



HILLEL HAPPENINGS

Cantor Talya Smilowitz



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We are counting down the days to welcoming Cantor Talya Smilowitz into our Temple Beth Hillel family on July 1st. Her vision and leadership will enhance our religious services and variety of programs, and can expand our community outreach.

In Cantor Talya's words:

I look forward to stepping into this exciting role. As Cantor, my vision is to build a community where we unite and celebrate our differences around the shared beliefs and values that bind us together. Music will be an integral part of our Temple community and, when intertwined with prayer, music has the power to heal, touch our souls, and elevate us to a higher realm of spirituality and love.

Here, in this sacred space, we will feel safe to pray, learn, and explore our Judaism, while also embracing those of other faiths. Each of our voices is unique, and it is essential that we all feel seen and heard and work together, rooted in loving kindness, towards the common good.

Our congregation looks forward to Cantor Talya's leadership, and to inviting members of the Greater Hartford community to visit our Temple as we enter the next chapter in our history.

TBH Family,

Writing this article is bittersweet for me. You see, this is my last newsletter article as President of TBH. I want to start out by thanking each and every one of you for your support over the past 2 years. It has been an amazing journey to get to this point, for sure, and while there were bumps in the road, as there are with any journey, I wouldn't change it at all. It has been a true honor to serve as the leader of this outstanding congregation and community that we have built here at TBH.

I cannot wait to see what the future brings with our new clergy, Cantor Talya, who starts on July 1st. If you were not able to come and see her sing at services in person yet, you are going to be amazed at the feeling she brings to the services with her amazing voice. She has so many ideas of how she wants to grow the congregation and community, and I cannot wait to be a part of it all. I hope you will join us in this next phase of TBH! This begins on Friday, July 4th when Cantor Talya takes the Bimah for the first time at TBH (solo), and I hope you will join us for that.

I do not want to steal too much of what I want to say at the **Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 8th at 10 a.m.**, so I am going to keep this short and sweet and just say, I hope that you have enjoyed being on this journey with me, and please come on to the meeting to hear the rest of my speech and to vote on the new slate of officers and budget.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon and, as always, if there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or the Board.

L'Shalom,
Jeff Levin
President
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FROM THE RABBI EMERITUS' STUDY



In a couple of weeks, Mindy and I will head out to California for the year where I will be the interim rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel. It is close to where my daughter and her family live.

Happy to see you all at services over the next few days. Especially interested in hearing how I can be a good interim rabbi.

It would be a joy to welcome you if you are visiting!

Shalom,
Rabbi G.

Please join us for the TBH Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 8 at 10 a.m.
and visit our on-site pop-up market and bake-sale that morning



POP-UP MARKET

JUNE 8TH
9:30 A.M.

JUDAICA
DECOR
GIFT CARDS

JEWELRY
BOOKS
& MORE!

**BEFORE & AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING
PRICED TO SELL!!**

TBH B'MITZVAH
STUDENTS' SUMMER
MITZVAH PROJECT
BAKE SALE

A fundraiser for Staywell Health Center in Waterbury to support children's dental health

Temple's Annual Meeting
SUNDAY, JUNE 8
10:00 AM

**\$3 dollars per bag of homemade
treats - cash preferred**

**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE
USED TO BUY TOOTHPASTE,
TOOTHBRUSHES, DENTAL
FLOSS & MOUTHWASH**

Dental items can also be
donated in the TBH lobby



SOCIAL ACTION NEWS – June 2025

URGENT NEED FOR FOOD for Our Little Food Pantry!

Donations of nonperishable food collected in our Temple lobby have been dwindling and our indoor supply is down to almost nothing. This is a common problem for entities who provide assistance to hungry people; but TBH members always step up to help when there is need.

To help at this critical time, consider bringing a food item for our lobby baskets when you come to Temple for services, the June 7th Annual Meeting, special programs, and other times.

Right now, we especially need breakfast cereal, pasta, sauce, canned vegetables.

We always seek canned spaghetti & meat balls, ravioli, canned tuna or chicken, canned fruits/vegs, rice, flour, coffee, and peanut butter/jelly.

SEEKING 1 to 2 PEOPLE IN JULY TO RESTOCK Our Little Free Pantry

HELP! We need 1 to 2 TBH volunteers this July to restock the pantry, and others to help later in October and December.

TBH members fill the pantry once a week with donated food from boxes in our lobby and our Social Action room.

To SIGN UP NOW for July, October or December, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4AABA823A0F85-53569183-tbhlittle#/>

OR call Sam in the Temple office at 860-282-8466.



