

# HILLEL HAPPENINGS

## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

TBH Family,

First of all, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Maybe you even traveled, or saw family and friends that you hadn't seen in far too long. Certainly something to give thanks for!

As 2021 draws to a close, I started thinking about how many of us were glad to see the end of 2020. Last year we experienced so many terrible things: widespread political divisions, violent protests, natural disasters, and disruptions and loss from the COVID pandemic just to name a few.

Many people feel like 2021 hasn't been much better, but I disagree. Let's choose to remember 2021 as the year we tried to make things right, the year we vowed to be fairer, the year we made plans to protect the environment, and the year we distributed vaccines. I never make sports analogies, but if I did, I would call 2021 "a rebuilding year".

As we celebrate the miracles of Hanukkah this week, we remember how Jews survived and overcame impossible circumstances. Let's be sure to also celebrate the miracles of 2021, and make plans to thrive in 2022.

B'shalom.

Adam Kaprove

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## CORONAVIRUS TASKFORCE UPDATE

Hello from your TBH Coronavirus Task Force,

As we mentioned in last month's communications, the protocols we have in place to protect the congregation would be staying in place through Chanukah. Unfortunately, after thoughtful review of the present circumstances we just don't feel that it's prudent to change our approach until the middle of January at this point. We will continue to review each and every month and we remain prepared to make changes as needed.

Connecticut is already seeing a sharp rise in infection rates and hospitalizations, and with holidays approaching the likelihood of an additional spike in cases seems more likely.

Services, Religious & Hebrew School, and of course Schmoozing on Shabbat are still happening and we hope to see as many of you as possible. We feel strongly that by staying the course we'll continue to be able to safely gather as a community despite certain limitations.

As always, if you have any concerns, questions, or recommendations please don't hesitate to reach out to the Task Force, the Board, and our Clergy.

TBH Coronavirus Task Force

### **SOCIAL ACTION**

#### South Windsor Refugee Alliance (SWRA) Update

During the past month, dozens of Temple members have been working with our neighbors of other faiths in the hopes of helping to resettle an Afghan refugee family in South Windsor. Our newly named initiative, South Windsor Refugee Alliance (SWRA), is partnering with New Haven-based IRIS CT (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services) to "co-sponsor" a family. Rabbi Jeff and Mindy Glickman, local clergy, community leaders, and our TBH Social Action Committee have been involved in this *fast-moving project* that is comprised of a dozen committees focused on locating housing, helping the family find employment, education, healthcare, and much more. We hope to learn when we will be assigned a family in the next month.

We welcome and need your input now, even before the family arrives. Please tell us if you know of:

- Rental apartments or houses on a public transportation line? Contact Rabbi Glickman.
- Employers who would hire someone who doesn't speak English? Contact TBH member Emily Cobbs.
- One or more people who speak Dari/Farci or Pashto who could help with occasional interpretation needs until the family is more conversant in English? Contact Laura Soll-Broxterman

Our South Windsor planning effort also is responsible for raising funds to help with basic needs during the family's first months. This includes rent, food, utilities, transportation needs, and more. You can send a donation now OR make a pledge to help once the family arrives.

Make checks payable to: St. Peter's Episcopal Church (SWRA in the memo line), and mail to: 99 Sand Hill Road, South Windsor, CT 06074. **To make a pledge, contact** TBH member <u>Dianne Aborn</u>. Thanks to all who have contributed already.

**NOTE:** Until we know how many are coming, we will <u>not</u> collect any clothing, furniture or household items.

This can be a life-changing experience, both for the family we help, and for all of us as well. We will keep you posted on new developments. If you have questions, contact Rabbi Glickman Rabbi@tbhsw.org, or Laura Soll-Broxterman, LSoll@tbhsw.org.

**To learn more** about IRIS' Community Resettlement program, go to: <a href="https://irisct.org/communitycosponsorship/">https://irisct.org/communitycosponsorship/</a>

# December's Top Priority is Collecting Food 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: Nonperishable Canned and Boxed foods – 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.

