

HILLEL HAPPENINGS

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



Now is a time for fortifying connections. Members want to be noticed and invited to take a role which is needed.

Now, especially, is a great time for reaching out. People stay with congregations when they have a network of relationships.

There are three directions the time is ripe for:

- Caring Community
- Music
- Social Justice

Caring Community: There are people who would love to help with a Chesed group who touches members in need. It can be arranging visits at a living facility or meals during a surgery.

Music: These people would become knowledgeable in Jewish liturgical music and be able to find music leaders. Perhaps, they would be able to lead some of the worship!

Social Justice: There is a great Day Of Action sponsored by the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism May 10 and 11 in Washington, D.C. I am looking to have the RDF sponsor registrations and transportation. If we got a group of 15 to 30 of us to go for the overnight, it would be a great bonding experience for the congregation.

Now is a time for vision and building. Share your vision and get others inspired.

Don't wait for someone to call. You start the conversation!

Shalom, Rabbi G.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

TBH Family,

Nothing reveals the strength of TBH like a challenging situation. Over the years that I've been on the Board of Trustees, I have heard MANY stories about all the ways this community has come together to solve a challenge. Whether we needed volunteers, funds, connections, or special skills, our members have generously stepped forward and offered their support on so many occasions.

When I shared the news a few weeks ago that our clergy transition plans needed to take a hard right turn, TBH stepped up again. People volunteered to join the search committee, offered names and contact info of potentially available clergy, and reached out with valuable words of support and advice. These next few months may be uncertain, but one thing I'm sure of is this community.

In the meantime, the best thing we can do is continue to be there for each other. Keep showing up, and bring your warm, welcoming enthusiasm that we're famous for. The next opportunity to do this is at our upcoming Passover Seder on Thursday April 6th at 5:30pm! Mindy will be bringing one of her delicious soups! No cost, but donations and guests will be welcome. Please RSVP with the office if you can make it.

Also coming up is our annual meeting on Sunday, May 21st. Come at 11 am to see the Religious School students finish the Maccabiah games, enjoy a hot dog cookout lunch by the Men's Club, bid on some great auction items, and then join the congregational meeting at 1 pm to discuss and vote on updates to our bylaws, next year's budget, and Board of Trustee elections. Mark your calendars for this important but fun day of food, socializing, and TBH business! More details on the meeting will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Lastly, a quick reminder that you can contact Sam in the office or use the Signup link in the weekly emails if you would like to sponsor one of our weekly Shabbat onegs. It's a great way to mark any occasion with your TBH family.

See you soon!

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>.



REMINDER! Temple Beth Hillel is hosting a second night Passover Seder on Thursday, April 6th at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Please RSVP through the sign-up genius link at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4AABA823A0F85-46tbh

or through the Constant Contact Passover E-blast, or contact TBH office at 860-282-8466 or email: admin@tbhsw.org

Social Action Save the Date:
South Windsor May 7 Community P.I.E. Day

Temple Beth Hillel is a supporter of the **second annual South Windsor community P.I.E.** (**Peace Includes Everyone**) **event** on Sunday, May 7th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Wapping Community Church.

The **free event** for all ages promotes making new friends and open conversations with neighbors of other faiths and cultures – all "over a delicious piece of pie". Music, multi-cultural entertainment, and ice-breaking activities to open conversations will be featured.

NO RSVP is needed, and you are welcome to bring friends. Questions? Call Temple Beth Hillel member Barbara Brezel at 860-416-0875.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

Topics our students learned about this month in their classes included:

- Torah: The Israelites and the Golden Calf; Holiness; Gifts, and Drawing Near
- **Avodah:** Praising God, the creator of our world; Separating the Holy from Mundane and learning about Havdallah (*The Kaprove family put together sets for students which included a candle, set of spices, and a cup for Kiddush);*
- Kiddush: Sactifying our lives;
- **G'milut Chasadim:** Finding God in our world through acts of G'milut Chasadim;
- Tzedakah vs G'milut Chasadim: Homelessness, and discussion around our support next week for the South Park Inn.

Our students, families, Youth Group and faculty participated in some memorable Purim events (costume parade, Megillah reading, Purim carnival) a big success!!!



