Temple Beth Hillel

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Cantor Talya Smilowitz

Dear Friends,

There is something about that first breath of brisk October air that invites us to pause. We reach for a sweater, notice the changing leaves, and feel the season shifting around us.

We have just gathered for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, bringing our prayers, hopes, and honest attempts to begin again. Yet the holidays don't magically resolve everything. There may still be an unanswered question, a difficult relationship, or something that simply doesn't feel right.

And then here we are, celebrating Sukkot.

I find comfort in the sukkah's imperfect shelter. The wind gets in. Our plans depend on the weather. Still, we make room at the table, share a meal, and sing.

Sukkot invites us to discover joy amid uncertainty. We don't have to wait until life feels secure to welcome its blessings.

The Torah reading for Shemini Atzeret includes the words v'samachta b'chagecha—"You shall rejoice in your festival." I hear those words as an invitation to make space for joy alongside everything else we carry.

As the Holiday season draws to an end we will gather again, finish the Torah, and begin anew. There is something beautiful about that: We begin again.

My wish for us this season is a little more gentleness with ourselves, an openness to one another, and moments of gratitude for the life unfolding right here.

With warmth and blessings,
Cantor Talya

The President's Corner

A Season of Legacy and Togetherness

This High Holy Day season, I found myself returning to two ideas that turned out to be one idea wearing two faces: legacy and togetherness.

On Rosh Hashanah, I told a story about the camera installation we did back in 2018 to livestream our services. While I was up in the ceiling running cable, I wrote my name on a piece of sheetrock — a small, hidden mark, left for whoever might find it years from now. It got me thinking about legacy not as something grand, but as something quiet and specific: a spark. You can't start a fire without a spark. Cantor Talya, now in her second year with us, has brought exactly that kind of spark back to TBH. But a spark isn't a fire on its own. It takes fuel. It takes all of us.

That thread carried straight into Yom Kippur. Our confessional prayers are spoken in the plural — Ashamnu, Bagadnu — not by accident, but because our spiritual lives, our failures, and our repair are bound together. We don't reflect and heal alone; we do it as a community. That's the same truth the sheetrock and the spark were pointing to all along: none of what makes TBH what it is comes from one person. It comes from the collective commitment of everyone in this room.

So here is the question I left the congregation with, and I'll leave it with you again: what mark will you leave? Everything that makes TBH what it is — the community that shows up for each other in good times and hard ones, the music Cantor Talya brings to our bimah, the building itself — exists because people before us made sure it would. Now it's our turn. That means volunteering where you can, joining a committee, and yes, making a meaningful financial commitment so that the reasons we're all here today are still here for the next family who walks through our doors.

It takes all of us. It always has. May this new year be one where we each leave our own spark behind.

Membership Committee

The Temple's 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 Membership at membership@tbhsw.org

Thank You

The Religious Practices Committee extends our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in and received honors during our High Holy Days services,
and to all who worked behind the scenes setting up for services and changing the prayer books as needed.
We are grateful to Cantor Talya for guiding us with inspiration through the High Holy Days.
Special thanks to Sarah Spangenberg for sharing her beautiful gift of music on Rosh Hashana, and
Rabbi Rachel Rembrandt for officiating with Cantor Talya on Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur.
Many guests joined us at services this year, including at Tashlich below.

Our Membership Committee will follow up to invite them to return for other services and, hopefully, join us as members of our congregation.

Temple
Beth Hillel

SUKKOT YIZKOR SERVICE

Friday, October 2
6:00 p.m.
before Shabbat services

SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 2
7:00 p.m.
as part of our Shabbat services

SOCIAL ACTION

High Holy Days Tzedakah

Thanks to everyone who brought non-perishable boxed/canned foods and funds during the High Holy Days for our Little Free Pantry and for Connecticut Foodshare.

We are pleased to report that over $1,000 in checks and cash also was collected for Connecticut Foodshare, donated by
our members, our guests, and a contribution from TBH's Social Action Fund.

Temple Beth Hillel has a long history of collecting food to feed hungry people in our communities…and the need has never been greater than now.
We encourage you to keep bringing a food item whenever you come to services or activities, and place it into our Lobby collection boxes.

Thank You…

A New Social Action Partner?

