

HILLEL HAPPENINGS

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

The ark in the Temple Beth Hillel chapel was consecrated Tuesday evening, May 19th, 2015. The Torah was carried from the sanctuary ark by our synagogue president, Steve Brouillard. It was placed in the ark by Cantor Scott Harris. Maddy Brouillard, Michael Swan, Allie Mytych, Lily Greenblott, Jacob Chaimovitch and Abby Castonguay and Rabbi Glickman read parts of the Ten Commandments, with Becky McCann and Jennifer Perosky doing the aliyah.

It is fashioned from a portable ark used in the early years of Temple Beth Hillel when we held services at the Wapping Community Church in the 1960's.

Instigated by Cantor Scott Harris, the

ark was renovated. The Castonguay family repaired the hardware and painted it. Jennifer Schwartzman lead the students in decorating it. Rabbi Jeff Glickman provided the Jewish insights and donated the ancient lamp. The Hebrew lettering came from the lettering above the ark in our first building on Foster Street Extension. The wooden letters were taken down when we sold the building. The letters were given gold leaf by Jeff Coho about 1998. The letters spell out "Torah lanu," which means "our Torah."

Based on the Jewish teaching that Torah is light, "Torah orah," the doors have flames. According to mystical tradition, the Torah we have, words written on a parchment scroll, is only a representation of actual Torah. (pg. 3)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow TBH family member,

As we come to the close of another fiscal year for Temple Beth Hillel, it's time once again to take a hard look at our financial landscape and see where we need to go for next year. I would like to thank the Budget Committee, who took on this difficult job and worked very hard. As part of their research, they examined the last 7 years of budgets. For each of these years, the Budget Committee presented a balanced budget at the congregational meeting. This year is different.

In the past, while the budget we voted on may have been balanced, the reality

is that each year we either overestimated revenue, underestimated expenses, or both. This year's budget is an attempt to be more realistic and shows a \$40,000 deficit.

So how can we correct this financial situation? Raising dues could be one option. But, since we have experienced a net loss of 20 members over the past 18 months, the Budget Committee believed that raising dues would only result in more member loss and an additional net loss in revenue.

Instead, we are asking each member to help us balance the budget by increasing their financial commitment (pg. 7)

SIMCHAS

BIRTHDAYS

Mr. Jason Lichtman	6/3	Ms Hilaeri Greenblott	6/20
Edith Nissenblatt	6/7	Mr. William Keegan	6/20
Mr. Arnold Joseph	6/8	Mrs. Lisa Wolf	6/20
Mrs. Amy Paterson	6/8	Mrs. Olga Gerber	6/21
Mrs. Carol Bettigole	6/9	Dr. Charles Field	6/22
Mrs. Julie Ratajczak	6/9	Mrs. Barbara Klein	6/22
Mr. David Schulman	6/9	Mr. Leonard Jacobs	6/24
Dr. Frederick Daniels	6/12	Mr. William Reveley	6/26
Cheryl Cohen	6/13	Ms. Julia Krulee	6/27
Mr. Daniel Rosenthal	6/13	Mr. Peter Ratajczak	6/29
Mrs. LuAnn Izraelevitz	6/16	Mr. Joe Alpert	6/30
Mrs. Christine Brouillard	6/19		
Mr. Brian Dickstein	6/19		

ANNIVERSARIES

Dr. & Mrs. Douglas Clouser	6/3	Mr. & Mrs. Albert Klein	6/22
Mr. John Abate & Mrs. Ceil Gersten	6/6	Mr. & Mrs. Ed Luria	6/22
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Levin	6/7	Judith Fogg	6/24
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Dworsky	6/9	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Patterson	6/24
Dr. & Mrs. Frederick Daniels	6/10	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brezel	6/25
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sultar	6/11	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Abrahamson	6/26
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Alpert	6/12	Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Cote	6/27
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Lichtman	6/13	Mr. & Mrs. Neil Patterson	6/27
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Greenberg	6/19		

ONEG INFORMATION

6/5—Marjorie Mezritz, Jason & Marjolaine Litchman

6/12—Barbara & Alan Dworsky

6/19—Pam & Howard Steinberg

6/26—**HELP NEEDED**

7/3—**HELP NEEDED**

7/10—Michael Berg, Gary & Regina Efronson

7/17—Scott & Carol Bettigole, Michael & Lynn Rothberg, Leland & Paula Bradbard

7/24—Carol Hart, Arnold Joseph

7/31—Terry Kurtzman, John & Deb Halpern, Randy & Wendy Kurtzman

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.

