

HILLEL HAPPENINGS

Welcome Cantor Talya Smilowitz



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I'm truly excited to begin my new position at Temple Beth Hillel this summer! As I step into this new chapter, I so look forward to meeting each of you—learning your names, hearing your stories, and starting this meaningful journey together as a community.

There's a beautiful teaching from Pirkei Avot that has been on my mind and in my heart as I begin my role as your spiritual leader: "Who is honored?

One who honors others" — *כי מי יִכְבֵּד? הוּא הַכֹּבֵד אֶת הַבְּרִיּוֹת (אבות ד:א).*

To me, this isn't just about respect; it's about the way we show up for each other with genuine care and kindness. It's about creating a space where everyone feels seen, heard, and valued for exactly who they are. I believe that when we lift each other up with honor and compassion, we build a community filled with warmth and strength—one to carry us through challenges and celebrate our joys together.

I'm so grateful for the opportunity to be part of this sacred work with you all, and I look forward to growing together in spirit, friendship, and shared purpose. Here's to a season of connection, inspiration, and new beginnings!

Shalom, Cantor Talya

Join us at Temple Beth Hillel this Friday, July 4th at 7 p.m. as Cantor Talya leads Shabbat services from our bimah for the first time!

See page 3 for Shabbat Dinner sign-up.

The President's Corner

Dear TBH Family and Friends,

As we step into the heart of summer, I'm thrilled to welcome Cantor Talya Smilowitz to Temple Beth Hillel. Cantor Talya brings not only a beautiful voice and musical talent but also a warmth, spirit, and passion for Jewish life that I know will be a blessing to our congregation. I hope you will take the time to introduce yourself, attend a service, and experience her energy and presence firsthand.

I also want to thank you for trusting me to lead our congregation as President. It is truly humbling to serve this community that my family and I care so deeply about. As I take on this responsibility, I am continually inspired by the strength, resilience, and kindness that define TBH. Our past has been rich with meaningful connection, thoughtful worship, and collective support—and our future holds even greater potential.

The continued success of Temple Beth Hillel isn't dependent on one person or one program. It takes all of us. Every member plays a part in keeping our community vibrant, welcoming, and strong. Whether it's through attending services, volunteering your time, sharing your talents, or simply reaching out to a fellow congregant, your involvement matters.

As we begin this new chapter together—with new spiritual leadership and renewed purpose—I encourage each of you to find a way to be an active participant in our shared community. Ask yourself: "What can I do to help our synagogue grow?" No act is too small, and every effort brings us closer to being the kind of kehillah kedoshah—a holy community—we aspire to be.

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful summer.

Warmly,
Michael Skott
President, Temple Beth Hillel

Membership Committee

What an exciting time to be a member of Temple Beth Hillel! As you are reading this, Cantor Talya is officially here and we are enthusiastically preparing for this new chapter in our history. The membership committee recognizes the opportunities ahead of us as word spreads regarding Cantor Talya's spiritual and musical gifts and we hope you will consider joining the membership committee to help us grow our TBH family. Please contact Membership Chair Donna Gittleman, donnagittleman37@gmail.com, with any questions about the work of this critical committee that is so vital for our growth!

TEMPLE BETH HILLEL

Shabbat Dinner to Welcome Cantor Talya

JOIN US FOR DINNER BEFORE OUR FIRST
FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT SERVICE WITH
CANTOR TALYA

[Click here to sign](#)
[up to bring an](#)
[item for dinner!](#)

5:30 p.m.

July 4th, 2025

Hope you can join us!

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS – July 2025

URGENT NEED FOR FOOD for Our Little Free 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 Cantor Talya's July 4th first service and other services, special programs, and other times. **Right now, we especially need breakfast cereal, pasta, sauce, canned vegetables/fruit. We always seek** canned spaghetti & meat balls, ravioli, canned tuna or chicken, canned fruits/vegs, rice, flour, coffee, and peanut butter/jelly.



