



HILLEL HAPPENINGS

Welcome Cantor Talya Smilowitz



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Dear Temple Beth Hillel Family,

As we approach Tisha B'Av, the saddest day on the Jewish calendar, we take time to remember the many heartbreaks that have marked our history—the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem, the exile from our homeland, and so many other moments of loss and suffering throughout the generations.

But Tisha B'Av is not only about looking back. It's also about looking inward—and forward. The rabbis taught that the Second Temple was destroyed because of sinat chinam, baseless hatred amongst the Jewish people. That painful truth still resonates today. We live in a time when divisions—within communities, families, and even within ourselves—can feel stronger than what unites us.

And yet, each one of us has the power to help repair that brokenness.

This Tisha B'Av, I encourage all of us to reflect not just on what was lost, but on what we can do now to create more compassion, understanding, and connection in our everyday lives. How do we speak to each other? How do we listen? How do we show up—for people who are different from us, who think differently, who live differently?

These small moments matter. They ripple outward. And they have the power to bring healing and unity in a world that so desperately needs it.

Our tradition teaches that from the deepest sorrow can come great strength. May this day remind us that we are part of something bigger—and that we each have a role in helping shape a future grounded in empathy, justice, and peace.

May we all open our hearts more and have the ability for self reflection and renewal.

With warmth and blessings,
Cantor Talya

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Dear Temple Beth Hillel Family,

There's something in the air at TBH this summer—something joyful, uplifting, and contagious. Over the past few weeks, I've felt a renewed spirit and increased enthusiasm from our members during services. Whether it's Friday night or a special gathering, there's an energy in our sanctuary and social hall that reminds me why our community is so special. It's not just about attending services—it's about belonging, connecting, and celebrating together.

One of the brightest sources of this renewed energy has been Cantor Talya. Her spirit, warmth, and musical leadership have brought such joy and inspiration to our congregation. Whether she is leading us in prayer, teaching our students, or connecting with members one-on-one, her presence has lifted us all. We are so fortunate to have her with us, and the response from the community has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic.

Speaking of celebrating, our recent Trivia Night was a shining example of what makes TBH so vibrant. It was a night full of laughter, friendly competition, and meaningful connection. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the amazing group who helped coordinate the evening—and a special shout-out to Eddie Widofsky for masterfully running the trivia game. The event was incredibly well-attended, and it was clear that everyone had a fantastic time. These events remind us that community can be built not just through prayer and study, but also through joy and shared experiences.

Looking ahead, I'm excited for our upcoming *Shabbat Under the Stars* on Friday, August 15. It's one of our most beautiful traditions—gathering under the evening sky to welcome Shabbat with song, prayer, and community. I hope to see many of you there as we continue to find new ways to come together and create meaningful moments.

As we enjoy the rest of summer, we also begin to prepare for the High Holy Days in September. These sacred days give us the opportunity to reflect, reset, and recommit ourselves to living with intention and purpose. Behind the scenes, extensive and thoughtful work is already underway to ensure our services and programs will be meaningful and welcoming for all. Whether you attend every week or only a few times a year, I hope you'll join us for this powerful season of renewal.

Thank you for being part of this community. Thank you for showing up—with your time, your spirit, and your support. TBH thrives because of each and every one of you.

L'Shalom,
Michael Skott
President, Temple Beth Hillel



UPDATE ON HANDS ON HARTFORD'S "WELCOME HOME" PROJECT

Over the past two months weeks, Temple members delivered to Hartford the first six *Welcome Home* packages we assembled for people who previously experienced homelessness and now are moving into their own apartments.

Each package was filled with filled with over 30 essential household items that were donated by Temple members and carefully sorted by our Social Action volunteers.

A number of remaining household items are in the Temple's Social Action room, and we will notify all members when our next *Welcome Home* collection kicks off.



Remember: We Collect PERSONAL TOILETRIES for Hands On Hartford All Year Round!



Community Threads Thrift Shoppe Accepts Clothing & Household Items

Did you know that **MACC Charities** -- one of our TBH Partners – accepts high-quality gently used clothing and small household goods at its **Community Threads Thrift Shoppe** where it provides at low or no cost merchandise to its neighbors in need? ***And you can drive the items to 460 Main St. in Manchester.*** The nonprofit organization welcomes donations of household goods, clothing, and other items, and you can drop off yourself – but call first at 860-647-8003, ext. 129 to ask when it's best to come drop off. Proceeds from sales at the shop support the many important community outreach services provided by MACC Charities that include its Emergency Food Pantry, Community Kitchen, and more. www.macc-ct.org

ONGOING NEED FOR FOOD for Our Little Free Pantry!



