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Rabbi Ben Chaidell

Mishenichnas Adar, Marbim B'simcha,” the words of the Talmud in Ta’anit 29a, are sung with joy and gusto across the Jewish world. “When [the month of] Adar enters, we increase in joy!” The month of Adar marks the transition to early spring and our festival of Purim, the celebration of survival and triumph in Persia, followed not long after by Passover, our celebration of freedom.

Adar is certainly a joyous time in that it kicks off the springtime holiday season. There are more opportunities as the weather warms to gather with family and friends. We dress up in costumes, send gift bags (*mishloach manot*) filled with hamantaschen to one another as well as gifts to the poor (*matanot la-eyyonim*). We eat delicious meals and read Megillat Esther, the Scroll of Esther, which tells the very human story of how Mordecai and his niece

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Celebrating the New Year for Trees at the Tu BShvat Seder

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Ungerleider, President

What is community? Thank you for your responses on the Word Cloud in our last bulletin. Your responses were:

FRIENDS LUNCH
LEARNING

INCLUSIVE CONNECTION PRAYER
ACCEPTING SOCIAL JUSTICE
MEANINGFUL POTENTIAL
FRIENDSHIP COOKING

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Esther intervened with the Persian king to enable the Jewish community to defy destruction and defeat their enemies. Interestingly, the Book of Esther does not contain one mention of God. God's presence is hidden, much like Esther (whose name means hidden) conceals her Jewish identity. Yet when we look closer and peer under the mask/costume, we discover who we are and the sacred presence among us.

Perhaps that is the source of Adar's joy. We discover we have within us, and around us, much more than we thought. It is a topsy turvy holiday that reflects the unpredictable roller coaster of life we face. Yet we have the ability, together and with God, to face every challenge. Purim reminds us that our strength as a people is how we come together. Mordecai and Esther mandate that every Jewish community retell our story, send gifts to one another and to those in need, and enjoy delicious meals together. That is how we find joy, and that is how we survive and thrive from generation to generation.

This month we have many opportunities to come together within and beyond our community, from Purim itself on March 2 to our tisch on March 6 honoring Morris and Edith Hollender to our Havdalah on campus on March 14 with Brandeis students. Our warming center continues to share our community's warmth and good food through March; it's not too late to help. As we celebrate Purim and prepare for Passover, may we remember that it is our community that has been, is, and will be the source of our strength and joy this month and beyond.

Happy Adar 😊 -Rabbi Ben



Morning Minyan on New Year's Day

Now, please take a moment and add one or two more words to this list. Add it to the sign on the easel in the lobby. Let's see how you describe our community!

March and April are full of services and events. Some highlights for me are the Tisch with Hankus Netsky on March 6 (RSVP by March 2), Hamantaschen baking with our Next Gen'ers, Purim services in costume and Passover. I need to give a shout out to all the committee and their chairperson for planning programs, taking care of the building and finances and helping those less fortunate. Thank you, Phil Steindel and volunteers who kept the Warming Center for, providing longer hours during the extreme cold in January.

With Andrea Baron's departure from her role in the Temple office after nearly 30 years, we are entering a period of transition. While it will be impossible to replace Andrea, we hope to make the transition as smooth as possible. The Board will examine TBI's administrative needs and hope to hire someone soon. While we search for permanent help, Marilyn Racette and Phyllis Werlin will be providing administrative support in the office. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas. I hope to see you in our TBI community soon!

Stay warm! Be well! – Linda

A Message from Andrea Baron



Dear Members and Friends of TBI,

I am hoping that at one time or another over the past 30 years, I have had the privilege of connecting with you during my time at Temple Beth Israel. My heart and mind are filled with countless memories of working alongside seven Presidents, many dedicated board members, three Cantors, six Rabbis, and hundreds of congregants who have made this community so special.

Over the years, my family and I have been fortunate to share many meaningful moments with so many of you. You celebrated with us at my wedding, at Michaela's baby naming and Bat Mitzvah, and most recently her 30th adoption anniversary. Together we marked Mother's Day and Father's Day, birthdays and anniversaries, member milestones, congregational celebrations, monthly breakfasts, holidays, and even weekly Bingo games.

The High Holidays were always my favorite time of year. I loved seeing Michaela interact with your children and grandchildren, meeting new members in person after speaking on the phone, and sharing a few moments of conversation with you in the lobby before services began.

When I learned that I was a Levi 15 years ago, it was a special honor to assist the Kohanim before they offered their priestly blessing at the conclusion of High Holy Day services.

I have been privileged to be part of so many life cycle events within your families — joyful occasions as well as times of sorrow. It has been an honor to support you through funerals and Shiva visits, and I hold close the memories of those we have lost and remember.