GOT A GREEN THUMB? VOLUNTEER AT HOH's FOOD GARDENS

As we continue to build on our relationship with Hands on Hartford (HOH), a new opportunity has presented itself - **helping to maintain their raised bed gardens**. All the food grown on the premises is used by Hands on Hartford either distributed directly to clients or used in food preparation. They are looking for volunteers for one morning during the summer and into the fall to water and weed, a task expected to take no more than 40 minutes, once a week. If we have a few volunteers, we could commit to a certain day of the week and take turns, so no one would need to take this on more than two or three times during the entire growing season. If you have any interest or want more info, contact Marla Adelsberger at 860-668-5501 or marlaLadelsberger@gmail.com

UPDATE ON HOH'S "WELCOME HOME" PROJECT

Thanks to all who helped to assemble the first set of 6 *Welcome Home* packages for HOH clients. We delivered 4 to the organization, have 2 more ready for when needed, and **we continue to accept items in our Social Action room until we need to get together and assemble more.**

COLLECTING TOILETRIES FOR HOH'S "HOMELESS OUTREACH" EFFORT

Always needed: Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss, Deodorant, Soap, Body Wash, Body Lotion, Razors, Shaving Cream, Chapstick/Lip Balm, Antibacterial Body Wipes, Sunscreen. Place Toiletries in the collection bins in the Temple lobby.

NEXT SOCIAL ACTION MEETING FOR ALL TBH MEMBERS:

Wednesday, June 25 at 7 p.m. – We'll keep you posted if in-person or virtual

Laura Soll-Broxterman at Lsoll@tbhsw.org or 860-833-4466

Marla Adelsberger at marlaLadelsberger@gmail.com or 860-803-8075

Religious School Update

We hope that you have an amazing summer! Registration is now open for the 2025-26 school year [CLICK HERE](#)

On Tuesday, May 13th, the students made beaded bracelets with their Hebrew names on them. Special thanks to Judy Scott for donating her supplies, time and bracelet making expertise!



Sunday, May 18th was the official last day of school. Let the games begin at the Maccabiah Games where teams of four compete to win games like the coin toss, the three-legged race, relay races and the ultimate TUG OF WAR; teams against teams and the unity of those same teams against parents! Everyone had a great time! We offer so much gratitude to the parents and teenagers who organized and orchestrated this event and made it truly fun and memorable. We hope you have an amazing summer!



TBH Fundraisers!!!

On **Tuesday, June 24**, we will have a **TBH fundraiser with Oscar's All American Grill** at 855 Sullivan Ave. in South Windsor.

Oscar's will donate 15% of their sales from members or friends of TBH who eat at or get takeout from the restaurant on the designated day of Tuesday, June 24 at the designated times of 4 PM to 9 PM. There will be a flyer or a code to indicate you are getting food from the restaurant to benefit TBH.

Let's all plan on dinner from Oscar's on June 24 to support TBH and be sure to thank Oscar for his incredible generosity!



COME TO OUR TRIVIA NIGHT

New Date: Saturday, July 19, 7PM to 9PM at Temple Beth Hillel

\$20 per person for TBH members and \$25 per person for non-TBH members

CREATE your own teams or allow us to match you with others
What a great way to make new friends!

Prizes will be awarded for the team winning the most games

Light snacks and soft drinks including tea and coffee will be provided

BYOB

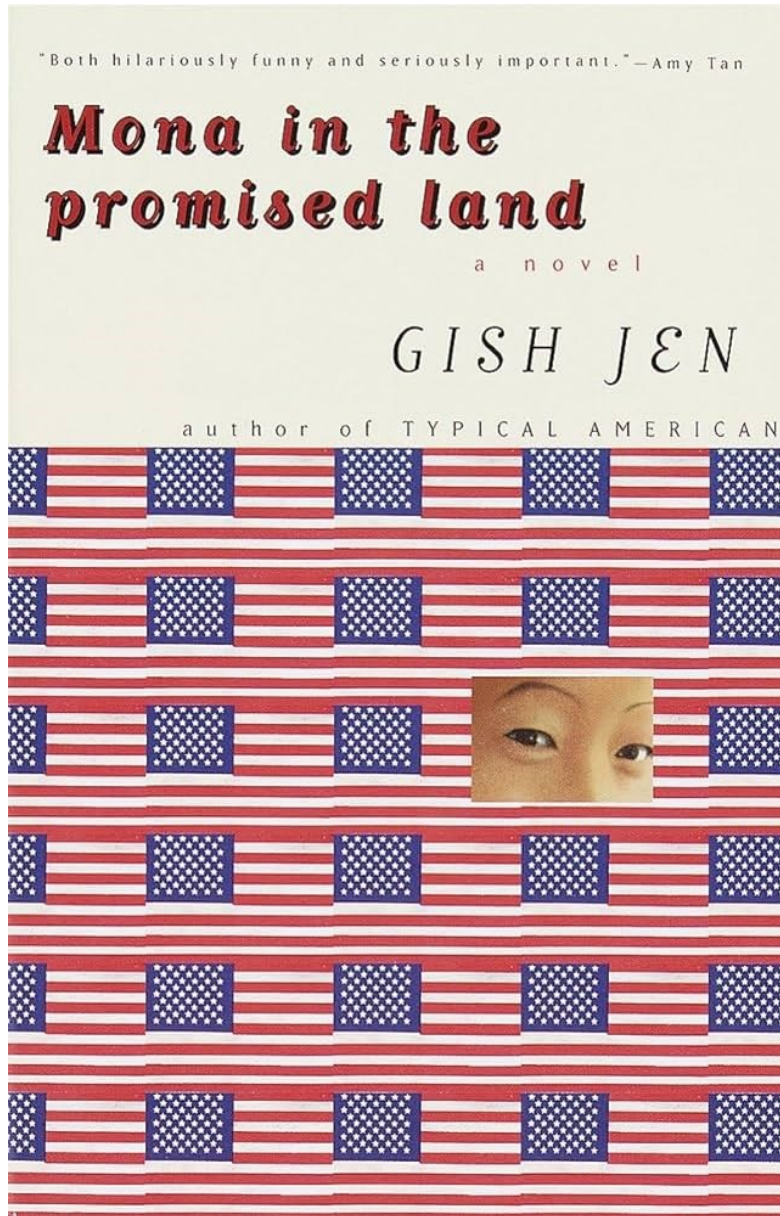
Plan to join in for a fabulous night of TRIVIA, PRIZES, FOOD, MUSIC, FUN!