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY (CONT. FROM PG. 1)

Actual Torah is the meaning of the words. In heaven, the Torah is written with black fire lettering on a white fire scroll. These two flames capture that. The sides represent the myriads of colors which were created when G-d said, "Let there be light." Just as one candle can give kindle to many others without being diminished in light, so too with Torah. Every time you give it away, you don't lose – you actually gain.

The interior of the ark contains colorful flowers and the Hebrew words, "kehila kedosha." The original ark, made by Betzalel and Oholiav for our wanderings in the desert, contained Moses' manuscripts, the 10 Commandment stones, some manna and Aaron's staff. We are told that it was of wood and continued to blossom. These flowers represent this miraculous blossoming.

The Hebrew words mean "holy congregation." They were sung, enthusiastically, almost every Sunday by our students. We don't just come together, but we come together for holiness. [The words to the song by Dan Nichols and Michael Moskowitz are included below.]

The eternal light is an actual oil lamp from ancient Israel. It is from the time of the Talmud (Byzantine period about 5th Century CE). Though it is not certain, the markings suggest that it might have been owned by a Jewish family. The formation of six dots around a center dot hint of the seven branched menorah, or possibly six days of the week and Shabbat. It is currently lit by a small, battery powered LED.

The Torah which was placed in it is several hundred years old and comes from Morocco. It is handwritten on deep brown deerskin, and feels warm and creamy. Because it is so old, parts of it are broken, making it not fit for regular reading as part of services. It is turned to the section in Exodus with the 10 Commandments, we the hope that each year, it be read from. Because it is so fragile, it should not be opened frequently, though it is safe to take it out, while covered, to parade.

It is covered with a piece commissioned and donated by the Wolf/Gatcomb family. The embroidery was made in the early 1990's by Jews of Ethiopia. It is made of

about 100,000 stitches and would have taken a skilled artisan two months to make. Very few embroideries of this size were made (maybe two). It was given to us because of the work we did in the early 2000's to help feed over on thousand Jewish children lunches six days a week. The image depicts an Ethiopian synagogue. Their Torah, written with Ethiopic letters, called Geez, is bound in book form. The leader holds the sacred book and is surrounded by men and women of the community. The image alludes to Moses and Miriam and Aaron. Everyone is in awe, and ignores their implements of war to hear the sacred words. Even the angels come by. The roof is marked with a Jewish star and a ladder. The ladder shows that this is the way to heaven. That is a fitting image for our newly consecrated chapel.



Kehillah Kedoshah
Performed by Dan Nichols

If you are "atem,"
Then we're "nitzavim"
We stand here today
And remember the dream

Kehillah Kedoshah
Each one of us must play a part
Each one of us must heed the call
Each one of us must seek the truth
Each one of us is a part of it all
Each one of us must remember the pain
Each one of us must find the joy
Each one of us, each one of us

Kehillah Kedoshah
Each one of us must start to hear
Each one of us must sing the song
Each one of us must do the work
Each one of us must right the wrong
Each one of us must build the home
Each one of us must hold the hope
Each one of us, each one of us
Kehillah Kedoshah

It's how we help
It's how we give
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From the album "My Heart is in the East"
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NEW MEMBERS


This month Membership Committee welcomes two new members to our TBH family.

Phillip and Bobbi-Jo Maltz moved to South Windsor from Brookfield, CT with their 3 year old son, Jacob. They are expecting their second child in July.

