



HILLEL HAPPENINGS

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



What Can We Do To Help?

Have you asked yourself this question? During these past few months, the need has grown, and our ability to respond has been limited.

Mindy and I have found a unique answer to this question.

We all know how powerful it is to help out locally. Being on the front lines of need is so effective, and can be transformative for the giver.

We realized from the pandemic that things which happen in remote places very much affect us locally. We are all in this together.

Because we will be visiting Temple Beth Hillel members who live out of state, they have another opportunity. Using the motto GLeE – Give Locally Everywhere, we will supplement this with research and support through the United States. Travelling in an RV, we will meet people outside, staying away from the interiors of hotels and other buildings. Each day will involve meeting with different representatives from United Ways, synagogues and NPR affiliates to discuss the needs of their community and how those needs are being met.

We are calling it Tour To The Wonderful, and have these additional goals:

1. To learn about the needs of our nation.
2. To show that remote places affect us all locally.
3. To support those who are doing amazing work.
4. To connect people with these newly identified needs that more of them can be met.

You can follow along at TurnToTheWonderful.com.

But most importantly, these extraordinary times call for extraordinary responses. There are so many divides that it is hard to see beyond our locality. May this work motivate you to find wonderful ways to help those in need. We all will benefit from it.

ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

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.

Shalom Haverim,

Rabbi Jeff and Mindy Glickman are embarking on a month-long cross country journey starting on **Wednesday, December 30th, 2020**. Though our Rabbi will be physically in a different location each day, current technology makes it possible for him to still engage with us. Congregants who require pastoral care, as always, can reach out to him directly, morning or night. For any of the regularly scheduled events that Rabbi will be missing, he has coordinated with Cantor Harris, the Religious Practices Committee, and the Religious School Committee to ensure that we will have coverage. Rabbi will also remain in regular contact with the Board of Trustees throughout the trip.

The pandemic has made it difficult for families to come together, which is why they realize now is actually an auspicious time to head out. They take safety very seriously, and have created a plan ensuring that they will be able to maintain social distancing practices, 100% of the time, not needing to enter any building or public facility. They'll be traveling in a self-contained RV which is setup with a strong WiFi connection, making it possible for the Rabbi to share the trip with Temple members and the greater community.

The route starts in the Washington, DC area, where they will bring greetings to members of our congregation who no longer live locally. Like a super-sized Shema Tour, the RV will drive through approximately 25 states, stopping along the way to explore where and how local needs are being met. Partnering with the Union of Reform Judaism, our Rabbi and Rebbetzin will check in on many remote URJ congregations whose members long to connect with other Jews. In addition, their days will be filled with opportunities to meet representatives from United Way agencies, local National Public Radio affiliates, and much more.

The daily 5@5 broadcast will also go on the road, offering a glimpse into their travels each day. Mindy's creativity has also been sparked. She is excited to host 15 minute interactive spiritual sessions consisting of songs, stories and blessings (alternating between morning and evening).

Rabbi and Mindy look forward to sharing this mission with all of us at Temple Beth Hillel. To find out more, log onto Rabbi & Mindy's Facebook page, "Tour to the Wonderful": <https://www.facebook.com/groups/193081138975539>

If you have questions, please feel free to contact TBH President Michael Skott at mkskott@tbhsw.org or Executive Vice President Adam Kaprove at akaprove@tbhsw.org.

I'shalom
Michael Skott

Report from the Membership Committee

Under Teri Parrott's leadership, with help from Marla Adelsberger, the Membership Committee has been busy this fall. We have virtually welcomed in new TBH members: Gwendolyn Barnett, Annalisa and Micah Barrett, Thomas Kelly, Carole and Neil Olderman, and David Zahn and Linda Pierce. We would like to provide a bit of info on our newest members; you may find that you have something in common with them and would like to reach out to them!

For this month, we put the spotlight of welcome on new members David Zahn and Linda Pierce. David is originally from Brooklyn, NY and works in sales training. Linda is originally from Buffalo, NY and works at CHNCT. They currently reside in West Hartford. They are engaged and excited to be a part of our TBH community.

