

# HILLEL HAPPENINGS

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When you gather around your Thanksgiving table, there might be many things -- food, family, more food, friends, and, still more food. It is a great time to look at each other.

Counting blessings, appreciating and saying thank you can go a long way in bringing a group together.

"Blessed are You, Adonai our God by way of goodness, brings life giving food to the entire world with grace, with kindness, and with mercy. Blessed are You, Adonai, Who provides food

for all." This is from our birkat hamazon, the blessing after meals. It helps get us back on track.

We are also getting together as an interfaith community on November 20th at 7:00 at Temple (the Tuesday before Thanksgiving). Come and bring your neighbors. B'shalom,

Rabbi G.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Temple Beth Hillel Families,

I first wanted to share some information about myself with the congregation since I came into the role of Interim President from a different route. My family moved to South Windsor in the fall of 2011 from Southern Connecticut. When we moved here, Danielle was in 1st grade and we knew once we were settled, we needed to look for a synagogue to join so Danielle could attend Hebrew School and become a Bat Mitzvah. From the first Friday night service at Temple Beth Hillel we attended in 2011 we were welcomed with open arms. Danielle had her Bat Mitzvah at the end of May and our family is still being drawn more into our TBH family and community. As people began approaching me to serve as Interim President, Sherry said to me that TBH is an important part our family and we need to help our family.

Over the past month, we have been through some trying times as a congregation. Adding to these difficult times we did not have a line of succession for our congregational leadership due to a vacant Executive Vice President. Without someone in line to become president after Jason Wasserman's resignation, it made it difficult for the board of trustees without a spokesperson or designated leader. The members of the board have come together to begin the process of moving forward.

The board, at a special meeting decided to provide the opportunity for input from members at our scheduled October board meeting. I am truly appreciative of every member who took the time to share their thoughts at that meeting. As we continued that meeting, with our newly established leadership, we had a long conversation about different ideas to continue to get feedback, on many topics, from the congregation. The big thing that came out of that meeting was we needed to reach out to the resources available to us now that we had established our new leadership.

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# SIMCHAS

## BIRTHDAYS

Valerie Anderson	11/1	Scott Bettigole	11/15
Rebecca McCann	11/2	Shawn Cohen	11/16
Robin Kennison	11/3	Alan Snyder	11/17
Lawrence Waksman	11/7	David Basile	11/18
Stanley Baskind	11/8	Jeffrey Greer	11/18
Alecia Goldfarb	11/8	David Weinberg	11/19
Melvin Santiago	11/11	Debbie Benoit	11/20
Albert Wachsman	11/11	Jessica Dean	11/24
Herb Shook	11/12	Robert Wakefield	11/26
		Bob Rodner	11/30

# **Anniversaries**

John & Carol Baron	11/17	Jeffrey Kamenetz & Helena Friedman	11/24
Gabe & LuAnn Izraelevitz	11/20	Norman & Phyllis Greenstein	11/25
		Michael & Sharon Michael Serow	11/26

# ONEG INFORMATION

- 11/2 Ellen & Robert Kliman, Alan & Donna Gittleman, Teresa & Alan Platteis
- 11/9 Carol & Jeff Butler, Sarah Markman,
- 11/16 Ben Bernstein Bar Mitzvah, That Family, Levin Family
- 11/23 Judy Fogg, Judy Scott
- 11/30 Ceil Gerstein, Marcia Heneson
- 12/7 Alan & Michele Snyder, Michael & Lynn Rothberg
- 12/14 Carol & Scott Bettigole, Barbara & Michael Brezel
- 12/21 Lara & Tim Cote, Becky McCann & Joel
- 12/28 Marion Berman, Ralph & Amy Patterson

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.



