

# HILLEL HAPPENINGS

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## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

"Thank you for protecting us."

This simple sentence was written by a member of our religious school and attached to a nicely wrapped mug filled with tea bags.

You might think such a thing is trivial. Far from it.

It was delivered to a soldier serving in the Israeli Defense Force at a base in the middle of the Negev desert. Her name is Alexandra, and she immigrated to Israel from Moscow when she was a child. It brightened up a otherwise dreary day, and gave her renewed hope that what she does matters.

These recent high school graduates have to put their lives on hold for two or three years because Israel has dangerous neighbors. They serve in places that are either dangerous, or monotonous, or both.

They are protecting Israel. You might not realize it, but they are protecting us as well. They tell the world that



Jews have a right to exist. They are defending justice.

In my book, they are heroes.

*B'shalom,  
Rabbi G.*

## FROM THE TBH PRESIDENT

In keeping with the upcoming Chanukah season, I decided to take an opportunity to shine a light on one of the many people who work quietly, in the background, you could even say in the shadows, for our temple family.

If you look closely enough, you'll notice the results of his handiwork all over TBH. He set up, helped install, and

manages our electronic information center in the lobby. He is an important member of the Men's Club. He occasionally helps Joe Alpert with maintenance around the building. He recently helped out with setting up new computers for Cantor, Rabbi, and Lori.

If anyone at TBH were to ask him for

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## SIMCHAS

### BIRTHDAYS

Mr. Ed Luria	12/2	Mrs. Carol Butler	12/11
Mrs. Leslie Cohen	12/4	Mr. Alan Gittleman	12/19
Mrs. Joyce Katz	12/4	Mr. David Ketaineck	12/19
Mrs. Linda Barnett	12/5	Ms. Carol Hart	12/20
Mrs. Bonnie Zinn	12/5	Mrs. Rebecca Santiago	12/22
Mrs. Alyse Castonguay	12/7	Mrs. Sharon Jacobs	12/23
Mr. Marvin Eisenberg	12/7	Mrs. Susan Rosenthal	12/25
Mrs. Stella Seefer	12/8	Mr. Jeffrey Schwartzman	12/26
Ms. Bonnie Resnick	12/10	Mr. John Halpern	12/30

### ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. William Gerber	12/11	Mr. & Mrs. Dick Grigorian	12/25
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Green	12/20	Mr. & Mrs. Lance Chernack	12/29

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## ONEG INFORMATION

12/5—Sue & Gary Ruchin, Marty & Stella Seefer, Jeff & Sue Weinman, Charles Field  
 12/12—Edgard Molina & Christopher Grey, Mark & Lucie Solomon  
 12/19—Dan & Susan Rosenthal, Alan & Michele Snyder  
 12/26—Judy Scott, Stanley Goldberg, Steven Goldfield, Jessica Dean

1/2—Richard & Heidi Siedman, Marvin & Alice Eisenberg. Joel & Alecia Goldfarb  
 1/9—Jim & Sue Katz. Robert & Ellen Kliman. Edie Nissenblatt, Carol & Jon Mitnick  
 1/16—Jason & Rebecca Chaimovitch. Bonnie Resnick. Albert & Eileen Wachsman  
 1/23—Sue Simons, Judy Fogg, Lisa Wolf  
 1/30—Denise & Brian Dickstein, James & Shelley Haslett, Blake & Carrie Ward

As a reminder, the following items should be provided for each oneg:

- 1 challah
- 3 baked goods (one gluten free item)
- Cheese and crackers
- Fruit
- White grape juice

Paper goods can be found on the rack in the kitchen. Wine is in the fridge. \*\*If you choose to make coffee and/or put out hot water for tea, all of the necessary supplies, i.e. sugar, coffee, tea, cream, stirrers, cups, etc. are located on the rack in the kitchen. Hot water pots can be found to the left of the sink.

Please schedule everyone to arrive by 7:00 pm to set up the tables and pour the wine and grape juice. Your team is also responsible to remain after services for clean up. There is a vacuum in the kitchen if it is needed. Additionally, all garbage bags that may contain food should be tied off and thrown in the dumpster. We need your help since the janitorial service does not clean the kitchen after an Oneg.