The Membership Committee has also looked at ways to help our members remain connected in these days of distance from each other. To that end, we would like to send in next month's newsletter an updated membership list with our members' contact information, including names of adult members, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. **If you do not wish to have your information shared with the congregation, please let Lori in the Temple office know, before January 22nd.** If you wish to share, for example, your name, address, and email but not cell phone number, let Lori know that. If your contact information has changed, this is a perfect time to update us, too! When you receive the new membership list, you are likely to find names of friends and fellow congregants with whom you may not have connected in some time. We encourage you to call someone! Think about how great it feels to hear from someone who says simply, "I've been thinking about you," and be the one to make that someone else's day!

We will also include the list of all board members and their contact information. Everyone knows Mike Skott, our president, but not everyone knows who else they can contact with concerns, questions or suggestions. Now you will!

The membership committee will continue to share the names of new members and we hope that you can also find ways to show them the same kind of introduction that gives TBH the reputation for being such a warm, welcoming community.

January 18th Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Virtual Event:



As is our congregation's tradition, Temple Beth Hillel members have observed Martin Luther King Jr. Day with our annual Shema Tour, by boarding a bus and visiting non-profit organizations in Greater Hartford that serve people in need. This year, COVID precautions have made that impossible, and instead **we will join our current Shema Tour partner, the Walk in the Light Church of God, for a live, online tribute to Dr. King himself.**

On Monday, January 18 at 10 a.m., Archbishop Dexter Burke, Rabbi Glickman and Cantor Harris will share the Civil Rights leader's legacy. FYI – Archbishop Burke is Second Vice President of the Greater Hartford branch of the NAACP and is an At Large Executive Committee member of the NAACP CT State Conference

TBH members and the Church's congregants will be able participate using a private *Members-Only Zoom link* to be sent to you in the coming weeks. **Anyone, anywhere can watch** via live-stream on www.tbhsw.org or on Temple Beth Hillel's Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/tbhsw.

Social Action Shema Tour Support

Special January Project:

In addition to supporting its congregation and neighborhood, the Walk in the Light Church of God in Hartford's North End is a refuge for families on the run from throughout the region who need a night of safety due to domestic violence. In the very old building, there is no place for them to shower or clean themselves (i.e., female personal hygiene issues, children's accidents). So the church is working to install a one-piece shower unit next to the basement's bedroom that will be solely for these visitors, offering safe and sanitary comfort. The Archbishop and his volunteers have identified a shower unit for less than \$500 and, as with all of the other repairs in the church, they will install it themselves.

If you want to help toward the cost of this project or with our Temple's ongoing purchase of food and other items, please mail a check made out to TBH and send to the Temple OR to use a credit card, call Lori in the office at 860-282-8466 Ext. 0.

Ongoing Collections:

Food: canned vegetables and fruits, rice and pasta, boxed macaroni & cheese, canned ravioli/spaghetti, peanut butter and jelly, flour, sugar, spices, snack bars, multi-packs of chips/snacks, breakfast cereals, pancake and muffin mixes, and individual packs of fruit juice (such as Juicy Juice).

Toiletries and Personal Products that include toothpaste and toothbrushes, body-washes, and unopened travel-size shampoo, deodorants, soap, etc.

Pre-Mixed Baby Formula and Disposable Diapers.

\$10 Gift Cards for Stop & Shop; Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, Dollar Tree; Target; and gas stations.

Warm Winter Clothing for all ages that include outerwear, sweaters, sweatshirts/pants and socks.

Clean Blankets and Throws.

To donate food, items or gift cards, you can:

Drop items off at Laura Soll-Broxterman's house in Windsor **OR to arrange for a TBH member to come collect** them, please contact Laura at 860-688-4499 or LSoll@tbhsw.org

To donate funds, you can mail a check to the Temple **OR**, to use a credit card, call Lori in the office at 860-282-8466 Ext. 0.

If you want to join the list of volunteers who are picking up donations from members' homes, please let us know.

On behalf of the TBH Social Action committee, thank you all for your generosity.



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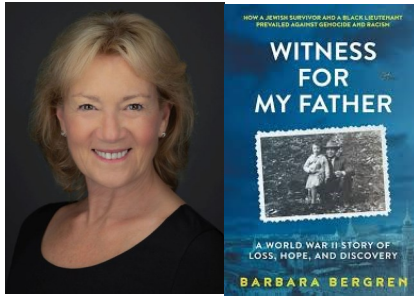
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ADULT ED

Temple Beth Hillel Adult Education Committee invites you to:

A Virtual Presentation

by Barbara Bergren

Wednesday, January 27th at 7pm

Please join us for this zoom event with award-winning author

Barbara Bergren to discuss her book, *Witness for My Father*. Published one year ago on International Holocaust Remembrance day, Barbara will share her father's experience, and honor survivors, liberators, and those who perished during WWII. January 27th marks 76 years since the liberation of Auschwitz. This story is one of devastating loss, but also one of hope, heroism and the triumph of human kindness. Learn how a Jewish survivor and a Black lieutenant prevailed against genocide and racism.