# DONATIONS

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Jay & Karen Fienman in memory of William Ashwyth, father
Lisa Wolf thank you Jason for all you've done for the board the past year
Nancy Gordon in memory of Morris Gerlis, grandfather & Abraham Gerlis, uncle of Nancy Gordon
Carole & Richard Guttman in memory of Fannie Guttman, mother of Richard
Melvin Stein in memory of Joan Stein, wife of Melvin
Phyllis & Dana Frank in memory of Newton Frank, husband of Phyllis & father of Dana
June Silver in memory of Jeanette Reich, mother of June

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mike & Sherry & Danielle Skott in appreciation for Preparing Danielle for Bat Mitzvah Zukert & Steinberg Family thank you for kindness and Sympathy
Ken & Lois Wasserman in memory of Tova Goldfarb, grandmother of Lois
Stuart & Sherry Rosen in memory of Simon Frank, father of Sherry Rosen
Stuart & Sherry Rosen in memory of Murray Rosen, father Stu Rosen
Leland & Paula Bradbard in honor of Bryna Litchman & Arthur Epstein Marriage
Len & Sharon Jacobs in memory of James Jacobs, father of Len Jacobs

#### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Doug & Eileen Clouser in memory of Doris Millstein, mother of Eileen

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Judi Fogg in memory of John Fogg. husband of Judi

#### **FACILITIES**

Sheila Alpert in memory of Phyllis Gittleman, mother of Alan Gittleman

## **CANTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Mike & Sherry & Danielle Skott with appreciation for preparing Danielle for bat mitzvah Zuckert & Steinberg family appreciation for Sympathy & kindness Roz Cooper in memory of Jacob Cohen, father of Roz John & Deb Halpern in memory of Phyllis Gittleman, mother of Alan Gittleman John & Deb Halpern in memory of Al and Elaine Halpern, parents of John Halpern Joel & Gladys Nadel in memory of Irving Hertzendor, brother of Gladys

#### **LANDSCAPE**

Barbara & Michael Brezel in memory of Philip Freedman, father of Barbara Sheri & Eric Swan in memory of Estelle Greene, grandmother of Sheri

#### **YOUTH FUND**

Bob & Alice Rodner in memory of Pearl Wagner, mother of Alice

# YAHRZEIT DATES

#### On November 2 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Beatrice Kanner Mother of Judith Fogg Father of Angelica Hofffman Harry Lingerfelt Aron Israelewich Grandfather of Gabe Izraelevitz Martin Turshen Father of Marcia Andrus Ted Green Husband of Phyllis Green Mark Heneson Husband of Marcia Heneson, Father of Alissa Heneson Fannie Jacobs Mother of Len Jacobs Father of Carrie Ward Norman Kaplan Anna Lassman Mother-in-law of Janet Lassman Hannah Tunkel Grandmother of Marlene Auster Paul Katz Father of James Katz **Aaron Arthur Ross** Grandfather of Janet Miller Maurice Snyder Father of Alan Snyder Newton Frank Husband of Phyllis Frank, Father of Dana Frank Gossie Marsel Mother of Millie Sobel

#### On November 9 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Charlotte Dworsky Mother of Alan Dworsky Jeanette Reich Mother of June Silver Brother of Gary Ruchin Michael Ruchin Rae Snyder Mother of Teri Parrott Grandmother of Eileen Clouser Lena Danuff Mother of Steven Goldfield Felicia Goldfield John Fogg Husband of Judi Fogg Father of Marlene Auster Arthur Goldsmith Sadie Cook Mother of Barbara Dworsky

#### On November 16 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Lottie Cutler Grandmother of Lois Wasserman & Great Grandmother of Jason Wasserman Richard Rosenbaum Grandfather of Christine Brouillard

Brother of Teresa Platteis Louis Gene Ciotti Jerry Isaacson Father of Debbie Greer Morton Shoham Father of Nancy Shoham Grandfather of Lois Wasserman Abraham Cutler Great Grandfather of Jason Wasserman Morris Alpert Father of Alice Eisenberg Therese Baum Wolff Mother of Maxine Greenberg Warren Hansen Soldier killed in Iraq Rose Cohen Grandmother of Cantor Scott Harris Isadore Wasserman Father of Kenneth Wasserman Grandfather of Jason Wasserman

#### On November 23 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Mildred Bercowetz Mother of Bonnie Bercowetz Sara Platteis Mother of Alan Platteis Eleanor Hayworth Mother of Linda Brenner Alice Andrus Mother of Larry Andrus Harold Gersten Father of Ceil Gersten Dora Pinhas Mother of Stella Seefer Martha Eichner Mother of Howard Eichner Alvin Miller Father of Carol Bettigole Mitchell Feuer Brother of Amy Patterson

