

HILLEL HAPPENINGS

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Shema always comes before V'Ahavta.

It is true in Deuteronomy, chapter 6. It is true in our prayerbook.

It is true in life.

Listening always comes before loving.

You have an opportunity to listen when you join the Shema Tour this MLK Day -- January 16th.

We will meet at TBH at 9:00 and return at 3:00 in the afternoon. We will be visiting places where the needy go to get their needs met. This year we will visit Chrysalis Center, Crown Market and Solomon Schechter Day School.

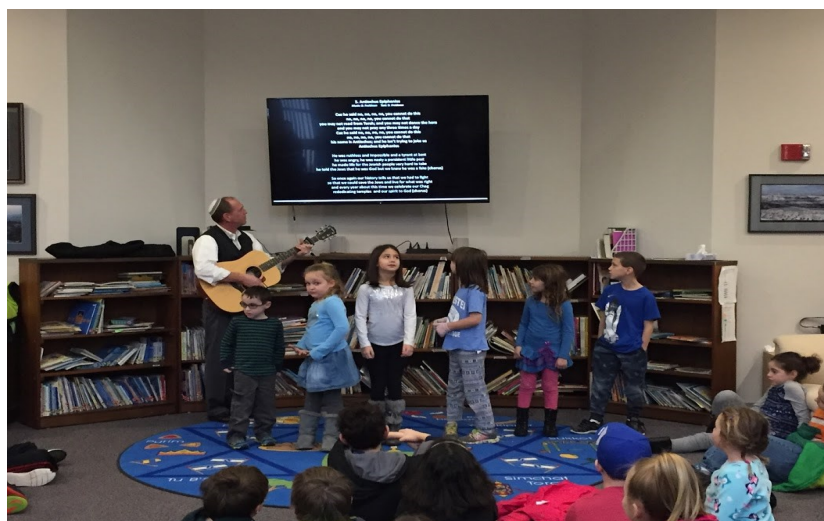
After listening, we will all come together the following Sunday, January 22nd at noon, to choose which project to support as our TBH 2017 Social Action Project.

All are welcomed, and there is no cost to you -- but you need to RSVP. The cost of the bus and the lunch is picked up by donations to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

Children and adults are certainly welcomed. The first 50 RSVP's get seats on the bus.

B'shalom,

Rabbi G.



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SIMCHAS

BIRTHDAYS

Mr. Jeff Trachtenberg	1/1	Mrs. Sue Wernick	1/19
Mrs. Michele Snyder	1/2	Janet Miller	1/23
Mrs. Rebecca Chaimovitch	1/10	Mr. Blake Ward	1/26
Jamie Serow	1/14	Mr. Mark Bolduc	1/28
Mr. Eric Swan	1/17	Mrs. Donna Gittleman	1/28
		Mr. Howard Liebman	1/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Snyder	1/12	Mr. & Mrs. William Reveley	1/20
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ONEG INFORMATION

1/6 William & Marilyn Reveley, Al & Barb Klein
 1/13 Rosalind Cooper, Jess & Julie Edelstein
 1/20 Glenn & Bonnie Zinn, Steve & Chris Brouillard
 1/27 Lisa Wolf, Robert & HELP WANTED

2/3 Ed & Macy Widofsky, John & Carol Baron
 2/10 No Oneg Tubishvat
 2/17 Fred & Beverly Prass, HELP WANTED
 2/24 Phil & Bobbi Jo Maltz, Marion Berman

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.**

Y AHRZEIT DATES

On January 6, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Myra Scott	Mother of Judy Scott
Henrietta Goldberg	Aunt of Stan Goldberg
Nathan Serow	Father of Mike Serow
Jacob Block	Father of Barb Klein
Sam Cook	Father of Barbara Dworsky
Jerome Goldfield	Father of Steven Goldfield

On January 13, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Benjamin Eisenberg	Father of Marvin Eisenberg
Benny Bernstein	Grandfather of Beverly Bernstein-Prass
Samuel Bernstein	Father of Beverly Bernstein-Prass
Max Meyers	Father of Sally Goodman
Lillian Cohen	Aunt of Beverly Bernstein-Prass

