

HILLEL HAPPENINGS

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



Here is a wonderful way to be part of a newly commissioned Torah. The Afikim Foundation with Israel's Ministry for Diaspora Affairs, is writing a [Global Unity Torah](#), celebrating the 50th Anniversary of a Reunited Jerusalem.

Jews everywhere can inscribe letters in the Torah, NOT with money, but with simple 'acts of chesed', deeds of lovingkindness that positively impact the lives of others. ([1-minute video](#))

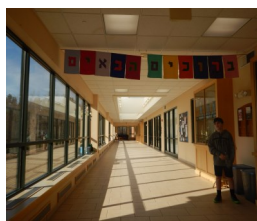
I have reserved 141 letters -- the words in Deuteronomy for the V'havta prayer. Each of these needs to be paired with an act of kindness to a stranger which is done by a member or friend of our congregation.

You can claim your letter by going to [Jerusalem50.org](#), or our synagogue's block is here.

<https://jerusalem50.com/gd/>

Let's get the Torah written!

B'shalom,
Rabbi G.



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SIMCHAS

BIRTHDAYS

Mrs. Judy Glickman-Lauder	2/1	Mrs. Libby Wallace	2/19
Judith Fogg	2/6	Dr. Jeffrey Kraman	2/20
Mr. Mark Abrahamson	2/8	Dr. Ira Schecker	2/22
Ms. Joyce Ben-kiki	2/8	Mrs. Phyllis Frank	2/23
Richard Don	2/8	Mr. Roger Parrott	2/25
Sharon Serow	2/8	Mr. Michael Rothberg	2/26
Dr. Doug Clouser	2/9		
Mrs. Phyllis Liebman	2/12		
Mr. Benjamin Wallace	2/12		
Mr. Rick Moylan	2/13		
Mr. Stanley Goldberg	2/15		

ONEG INFORMATION

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

3/3 Sheila & Joe Alpert, Phyllis Green
 3/10 Howard & Phyllis Liebman, Lawrence & Marcia Andrus
 3/17 Sue Simons, Fred & Vicky Daniels
 3/24 Joel & Alecia Goldfarb, Micki & Dennis Bellamy
 3/31 Sheri & Eric Swan, Gabe & Luann Izraelevitz

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 A H R Z E I T D A T E S

On February 3, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Gertrude Baskind	Mother of Stanley Baskind
Burtrend Bernstein	Grandfather of Tammy Pollack
David Silver	Father of Marlene Abrahason
Jeremiah Finn	Father of Paula Bradbard
Sylvia May	Mother of Barry Simons
Martin Nissenblatt	Husband of Edie Nissenblatt
Arnold Seligson	Uncle of Teri Parrott
Bea Grigorian	Wife of Dick Grigorian
Michael Schwartz	Father of Ellen Kliman
Rosalie Friedman	Grandmother of Tammy Polack
Maurice Hyman	Father of Phyllis Frank
Morris M. Berger	Father of Marilyn Davidson
Stanley Manasevit	Father of Sharon Harris

On February 10, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Lillian Geber	Mother of Marion Berman
William Harris	Father of Janet Lassman
Rodney Gochros	Father of Donna Gittleman
Gertrude Katz	Mother of James Katz
Gary Rychling	Brother of Roland Rychling
Matthew Alan Schwartz	Brother of Ellen Kliman
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

February 17, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Harry Lassman	Father-in-law of Janet Lassman
Mollie Zuckert	Mother of Pam Steinberg
Selma Bern	Mother of Joel Goldfarb
Miriam Feuer	Mother of Amy Patterson
Mae Rosen Robinson	Great aunt of Sharon Harris
Mamie Gitel Aronofsky	Grandmother of Phyllis Frank and Herb Shook
Irving Ellis	Father of Judy Glickman
Lew Schwartz	brother of Shelley Haslett
Diana Crystal	Mother of Joyce Katz
Louise Shook	Wife of Herb Shook

