

SPECIAL EVENTS: AUG 30

MUSICAL SHACHARIT

MINDFUL HOLY DAY PREPARATION

NATURE WALK

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Lunch and Tashlich
Sunday, September 13, 2026

Pre-Pay for Lunch
Location: TBI at 2:00 PM
(after Rosh Hashanah Services)

Tashlich Family Service and Shofar Blowing
Waltham Watch Factory South Dock at 3:30PM

OPEN HOUSE





**BROUGHT TO YOU
BY RABBI BEN**

Rabbi Ben Chaidell

Renewal Heading into the New Year

Soon we will enter the Hebrew month of Elul. Elul's Hebrew letters form the acronym "Ani Ledodi V'Dodi Li," or "I am for my beloved, and my beloved is for me." These words from Song of Songs capture the relationship not only between two lovers, but also between us and God, as the rabbis teach. Elul is a time of recommitment and coming together between us and God as we begin the process of teshuvah, or return, by taking an accounting of our lives, cheshbon hanefesh. It is an act of deep love and care for someone to consider how you have acted affects them. In this month, we express our love and commitment for God by considering how our actions have affected Her/Him/They/It. We also recommit to the people in our lives by considering how our actions have affected our loved ones, our family, friends, neighbors, & community members. That is a great form of love- to consider how you can show up best for the people in your life.

As we approach the High Holidays, we live out the spirit of "Ani Ledodi V'Dodi Li." We show up for one

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President's Message
Linda Ungerleider, President

July was a busy month at TBI. We joined Willy Schild and Rabbi Ben for a Hot Topics' discussion on evil, watched the World Cup finals together in the sanctuary, joined together for learning and services on Tisha b'Av, went on a hike and welcomed Col. (Res) Avner Cohen who described his role related to October 7.

August brings two highlights for me. The first is Shabbat Under the Stars. We will be joined by Mark Ettinger and Gilad Skolnik on their work of reducing waste and feeding those in need in Israel and beyond.

The next is Our Annual Open House on Sunday, August 16. Invite your family and friends to see all that we offer at TBI and learn about our community.

Much has been happening behind the scenes and I'm looking forward to a learning and fun year with our wonderful community.

Rabbi Ben, Cantor Ellen Band and the Ritual Committee continue to ensure inspiring services for the High Holy Days in September. Hope you will be joining us as we enter the year 5787.

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another and for God. In August our programming year picks up with Shabbat Under the Stars on Friday August 7, at which we will learn more and support the work of Leket feeding people of all backgrounds in Israel. Our membership open house on August 16 is the opportunity to share our community with potential new members. And lastly, we will join with Temple Shalom for a special learning opportunity with Rabbi Laura Abrasley and myself August 26 and Sept. 2 on how to cultivate renewal in the new year.

We hope that the holidays will be a time that bring us closer to our loved ones, our communities, and the One above as we grow into the people we are meant to be in 5787.

L'shana Tova Tikatevu v'Techatemu, May you be written and sealed for a good year!

Rabbi Ben

Open House and Membership Renewal

Save the date!! Our annual Open House will be Sunday, August 16th. A group is forming to put together a spectacular event and we hope to see you there. Come have fun and show visitors and newcomers what a warm and welcoming community we are!



TBI MEMBERSHIP

Membership letters have been sent. Please return your member form to the office or submit online. For more information, please contact Dar at 781-8 94-5146 or Dar@tbiwaltham.org. Looking forward to seeing you at High Holy Days services and beyond.



Please return your completed membership form and contribution online or on paper to Chandar Hall, office administrator, as soon as possible.

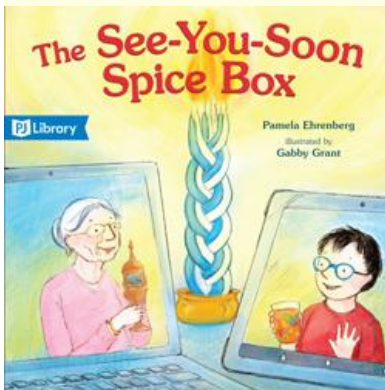
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See you soon at TBI,