Our Temple's outdoor Little Free Pantry stocks nonperishable food items all year round. To help, consider donating an item for our lobby baskets when you come to Temple for services, special programs, and other times. 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.

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Religious School Update

Registration is now open for the 2025-26 school year click [HERE](#) We Look forward to new and returning students. See you in the Fall!



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NOW OPEN!**

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**CLASSES BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 7. 2025**

**QUESTIONS?
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Please join us at Temple Beth Hillel on **Friday, August 15 at 7 p.m.**
for Shabbat Under the Stars.

Bring a chair and some bug spray, and get ready to sing!

This service might look different from previous outdoor services, including more singing and less reliance on books. If you have any suggestions for songs that you've missed, please reach out to RPC chair Emily Cobbs at ecobbs@tbhsw.org, or Cantor Talya

Let's Celebrate a Successful Trivia Night!!!!!!

With nearly 60 people in attendance, everyone had a GREAT time!

Thank you to all of our hardworking members who helped make this night lots of fun:

Phil Maltz and Dan That for Security detail;

Dan That for setting up additional tables and for organizing other set up details;

Sarah Kaprove and Marla Adelsberger for registration and payment processing;

Adam Kaprove for technical assistance with registration and payment;

Eddie Widofsky who did a wonderful job as Master of Ceremonies;

Laura Soll-Broxterman as Eddie's able assistant and publicity specialist extraordinaire;

Mike Skott for sound technician responsibilities;

Sherry and Mike Skott for donating Lego sets as prizes and soliciting other gifts as prizes;

Marla Adelsberger, Nancy Gordon, Alecia Goldfarb, and Sherry Skott for preparing, setting up and cleaning up the delightful food;

Macy and Asher Widofsky for help with set up and clean up;

Helena Friedman and the amazing Development Committee and Trivia Night Committee members for brainstorming and support; and

Everyone who came to the event and brought friends and family.

(Apologies to anyone we missed)

It certainly takes a village... We will hold more fun game night events in the future.



Planning Ahead for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur

As in previous years, we will be distributing to all TBH members jars of honey together with a congregational holiday card. Of course, the primary purpose of this gift is to wish everyone a sweet New Year, but It is also a fundraiser.

We hope that a few generous people will underwrite the cost of purchasing the honey and printing the cards. Last year, the cost was \$565 and we expect the cost to be the same this year. Please speak with Sam in the office or to Helena Friedman (860-478-6188 or helena.friedman@gmail.com) about how you can help to cover the cost of the honey and printing.

We would like everyone to donate \$18 to include their name on the TBH New Year card. This is a card that all members of the congregation will receive.

Putting your name on the New Year card is one easy way to show your support for our temple, to share good wishes with all of our members, and to secure our Jewish tomorrows in South Windsor.

Please advise our wonderful office administrator, Sam, of how you would like your names listed on the card by using the form below. You may pay the \$18 by cash, check or credit card. A link to pay by credit card is also included, below.

A second very important holiday tradition is the Yizkor Book. This book is distributed to all attendees of the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur. Those of us who would like to memorialize family members have the opportunity to enter their loved ones' names into the Yizkor book. On the next page of this newsletter, Marcia Heneson will provide the information on the cost of and information on how to enter names in the Yizkor book. The Yizkor book is also an important way to benefit TBH.



Temple Beth Hillel Memorial Book

Deadline for Participation: Monday, September 8th

The TBH Memorial Book will be distributed at our Yizkor Service during Yom Kippur. Every Memorial Plaque in the sanctuary is included along with the family boxes. If you do not attend this service, you can pick up a copy of the book at the Temple office after the holidays.

If you ordered a family box last year, I'll email the list of names that appeared in the Memorial Book last year. If you wish to renew your box, please email your confirmation to mheneson@gmail.com or text 860-306-5238. Please let me know if you wish to repeat the same information, add additional names, or change anything in your family box.