Although I will no longer be in the office answering the phone, responding to emails, or greeting you at the door, I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for allowing me to be part of your lives and for giving me the opportunity to create memories that I will carry with me always.

With gratitude and warm wishes, - Andrea

(ABRIDGED) REMARKS FROM CANTOR ELLEN BAND'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT



Shabbat Shalom. It is a joy to be with you—those here in the sanctuary and those joining us from Toronto, The Bahamas, Atlanta, and Switzerland. While thanks often come at the end, I must begin by thanking Temple Beth Israel for the honor of serving this congregation for 25 years. I remember Arthur Marion z'l, who in 2007 nudged me to serve as Kol Bo. There are people who see qualities in us we do not recognize ourselves; I am forever grateful for his encouragement.

My gratitude extends to the committee that hired me in 2001, to Mark Frydenberg for being a constant source of support, and to the past and current presidents—Herbie, Andrea, Ron, Merrill, Mark, Dina, and Linda—for your thoughtful leadership. To my colleagues, Rabbis Foust, Nathan, Finkelstein, and Chaidell: I carry the skills you modeled into my own work. Finally, I am mindful of my parents, Philip and Freda Band z'l, who instilled in me a deep love for our Jewish heritage.

I once spoke with Hazzan Devorah Buhr about a man who knocked on the synagogue doors during Kiddush, claiming he was there "to have lunch with a friend." She told him, "Sir, this is a *shul*, not a restaurant." Why tell this story? Because while we come for many reasons—tradition, *minyan*, prayer, music, or the *D'var Torah*—the piece that binds us is each other. Judaism has always been about community.

In *Parashat Va'era*, the Israelites are beginning their journey from enslavement toward nationhood. God promises redemption with an "outstretched arm," yet the Torah tells us the people would not listen because their spirits were crushed by "cruel bondage." They suffered from *kotzer ruach*—a "shortness of breath" or lack of patience. As Rebbe Nachman of Breslov suggests, when we lack patience, we lack the faith to see that change is possible. The *Etz Hayim* asks: Was their exhaustion so great they couldn't envision freedom? Or did they sense that freedom would require hard work?

Creating and sustaining a community **is** hard work. We see this in our prayers for those who establish synagogues, provide *tzedakah*, and maintain the "Warming Center" during winter months. As I look at your faces, I am filled with gratitude for your efforts in preserving this community. Twenty-five years is plenty of time to know the heartbeat of this *shul*. From the moment I walked in for my audition in 2001, you greeted me with warmth and an open spirit. Thank you for the honor of serving this *haimishe* congregation. Shabbat Shalom.

Commit to the Brit: Participate in TBI Services on Your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Anniversary!

Any and all TBI members are invited to celebrate their bar/bat mitzvah anniversary by chanting Haftorah, reading Torah, receiving an aliya, or delivering a teaching to relive your big day. It's a perfect opportunity to share your skills and/or learn something new as you recommit to Jewish tradition on this milestone with your community. Many also sponsor kiddush with their loved ones on this day.

Contact TBI Member Susan Holbert (susaneholbert@gmail.com) or Rabbi Ben (rabbiben@tbiwaltham.org) if you are interested; we will connect you to teachers to assist you in preparing.

SERVICES @ TBI

Friday Nights

March 6, 2026: Tisch with Hankus Netsky

Services at 6:15, 7:30 pm Dinner; 8:30 pm Tisch
See flyer for details. In Person and On Zoom.

March 13, 20, 27, April 3 at 5:30 pm: **Kabbalat Shabbat** on Zoom only

April 10: Chametz Fest Potluck Shabbat Dinner

6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service in-person and on Zoom.
At 7:30 PM Potluck Mimouna-Style Chametz Fest Shabbat Dinner

Bring a dairy/vegetarian dish featuring your favorite leavened bread products, or foods like dried fruits, nuts, and baked goods inspired by the North African holiday of [Mimouna](#) that takes place just after Passover.

April 17, 24: Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom only, at 5:30 pm

Shabbat Morning

Services at 9:30 am followed by Kiddush Lunch

Every Saturday, in person and on Zoom

Morning Minyans

Thursdays, 8:00 am March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 16, 23, 30 On Zoom Only
Sunday, March 29 and April 26 at 9:00 am

Followed by breakfast and Hot Topics Class. In person and on Zoom

Purim

Monday, March 2 – 5:30 Carnival, Crafts, 6:30 Megillah (See p. 7)

Passover

Wednesday, April 1

- **Morning Minyan at 8:00 am** In Person and on Zoom followed by Siyyum, Breakfast, and Selling Chametz

Wednesday, April 1: Passover Eve (First Seder at Home)

Thursday, April 2 (Day 1):

- Yom Tov Morning services at 9:30 AM.
- **Second Night Community Seder** will be held at TBI. (See Flyer)

Friday, April 3 (Day 2):

- **Yom Tov** Morning services at 9:30 AM,
- **Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach** service on Zoom only at 5:30 PM.