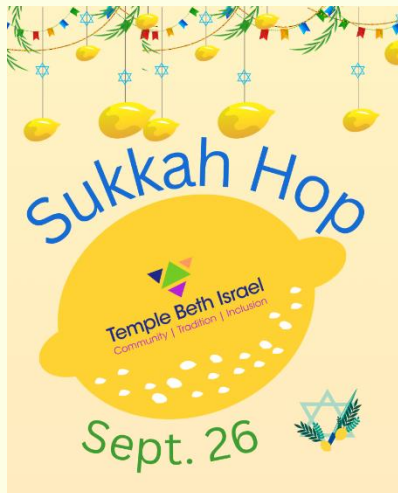
Linda

TBI Bookshelf August 2026

By Marilyn Racette



This month's book is the "See-You Soon Spice Box" by Pamela Ehrenberg, with illustrations by Gabby Grant. This charming children's picture book depicts a loving relationship between Silas and his Great-Grandma Faye. They stay in touch using the computer, and always have a cute rhyme when they wave good bye, like "See you soon, macaroon." During one call, Great-Grandma Faye asks Silas if he can guess what she likes best about Shabbat. He makes several guesses, and when he runs out of ideas, she explains. Do you think you can guess? Read this lovely story to find out!



Watch for Sukkah Hop details coming soon!
Join Nextgen for a walking adventure to visit the Sukkot of Waltham!

TBI Members of all ages will host and participate.
If you would like to have folks visit your sukkah, contact

Rabbi Ben at rabbiben@tbiwaltham.org

Saturday Sept. 19

Mazel Tov to Luka Reve-Kotler on his upcoming bar mitzvah
The Reve-Kotler family will sponsor kiddush in his honor that day.



LEARN @ TBI

New Views on the Weekly
Parasha
With Rabbi Ben

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

Renewal in Elul
**Registration Required.
Meeting location will be
provided.

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
Discussions

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

New Views on the Parsha:

Thursday August 13 12-1 PM

Topic: **Write for Yourself a Torah**

In our portion, we learn that the king must have a Torah scroll written just for him, which he is to study all his life. The rabbis expand this mitzvah to apply to every Jew. We'll explore why the rabbis think everyone needs their own Torah scroll and how this mitzvah can apply to the many who don't have their own Torah. No calligraphy required!

Thursday Sept 10, 12-1 pm

Topic: **Moses' Metaphors for God**

The Torah portion contains vivid metaphors for God from swords and arrows to a rock and mother eagle. Join us to consider how we've understood God from Moses to today through metaphors and the impact that can have on our High Holiday prayers.

Wednesdays, August 26 and September 2, 7 pm

Topic: **Renewal in Elul**

Cotaught by Rabbi Laura Abrasley, senior rabbi at Temple Shalom of West Newton, and Rabbi Ben Chaidell

Join the rabbis to consider how we can renew our lives on both personal and communal levels in this new year. We will draw from Jewish tradition and general wisdom on how we can make change happen this year.

Contact the Temple office to sign up.

Following in-person minyan at 9 AM and breakfast
Hot Topics:

Hot Topics: Sunday August 30, 10:30 AM following in-person minyan at 9 AM and breakfast

Minyan and class accessible on Zoom here

Topic: **Mindful Preparation for the Holidays**

After Kiddush Speakers:

Saturday August 15, 1PM Diana Korzenik- **Talesim paintings**

SERVICES @ TBI



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.

Friday Nights

Join us for spirited Shabbat services and a delicious vegetarian/dairy Shabbat potluck dinner we will create together.

Friday Nights

August 7th, in person potluck at home location at 6:30 WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER



August 14, 21, 28- zoom at 5:30

Shabbat Morning

Services at 9:30 am followed by Kiddush lunch

Every Saturday, in person and on Zoom

Morning Minyans

Thursdays, 8:00 AM Followed by breakfast and Hot Topics Class.

In person and on Zoom

COMMIT TO THE BRIT: PARTICIPATE IN TBI SERVICES ON YOUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH ANNIVERSARY!

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 Chaidell (rabbiben@tbiwaltham.org) if you are interested; we will connect you to teachers to assist you in preparing.

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!

Kabbalat & Kugel

Vegetarian Potluck!

NextGen service, Shabbat dinner — all that's missing is you!

Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat led by

TBI's NextGen group with a potluck dinner following services!

Service to start at 6:30pm followed by vegetarian dinner, laughs and Manischewitz.

Sign up for the vegetarian/dairy potluck

Have any questions? Reach out to Rabbi Ben (rabbiben@tbiwaltham.org)!



Friday, Aug 28
6:30pm

**MUSICAL SHACHARIT LED
BY
RACHEL RUBINSTEIN AND
RABBI BEN**

**MINDFUL PREPARATION
FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

**NATURE WALK AT 10:30
WITH CATHERINE**

August 30
9:30 AM



Security Training

Presented by the Secure Community Network (SCN)

Welcoming All - Emergency
Procedures - Tabletop Discussion

Monday, | 6:30-
August 31 | 9:00 PM

For current greeters, board members,
ushers, gabbais, or any interested TBI
members. Help keep TBI safe!