#### SOCIAL ACTION CONT.

• 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

<u>Holiday Treat</u>: watch this WFSB Channel 3 news story about how The Walk in the Life Church of God serves their community on Thanksgiving. Our congregation's donations and support help Pastors Dexter and Amber Burke deliver their mission (we even recognize some of our donated items in the segment!): <u>VIDEO: Local church gives</u> back to community members in need | | wfsb.com

#### HANUKKAH SERVICE



Join us for a special Hanukkah 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.

Don't forget to pick up your "goody bag"at the end of the service.

#### **RPC**

THE WORLD'S OLDEST CONTINUOUS RUNNING BOOK CLUB is opening a new chapter at Temple Beth Hillel. **Beginning Saturday, December 11th**, we will have the opportunity to **study HaShem's Torah** with Cantor Harris **immediately following morning Shabbat Morning Service**. We will be noshing before study as we are able. All are welcome.

Antiochus tried to rob us of this mitzvah. Let's join with Judah Maccabee and rejoice in the study of Torah. "It is a tree of life to those who hold fast to it." Proverbs 3:18



## Shop with Scrip Orders due Sunday, December 12

Shop for over 700 retailers: Dining, Groceries, Entertainment, Home Improvements, Travel, Health & Beauty, Clothing... Register at <a href="mailto:shop-withscrip.com">shop-withscrip.com</a>

Enrollment Code: 8429LFBL646L1.

If you have any questions, Contact Marcia Heneson <a href="mailto:mheneson@gmail.com">mheneson@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:skaprove@gmail.com">skaprove@gmail.com</a> 860-881-8444

#### **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

#### **BOOK CLUB**



The next book club will meet at Temple on Tuesday, December 14, at 1:00 pm .... The book this month is " "My Mother's Son" by David Hirshberg .

Come join us!

Barb Klein

#### MODIFIED ONEGS RETURN



After Friday Shabbat Services, food is available once again, to be consumed outside. If weather permits, have a nosh on the patio or take it home for later. We are providing more kinds of yummy desserts, commercially prepared and individually packaged. Once again, congregants can **sponsor a kiddush, for \$36**, which will cover the costs of all refreshments. As an Oneg sponsor, you don't need to purchase the food; that's been taken care of - just come to the service! Please sign up to sponsor by clicking the link <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aaba823a0f85-sponsor">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aaba823a0f85-sponsor</a> or

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!

## **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.

Then, 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.

#### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Our religious school students are proudly displaying family Channukiot in the glass case by the office. Stop by and see the beautiful display. On December 3rd, students will be invited to light them as part of the service.



#### **Mazel Makers Program**

Our K-1 students and families participated in The First Mazel Makers program, "In the Same Boat", a Noah's Ark virtual program presented by The Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford.









#### **Student Participatory Shabbat**

Once a month, a group of our religious school students attend a TBH Shabbat service together. Students attend with their families, and they prepare in advance so that they can contribute in some way during the service. Families spend time together before the service, with a group activity. It is a great way to keep our families connected, and to have our students experience. Friday evening service with their peers!

In early November, our 5th and 7th grade students had their participatory Shabbat service. They studied the Torah portion during class in the weeks leading up to the service, and shared their personal ideas about the different types of ahava (love.) The students were even able to witness the conversion of Elizabeth Higgins to Judaism! It was a lovely evening, with a full sanctuary and lots of happy faces.

The next student participatory Shabbat will be on the evening of Friday, December 10th, when our 3rd and 4th grade students will share their thoughts on the Torah portion. We hope that you will consider coming to the temple to join us!