Saturday, April 4: Shabbat Morning Passover services at 9:30 AM.

Wednesday, April 8: Yom Tov services. 9:30 AM in person and on Zoom

Thursday, April 9: Yom Tov services at 9:30 am, including Yizkor at approximately 10:45 am. In person and on Zoom.



JOIN SERVICES ON ZOOM

All services at TBI use the same [Zoom link](#).

Enter the Meeting ID: 858 6689 6770 and Passcode: TBIservice

Or Scan the QR code at the left to join on your mobile device.

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New Views on the Weekly Parasha With Rabbi Ben

LINK TO [JOIN ON ZOOM](#)
Meeting ID: 868 1722 2384
Passcode: 272586

Hot Topics With Rabbi Ben

Following in-person minyan at 9 AM and breakfast
Minyan and class accessible on Zoom
LINK TO [JOIN ON ZOOM](#)
Meeting ID: 858 6689 6770
Passcode: TBIservice

Shabbat After-Lunch Discussion With Rose Meyers

LINK TO [JOIN ON ZOOM](#)
Meeting ID: 858 6689 6770
Passcode: TBIservice

Learn or Practice Chanting Haftarah!

Get Ready for Passover

Thursday March 19, 12-1 PM Vayikra: Korba...what?

It is easy to become lost by the technical (and bloody) system of sacrifices laid out in this week's Torah portion. In this class we'll endeavor to understand the structure and purpose of the korbanot, or offerings, in the Tabernacle and Temple, focusing on how these sacrifices brought our ancestors close to God through communicating gratitude, repentance, celebration, and more.

Thursday April 16, 12-1 PM Metzora=Motzi Shem Ra?

The rabbis consider the skin affliction known as tzara'at in our Torah portion a consequence of speaking badly about others. We will explore the mitzvot related to speech and assess whether/how violating them corresponds to the disease in our Torah portion. In so doing we will learn lessons for how to build healthy, caring, and positive communities through the words we use

Sunday March 29, 10:30 AM at TBI

Cleaning and Kashering for Pesach- What Do I Really Need to Do and Why?

Do I need a blowtorch? What if there is a stray crumb? Do I need kosher for Passover toothpaste? In this class we'll endeavor to understand what one must do to prepare for Passover and why we do it. Bring questions!

Sunday April 26 10:30 AM at TBI

Israel Rebuilding

As we celebrate Israel Independence Day (Yom Ha'atzmaut) this last week, we'll take stock how Israel has recovered and rebuilt, post October 7th, in the Gaza Envelope and the North in partnership with Jewish communities around the world, including ours through CJP. We'll see how the money our local community raised is making an impact in rebuilding Israel as a stronger, more resilient place for years to come.

Saturday March. 14 after Kiddush Lunch (approximately 12:45 PM)

God's Pronouns

Join Rose Myers to look at how the pronouns we use for God (or their absence) in Jewish texts and prayer can change how we imagine God and our connection to Him/him/Her/her/It/it/Them/them/God/Source of Blessing/Shekinah/Yah

The discussion, a continuation of January's look at Jewish Feminism, will focus on the tip of the iceberg of Jewish Feminist Theology.

Learn the musical system for chanting Haftarah from TBI Members Susan Holbert or Lois Rosenthal. Please contact Rabbi Ben (rabbiben@tbiwaltham.org) to indicate interest and get more information.

Visit <http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide> to view the Rabbinical Assembly's Guide for preparing your home for Passover.

EVENTS @ TBI



A Mixed Media Expressive Arts Workshop

Join Cecile and Gabi Reve-Kotler (TBI members and co-founders of ARTrelief) for a creative afternoon. We will guide you step-by-step through a mixed-media process on canvas to create a blessing for your home.

No art experience is necessary! Whether you are an experienced artist or picking up a brush for the first time, this workshop is for you. This is an intergenerational event! Families and participants of all ages are encouraged to create together!

Sunday, March 1, 2026 - 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
ARTrelief, 151 Newton Street, Waltham, MA 02453
\$5 Per Person, Pay at the Door



JOIN US FOR PURIM!

