



HILLEL HAPPENINGS

Cantor Talya Smilowitz



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Dear Friends,

As we welcome the month of April, we arrive at one of the most powerful nights of our year—the first Seder of Passover. This is not just a story we tell, but a journey we step into. We are asked to see ourselves as if we personally went out from Egypt, moving from places of tightness and struggle into freedom, possibility, and light.

Passover meets us just as the world begins to bloom again. The warmer air, the longer days—it all mirrors what is happening within us. We clear out our homes, but we are also invited to clear out our hearts, letting go of what no longer serves us. True freedom doesn't happen all at once. Like our ancestors, it unfolds step by step, with courage, faith, and resilience.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel taught, "In remembering, we become participants." On Seder night, we don't just remember, we connect, we feel, we renew. We honor the struggle, but we also hold onto hope. May this Passover bring you a sense of renewal, deep connection, and the strength to keep moving toward your own freedom.

With blessings of renewal ... and with love,
Cantor Talya

The President's Corner

Dear TBH Family and Friends,

As Passover arrives, we retell the story of the Exodus — and we remember that freedom isn't just something we celebrate. It's something we carry. The Israelites didn't leave Egypt because everything felt easy or certain. They moved forward because the moment demanded it, and because people stepped up to lead.

I'm reaching out to you now because TBH is at one of those moments.

As we prepare for our new Temple year beginning in July, we must fill several Board positions. And, just as important, we need more members to step into the ongoing work of our temple by joining committees, helping shape our programs, strengthen our community, and ensuring that TBH remains a warm, vibrant Jewish home for everyone who walks through our doors.

Maybe you've never pictured yourself in a leadership role. Maybe you're thinking, I don't know enough, or I'm too busy, or someone else will do it. I understand that. But I also know this: leadership at TBH isn't about having all the answers. It's about caring enough to step in, being part of a team, and saying, "I can help."

Here's what I'm asking of you — personally:

- Consider serving on our Board if you're ready for a larger commitment to the future of TBH.
- Or consider joining a committee if you want a meaningful way to contribute, meet people, and make a real difference behind the scenes.

Committees are where so much of TBH comes to life—and where many people find a great "on-ramp" to involvement. Whether your strengths are planning, welcoming, organizing, communications, finance, social action, education, ritual life, membership, or just being a reliable helping hand, there is a place for you.

If you're interested — or even just curious — please reach out to me. A conversation is not a commitment. It's simply a first step toward finding the right fit.

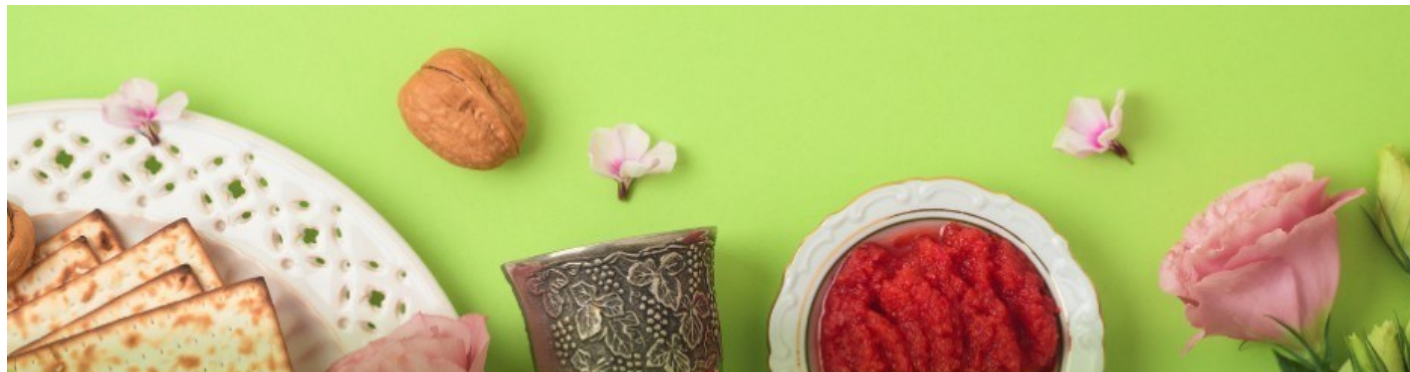
At the Seder we say, "In every generation, each person must see themselves as if they went out from Egypt." I'd add: "In every generation, our community needs people willing to step forward."