Please RSVP to dar@tbiwaltham.org.

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Lunch and Tashlich Sunday, September 13, 2026



Pre-Pay for Your Lunch to eat at TBI at 2:00 PM (after Rosh Hashanah Services)

- Make Your Own Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwich
- Salads, chips, drinks, dessert Included
- \$15 per person, must be pre-paid
- **Reservations and payment due to the Temple Office by Tues. Sept 8 or pay online (781) 894 5146 or office@tbiwaltham.org**
- Minimum of 15 sign-ups necessary to hold the lunch

RSVP here:
<https://tbiwaltham.shulcloud.com/event/lunch-tashlich>
or scan QR code



Tashlich Family Service and Shofar Blowing Waltham Watch Factory South Dock at 3:30PM

- Stay for lunch at TBI or meet at Watch Factory South Dock
- **Directions:** From TBI, Russell Street to Prospect Street, over the bridge, then right on Crescent, and right into the second Watch Factory entrance opposite Robbins Street to parking area.



Rosh Hashanah Family Service

Sept 12 • 11AM

WISHING YOU A SWEET AND JOYFUL NEW YEAR

TBI FAMILIES

Join us on August 22 at 11 am at TBI for songs, stories, and shofar decorating to prepare for the High Holidays at our family Shabbat. Snack provided and light lunch with the community after. RSVP to Rabbi Ben by Friday Aug. 21.

Join us at TBI for Rosh Hashana family services and activities Saturday September 12 at 11 am. Sign up for holiday services as indicated and note you're coming for the family service!

Families are invited to join us for family friendly Tashlich Sunday Sept 13 at 3:30 pm at the Watch Factory dock off Crescent St across from Robbins St.

Join TBI families for a home hosted Sukkah party with Carol and Ben Sunday Sept 27 at 4:30 pm. RSVP to rabbiben@tbiwaltham.org for address by Sept 25

EVENTS & LEARNING

Initiating Inspirations Book Club at Waltham Public Library

Monday August 31, 7 PM at Lecture Hall

Join Rabbi Ben, Pastor Matt Carriker of Agape, and the Public Library for an interfaith pre-high holiday discussion of Rabbi Angela Buchdahl's *Heart of a Stranger: An Unlikely Rabbi's Story of Faith, Identity and Belonging*. We will discuss the journey Rabbi Buchdahl has taken to leadership of New York's Central Synagogue and what it can teach us about leadership and community today. Copies of the book are available at the Waltham Public library in the weeks prior to the event. For more information, email aharvey@minlib.net

INITIATING INSPIRATIONS BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 AT 7 PM
IN THE LECTURE HALL



INITIATING INSPIRATION IS A COLLABORATION
BETWEEN THE WALTHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY AND
AGAPE COMMUNITY

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A
DISCUSSION OF *HEART OF A STRANGER: AN
UNLIKELY RABBI'S STORY OF FAITH, IDENTITY, AND
BELONGING*



Temple Beth Israel High Holy Day Services and Schedule 5787

All services will be in person and on Zoom unless otherwise listed.

Dates and Times are subject to change. Visit our website for our Service Zoom link

Selichot	Saturday, September 5	7:30 pm 9:00 pm	Learning, Songs, Snacks, Havdalah Selichot Service
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Friday, September 11	6:45 pm 7:30 pm	Dessert Reception Evening Service
Rosh Hashanah Day 1	Saturday, September 12	9:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Service Begins Service for Parents and Children
Rosh Hashanah Day 2	Sunday, September 13	9:00 am 1:45 pm 3:30 pm	Morning Service Begins Lunch (Prepaid Reservation Required) Tashlich @ Watch Factory South Dock
Shabbat Shuva	Saturday, September 19	9:30 am	Shabbat Morning Service
Sunday Minyan followed by Cemetery Memorial Service	Sunday, September 20	9:00 am 10:00 am	Morning Minyan at TBI Cemetery Memorial Service (in person only) Beth Israel Memorial Park, 190 South Street
Sukkah Building	Sunday, September 20	11:30 am	Help Build and Decorate the TBI Sukkah!
Erev Yom Kippur	Sunday, September 20	5:45 pm 6:15 pm	Doors Open for Kol Nidre Kol Nidre Service (starts promptly)
Yom Kippur	Monday, September 21	9:00 am 11:30 am 3:00 pm 4:20 pm 7:25 pm	Morning Service Begins Yizkor (Approximate Time) Discussion w/Susan Holbert (in person only) Minchah N'eilah, Maariv and Havdalah Shofar and Break the Fast
Erev Sukkot	Friday, September 25	6:30 pm	Erev Sukkot Service followed by Pot Luck Dinner in the Sukkah
Sukkot Yom Tov Day 1	Saturday, September 26	9:30 am 2:00 pm	Luka Reve-Kotler Bar Mitzvah Sukkah Hop around Waltham
Sukkot Yom Tov Day 2	Sunday, September 27	9:30 am	Sukkot Yom Tov Service
Chol HaMoed Sukkot	Thursday, October 1	8:00 am	Morning Service (in person preferred)
Hoshanah Rabbah	Friday, October 2	7:00 am	Join Temple Reyim. Contact Rabbi Ben
Erev Shemini Atzeret	Friday, October 2	6:30 pm	Service and Dinner (Payment Required)
Shemini Atzeret Erev Simchat Torah	Saturday, October 3	9:30 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor Erev Simchat Torah Snacks Dance with the Torah, End Deuteronomy
Simchat Torah Morning	Sunday, October 4	9:30 am	Torah Reading Starts In the Beginning!