On February 24, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Sol Tulchinsky	Father of Judy Bogatz
Ruth Kirschenbaum Kliman	Mother of Bob Kliman
Benjamin Greene	Grandfather of Sheri Burger
Swan	
Anna Rothberg	Grandmother of Michael Rothberg
Ellen Sharp	Grandmother of Christine
Kurtzman	
Selma Rothstein	Mother of Sharon
Irving Ellis	, of Andy Brenner
Lois Silver Smith	Sister of Stan Silver

DONATIONS

ADULT ED

Special friends of Judy Scott in honor of Judy Scott's Special Birthday

CEMETERY

Jim & Sue Katz in memory of Gertrude Katz, mother of Jim

FACILITIES

Alan & Donna Gittleman for facility repairs
Barbara & Al Klein for fridge Repair
Len & Sharon Jacobs for repairs
Marion Berman for fridge Repairs

GENERAL FUND :

Joe & Sheila Alpert in memory of Joyce Goldman, mother of Linda Barnett
Darlene Sternberg
Cheryl & Fred Arzt in memory of Martin Gottesdiemer, brother-in-law of Len Jacobs
Richard & Michele Grigorian in memory of Beatrice Grigorian, wife of Richard and mother of Michele

LARRY GILBERT MEMORIAL FUND/LIBRARY

Judy Scott in memory of Myra Scot, mother of Judy

13th Annual Shema Tour Recap

The Temple Beth Hillel family set off on its 13th annual Shema Tour, coordinated and hosted by our esteemed Rabbi. Our first stop was the Chrysalis Center, located in Hartford. We were greeted by MaryEllen who surprised the group with a beautiful breakfast buffet. She detailed the Center's 5 Core Services: Case Management to support people with psychiatric diagnoses in activities of daily living and symptom reduction, Employment services for people with psychiatric disabilities and for people exiting the prison system, Permanent Supportive Housing with Wrap Around services to assist both homeless Veterans and young adults who received childhood foster care, Recovery services from illicit drugs and alcohol, and Community Connections that includes an Art Gallery and a Fresh Place Food Pantry that serves 100 families in the immediate area. MaryEllen highlighted the Chrysalis philosophy of providing "a hand up, rather than a hand out."

Our next stop was the Solomon Schechter Day School in West Hartford where we were greeted by our own Cantor Scott. Principal Andrea and Reverend Gretchen shared with the group the Gardening Club's efforts with home-grown potatoes. The school was awarded a grant 3 years ago, and the students have been using the Gardening Club to strengthen their curriculum skills in math, science, and art. The students have used their Gardening Club to support the BOTS Pots program which places decorative pots of vegetables in Hartford for the community to harvest and consume. Cantor Scott informed our group about the activities of their music program, and their need for woodwind instruments.

The Shema Tour visited The Judaica Store in West Hartford. We learned that this is the only Judaica store in between New York and Boston. We were reminded that Judaica can be a link between family generations, and to consider buying Jewish items for Jewish celebrations.

Lastly, we visited the Crown Supermarket across the street from the Judaica Store. We were informed about the process of kashrut, and were given a behind-the-scenes tour of their meat and dairy kitchens. Our group recognized the Crown's local history and recent revitalization. We considered supporting the Crown as near-by patrons.

We ended the day at Temple Beth Hillel with thanks for our shared experience, and with the Rabbi's reminder to "listen with love."

Cheryl Cohen



TORAH PORTIONS

Bo —Exodus 10:1-13:16 — The portion begins by concluding the narrative of the ten plagues, the tenth of which is the slaying of the firstborn. To avoid the plague, the Israelites are given the instructions for the Passover sacrifice and the laws of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Pharaoh finally consents to let Israel go, and they leave Egypt.

Beshalach —Exodus 13:17-17:16 — The reading tells the adventures of the Israelites as they leave Egypt, cross the Red Sea, receive miraculous provision in the wilderness and face their first battle.

Yitro — Exodus 18:1-20:23 — The portion tells the story of Jethro's visit to the camp of Israel, then relates the great theophany at Mount Sinai, where God gives Israel the Ten Commandments and invites the people to enter a special covenant relationship with Him.