With gratitude,
Michael Skott
President, Temple Beth Hillel

Membership Committee

The membership committee continues to encourage and support new members to our community. Don't hesitate to reach out to the membership committee at any time with questions, thoughts or ideas!

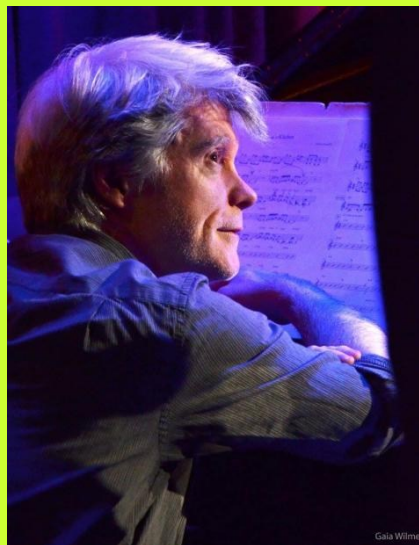
If you know someone who might be interested in joining TBH, please contact Chair Donna Gittleman at membership@tbhsw.org




 SAVE THE DATE FOR TBH'S
POTLUCK PASSOVER
SHABBAT DINNER
 FRIDAY, APRIL 3 AT 5:30 PM
 



During dinner, enjoy *Prem Nando*, a Boston-based Jazz Duo:
 Saxophonist Noah Preminger & Pianist Fernando Michelin



JOIN US FOR POTLUCK PASSOVER!

Please sign up to bring one or more food items at:

www.signupgenius.com/go/4090449AAAA2BA4F85-63093723-april

Questions? Email Emily Cobbs at ecobbs@tbhsw.org or
 Amy Healy at amy@logn.net

You may also leave a message at the TBH office at 860-282-8466

APRIL 2026 SOCIAL ACTION



TBH Members are Helping Hands-On-Hartford, By Preparing “Welcome Home Kits”

**For People Who Have Experienced Homelessness
to Move Into Their Own Homes**

How to Help NOW:

**We seek household items and supplies from brooms to kitchenware to
cleansers and will assemble kits to present to each household.**

How to Help on TUESDAY, APRIL 14 at 7:00 p.m.:

Come to Our Social Action Meeting at Temple.

We will sort the collected items into tubs for delivery.

**TO VIEW ITEMS NEEDED NOW & SIGN UP TO BRING THEM,
CLICK HERE**

or go to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4AABA823A0F85-62006918-temple#/>

URGENT NEED FOR FOOD for TBH’s LITTLE FREE PANTRY

We are IN GREAT NEED OF Nonperishable Foods

TO HELP, please bring items and place into our lobby baskets
when you come to Temple for services, special programs, and other times.

Especially Needed Now: canned vegetables/fruit, canned tuna/chicken, breakfast cereal,
soups/stews, rice, macaroni & cheese, canned ravioli, flour, peanut butter & jelly.

WE ALSO SEEK VOLUNTEERS to be a food stockers for one month.

You pick up the food inside Temple and place it in our pantry at least once a week.

To choose your 2026 month to restock the pantry, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4AABA823A0F85-60796682-tbhlittle>

or call the Temple office at 860-282-8466 and leave a message.

PLEASE NOTE: We do **NOT NEED** clothing, housewares or linens right now.
Instead, area organizations often welcome them in good condition including *Goodwill,*
MACC Charities’ Community Threads thrift shop, and *Savers,* among others.

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

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

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TOT SHABBAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

6:00-6:30 PM

LED BY CANTOR TALYA SMILOWITZ

Bring your little ones to learn about our new pre-K religious school class!