You can purchase *Witness For My Father* from Amazon or Barnes Noble.

Join Zoom Meeting

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The Adult Education Committee is presenting an exciting new program:

Sunday, January 24th at 2:00 p.m.

Bring on the Bubbe Meises (Old Wives Tales): A Look at Jewish Superstitions

Join Anne Berman-Waldorf for an examination of those Jewish superstitions we take with a grain of salt.

Anne Berman-Waldorf is currently Director of Lifelong Education at Congregation Beth Chaim in Princeton, New Jersey. She grew up at Temple Beth Hillel and has the distinction of being Marion Berman's daughter!

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Over \$80,000 received as of 12-23-20

Matching Grant Fundraiser ends on 12-31-20

Total raised will be reported in next month's newsletter

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Sally Meyers Goodman in memory of Max Meyers, father of Sally
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Len & Sharon Jacobs in memory of Freda Ziskas, beloved mother of Sharon
Leland & Paula Bradbard in memory of Jeremiah Finn, father of Paula
Bev & Dave Finnicum in memory of Louis Albert, father of Bev
Joel & Gladys Nadel in memory of Ralph Patterson
Sharon Greenfield in honor of her parents 40th anniversary
Richard & Michele Grigorian in memory of Bea Grigorian, wife of Richard & mother of Michele
Lee & Judith Osipow thank you Rabbi for officiating kiddushin
Lee & Judith Osipow in honor of Alecia & Joel Goldfarb for rejoicing with the bride & groom

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Marion Berman gratitude for the love from TBH Family
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Janet Lassman in memory of William Harris father of Janet & Harry Lassman, father-in-law of Janet

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Roland Rychling in memory of Gary Rychling, brother of Roland
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Carol Mamlok in memory of Arthur Rubin, Uncle of Carol

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Judi Fogg in memory of John Fogg Sr., father-in-law of Judi

MUSIC FUND

Sally Meyers-Goodman in memory of Ralph Patterson
Rabbi & Mindy Glickman in memory of Ralph Patterson
Nancy Gordon in memory of Ralph Patterson
The Gittleman Family in memory of Ralph Patterson

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

On January 1 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Rose Fredman	Mother of Myra Scott
Joan Manna	Grandmother of Stephen Brouillard
Max Meyers	Father of Sally Meyers Goodman
Samuel Wagner	Father of Alice Rodner
Avram Daniel Check	
Benjamin Druckman	
George Steiner	
Tillie Cantor	
Ray Hollander	Mother of Paula Capaldo
Esther Katz	Cousin of Harriet Leitz
Rosalyn Opinsky	
Barabra Dress Miller	
Helen Bernstein	
Evelyn Stockser	

On January 8 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Leonard Goldfarb	Father of Joel Goldfarb
Edna Gold	Mother of Susan Simons
Frimet Matel Lippel	Grandmother of Larry Waksman
Louis Albert	Father of Bev Finnicum
Irving Freeman	Father of Nelson Freeman
Jack Greenberg	
Lena Greenberg	
James Goldberg	
Adolph Wasserman	

On January 15 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Lee Goldman	
Harry Gold	Father of Susan 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
George Katz	Cousin of Harriet Leitz
Harvey Druckman	
David Silver	

On January 22 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Jeremiah Finn	Father of Paula Bradbard
Edwin Lappen	
Sylvia May	Mother of Barry Simons
Martin Nissenblatt	Father of Mindy Glickman
Arnold Seligson	Uncle of Teri Parrott
Susan Wickey	Mother of Rebecca Chaimovitch
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Hattie Schepart	
Robert Schumann	Father of Lynn Rothberg
Morris M. Berger	Father of Marilyn Davidson
Stanley Manasevit	Father of Sharon Harris
Anna Schulman	Mother of Sam Schulman

