

HILLEL HAPPENINGS

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:





"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 [ancient Jewish sacred texts]

Rarely does opportunity come to our door.

There are so many people hurting in this world -- disease, poverty and, especially now, refugees. More people removed from their homes than ever before in history. They are all looking for a home.

Of the 26 million refugees, each has a story. Most are quite moving.

When the United States was at war in Afghanistan, there were many Afghans who helped us -- translators, cooks, etc. They took risks to help America. Now that the Taliban is in power, their lives are endangered. The United States took over 100,000 Afghans out when we left. Many are living in hangars on bases throughout the world -- mostly in Texas.

We have an opportunity to help settle one family in South Windsor. To do this, we are partnering with St. Peter's Episcopal Church, First Church (South Windsor), First Church (Windsor) and the South Windsor Lions Club.

Welcoming strangers is at the heart of our faith. When we do, we become a holier community.

Shalom,

Rabbi G.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

TBH Family,

I have a few major updates for you this month:

First, I'd like to make you all aware that there is a planning & zoning application pending for the 30-acre property that is adjacent to our back parking lot at TBH. The plans that have been filed with the Town are for a 360,000 sq ft distribution facility with 54 truck loading docks, most likely for an ecommerce company. I assure you that the Board has been tracking the progress on this project, attending town commission meetings, and reviewing the plans with architects and engineers. Many of the Temple's residential neighbors are upset about this project, and we have been in contact with some of them as well.

The plans do include a significant buffer between our properties including a fence and a large berm with trees. The traffic regulations will also require all trucks to go west on Governor's Highway toward Route 5, and not past TBH. There are a few items that we are addressing with the developers and there will certainly be some noise and lighting impacts on us both during and after the project's completion. But for the most part we don't have major concerns, and we expect that the project will ultimately be approved by the Town. Construction will likely take about a year.

I'm happy to discuss this further if anyone has additional concerns, but otherwise the Board will be sure to keep everyone informed if there are any significant updates on this topic.

Second, you may have heard that TBH hosted a presentation from an organization called IRIS last week about placing Afghan refugee families in CT communities. You can read more about their community cosponsorship model on their website, www.irisct.org. IRIS informed us that nearly 100,000 refugees who are currently living on U.S. military bases need to be placed in the next 3 months! In a beautiful show of community solidarity, several area organizations attended and pledged either time or money towards welcoming a refugee family into South Windsor. More information about what is needed and how to get involved will be shared by our Social Action committee later in this newsletter.

I have great news about November 22nd – the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is back, and will include inperson socializing! Planning is still underway so the details are forthcoming but definitely mark your calendars and stay tuned for this annual favorite event.

The last item I'd like to mention is that the Men's Club is sponsoring an outdoor work day on Sunday, November 7th at 9 a.m. We will be tackling a number of projects, from cleaning out the garden beds to installing new walkways. Please come lend a hand if you are able!

Hope to see many of you over the coming weeks!

B'shalom,

Adam Kaprove akaprove@tbhsw.org

CORONAVIRUS TASKFORCE UPDATE

Hello from your TBH Coronavirus Task Force,

In light of South Windsor and many surrounding towns dropping the indoor mask mandate for vaccinated individuals, we are sending a special communication to the congregation to address that point and reinforce our approach.

TBH has always been cautious with the pandemic so, for the time being, we still require **masks to be worn indoors by everyone**, regardless of your vaccination status. However, we will continually keep an eye on the rates of infection and numbers of covid cases in our region.

In the Task Force's November meeting, we will again review the mask requirement in the hopes of removing it following Chanukah. When we feel it's in everyone's best interest to change our protocols again, we will of course communicate with you without delay.

We also want to use this opportunity to update you about Schmoozing on Shabbat! Starting on Friday, November 5th, we'll resume indoor socializing (in masks) while continuing to offer a light nosh outside (weather permitting).

We all look forward to seeing you at services!