Josh and Stacey Young reside in West Hartford. They moved to Connecticut from California.

We hope you will join us in welcoming them to TBH!

*Barb Klein and Teri Parrott
Membership Committee*





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Yahrzeit Dates

On June 5, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Herman Mindlin	Father of Harriet Mindlin
Gail Efronson	Mother of Gary Efronson
Carol Finn	Sister of Paula Bradbard

On June 12, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Richard Wickey	Step-father of Rebecca Chaimovitch
Alfred Geber	Father of Marion Berman
Norm Brenner	Grandfather of Andy Brenner
Jacob Goldberg	Father of Stanley Goldberg

On June 19, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Max Talmason	Father of Edie Nissenblatt
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Bertha Fogg	Mother of John Fogg
Alice Kosto	Grandmother of Andrea Oppenheimer
Samuel Joseph	Father of Arnold Joseph
	Father of Rose Rychling
Howard Kanner	Brother of Judith Fogg
Maurice Henry Wolf	Father of Lisa Wolf
Rose Levitt	Aunt of Alan Platteis

On June 26, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Elizabeth Cohen	Mother of Libby Wallace
Tillie Cutler	Mother of Lois Wasserman
Ilene Bernstein	Grandmother of Tammy Pollack

DONATIONS

FACILITIES:

Barbara and Alan Dworsky for heating and cooling repair

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 Maxine & Bob Greenberg In memory of Herbert Baum, father of Maxine
 Howard & Shirley Dickstein In memory of Sheldon Cook, Brother of Barbara Dworsky
 Marvin & Alice Eisenberg In memory of Florence Eisenberg, Mother of Marvin
 Joyce Ben-kiki In memory of Sheldon Cook, Brother of Barbara Dworsky

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: CHAIRPERSON: RABBI GLICKMAN

Paula & Lee Bradbard In memory of Jennie Finn, Mother of Paula and In memory of Louis Bradbard, Leland's father
 Ken & Lois Wasserman In memory of Nathan Goldfarb, Grandfather of Lois
 Sue & Michael Wernick In memory of Wendy Wernick, Michael's Sister

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND: CHAIRPERSON: REBECCA CHAIMOVITCH

Bob & Alice Rodner In honor of Anne Berman Waldorf's 3rd Masters Degree in Jewish Education

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 Pam & Howard Steinberg In memory of Sheldon Cook, Brother of Barbara Dworsky
 Ken & Lois Wasserman In memory of Sheldon Cook, brother of Barbara Dworsky

FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONT.)

to the extent of their abilities. The TBH Men's Club has already answered the call. The Men's Club Auction this year grossed approximately \$11,000. In addition to the \$2,000 that Men's Club donates each year to the General Fund, they are adding \$10,000. With this one amazing generous act, they have reduced the deficit to \$30,000.

As congregational leaders, I have also approached the current Board and asked for their help. I am confident that they will do as much as they can.

As our spiritual leader, Rabbi Glickman has also recognized the need and stepped forward to help close the gap. Rabbi has offered to work with the Board to increase the effectiveness of their donation. He and Mindy have agreed to match 50% of the Board's total contribution up to \$3,000 in matching funds. That means that if the board is able to raise \$6,000, the total contribution from the whole TBH leadership will be \$9,000. While I do not currently have the specifics regarding the board's portion at this time, I will inform the congregation of the final outcome of this challenge when the numbers have been finalized.

If the congregation votes to pass this budget in its current state, you will receive a pledge form with your July bill where you can determine how much you would like to contribute above your current commitment. I would also encourage you to consider making donations to the General Fund instead of the more specified funds as the year progresses.

I have faith that we can step forward together as a congregation and do what needs to be done to keep TBH going. Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at president@tbhsw.org or (860) 294-4335.