## Why I Left a Legacy

When I was young I would sit between my mom and dad at services every Shabbat. As I would listen to the familiar prayers and melodies, my soul felt at peace. Then I went to UCONN, joined Hillel, and found that same peace. But when I was out in the world on my own I felt lost for many years and wasn't sure where or how to get that back again. It took a personal tragedy to push me to look for support. I found TBH, it was everything I was searching for. It reminded me of my first cat who welcomed and loved everyone, no questions asked and no need to explain yourself. The Rabbi and members of TBH welcomed me with open arms and have been there ever since to celebrate with me or support me depending on the situation. I want future generations to be able to enjoy everything that TBH has to offer from prayer and study, to community, to social action and much more. That is why it's important for me to leave a legacy.

Harriet Mindlin



# HOW WILL YOU ASSURE JEWISH TOMORROWS?





#### DONATIONS

#### ADULT ED FUND

John & Carol Baron Thank you to Rabbi

#### **CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Gary & Susan Ruchin in memory of Steven Silverman, brother of Joyce Ben-kiki

Frank Luena & Joyce Ben-Kiki Thank You Cantor

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Steven Goldfield in memory of Felicia Goldfield, mother of Steven

Allen & Dee Skott

Barbara Gordon in memory of Richard Teller, brother of Barbara

Sue Simons in honor of Herb Shook's 95th Birthday

Len & Marlene Auster in memory of William Auster, father of Len & Harry Tunkel, grandfather of Marlene

June Silver in memory of Harry Silver, father Stanley Silver

Carl Mandell in memory of Steven Silverman, brother of Joyce Ben-Kiki

Jeff & Mindy Glickman in honor of Herb Shook's 95th Birthday

Nancy Gordonin honor of Herb Shook's 95th Birthday

Nancy Gordonin memory of Steven Silverman, brother of Joyce Ben-Kiki

Barbara Dworsky in memory of Sam Cook, father of Barbara

Barbara Dworsky & Alan Cook in memory of Steven Silverman, brother of Joyce Ben-Kiki

Alan & Teresa Platteis in memory of Sara Platteis, mother of Alan & Gene Ciotti, brother of Teresa

#### **RETIRE THE MORTGAGE**

Carol Schulman in memory of Alvin Boxer, Uncle of Sam Schulman & Ben Caplan, father of Carol

Gary & Susan Ruchin in honor of Herb Shook's Birthday

Gary & Susan Ruchin in memory of Michael Ruchin, brother of Gary

Marty & Stella Seefer in memory of Frida Brezel, Mother of Michael

Marty & Stella Seefer in honor of Herb Shook's 95th Birthday

Sally Goodman in memory of Steven Silverman, brother of Joyce Ben-Kiki

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sheila Alpert in memory of Frida Brezel

Dianne Aborn

Harriet Mindlin in honor of Herb Shook's 95th Birthday &

Harriet Mindlin in honor of Elizabeth Higgin's Conversion & Elizabeth Higgin's Conversion

Roland Rychling in memory of Rose Rychling, wife of Roland

Judy Melocowsky in memory of Steven Silverman, brother of Joyce Ben-Kiki & in memory of Danny Dobbs

Phyllis Green in memory of Steven Silverman, brother of Joyce Ben-Kiki

Alan & Barb Klein in memory of Jacob Block, father of Barb

Frank Luena & Joyce Ben-Kiki Thank you Rabbi

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

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

Judi Fogg In memory of John Fogg Jr., father-in law of Judi

Judi Fogg in memory of John Fogg, husband of Judi

#### **SISTERHOOD**

Marcia Heneson in memory of Nathan Heneson, father-in-law of Marcia

#### YOUTH FUND

Bob & Alice Rodner in memory of Samuel Wagner, father of Alice

#### **MUSIC FUND**

Amy Patterson in memory of Mitchell Feuer, brother of Amy & Ralph Patterson, husband of Amy

