



HILLEL HAPPENINGS

Cantor Talya Smilowitz



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Dear Friends,

Tomorrow night, we enter Yom Kippur, the holiest day of our year. I'm always moved by how the music of this day carries us — how one note can open our hearts and how our voices, joined together, remind us that no one is alone. Yom Kippur asks us to reflect, to forgive, and to let go, but it also gives us the gift of starting fresh, with more kindness, more hope, and more compassion.

And right after Yom Kippur, we move straight into Sukkot — a complete shift of spirit. From solemnity to joy, from fasting to feasting. I'm really looking forward to seeing you in our temple sukkah, where we'll celebrate under the branches and stars, sing together, and remind ourselves how even in life's fragile shelters, joy and gratitude can thrive.

Wishing you a meaningful fast and a joyful festival ahead.

Blessings for a sweet and healthy New Year.

G'mar Chatima Tova!

Cantor Talya, Cantortalya@tbhsw.org

The President's Corner

It Takes All of Us – A Message for 5786

L'Shana Tova! As we begin the year 5786, I find myself reflecting on how far we've come as a community. Five years ago, during the High Holy Days of 2020, I delivered our annual appeal alone in the sanctuary, walking backwards through the building on Zoom—hoping, praying, that one day we'd fill this sacred space again.

And this year — we did.

Being together reminds me of one simple truth: It takes all of us. It takes all of us to build community, to show up, to support one another in moments of joy and sorrow. TBH is more than a building—it's a home where we share time, values, and purpose.

This year marks a new chapter with the official welcome of Cantor Talya Smilowitz, whose leadership and spirit already enrich our congregation. We also thank Rabbinic Student Debra Fricano for helping to lead our Rosh Hashanah services.

Everything we do at TBH—from services and education to social action and support—relies on participation and generosity. Membership dues alone don't sustain us. We continue to uphold our commitment that no one will be turned away due to financial hardship—and that only works because those who can give a little more, do.

So as you consider your High Holy Days pledge, I ask you to look one tab to the right. Every gift— of time, of presence, of financial support—helps keep our community strong.

Together, let's make 5786 a year of belonging, growth, and connection.

L'Shana Tova,
Michael Skott

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee was thrilled to see so many TBH members, and especially to welcome our newest members at Kehilah Connection following Rosh Hashanah services. The renewed excitement and enthusiasm for all things TBH is stronger than ever. We look forward to more wonderful events to share with our community and encourage you to reach out to your friends and family to join us.

Feel free to contact Donna Gittleman, membership@tbhsw.org

OCTOBER HIGH HOLY DAYS AT TEMPLE BETH HILLEL

EREV YOM KIPPUR – KOL NIDRE – Wednesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR – Thursday, October 2

10:00 a.m. - Services

3:00 p.m. - Torah Study

4:00 p.m. - Afternoon Service with Torah reading

5:00 p.m. - Yizkor

Followed approx. at 6:00 p.m. by Neilah (*Shofar blown after sunset*) concluding with a brief oneg.

SUKKOT – Our TBH Sukkah Hop schedule is on page 6

YIZKOR SERVICE following Sukkot – Tuesday, October 14, 5:30 p.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH & CONSECRATION AT TEMPLE BETH HILLEL

Friday, October 17, 7:00 p.m., as part of our Shabbat service

TASHLICH with Temple Beth Hillel Members

On Rosh Hashanah afternoon, we enjoyed a beautiful Tashlich observance, led by Cantor Talya with Rabbinic student Debra Fricano from the Academy of Jewish Religion NY.



Our HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD COLLECTION TRADITION

Thanks to you who bring non-perishable boxed/canned foods to our lobby baskets
for *Connecticut Foodshare* and our *Temple's Little Free Pantry*
when you come for the High Holy Days and other services.

Also welcome are checks of any amount written to:

Monetary donations allow the organization to
purchase exactly what is needed at the time.



TBH SOCIAL ACTION at the Cornerstone Foundation in Vernon



Todah Rabah to the dedicated TBH members who prepare and serve dinners
on the third Sunday of each month for people in need at the
Cornerstone Foundation's Soup Kitchen in Vernon. In September, 30 individuals and
families enjoyed a Rosh Hashanah dinner featuring delicious brisket and more.