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8:30-12:30



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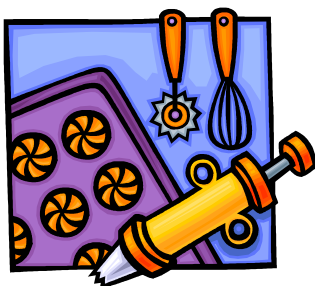

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The TBH Religious School needs your help! We'd like to have a Cookie Sale on December 14 to raise funds to help purchase a small Torah. This Torah would be kept in the small ark in the library and would be used by the Religious School students.

You can help by donating cookies for this sale and by purchasing cookies on December 14 at noon after Religious School.

Please share your best cookies with all of TBH and help our students work toward this important goal.

Please contact Rebecca Chaimovitch at 860-881-7998 or [rchaimovitch@sbcglobalnet](mailto:rchaimovitch@sbcglobalnet).





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## Y AHRZEIT DATES

### ***On December 5, we observe the yahrzeit of:***

Isadore Wasserman	Father of Ken Wasserman
Carl Joseph Seefer	Son of Stella & Marty Seefer
Mildred Bercowetz	Mother of Bonnie Bercowetz
Sara Platteis	Mother of Alan Platteis
Eleanor Hayworth	Mother of Linda Brenner
David Weinman	Father of Jeff Weinman
Alice Andrus	Mother of Larry Andrus
John Fogg	Father of John Fogg
Harold Gersten	Father of Ceil Gersten

### ***On December 12, we observe the yahrzeit of:***

Mitchell Feuer	Brother of Amy Patterson
James Jacobs	Father of Len Jacobs
Palma Patterson	Mother of Ralph Patterson
Olga Kamens	Grandmother of Christine Brouillard
Pearl Wagner	Mother of Alice Rodner
Arnold Bogatz	Husband of Judy Bogatz
Mitchell Raffel	Stepfather of Scott Bettigole

### ***On December 19, we observe the yahrzeit of:***

Louise Ellis	Mother of Judy Glickman
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Nathaniel Mandell	Father of Janet Miller
Adrien Brouillard	Grandfather of Stephen Brouillard
Carl Seefer	Father of Marty Seefer
Hyman Berman	Father-in-law of Marion Berman
Steven Levinthal	Father of Lara Cote

### ***On December 26, we observe the yahrzeit of:***

Ethel Goldstein	Mother of Phyllis Green
Seymour Platt	Father of Susan Ruchin
Charles Ruchin	Father of Gary Ruchin
Lillian Snyder	Mother of Alan Snyder
Louise Ellis	Related to Andy Brenner
Harry Silver	Father of Stan Silver
Melvin Samsky	Father of Meryl Sloate
Harriet Gochros	Mother of Donna Gittleman
Sophie Rabinowitz	Grandmother of Marcia Andrus
Myra Scott	Mother of Judy Scott
Henrietta Goldberg	Aunt of Stanley Goldberg
Charles Dean	Father of Lauri Kraman
Joan Manna	Grandmother of Stephen Brouillard

## DONATIONS

### **CEMETERY FUND: CHAIRPERSON: ALAN DWORSKY**

Alan & Barbara Dworsky In memory of Charlotte Dworsky, Mother of Alan

### **GENERAL FUND:**

Paula & Lee Bradbard With Deepest Sympathy In memory of Lynn Rubin, Mother of Carol Mamlok  
 Phyllis Frank In memory of Newton Frank, Husband of Phyllis  
 June Silver In memory of Jeanette Reich, mother of June and In memory of Harry Silver, father of Stanley

### **LANDSCAPE FUND: CHAIRPERSON: BRIAN OPPENHEIMER**

Sheri & Eric Swan In memory of Estelle Greene, grandmother of Sheri

### **MUSIC FUND: CHAIRPERSON: BECKY MCCANN**

Sally M Goodman In memory of Lynn Rubin, Mother of Carol Mamlok

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: CHAIRPERSON: RABBI GLICKMAN**

Anonymous for mugs for Israel  
 Judy Fogg In memory of John Fogg, Husband of Judy and In memory of Beatrice Kanner, mother of Judy  
 Len & Sharon Jacobs In memory of Fannie Jacobs, mother of Len  
 Ken & Lois Wasserman In honor of the wonderful lunches with Rabbi; In memory of Lynn Rubin, mother of Carol Mamlok; In memory of Lottie Cutler, grandmother of Lois; and In memory of Abraham Cutler, Grandfather of Lois  
 Mike & Sue Wernick In memory of Max Wernick, father of Michael  
 Stuart & Sharon Rosen In memory Of Murray Rosen