RSVP TO AMY HEALY BY TEXT AT 860-752-9990 BY 4/22

**HAPPY
PASSOVER**



**CHAG
PESACH
SAMEACH**

ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

SIGN UP FOR TBH'S "PAINT NIGHT" ON APRIL 30

On Thursday, April 30 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., join us for a new "Paint Night" event at Temple. The program will be led by Judy Melocowsky's art teacher, Sandy Poirier. All will paint a spring flower bouquet on a canvas, with a Jewish Star on the vase.

Cost per person is \$40. All supplies will be provided.

Register by April 24th, call Judith Scott at 617-455-8825 or Amy Healy at 860-752-9990.

TBH'S NEXT CHAIR YOGA IS IN MAY

The next chair yoga led by Cantor Talya will be on Thursday, May 14 at 6:15 p.m.

There will be **NO** chair yoga in April.

Please register for the May session with Judith Scott at 617-455-8825.



A JOINT LEARNING INITIATIVE BETWEEN
BETH SHALOM B'NAI ISRAEL, TEMPLE BETH HILLEL, & TEMPLE BETH TORAH



UNITED IN MUSIC

**A HADAR CIRCLE ON MUSIC,
PRAYER, AND COMMUNITY**

MUSIC HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT THE HEART OF JEWISH LIFE —

from the songs of our ancestors to the melodies that fill our sanctuary today. United in Music is a new Hadar Community group that explores how music unites us, infuses prayer with meaning, and helps us experience Jewish text with fresh ears.

We'll draw on traditional nigunim, contemporary melodies, and a few surprises from across Jewish life. No musical background is needed — just a willingness to listen, sing (a little or a lot), and bring your whole self. Hadar's mission is to empower Jews to create and sustain vibrant, practicing, egalitarian Jewish communities of Torah, Avodah, and Hesed.

8 FREE SESSIONS

Monthly, alternating:

4th Sunday: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

4th Tuesday: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Rotating In-Person Classes Between:

Beth Shalom B'nai Israel, Temple

Beth Hillel, & Temple Beth Torah

and always on Zoom

EXAMPLE TOPICS

- Melodies & Text
- Evolution of history, melodies, & prayers
- How sound shapes emotion & meaning

A light nosh will be provided for in-person attendees

REGISTER FOR CLASS UPDATES

www.myshul.org/event/unitedinmusic

Benefits Temple Beth Hillel!

**April 12th
9-11 am**

**Gold Buying
Event With:
LUX BOND & GREEN**

JEWELERS SINCE 1898

**Lux Bond & Green is paying the highest prices
to buy gold in their 128-year history!**

**Bring your signed jewelry, gold, diamonds,
Swiss watches and more to TBH for payment!**

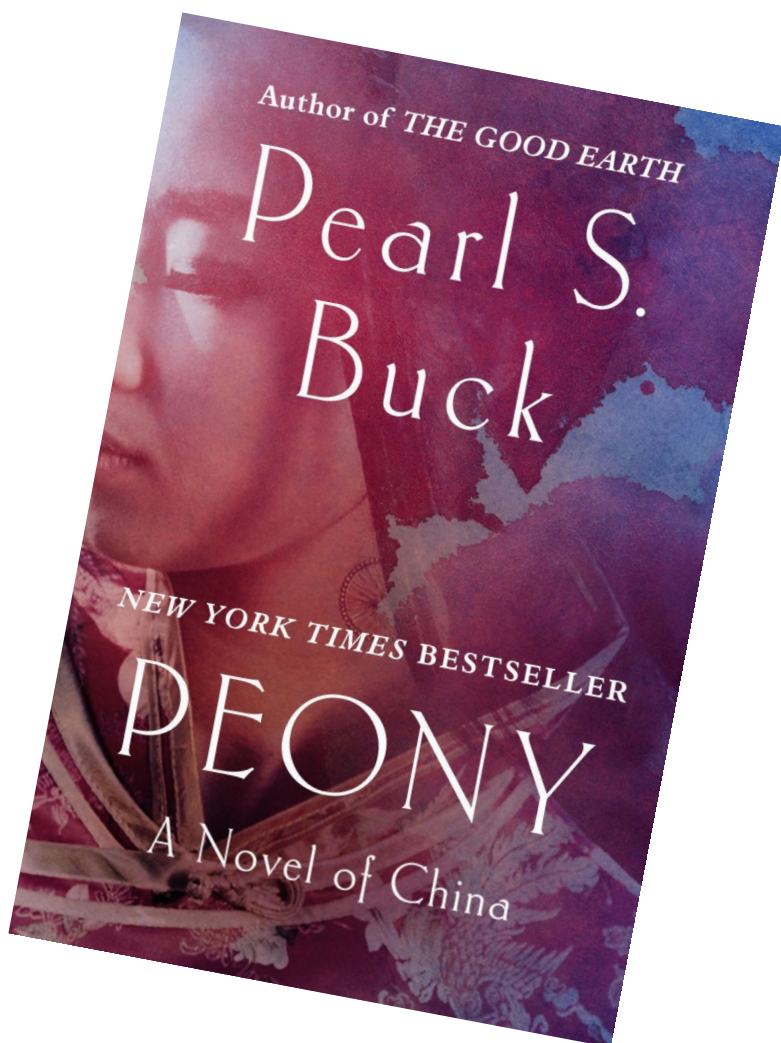
Sorry, no silver at this time.