TBH BOOK CLUB

The next TBH Book Club meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 10 at 1 p.m. at Temple.**

We will be reviewing *Mona in The Promised Land*, by Gish Jen. Come join us! All are welcome.



Friends of TBH will meet for a meal on **Tuesday, June 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Elmo's Dockside,** 48 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon.

Upcoming Meetings

6/4
Executive
Committee
7 p.m.

6/10
Religious Practices
Committee
7 p.m.

6/12
Board of Trustees
7 p.m.

6/16
Development
Committee
7 p.m.

6/17
Membership
Committee
7 p.m.

6/25
Social Action
7 p.m.

**For additional meetings,
please go to
www.tbhsw.org**

Click the flyer to find more information on the JT Connect website!



Register **NOW** for JTConnect!

We offer 4 program pillars for **8th-12th graders**:

- Jewish learning and leadership classes with several day and time options at several locations throughout the Greater Hartford area.
- Social Action projects supporting local community needs and nonprofit organizations
- Yearlong teen philanthropy programs at 2 synagogue sites
- Social events that bring teens together throughout the year

Registered JTConnect students can take classes at any site we offer them, and attend all of our signature programs and events.



Our synagogue sites include:

- The Emanuel Synagogue, West Hartford, CT
- Congregation Beth Israel, West Hartford, CT
- Beth El Temple, West Hartford, CT
- Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation - Emek Shalom, Simsbury, CT
- Temple Sinai, Newington, CT
- Beth Shalom B'nai Israel, Manchester, CT
- Congregation Kol Haverim, Glastonbury, CT
- Temple Beth Hillel, South Windsor, CT

JTConnect engages teens in fun, interactive and thought-provoking educational & social experiences grounded in Jewish learning and values. JTConnect gives teens the opportunity to continue their Jewish education in compelling and meaningful ways. Together, teens examine religion, history & traditions through innovative, hands-on programming that includes classroom study, volunteer projects and special events.

***Synagogue membership is not required to participate in JTConnect.**

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Communications Manager
at marcus@jtconnect.org

***Scholarships are available**

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DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

The Kaprove Family

Judy Melocowsky

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General donation

In memory of Adelle Gersten, Mother of Ceil Gersten

In memory of Irving Goldstein, Father of Phyllis Green

In honor of Laura Falk's law school graduation

In memory of Ray Schor, Grandmother of Phyllis Green

In memory of Mark Groenstein, Son of Karen & Ted Groenstein

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Sharon Miller and Family

In memory of Fred Marshall, Father & Grandfather

LANDSCAPING FUND

Sally Goodman

In memory of Adelle Gersten, Mother of Ceil Gersten

RETIRE THE MORTGAGE FUND

Sally Goodman

In memory of Mark Groenstein, Son of Karen & Ted Groenstein

Thank you!!