## DONATIONS (CONTINUED)

Roz Cooper In Memory of Ted Cooper, Husband of Roz Cooper

Carol Mamlok In acknowledgement of Rabbi Glickman for all his support & kindness when my mother passed away

Leland & Paula Bradbard In memory of Esther Bradbard, Mother of Leland

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND: CHAIRPERSON: REBECCA CHAIMOVITCH**

Bob & Maxine Greenberg In memory of Therese Baum Wolff, Mother of Maxine

Steven Marc Goldfield In memory of Felicia Goldfield, Mother of Steve

Lisa Wolf In memory of Bernice Wolf, mother of Lisa

### **RETIRE THE MORTGAGE FUND: CHAIRPERSON:**

Janet Lassman In memory of Anna Lassman, Mother in Law of Janet

Roz Cooper In memory of Ted Cooper, Husband of Roz

Teresa & Alan Platteis In memory of Gene Ciotti, Brother of Teresa

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## HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL DONATIONS

Thank you to the following donors for their generous support of this year's High Holiday Appeal.

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| • Judy Fogg                 | • Edie Nissenblatt      |
| • Sally M. Goodman          | • Roz Cooper            |
| • Jeff & Sue Weinman        | • Alan Gittleman        |
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| • The Oppenheimer Family    | • Ted & Phyllis Green   |
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## LIST OF DONATION FUNDS

As you are making donations throughout the year, please consider donating to the following funds. If you would like to make a donation to a specific project or for a specific purpose, or have questions about any of the funds, please contact Steve Brouillard ([president@tbhsw.org](mailto:president@tbhsw.org)).

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| • Development          | • Current Facility Fund    |
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|                        | • Martin Turshen Fund      |
|                        | • Membership Fund          |
|                        | • Mortgage Retirement Fund |
|                        | • Music Fund               |
|                        | • Religious School Fund    |
|                        | • Social Action Fund       |
|                        | • Youth Committee Fund     |

## TORAH PORTIONS

**Vayishlach - Genesis 32:3-36:43** —Jacob prepares to meet Esau as he returns to the Promised Land, but first he has a mysterious encounter with an angel in the darkness, who changes his name to Israel. The portion follows Jacob's adventures in the land of Canaan, including the loss of his beloved wife, Rachel.

**Vayeshev - Genesis 37:1-40:23** —Despite the portion's name and first verse, the story is actually about Jacob's son Joseph and how he was removed from the land of Canaan and dwelt in Egypt. The narrative follows Joseph from Canaan to Egypt to prison. In addition, this week's reading contains the story of Judah and Tamar.

**Miketz - Genesis 41:1-44:17** —The portion begins with Pharaoh's portentous dreams, Joseph's interpretations and his subsequent rise to power over Egypt. When a famine strikes the land of Canaan, his brothers come to Egypt seeking grain, but they do not recognize Joseph, who engineers a means by which he can test their character.

**Vayigash - Genesis 44:18-47:27** —The portion begins with the dramatic unveiling of Joseph's true identity and his reconciliation with his brothers. It then proceeds to tell the story of the migration of Jacob's family to Egypt and the rest of the famine years. This Torah portion begins to set the stage for the Egyptian captivity of the sons of Jacob.

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## DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

A few items from the Development Committee:

1. The Temple's scrip gift card program is now underway as this will be a continuous, perpetual fundraiser for the Temple! Many non-profit organizations have a scrip sales program that positively impacts their budget by bringing in revenue from a stream that is not dues or donation related. Temple is selling Big Y, Stop & Shop, and ShopRite cards with possibly some other types in the future. Please see the advertisement in the newsletter for more information.
2. We are still selling the Greater Hartford edition of both the Entertainment and Taste Books for \$25.00 each (see advertisement in this newsletter). Both are worth a look as they contain valuable coupons to local and regional dining, grocery, retail, and entertainment establishments (including Big Y and ShopRite coupons)! Both will be available until at least November 30th and all the coupons can be used immediately!
3. I am still looking for volunteers to join the Development Committee. With the scrip gift card program underway, I need an extra person or two to help sell at the end of Sunday school when the main person is not available. If there is significant interest for purchases during Tuesday night Hebrew, I may need a volunteer there as well. There are other fundraising ideas we would like to explore, but need your help. If you are interested, please call me or email.

