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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

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"She extends her hands to the poor." Proverbs 31:20

When it comes to dealing with the poor, we get it wrong so often. Even the wording we use is misleading. We use words like, "giving," "charity" and "philanthropy."

They imply that tzedakah involves generosity or caring, and is somewhat optional. Charity comes from "caritas" which has to do with the heart (cardio) and from which we get the word caring. Philanthropy means a love of people.

Tzedakah is really none of those. It is better understood as citizen's obligation, responsibility or righteousness.

Surprisingly, the goal of tzedakah is not only to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, break cruel chains and generally improve the lives of others. An almost equally important goal is that we not become shriveled up and callous to the needs of the world.

"It was taught in the name of Rabbi Yehoshua:

The poor person [standing at the door does more for the householder than the householder does for the poor person."

Leviticus Rabba 34:8: Ruth Rabba 5:9

This is what my mind has been focused on these past several months. I hope that yours will be similarly engaged.

Shalom, Rabbi G

ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

Dear Temple Beth Hillel members,

Since our building is not open right now, you can "join in" our on-line services and events and stay in touch in several ways. **THIS IS NEW LOG IN INFORMATION**

- ► Go to the Temple's website: www.TBHSW.org and scroll down.
- ► Go to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TBHSW
- ► Click on: http://bit.ly/tbh5781 NOTE: This link is good for future

services too. (Note this is the same Zoom we used during the High Holy Days)

► Those who are not online can phone in and listen (anyone else can too):

On your phone, call 1-929-436-2866 and follow the prompts:

Our Meeting ID is 890 2422 3722, Password is 340848

When asked for your Participant ID, just press # (pound), and you will be connected.

Coronavirus Task Force Update

Under the leadership of Phil Maltz and Marla Adelsberger, the task force has been hard at work, reviewing and looking for ways to implement evolving safety standards. Buoyed by the success of the High Holiday services, which included virtual services, in-person worship outdoors and a minyan with the Rabbi and Cantor indoors, we dug in to create modifications that would allow us to resume both in-person religious school AND in-person worship. Members of the task force helped Sarah Kaprove and the teaching staff to clear out and disinfect classrooms to create spaces for learning that provided social distancing and safety from virus transmission. Concurrently, we created and enacted plans to allow for safe use of the sanctuary by a small number of congregants.

Unfortunately, while this work was taking place, the rates of transmission of the virus were climbing, in South Windsor and in the surrounding area. We recognized that coming together in the same physical space was just not feasible, but we are continuing our efforts to prepare for the time when we can. The task force is "following the science" as our understanding of this coronavirus develops. Using this information, we are creating the criteria necessary to resume on site activities, including not just worship and religious school, but also committees and social events, so that when the time comes, we can safely return to our home at TBH.

In the meantime, you can see Rabbi Glickman and Cantor Harris leading Shabbat services in the sanctuary! What a treat that is!

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Phil Maltz at pmaltz@tbhsw.org or Marla Adelsberger at madelsberger@tbhsw.org.

ADULT ED



Adult Education presents a special program with Cantor Harris on Saturday evening, **December 19th from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.** The program will begin with **Havdalah**, **followed by a presentation on Klezmer music** – its definition, its origins, and its history - along with musical examples.

Please mark your calendars and join us for what promises to be a most interesting event. It will be live-streamed on the Temple website at **tbhsw.org**.





Save the date... On Wednesday January 27th at 7 PM there will be a "Virtual" presentation by Barbara Bergren regarding her book., Witness For My Father. She will share her father's Holocaust experience, and his liberation from Dachau. Zoom link will be provided when event gets closer. For more information on Barbara and het book, see flyer on page 14.

JT CONNECT



On Sunday November 22 more than 80 local JTConnect teens and volunteers including TBH 's **Maddie Brouillard and Elijah Chaimovitch** pictured here, logged onto Zoom and spent the afternoon baking pies with their friends.

In the end, over 170 pies were baked and donated to nine different charities. The pies were all dropped off at meeting points in West Hartford, Simsbury and South Windsor, and a team of volunteers delivered them to the different organizations.



RELIGIOUS PRACTICES



Since our services are going to remain online for now. We would like to give members the opportunity to participate in zoom services. If you would like to volunteer to light the candles or read the final prayer in English, please contact Deb Halpern at dhalpern@tbhsw.org

Watch Video of Nov. 20 Shema Tour Presentation

As part of our November 20th Friday evening service, Archbishop Dexter Burke and his wife, Amber, spoke about our Temple's Shema Tour partnership with The Walk in the Light Church of God and its community. He gave us a walking tour inside the church and presented a video that showed how our congregation's support and involvement has made a great impact, especially during these difficult COVID months.

To view the full service that includes the Rabbi's introduction of this special sermon, <u>click here</u> or go to: https://venue.streamspot.com/video/8334a52d8a

December Shema Tour Collections

This month, we are collecting food and items to make the holiday season little brighter for the church's congregants. We seek:

Foods: canned vegetables, fruits, side dishes, packaged desserts, and holiday treats.