**PLEASE RSVP by leaving at voicemail at
860-282-8466 or emailing Helena at
hfriedman@tbhsw.org**

**LUX BOND & GREEN
WILL DONATE
15 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL
TO TEMPLE BETH HILLEL**

TBH BOOK CLUB'S APRIL CHOICE

On Tuesday, April 14 at 1:00 p.m. at Temple,
our TBH Book Club will review
Peony by *Pearl S. Buck*.
All are welcome to come!



Save the Date:

The “Next Dinner with Friends:

Monday, May 14th at 5:30 p.m.

Location to Be Announced.

NO meal gathering in April due to Passover.

Questions? Call barbEK@aol.com or
sadelberg211@aol.com

Upcoming

Meetings

4/1

Executive
Committee
7 p.m.

4/6

Finance
Committee
7 p.m.

4/9

Board of
Trustees
7 p.m.

4/14

Social Action
7 p.m. at TBH

4/16

Development
Committee
7 p.m.

4/19

Men's Club
9:30 a.m.

4/21

Membership
Committee
7 p.m.

4/27

Adult Educ.
Committee
7 p.m.

4/28

RPC
Meeting
7 p.m.

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

Click the flyer to buy tickets!!
Sunday, May 17th, 2026 at 2 p.m.
for a Jazz Concert Fundraiser at Temple Beth Hillel

**SUNDAY, MAY 17,
2026**

OUR
**GREAT AMERICAN
SONGBOOK**

JAZZ & POPS MUSIC FROM 1920-1960

A Live Concert Featuring:

Talya Smilowitz, Vocalist,
Temple Beth Hillel

John Mastroianni, award-winning
jazz musician & UConn Professor of Jazz Studies

Mo Glazman, acclaimed tenor

South Windsor Community Chorus

Joseph Ness & Kol Zahau Chorale
of the Mandell JCC of Greater Hartford

and Others

SUNDAY, MAY 17 AT 2 PM

at Temple Beth Hillel

20 Baker Lane in South Windsor, CT

TICKETS ON SALE
\$36 General Admission

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE
Contact Helena Friedman:
hfriedman@tbhsw.org



www.tbhsw.org/jazzconcert2026

TBH PURIM CARNIVAL FUN!

Our students had a grand time during last month's Purim Carnival!
The costumes, the games, the laughs and so much more...





LOCAL YOM HASHOAH EVENTS



While Temple Beth Hillel is not hosting a Yom HaShoah event this year, there are several local observances that welcome the community. Please see below for events– and note that RSVPs are required.

****Our own Cantor Talya will be singing at the two events taking place through Voices of Hope on April 12th and April 13th!
Thank you, Cantor, for representing TBH at these events.**

April 12, 13, 17, 23 & 27: Yom HaShoah Events with Voices of Hope

Please join Voices of Hope and their partners at the following Yom HaShoah events to honor the memory of the six million who perished during the Shoah.

