Temple Beth Hillel

HILLEL HAPPENINGS

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

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Last night, my new father asked me to explain why membership in synagogues is waning.

Certainly a valid question which required a simple, but meaningful, response.

Here is my response;

From Cub Scouts to Little League, from bowling leagues to service organizations, membership is dropping. People don't like to make commitments. People are getting used to having things come to their front door. Even movie premiers and shopping are becoming domestic activities. This leads to isolation, and the pandemic only hastened the isolation.

Synagogue is a refreshing spring of water to slack the arid thirst of isolation and loneliness. Houses of worship are becoming an increasingly rare venue for interaction between the generations and socio-economic statuses. When was the last time you spoke with a child? When did you listen to someone as a peer who is in a very different place in life? At Temple Beth Hillel it is commonplace.

Spirituality is like water. Not everyone realizes that they need water. Everyone thinks that water ought to be free. However, there is a very big difference between good water and bad. Spirituality which is based on purchase of amulets or spices, incantations and living prophets, and which you can do in the comforts of your home is seriously lacking. Judaism is based on being responsible for our neighbors; we worship a God who created the world with goodness; we strive to make the world better than we received it. You might think that these ideals are universal, but they most certainly are not. They are only realized in community.

That is why Temple Beth Hillel is so important.

Shalom,

Rabbi G.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

TBH Family,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with family and loved ones. We certainly had a full house and plenty to be thankful for. Here at TBH, our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering was similar – great attendance, meaningful readings and sermons, and a very nice community gathering around food put out by our Board and Religious Practices Committee.

Don't miss our upcoming December events, including a Tot Shabbat on Saturday the 17th, the Connecticut Z'mirah Chorale Hanukkah concert on Sunday the 18th, and our annual Hanukkah candle-lighting service on Friday the 23rd!

I also want to point out that the Clergy Transition Committee has been hard at work and will be holding a Congregational Information Session on Sunday January 8th at noon. Mark your calendars and hope to see you there to learn more about our plans for the future!

L'shalom,

Adam Kaprove akaprove@tbhsw.org

CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE UPDATE

Current guidance from the TBH Coronavirus Task Force (CTF):

- Stay home if you have symptoms associated with covid or any respiratory ailment.
- Masks are optional, but recommended for anyone with health concerns. Use a KN95 or N95.
- Please use hand sanitizer and practice proper hygiene when in Temple.
- If you have symptoms, test positive, or have been exposed, follow the CDC's guidelines for subsequent testing and isolation procedures by using the <u>Isolation and Exposure Calculator</u>.

Thank you, TBH Coronavirus Task Force



Clergy Transition Informational Session

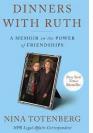
Join us January 8th at 12:00pm at TBH. The Clergy Transition Committee will be sharing an update on the plans for the coming years after Rabbi Glickman transitions to emeritus status.

SAVE THE DATE



The Adult Ed committee will host a program called "Love Stories from the Bible" on February 14, 2023 at 7 PM. More information to follow in next months newsletter

BOOK CLUB



The next Book Club Meeting will be WITH RUTH Tuesday, December 13th at 1:00 pm at Temple. We will be discussing "Dinners with Ruth" by Nina Totenberg.

Join Us!



Want to become an Oneg sponsor? Sponsor an Oneg in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion. Please sign up to sponsor by clicking the link, or contact Lori in the office Admin@tbhsw.org or 860-282-8466

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aaba823a0f85-sponsor

WILL YOU BE OUR NEXT LIFE & LEGACY MEMBER?



On November 11, we had a very successful special Oneg Shabbat honoring our Life & Legacy members. While the heavy rains may have kept some people away, those who attended appreciated the special wine from Brignole Vineyards, sushi, pastries and various other platters from Crown Market and hot hors d'oeuvres. This oneg is only one of the ways that L & L participants get special appreciation at TBH.

Of course, the biggest benefit of becoming a Life and Legacy member is that by leaving your legacy gift you will be ensuring that TBH will exist into the future and that TBH will be one of many Jewish organizations in the greater Hartford area for the generations to come. Incentives to TBH for securing your legacy commitment include will include as much as a \$10,000 donation from a local philanthropist to be deposited into our general fund!!!

There will be additional special incentives from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation during the month of January for legacy commitments we at TBH receive. It is indeed very exciting to consider what we will be able to do with these extra funds!