Respectfully,

Phil Maltz, pmaltz@tbhsw.org

SOCIAL ACTION

Come to Monday, November 1st Meeting at Temple Re: Plans for Afghan Refugees Resettlement

In the coming months, many Afghan refugee families will be resettled in Connecticut to start new lives. Most of these resettlements efforts are being led by faith-based groups, working through a national organization, IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services) to together "co-sponsor" families. Rabbi Glickman, local clergy, community leaders, and our TBH Social Action Committee have been involved in this *fast-moving project* to determine out how we can help to cosponsor a family here. At the end of October, Chris George, Executive Director of IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services) spoke at TBH to Temple members and local residents. Since then, more small group planning has taken place.

Now that we know the basics, this Monday, November 1st at 7 p.m., you are invited to a planning meeting at our Temple with other local organizations interested in partnering with us.

All TBH members are welcome, and if you have friends who would like to help, please invite them to join you.

This can be a life-changing experience, both for the family we help, and for all of us as well. We are learning more every day. If you have any early questions, please contact Rabbi Glickman (Rabbi@tbhsw.org) or Laura Soll-Broxterman, LSoll@tbhsw.org.

To learn more about the Community Resettlement program before the meeting, go to: https://irisct.org/communitycosponsorship/

SOCIAL ACTION CONT.

Want to Visit to Our Shema Tour Church?

It has been almost two years since our congregation selected Archbishop Dexter Burke and the Walk in the Light Church in Hartford's North End as our Shema Tour partner. As you know, thanks to the generosity of our members, the Archbishop and his parishioners have rolled up their sleeves and did many needed repairs and renovations to the sanctuary and its temporary housing on the lower level. If you would like to see it with your own eyes, Laura Soll has offered to drive several members over at a time to meet with Dexter. To schedule a time to visit, please contact Laura at Lsoll@tbhsw.org or call 860-688-4499.

Food Collection is December's Top Priority for Walk in the Light Church of God

With cold winter weather and the holidays coming, here are our December collection priorities for our Shema Partner, the Walk in the Life Church of God, are:

- Our Top Need: <u>Nonperishable Canned and Boxed foods</u> consider items that might make the holiday season a little brighter.
- Next most-needed: <u>Baby Formula</u> and <u>Personal Toiletries</u> such as toothbrushes, deodorants, and feminine hygiene products.
- As always, <u>cleaning products</u> like bleach, Fabulosa, and paper towels for keeping the church safe for congregants.
- <u>Monetary donations</u> to our Social Action Fund are always welcome so we are able purchase specific needed food items especially during emergency situations.
- We now welcome warm new or gently used winter clothing for adults and children.

You are welcome to bring donations of food, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies to any indoor or service or event. Collection baskets and bins are ready for you. Or a Temple member can arrange to meet you if you want to directly give us items.

As always, you also can make Monetary Donations toward our Temple's Social Action efforts and purchase of food and other items:

Checks can be made out to Temple Beth Hillel and mail to the Temple.

To Donate via Credit Card, call Lori in the office at 860-282-8466 Ext. 0.

Questions? Please contact Laura Soll-Broxterman at 860-688-4499 or Lsoll@tbhsw.org

ONLINE SERVICE INFORMATION

If you are unable to attend in person, 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 8:45am. To watch...

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

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

TEMPLE BETH HILLEL TO HOST NOVEMBER 22 INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

All Greater Hartford residents are invited to a special in-person and on-line community, led by local clergy members of different faiths. On Monday, November 22 at 7 p.m., Temple Beth Hillel at 20 Baker Lane in South Windsor will host its annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The free event will be held at the Temple and also can be viewed live on the Temple's website (www.TBHSW.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TBHSW). It will feature inspirational readings and comments, music, and songs.

"Our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service has become a wonderful community-wide tradition, featuring spiritual leaders from a variety of houses of worship in South Windsor and beyond who present different portions of the program, "explains Rabbi Jeffrey Glickman of Temple Beth Hillel. "It is an opportunity to showcase how America's treasure is the way we celebrate diversity."

"When I pray in an interfaith community, I am strengthened and lifted up by the truth that I am not alone," says the Temple's Cantor Scott Harris. "It is a presence that reminds us that we are here for each other, and with each other."

