROXIMATELY 2 PM**

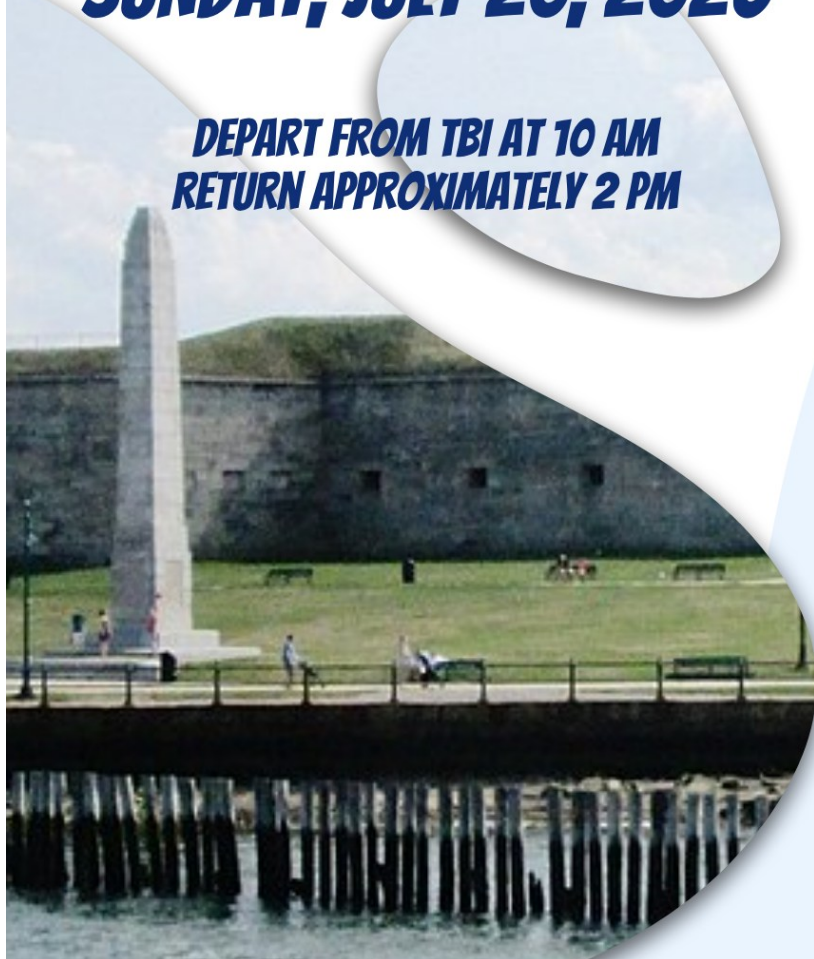
The walk is 1-2 miles with a choice of distance around the fort by the harbor, or all the way around Pleasure Bay for those wanting a longer walk while others wait (or leave if they have a ride).

To sign up:

- Contact Catherine Cantrell
- 978-697-2374 (call or text)
- backpackingranny1@gmail.com
- Please indicate if you can offer or need a ride.

Suggested to bring:

- cell phone
- walking shoes
- sun hat and sunscreen
- water bottle
- lunch
- towel, if you want to put your feet in the water at the beach



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Summer Ice Cream Nights at Pizzi Farm with TBI

Tues. July 15, 2025
Weds. Aug. 20, 2025
7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join us for ice cream and conversation with members of Temple Beth Israel! It's the perfect opportunity to connect, share stories, and enjoy a scoop (or two!) with your TBI community.

Let us know you'll be coming!

Please contact the Temple office:

- Phone: [781 894 5146
- Email: office@tbiwaltham.org

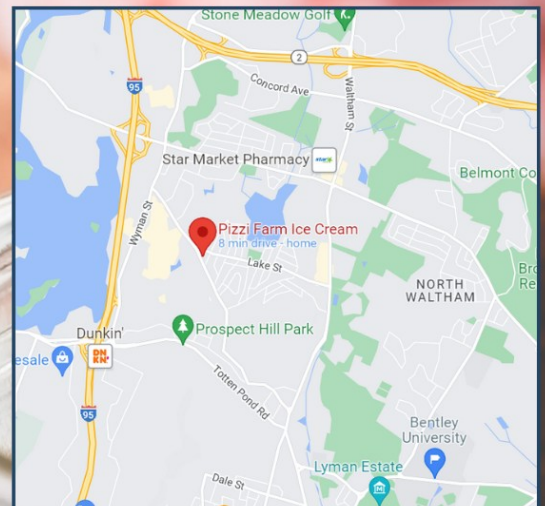
We'll confirm by email to all RSVP'd guests by 6 pm on the day of the event in case of cancellation due to weather.

Spread the word and bring a friend!



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**Pizzi Farm, 495 Lincoln St,
Waltham, MA 02451**





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SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS



FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025
at the home of
DINA AND BRAD BAKER

6:30 PM SERVICE ~ 7:30 PM DINNER

RSVP to Dina at dinawbaker@gmail.com by Friday July 25 to reserve your space for the potluck dinner. You can bring your choice of salad or dessert. Main dish, challah, and all beverages will be provided. Exact address provided when you sign up.

Access: A ramped stairway leads from the street to the back yard. No stairs.