How will you assure our Jewish tomorrows? The process is very easy! All you have to do is complete the attached Letter of Intent and send it to the TBH office. No money has to come out of your pocket today, unless you so choose. You may, but do not have to, prepare a will or amend your current will. For those of you who have life insurance policies or retirement plans, all you have to do is name TBH as a partial beneficiary (any percentage) on one of these plans. Join us now and make sure TBH is here for all members of future generations!

Fill out your letter of intent here! Or use the printed form on page 10.

ABATEMENT COMMITTEE

The Abatement Committee has changed the wording on the temple invoices to let everyone know that you are *not* required to pay a full year's fees in one lump sum! This may not have been clear on previous invoices.

You may elect to pay dues and fees on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Options include paying by check, automatic transfers from your bank account or even via credit card.

If you would like to request an abatement (adjustment of fees) to dues and other fees – religious school, security, etc. – please reach out to a member of the Abatement Committee (listed below) and we will contact you to discuss a plan. Know that these conversations will ALWAYS be handled with deference, respect and confidentiality.

Thank you for your membership in our wonderful synagogue. Every member is a special and unique contributor to our community. We wouldn't be the same without you!

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Karen Donn Committee Chair

ADULT ED

Join us on **Sunday, December 18th at 3pm** at Temple for a Chanukah Concert by The Connecticut Z'mirah Chorale. **Admission is free**.



Since the autumn of 2006, the Connecticut Z'mirah Chorale, conducted by Dr. Kevin Mack, has attracted singers from throughout the state to perform music of interest to Jewish audiences. Their mission is to preserve and share all types of Jewish vocal music, which reflect the rich tapestry of our people's experience. Repertory ranges from complex modern compositions and classical Reform works of Shabbat and High Holiday liturgies to Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino and Israeli folk and work songs, as well as meaningful pieces by non-Jewish composers.

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATES

Interfaith Service Kindness

Thanks to everyone who attended TBH's 2022 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, a powerful event where we joined with community members and leaders of many religions. During the service, Archbishop Dexter Burke made an appeal for all of us to help others, especially during challenging times. Baskets were passed and the attendees generously made donations that totaled \$1,100 (wow!). The funds were divided equally into two parts and were donated to the South Windsor Food Bank and to our Shema Partner, The Walk in the Light Church of God.

SAVE THE DATE: January 2023 Shema Tour Experience

We are gearing up for our 2023 Shema Tour, traditionally held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day on **Monday, January 16.**

Stay tuned....we will keep you posted about the organizations and places we will visit, what we hope to learn, and tell how you can reserve your seat on the Shema Tour bus!

Early questions? Speak with Rabbi Glickman or Laura Soll-Broxterman.

Shema Partner Support for The Walk in the Light Church of God

Last month, Archbishop Burke reached out into Hartford's North End community, **offering families in need Thanksgiving turkeys**. And, as you can imagine, the need has been especially great this year. He made calls and pounded the streets, seeking donations of turkeys or funds from individual and businesses, and he still needed help. To support those families, we **contributed money from our Temple's Social Action Fund**, and were able help the Archbishop and his church make that holiday brighter for many.

<u>TBH's major collection focus areas for December</u> for The Walk in the Light Church of God and its community are for nonperishable food items, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies such as bleach and paper towels. Winter clothing and outerwear for adults and children, and warm winter blankets also are especially needed now.

You are welcome to bring donations of food, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies to any service or event. Collection baskets and bins are ready for you.

As always, you also can make Monetary Donations toward our Temple's Social Action efforts for the 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.

Please contact Laura Soll-Broxterman with any questions at Lsoll@tbhsw.org or 860-688-4499.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE



October 25, 2022 topics were:

- Torah : Noah Why build an ark
- Avodah: Prayers for ordinary moments
- G'milut Chasadim: Care and protection of animals

November 7, 2022 topics were:

- Torah : Honoring (not necessarily obeying) your Parents
- Avodah: Seeing God
- G'milut Chasadim: Honoring your Parents

Our students did a great job sharing back their learnings and promises





November 15, 2022 topics were:

- Torah : Rebecca, a Virtuous Woman
- Avodah: Mourner's Kaddish for Abraham's loss of his wife Sarah
- G'milut Chasadim: Opportunities Every Day

Sharing and helping each other talk about what we learned has become a highlight each week.