TBH volunteers are always welcome. Contact TBH's Barbara Brezel at
860-416-0875 and learn how to help!



Join TBH's Chesed Committee

One of the core values of Jewish communities around the world is that of loving-kindness and compassion. Our TBH community is no exception. In response, we have established a Chesed committee to support our members through lifecycle events, joys and challenges.

Some of our activities may include meal preparation and distribution for those in need, visiting the sick, and providing rides to synagogue for those who need them. As our committee evolves, our activities and objectives may increase or change.

In addition, our Chesed committee will be conducting programs that focus on wellness for all members.

Our first program was to help us prepare for the High Holy Days through guided meditation, singing bowls, singing voices, discussion, and thought-provoking ideas to set our intentions for the year 5786.

If you, or someone you know, could use support—or if you would like to volunteer to join this committee, please contact Judith Scott, Cantor Talya, or notify Sam Cain at TBH (860) 282-8466/ admin@tbhsw.org

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AN ONEG FOR 2025-2026

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It's Sukkah Hop time! See below for dates, times, and places:

TBH Sukkah Hop Schedule	
Sukkah Hops 2025	Host/Location
Monday, October 6, 6:00pm - 7:00pm	The Kaprove Family
Tuesday, October 7, 6:00 pm - 7:00pm	Religious School at TBH
Wednesday, October 8, 6:00pm - 7:00pm	The Maltz Family
Thursday, October 9, 5:30pm	The Healy Family
Friday, October 10	At TBH after services

Addresses to be shared next week, or please contact the host family for details.

SUKKAH HOP

Thursday, October 9, 5:30pm

Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee
(Families and children very welcome!)

Featuring “Shake, Sing, and Celebrate!”
An informative program led by Cantor Talya

Join us at the Healy family’s home in Suffield
 (address and directions forthcoming)



Religious School Update

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The temple is once again buzzing with activity on Sunday mornings!
Students are learning and praying together, and singing with the Cantor!

Subjects this year include
Torah, Avodah, G'milut Chasadim and Hebrew.

Religious school students are looking forward to decorating the Sukkah

Please make our students' evening special by stopping by to have a snack and make the Sukkot blessings with them!! All are welcome!



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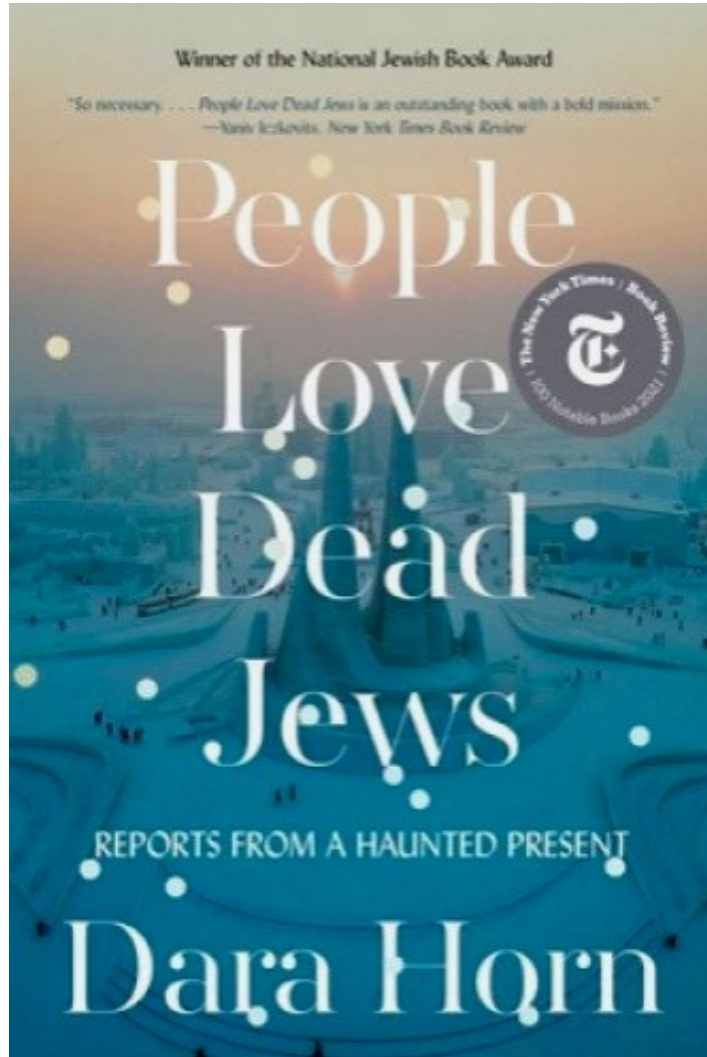
For more information:
contact Marcus Fink,
Communications Manager
at marcus@jtconnect.org