*B'shalom,*  
*David Schulman, Development Chair*  
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# Pizza Schmooze

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Questions? Please contact Mike Skott at 860-503-3171 or  
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## *Sisterhood Gift Swap and Chinese Dinner*

### *January 11*

Bring a new, wrapped gift (\$15 max) to swap and share some delicious Chinese food with friends!

Dinner is \$7 for Sisterhood members, \$10 for non-members

**Please RSVP by January 5.** First 5 people to RSVP win a prize! Contact Bonnie Zinn at [bszinn@cox.net](mailto:bszinn@cox.net) to reserve your spot!



## GROWING OUR TBH FAMILY

Over the past 2 years, our Membership Committee has created a variety of activities to promote getting to know each other. The focus of these activities was on membership retention, being in touch, and listening and creating ways to keep members involved and connected.

- **TBH Focus Groups** – We held home gatherings of our members to hear their thoughts and concerns about how Temple membership has met their needs and what we might be thinking about doing better. Discussions were candid and proactive. The Membership Committee followed up with bringing these ideas to the various arms of TBH. Additionally, we let participants know the positive results from the committees.
- **TBH Square Dance** – This revived an event that had been quite popular in years past. This event encouraged members and non-members of varying age groups to come together.
- **Membership Directory & Updated TBH Membership List** – Our committee raised money for advertising with the publication of our new membership directory. We also updated the membership list to improve our ability to connect with each other.
- **Thanksgiving Interfaith Service**
- **Pizza and Ice Cream Social** - for religious school students and their parents.
- **Gifts for Israeli Soldiers**—the Membership Committee in conjunction with the Religious Practice Committee, Men's Club, Religious School Committee and students assisted the Rabbi in wrapping mugs with tea bags and notes to Israeli soldiers.
- **Kehillah Konnection** – We started the New Year with a nosh following the first day Rosh Hashanah Service and an opportunity to meet and greet old and new members and guests.

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*TBH is now offering the Scrip program!!!*

Gift cards for Big Y, Stop & Shop, & ShopRite are now available.

Buy scrip gift cards at face value and Temple receives a percentage from each one sold!

Why not buy a Taste Book also and save money at Big Y and ShopRite?

- Big Y & ShopRite available in any multiple of \$25; Stop & Shop in multiples of \$50.
- Cash or check only.
- Available during Temple office hours
- To be sold at the end of Sunday school



*Lunch Bunch with  
Rabbi Glickman*

*No meeting for  
December*

*See you again  
in January!*

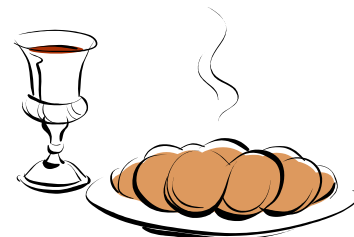


## HAPPY CHALLAH DAYS

Fresh, homemade challah sale, sponsored by Social Action. Order your challah for pick up at Sunday School.

Dates of pickup: Dec. 7, 9AM -12:30 PM  
Dec. 14, 11AM -12:30 PM  
Dec. 21, 11AM - 12:30 PM

Please call Pam Steinberg at (860) 454-0995 to place your orders. \$5.00/challah, baked with love by Edie Chernack.



## TBH BOOK CLUB

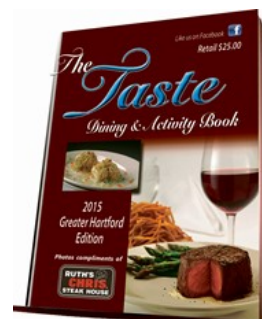
Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 9, 7:00 at Nan Lamm's house. We are going to discuss Skeleton at the Feast by Chris Bohjalian. It's a story of a journey in the waning months of WWII about a family who flee their beloved home in Prussia to avoid advancing Russian troops. Hope you can join us!