Samuel Wagner	Father of Alice Rodner
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January 20, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Les Tanzman	Father of Bonnie Zinn
Susan Wickey	Mother of Rebecca Chaimovitch
Leonard Goldfarb	Father of Joel Goldfarb
Edna Gold	Mother of Susan Simons
Robert Schulman	Father of Lynn Rothberg

On January 27, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Herman Pollack	Grandfather of Michael Pollack
Harry Gold	Father of Sue Simons
Norman Weiner	Uncle of Sheila Alpert
Sylvia Molin	Aunt of Sybil Goldberg
Martin Toback	Husband of Charlotte Toback
Freda Ziskis	Mother of Sharon Jacobs

DONATIONS

ADULT ED

The Baron Family in honor of Herb Shooks 90th Bday

CEMETERY FUND:

Joe & Sheila Alpert in memory of Norman Weiner, father of Sheila

GENERAL FUND :

Darlene Sternberg

Helen Gworek in memory of Clara Izraelevitz

Steven Goldfield & Fern Darling in memory of Felicia & Jerome Goldfield, mother and father of Steve & Fern

MARTIN TURSHEN MEMORIAL FUND

Joe & Joan Segal in memory of Kitty Tegzes, mother of Jeffrey Tegzes

Marcia & Larry Andrus in memory of Kitty Tegzes, mother of Jeffrey Tegzes

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sharon & Len Jacobs in memory of James Jacobs, father of Len

Ken & Lois Wasserman in memory of Lottie Cutler, grandmother of Lois, Isadore Wasserman, father of Ken, & Abraham Cutler, grandfather of Lois

Judy & Leonard Lauder in memory of Louise Ellis, beloved mother of Judy

Marvin & Alice Eisenberg in memory of Morris Alpert, Father

Phyllis Green in memory of Ethel Goldstein, mother of Phyllis

Anonymous, just Because

Judy Bogatz in memory of Arnold Bogatz, husband of Judy

Beverly Bernstein-Prass in memory of Samuel Bernstein, father of Beverly, in memory of Benny Bernstein, grandfather of Beverly, in memory of Lillian Cohen, aunt of Beverly

Steven Stein in memory of Joan Stein

David & Terry Izraelevitz in memory of Clara Izraelevitz

Phyllis Green for Jo Bruce Adult Ed Class

Len & Sharon Jacobs in memory of Freda Ziskis, mother of Sharon

The Baron Family in memory of Alvin Miller, father of Carol Bettigole

Charlotte Toback in memory of Dr. Martin J Toback

RABBI GLICKMAN'S REAPPOINTMENT CONGREGANT FEEDBACK WANTED

TO: All members of the TBH Family

Our current agreement with Rabbi Glickman extends to June, 2018. Because the process of renewing TBH's contract with the Rabbi is complex and multi-faceted, the board is beginning the process now.

The very first step involves asking all members of the congregation for feedback. This is a critically important first step. We want to know your feelings about re-appointment, and we would also like to know what concerns you would like shared with him at this time. Are there changes you would like to see?

Please send your confidential responses to me at: m.abrahamson@cox.net. I will remove all personally identifying information from your e-mail responses prior to sharing them with a Review Committee that will soon be formed. Please send your replies to me by **JANUARY 15th**.

All the details of the review are not yet in place, but I can give you an overall picture of what will follow. After deliberation and discussion, the Review Committee will convey recommendations to the full TBH board. Then there will be a meeting at which time the entire congregation will meet to discuss and vote on the recommendation of the TBH Board.

Mark Abrahamson
President

TORAH PORTIONS

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.

Vayechi — Genesis 47:28-50:26 — In this Torah portion, Jacob prepares for his death by securing a double portion of inheritance for Joseph and then blessing each of his sons with prophetic blessings. The book of Genesis ends with the death of Jacob, followed shortly by the death of Joseph and a promise of redemption from Egypt.

Shemot — Exodus 1:1-6:1 —As we study the first week's reading from the book of Exodus, we find the children of Israel in slavery. It seems at first that the God of their forefathers has forgotten them. But God has not forgotten His promises. He remembers His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and brings a Redeemer to their children's children, for the sake of His name, with love.

Va'era — Exodus 6:2-9:35 — The portion begins with four expressions of redemption whereby God promises to bring Israel out of the Egyptian bondage. The narrative progresses to tell the story of the first seven of the ten plagues that God unleashed on Egypt.