Special Thanks to the Maltz Family for Donating a Wagon to make it easier for volunteers to transport the food from the Temple to the outdoor pantry.

SEEKING 1 to 2 VOLUNTEERS IN OCTOBER & DECEMBER TO RESTOCK Our Little Free Pantry

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 October or December, go to:

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

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



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, July 23 at 7 p.m. (virtually)

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

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

Religious School Update

Click the flyer to register for TBH Religious School!!!

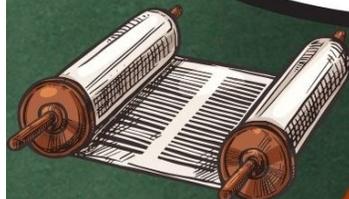


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NOW OPEN!

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AT TEMPLE BETH HILLEL

REGISTER NOW

CLASSES BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 7. 2025
QUESTIONS?
CONTACT
RSC@TBHSW.ORG



KITCHEN MITZVAH!



An amazing team of kitchen helpers descended on our Temple kitchen recently, cleaning, organizing and inventorying. When you see Sally Goodman, Karen Donn, Amy Healy, Nicole Bolduc, Lilah Bolduc, Laurie Zimmerman and Marla Adelsberger, **please thank them for their efforts!**

A special thank you to Alan Gittleman for his continued maintenance and repairs at TBH!

TBH MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

A reminder to members of Temple Beth Hillel that we are coming to the end of our fiscal year, and it is important that we reconcile our accounts going into the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Please review your most recent invoice from TBH (if you receive them by email but you have not seen one, please check your Spam folder) to ensure that you are able to pay your balances ASAP.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Sam in the office, or to me if you are requesting a new abatement (*not in a current abatement agreement*). We are all looking forward to kicking off the new year with our wonderful Cantor Talya leading our congregation with her energy and magnificent voice! Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Karen Donn, Receipts Treasurer and Abatement Committee Chair

kdonn@tbhsw.org

Click or scan the flyer below to register for Trivia at TBH on Saturday, July 19!