Upcoming:

Shabbat Family Discussions, grades 5-7: Discussions will be held on: Saturday, January 7, 2023; February 25, 2023; March 18, 2023; April 29, 2023

Shabbat service begins at 8:45am in the Sanctuary. Students and at least one parent/guardian should plan to attend. Immediately following the service, we will move into the Chapel for the Family Discussion. Here our Clergy will lead Students, families, and Mitzvah Mates through a discussion topic and then answer any questions about the b'nai mitzvah process. The discussion typically ends by 11:15 a.m. SHABBAT at Temple Beth Hillel

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20 Baker Lane, South Windsor

A short, interactive Shabbat experience for children ages 0-6 and the adults who love them! Please join us for one of our upcoming programs!

- December 17
- January 21
- February II

INFO AND RSVP: HTTPS://BIT.LY/TBHTOTS



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Join us for a special Hanukkah Service on Friday Evening, December 23, beginning at 6pm

Bring your Chanukiot and we will light the candles <u>before</u> we welcome in Shabbat. All are encouraged to come and celebrate together.

WHY I MADE A COMMITMENT TO LIFE & LEGACY



I see Temple Beth Hillel as a family which welcomed me with no hesitation. TBH has been a rock in my life the past few years and I want that to be available to anyone who needs it and who comes with an open heart. I committed to Life and Legacy because without others doing the same before me, I would not have the family I do now. If not me, then who? If not now, then when?

Emily Cobbs



HOW WILL YOU ASSURE JEWISH TOMORROWS?





To create your Jewish legacy contact Helena Friedman, Legacy Chairperson <u>Helena.friedman@gmail.com</u>



Letter of Intent



The Talmud says, "As my ancestors planted for me, so do I plant for those who will come after me". I/We declare my/our commitment to help sustain a vibrant Jewish community for generations to come.

Donor Information

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Address:	City: State: Zip:				
Email:	Phone: Phone Text Postal mail				
Commitment					
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Organization(s)	Gift Information — Optional				
Legacy gifts will be placed into a permanent endowment fund by the organization(s) selected* Charter Oak Cultural Center Congregation Beth Israel Congregation Kol Haverim Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation Hebrew Senior Care Jewish Community Foundation	 Gift in Will or Trust Beneficiary of Retirement Plan Beneficiary of Life Insurance Policy Cash Gift that provides lifetime income Gift that provides income to heirs Other: The value of my gift will be \$ or% 				
Jewish Family Services	Permission to List				
Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford Mandell Jewish Community Center New England Jewish Academy	To encourage others to make commitments to the future, I/we permit my name to be listed as follows:				
Solomon Schechter Day School	I/We wish to remain anonymous at this time				
Temple Beth Hillel The Emanuel Synagogue	*This commitment does not create a legal obligation and may be modified by the donor(s) at any time				
Voices of Hope	PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO:				
Young Israel of West Hartford	Elana MacGilpin, emacgilpin@jcfhartford, 860-209-3311 The Jewish Community Foundation is here to assist				
	you in fulfilling your philanthropic goals.				

DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Helene Dee Skott June Silver in memory of Harry Silver, father of Stanley Silver

HOSPITALITY FUND

Marcia Heneson in memory of Mark Heneson, husband of Marcia

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Stu & Sherry Rosen in memory of Murray Rosen, father of Stu Richard & Carole Guttman in memory of Fannie Guttman, mother of Richard Len & Sharon Jacobs in memory of James Jacobs, father of Len Len & Sharon Jacobs for Best Wishes to Tal & Sophia Barbara & Al Klein in memory of Jacob Block, father of Barb

MEMBERSHIP FUND

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

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Joyce Ben-Kiki & Frank Luena for Walk in the Light Church of God Donna & Alan Gittleman to thank Judy Scott for her informative "Five Wishes" program

YOUTH FUND

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

As you are making donations throughout the year, please consider donating to the following funds. If you would like to make a donation to a specific project or for a specific purpose, simple include a note with your check or contact the office at 860-282-8466 or Admin@tbhsw.org

- Adult Education Fund
- Art Fund
- Cemetery Fund
- Current Facility Fund
- General Fund
- Hospitality Fund
- Landscape Fund
- Martin Turshen Fund
- Membership Fund

- Men's Club Fund
- Mortgage Retirement Fund
- Music Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Cantor's Discretionary Fund
- Religious School Fund
- Social Action Fund
- Youth Committee Fund
- Ediebaby Streaming Fund