If you want to create a new family box this year, please send me a list of the names you wish to remember and how you would like your name(s) to appear. (Example – Remembered by: Alissa and Marcia Heneson or The Heneson Family). Send your list to mheneson@gmail.com or mail the completed form below to the office.

Please send payment of \$10 per name if you have one or two names to remember. (They will appear in a list.), or \$36 per family box to TBH, 20 Baker Lane, South Windsor, CT 06074. Indicate that this payment is for the Memorial Book. Call Sam, our administrative assistant, at 860-282-8466 if you wish to pay by credit card.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Heneson at mheneson@gmail.com or call/text her at 860-306-5238.

Include the form below if you want to create a family memorial box and prefer to send a print copy to the office instead of communicating by email. Please print legibly.

- Each family box and the list of individual names will be preceded by: "In Loving Memory."
- Please indicate how you wish to be listed following "Remembered By."
(Ex. *The Heneson Family; Marcia Heneson & Family; or Marcia, Alissa, & Drew Heneson*).

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:
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 Communications Manager
 at marcus@jtconnect.org

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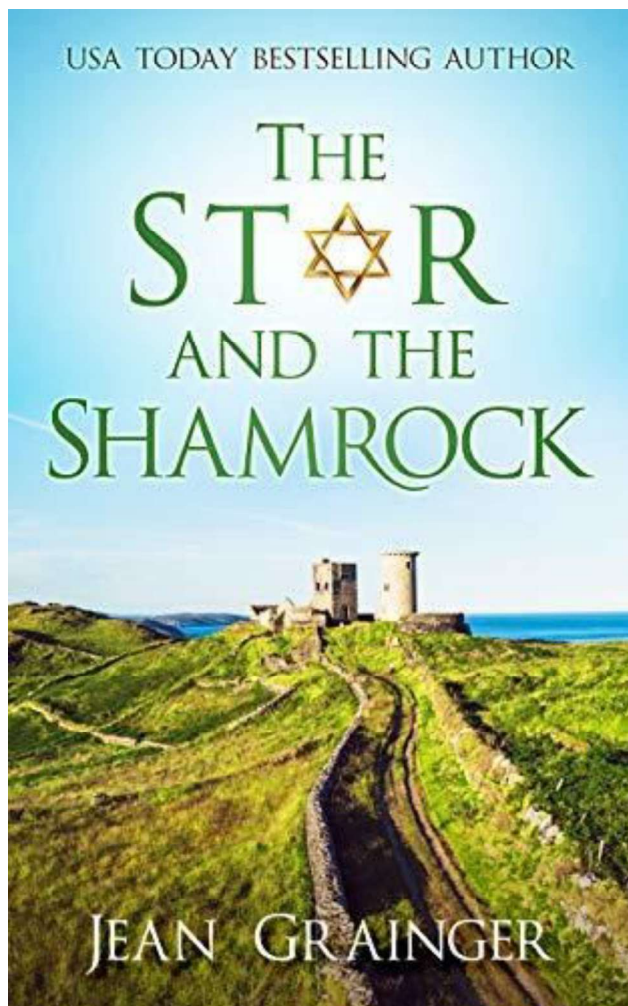
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TBH BOOK CLUB

The next TBH Book Club meeting will be held on

Tuesday, August 12 at 1 p.m. at Temple.

We will be reviewing *The Star and The Shamrock*, by Jean Grainger. Come join us! All are welcome.



TBH Dinner with Friends



Friends of TBH will meet for a meal on
Wednesday, August 13 at 5:30 p.m. at
The Nutmeg Restaurant,
 397 SOUTH MAIN STREET, EAST WINDSOR
 06088 (Route 5)

Upcoming

Meetings

8/4

Finance
Committee
7 p.m.

8/6

Executive
Committee
7 p.m.

8/14

Board of
Trustees
7 p.m.

8/17

Men's Club
Meeting
9:30 a.m.

8/20

Social Action
Gathering
7 p.m.

8/26

Religious Practices
Committee
7 p.m.