Locations will be shared upon your registration:

- 1) Come to a **Yom HaShoah commemoration and daffodil dedication on Sunday, April 12** at 2 p.m.; a reading of the names will be held at 1:30 p.m. **(CANTOR TALYA WILL SING AT THIS EVENT).**
- 2) Attend a **Community-Wide Reading of Names on Monday, April 13** from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. Stop by to light a candle and hear the names of the six million who perished during the Shoah. **(CANTOR TALYA WILL SING AT THIS EVENT FROM 12:30-2:30 p.m.)**
- 3) Join the **State of Connecticut Holocaust Commemoration on Friday, April 17** at 10 a.m.
- 4) **Glastonbury Holocaust Remembrance Project will be on Thursday, April 23** at 7 p.m.
- 5) Be sure to attend the **latest speaker series with Photographer David Kaufman on Monday, April 27** at 7 p.m. Kaufman will discuss the photographs in his book, *“The Posthumous Landscape: Remnants of Jewish Life in Eastern Europe”*, which will be on exhibit during the month of April at The Chase Family Gallery at the Mandell JCC.

Registration is required for all of the Voices of Hope programs [at this link.](#)

Send any questions to kathy@ctvoicesofhope.org

April 13 & 14: FVJC-Emek Shalom's Annual Reading of the Names

Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation-Emek Shalom (FVJC-Emek Shalom) invites the entire community to join our annual Yom HaShoah observance—a 24-hour continuous reading of the names of victims of the Holocaust. Beginning on Monday, April 13 at 6 p.m. and continuing through Tuesday, April 14, community members will gather in front of Eno Hall at 754 Hopmeadow St. in Simsbury, to read aloud, without interruption, the names of those lost in the Shoah. No prior experience is necessary, and all are welcome regardless of background or affiliation. Reading slots are available throughout the full 24 hours. Please [visit this link](#) to sign up.

April 15: Holocaust Remembrance Day at Beth Sholom B'nai Israel (BSBI)

Join Beth Sholom B'nai Israel (BSBI)'s Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration on Wednesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. Holocaust survivor Essia Friedman will share her story. Over 70 years ago, Vilna was known as the “Jerusalem of Lithuania.” This thriving Jewish center vanished during the Holocaust when 95% of the Lithuanian Jews were killed. Essia Friedman's family was one of only two Vilna families that survived. She was only nine years old in 1939 when the Germans attacked her home. This event is free and open to the public in BSBI at 400 Middle Tpke. in Manchester.

Pre-registration is required [at this link](#), and security will be present.

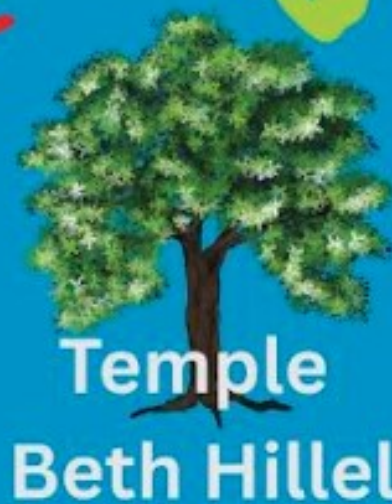
If you have questions or want to learn whether other TBH members will be attending, please reach out to Amy Healy or Judy Scott.



Pre-K drop-off program Sunday mornings

- Jewish Learning
- Jewish Holidays
- Stories
- Arts & Crafts
- Music Movement
& More

If you would like more
information
Please email us at
rsc@tbhsw.org



Temple
Beth Hillel

A Taste of Religious School

3 sessions -
September-November,
December-February,
March-May

<https://tbhsw.org>

TBH Youth

The following is a list of organizations that provide Jewish experiences for TBH Youth/Young Adults. Each listing includes the respective ages served, a brief description of what they offer, and a contact for you to reach out to, should you wish to obtain additional information.

TBH Madrichim

Grades 9-12

Volunteer teaching assistant at Sunday morning TBH Religious School classes. Application required, and by invitation only.