YAHRZEIT DATES

On December 2 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Lottie Cutler Grandmother of Lois Wasserman Anne Posniak Beatrice Lutin Morton Shoham Abraham Cutler Grandfather of Lois Wasserman Louis Deckel Harry Gerber Sonia Schulman Carl Joseph Seefer Son of Stella & Marty Seefer Rose Cohen Grandmother of Cantor Scott Harris Isadore Wasserman Father of Ken Wasserman

On December 9 we observe the yahrzeit of:

David Blotner Mildred Bercowetz Mother of Bonnie Bercowetz Helen Lipnack Sara Platteis Mother of Alan Platteis John Fogg Sr Father-in-Law of Judi Fogg **Minnie Isaacs** Eleanor Hayworth Mother of Linda Brenner Alice Andrus Mother of Larry Andrus Savuto-Donn Bettina Mother of Jody Lefkowitz Harold Gersten Father of Ceil Gersten Mother of Monroe Moses Lillian Moses Mother of Howard Eichner Martha Eichner Alvin Miller Father of Carol Bettigole Mitchell Feuer Brother of Amy Patterson Sheila Gail Hans Palma Patterson Mother of Ralph Patterson John Viner

On December 16 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Florence G.Berman Mother of Victor Berman Gerald Bodian James Jacobs Father of Len Jacobs Olga Kamens Grandmother of Christine Brouillard Benjar Tillie Blutt Louis Leitz Husband of Harriet Leitz Anna Rachlevsky Mitchell Raffel Stepfather of Scott Bettigole Mother of Alice Rodner Pearl Wagner Arnold Bogatz Husband of Judy Bogatz Father of Neal Caplan David Caplan Ralph Patterson Husband of Amy Patterson Ruth Druckman Jacob Rachleff

Louise Ellis Mother of Judy Glickman-Lauder Grandmother of Jeff Glickman

On December 23 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Adrien Brouillard Grandfather of Steve Brouillard Louis Cramer Rose Rychling Wife of Roland Rychling Father of Marty Seefer Carl Seefer Nathaniel Mandell Father of Janet Miller Father-in-law of Marion Berman Hyman Berman Father of Lara Cote Steven Levinthal Lazarus Plotkin Father of Ben Plotkin Jacob Berson Ethel Goldstein Mother of Phyllis Green Samuel Schmitman Father of Janet Berman Lucille Nahemow Father of Susan Ruchin Seymour Platt **Charles Ruchin** Father of Gary Ruchin Mother of Alan Snyder Lillian Snyder Julius Wayne Louise Ellis Nathan Heneson Father in law of Marcia Heneson, Father of Stan Silver Harry Silver

On December 30 we observe the yahrzeit of:

Hyman Gutterman				
Melvin Samsky	Father of Meryl Sloate			
Harriet Gochros	Mother of Donna Gittleman			
Sophie Rabinowitz Grandmother of Marcia Andrus				
Louis Glanz				
Joan Manna	Grandmother of Stephen			
Brouillard				
Myra Scott	Mother of Judy Scott			
Henrietta Goldberg	Aunt of Stanley Goldberg			
Arlene Ward	Mother of Leesa Wallace			
Anna Maskel				
Jacob Block	Father of Barbara Klein			
Benjamin Pincus				

SIMCHAS

BIRTHDAYS

Ed Luria	12/2	Alan Gittleman	12/19
Joyce Katz	12/4	Carol Hart	12/20
Stella Seefer	12/8	Rebecca Santiago	12/22
Carol Butler	12/11	Sharon Jacobs	12/23
Julie Scharr	12/16	Michelle Weiner	12/24
Judith Osipow	12/18	Bobbi-Jo Maltz	12/25
Rylee Britton	12/19	Elaine Cantor	12/26
-		John Halpern	12/30

Anniversaries

Phil & Bobbi-Jo Maltz

12/31

TORAH PORTIONS

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.

<u>MIKETZ</u></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.

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.

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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 <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:

 Rabbi Kari Tuling of Kol Haverim in Glastonbury - (860-633-3966)
 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)

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The deadline for the next Bulletin is <u>December 27, 2022</u> Please forward all e-mailed materials to <u>Admin@tbhsw.org</u> AND to the entire Communications Committee at <u>communications@tbhsw.org</u>:

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...

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