Mishpatim — Exodus 21:1-24:18 —The first three chapters of this Torah portion deliver a legal code of laws and commandments that form a nucleus for the Torah's laws. The last chapter tells the story of how the people of Israel consented to keep these laws and entered into a covenant relationship with God through a series of rituals conducted by Moses.

T'rumah — Exodus 25:1-27:19 — T'rumah is a word with no real English equivalent. In the Torah, T'rumah refers to a certain type of offering dedicated to the Temple, like a tithe or firstfruits offering. In Exodus 25, the contribution is for the building of a holy place. This Torah reading is occupied with the instructions for the building of the Tabernacle and its furnishings.

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



Please welcome new members Brian and Laurie Beth Nichols, and Erin & Scott Taylor.

Brian & Laurie Beth are the daughter and son-in-law of Len and Sharon Jacobs. They live in Bolton with their 2 boys, Colin who is in 8th grade and Brady who is in 6th grade.

Erin & Scott live in South Windsor with their three kids, Noah, who is in 3rd grade, Alex, who is in 2nd grade and Natalie who is in pre-school.

If you see the Nichols family or the Taylor family around Temple be sure and say hello.

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then for delicious
soup and current
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volunteers to
provide soup and
bread....or sand-
wiches.....and a
cookie type
dessert.*

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

Young Child & Family Shabbat



A Special Young Child and Family Shabbat Will take place at Temple Beth Hillel :

Friday, February 3, 2017 @ 5:30 PM

Join us for a spirited Simchat Shabbat experience and Oneg especially for our young families and members. Come meet other members and participate in a memorable evening. Families welcome!

Join us as we sing, pray and welcome everyone to our Temple Beth Hillel Family!

L' Shalom
Cantor Scott M. Harris

Adult Education

We enjoyed a wonderful "Hava Nagila" movie event earlier this month and more fun Adult Ed offerings are in the works for this spring including a (to be scheduled) entertaining and informative talk by Dr. Jeffrey Shoulson, Chairman of the Judaic Studies Department at UConn on "Jewish Humor." Also on the horizon are other events possibly including other movies and outings, so stayed tuned!

In the meantime, TBH clergy and distinguished visitors are offering a series of Sunday morning Adult Ed classes at 11:00 a.m. as follows:

Feb. 5 & 12th – Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz will be teaching a two-part class on Jewish Personalities. Rabbi Glickman and Cantor Harris will be teaching classes (to be announced) in March and April.

There is no charge for the classes in this series.

In addition – Rabbi Lefkowitz has offered to teach Beginner Hebrew on Sunday mornings to interested people who have had no previous Hebrew instruction at all. This is for people who "cannot tell the difference between an aleph and a bet." If you are interested (and qualify), please contact Nancy Gordon at nng@cox.net and she will let Rabbi Lefkowitz know.

PASTA FA SCHUL



TBH Men's club is sponsoring a Pasta Fa Schul. Saturday February 25. at 6:00 pm come and enjoy a delicious pasta dinner. Bring your family and friends all are welcome!! There is no cost for the event but members are asked to bring a dessert to share. To register for the dinner ,contact the office at 860-282-8466 or Admin@tbhsw.org

Board Tzedakah

The last two months Temple Beth Hillel's Board has shown such support and commitment to the Rabbi's Shema Tour. Last month, you may remember the monthly tzedakah collection went to helping to pay for the bus. This month \$60 dollars was collected to purchase hygiene products for the Chrysalis Center. A last minute "Is there anything we can bring?" sent us out to gather some much needed hygiene products. Three copy paper boxes of products were brought with us on the 23rd! Thank you so much to all Board Members for their ongoing support!

SISTERHOOD



Sisterhood's annual Chinese dinner/gift swap will be February 19 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 you to bring friends! Gift swap limit is \$20. Please RSVP to Chris Brouillard at (860)604-1919 or (cebrouillard@gmail.com) by February 17.