URJ has much more information about each week's Torah portion at <http://www.reformjudaism.org/learning>.



Teens in 8th-12th grade: Come explore your connection to Jewish traditions and values with your peers from throughout the Greater Hartford community at JTConnect! Whether you choose to come Sunday mornings from 10:30 am-12:00 pm or Monday nights from 7:00-8:40 pm, classes are interactive, creative and interesting! January term begins January 8th. Register today! For more information, visit jtconnect.org or contact JTConnect at office@jtconnect.org or 860.727.6110.

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12:00 pm*

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then for delicious
soup and current
event discussion.*

*We are always
looking for
volunteers to
provide soup and
bread....or sand-
wiches.....and a
cookie type
dessert.*

*Let Barb Klein
know if you can
help. !!*



Save the Date for the next Pasta Fa Shul

**TBH Men's Club is sponsoring a
Pasta Night February 25th.**

**Bring Friends and Family and
share a meal!**

More information to come soon.

LUNCH AND A MOVIE



January 8th – 1:00 p.m. - Lunch and movie day at TBH featuring Hava Nagila (The Movie):

It is instantly recognizable – musical shorthand for anything Jewish, a happy party tune that you dance to at weddings, bar mitzvahs and even at Major League Baseball games. It conjures up wistful smiles, memories of generations past...and no shortage of eye rolling. But as audiences will discover in Hava Nagila (The Movie), the song is much more than a tale of Jewish kitsch and bad bar mitzvah fashions. It carries with it an entire constellation of history, values and hopes for the future. In its own believe-it-or-not way, Hava Nagila encapsulates the Jewish journey over the past 150 years. It also reveals the power of one song to express

and sustain identity, to transmit lessons across generations and to bridge cultural divides and connect us all on a universal level.

Harry Belafonte, Connie Francis and Leonard Nimoy are among those featured in filmmaker Roberta Grossman's history of the song "Hava Nagila," from its Russian origins to its prevalence in Jewish culture.

The fun begins at 1 p.m. with a "Build Your Own Sandwich Buffet."

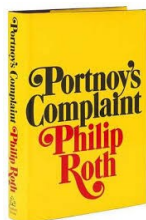
Donation \$5 per person. All are welcome!! Contact Lori in the office to make a reservation at Admin@tbhsw.org or 860-282-8466.

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

As your House Committee Chairman, I try to keep up on minor and major repairs throughout the years. Many of you have noticed the bottom portion of the drain pipes being all dented and mangled. This condition will impede the down flow of water from the gutters and cause back up and eventually damage. I have received a quote from Dzen Roofing to repair the 3-4 down spouts. Dzen installed the roof and original gutters and down spouts. The cost of this is between \$300.00 and \$400.00. I am asking for your help to pay for this project. As always your donations are greatly appreciated. This repair is not a huge amount but is not in the budget to pay for it. Therefore, I am looking to you for help with my latest effort to keep our Temple in good repair.

Thank you,
Joe Alpert
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joealpert42@yahoo.com

TBH BOOK CLUB Save the Date



The next Book Club will meet Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 pm at Temple Beth Hillel. Judy Melocowski will discuss Portnoy's Complaint by Philip Roth.

Alexander Portnoy is a Jewish boy who has lived most of his childhood in the Newark Jewish neighborhood of New Jersey. He was a brilliant student admired by his parents. But Portnoy, from his childhood on, has been obsessed by women and sexuality. The clash between his secret thoughts and the morals of his Jewish education is too violent. Soon Guiltiness and Rebellion are fighting a terrible battle in his mind. We hope you can join us!



Membership is in the process of creating a new member directory. The dates and times that photographs are being taken are, May 8-11, 2017, 2:00 pm-9:00 pm.

Also, we will be doing a few pages of In memory, In honor of.....etc. so keep that in mind. The membership committee will soon be contacting the congregation to set a schedule. Look for more information in the coming months.

Upcoming Meetings

1/3; Membership Meeting, 7pm

1/5 Religious Practices, 7pm

1/12; Board Meeting, 7 pm

1/15; Men's Club 9:30 am

1/17; Religious School, 7 pm

Rosh Chodesh



The Mitzvah Mamas are hosting a Rosh Chodesh Shevat gathering followed by Havdallah on Saturday, January 28th from 5pm - 6pm at TBH. The

theme of Jewish environmentalism will be led by TBH member Michele Moylan. All women (13 & up) are invited. For more information contact Mindy at 917-698-7952

Chinese Dinner/Gift Swap



Sisterhood's annual Chinese dinner/gift swap will be January 15 at TBH at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$10 for Sisterhood members who have paid this year's

dues and \$15 for non-members. We encourage friends! Gift swap limit is \$20.