Barb Klein  
[barbek@aol.com](mailto:barbek@aol.com)



TBH is selling both the Entertainment and Taste Books as a general fundraiser this year! Books are only **\$25.00 each!**

Save on local and regional food, retail, and entertainment!



- Entertainment Book has **free** iPhone and Android compatible apps which unlocks digital savings along with national deals – no need to buy another region's book!
- Taste Book also contains coupons to Big Y, Shop Rite, and Highland Park Market
- To purchase a copy, contact Lori in the Office at [admin@tbhsw.org](mailto:admin@tbhsw.org) or 860-282-8466. Cash or check only please. Checks should be payable to "Temple Beth Hillel".
- Will be available for sale in foyer each Tuesday evening (6pm-7pm) during November.
- Sale ends Monday, December 15, 2014.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONT.)

help, he gives it willingly. Often, he offers it without even being asked. Whether it's stepping up to become the chair of our Communications committee, organizing a bus trip to Fenway Park, helping with the TBH website, or quietly running the silent auction at the annual Men's Club fundraiser.

Physically, and spiritually, he is a fixture at TBH. You'll find him at nearly every TBH event, large or small. He frequently attends Friday night services with his wife and daughter, sings in our choir, sets up an oneg, and adjusts the thermostat when others are uncomfortable; sometimes all in one night.

Not that it really matters, but did I mention that he's not Jewish? Regardless, as a father, he has raised a child to be Jewish. His daughter has become Bat Mitzvah and gone on to assist in our Religious School every Sunday. He supports a Jewish wife in her spiritual growth, and is one of the many pillars of this Jewish Family.

He is not the only such quiet hero in our community, there are many. The next time you happen to see Glenn Zinn, though; say thank you. It may not always be obvious where the light is coming from, but Glenn, and others like him, shine like the brightest Chanukah candle and help guide the rest of us through the dark.

*Chag Sameach!  
Steve Brouillard*

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (CONT.)

With this foundation, we are working on ways to grow our TBH Family and spread the word about all the spirituality, learning, social action and community that is part of who we are and what we do. The focus on membership recruitment is the next step towards a vibrant and healthy future for TBH.

Our Open House Weekend, March 27 – March 29, 2015, will be our invitation to the community to come meet us, learn about who we are and what we do. Social Action, Adult Education, Sisterhood and Men's Club, to name just a few of our committees, will be on hand to highlight what they do. Visitors will have the opportunity to attend Shabbat Service, have their children sit in on a Sunday School class, and see our beautiful building.

All of the projects we have done in these 2 years have been well attended and successful. There have been costs for advertising, rental and catering, to name a few. The investment of those dollars yielded fruits of enthusiasm, community building and retaining membership. Our Open House Weekend is the next phase. We will need to get the word out and that will include advertising along with other expenses. Our Membership Committee members have made the commitment to invest both their time and money. We need your help too.

A donation to the Membership Committee Fund is an investment in the future of TBH. If we can all invest \$25.00 or as much as you can, then we will be able to truly make our presence known and have a successful Open House Weekend. So... how about it? We need your help! Invest in the future of TBH.

### Upcoming Meetings

*12/3: Membership  
Committee, 7pm*

*12/4: Religious  
Practices, 7:00pm*

*12/9, Religious  
School Committee,  
7pm*

*12/11: Board  
Meeting, 7pm*

*12/16: Sisterhood,  
6pm*

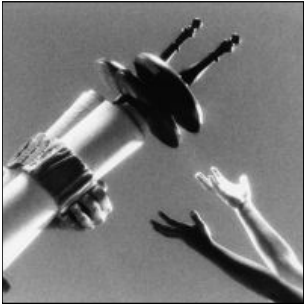
*12/21: Men's Club,  
9:30am*

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: Chag Sameach to all TBH families and friends! We look forward to celebrating :  
: Hanukkah with all of you at the upcoming fun events—the Hanukkah Gift Sale :  
: on December 7, the RSC Cookie Sale on December 14, and the Religious School :  
: Hanukkah programming on December 21. Despite the cold and the dark, the :  
: lights shine bright in our synagogue and in our hearts. We hope to see you :  
: there!  
: .....

*Christine Brouillard*

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **TUESDAY, January 20**. Please forward all e-mailed materials to the entire Communications Committee at [communications@tbhsw.org](mailto:communications@tbhsw.org):

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