Rebecca Chaimovitch, Madrichim Coordinator

TBH Youth Group

Grades 8-12

Planning and running of specific events in support of the TBH Religious School: Sukkah decoration, Purim Carnival, Maccabiah. Opportunities for involvement in NFTY (National Federation of Temple Youth) Northeast regional educational and social activities.

Nicole Bolduc and Eddie Widofsky, TBH Youth Committee Chairs

JT Connect

Grades 8-12

Regional Jewish educational programming for the Greater Hartford area. Weekly classes offered for East of the River, as well as in West Hartford and Newington. Additionally, signature events scattered throughout the year, that combine social action, education and social opportunities.

Rebecca Chaimovitch, President of JT Connect

ESRY (East Side of the River Youth)

Grades 5-12

Social programming for youth in the Beth Shalom B'nai Israel (BSBI), Congregation Kol Haverim (CKH) and Temple Beth Hillel (TBH) Congregations.



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

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

***Scholarships are available**

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www.jtconnect.org

Click the Flyer below!



Temple Beth Hillel

FUND-A-PRAYER BOOK

An opportunity to sponsor some of the new copies of our prayer book, Mishkan T'filah.

We are asking for a donation of \$75 per prayer book. Name plates will be placed in the front covers, so it's also a great way to remember a loved one or celebrate a milestone! Donations can be made at the Zeffy link below. Please include the specific wording you would like included on the name plate.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/fund-a-prayerbook>

LARGE-PRINT PRAYER BOOKS NOW AT TEMPLE BETH HILLEL

TBH has large-print prayer books for services. Find them on top of the bookcase in the sanctuary.

TEMPLE BETH HILLEL

ONEG
SIGNUP

LINK TO ONEG
SIGNUP 5786

PLEASE CLICK THE LINK
ABOVE TO SIGNUP TO HOST
AN ONEG FOR 2025-2026

DEADLINE **ASAP**




Chesed Committee

Over and over, our TBH members' actions continually reinforce our reputation as a caring community. Thank you all!

We communicate with one another to identify and meet the needs of our community, while maintaining dignity, respect and confidentiality. Chesed committee activities include: home visits, hospital visits, SNF and rehab visits, phone calls, rides, providing and delivering meals and more.

DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Joel & Gladys Nadel

Nancy Gordon

Dennis Schwalbendorf

Gabe & LuAnne Izraelevitz

Marion Berman's Children and Grandchildren

Paula Bradbard

Daniel Rosow & Robin Kennison

In memory of Jean Nadel, Mother of Joel Nadel

In memory of Samuel N. Gordon, Father of Nancy Gordon

In support of Temple Beth Hillel

In memory of Thomas Salonia, Father of LuAnne Izraelevitz

In memory of Marion Berman

In memory of Louis Bradbard, Father-in-Law of Paula Bradbard
For TBH roof repair

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Judy Melocowsky

Judy Melocowsky

In memory of Ed Melocowsky, Husband of Judy Melocowsky

In memory of Morris Weinstein, Father of Judy Melocowsky

CHESED COMMUNITY FUND

Sally Goodman

In memory of Marion Berman, Dear Friend of Sally Goodman

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Marla & Peter Adelsberger

Len & Marlene Auster

Laura Soll-Broxterman

To support the important work our members are doing

In honor of Enzo Breither's Bar Mitzvah

In gratitude to all who donate and/or stock our Little Free Pantry

CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUND

Lawrence Andrus

Sheila Alpert

In memory of Joel Gordon, Friend of Larry Andrus

In memory of Helen Zelman, Mother of Sheila Alpert

MUSIC FUND

Marla & Peter Adelsberger

In memory of Walter Adelsberger, Father of Peter Adelsberger

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Jonathan Mitnick

In memory of Paul Mitnick, Father of Jonathan Mitnick

YOUTH FUND

Robert Rodner

In memory of Sidney Rodner, Father of Robert Rodner

HOSPITALITY FUND

Marcia Heneson

In memory of Helen Heneson, Mother-in-Law of Marcia Heneson

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Marla & Peter Adelsberger

For Purim bags

CEMETERY FUND

Barbara Dworsky

In memory of Sheldon Cook, Brother of Barbara Dworsky

Yahrzeit Dates

On April 3, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Ruth Davidson
 Morris Fleishman
 Nathan Furman
 Nathan Melocowsky
 Morris Schulman
 Ada Berger
 Henri Chaimovitch
 Stella Turshen
 Herbie Bergman
 Marion Berman
 George Hiller
 Ruth Clouser
 Joel Gordon
 Yetta Novosett
 John Yavener
 Marion Berman
 Charles Danen
 Suhanna Kagan
 Mary Temple
 Gail Eisenberg
 Edward White