#### On November 30 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Gerald Bodian
James Jacobs
Estelle Greene
Pearl Wagner
Arnold Bogatz
Alvin Boxer
First Husband of Millie Sobel
Father of Len Jacobs
Grandmother of Sheri Swan
Mother of Alice Rodner
Husband of Judy Bogatz
Uncle of Sam Schulman

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, simply include a note with your check of contact the office at 860-282-8466 or Admin@tbhsw.org

- Adult Education Fund
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- Cantor's Discretionary Fund
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- Social Action Fund
- Youth Committee Fund
- Development Fund
- Ediebaby Streaming Fund

#### TORAH PORTIONS

Chayei Sarah — Genesis - 23:31—25:18 The word Noach is related to the Hebrew word for "rest." Genesis 5:29 says that his parents named him Noah (Noach (הושלם) his parents named him Noah (Noach הושלם) his parents named him Noah (Noach (הושלם) his parents named him Noach (noach (

**Toldot**— **Genesis 25:19-2-8:9** Toldot tells us the story of the birth of Jacob and Esau and their struggle for the birthright and blessing of their father, Isaac. We also learn about Isaac's trials and difficulties in the land of Canaan. The portion concludes with Jacob's deception of Isaac in order to procure the family blessing.

Vayetze—Genesis 28:10—32:2 This portion tells the story of Jacob's flight from his brother Esau, his vision at Bethel, his employment with his uncle Laban and his marriage to the two sisters, Rachel and Leah. Jacob's double marriage results in a babybearing contest that gives him eleven sons. At the end of the portion, Jacob leaves Laban and returns to the land of Canaan, but not before Laban tries to stop him.

Vayishlach — Genesis 32:3—36:43 The portion follows Jacob's adventures in the land of Canaan, including the loss of his beloved wife, Rachel.



Flash Registration Now! Nov. 1st - 23<sup>rd</sup> \$249







The next Lunch Bunch will be Thursday,

November 29

12:00 pm

Lunch Bunch is now BYOL!

(Bring Your Own Lunch)

Hope to see you for current event discussion.



# Presidents Message Cont...

By the time you are reading this, Interim Executive Vice President Eddie Widofsky and I will have had a couple of conversations with Rabbi Janet Offel from the URJ. During our first conversation with Rabbi Offel, we shared our thoughts for getting congregational feedback and she had agreed with these initial thoughts, that are shared by many people. We will be having a series of Community Conversations in November and December. At our November board meeting, the board will be discussing this process and setting up times, locations, and leaders for these conversations.

Our goal for these Community Conversations is to allow for the members of TBH to have the opportunity to share their thoughts in small groups and have the information brought back to the board. The board will review the information and develop a plan to share with the congregation, based on the viewpoints that are expressed. Having these conversations and collecting this information will allow for the congregation to become stronger as we move forward. Rabbi Offel expressed the idea that difficult times provides opportunity to become stronger as a congregation, and that our community must learn from what has happened, so that it was not all in vain. I certainly agree with this, and I am looking forward to hearing more from our TBH family.

On Tuesday November 20 at 7:00 pm at Temple Beth Hillel, we will host the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. This provides an amazing opportunity to show off our congregation to the greater South Windsor Community. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Michael Skott Interim President





Come help us sort rescued produce, clean, cut and package it to stock the food pantry. Let's get this food to people who want and need it.

November Dates are the 5th, 12th from 11:30 until 1:30

More information contact: Jennifer by phone/text 860-518-6767 or email jnnfrmarvin@tbhsw.org

# **Book Club**



The Book Club will be Tuesday. December 11, 7:00. The book is ....

Petropolis by, Anya Ulinich,. A funny and unforgettable story of a Russian mail-order

bride trying to find her place in America. After losing her father, her boyfriend, and her baby, Sasha Goldberg decides that getting herself to the United States is the surest path to deliverance.

# **Blood Drive**





The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive here at Temple on Tuesday December 4th from 1:15 to 6:15. If you would like to help volunteer or donate a baked

good, please contact Marion Berman at Marionb12@aol.com.

If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood call the red cross at 1-800-733-2767 or visit the redcrossblood.org

# Coffee and Conversation



Let's chat! Make a coffee date with a social action team member to discuss our Temple. We want to know what's on your mind and what you think is important for the community's future.