Funds that TBH can use to purchase additional foods that include turkeys and chickens (*the church now has a freezer for storage*).

New and Gently-Used Toys & Games (*NO stuffed animals* please) – TBH will use donated funds for this too.

We always seek: nonperishable food items; travel-size toiletries; cases of water; warm clothing of all types (gently used or new) and heavy socks and blankets; personal hygiene products such as travel-size toothbrushes/toothpaste/shampoos; pre-mixed baby formula and disposable diapers, and \$10 gas station gift cards. If you donate funds or gas cards, we purchase specific additional items as needed.

If you want to donate food, clothing or gas cards, you can:

drop items off at Laura Soll-Broxterman's house in Windsor *OR* call Laura to arrange for a TBH member to come collect them.

If you want to join the list of volunteers who are picking up donations from members' homes, please let Laura know at 860-688-4499 or Lsoll@tbhsw.org.

As always, to donate funds for the purchase of needed items, please mail a check to the Temple

Seeking Used Sewing Machines for Haitian School

Almost a decade ago after a devastating earthquake in Haiti, Rabbi Glickman and Dr. Saud Anwar of South Windsor established a partnership with a school in Port-Au-Prince to help feed and educate children there. Since then, they have traveled to the "South Windsor Haiti School" numerous times, bringing material items and funds that have been donated by generous members of the community, including Temple Beth Hillel members.

One of the school's objectives is to support economic independence, and it hosts an entrepreneurial program that teaches the Haitian community how to sew. Since only 13 percent of Haiti has power, once individuals are trained, the school then provides with workspace so they can earn money for their families.

All types are used sewing machines welcome, from basic sewing machines to computerized models. If you have one to donate, please contact Rabbi Glickman at rabbi@tbhsw.org or call the Temple at 860-282-8466.

TBH's 2-to-1 Matching Funds Campaign EXTENDED to Include All Donations Received through December 31st

GREAT NEWS: We have exceeded our initial goal of \$50,000 for our special 2-to-1 Matching Funds campaign!

BETTER NEWS: Our generous anonymous benefactor has agreed to continue to match ALL donations to TBH's General Fund received through December 31st, 2020.

A 2-to-1 match means a \$50 donation will generate \$150 for our Temple. So, if you haven't yet contributed to this campaign or made your High Holy Days donation, there are only 30 days left to take advantage of this 2-to-1 match.

If you have friends or know local businesses who might like to help and see their contributions go even farther, you can tell them that the time to donate is now.

A special thanks to our fellow members who already have supported this wonderful opportunity. To join them, please send your donation to the Temple c/o: Temple Beth Hillel General Fund OR securely online by clicking here.

A list of Giving Levels & Recognition Benefits is featured in our <u>recent newsletters</u>. To discuss other recognition opportunities, contact our Treasurer, Karen Groenstein at 860-966-8364 or <u>kgroenstein@tbhsw.org</u>

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Judy Bogatz in memory of Arnold Bogatz, husband of Judy

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Gabe & LuAnn Izraelevitz in memory of Aron Israelewich

Leland & Paula Bradbard in memory of Esther Bradbard, mother of Leland

Ila Sunshine & Sal Marino Thank you for healing prayers

Marcia Heneson in memory of Mark Heneson, husband of Marcia

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Frank Luena & Joyce Ben-Kiki Blessings for Marion Berman

Frank Luena & Joyce Ben-Kiki Happy Birthday Herb

Len & Marlene Auster in memory of Harry Tuckel grandfather of Marlene

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

June Silver in memory of Harry Silver, father of Stan Silver

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Robert & Alice Rodner in memory of Pearl & Samuel Wagner, Parents of Alice

YAHRZEIT DATES

On December 4, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Eleanor Hayworth Alice Andrus Savuto-Donn Bettina Harold Gersten Lillian Moses Martha Eichner Alvin Miller Mitchell Feuer Sheila Gail Hans Carl Joseph Seefer Sondra Trachtenberg John Viner Mother of Linda Brenner Mother of Larry Andrus Mother of Jody Lefkowitz Father of Ceil Gersten Mother of Monroe Moses Mother of Howard Eichner Father of Carol Bettigole Brother of Amy Patterson

Son of Stella & Marty Seefer mother of Jeff Trachtenberg

Gerald Bodian

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On December 11 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Arnold Bogatz David Caplan John Fogg Alvin Boxer Ruth Druckman

Tillie Blutt

Louis Leitz

Anna Rachlevsky

Pearl Wagner

Husband of Judy Bogatz Father of Neal Caplan Father of John Fogg Uncle of Sam Schulman

Jacob Rachleff Louis Cramer Palma Patterson

Palma Patterson Mother of Ralph Patterson
Rose Rychling Wife of Roland Rychling
Olga Kamens Grandmother of Christine Brouillard

Nathaniel Mandell Father of Janet Miller Lazarus Plotkin Father of Ben Plotkin

On December 18 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Jacob Berson Mitchell Raffel Ben Caplan William Auster Louise Ellis

Stepfather of Scott Bettigole Father of Carol Schulman Father of Len Auster Mother of Judy Glickman-Lauder

