Temple Beth Hillel



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

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Why do we do this?

Several years ago, my child and I were walking through a particularly littered place. He started kicking a can down the street. When we were about to turn onto another street, I told him to go and pick up that can and carry it until we found a place to dispose of it. He asked me why. "There is so much trash there, you don't expect me to pick it all up, do

you?" Would you have required your child to pick up the can? What would you have answered?

In our Talmud, Rabbi Tarfon teaches (Avot 2), "Lo alecha hamelacha ligmor, v'lo ata ben chorin lihivatel memena. You don't have to do all of it, but you are not free to walk away." A little later on in Talmud, Rabbi Hillel said, "One who does not increase, decreases." In today's terms, "If you're not part of the solution, you are part of the problem."

We have to be involved with the world around us -- in a way which makes it better. I have started examining the reason -- which is not so obvious. Is it to improve the world or to improve ourselves? I've started to notice a theme through texts about tzedaka (community responsibility to care for others). Efficiency is not valued very highly -- but consistency is.

Tzedaka is not measured by the effects on the recipients, but rather on the effects of the donors. It is not how many people you feed, but that you never turn away a hungry person. The quotes from Bible are: "Do not be hard heart-ed....Open your hand to them" (Deuteronomy 15) and "Her hand is open to the poor." (Proverbs 31). The focus is on the hand of the donor, not the hand of the poor person.

Over and over again, this theme pops up: "Even the recipients of tzedaka are obligated to give tzedaka" (Kitzur Shulchan Aruch 34). This is surely a very small amount -- why is it so significant?

The reason we do tzedaka is so that we don't shrivel up and become calloused to the world. We can't fix everything, but we must respond to needs within our circle of awareness. Leviticus 19 tells us "Don't stand idly while your neighbor bleeds." We can't see hurt and be unresponsive. If it is not within our circle of awareness, we are not commanded to act.

¹¹ My son brought the can he was kicking into his circle of awareness. He was now responsible for it. If he didn't kick a can, I wouldn't have required him to pick one up. Which leads to another question. Is it better to go through life with your eyes open, or to focus only on items close at hand? If we become more worldly, we bring many more people, and their needs, into our circle of awareness. -Cont pg. 2

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At its core, this Tour To The Wonderful is about expanding our circle of awareness -- going to new communities and asking to be included as a member. Now that we are more aware, we bear responsibility to not stand idly by.

Was it foolish to seek out needs in remote places?

Looking back, I think this is one of our greatest findings. We grow as persons when we grow in awareness AND THEN ACT RESPONSIBLY ON THAT AWARENESS. We have discovered that spiritual growth comes from both awareness and acting on it. Perhaps that is why we were put here. - Rabbi G.

ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

You can "join in" our on-line services and events and stay in touch in several ways. Friday Evening Services begin at 6:45pm and Saturday Morning Services start at 9:45am. To watch...

► Go to the Temple's website: www.TBHSW.org and scroll down.

► Go to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TBHSW

Click on: <u>http://bit.ly/tbh5781</u> 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.

Coronavirus Task Force Update

We have all become thoroughly acquainted with the importance of social distancing, handwashing and mask-wearing over the past year. These safety measures will continue for some time. However, with the coronavirus infection rates dropping, the TBH Coronavirus Task Force can now recommend a careful resumption of in-person indoor worship, over several stages. The initial stage would allow for a small number of congregants to attend Saturday morning Shabbat services, minimized to achieve a minyan. The same safety measures that were used back in the fall will still be in place: pre-registration, health self-screening, social distancing, hand washing and mask wearing. Please bring your own prayer books, talit, and kipot. We will not ask you if you have had the vaccine since we will employ the same safety measures regardless of vaccine status.

The planned **restart for Saturday morning in-person worship would begin on Saturday, April 10th,** and will continue for all of the rest of April. If the infection rates in Connecticut remain at acceptable low levels, we might move to in-person worship on Friday evenings, too, likely at the beginning of May.

In-person services cannot include an Oneg, but it will allow us to begin to come together again, to worship and read Torah, and to reconnect with our community. Social distancing must be maintained, but we can, once again, return to our TBH home. We will continue to provide Zoom and Livestream services from here on out, so you can always choose the option to view and be part of the experience from your home.