For additional meetings and locations, please go to www.tbhsm.org.

A Warm Place To Be For Shabbat

Okay, it's January and it's cold. Many of our friends and family are in warmer climates. And we're here in New England! Messy, icy roads delay our travel and we need to prepare with additional layers of clothing just to walk outside into the bitter chill.

I know there are times when it's tempting to stay home on a Friday night and skip services because it seems to take so much more effort to go to Temple than it did back in the Fall. But every time I do go, I'm rewarded with the extra warmth that goes well beyond the Fahrenheit reading on the thermostats.

Rabbi's sermons, Cantor's singing and the Shabbat Shalom greetings from everyone add a spiritual warmth that is sustaining from week to week. So, don't stay home. Get off the couch and brave the cold weather.

While I'm on the discussion of getting off the couch, if you're fortunate enough to have Martin Luther King Day off on Monday, January, 16, I encourage you to participate in the annual Shema Tour. I'm sure you'll be hearing more about it from the Rabbi and Social Action. If you've been before, you know it's a great day. If you've never been, I highly recommend you go this year.

I haven't been able to go in recent years because of work obligations. But, I had the chance a few years ago and, while we visited a few places, memories of the homeless shelter have remained very strong for me. There's nothing like walking into a shelter on a very cold day and getting a first-hand glimpse of what it's like. On that trip, we learned about their mission and their challenges. We followed up on the "listening tour" by coming together and providing them with additional sheets and blankets that they told us were really needed.

As of this writing, I'm not even sure where the Shema tour will be heading this year but I'm sure it will be as valuable a trip as ever. I hope you're able to join in.

In the meantime, stay safe and warm and I'll see you on Shabbat!

Jason Wasserman

Donations Continued...

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Carol Enes in memory of Doris Millstein, mother of Eileen Clouser

Alan & Donna Gittleman & Family in memory of Doris Millstein, mother of Eileen Clouser

The Baron Family in memory of Doris Millstein, mother of Eileen Clouser

YOUTH FUND

Alice & Robert Rodner in memory of Samuel Wagner, Father of Alice

Music Fund

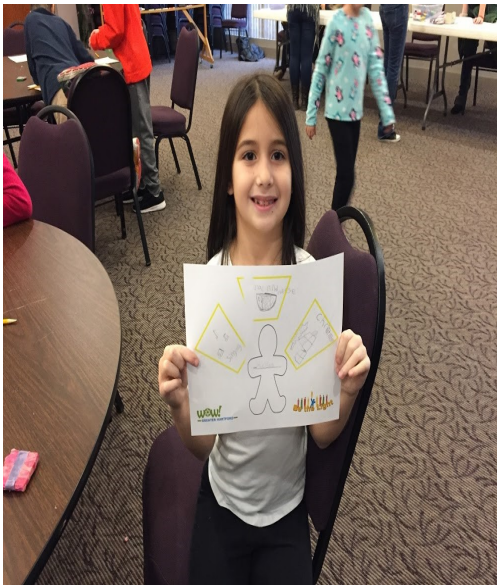
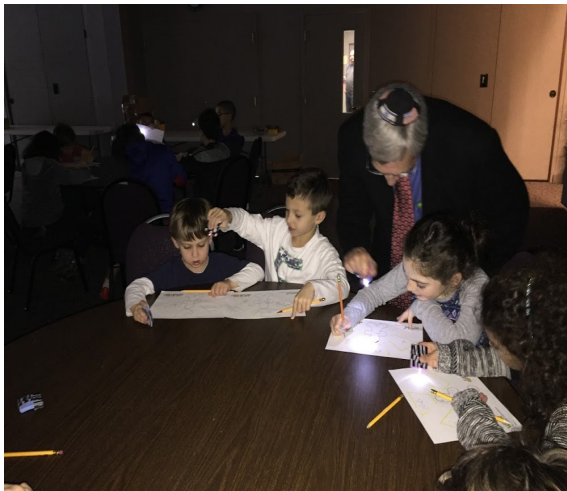
Sally Meyers Goodman in memory of Max Meyers, father of Sally