***Scholarships are available**

www.jtconnect.org

TBH BOOK CLUB

The next TBH Book Club meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 14 at 1 p.m. at Temple.** We will be reviewing *People Love Dead Jews*, by Dara Horn. Come join us! All are welcome.



TBH Breakfast with Friends



Friends of TBH will meet for a meal on **Tuesday, October 14 at 10 a.m.** at **Rein's Deli,**
435 HARTFORD TURNPIKE, VERNON

Upcoming Meetings

10/6
Finance
Committee
7 p.m.

10/16
Board of
Trustees
7:00 p.m.

10/19
Men's Club
9:30 a.m.

10/21
Membership
Committee
7 p.m.

10/27
Adult Education
7 p.m.

10/27
Development
Committee
7 p.m.

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

Voices of Hope

is excited to invite you to the

Descendants of the Shoah Speak Up Showcase

*presented in partnership with Matt and
Elysha Dicks of Speak Up Storytelling*

Sunday, November 16th

2:00 PM

Tickets: \$20

West Hartford

(Location provided upon registration)

Featuring:

Helena Friedman	Alyssa Norwood
Estelle Gomolka	Jackie Somberg
Debbie Gritz	Judy Tsafrir
Margo Lowry	



DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Phyllis Green

In memory of Joseph Green, Father-In-Law of Phyllis Green

Gabe & LuAnn Izraelevitz

In memory of Clara Izraelevitz, Mother of Gabe

Jay Fienman

In loving memory of Karen Fienman, Wife of Jay Fienman

Janet Lassman

In memory of Elizabeth Harris, Mother of Janet Lassman

Joel & Gladys Nadel

In memory of Dolores Lustgarten, Sister of Joel Nadel

June Silver

In memory of Albert Reich, Father of June Silver

Barbara Gordon

In memory of Rose Sandhaus, Aunt of Barbara Gordon

Deb Eisenberg

In memory of Alice & Marvin Eisenberg & Judith Rosenfield

Nancy Hilsenrath

Wishing Cantor Talya success and meaningful davening and to be an inspiration to TBH