#### **SOCIAL ACTION**

Navarre & Donald Hibel in memory of Frida Brezel, mother of Michael Brezel

Paula & Leland Bradbard

Sally Goodman for The Walk in the Light Church

Marcia Heneson

Pam-Eve & Todd Nicholson in memory of Sarah Alana, daughter of Pam-Eve & Todd

#### **MEN'S CLUB**

Sheila Alpert in memory of Norman Weiner, Uncle of Sheila

#### YAHRZEIT DATES

#### On December 3 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Louis Cramer Rose Rychling Nathaniel Mandell Lazarus Plotkin Jacob Berson

Wife of Roland Rychling Father of Janet Miller Father of Ben Plotkin

Ben Caplan Carl Joseph Seefer William Auster Lucille Nahemow

Father of Carol Schulman Son of Stella & Marty Seefer Father of Len Auster

Seymour Platt Charles Ruchin Lillian Snyder Julius Wayne Louise Ellis

Father of Susan Ruchin Father of Gary Ruchin Mother of Alan Snyder

Nathan Hene Harry Silver Harry Tunkel

Father in law of Marcia Heneson Father of Stan Silver

Grandfather of Marlene Auster

#### On December 10 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Hyman Gutterman Melvin Samsky John Fogg Jr Harriet Gochros Sophie Rabinowitz

Arthur Rubin Louis Glanz

Myra Scott Henrietta Goldberg Arlene Ward Anna Maskel

Nathan Serow Jacob Block Palma Patterson

Benjamin Pincus Olga Kamens

Father of Meryl Sloate Father-in-law of Judi Fogg Mother of Donna Gittleman Grandmother of Marcia Andrus Uncle of Carol Mamlok

Mother of Judy Scott Aunt of Stanley Goldberg Mother of Leesa Wallace

Father of Mike Serow Father of Barbara Klein Mother of Ralph Patterson

Grandmother of Christine Brouillard

## On December 17 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Jerome Goldfield Josephine Basile Ruth Glassman Mitchell Raffel Nathan Pollak Jerauld Bloom

Father of Steven Goldfield Mother of David Basile Mother of Sheila Gleckman Stepfather of Scott Bettigole

Louise Ellis Mother of Judy Glickman Grandmother of Jeff Glickman

Mother of Myra Scott Rose Fredman

Father of Sally Meyers Goodman Max Meyers

Barabra Dress Miller Helen Bernstein Evelyn Stockser

Adrien Brouillard Grandfather of Stephen Brouillard

Father of Marty Seefer Carl Seefer Samuel Wagner Father of Alice Rodner

#### On December 24 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Avram Daniel Check Beniamin Druckman George Steiner

Hyman Berman Steven Levinthal

Tillie Cantor Ethel Goldstein

Rav Hollander Esther Katz Rosalyn Opinsky

Leonard Goldfarb

Father-in-law of Marion Berman

Father of Lara Cote

Mother of Phyllis Green Mother of Paula Capaldo

Father of Joel Goldfarb

#### On December 31 we observe the yahrzeit of: Mother of Susan Simons

Edna Gold James Goldberg Adolph Wasserman

Joan Manna Frimet Matel Lippel Louis Albert

Irving Freeman Jack Greenberg Lena Greenberg Lee Goldman

Harry Gold Norman Weiner Sylvia Molin

Grandmother of Stephen Brouillard

Grandmother of Larry Waksman

Father of Bev Finnicum Father of Nelson Freeman

Father of Susan Simons Uncle of Sheila Alpert Aunt of Sybil Goldberg

## SIMCHAS

#### BIRTHDAYS

Ed Luria	12/2	Carol Hart	12/20
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
Judith Osipow	12/18	John Halpern	12/30
Alan Gittleman	12/19	Carole Olderman	12/31

#### **Anniversaries**

Phil & Bobbi-Jo Maltz

12/31

#### TORAH PORTIONS

<u>MIKETZ</u>—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.

<u>VAYIGASH</u>—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.

<u>VAYECHI</u>— 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.

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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 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 cantor.@tbhsw.org.

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 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>December 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>:

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