Saturday, July 19

7pm Doors Open - 7:30 pm Trivia

Temple Beth Hillel

20 Baker Ln. in South Windsor

PRIZES - SNACKS - MORE

Temple Members \$15 Non-Members \$20

**ALL MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE TO ATTEND
NO WALK-INS ON EVENT NIGHT**

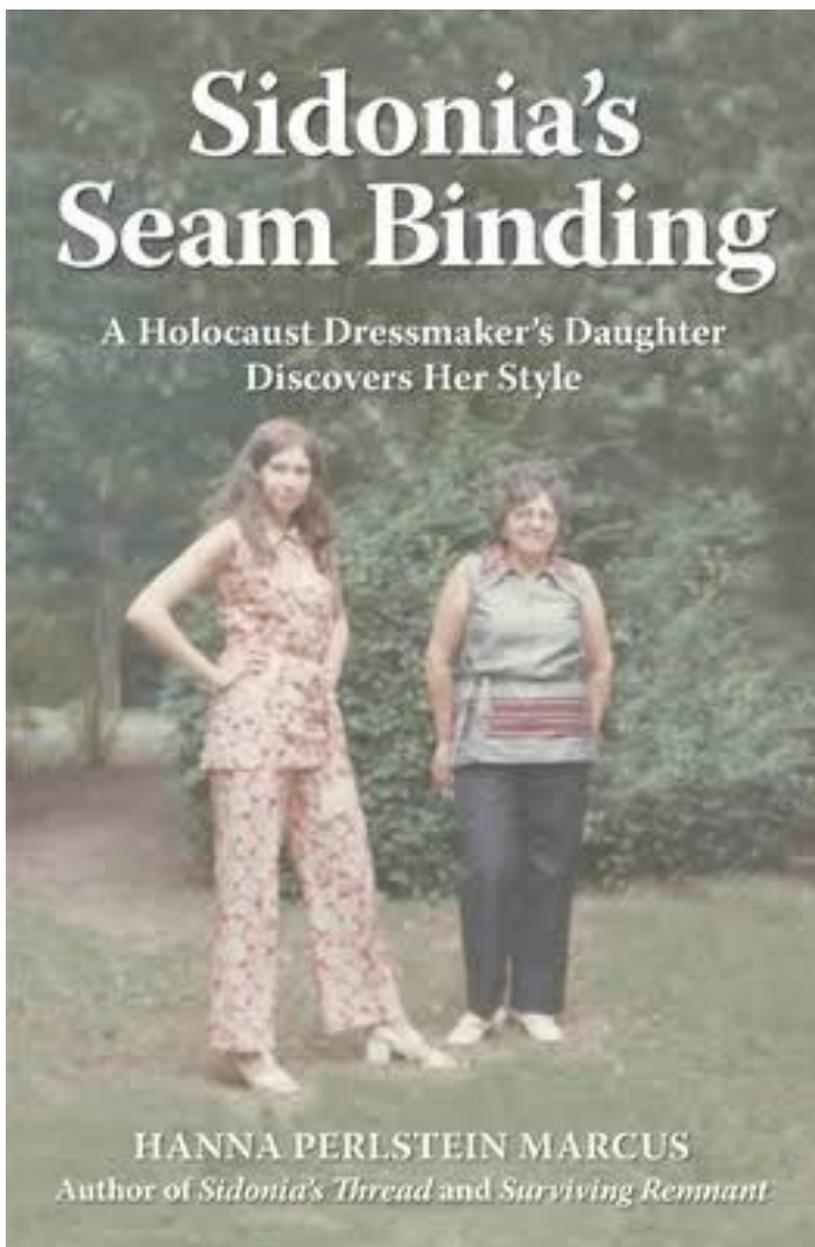
**TO REGISTER, scan QR code below
or call Temple office (860) 282-8466**



TBH BOOK CLUB

The next TBH Book Club meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 8 at 1 p.m. at Temple.**

We will be reviewing *Sidonia's Seam Binding*, by Hanna Perlstein Marcus. Come join us! All are welcome.



Upcoming

Meetings

7/2
Executive
Committee
7 p.m.

7/10
Board of
Trustees
7 p.m.

7/15
Membership
Committee
7 p.m.

7/21
Development
Committee
7 p.m.

7/22
Religious Practices
Committee
7 p.m.

7/23
Social Action
Gathering
(virtual)
7 p.m.



Friends of TBH will meet for a meal on **Wednesday, July 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Lena's Restaurant,** 655 John Fitch Blvd in South Windsor.

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.



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.

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

For more information:
contact Marcus Fink,
Communications Manager
at marcus@jtconnect.org

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In memory of Jonathan Gerlis, Uncle of Nancy Gordon

Nancy Gordon

In memory of Esther Gerlis, Grandmother of Nancy Gordon

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Judy Fogg

In memory of Howard Kanner, Brother of Judy Fogg

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In memory of Milton Koppel, Uncle of Robert Rodner

YOUTH FUND

Rosalind Cooper

In memory of Theodore Cooper, Husband of Rosalind Cooper

Thank you!!

Yahrzeit Dates

On July 4, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Harry Blutt
Elizabeth Cohen
Obbie Cobbs
Bessie Gruber
Albert Manna, Sr
Shirley Wolkon
Sarah Deneholtz Geller

Grandfather of Mitchell Blutt
Mother of Libby Wallace
Father of Emily Cobbs

Grandfather of Stephen
Mother of Sam Wolkon

On July 11, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Helen Crume
Rose Altman Goldfield
Celia Venerose
Sophie Cramer
Joseph Oken
Esther Pearlstein
Rose Gordon
Mortimer Tuber
Esther Gerlis
Milton Koppel
Steve Berman
Samuel Katz
Barbara Haber

Mother of Angelica Hoffman
Sister-in-law of Lillian Altman

Grandfather of Emily Breither
Grandmother of Nancy Gordon
Uncle of Bob Rodner
Husband of Marion Berman
Father-in-law of Joyce Katz