*For additional
meetings,*

please go to
www.tbhsw.org

DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Barbara Dworsky
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 Stanley Goldberg
 Leonard & Marlene Auster
 Sherry Lawrence
 Joel & Marilyn Davidson
 Laura H Turshen
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 Frances Factor
 Ben & Libby Wallace
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 Phyllis Green

In memory of Marcia Andrus, Wife of Lawrence Andrus
 In memory of Jacob Guttman, Father of Richard Guttman
 In memory of Rose Goldberg, Mother of Carole Guttman
 In memory of Joseph Goldberg, Father of Carole Guttman
 In memory of Leonard Lauder, step-father of Jeff Glickman
 Welcome to Cantor Talya
 In honor of Cantor Talya
 In memory of Marcia Andrus, Wife of Larry Andrus
 In memory of Marcia Andrus, Wife of Larry Andrus
 In memory of Ida Silver, Mother of Stanley Silver
 In memory of Lillian Bolotin, Mother of Frances Factor
 In support of Temple Beth Hillel
 In memory of Abe J Dworsky, Father-In-Law of Barbara Dworsky
 In honor of Cantor Talya's arrival
 In memory of Leonard Lauder
 In memory of Blanche Green, Mother-In-Law of Phyllis Green

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Susan Simons

In memory of Leonard Lauder, Husband of Judy Glickman
 Lauder

HOSPITALITY FUND

Marcia Heneson
 Marcia Heneson
 Marla & Peter Adelsberger

In memory of Paula Dunn, Mother of Marcia Heneson
 Supporting TBH kitchen clean-up and restocking efforts
 In memory of Alexander Levin, Grandfather of Marla Adelsberger

CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUND

Leonard & Marlene Auster
 Roland Rychling
 Joyce Ben-Kiki
 Sally Goodman
 Robert Rodner

Welcome to Cantor Talya
 In memory of Dora Joseph, Mother of Rose Rychling
 In memory of Harry Silverman, Father of Joyce Ben-Kiki
 Welcome to Cantor Talya & Thank you for a lovely service
 In memory of Carol Koppel, Aunt of Robert Rodner

RETIRE THE MORTGAGE FUND

Susan & Gary Ruchin
 Janet Lassman

In memory of Sylvia Snyder Ruchin, Mother of Gary Ruchin
 In memory of Marcia Andrus, Wife of Larry Andrus

Yahrzeit Dates

On August 1, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Lilian Tuber
 Adolph Feinberg
 Rita Kalman-Block
 Dora Joseph
 Dorothy Steinberg
 Benjamin Ertman
 Louis Friedman
 Jacob Kozlin
 Norman Yellin
 Irv Kurtzman
 David Raymond Pearl
 Sarah Ravis Levin
 Sarah Shook
 Carol Zuckert

Grandmother of Emily Breither

Mother of Barbara Klein
 Mother of Arnold Joseph
 Mother of Howard Steinberg

Brother of Lillian Altman
 Husband of Terry Kurtzman
 Father-in-Law of Ana Pearl
 Grandmother of Marla Adelsberger
 Mother of Herb Shook
 Sister of Pam Steinberg

On August 8, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Mary Friedman Banner
 David Bernstein
 Samuel Davidson
 Harry Silverman
 Sadie Fineman Wood
 Paul Block
 Selma Gordon
 Asne Israelewich
 Lillian Bolotin
 Goldie Greenberg Rosengarten
 Joan Rivlin
 Saul I. Meiner
 Abe J. Dworsky
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 Joseph Stein
 Rebecca Steinberg
 Ruth Steinman

Father of Dick Bernstein
 Father of Joel Davidson
 Father of Joyce Ben-Kiki

Mother of Nancy Gordon
 Grandmother of Gabe Izraelevitz
 Mother of Frances Factor
 Mother of Bob Greenberg
 Mother of Michele Karasik
 Uncle of Sally Meyers Goodman
 Father of Alan Dworsky
 Mother of Judy Melocowsky

Grandmother of Laurie Zimmerman

On August 15, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Rita Pokroisky
 Paula Dunn

 Paul D. Landerman
 Felicia Michelis
 Ida Silver
 Blanche Green
 Bernice Berg Haskell
 Carol Koppel
 Alexander Levin
 Samuel Bloom
 Esther Kurtzman
 Jack Levin
 Nellie Sisitzky

Aunt of Bev Finnicum
 Mother of Marcia Heneson,
 Grandmother of Alissa Heneson
 Father of Maxine Croteau
 Grandmother of Gabe Izraelevitz
 Mother of Stan Silver
 Mother of Ted Green

Aunt of Bob Rodner
 Grandfather of Marla Adelsberger

Mother of Irv Kurtzman

YAHARZEIT DATES CONTINUED...