DONATIONS

DONATE TO TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

- o General Fund
- o Mark Frydenberg Event Participation Fund
- o TBI Community Outreach
- o Warming Center Fund
- o Robbi's Discretionary Fund
- o High Holiday Fund
- o Kiddush Lunch Fund (Minimum \$200)

_ in honor of _ in memory of _____

Please specify the donor information and whom to send an acknowledgment. You may donate online at <https://tbiwaltham.org/donate> or send your check to the Temple office.

Kiddush Sponsors

August 8 Rabbi Ben and Morrisa in honor of their recent engagement

August 15 Diana Korzenik, in honor of her presentation on Talesim

August 22 Dana Fine

August 29 Erika Cohen's family in honor of her birthday

Tribute to Herman Chernoff

July 1, 1923 - July 6, 2026



A dear member of the TBI community, Miriam Chernoff, recently lost her father, Herman Chernoff. We would like to take this space to honor his memory and share his light with all of you.

Herman Chernoff was born on July 1, 1923, in New York City. He studied at the City College of New York, majoring in mathematics with a minor in physics, and continued his graduate studies in applied mathematics at Brown University. There he met his wife, Judy, whom he married in 1947. They had two daughters, Ellen and Miriam. Herman also worked briefly as a junior physicist for the Navy, where he had the opportunity to use some statistical ideas, later inspiring him to make the switch from applied mathematics to statistics.

Herman's achievements in the field preceded him. He made remarkable contributions to Stanford's Department of Statistics, first as a professor and later as the department chair, and he was an enthusiastic and generous mentor for his students. His passion for supporting emerging researchers led him to propose the annual New England Statistics Symposium, which was established in 1987. He continues to nurture young statisticians through his books, such as "Elementary Decision Theory," which is still used in classrooms today.

In recognition of these achievements and others, the New England Statistical Society established the Chernoff Excellence in Statistics Award in 2019. Shortly before his 100th birthday, Harvard University also held a symposium honoring Herman's multitude of academic accomplishments. Herman's daughter Miriam recalls how her father supported her in her own academic aspirations and how he advised her that "numbers are your friends."

Thanks to his friendliness and personability, Herman made friends wherever he went, and his personal relationships were deeply important to him. He enjoyed traveling with his family, adventuring to many places including London, England, Rome, Israel, India, Thailand, and Japan. When living in California, he also loved taking his family on trips to the beaches, to Disneyland, and to national parks. His approach to life was driven by a sense of curiosity, connection, and continuous learning. In his remarkable 103 years of life, Herman Chernoff made a lasting impact on his students, his colleagues, his community, his family, and his friends. All of us at TBI extend our sincerest condolences to Miriam, as well as the rest of Herman's friends and family on their loss.

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL MEMORIAL PARK

Grave Prices About to Increase

Buy Now to Secure Lower Price

by Jim Baron, Cemetery Committee Chairperson

Grave prices at our cemetery, Beth Israel Memorial Park, have been held steady for several years. Unfortunately, the operational and maintenance costs of running the cemetery continue to rise. Reflecting this reality, the TBI Cemetery Committee recently voted to increase the cost of each grave by \$400. This increase will take effect on **September 1, 2026**.