5:30 PM: Family-friendly carnival, crafts, games
Light Dairy/Vegetarian Dinner
Bring triangular shaped snack/party foods!
(Dinner until 6:30 pm - Sign up at bit.ly/tbipurim26)

6:15 PM: Costume Parade and Contest
6:30 PM: Ma'ariv, Megillah Reading and Slide Show
8:00 PM: Hamentaschen and Songs

Come in Costume! Bring cash or a check for Yad Chesed to fulfill the mitzvah of *matanot la-evyonim*.

CAN'T MAKE IT IN PERSON? Join starting at 6:30 pm on Zoom. (See Zoom info on p. 5)

HAVDALAH & HANG OUT
End Shabbat with the Brandeis University Masorti Minyan

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 AT 6:00 PM
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, BERLIN CHAPEL
PARK IN HASSENFELD LOT. YOU MAY OBTAIN A PARKING PASS FROM STONEMAN BUILDING.
ACCESSIBILITY: WALK ACROSS CAMPUS FOR THE MEAL THEN BACK TO BERLIN CHAPEL.

SHABBAT MINCHA, SINGING, SEUDAT SHELISHIT, "CHAI=LIGHTS" OF THE WEEK, COMMUNITY HAVDALAH

RSVP TO RABBI BEN CHAIDELL RABBIBEN@TBIWALTHAM.ORG BY FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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NEXT GEN

NextGen Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday March 20 at Rabbi Ben's or at TBI if more than 15 people RSVP

6:30 PM Service,
7:30 PM Potluck

Join NextGen for a spirited Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner.

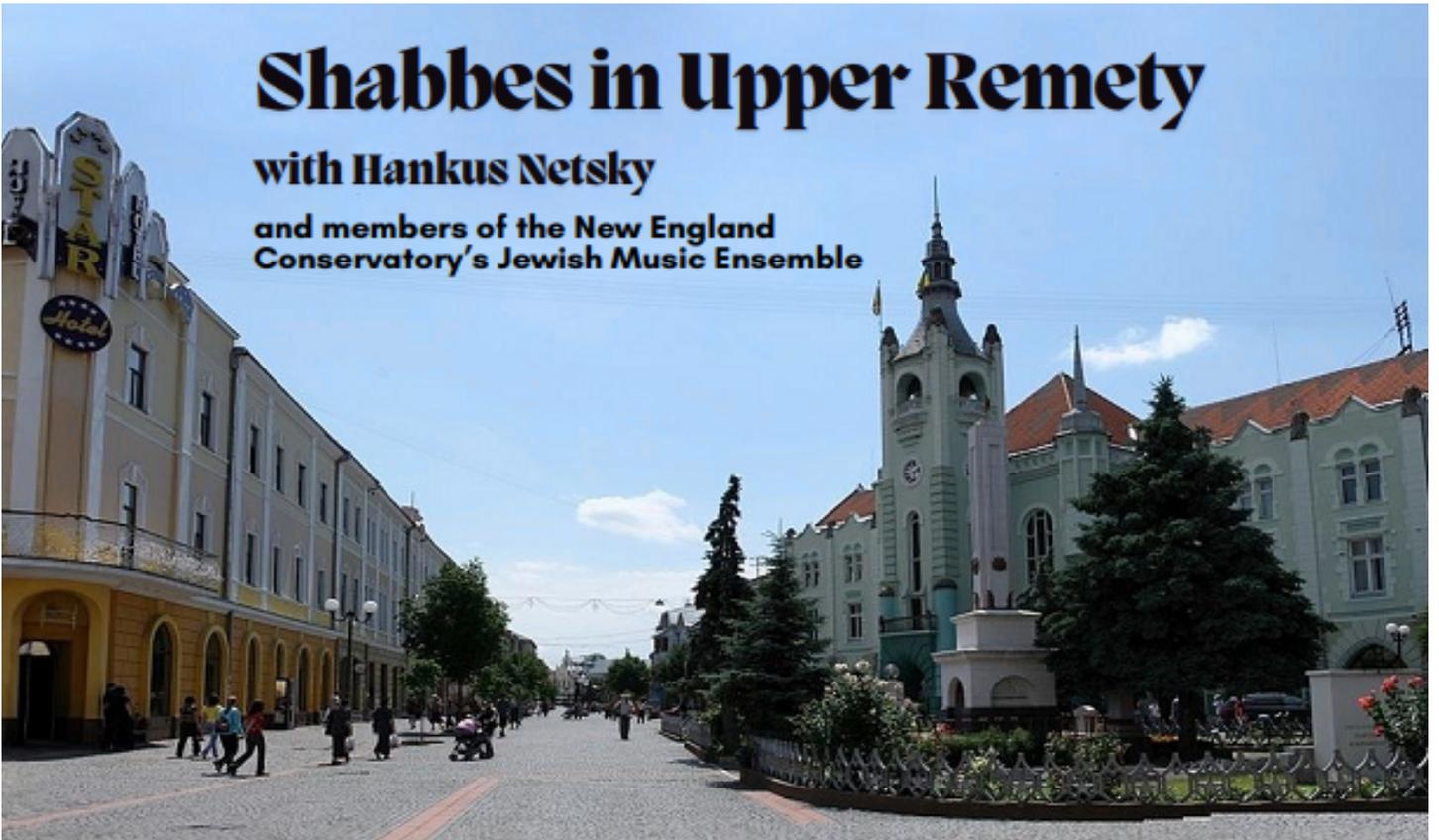
RSVP by signing up for potluck [here](#) or contact rabbiben@tbiwaltham.org.