Len & Marlene Auster

In memory of Ruth Goldsmith, Mother of Marlene Auster

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Barbara & Al Klein

In memory of Ada Klein, Mother of Al Klein

CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUND

Nancy Gordon

In memory of Morris Gerlis, Grandfather of Nancy Gordon

Sherry & Stu Rosen

In memory of Simon Frank, Father of Sherry Rosen

Stu & Sherry Rosen

In memory of Sally-Ann Bardach, Sister of Stu Rosen

Sherry & Stu Rosen

In memory of Betty Frank, Mother of Sherry Rosen

RETIRE THE MORTGAGE FUND

Rosalind Cooper

In memory of Jack Cohen, Father of Rosalind Cooper

MUSIC FUND

Marla & Peter Adelsberger

In memory of Barbara L. Levin, Mother of Marla Adelsberger

FUNDRAISING FUND

Judith Bogatz

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Susan & Gary Ruchin

Honey Money

Karen & Theodore Groenstein

Honey Money

MEN'S CLUB FUND

Sheila Alpert

In memory of Joe Alpert, Husband of Sheila

CHESED COMMITTEE FUND

Anonymous

In support of TBH Chesed Committee

LANDSCAPING FUND

Barbara & Michael Brezel

In memory of Beverly Bursack Freedman, Mother of Barbara Brezel

Barbara & Michael Brezel

In memory of Frida Brezel, Mother of Michael Brezel

Yahrzeit Dates

On October 4, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Erwin Rosenberg
Judith Landsman
Karla Ryvka Precel
Eva Summers
Harriett Freeman
Abraham Goldberg
Alfred Halpern
Dora Wagner
William Cooper
Estelle Covino
Frances Siedman
Gertrude Deckel
Nettie Druckman
Richard Marker
Igor Rose
Henry Grossman
Diane Kurtzman
Mollie Kaplan
Jacob Sommers
Elsie Berson
Rose Blutt
Philip Opinsky
Miriam Ginsburg Rosenbluth
Sally-Ann Bardach
Nathan Lefkowitz
Louis Napoletano
Samuel Shook

Husband of Joanna Skelskie
Niece of Phil Rosenthal
Grandmother of Michael Brezel
Aunt of Janet Lassman
Mother of Harry Freeman
Father of Bob Goldberg
Father of John Halpern
Aunt of Jeanne Belansky
Father of Judy Menaker
Grandmother of Rena Avitabile
Mother of Richard Siedman

Mother of Elaine Cantor
Husband of Ella Marker
Father of Marsha Taback
Grandfather of Mark Grossman
Aunt of Deb Halpern

Mother of Mitchell Blutt

Mother of Rhoda Rittenband
Sister of Stuart Rosen
Father of Alan Lefkowitz
Brother-in-Law of Doug Clouser
Father of Herb Shook

On October 11, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Ernest Gittleman
Rebecca Hagemann
Sarah Klein Miller
Pearl Teller
Ethel Corash
Ada Klein
Edwin Kossoy
Sidney Kraman
Sidney Platteis
Irvin D. Shapiro
Herman Wycoff
Max Denenholtz
Herbert Dickstein
Morris Frumoff
Jacob Galinsky
Jennie Gittleman
Frederick Klein
Isaac Elihu Maskel
Charles Barry Schepart
Selma Weiskopf
Samuel Axler
Miriam Bloom
Beverly Bursack Freedman
Toby Hershcopf
Luba Akerman
Dorothy Tenser
David Hurwit
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Eva Pollicove
Louis Sherry
Mark Weinman
Celia Hyman
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Father of Alan Gittleman
Sister of Doug Clouser

Mother of Barbara Gordon
Mother of Enid Mikulski
Mother of Al Klein
Father of Lynn Welborn
Uncle of Jeffrey Kraman
Father of Alan Platteis
Father of David Shapiro

Father of Howard Dickstein
Grandfather of Marc Kogan

Grandmother of Alan Gittleman

Brother of Anna Maskel

Aunt of Steve Hershcopf
Father of Phillip Axler

Mother of Barbara Brezel
Sister-in-law of Steve Hershcopf
Grandmother of Janna Pichette
Grandmother of Jeff Weinman
Father of Sharna Gordon
Grandfather of Michael Pollack

Brother of Jeff Weinman
Mother-in-law of Rita Hyman
Grandmother of Dana Frank
Mother of Judy Locker

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Yahrzeit Dates Continued...

On October 17, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Albert Reich
Joan Stein
Jack Baskind
Fijwel (Fievel) Mieschonz
Henrietta Rosen
Meyer Danuff
Tillie Goldfarb
Samuel Kavitsky
Louis M. Brezner
Douglas Bunce
Milton Fleishman
Newton Frank
Lawrence Friedman
Edith Nissenblatt
Ruth Sloate
Harriett Taback
David Klein
Dorothy "Dottie" Weiner
Sarah Harris
Libby Krasnow
Barbara L. Levin

Father of June Silver
Wife of Melvin Stein
Father of Stanley Baskind
Grandfather of Sue Weinman
Great Grandmother of Sharon Harris
Grandfather of Eileen Clouser
Grandmother of Lois Wasserman
Father of Bea Grigorian
Father of Amy Olem
Father of Karen Ketainneck