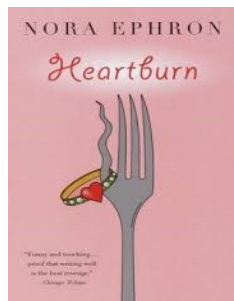
Save the Date



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.

TBH BOOK CLUB



The next Book Club will meet Tuesday, February 14 at TBH 7:00 pm. Phyllis Frank chose the book Heartburn by: Nora Ephron. Seven months into her pregnancy, Rachel Samstat discovers that her husband, Mark, is in love with another woman. The fact that the other woman has "a neck as long as an arm and a nose as long as a thumb and you should see her legs" is no consolation. Food sometimes is, though, since Rachel writes cookbooks for a living. And in between trying to win Mark back and loudly wishing him dead, Ephron's irrepressible heroine offers some of her favorite recipes. Heartburn is a sinfully delicious novel, as soul-satisfying as mashed potatoes and as airy as a perfect soufflé.

Hop you can join us!
Barb Klein

Upcoming Meetings

2/7 Membership Meeting, 7pm

2/2 Religious Practices, 7pm

2/9 Board Meeting, 7 pm

2/19; Men's Club 9:30 am

2/21; Religious School, 7 pm

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

Levels of Tzedakah

When you enter our Temple, you see Tzedakah boxes on display. And while those are visible reminders of our shared Jewish values and fulfilling our obligations, the opportunities to contribute include far more than just those boxes. Whether you're participating in a formal event such as the Shema Tour project or contributing toward a Temple appeal or you're helping a friend in need, you're doing your part to fulfill the commandment.

How you give can be as important as what you give. According to Maimonides, there are different levels of Tzedakah:

1. Giving begrudgingly
2. Giving less than you should, but giving it cheerfully.
3. Giving after being asked
4. Giving before being asked
5. Giving when you do not know the recipient's identity, but the recipient knows your identity
6. Giving when you know the recipient's identity, but the recipient doesn't know your identity
7. Giving when neither party knows the other's identity
8. Enabling the recipient to become self-reliant

At our latest Shema Tour, we visited the Chrysalis Center where they talked about giving someone a "hand-up" rather than a "hand-out." That philosophy is right in line with the highest level of tzedakah. At Temple Beth Hillel, we strive to foster a community that embraces tzedakah as a central component of our beliefs and our actions.

Jason Wasserman

Donations Continued...

MEMBERSHIP

Stan Goldberg in memory of Henrietta Goldberg, aunt of Stan

MUSIC

Herb Shook in memory of Louise Shook & Mamie Aronofsky, wife and grandmother of Herb

RETIRE THE MORTGAGE

Susan & Gary Ruchin in memory of Charles Ruchin, Father of Gary, Michael Ruchin, brother of Gary, and Seymour Platt, father of Susan

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Marvin & Alice Eisenberg in memory of Benjamin Eisenberg, Father of Marvin

Susan Simons in memory of Edna & Harry Gold, Parents of Susan

Scott & Carol Bettigole in appreciation of Rabbi Glickman

Paula & Leland Bradbard in memory of Jeremiah Finn, father of Paula

Teri & Roger Parrott in memory of Rae Snyder, mother of Teri and in memory of Arnold Seligson, Uncle of Teri

Wolf-Gatcomb Family in memory of Alvin Miller, father of Carol Bettigole and Joyce Goldman, mother of Linda Barnett

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Bob & Alice Rodner in honor of Ann Berman's many accomplishment and her assuming the role of President of the Association of Reform Jewish Educators. We take pride in knowing she and her mother Marion, are outstanding examples of our TBH community

TBH Membership is Creating a New Family Directory



Be a part of our new family directory program. Our goal is to include everyone!



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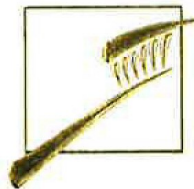


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OFFICE HOURS

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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 February 20**. Please forward all e-mailed materials to the entire Communications Committee at communications@tbhsw.org:

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