Lastly, the Task Force will continue to review the size of onsite services as well as other events that occur at Temple. We'll also stay informed of pending changes to the State's guidance on health and safety. As things evolve, we will keep our congregation informed. We still live in a "new normal" but we're very excited about being able to do more together.

Just as we did last year, we will use the Eventbrite online system to register congregants for services, so **please keep an eye out for those emails from Temple**

Spotlight on B'nai Mitzvah



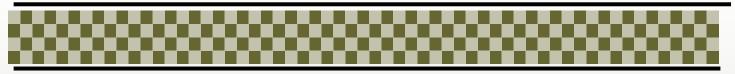


Seth Healy (Ometz Sheyt), his parents (Amy and Jason) and his siblings, (Evan, Nora and Maya) are very excited to announce that he will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah. This ceremony will take place on the day of his 13th birthday, **Saturday, May 8, 2021** starting at 9:45am. His ceremony will be livestreamed on Zoom, and we invite all congregation members to join us online to share in Seth's special day. Seth is a 7th grade student at Suffield Middle School; he is an avid electric guitar player. He enjoys baseball, art, reading, acting, singing, computer coding, and taking apart any electronic device he can get his hands on!

Seth has worked over the year with his Mitzvah Mate, Marla Adelsberger, who is also a longtime family friend. Seth is a creative, inquisitive, kind

young man. Due to the pandemic, Seth chose to focus on mitzvahs that he could fulfill around our home this year. He worked with his grandmothers to make a family tree, learned about symbols used on packaging for kosher foods, and helped our family throughout the year with decorating the house and cooking for all the Jewish holidays. He sent cards to cheer up friends and family and took on new responsibilities by babysitting his siblings. Seth and Marla also researched and wrote an article for the newsletter about the Mitzvah Mate program. Seth plans to donate a portion of his bar mitzvah gifts to a homeless shelter and an animal shelter. Seth also cares deeply about our environment and would like to work with the temple to streamline recycling efforts in the future.

Please join us via Zoom and be a part of Seth's important event! Here is the link: <u>http://bit.ly/tbh5781</u>





MS Bike Ride, Windsor, CT, June 6, 2021

We are looking forward to the MS Bike Ride and to have people join the ride in honor of Joe Alpert. Joe enjoyed participating in this wonderful event for six years and helping to raise money for a worthy cause. We are excited to return to an in-person event after a difficult year. If you are interested in joining please connect with team captain Ed Widofsky or Sheila Alpert.

ewidofsky@gmail.com or sheilaalpert@gmail.com

THANK YOU

The House and Security Committee would like to recognize Andy Staves, from A&N Security Plus, LLC, for his very generous donation of emergency light batteries that are necessary to run the emergency lights and signs at Temple in the event of a power outage.

The House and Security Committee would also like to recognize Alan Gittleman for his donations that previously paid for these batteries in prior years. Alan's contribution goes further in that he has single-handedly maintained our emergency lights and signs with maintenance and battery replacement.

We extend our thanks on behalf of TBH to both gentlemen for their selfless support for our congregation.

Thank you! Jeff and Phil



Shop with Scrip April Order Due Friday April 18

Shop for over 700 retailers: Dining, Groceries, Entertainment, Home Improvements, Travel, Health & Beauty, Clothing... Register at

shopwithscrip.com Enrollment Code: 8429LFBL646L1. If you have any questions, Contact Marcia Heneson mheneson@gmail.com or call / text 860-306-5238

Checks for Big Y Supermarket orders are due on the same schedule. Contact for Big Y orders: Sarah Kaprove <u>skaprove@gmail.com</u> 860-881-8444

ADULT ED



On April 14 at 7 PM, Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day) TBH members, their friends and families are invited to discuss the movie "Above and Beyond". This is a story of how United States veterans helped form the Israel Air Force.

People should watch the movie ahead of time and be prepared to discuss.

You can watch the movie on YouTube by <u>clicking here</u>

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89808382200?pwd=N1RMWIcxOFJzdk9xUVRTNVM3U3Rzdz09

Meeting ID: 898 0838 2200 Passcode: 458918

Dial by your location +1 929 436 2866 US (New York) Find your local number: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/u/km1Mwu8VS</u>



SOCIAL ACTION: TBH's FIRST "WELCOME TO SPRING DRIVE-THROUGH COLLECTION" A SUCCESS!