Contact Social Action at jnnfrmarvin@tbhsw.org or 860-518-6767



Join us for a Chanukah Shabbat dinner Friday December 7, at 5:30 pm, Main dishes are provided sides are potluck We are asking you to each provide one dish to feed 10 people.

Some suggestions are; vegetarian options, salads, desserts, rolls, fruit, or other side dishes.

Reservations can be made by calling the Temple office at 860-282-8466 or (Admin@tbhsw.org) or Barb Klein at 871-0532 (Barbek@aol.com) . Suggested donation \$6 p/p



Yiddish for fun is still being offered. The next classes will meet Mondays **November 12 and December 3** from 1-2:30 at Temple.

For more information contact Marsha Taback at marshataback@gmail.com.



Yoga Class: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. November 13, 20, 27

# Thanksgiving Interfaith Service



Temple Beth Hillel of South Windsor will be hosting the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday November 20 at 7:00 pm.

All local congregations have been invited. The interfaith service will consist of spiritual leaders from a wide variety of congregations leading different portions of the Thanksgiving Service.

Thanksgiving is the beginning of the holiday season with Chanukah, and Christmas just weeks away. These holidays focus on religion. Thanksgiving

focuses on the blessing of the harvest. Thanksgiving is celebrated throughout the United States by almost all religious and spiritual organizations. This is a great opportunity to come, share, celebrate, learn, and grow by experiencing a diverse variety of prayer and culture. By doing so we have the opportunity of witnessing how similar we all are and celebrate diversity. All are welcome.

# Men's Club



Men's Club be hosting a Monday night football event at temple. It will be on November 12, as we get together to watch the Giants and the 49ers.

The game starts at 8:15pm, but we'll start with dinner at 7:30. All are welcome. We will most likely order pizza and wings, and it will be BYOB.

The men's club meeting on November 18 will start at 8:30 instead of 9:30, as we will welcome religious school families during drop off with some breakfast goodies. Afterwards, we will have an alternative meeting, as we craft mission and vision statements to aid in our future recruiting efforts.

# <u>Upcoming</u> <u>Meetings</u>

Board Meeting, 11/8, 7pm

Men's Club Meeting, 11/18 8:30am

RSC Meeting, 11/20 7pm

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

# Little Black Dress Sale

# Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



# Shop, Nosh, and Socialize Invite family and friends.

Add a few new items to your wardrobe.

Shop reasonably priced fashions will appeal to everyone.

Clothing will be available in a variety of styles and sizes.

Refreshments will be served.

# All shoppers will be entered in a door prize drawing.

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# Study and Learn

# Introducing the Zohar

with Dr. Lawrence Fine
Professor Emeritus, Mount Holyoke College

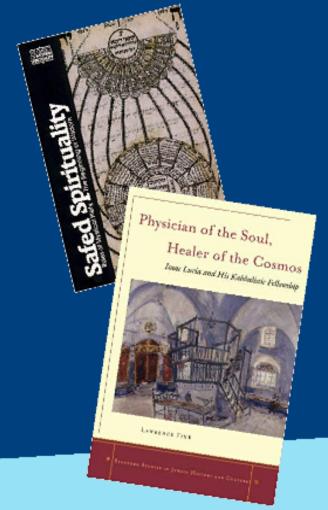
Sunday, November 11th at 9:30am

Dr. Lawrence Fine is the former head of the Jewish Studies program at Mount Holyake College. A prominent scholar of medieval Judaism and Jewish mysticism, he has published four books on the Jewish mystical tradition.

The Zohar, the great seminal work of Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism), was produced in Spain in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Dr. Fine will discuss the mysterious origins of this book, its themes, and its enduring influence in Jewish history.

Light breakfast served. RSVP appreciated but not required to Mike Honor, mhonor2054 gmail.com.

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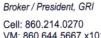


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## OFFICE HOURS

You can reach the TBH Office at (860) 282-8466 or <u>admin@tbhsw.org</u>. Office hours are 9am-2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

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 Kari Tuling 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 **Friday, November 23 2018.** Please forward all e-mailed materials to the entire Communications Committee at **communications@tbhsw.org**:

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