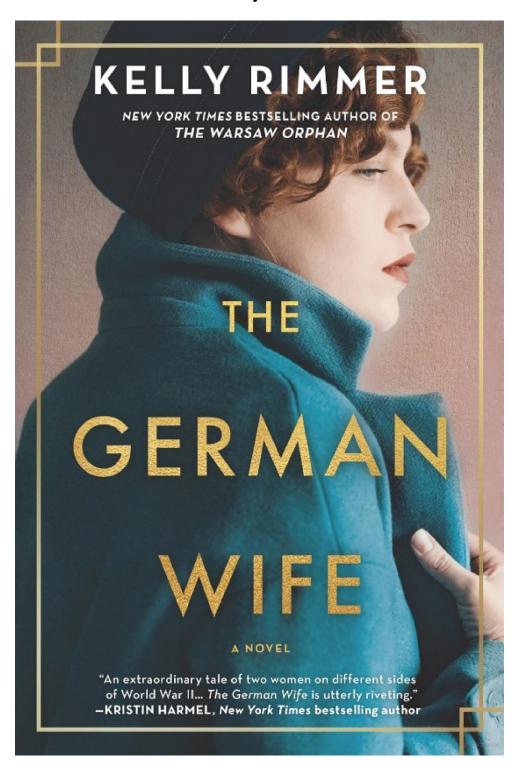


TBH BOOK CLUB

The next TBH Book Club meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, **April 11th at 1:00 p.m. at Temple**.

We will be reviewing *The German Wife*, by Kelly Rimmer.

Come join us!



<u>Upcoming</u> <u>Meetings</u>

4/12
Executive
Committee Meeting
7pm

4/13 Board Meeting 7pm

4/20 Membership Meeting 7pm

4/16 Men's Club 9:30am

5/4 RPC Meeting 7pm

For additional meetings and locations, please go to www.tbhsw.org



SHEMA TOUR COLLECTIONS FOR THE SOUTH PARK INN SHELTER

Our Temple's Religious School Students Prepare Personal Care Packages

Our wonderful Religious School students and faculty hosted Temple Beth Hillel's first focused collection effort for our new *Shema Partner, The South Park Inn* in Hartford. Throughout March, the students sought **donations of toiletries for men and women who stay one night or more in the shelter**. The girls and boys, along with other Temple members, donated shampoo, conditioner, soap and shower gel, disposable razors, lip balm, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.



The **students worked together and filled 61 colorful backpacks** with toiletries and also wrote notes of love, hope, encouragement, support to people in our area who do not have a home. They also heard from a guest who told of his personal experience living at a shelter.

This was a very special learning and community engagement day for the students. They shared their comments at the closing of the program, and it was clear the experience was very meaningful to them.

APRIL and MAY Collection Drives for ALL TBH Members:

- NEW SOCKS Men's & Women's
- INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED SNACKS:
 Chips, Pretzels, Breakfast Bars, More (not homemade)

You can bring all items below to services and events. Baskets & bins are in the lobby.

<u>As always</u>, you can make Monetary Donations toward our Social Action efforts for purchase of essential items. Checks can be made out to *Temple Beth Hillel* and mailed to Temple.

TBH Men's Club Hot Dog Luncheon & Auction Sunday, May 21, 11:30 a.m.-1p.m. Please RSVP in the sign-up link below!

To celebrate the last day of school for the year, the Religious school students, parents, and teachers will be enjoying the annual TBH Maccabiah Games during the morning of Sunday, May 21st. Congregants are invited to come on over to temple around 11 a.m. to soak up the sun and cheer the students on during the final round of their games.

Immediately after the games at 11:30 a.m., the Men's Club will be serving lunch for the congregation until 1 pm. The menu for lunch will be hot dogs and various side dishes and dessert. We want to get an approximate count of how many people will be eating lunch. So please use link to sign up for lunch: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4AABA823A0F85-last

In addition, the Men's Club will also be hosting a silent auction. We will have various items out for viewing with a bidding sheet for each item as well as a 50/50 raffle.

If you would like to donate an item to put up for auction, please contact either Gabe Izraelevitz at gabeizraelevitz@gmail.com or Scott Glick at scotteglick@comcast.net.

If you are not interested in bidding on our items or cannot make the auction, please consider making a donation to the Men's Club.

Finally, at 1 p.m., there will be a Congregational Meeting. During the meeting, we will be voting on important items such as new clergy contracts and the board and budget for next year. The agenda for the meeting will be distributed in the upcoming weeks. Weather permitting, the Maccabiah Games & Lunch will be held outside, otherwise these events will be moved inside.

Hope to see everyone!