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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, More than Words and Community Day Center through donations



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 community.

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

**TEMPLE
BETH ISRAEL
MEMBERSHIP
OPEN
HOUSE**

Sunday, August 24th
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:

Andrea Baron, Exec. Director
andrea@tbiwaltham.org | 781-894-5146

Or online at tbiwaltham.org



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	July and August	Meeting ID
July 11	Friday Night Service—Pot Luck Dinner 6:30pm - 9:00pm	Click Here to Join Service
July 4, 18, 25 August 8, 15, 22, 29	Shabbat Service - 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Online only	Click Here for the Zoom Link
July 5, 12, 19, 26 Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Shabbat Morning In-house and Online 9:30 am	Click Here to Join
	Thursday Morning Minyan	
Jul 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Morning Minyan 8:00 am Online only	Click Here to Join
All Online Services	All Online Services	858 6689 6770 pw: TBIService

Rabbi Ben's Monthly Classes

Thursday, July 17— New Leaders for New Times Thursday, Aug. 21— All Roads to the Temple	New Views on the Weekly Parsha Online Only at 12:00pm	Click Here to Join on Zoom
Sunday, July 27— To Be A Jew Today by: Noah Feldman	Join Us For Minyan, Breakfast and Hot Topics 10:30am following	Click Here to Join On Zoom

We wish a long life to our members who are observing a Yahrzeit in the coming weeks.

If your loved one is remembered here, we remind you that it is customary to acknowledge the yahrzeit with tzedakah. TBI appreciates any gift you wish to make in memory of your loved ones.

July Yahrzeits

July 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 Manehan 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



August Yahrzeits

Aug 2 - Paul and Albert Smith, in memory of their father, Benjamin Smith
Aug 2 - Jim Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their grandfather, Joseph Kaplan
Aug 2 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of his grandfather, William Schwartz
Aug 3 - Ed Brown, in memory of his father, Hyman Brown
Aug 3 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her grandfather, Irving Zall
Aug 3 - Linda Ungerleider, in memory of Frances Yellowitz
Aug 6 - Merrill Griff, in memory of his aunt, Evelyn Forbes
Aug 13 - Julie Gagnon, in memory of her grandmother, Mulcan bat Yosef
Aug 13 - Patricia McCue, in memory of her mother, Sadye Canter
Aug 14 - Dina Baker, in memory of her father, Bernard Wolfman
Aug 15 - Bobby Shirazi, in memory of his mother, Nadia Shirazi
Aug 16 - Alan Kennen and Anita Kennen, in memory of their grandmother, Anna Esther Katz
Aug 16 - Avi Birsan, in memory of Dumitra Birsan
Aug 18 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of, Sylvia Schwartz
Aug 19 - Diana Korzenik, in memory of Harold Korzenik
Aug 19 - Jim Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their great grandfather, Walter Kaplan
Aug 20 - Alan Levine, in memory of his uncle, Harris Greene
Aug 20 - Diana Korzenik, in memory of Minnie Pesche bat Ruchel
Aug 23 - Merrill Griff, in memory of, Ethel Griff
Aug 25 - Hankus Netsky, in memory of Lester Netsky
Aug 25 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of her mother, Anna Araten
Aug 25 - Denise Dickinson, in memory of, Dennis Dickinson
Aug 26 - Joel Weiner, in memory of Ella Weiner
Aug 29 - Janice Goldstein, in memory of Aaron Blauer

Donations

Saturday Kiddush Fund

- ♦ Al Smith and Paul Smith
- ♦ Alan Dechter
- ♦ Dina Baker and Toni Wolfman
- ♦ Dianne Levine
- ♦ Howard Trachtman
- ♦ Sylvia Hobbs

General Fund

- ♦ Alan Kennen, in memory of his parents, Thelma and Yukie Kennen
- ♦ Stephen Etkind, in memory of his mother Lillian Etkind

Siddur Fund

- ♦ Jim, Andrea and Michaela Baron
- ♦ Dana Fine
- ♦ Audrey, Steven, Joshua and Jared Kennen
- ♦ Ed Brown and The Gagnon Family
- ♦ Howard Trachtman
- ♦ Linda Ungerleider
- ♦ Phyllis Werlin

M. Frydenberg Event Participation Fund

- ♦ Friends of the Meriden Public Library
- ♦ Martha Tolpin

TBI Bookshelf

By Marilyn Racette

Thank you to Dana Fine for donating several books to our library, and for checking with me first, as we have very limited space! One of these donations was a copy of *Burning Lights* by Bella Chagall, the wife of artist Marc Chagall. Bella was a talented author and actress, and in this memoir, written while she and her husband were living in France in the 1930s, she recalls her childhood in Vitebsk, the market town where she and Marc Chagall grew up, with warmth and humor. Bella was the youngest of seven children, born into an upper middle class Hasidic family. The story of her life in pre-Revolutionary Russia is illustrated with thirty-six pen and ink drawings by her husband. The title that the Chagalls chose for this book commemorating their native town alludes to the festive candles that illuminated the Jewish year.



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



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Pick up your copy of Temple Talk at the synagogue
or read it online at www.tbiwaltham.org.

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:

Please send acknowledgment to:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

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