Father of Dana Frank

Mother of Mindy Glickman
Mother of Mark Sloate
Mother of Steven Taback

mother of David Weiner
Grandmother of Cantor Scott Harris
Mother of Jerry Krasnow
Mother of Marla Adelsberger

On October 24, we observe the yahrzeit of:

David Kahn
Dotty Weiner
Kay Moran
Katrel Stoltz
Carol Ann Druckman
Aaron Sisitsky
Wayne C. Leitz
Irene Ratajczak
Jacob Cohen
Abraham Gerlis
Hyasibth Klipstein
Lynn Rubin
Julius Banner
Simon Frank
Ruth Goldsmith
Carolyn Lamb
Frances Schwartz
Esther Slavkin
Egon Woods
Helen Goldon
Morris Kern

Father of Burton Kahn
Wife of Jerry Weiner
Mother of Eileen Ossen

Sister in Law of Elaine Cantor

Son of Harriet Leitz
Mother of Peter Ratajczak
Father of Roz Cooper
Brother of Selma Gordon
Mother of Arnold KI
Mother of Carol Mamlok

Father of Sherry Rosen
Mother of Marlene Auster
Cousin of Jeff Weinman
Mother of Shelley Haslett

Father of Bunny Weitz

Yahrzeit Dates Continued...

On October 31, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Lorraine Ann Berkowitz
 Maurice Fredman
 Benjamin Goodstein
 Elizabeth Harris
 Doris Millstein
 Lee Sarah Rulnick
 Frida P. Brezel
 Fannie Guttman
 Fred Sobel
 Edith Burka
 Louis Gelb
 Elaine Halpern
 Beatrice Frumoff
 Esther Bradbard
 Sophie Blotner Gordon
 Paul Katz
 Ruth Liebman
 Murray Rosen
 Violet Tasman
 Sidney Weiner

brother of Myra Scott
 Father of Henry Goodstein
 Mother of Janet Lassman
 Mother of Eileen Clouser
 Wife of Martin Rulnick
 Mother of Michael Brezel
 Mother of Richard Guttman
 Father of Mark Sobel
 Mother of Risa Brownstein

 Mother of John Halpern
 Grandmother of Marc Kogan
 Grandmother of Beth Penney

 Father of James Katz
 Mother of Howard Liebman
 Father of Stuart Rosen
 Grandmother of Sharon Alexander
 Grandfather of Michael Pollack

SIMCHAS

BIRTHDAYS

Janet Lassman	10/2	Sherry Skott	10/11	Albert Klein	10/26
Donna Waksman	10/8	Jeffrey Kamenetz	10/14	Elizabeth Smith	10/26
Sarah Kaprove	10/10	Jason Chaimovitch	10/22	Theodore Groenstein	10/27
Marilyn Reveley	10/10	Rosalind Cooper	10/24		

ANNIVERSARIES

Brenda Williams	10/4		
John & Deborah Halpern	10/6	Howard & Phyllis Liebman	10/23
Rabbi Alan & Jody Lefkowitz	10/23	Lawrence & Donna Waksman	10/30

TORAH PORTIONS

Parashat Ha'azinu [Deuteronomy 32:1-32:52](#) n Ha'azinu ("Listen") , Moses recites a poem praising God and criticizing the sins of the Israelites. He describes the misfortunes that the Israelites will face and the damage God will ultimately wreak on their oppressors. The portion ends as God commands Moses to ascend Mount Nebo, where he is to die.

Parashat Bereshit [Genesis 1:1-6:8](#) Bereishit ("In the Beginning"), the first parashah in the annual Torah reading cycle, begins with God's creation of the world. The first people, Adam and Eve, eat from the Tree of Knowledge and are banished from the Garden of Eden. Their elder son, Cain, kills their younger son, Abel, and Cain is destined to a life of wandering.

Parashat Noach [Genesis 6:9-11:32](#) Noach ("Noah") begins as God decides to destroy mankind with a flood. At God's command, the righteous Noah builds an ark, where Noah, his family, and select animals survive the flood. Noah's children bear children, and several generations develop. God confounds the speech of people building the Tower of Babel.

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

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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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