Thanks to all members who supported TBH's first "Welcome to Spring Drive-Through Collection" for our Shema partner, The Walk in the Light Church of God in Hartford. It was wonderful to see and chat with so many friends on two sunny days, even with our masks on.

We are grateful to our Sisterhood and Men's Club for sponsoring the two-day event, and to the many volunteers who worked at the collections, designed the greeting card, or assembled the gift bags with live air plants and sweet treats.

As a result, TBH members donated close to 1,200 items – food and toiletries – and over \$625 in gift cards and funds! Archbishop Burke even drove over the church's bus and we loaded it with the bounty. TBH members who couldn't come either day were mailed a packet of colorful flower seeds, and several already have sent checks so we can purchase more food for the community.

Although the weather is warming, the challenging economy continues for many in Hartford's North End, and our collection efforts move forward just as strong as ever.

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.

Pre-Mixed Baby Formula; Disposable Diapers; Paper Towels; and Toilet Paper.

\$10 Gift Cards for Stop & Shop, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Dollar Tree, Target, and gas stations. **Toiletries and Personal Products** that include toothpaste and toothbrushes, body-washes, and uno-

pened travel-size shampoo, deodorants, soap, etc.

Spring & Summer Clothing and Socks for all ages.

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 (special thanks to the tireless Alan Gittleman) to come collect them, please contact Laura at 860-688-4499 or LSoll@tbhsw.org

To make monetary donations toward the Temple's ongoing purchase of food and other items:

Checks can be made out to TBH and sent to the Temple.

To donate via credit card, call Lori in the office at 860-282-8466 Ext. 0.

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

ADULT ED

Here are some on-line programs of Jewish content that may be of interest to you. These are free unless otherwise indicated. **Registration for each is necessary**.

From the Zamir Chorale of Boston: https://zamir.org/

On Tuesday, April 6, 7:30 pm EDT, alumna Cantor Debbie Katcho-Gray presents a workshop on the songs of Prof. Elie Wiesel z"I .<u>CLICK HERE</u> for more details and to register

SAVE THE DATE! **On May 4, 7:30 pm** EDT, Josh Jacobson will present "Leonard Bernstein: The Jewish Side."

From the Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center: https://streicker.nyc/winter-spring-2021

RISING FROM THE RUBBLE: THE POLIN MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF POLISH JEWS

Wednesday, April 7 11:00 AM EDT | Free

On the site of Warsaw's prewar Jewish neighborhood, transformed into a brutal ghetto by the Nazis, sits the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes, which honors the ghetto fighters and the over 300,000 Jewish men, women and children who died in the ghetto and in the gas chambers of Treblinka. Opposite, rises the **POLIN Muse-um of the History of Polish Jews**, which honors how they lived. <u>*CLICK HERE*</u> to register.

UConn Judaic Studies Department:

FOR UPCOMING EVENTS FOR , PLEASE VISIT: https://judaicstudies.uconn.edu/upcoming-events/

From the Lowell Milken Center

Sunday, April 25, 4 PM PT | 7 PM ET Experiencing Jewish Music in New York: A Virtual Tour

<u>Tina Frühauf</u>, Associate Professor at Columbia University, will walk you through four corners of New York City and the Jewish musical cultures—past and present—of distinctive neighborhoods. Learn about music from Lincoln Center and Broadway to Forest Hills in Queens, from Harlem in the north down to the Lower East Side in the south of Manhattan.

Learn more and register here

From the Jewish Historical Society :

Tuesday, April 6 at 4:00 PM Boston's Jewish Family Businesses: The Colonial Era to the Present

Wyner Center for Jewish Heritage

From the Hays-Touro family in the 1770s, to Filene's and Stop and Shop in the 20th century, to today's fourth - and fifth-generation Jewish family enterprises, Boston and its environs have been home to notable multi-generational Jewish family businesses. <u>Register here</u>

Wednesday, April 7 at 6:30 Virtual Community Yom Ha-Shoah Commemoration

Mandell JCC and Voices of Hope The Reading of the Names of local victims and deceased survivors will begin at 6:30 p.m., <u>Register here</u>

DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Barbara Dworsky in memory of Rose Baumstein, grandmother of Barbara Sheila Alpert in memory of Helen Zelman, mother of Sheila Nancy Gordon in memory of Samuel Gordon, father of Nancy Barbara Gordon in memory of Louis Teller, father of Barbara Ken & Lois Wasserman in memory of Bessie Wasserman, mother of Ken Phyllis & Dana Frank Thank you for well wishes and in memory of David Hyman, Brother & Uncle Brenda Williams in memory of Paul Schroeder, husband of Brenda Frances Factor in memory of Frederick Factor & Bernard Weiser Barbara Dworsky in memory of Sheldon Cook, brother of Barbara Barbara Dworsky in memory of Louis Baumstein, grandfather of Barbara Joel & Gladys Nadel in memory of Jean Bertha Nadel, mother of Joel John & Carol Baron & Family Barbara & Habib Pourfakhrai in memory of Michael Rothberg

EDIE BABY STREAMING FUND

Carol Mamlok in memory of Fred Rubin, father of Carol

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Jonathan Mitnick in memory of Paul Mitnick, father of Jon

SOCIAL ACTION FUND/ SHEMA TOUR

Sharon Miller Sally Goodman Len & Sharon Jacobs Leland & Paula Bradbard

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Emily Champ Len & Sharon Jacobs in memory of Bob Tanner, brother-in-law of Sharon Amy Patterson appreciation for Rabbi Leland & Paula Bradbard in honor of Daniel Santiago's Bar Mitzvah

RETIRE THE MORTGAGE FUND

Carol Schulman in memory of Helen Caplan, mother of Carol Fred & Vicki Daniels in memory of Charlotte Gark, mother of Vicki

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Frank Luena in memory of Julia Bulan Luena, mother of Frank Eric & Grace Halpern in honor of Norah's Brit Milah

SISTERHOOD FUND

Marcia & Alissa Heneson in memory of Lawrence Stanley Dunn, father & grandfather Marcia & Alissa Heneson in memory of Helen Heneson mother-in-law and Grandmother

CBA LEGACY FUND

Sharon Miller in memory of Lewis Miller, Husband of Sharon Sharon Miller in memory of Fred Marshall, father of Sharon

MUSIC FUND

Peter & Marla Adelsberger in memory of Walter & Inge Adelsberger, Parents of Peter Peter & Marla Adelsberger in memory of Sheila Levin, aunt of Marla

YAHRZEIT DATES

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TORAH PORTIONS

CHOL HAMO'ED PESACH—Exodus 33:12-34:26 Passover (Hebrew: nogPesach) commemorates the story of the Exodus, in which the ancient Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt. Passover begins on the 15th day of the month of Nisan in the Jewish calendar, which is in spring in the Northern Hemisphere, and is celebrated for seven or eight days. It is one of the most widely observed Jewish holidays.

SH'MINI — Leviticus 9:1-11:47 The word *shemini* ((ישמיני) means "eighth," and it comes from the first words of Exodus 9:1, which says, "Now it came about on the eighth day that Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel" (Leviticus 9:1). The text goes on to describe the events of the eight day after setting up the Tabernacle, a phenomenal worship service followed by a tragic incident. The reading concludes with the biblical dietary laws regarding animals fit for consumption and prohibitions regarding those that are unfit.

TAZRIA/METZORA — Leviticus 12:1-15:33 Leviticus 12 discusses the laws of purification after childbirth. Leviticus 13 introduces the laws for diagnosing and quarantining lepers. Except in biblical calendar leap years, *Tazria* is read together with the subsequent Torah portion, *Metzorah*, on the same Sabbath. Leviticus 14 spells out the complex purification rituals for the cleansing of a leper and a leprous home. Leviticus 15 briefly covers the laws regarding ritual unfitness stemming from bodily emissions.

ACHAREI MOT/KEDOSHIM — Leviticus 16:1-20:27 Leviticus 16 describes the Tabernacle ceremony for the holy festival of the Day of Atonement. Leviticus 17 establishes general rules for sacrifice and sanctuary. Leviticus 18 lays down specific laws about permitted and forbidden sexual relationships. Leviticus 19 describes the holy community through a series of specific commandments. Leviticus 20 warns against the snares of sexual immorality and idolatry, mandating a death penalty for certain sins.

EMOR— Leviticus 21:1-24:23 *Emor* begins with special laws of sanctity, propriety and purity for the priesthood. Leviticus 23 provides an overview of the biblical calendar, a listing of the LORD's appointed times.



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