We will share location with those who RSVP.

Shabbes in Upper Remety

with Hankus Netsky

and members of the New England
Conservatory's Jewish Music Ensemble



Morris and Edith Hollender Annual Tish

Friday March 6, 2026

Kabbalat Shabbat Services: 6:15 pm

Dinner: 7:30 pm

Tish: 8:30 pm

This annual gathering honors **Morris and Edith Hollender** (d. 2014 and 2020, respectively), Auschwitz survivors who immigrated from Czechoslovakia in 1967. Hankus Netsky leads a "tish" (community sing) each year, featuring melodies Morris Hollender learned as a child in Munkacs, Eastern Czechoslovakia, and shared during his decades as Temple Beth Israel's lay leader and Torah reader.

Cost: \$30 per person (prepaid to the Temple Office). **Walk-ins for dinner will not be accepted.** Sign up and pay online: <https://bit.ly/Tish2026> or call and send your check to the Temple office before Feb. 28, 2026. Please notify us if you require a vegetarian, vegan or gluten free meal. Register for a Zoom link with an \$18 donation at <https://bit.ly/Tish2026>.



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Golda's BALCONY

A ONE-WOMAN SHOW
FEATURING
ACCLAIMED ACTRESS
BETH GOLDMAN AS
GOLDA MEIR
PLAY BY WILLIAM GIBSON



Broadway praised this reimagined version of the 1977 play as a powerful one-woman tour-de-force. Set on the eve of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, it uses flashbacks to trace Golda's life from Russia to Milwaukee, where she became a teacher and married. She reflects on her Zionist activism, her move to Palestine in 1921, raising two children, and the dissolution of her marriage. These personal stories frame a gripping exploration of idealism, leadership, and the resolve required to shape a nation's future.

Beth Goldman is a seasoned actor whose New England Rep Company credits include Philip Glass Buys a Loaf of Bread, All My Sons, Gin Game, The Glass Menagerie, Lifespan of a Fact, and several other productions, along with multiple one-woman shows such as Golda's Balcony and Tea with Emily Dickinson. She has also performed in New York and Boston theaters, appeared on PBS, understudied at the Huntington, teaches acting, and coaches performers of all ages.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026
MATINEE AT 4:30 PM
TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL, 25 HARVARD ST, WALTHAM, MA

GENERAL ADMISSION \$20 IN ADVANCE
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE
<http://bit.ly/tbigolda>
OR SEND YOUR CHECK TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE
\$25 AT THE DOOR (CASH ONLY)
FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL 781 894 5146
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COMMUNITY 2ND NIGHT
Passover Seder



THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Name(s) _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Number in your party _____

Dietary Concerns

Vegan Vegetarian Gluten Free
 Other _____

How can you participate during the Seder?

Lead a favorite song, prayer, or melody

 Read in English _____

To reserve your space, please return this form by end of day **Wednesday, March 25, 2026** with your total payment to Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA 02453. You also may email this form to office@tbialtham.org or pay online below. (3% convenience fee applied for credit card payments). We regret that we cannot accept reservations after this date or payments at the door. No refunds will be given for cancellations. Doors open at 6 pm. Seating is not reserved.

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 sign-up online at: bit.ly/TBISeder2026



Fees

Adults @ \$75 _____
 College Students with ID @ \$30 _____
 Children (ages 10-18) @ \$30 _____
 Children under 10 (free) _____
 Total Amount Enclosed _____

Call for family rate,

Help make our seder affordable for everyone with your additional contribution, sponsoring:

First Cup of Wine \$100 Elijah's Cup \$ 300
 Second Cup of Wine \$200 Miriam's Cup \$400

How can you help before the Seder?

Go shopping Kasher the kitchen
 Cook or prepare food

How can you help the day of the Seder?