Mother of Joel Davidson

Father of Ed Melocowsky

Mother of Marilyn Davidson
 Grandfather of Jason Chaimovitch
 Mother of Marcia Andrus
 Uncle of Carole Bettigole

Grandfather of Jill Bernstein
 Grandmother of Doug Clouser
 Friend of Larry Andrus
 Mother of Michele Snyder

Friend of Sally Goodman

Grandmother of Harriet Mindlin

On April 10, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Samuel Gordon
 Sheldon Cook
 Morris Goldberg
 Herman Michelis
 Ida Novarr Wasserman
 Robert Welensky
 Jacob Gitberg
 Larry Skott
 Sadie Hertzendorf
 Joseph Jainchill
 Frederick Factor
 Helen Heneson

 Rabbi Evan C. Radler
 Selma Schwartz

Father of Joel Gordon
 Brother of Barbara
 Father-in-Law of Sharon Levenberg
 Grandfather of Gabe Izraelevitz

Grandfather of Ed Luria

Uncle of Mike Skott
 Mother of Gladys Nadel

Husband of Frances Factor
 Mother-in-Law of Marcia Heneson,
 and Grandmother of Alissa Heneson
 Husband of Mindy

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YAHARZEIT DATES CONTINUED...

On April 17, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Florence Sherman
 Morris Stone
 Paul Mitnick
 Ruth Berman
 Louis Bradbard
 Julia Bulan Luena
 Hyman Sloate
 Walter Adelsberger
 Lila Andrusis
 Joseph Brenner
 Helen Zelman
 Sarah Kavitsky
 Roy Pollicove
 Sheila Sharon
 Florence Brouillard
 Stanley Halpern
 Howard Rosen
 Lawrence Stanley Dunn

 Esther Tulchinsky

Father of Jonathan Mitnick
 Mother-in-Law of Marion Berman
 Father of Leland
 Mother of Frank Luena
 Father of Mark Sloate
 Father of Peter Adelsberger
 Mother of Scott Andrusis
 Grandfather of Al Glickman
 Mother of Sheila Alpert

Sister of Helena Friedman
 Grandmother of Stephen
 Uncle of John Halpern
 Brother of Stuart
 Father of Marcia Heneson,
 and Grandfather of Alissa Heneson
 Mother of Judy Bogatz

On April 24, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Mae Salinger
 Cirila Sanchez
 Lillian Altman
 Louis Baumstein
 Wayne Breither
 Claude Patterson
 Gerturde Dee Sisitzky
 Roger "Gene" Parrott
 Harry Pearlstein

Mother of Ana Pearl
 TBH Congregant
 Grandfather of Barbara Dworsky
 Father of Jesse Breither
 Father of Ralph Patterson

Father of Roger Parrott

YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE AT TEMPLE BETH HILLEL Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m.

Please join Cantor Talya and your fellow congregants for a
 brief prayer service as we honor the memory of
 our departed family and friends.