People <u>do not need to belong</u> to a house of worship to attend and no reservations are needed. For more information on the Interfaith Service or on Temple Beth Hillel, call 860-282-8466 or visit its website at <u>www.tbhsw.org</u>.

CLEAN-UP DAY

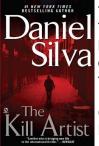


The Men's Club will sponsor a fall TBH property cleanup for **Sunday, November 7th.** Religious School parents are invited to help. **We will start at 9:00**, but understand you may want to join after dropping off your children and participating in tefillah. We will have water and coffee available.

Tasks will include removing grass/weeds, pruning branches, removing leaves from the roof, resetting gutters, replacing the roof on the shed, installing a new light and a few other things. Work gloves, comfortable work shoes and weather appropriate attire are definitely recommended. If you have any of the following, please bring them with you: shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes, edgers, ladders, drills, mallets, clippers, loppers.

Questions? Contact ewidofsky@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB



The next book club will meet at Temple on Tuesday, November 9, at 1:00 pm

The book this month is "The Kill Artist", by Daniel Silva. Gabriel Allon had a simple but brutal job: he tracked down and eliminated Israel's terrorist enemies. But when his wife and son fell victim to the danger that accompanied him everywhere, Gabriel quit and devoted himself to the work of art restoration, an occupation that had previously been a cover for his secret assignments.

Come join us! Barb Klein

CHANUKAH SERVICE



Join us for a special Chanukah Service on Friday Evening, December 3 At 6:45pm. Bring your *Chanukiot* and we will light the candles and welcome in Shabbat. All are encouraged to come and celebrate together.

MODIFIED ONEGS RETURN



Anyone who has ever attended Shabbat services pre-pandemic can recall the lovely Onegs set out in the social hall and the time spent catching up with friends and welcoming new members. While we cannot fully re-create that experience right now, we can socialize safely and enjoy tasty goodies as part of our Shabbat evening worship. We encourage all who attend services to spend time in the social hall after the service, doing what one does in a social hall, socializing! We will wear masks and observe social distancing, but we can talk, catch up on the week with friends and welcome Shabbat in a way that is meaningful, nurturing and warm.

Food will continue to be available, to be consumed outside. If weather permits, have a nosh on the patio or take it home for later. We will be providing more kinds of yummy desserts, commercially prepared and individually packaged. Beginning on November 5th, congregants can again sponsor a kiddush, for \$36, which will cover the costs of all refreshments. We hope that congregants attend the service that they sponsor! Please contact Lori in the office to sign up to sponsor a kiddush.

The board, RPC and the Coronavirus Task Force will continue to assess the ways in which we can come together for safe, meaningful worship and social connections. This is a step in that process and we look forward to taking this and many more steps with you!

See you at services! TBH Board of Trustees

ADULT ED

There will be an adult education program for **Sunday, December 5 at 7 PM.** This is actually a multi part program.

First, watch a movie your own time **'Mistletoe and Menorahs**." It is a lighthearted, fun and entertaining Christmas/Hanukkah story starring Kelley Jakle. Toy company exec, Christy, must learn about Hanukkah in order to land a big account, so she enlists help from Jewish Jonathan, who must make his bachelor pad a Christmas Wonderland to impress his girlfriend's father. Here is the link to the movie. It's free!

https://play.mylifetime.com/movies/mistletoe-and-menorahs

During the morning of December 5, we will distribute goody bags for those people who wish to participate in the program.

The evening of December 5 at 7 PM, we will have a discussion group called 'The December Dilemma.". We will feature families from our temple who are intermarried and/or converted who will talk about their relationships between themselves and among their extended families; how they decided to raise their children Jewish; how they address religious holiday celebrations with their extended families, and many more interesting and varied decisions, points of view, social nuances and cultural diversity. The link to the zoom program is as follows: Meeting ID: 875 5884 5745.

Why We Left a Legacy



Our history, our values, and our people have always lived on the edge of vanishing from this earth. The reason we are still here is our bond as Jews. We draw strength from our traditions and our communities. This is why it was so important for us to commit to the future of our congregation, just as we support it in the present.