Serve food Set tables Clean up

What can you bring to make your table festive?

Candles and candlesticks Empty Seder Plate
 Cup of Elijah Matzah cover
 Miriam's cup Other: _____



EVENTS @ TBI

Join TBI Waltham at.....

Jewish Heritage

RED SOX GAME

RSVP by March 15 using the QR code or via email/phone call -
office@tbiwaltham.org
(781) 894-5146

Tickets are projected to be \$60 per person
Financial constraints should not limit a person's ability to attend. Please contact the temple office if this is a concern.

MAY 27TH
GAME BEGINS AT 6:45PM

SCAN THE QR CODE HERE 

Contact Temple Beth Israel in Waltham for more information.



YOM HASHOAH

Yom Hashoah v'Hagevura, Israel's Holocaust Memorial Day, is this year on April 13-14. Customs include lighting a yellow yahrzeit candle, donating in honor of a loved one, and joining a minyan to say kaddish. At Shabbat services on April 11, we will offer memorial prayers in memory of those who perished in the Shoah.

YOM HAZIKARON

Israel's Memorial Day Falls on April 20-21. This is a day to recall the sacrifices of those who died to protect Israel's security and to establish the country we have today. In Israel, traffic comes to a standstill as sirens call out and people stand to honor those who died.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

SPEAKER SHABBAT APRIL 18



Celebrate Israel's Independence Day (April 21-22) at Shabbat services April 18 as we hear a guest Dvar Torah by **Gilad Skolnick**, New England

representative of [Leket Israel](#), Israel's food redistribution network that provides hundreds of thousands of meals that would otherwise be wasted to Israelis of every background.

Learn how Israelis care for each other in innovative ways that prevent waste and provide for all!

AROUND TBI

PROGRAM COMMITTEE – ART SHOW

Denise Dickinson, Chair

A Congregant Art Show and Auction is currently planned for May 3rd at 3:00 pm in TBI. If you would like to be on the planning committee, please contact Denise Dickinson @ 201-705-2964.

ROSH CHODESH

The Rosh Chodesh Group meets on Sundays
March 15 @ 5:00 and April 19 @ 5:00.



CHESED COMMITTEE

Andrea Baron, Chair

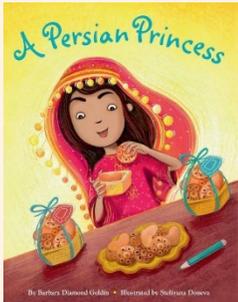
Thank you to all that helped put our Shelach Menot bags together and to those that delivered them for Purim.

We were also able to make a sizable donation to Yad Chesed because of your generosity during our Purimpalooza.

This winter has been exceptionally cold and many of our members have not been able to get out of the house. If you would like to chat with a fellow Temple member, send me an email at albaronlaw@gmail.com and I will arrange it.

If you are under the weather and could use a good bowl of chicken soup, let us know as well.

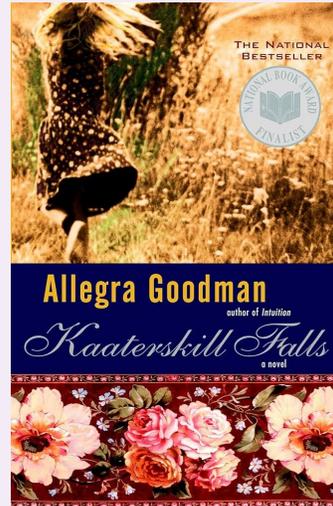
TBI BOOKSHELF with Marilyn Racette



In *A Persian Princess* by Barbara Diamond Goldin, we are introduced to Raya, a young girl who loves the holiday of Purim. She is busy helping her grandmother bake the Purim cookies, *koloochen*, as they are called

in the Persian tradition. While Raya is excited to help her grandmother prepare cookies and baskets of treats to be shared with neighbors, she is disappointed about not being able to be in the religious school play, like her big brother. Luckily, her grandmother has a solution. Colorfully illustrated by Steliyana Doneva, this children's picture book presents some of the universal ways that we celebrate Purim as well as some that are different.

OY! ANOTHER BOOK! The TBI Book Club



The group will discuss *Kaaterskill Falls* by Allegra Goodman.

Contact Gavriella Edwards Kenziel
35481@yahoo.com
for more info.