Grandmother of Rabbi Jeff
Step mother of Debbie Greer

Suzanne Isaacson Lucille Nahemow

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Father of Stan Silver
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Mother of Judith Scott Father of Marty Seefer Aunt of Stanley Goldberg Mother of Leesa Wallace

On December 25 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Hyman Berman Steven Levinthal Anna Maskel Nathan Serow Jacob Block

Jacob Block
Ethel Goldstein
Benjamin Pincus
Sam Cook

Jerome Goldfield Shirely Greer Ruth Glassman Nathan Pollak Jerauld Bloom Father-in-law of Marion Berman Father of Lara Cote

Father of Mike Serow Father of Barbara Klein Mother of Phyllis Green

Father of Barbara Dworsky
Father of Steven Goldfield
Grandmother of Jeffrey Greer
Mother of Sheila Gleckman

On January 1 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Rose Fredman Joan Manna Max Meyers Mother of Myra Scott Grandmother of Stephen Brouillard Father of Sally Meyers Goodman

Barabra Dress Miller Helen Bernstein Evelyn Stockser

Samuel Wagner Father of Alice Rodner Avram Daniel Check

Avram Daniel Check Benjamin Druckman George Steiner Tillie Cantor

Ray Hollander Esther Katz Rosalyn Opinsky

Mother of Paula Capaldo Cousin of Harriet Leitz

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SIMCHAS

BIRTHDAYS

Ed Luria	12/2	Levi Govoni	12/21
Joyce Katz	12/4	Rebecca Santiago	12/22
Alyse Castonguay	12/7	Sharon Jacobs	12/23
Stella Seefer	12/8	Bobbi-Jo Maltz	12/25
Carol Butler	12/11	Elaine Cantor	12/26
Alan Gittleman	12/19	John Halpern	12/30
Carol Hart	12/20	·	

Anniversaries

Phil & Bobbi Maltz

12/31

TORAH PORTIONS

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.

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.

Here are some free on-line programs of Jewish content that may be of Interest to you. Registration for each is necessary.



Tuesday, December 22 | 1:00pm (ET)

ASHKENAZI JEWS AND CHINESE FOOD

Live on Zoom.

Lecture | For many Ashkenazi Jews in the U.S., Christmastime sparks memories of egg rolls and General Tso's chicken. How did the affinity for Chinese food amongst many Jews begin? Trace this delicious history from the turn-of-the-century Lower East Side to today's take-out lo mein with Andrew Coe, author of Chop Suey: A Cultural History of Chinese Food in the United States.

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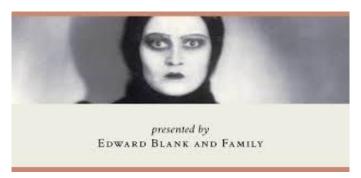
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Take a look behind the curtain and enter the world of the Yiddish theater to discover the impact that Yiddish theater continues to have on popular entertainment today.



Go on an adventure into the history and culture of the Jews of Poland, Russia, and Lithuania from medieval times through the Communist era with Prof. Samuel Kassow.

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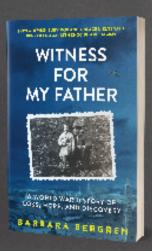


WITNESS FOR MY FATHER

BARBARA BERGREN



How a Jewish survivor and a black lieutenant prevailed against genocide and racism.



"Martin Weigen was eleven when the Nazis invaded his hometown of Starachowice, Poland. He survived the death march from Auschwitz, imprisonment at Buchenwald, and the deaths of his family before his liberation at Dachau and the decision that changed the course of his life.

He never spoke of it.

Fifty years later, a surprise telephone call opens the door to Martin's past."



Author Bio

Barbara Bergren is an author, lecturer, and Holocaust educator. She earned her MBA from the University of Hartford and worked in the finance industry for twenty-five years before writing Witness for My Father. Barbara visits schools, religious organizations, and community groups speaking about her father's experience during and after World War II. This is the story of her father, Martin Weigen, and how his friendship and reunion with Lieutenant John Withers impacted her life. She lives with her husband in both Florida and Connecticut.

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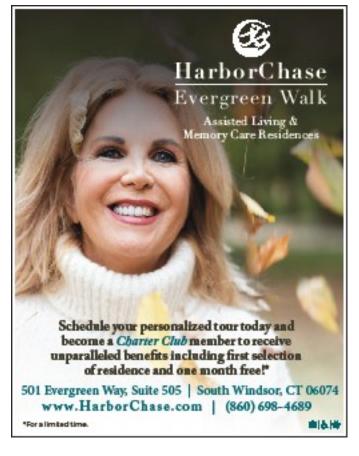




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In an emergency and you are in need of Clergy, please contact Rabbi Glickman by Temple Office phone or his cell phone.860-655-0353 In the event the Rabbi cannot be reached, contact Cantor Scott Harris at 203-331-2692 or e-mail at cantor.scott.harris@gmail.com.

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)

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- 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 **December 23**, 2020. Please forward all e-mailed materials to the entire Communications Committee at

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