On July 18, we observe the yahrzeit of:

George Bettigole
Wesley Burns Gilbert
Ted Cooper
Cindy Ruth Feldman
Howard Schepary
Sylvia Ruchin Snyder
Martin Stillman
Jonathan Gerlis
Joseph Goldberg
Rose Goldberg
Jacob Guttman
Herbert Liebman
Myron Alpert
Richard (Dick) Grigorian
Joseph Ratner

Father of Scott Bettigole

Husband of Roz Cooper
Sister of Marion Berman

Mother of Gary Ruchin

Uncle of Nancy Gordon
Father of Carol Guttman
Mother of Carol Guttman
Father of Richard Guttman
Father of Howard Liebman

On July 25, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Edward Klein
Marcia Frank
Jacob Gruber
Al Tulcin
Louis Goldman
Myrtle Hart
Joseph Krauskoff
Weber Samuel Matthew
Anna Berson
Mabel Scharr
Regina Mitnick

Father of Al Klein
Sister of Dana

Brother of Judy Bogatz

Mother of Carol Hart
Father of Joanna
Son of Melissa Weber

Mother of Terry Kurtzman
Mother of Jonathan Mitnick

SIMCHAS

BIRTHDAYS

Mrs. Margo Blutt	7/1	Ms. Hollace Juster	7/10	Ms. Judith Bogatz	7/19
Marla Adelsberger	7/2	Mrs. Marcia Heneson	7/11	Ms. Joanna Skelskie	7/19
Mrs. Ceil Gersten	7/4	Mrs. Lara Cote	7/12	Mr. Alexander Lassman	7/24
Mrs. Barbara Brezel	7/6	Mrs. Carol Baron	7/14	Mr. Stephen Brouillard	7/28
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Mrs. Carole Guttman	7/10	Mrs. Terry Kurtzman	7/18	Ms. Harriet Mindlin	7/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Sherry Skott	7/6	Frank Luena & Joyce Ben-Kiki	7/27
William & Kristen Keegan	7/13	Kevin & Angelica Hoffman	7/28
Mark & Meryl Sloate	7/24		

TORAH PORTIONS

Parashat Chukat [Numbers 19:1-22:1](#) Chukat (“Law Of”) opens by describing the process of burning the red heifer and using its ashes for purification. It also tells the stories of the deaths of Miriam and Aaron, Moses’ striking of a rock to bring forth water, a plague of venomous snakes, and battles against the Emorite kings Sihon and Og.

Parashat Balak [Numbers 22:2-25:9](#) Balak tells the story of the Moabite king Balak, who hires Balaam to curse the Israelites. Balaam’s donkey speaks along the way, and Balaam ends up blessing the Israelites. The portion ends with a story about Israelite men sinning with Moabite women and the stabbing of an Israelite and a Midianite.

Parashat Pinchas [Numbers 25:10-30:1](#) Pinchas opens with God’s promise of a “covenant of peace” for the zealot Pinchas, followed by a census. The daughters of Tzelofchad request and receive new laws regarding inheritance. God instructs Moses to prepare Joshua for leadership, and God describes sacrifices brought daily and on special occasions.

Parashat Matot-Masei [Numbers 30:2-36:13](#), [28:9-15](#) Matot (“Tribes”) opens with laws about vows, and continues to describe the Israelites’ war against the Midianites and the allocation of spoils. The tribes of Reuben and Gad request to dwell outside of the Land of Israel, and Moses acquiesces on the condition that they help conquer it. Masei (“Travels”), the final Torah portion in the Book of Numbers, opens with a list of places that the Israelites traveled in the desert. God commands the Israelites to destroy idolatry in the Land of Israel, outlines Israel’s boundaries, and details the laws of cities of refuge for accidental killers.

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Office hours are 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

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, Michael Skott, at mkskott@tbhsw.org

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **July 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 our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TBHSW

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