YAHRZEIT DATES

On June 6, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Benjamin Cantor
Henry Vigdor
Mary Nissenblatt
Erwyn Bernard Glanz
Hersh Lajb Precel
Aron Hersh Brezel
Solomon Luria
Fred Prass
Julius Yellen
Simon Izraelevitz
Belle Platt
Stanley Wayne
Ralph Welensky
Richard Wickey

Father-in-Law of Elaine Cantor

Grandmother of Mindy Lu Glickman Radler

Grandfather of Michael Brezel

Father of Michael Brezel

Father of Ed Luria

Father of Gabe Izraelevitz

Mother of Susan Ruchin

Uncle of Ed Luria

Step-father of Rebecca Chaimovitch

On June 13, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Rhonda Daneer Slitt
Charles Hertzendorf
Anna Wood
Alfred Geber
Herman Mindlin
Bob Lichtenbaum
Herman Steinberg
George Luckman
Bennie Yellen

Father of Gladys Nadel

Father of Marion Berman

Father of Harriet Mindlin

Grandfather of Laurie Zimmerman

On June 20, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Carol Finn
Victor Zuckerman
Bertha Fogg
Ida Waxman
Norman Andrus
Robert Smith
Moses N. Maskel
Lucas Barash
Joseph Cantor
Richard Patten
Georgine Samsky
Maria Wasserman

Sister of Paula Bradbard

Mother of John Fogg

Brother of Larry Andrus

Brother of Anna Maskel

Son of Carl & Sue Barash

Mother of Meryl Sloate

On June 27, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Joyce Goodwin Widofsky
Adolf Anschul Laudon

Mother of Eddie Widofsky

Grandfather of Marcia Heneson and

Great Grandfather of Alissa Heneson

Lena Rieder
Barney Schepart
Anna Glassman
Samuel Joseph
Lily Yellen
Howard Kanner
Max Glassman
Doris Yellen

Mother of Abe Glassman

Father of Arnold Joseph

Brother of Judith Fogg

Father of Abe Glassman

SIMCHAS

BIRTHDAYS

Mr. David Finnicum	6/6	Mrs. LuAnn Izraelevitz	6/16	Mr. Jacob Ben-Kiki	6/22
Mr. Arnold Joseph	6/8	Leesa Wallace	6/17	Mrs. Barbara Klein	6/22
Mrs. Amy Paterson	6/8	Mrs. Christine Brouillard	6/19	Mrs. Jeannine Cohen	6/24
Mrs. Carol Bettigole	6/9	Mr. William Keegan	6/20	Mr. William Reveley	6/26
Dr. Frederick Daniels	6/12	Mrs. Nicole Bolduc	6/21	Alexandra Carey	6/27

ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen Clouser	6/3	Leonard & Marlene Auster	6/15
Ceil Gersten	6/6	Robert & Maxine Greenberg	6/19
Jeff & Stephanie Levin	6/7	Albert & Barbara Klein	6/22
Barbara Dworsky	6/9	Ed & Deborah Luria	6/22
Frederick & Vicki Daniels	6/10	Michael & Barbara Brezel	6/25
Jesse & Emily Breither	6/13	Neil & Jessica Patterson	6/27

TORAH PORTIONS

Parashat Nasso [Numbers 4:21-7:89](#) Naso ("Take A Census"), the longest portion in the Torah, opens by detailing responsibilities of the Levites. It also describes laws of a woman suspected of adultery (sotah), the Nazirite, and the priestly blessing. The portion ends by listing the gifts that heads of tribes bring to the Mishkan (Tabernacle).

Parashat Beha'alotcha [Numbers 8:1-12:16](#) Beha'alotekha ("When You Raise") opens with God instructing Moses to inaugurate the Levites for service in the Mishkan (Tabernacle). It also recounts the stories of people who request a second chance to offer the Passover sacrifice, complaints of the Israelites and their punishments, and a disease that affects Miriam.

Parashat Sh'lach [Numbers 13:1-15:41](#) Shelach ("Send") tells the story of Israelite spies journeying into Canaan, the negative report they bring back, and the resulting punishment decreed upon the Israelites: to wander and die in the desert over forty years. It ends with laws about sacrifices, the story of a man who desecrates Shabbat, and the commandment to wear ritual fringes.

Parashat Korach [Numbers 16:1-18:32](#) Parashat Korach recounts the rebellion of Korach (a cousin of Moses and Aaron), Dathan, Abiram, and 250 of their followers. Some rebels are swallowed by the ground, while others are consumed by a fire from God and others die in a plague. The portion ends by describing gifts given to priests and Levites

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In case of an emergency and you are in need of Clergy, please contact Temple office at admin@tbhsw.org, or by phone, 860.282.8466. In the event the office cannot be reached, contact our President, Jeff Levin, at jlevin@tbhsw.org

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **June 25, 2025**. Please forward all e-mailed materials to Admin@tbhsw.org AND to the entire Communications Committee at communications@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 7 p.m.**

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- ▶ Go to the Temple's website: www.TBHSW.org and scroll down.
- ▶ Go to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TBHSW

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