*L'Shalom
Steve Brouillard
TBH President*

SHAMASH SPOTLIGHT

In this month's Shamash Spotlight, I'd like to focus on two committees, the Nominating and Budget committees. With the recent change in the bylaws, this will be the final fiscal year where these committees exist in their current form. This year, as in the past, both of these committees are formed for just a short while, tackle difficult tasks, and then are dissolved. Going forward, these two teams will be standing committees and will have the entire year to research before completing their final tasks.

This year's **Nominating Committee** was composed of Maxine Greenberg, Jim Katz, Barb Klein, Teri Parrott, and Lisa Wolf. These dedicated folks were tasked with trying to recommend the best possible candidates for positions of leadership on the Board of Trustees. They spent a lot of time contacting potential nominees, gauging their availability and willingness to serve in these important roles. As a group, they met to discuss the merits of the candidates and which of those candidates would be the best fit for the various board positions. It can be a daunting task to choose the best person from among those who would serve. Thank you all for your hard work, dedication to TBH, and your drive for excellence in our leadership.

The **Budget Committee** hardly got off easy this year. The team was led by Joel Goldfarb, our Disbursements Treasurer and included Eric Bernstein, Dave Schulman, Alan Snyder, Howard Steinberg, and Eddie Widofsky. They faced a monumental task. With membership down, they had to try and restructure a budget that was already extraordinarily tight. They put in many hours of discussion, research and creative problem solving to try and put together something that the TBH family could work with without risking further membership loss or financial stability. If you've read my other article in this month's newsletter or my message in the annual meeting documents, you'll know that they have come up with a solution that's a bit different than in past years. I hope you will all join me in thanking them for a job well done.

Steve Brouillard

TORAH PORTIONS

Beha'alotcha - Numbers 8:1-12:15 —This portion is jam-packed, telling the story of the consecration of the Levites, the first Passover in the wilderness, the silver trumpets, the cloud of glory, the departure from Sinai, the grumbling in the wilderness, the first Sanhedrin and the punishment of Miriam.

Shelach - Numbers 13:1-15:41 —The Torah reading tells the tragic story of how the spies returned with a bad report about the Land of Promise and influenced the congregation of Israel to rebel against G-d. Thus G-d consigned the generation of Moses to wander in the wilderness for forty years.

Korach — Numbers 16:1-18:32 —This week's Torah reading tells the story of how Korah led an unsuccessful rebellion against Moses and Aaron. After thwarting the insurrection, G-d confirms Aaron in the priesthood and provides additional legislation regarding priestly and Levitical privileges and responsibilities.

Chukat - Numbers 19:1-22:1 —*Chukat* presents the mysterious laws of the red-heifer ceremony for purification after contact with human death. This reading also contains the story of Moses striking the rock, the stories of the deaths of Aaron and Miriam, and the wars with the Amorites. The portion concludes with the host of Israel encamping on the edge of the Promised Land.

The URJ website has extensive Torah commentaries, summaries, d'varim, and other resources. Go to <http://www.reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study> for more information.



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12:00pm

*Come discuss
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AUGUST 2016 ISRAEL TRIP

The next TBH mission to Israel will be a crazy fun family experience. Summer in Israel is hot, but beautiful. From August 8 to August 18, 2016, we will find all of the amazing spots in Israel to jump in and cool off. This visit will be customized according to our participants, and the goal is to offer a 'reasonably' priced trip.

If you have a simcha that you would like to celebrate in Israel, let us know, and we are happy to make the arrangements. Mindy Glickman is currently finalizing the itinerary and pricing. Please let her know if you are interested.

To follow the process on Facebook, join this group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tbhtoIsrael2016/>

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

We have a situation with our heating system on the roof that requires repairs to the tune of \$2600.00. I am looking for help to defray the cost of this unexpected expense. Many of you have helped out in the past with windows, driveway lining, crack filling etc. Once again, our Temple home is in need of a repair that was unplanned for. If you can help, please send in your donation marked **house fund**. Thanks!