SIMCHAS

BIRTHDAYS

Amy Patterson	4/2	Alan Platteis	4/21
Phyllis Green	4/5	Laurie Zimmerman	4/21
Amy Healy	4/8	Dana Frank	4/24
Sally Goodman	4/9	Marlene Auster	4/25
Barbara Gordon	4/9	Gwendolyn Barnett	4/26
Ana Pearl	4/12	Teri Parrott	4/26
Gladys Nadel	4/13	Mark Lassman	4/28
Jason Healy	4/19		

ANNIVERSARIES

Dr. & Mrs. Gary Cohen	4/10
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Bettigole	4/12
Laura Soll & Paul Broxterman	4/22

TORAH PORTIONS

April 4: Pesach III (CH" M) Exodus 33:12-34:26; Numbers 28:19-25; Song of Songs 1:1-8:14 commemorates the story of the Exodus, in which the ancient Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt. 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. Parashat Shmini Shemini Leviticus 9:1-11:47 ("Eighth") opens with the consecration of the Mishkan (Tabernacle). Two of Aaron's sons are consumed by a fire sent from God when they attempt to offer a "strange fire." God describes the animals, birds, and fish that are permissible and prohibited for consumption, as well as some laws of ritual purity.

April 11: Parashat Shmini Leviticus 9:1-11:47 ("Eighth") opens with the consecration of the Mishkan (Tabernacle). Two of Aaron's sons are consumed by a fire sent from God when they attempt to offer a "strange fire." God describes the animals, birds, and fish that are permissible and prohibited for consumption, as well as some laws of ritual purity.

April 18: Parashat Tazria-Metzora Leviticus 12:1-15:33; Numbers 28:9-15 Tazria ("She Bears Seed") opens by describing the purification process for a woman after childbirth. It then describes different forms of tzaraat, a discoloration condition on skin or clothing, and the requirement of an infected person to dwell alone outside the camp and be inspected by a priest. Metzora opens by describing the purification process and accompanying sacrifices for one infected with tzaraat, a discoloration condition on the skin. It then describes the process of treating a house infected with tzaraat and the ritual impurity generated by certain bodily discharges.

April 25: Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim Leviticus 16:1-20:27 Achrei Mot ("After The Death") opens by describing the ritual service of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It then details the prohibitions of offering sacrifices outside of the Mishkan (Tabernacle) and of eating animal blood, and ends with a list of forbidden sexual relations. Kedoshim ("Holy") opens by instructing the Israelites to be holy. It details dozens of laws regulating all aspects of life, including observing Shabbat, loving one's neighbor, and leaving portions of a field for the poor. It ends by detailing punishments for certain types of idolatry and sexual misconduct.

HOW CAN YOU HELP TEMPLE BETH HILLEL MEET ITS FINANCIAL GOALS?

A **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** allows you to satisfy your **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** by transferring funds directly from your IRA to a qualified charity.

Key Benefits

- **Tax-Free:** The distribution is excluded from your gross income, meaning you pay zero income tax on the amount donated.
- **Lowers AGI:** Unlike standard charitable deductions, a QCD lowers your **Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)**, which can reduce taxes on Social Security benefits and lower Medicare premiums.
- **No Itemizing Needed:** You receive the tax benefit even if you take the standard deduction.

Eligibility & Limits

- **Age:** You must be at least **70½** years old at the time of the transfer.
- **Annual Limits:**
 - 2025: Up to **\$108,000** per individual.
 - 2026: Up to **\$111,000** per individual.
- **Eligible Accounts:** Traditional IRAs, Inherited IRAs, and inactive SEP or SIMPLE IRAs. (Note: 401(k)s and 403(b)s are not eligible).
- **Charity Types:** Must go to a **501(c)(3)** public charity. Donor-advised funds (DAFs) and private foundations generally do not qualify.

How to Execute

1. **Direct Transfer:** Instruct your IRA custodian (e.g., [Fidelity](#), [Vanguard](#), [Schwab](#), etc.) to send a check directly to the charity. If the funds are paid to you first, the transaction is taxable.
2. **Deadline:** Complete the transfer **by December 31** to count for the current tax year.
3. **Reporting:** Report the total distribution on [IRS Form 1040](#) (Line 4a). On Line 4b, enter "0" (if fully donated) and write "**QCD**" next to it to show it is non-taxable.

For financial advice, please consult a professional.

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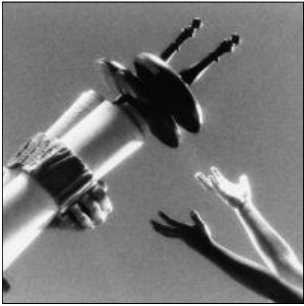
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