Grave Prices Prior to September 1, 2026:

Membership Status	Single Grave	Two Graves
Members	\$2,200	\$4,400
Non-Members	\$3,700	\$7,400

Grave Prices *After* September 1, 2026:

Membership Status	Single Grave	Two Graves
Members	\$2,600	\$5,200
Non-Members	\$4,100	\$8,200

Why Consider Planning Ahead?

Securing a plot in advance is a deeply thoughtful act of preparation. Doing so allows you to:

- **Lock in current rates** before the increase.
- **Select your preferred location** within Beth Israel Memorial Park.
- **Relieve your loved ones** of having to make difficult, stressful decisions during a time of grief.

For more information or to begin the purchasing process, please contact Jay Trilling of Menorah Cemetery Management at **(857) 636-9440** or **jay@menorahmanagement.com**.

YAHREZITS

AUGUST 3 – BERNARD WOLFMAN — FATHER OF BRAD & DINA BAKER

AUGUST 4 – JEFFREY BLACKMAN — BROTHER OF GAYLE BLACKMAN

AUGUST 4 – ALBERT KELNER — ROBERT KELNER, CAROL KELNER HONYOTSKI

AUGUST 4 – NADIA SHIRAZI — MOTHER OF BOBBY & JULIE SHIRAZI

AUGUST 5 – DUMITRA BIRSAN — REMEMBERED BY DENISE DICKINSON AND AVI BIRSAN

AUGUST 5 – ANNA ESTHER KATZ — GRANDMOTHER OF ANITA KENNEN

AUGUST 7 – SYLVIA SCHWARTZ — REMEMBERED BY HOWARD TRACHTMAN

AUGUST 8 – WALTER KAPLAN — REMEMBERED BY JAMES & ANDREA BARON, GREAT-GRANDFATHER OF STEVEN & AUDREY KENNEN

AUGUST 8 – HAROLD KORZENIK (NEHEMIAH BEN AVRAHAM) — REMEMBERED BY DIANA KORZENIK

AUGUST 9 – HARRIS GREENE — UNCLE OF ALAN LEVINE

AUGUST 9 – PETER NATCHEZ — LOIS NATCHEZ

AUGUST 9 – MINNIE PESCHE (BAT RUCHEL) — REMEMBERED BY DIANA KORZENIK

AUGUST 10 – KATHERINE SIDELL — AUNT OF STEPHEN ETKIND

AUGUST 12 – ETHEL GRIFF — REMEMBERED BY MERRILL GRIFF & CAROL WILCOX

AUGUST 12 – SOLOMON SAPERSTEIN — PHYLLIS VISCIDI

AUGUST 14 – DENNIS DICKINSON — REMEMBERED BY DENISE DICKINSON AND AVI BIRSAN

AUGUST 14 – ANNA ARATEN — MOTHER OF MARILYN RACETTE

AUGUST 14 – LESTER NETSKY — REMEMBERED BY HANKUS NETSKY

AUGUST 15 – NORMAN PEARLSTEIN — FATHER OF ROSAMOND (ROZ) GELLER

AUGUST 15 – ELLA WEINER — REMEMBERED BY JOEL WEINER

AUGUST 16 – GERHARDT BRY — FATHER OF AVA PENMAN

AUGUST 18 – AARON BLAUER — FATHER OF STANLEY AND JANICE GOLDSTEIN

AUGUST 21 – MICHAEL FRIEDMAN — COUSIN OF DIANA KORZENIK

AUGUST 22 – AGATHA BARON — MOTHER OF SUSAN BARON

AUGUST 23 – JOSEPH KENNEN — FATHER OF STEVEN AND AUDREY KENNEN

AUGUST 30 – HILDA JACOBS — KEN AND VIOLET RADNOFSKY

AUGUST 31 – MORRIS SEIDMAN — FATHER OF WILL SCHILD & JOAN KENT

SEPTEMBER 6- LILLIAN SHAPIRO KORZENIK- REMEMBERED BY [DIANA KORZENIK](#)

SEPTEMBER 16- SARAH (SALLY) SEIDEN KORZENIK- GRANDMOTHER OF [DIANA KORZENIK](#)

SEPTEMBER 17- SHIMONE- FATHER OF JUDITH ISAAC

SEPTEMBER 20- ABRAHAM JOSHUA LEVINE- GRANDFATHER ALAN LEVINE

SEPTEMBER 22- MARY SULLIVAN- COMPANION OF ALAN CORMAN

SEPTEMBER 23- LOUIS BARON- GRANDFATHER OF JAMES BARON

SEPTEMBER 25- ARTHUR ABELOW- FATHER OF MIKI ABELOW

SEPTEMBER 26- CYNTHIA ULLMAN- MIRIAM CHERNOFF



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