*Joe Alpert
House Committee*

COMMUNITY TEACH-IN

Please mark Tuesday night, June 23rd at 7:30 p.m. on your calendar! You are invited to a Community "Teach-In" right here at TBH, a program sponsored by the Solomon Schechter Day School and the Greater Hartford Institute of Adult Jewish Studies. The program will include Rabbi Glickman speaking about "The Midrashim of our Lives" and a guest teacher, Dr. Ron Kiener, Professor and Chair, Department of Religion, Trinity College speaking on the subject "Between a Jewish State and an Islamic State." The program is free of charge and will run from 7:30 until 9:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Come join us for what promises to be a fascinating evening!

*Nancy Gordon
Adult Education Committee*

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE

Social Action would like to thank everyone who came out for the blood drive. We collected 27 pints. Potentially, 102 lives can be saved from this one blood drive. What a mitzvah!

Cornerstone Soup Kitchen dinners will be continuing next year. We feed the people from the shelter on the 4th Sunday of the month. If you'd like to get involved, please reach out for Barbara Brezel at (860) 289-6293 or bfbip18@gmail.com.

TBH BOOK CLUB

The TBH Book Club is meeting on Tuesday, June 9 at 7pm at Ann Hughes's house. We will be discussing Holding Fire—Short Stories of Self-Destruction compiled by Scott Hughes.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE WRAP-UP

Membership Committee has had a very active year. Our committee is made up of: Teri Parrott and Barbara Klein, co-chair, Stan Goldberg, Terry Kurtzman, Judy Melocowsky, Ken Wasserman, Marty Seefer, Marian Berman, Judy Fogg, and Denise Dickstein.

This year, we welcomed several new members. Our committee sponsored the Kehillah Konnection after first day Rosh Hashana services. It was fun to schmooze with fellow congregants and get to meet new members.

We also sponsored an Open House weekend, March 27th and Sunday, March 29th. The community was invited to attend Friday night services and we opened the building on Sunday to show our community what Temple Beth Hillel was all about. Tables were set up representing Sisterhood, Men's Club, Adult Ed, Book Club, Public Outreach, Membership, Religious Practices, and Religious School. Marion Berman headed a large crew in the kitchen to make sandwiches and set up trays of snacks and desserts. Most of the food was prepared and delivered to the Temple by many of our congregants. The Connecticut Science Center presented activities for the children and Judy Melocowsky and Judy Fogg prepared projects in the art room for the children. Our madrachim helped with many of the activities. Cantor Harris played the guitar.

Denise Dickstein presented this idea to our committee last Fall. She offered to chair the event and had great ideas on how to proceed. Thank You Denise, you had a vision of what we could do, you worked hard planning this, and it was a great success.

The Sunday before the Open House, we had a Clean-up the Temple Day. Over 40 congregants came to help. Thank You to everyone in our Temple Community who helped make this happen.

Mark your calendar.—Membership Committee is planning a New Year's Eve Party on December 31st at the Temple for members and their guests. It should be a fun way to start 2016.

*Barb Klein and Teri Parrott
Membership Committee*

Upcoming Meetings

*6/2: Membership
Committee, 7pm*

*6/4: Religious
Practices Committee,
7pm*

*6/7, Religious
School Committee,
7pm*

*6/11: Board
Meeting, 7pm*

*6/16: Sisterhood,
6pm*

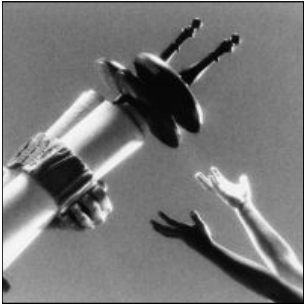
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June is the TBH month for transition. This is our last month with Cantor Scott Harris, and we will miss him very much. I hope you will join us on June 12 for his final Friday night services and raise your voices to wish him well in the future.

The Annual Congregational Meeting on June 14 also brings changes—a new Board of Trustees, a new challenge with our financial situation, and new opportunities to help bring TBH into the future. Please join us for these new challenges and bring your own ideas!

Christine Brouillard

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **TUESDAY, June 16**. Please forward all e-mailed materials to the entire Communications Committee at communications@tbhsw.org:

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