Tuesday, March 24
at 7 pm on ZOOM

[Join the Book Club on Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 841 4689 6947
Passcode:

AROUND TBI

WARMING CENTER

Our Warming Center welcomes neighbors facing homelessness and food insecurity. A hot meal and a warm place to rest are deeply appreciated. Volunteers sign up for two-hour shifts on Sunday afternoons through March. Sign up: <https://signup.com/go/KCXgHdW>
Your help makes a difference!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

We continue our commitment to the Community Day Center through donations of needed items to support the unhoused in our community. Requested items include new socks and underwear, spring jackets, sweatshirts and short sleeve jerseys. Shoes and sneakers are always needed. Donation bin is in our lobby.

SIYYUM FOLLOWING MORNING MINYAN Wednesday April 1, 8:00 AM

On the night the first born of the Egyptians were slain, the first born of the Israelites were saved. To remember the loss of life and in gratitude for salvation, firstborn children fast on the day preceding Pesach. The fast begins at dawn on Monday April 22nd and the common practice is to break the fast in the morning at a seudat mitzvah (a celebratory meal) following a siyyum, the celebration of the completion of study of a unit of Torah, Mishnah, or Talmud. The siyyum creates a joyful atmosphere that pushes aside the requirement to continue the fast. The siyyum and chometz sale will take place immediately following morning minyan, Monday April 22nd. Join on Zoom at the link on p. 5. This year's siyyum is sponsored by Merrill and Carol Griff.

TBI FAMILIES



Saturday March 21, 11 AM @TBI

Family Shabbat: Preparing for Passover

Join families for an informal song, story, and scavenger hunt activity to find the chametz and get ready for Passover. Families will each receive their own *Bedikat Chametz* kit to use at home.

Snacks will be served and

families are welcome to join us for kiddush lunch after.

Friday May 8, Family Shabbat

Join TBI families for an interactive kids' Shabbat service, followed by Shabbat dinner together. For more details and to RSVP by May 5 email Rabbi Ben at rabbiben@tbiwaltham.org

CANNED SALMON FOR FAMILY TABLE



Jewish Family & Children's Services runs a food bank that supports individuals and families facing food insecurity, and each participating synagogue is

assigned a specific item to help keep supplies steady. Our item is canned salmon - 25 cans each month.

Next time you're at the grocery store, add a couple of cans of salmon to your cart. Drop the cans in the bin when you come to TBI. Mitzvah is complete and no fishing license is required. This is one tangible way we can help make sure there's food on the table for those in our community. Thank you and let's go fishing!

DONATIONS

Kiddush Lunch Fund

- **Catherine Cantrell**
- **Alan Kennen**
- **Mark Frydenberg**
- **The Shuman Family:** In honor of Jacob Shuman's Bar Mitzvah anniversary.
- **Hadassah Mutono** (general fund)
- **Julie Gagnon:** In honor of Ed Brown's birthday
- **Sidney Rubenstein:** In honor of the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.
- **Diana Korzenik**
- **Dianne Levine:** In memory of Mark Levine.

General Fund, In Honor of Cantor Ellen Band's 25 Years at TBI

- **Diana Korzenik** in memory of Vikko's mother.
- **Stewart H. Lecker**
- **Martha Tolpin and Tzvi Abusch**
- **Denise Dickinson and Ovidiu Birsan**
- **Lois Rosenthal**
- **Howard Tractman**

Family Engagement Fund

- **Dianne Levine** In memory of Milton Popolow
- **Linda Ungerleider**
 - In honor of Cantor Band
 - In Memory of Abigail Myers
 - In Memory of Stan Morse
 - In Memory of Margot, Vikko's Mother
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THANK YOU

Thank you to Sylvia, Dana, Catherine, Joe, Brad, Denise, Avi, Marilyn, Linda, and many others who volunteered to make our second annual Tu B'shvat Seder and Tree Fair a success! Local



environmental leaders from Bentley's Sustainability Department (including TBI member Natalie Hayes), Brandeis environmental educators, TBI member and Waltham Park Ranger Isaac Berger, and Brad Baker

shared their work protecting area trees and ensuring a sustainable future. We enjoyed planting succulents, touching tree branches, reading children's books, and tasting delicious fruits, nuts, tabouleh, and more masterfully prepared and arranged by Sylvia. Happy Birthday to the Trees!