On August 22, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Rose Rosen
Milton Silverman
William Gere
Suzette Marla Cooper
Jean Weiss
Louis Zuckert
Irving Greenberg
Hannah Kernberg
Aura Nasher
Evelyn Herlick
Leo Lowell
Esther Weinstein

Mother of Stuart Rosen
Father of Jody Lefkowitz

Daughter of Rosalind Cooper

Father of Pam Steinberg

Mother of Judy Melocowsky

On August 29, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Dorothy Schiff
Tracy Ganson
Henry Idelkope
Herman Maskel
Ida Cohen
Faiga Etta Furman
Anita Sirota Waksman
Paul Steven Jainchill
Florence Spagnoli
Joseph Vigdor
Ertman Abraham William
Emilio Luena Jr.
Myra Bernstein
Irving Greenberg
Emma Glazer Katz
Julia Maskel
Rabbi Marvin H. Radler

Cousin of Marcia & Larry Andrus

Brother of Anna Maskel
Mother of Sonia Cohen

Mother of Lawrence Waksman

Brother of Frank Luena
Grandmother of Eric Bernstein

Mother of Marjorie Swank
Father-in-Law to Mindy Lu Radler Glickman



TBH is starting a Chesed Committee

a group dedicated to performing acts of loving-kindness (chesed means loving-kindness in Hebrew) within the community. The committee's mission is to support congregants during times of need, joy, or transition. I think this type of committee is needed in any community and why not create one within our own. Judy Scott has agreed to lead the way. Please contact Judy, the Temple office, or Cantor Talya to volunteer or learn more!

SIMCHAS

BIRTHDAYS

Nichole Senelick	8/1	Rabbi Jeff Glickman	8/10	Bonnie Bercowetz	8/17
Angelica Hoffman	8/3	David Thoman	8/10	Michael Brezel	8/18
Frank Luena	8/4	Bob Greenberg	8/13	Jess Patterson	8/23
Neil Patterson	8/4	John Baron	8/14	Maxine Greenberg	8/31
Emily Breither	8/9	Michael Wernick	8/14	Jody Lefkowitz	8/31
Beverly Finnicum	8/9	Timothy Cote	8/15		

ANNIVERSARIES

Lawrence & Marcia Andrus	8/12	Alan & Donna Gittleman	8/26
Roger & Teri Parrott	8/14	Bruce & Laurie Zimmerman	8/28
Eddie and Macy Widofsky	8/20	Jared & Nichole Senelick	8/30
Rabbi Steven & Leah Chatinover	8/22	David & Beverly Finnicum	8/31

TORAH PORTIONS

Parashat Devarim [Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22](#) Devarim ("Words") is the first Torah portion in the Book of Deuteronomy, the final book of the Torah. In it, Moses recounts events from the Israelites' travels in the desert, like the appointment of judges, the sin of the spies, and the wars with the Emorite kings Sihon and Og.

Parashat Vaetchanan [Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11](#) Vaetchanan ("I Pleaded") opens as Moses describes his pleading with God to be allowed into the Land of Israel. Moses warns the Israelites not to pursue idolatry and recounts the giving of the Ten Commandments. The portion also contains the Shema, a declaration of faith and a central text in Jewish prayer.

Parashat Eikev [Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25](#) In Eikev ("As a Result"), Moses recounts events that happened in the desert, including the manna, the golden calf, and Aaron's death. Moses describes the blessings God will bestow upon the Israelites if they follow God's law and the punishments they will encounter if they disobey.

Parashat Re'eh [Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17](#) Re'eh ("See") details a series of laws in advance of the Israelites' entrance into the Land of Israel. These include the obligation to destroy idolatry, laws of tithing and charity, dietary laws, holiday laws, and the prohibition of offering sacrifices outside of the place designated by God.

Parashat Shoftim [Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9](#) Shoftim ("Judges") discusses guidelines of leadership, opening with a command to appoint judges and continuing to detail laws of kings, priests, and prophets. It also describes laws relating to cities of refuge for accidental killers, false witnesses, warfare, and the rite performed in a case of unsolved murder.

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The deadline for the next Bulletin is **August 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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