Save the Date: May 10th-11th, 2023 A Day of Action in Washington, DC

Please see Rabbi's message and follow the link for more information



To be a Reform Jew means to see religion as articulated by Isaiah 58:

To break every cruel chain, feed the hungry and bring the poor into your house. For decades, the **Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism** has put those words into action. Civil rights legislation of the 60's was written in their building in Washington, D.C. Currently, combating anti-Semitism, environmental justice and promoting rights are at the forefront of their work.

Every other year, they hold a gathering in Washington, DC, for us to come and listen to the people affecting change in our country. The **D.C. Day of Action** is amazing on many levels: even more than hearing the speakers is meeting our counterparts from synagogues all over the country; and even more than that is forming a bond with everyone from Temple Beth Hillel to bring holiness to our community. **You can join us May 10th and 11th.**

Right now, a group of us have already arranged for transportation and booked rooms at the host hotel. The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund is set up to provide any assistance* needed. It would be amazing to have at least 20 of us attending for the two days! https://rac.org/calendar/dc-day-of-action

* Financial assistance provided by Rabbi's Discretionary Fund will cover registration (you need to register for the subsidized rate at the link above and then be reimbursed), transportation (probably train or private car) and hotel (shared room at Crystal Gateway Marriott). A \$50 deposit before May 1 is required for assistance. It is eligible for refund after the conference.



This Passover, consider four more questions.



- Do you value Greater Hartford's Jewish organizations?
 - Do you support these organizations on an annual basis?
- Do you want them to exist for future generations?
 - How will you assure Jewish tomorrows?

You can support your Jewish community for generations with a Legacy gift.





Contact Helena Friedman helena.friedman@gmail.com.



ADULT EDUCATION SPECIAL SPEAKER ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30

On Sunday, April 30th at 10 a.m., TBH is presenting an interesting award-winning speaker who will describe the course he teaches on genocide studies to high school students in Connecticut. This is a vitally important topic. The more we and our students learn about genocides in the past, the more power, we will all have to prevent future atrocities. Let us never forget the lessons of the holocaust and other worldwide atrocities!

We are intentionally scheduling this during Religious School hours so that parents and older students can attend. listen and learn.

Joe Goldman teaches at E.O. Smith High School in Mansfield, Conn. He has taught high school social studies for 12 years. In his last five years as an educator, Joe has taught a Genocide elective which focuses on issues of hate and human rights, The Armenian Genocide, Holocaust, Cambodian and Rwandan Genocides. His course features a focus on historical comparison, primary source analysis, and guest speakers who have witnessed first-hand the history studied. Joe has served as a member of the Yale Fortunoff Teacher Advisory Council for the past three years that has produced Holocaust curriculum that will be published on the Facing History site and used throughout the country as a teaching tool.

In the summer of 2016 and 2017, Joe taught a Social Studies Methods course as an adjunct professor at the University of Connecticut's Teaching Certificate Program for College Graduates. Before teaching, Joe worked in the Connecticut State Capitol as a clerk and assistant to the Senate President Pro Tempore at the time, Donald Williams.

In 2020, Joe was the project manager for a civics curriculum writing project that has been published on the Secretary of the State of Connecticut's website and shared with teachers across the state as part of the "My Election, My Vote" Initiative which is designed to support civics education across the state. Previously, Joe worked as staff on several State House and Senate campaigns and was the UConn Campus Coordinator for the Connecticut College Democrats to increase voter registration and voter turnout in the 2006 Congressional midterm election cycle. Joe's background in civics and government have formed the basis for a Genocide elective that includes civic engagement, citizenship, the study of the Weimar Republic and the contribution of political instability in Germany during the interwar period as a key element that allowed for the Rise of Hitler and the Nazi regime.

Please contact our Temple office to RSVP at 860-282-8466.





MORNING TOT SHABBAT

April 1, May 6, June 3 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

RSVP at https://bit.ly/TBHTots

Geared toward children ages 0-6 and the adults who love them. Older siblings welcome to join in as well!



DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

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Robert Rodner In memory of Sidney Rodner, Father of Robert Mike and Sherry Skott In memory of Martin Perlmutter, Father of Sherry

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Jon Mitnick In memory of Paul Mitnick, Father of Jon Sally Goodman In memory of Julia Naab and Leland Bradbard

BUILDING FUND

Joel & Gladys Nadel In memory of Jean Nadel, mother of Joel

MEN'S CLUB FUND

Neil & Jess Patterson Purim Party/Auction

Barbara Dworsky In memory of Sheldon Cook, brother of Barbara & Louis Baumstein,

grandfather of Barbara

YAHRZEIT DATES

On April 7, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Ruth Davidson Morris Fleishman Mother of Joel Davidson

Nathan Furman

Nathan Melocowsky

Morris Schulman

Father of Ed Melocowsky

Ada Berger Henri Chaimovitch Jacob Cohen Stella Turshen

Grandfather of Jason Chaimovitch Father of Sybil Goldberg Mother of Marcia Andrus Uncle of Carol Bettigole

Mother of Marilyn Davidson

Herbie Bergman Marion Berman

Sybil Goldberg George Hiller Yetta Novosett John Yavener Charles Danen Suhanna Kagan Wife of Stanley Goldberg Grandfather of Jill Bernstein mother of Michele Snyder

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Roy Pollicove

Sheila Sharon Sister of Helena Friedman
Stanley Halpern Uncle of John Halpern
Alice Pagano Grandmother of Ryan Levin

Howard Rosen Brother of Stuart

Lawrence Stanley Dunn Father of Marcia Heneson, Grandfather of Alissa Heneson

Esther Tulchinsky Mother of Judy Bogatz

On April 28, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Mae Salinger Lillian Altman

Louis Baumstein Wayne Breither

Nathan Goldfarb Gertrude Dee Sisitzky

David Crystal Royal Crystal Lucyann Miller Roger "Gene" Parrott Harry Pearlstein Grandfather of Barbara Dworsky

Father of Jesse Breither Grandfather of Lois

Father of Joyce Katz Brother of Joyce Katz Mother of Rick Miller Father of Roger Parrott

On April 14, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Samuel Gordon
Sheldon Cook
Morris Goldberg
Herman Michelis
Ida Novarr Wasserman

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Robert Welensky Jacob Gitberg Grandfather of Ed Luria

Clare Albom mother of Susan Wernick
Larry Skott Lincle of Mike Skott

Larry Skott Uncle of Mike Skott
Lewis Weintraub Grandfather of Elisabeth Neiterman

Sadie Hertzendorf

Mother of Gladys Nadel

Joseph Jainchill

Paul Mitnick Father of Jonathan Mitnick
Ruth Berman Mother-in-law of Marion Berman
Frederick Factor Husband of Frances Factor
Charlotte Gark Mother of Vicki Daniels

Helen Heneson Mother in law of Marcia Heneson Grandmother of Alissa Heneson

Rabbi Evan C. Radler Selma Schwartz

On April 21, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Florence Sherman

Morris Stone

Florence Brouillard Grandmother of Stephen

Louis Bradbard Father of Leland
Julia Bulan Luena Mother of Frank Luena
Hyman Sloate Father of Mark Sloate
Walter Adelsberger
Lila Andrusis Mother of Scott Andrusis
Joseph Brenner Grandfather of Al Glickman

Great-Grandfather of Jeff Glickman

Mother of Shiela Alpert

Joseph Brenner Great-Grandfather of Andy Cirila Sanchez Mother of Ana Pearl

Helen Zelman Sarah Kavitsky

Claude Patterson Father of Ralph Patterson

SIMCHAS

BIRTHDAYS

Amy Patterson	4/2	Jason Healy	4/19
Kalypso Szabat	4/3	Carrie Ward	4/19
Phyllis Green	4/5	Marcia Andrus	4/20
Amy Healy	4/8	Laurie Zimmerman	4/21
Sally Goodman	4/9	Dana Frank	4/24
Barbara Gordon	4/9	Teri Parrott	4/26
Ana Pearl	4/12	Mark Lassman	4/28
Gladys Nadel	4/13		
Kenneth Wasserman	4/16		

Anniversaries

Gary & Jeannine Cohen 4/10 Scott & Carol Bettigole 4/12

Leonard & Sharon Jacobs

4/28

TORAH PORTIONS

<u>TZAV</u> Leviticus 6:1-8:36 The last chapter of the reading describes the seven-day ordination of Aaron and his sons as they prepared to enter the holy priesthood.

CHOL HAMO'ED PESACH Exodus 33:12-34:26 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 text describes 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.

<u>TAZRIA-METZORA</u> Leviticus 12:1-15:33 Where the LORD says to Moses, "When a woman [conceives] and bears a male child ..." Leviticus 12 discusses the laws of purification after child-birth. 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.

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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>April 24, 2023</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 6:45 p.m. and Saturday Morning Services start at 8:45 a.m. To watch...

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