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Mar 01 Neil Baker (*Brother of Eleanor Baker*)
Mar 01 Fanna Kreidberg (*Mother of Jordan Kreidberg*)
Mar 02 Ann Wolf (*Mother of Harry Wolf, Mother of Marge Wolf*)
Mar 02 Jane Siegel (*Sister of Barbara Camann*)
Mar 03 Harris Griff (*Father of Merrill Griff*)
Mar 03 Jack Corman (*Father of Alan Corman*)
Mar 03 Jerome Bloom (*Stepfather of Janice Goldstein*)
Mar 03 David Smith (*Brother of Paul Smith and Albert Smith*)
Mar 04 Jay Orlin (*Remembered by Bonnie Orlin*)
Mar 06 Al Bloom (*Father of Lawrence Bloom*)
Mar 08 Hilda Sharaga (*Remembered by Ralph Sharaga*)
Mar 09 Eunice Dorothy Radnofsky (*Remembered by Ken Radnofsky*)
Mar 09 Robert Fox (*Grandfather of Bruce Trager*)
Mar 10 Rose Brown (*Mother of Ed Brown*)
Mar 11 Sal Araten (*Father of Marilyn Racette*)
Mar 11 Marshall Kreidberg (*Father of Jordan Kreidberg*)
Mar 12 Martha Mikelbank (*Mother In Law of Martin Taubman*)
Mar 14 Marjorie Marion (*Mother of Renee Magasanik and Michele Marion, Friend of TBI*)
Mar 14 Gerald Woolf (*Father of Caroline Nudelman*)
Mar 14 Larry Webb (*Father of Julian Webb*)
Mar 16 Rose Wolk (*Remembered by Bonnie Ober*)
Mar 16 Judith Smith (*Wife of Albert Smith*)
Mar 18 Abraham Benjamin Feinsand (*Father of Ellen Feinsand*)
Mar 19 Pauline Chernoff (*Remembered by Miriam Chernoff*)
Mar 19 Louis Goldman (*Father of Alan Goldman*)
Mar 20 Barbara Leboff (*Daughter of Marlene Leboff*)
Mar 20 Ethel Griff (*Remembered by Merrill Griff*)
Mar 21 Julius "Yukie" Kennen (*Father of Anita Kennen and Alan Kennen*)
Mar 21 Phillip Levine (*Father of Alan Levine*)
Mar 23 Kenneth Goodman (*Remembered by Marilyn Goodman Levitt*)

Mar 23 Bernard Hyatt (*Father of Judith Hyatt*)
Mar 24 Esfir Alkunovich (*Remembered by Boris Rudelson*)
Mar 25 Ina Moses (*Mother of Janet Moses*)
Mar 29 Sidney Silver (*Father of Sue Schy*)

Apr 01 Myron Goretzky (*Remembered by Catherine Cantrell*)
Apr 01 Martin Cantrell (*Brother of Catherine Cantrell*)
Apr 04 Jim Rubenstein (*Brother of Sidney Rubenstein*)
Apr 07 Gertrude Wolk (*Remembered by Bonnie Ober*)
Apr 11 Jeanne Bloom (*Mother of Lawrence Bloom*)
Apr 11 Morris Ullman (*Remembered by Miriam Chernoff*)
Apr 12 Moshe Ben Aaron (*Remembered by Ed Brown*)
Apr 13 Richard Cutter (*Remembered by George Isaac*)
Apr 15 Jacob Werlin (*Remembered by Phyllis Werlin*)
Apr 17 Stanley Deser (*Father of Abigail Deser*)
Apr 17 Thelma Kennen (*Mother of Alan Kennen; mother of Anita Kennen*)
Apr 17 Samuel Trager (*Remembered by Bruce Trager*)
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Apr 21 Phylis Keller (*Remembered by Jonathan Keller*)
Apr 22 Margaret Werlin (*Remembered by Phyllis Werlin*)
Apr 22 Rebecca Zall (*Remembered by Amy Rothman*)
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Apr 24 Mary Trager (*Remembered by Bruce Trager*)
Apr 24 Goldie Stoerger (*Remembered by Robert Kaitz*)
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Apr 27 Samuel Louis Griff (*Remembered by Merrill Griff*)
Apr 27 Anne Itzkowitz (*Remembered by Stephen Etkind*)
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POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR MECHIRAT HAMETZ (SELLING YOUR HAMETZ)

Note: If possible, all hametz should be eaten or removed before the holiday begins, Should this be financially difficult, the hametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends,

Please complete this form, which must be received no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2026, to make sure it gets to the Rabbi in time. You may deliver it to the Rabbi in person by 8:00 am Wednesday, April 1, 2026. You may also email rabbiben@tbiwaltham.org with this information.

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell to act in my behalf to sell all hametz possessed by me - knowingly or unknowingly - as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein hametz owned may be found. Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell has the full power and authority to assign or appoint a substitute to act in my behalf with all the same powers and authority that I have invested in the rabbi. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesach, which this year begins with sundown on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, and runs through nightfall on Thursday, April 9, 2026. And to this I hereby affix my signature on this form.

Signed Name _____ Printed Name _____

 Location(s) of Chametz