Phil & Bobbi-Jo Maltz

THE FUTURE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IS IN YOUR HANDS.

HOW WILL YOU ASSURE JEWISH TOMORROWS?





TURN SHOPPING INTO EARNING



Experience the right way to fundraise

Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

Easily raise \$1,000 or more every year



You buy a gift card

You get the full value.



The brand gives back

No extra money comes out of your pocket.



Our organization earns

Impacting what matters most to you.

Shop 750+ top brands

Getting your morning coffee. Doing DIY projects around the house. Ordering takeout. Conveniently raise money by doing everyday things...











Get started by downloading the RaiseRight app on your phone or go to ShopWithScrip.com on your computer. "It's super convenient. All I need to go shopping is my phone—I don't even need credit cards or my purse. I'm going to pay for these things anyway, I love being able to use gift cards so we get something in return."

Jen H., earns for hockey

If you plan to purchase gift cards as holiday gifts for family and friends, please think about ordering through TBH's Scrip Program this year. TBH will earn a percent of every purchase. To register online, use this enrollment code: FC4EFL6B646L1. If you don't wish to set up your own account, a list of what you wish to purchase and a check made out to TBH can be processed for you. Contact Marcia Heneson for more information at mheneson@amal.com or text 860-306-5238.

Holiday Order Due by November 14th



DONATIONS

ADULT ED FUND

Jody & Alan Lefkowitz in memory of Bettina Savuto-Donn, mother of Jody

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sally Meyers- Goodman in honor of Herb Shook's Birthday

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Judy Melocowsky in memory of David Levine

Phyllis Green in memory of Ted Green, husband of Phyllis

Frank Luena & Joyce Ben-kiki in honor of marriage of Seth & Sky Glickman

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

Len & Sharon Jacobs in memory of Frida Brezel, mother of Michael Brezel

Andy & Linda Brenner

Len & Marlene Auster in memory of Arthur Goldsmith, father of Marlene

GENERAL FUND

Nancy Gordonin memory of Abraham Gerlis, Uncle of Nancy

Richard & Carole Guttman in memory of Fannie Guttman, mother of Richard Karen & Ted Groenstein

Frank Luena & Joyce Ben-Kiki in memory of Frida Brezel, mother of Michael Brezel

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

Barbara Dworsky in memory of Charlotte Dworsky mother of Alan Dworsky

Barbara Dworsky in memory of Sadie Cook, mother of Barbara

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

June Silver in memory of Jeanette Reich, mother of June

MEMBERSHIP

Judi Fogg in honor of Herb Shook's 95th Birthday

SISTERHOOD

Marcia Heneson in memory of Mark Heneson, husband of Marcia

YOUTH FUND

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

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Ruth Lazar in memory of Frida Brezel, mother of Michael Brezel
Ronald & Korine Ferraro in memory of Frida Brezel, mother of Michael Brezel
Dennis Leghorn & Sandra Glieco in memory of Frida Brezel, mother of Michael Brezel
David & LeeAnn Zubrow in memory of Frida Brezel, mother of Michael Brezel
Sally Meyers-Goodman in memory of Frida Brezel, mother of Michael Brezel

YAHRZEIT DATES

On November 5 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Newton Frank Sophie Bloom Charlotte Dworsky

Husband of Phyllis Frank

Emanuel Juster

Mother of Alan Dworsky

Jean Lowell

Michael Charles Manasevit Brother of Sharon Harris Mary Osit

Jeanette Reich Michael Ruchin Rae Snyder

Mother of June Silver Brother of Gary Ruchin Mother of Teri Parrott Grandmother of Eileen Clouser

Lena Danuff Peter Friedman

Abe Hollander

Leon Kaplan Father of Jon Kaplan

Henry Osit

Sylvia Waxman Savath

John Fogg Felicia Goldfield Arthur Goldsmith Sadie Cook Dorothy Rubin

Husband of Judi Fogg Mother of Steven Goldfield Father of Marlene Auster Mother of Barbara Dworsky

On November 19 we observe the yahrzeit of:

David Blotner Therese Baum Wolff Mildred Bercowetz Warren Hansen Helen Lipnack Sara Platteis Minnie Isaacs Eleanor Hayworth Alice Andrus Savuto-Donn Bettina Harold Gersten

Lillian Moses Martha Eichner Alvin Miller Mitchell Feuer Sheila Gail Hans John Viner

Mother of Maxine Greenberg Mother of Bonnie Bercowetz Soldier killed in Iraq

Mother of Alan Platteis

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**

On November 12 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Lottie Cutler Anne Posniak Louis Gene Ciotti Beatrice Lutin Morton Shoham Abraham Cutler Louis Deckel Harry Gerber Sonia Schulman Rose Cohen

Grandmother of Lois Wasserman

Brother of Teresa Platteis

Grandfather of Lois Wasserman

Richard Rosenbaum Grandfather of Christine Brouillard

Grandmother of Cantor Scott Harris Isadore Wasserman Father of Kenneth Wasserman

On November 26 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Gerald Bodian James Jacobs Tillie Blutt Louis Leitz Dora Pinhas Anna Rachlevsky Pearl Wagner Arnold Bogatz David Caplan Ralph Patterson Alvin Boxer Gertrude Altman Ruth Druckman Jacob Rachleff

Father of Len Jacobs

Husband of Harriet Leitz Mother of Stella Seefer

Mother of Alice Rodner Husband of Judy Bogatz Father of Neal Caplan Husband of Amy Patterson Uncle of Sam Schulman Grandmother of Brain LaPolt

SIMCHAS

BIRTHDAYS

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

Anniversaries

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

TORAH PORTIONS

TOLDOT- Genesis 25:19-28:9- *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 baby-bearing 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.

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.

1496 Sullivan Avenue South Windsor, CT 06074 Bus: 860.644.5667 Fax: 860.644.3668







Ben Wallace Broker / President, GRI

Cell: 860.214.0270 VM: 860.644.5667 x101 E-mail: BenWallace@snet.net



wallacetetreault.com





Admiral Cleaning & Maintenance, Inc.

Admiral's Maids

855 Sullivan Avenue South Windsor, CT 06074

Call us at 644-5666 for a free estimate to take care of your cleaning needs!

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

For Rates: Call 860-282-8466 or email Admin@tbhsw.org



Edward F. Havens

IMPERIAL OIL CO., INC.

PLUMBING • HEATING • FUEL OIL • PROPANE

860-291-0115

Fax: 860-291-0313 • ehavens@imperialoilco.com 648 Sullivan Avenue • South Windsor, CT 06074

CT.LIC. PI-203598 • SI-0302707

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

For Rates: Call 860-282-8466 or email Admin@tbhsw.org

Temple Beth Hillel

20 Baker Lane South Windsor, CT 06074

Phone: 860-282-8466 Fax: 860-282-8466 Email: admin@tbhsw.org Web site: www.tbhsw.org

From Generation to Generation.





TBH INFORMATION

Rabbi: Jeff Glickman, rabbi@tbhsw.org Cantor: Scott Harris, cantor@tbhsw.org

Temple Administrator: Lori Rondinone, <u>admin@tbhsw.org</u>
Membership: David Basile <u>david M_basile@yahoo.com</u>
Deb Halpern DebHal229@gmail.com

Board of Trustees President: Adam Kaprove akaprove@tbhsw.org

OFFICE HOURS

You can reach the TBH Office at (860) 282-8466 or <u>admin@tbhsw.org</u>. Office hours are 8:00 am-2:00 pm 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.860-655-0353 In the event the Rabbi cannot be reached, contact Cantor Scott Harris at 203-331-2692 or e-mail at <u>cantor.@tbhsw.org</u>.

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 <u>November 23.2021</u> Please forward all emailed materials to <u>Admin@tbhsw.org</u> AND to the entire Communications Committee at <u>communications@tbhsw.org</u>:

Hillel Happenings Advertising Rates

\$36.00 for a 1/4 page single issue \$60.00 for 1/2 page single issue \$100.00 for full page single issue

\$100.00 for business card size ad for all twelve monthly issues

Please contact the Temple Administrator to make arrangements.