On January 29 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Anita Bernstein	Mother of Dick Bernstein
Wade Harrison Gleckman	Son of Robert & Sheila Gleckman
William Harris	Father of Janet Lassman
Sylvia Brightman	Mother of Harriet Marek
Rodney Gochros	Father of Donna Gittleman
Irene Weissman	
Arthur Beck	
David Datz	
Gary Rychling	Brother of Roland Rychling
Harry Lassman	Father-in-law of Janet Lassman
Selma Bern	Mother of Joel Goldfarb
Sonia Cohen	Aunt of Libby Wallace
Miriam Feuer	Mother of Amy Patterson
Mae Rosen Robinson	Great Aunt of Sharon Harris

SIMCHAS

BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Trachtenberg	1/1	Sue Wernick	1/19
Michele Snyder	1/2	Peter Adelsberger	1/20
Rabbi Alan Lefkowitz	1/5	Janet Miller	1/23
Paula Capaldo	1/6	Gary Cohen	1/24
Frances Factor	1/7	Mark Bolduc	1/28
Lynn Welborn	1/9	Donna Gittleman	1/28
Rebecca Chaimovitch	1/10	Howard Liebman	1/30

Anniversaries

Micah & Annalisa Barrett	1/8	Daniel Rosow & Robin Kennison	1/19
Alan & Michele Snyder	1/12	William & Marilyn Reveley	1/20

TORAH PORTIONS

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.

VAERA— 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.

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.



Here are some on-line programs of Jewish content that may be of interest to you.

Registration for each is necessary.

All programs will be held via Zoom @ 7:30 p.m. EST on Thursday evenings. This is a community-wide Jewish learning initiative, supported by a community donor through their family fund at the Jewish Community Foundation, co-sponsored by the Mandell JCC and UConn Judaic Studies. The 2021 theme is *The Jewish Roots of Social Justice*. This year's program will explore the pursuit of social justice as a core Jewish value through lectures, discussion, and cultural events that examine the history of Jewish engagement with social justice from the writings of the prophets to 21st century community activism, along with discussions of socially just ways to talks about Judaism, race, Israel, and **more**.

Please visit the [Mandell JCC ALEPH page](#) for more information and to register for classes.

January 7, 2021 Prof. Deena Grant (Hartford Seminary) (Cost \$5)

The Biblical Prophets and Social Justice

Biblical prophets, such as Amos, Isaiah, and Jeremiah, witnessed and called out systemic social injustices. However, prophetic rebuke did not necessarily reform Israel's behavior nor did it alter the course of the nation's history. In tonight's talk we will explore the prophetic argument for social justice as well as the prophetic experience of failure, in order to understand the role of prophecy within the larger context of Israel's salvation, exile, and restoration.

January 21, 2021 (Prof. Aaron Hahn Tapper (University of San Francisco) Cost \$5)

A Pedagogy of Social Justice: Teaching Jewish Diversity, Dismantling the "White, Male Jew"

This session offers one way to both teach and deconstruct the dominant stereotypes that Jews reinforce when teaching about Jews and Judaism.

From the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford

If you missed our recent program with the author of *Red Hot Mama: The Life of Sophie Tucker*, you can watch the [recording on our website](#). Also take some time to explore our online exhibition, "[Sophie Tucker: The Pride of Hartford](#)," which contains video clips of performances, photographs from our archives, and excerpts from Tucker's autobiography.

Voices of Hope January 12, 2021 | 7pm virtual talk by Dr. Leon Chameides "Poland, the Jews, and My Family"

Despite the fact that most American Jews trace their family to Poland, there are many misconceptions about Polish history and the history of Polish-Jewish relations. In this talk, Leon Chameides will highlight certain aspects of Polish and Polish-Jewish history, with illustrations on how members of his family were affected by them. [Click here to register](#).



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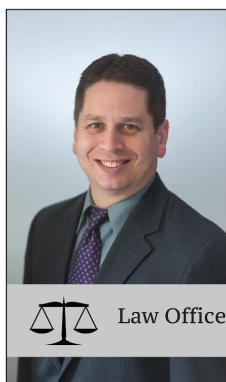
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In an emergency and you are in need of Clergy, please contact Rabbi Glickman by Temple Office phone or his cell phone. 860-655-0353. In the event the Rabbi cannot be reached, contact Cantor Scott Harris at 203-331-2692 or e-mail at cantor.scott.harris@gmail.com.

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

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