Frank Luena & Joyce Ben-Kiki in honor of Cantor Harris

Membership Fund

Al & Barbara Klein in memory of Jacob Block, father of Barbara

Religious School Celebrates Hanukkah



SHEMA TOUR

Shema

The act of listening seems to have become especially difficult this year. From all over the globe we are hearing of the sufferings, ordeals and afflictions of people facing desperate situations. We have been inundated with news reports on scandals, defamation and distractions. Our “threads” constantly ping or tweet alerting us to yet another opinion, another photo, video, snap, message, “insta” condensed into 140 characters. So much said which says almost nothing. Have we lost the ability to really listen? Is there a difference between hearing and listening? Shema.

We are called to listen.

Shema.

We are called to hear.

It can feel that life is too busy calling out to us, pulling us along, that we have no capacity to listen, to hear, to give our attention to something other than the urgent task at hand. And yet conceivably there is no task more critical than that of listening in our actions as Jews. How can we know what we are called to do without hearing, without listening? The poor, the widowed, the orphans, the strangers are the focus of our social action and the Jewish call to justice.

What do you do when you listen? Most people do not listen with the resolve to understand, but rather with the intent to respond. Our minds fill with our own words, our experience. Listening allows us to clear our self from the mind and allow the other to enter. Through this process listening becomes an active interpretation of what we hear. Listening becomes a process of interpreting what we encounter in the world that goes beyond simply hearing, and becomes action. We have an outstanding opportunity to move outside our community to listen and hear through our annual Shema Tour.

Our Rabbi has arranged an outstanding day for us to begin 2017 in action of our Jewish values. The bus leaves TBH at 9am on Monday January 16. We will return approximately 3pm. The tour this year includes the Chrysalis Center in Hartford. A chrysalis is a cocoon and represents the transformation people undergo as they work to change their lives. The Chrysalis Center is taking a new and innovative approach to helping those in need. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity to learn from them.

We will then get back on our luxury bus and head into West Hartford to visit the Solomon Schechter Day School. Perhaps we will learn more about the new position held by Cantor Harris. We'll have our lunch at the school before a stop at the Judaica store that not only has an impressive collection of gifts, but a great selection of Jewish books, both fiction and non-fiction. You may want to check www.jewishbookcouncil.org/books before we get there.

Our last stop is the newly refurbished Crown Market. Come hear the story of how we almost lost this venerable institution after 76 years in business. And bring your shopping tote; you are going to want to make some purchases! Check out their taiglach video on their Facebook page. And then call the Temple (860-282-8466) to reserve your seat!

We will get together the following Sunday January 22, at 12:00 pm at Temple to review the trip and choose our 2017 Social Action Project.

Jennifer Marvin



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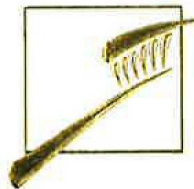


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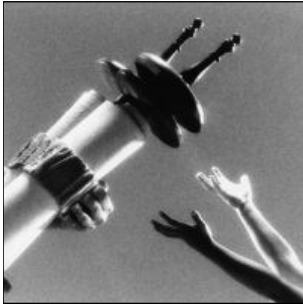
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In an emergency and you are in need of Clergy, please contact Rabbi Glickman by Temple Office phone or his cell phone. In the event the Rabbi cannot be reached, contact Cantor Scott Harris at 203-331-2692 or e-mail at cantor.scott.harris@gmail.com.

Rabbi Glickman has made arrangements with several of the other Rabbis in the area in the event that neither the Rabbi nor Cantor is available. These Rabbis will treat TBH Members as if they were members of their congregations. Please contact these Rabbis in the following order:

1. Rabbi Steven Wylen of Kol Haverim in Glastonbury - (860-633-3966)

2. Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg of BSBI in Manchester - (860-643-9563)

If these Rabbis are not available, the following Rabbis are available for fee:

.Rabbi Michael Pincus of CBI in West Hartford (860-233-8215)

Rabbi Richard Plavin retired from BSBI in Manchester (860-643-9564)

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **Monday January 23** Please forward all e-mailed materials to the entire Communications Committee at communications@tbhsw.org:

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