Temple Beth Hillel has participated in interfaith events and various social action programs over the years, so **our members might be interested in an upcoming event hosted by the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA)** – an organization of diverse faith communities and allied institutions organizing together for justice in the Greater Hartford Region (GHIAA is an initiative of the Center for Leadership & Justice).

TBH recently spoke with GHIAA leadership about the organization and its member congregations, and this **Power Summit** might be a good way for us to learn more.

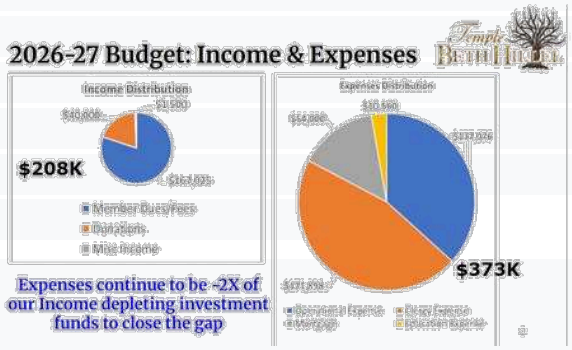
2026 GHIAA POWER SUMMIT

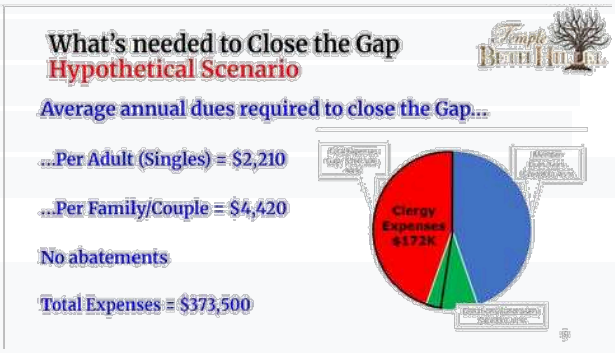
Thursday, October 15, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)
At **Immanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodland Street in Hartford.**
Join leaders from over 50 GHIAA-member institutions to review priority issues, launch new action campaigns, and seek commitments from elected officials in our districts.
For details and to Register, go to: https://cljct.org/power-summit/
If you are interested in carpooling, let Laura Soll-Broxterman know
at **LSoll@tbhsw.org** or cell 860-833-4466.

THE TREASURER'S CORNER

Dear TBH Family,

It's important for everyone to stay informed about TBH's financial situation. For those of you that were not able to attend our annual congregational meeting and as a reminder for those that did, TBH is highly reliant on our members' financial support from dues, fees, donations, and volunteering to enable us to offer all the great services we have available. We are very fortunate to have had Cantor Talya join us as our lead Clergy and are leveraging her musical talents to attract new members and new fundraising opportunities such as the concert we recently held. To support all that we do, we must continue to find ways to close our budget gap of $165K for this coming fiscal year. To put this into perspective, we would need to have 55 new, fully-paying families join TBH or have every current adult member (i.e. 2 adults in a family would pay for 2 adults) paying $2,210 each in dues to close this gap. Understanding how unaffordable this would be for a lot of our members, we are looking at other ways to achieve our goal of a balanced budget.





Our dues and donations to the General Fund are key contributors to our bottom line so please keep this in mind when making a donation. Donations do not need to be to specific funds, they can be general donations, and these donations to the General Fund have the biggest impact to TBH as our other restricted funds are currently well funded (if you wouldlikemore information onthis,feelfree to requesta copy ofthe TBD Balance Sheet).

In addition to General Fund donations, there are many other ways everyone can all help.

1) **Recruit your friends and family to join TBH as members.**
2) **Pay more than required towards your membership dues/fees**, e.g. make monthly payments greater than needed to cover the dues/fees and the extra payments can be donations to the General Fund**.**
3) **Volunteer to cover monthly expenses**: mortgage, electric, gas, water, internet, streaming service, landscape, etc.

4) **Help find renters/tenants** to use our extra space when not in use.

5) **Make High Holiday and other Donations to the General Fund**. High Holy Days are coming up so please plan to donate what you can and purchase tickets for friends and family members. If you have donated in the past, we thank you and ask that you please continue donating and possibly increase your donation this year. Nothing is too small - everyone's donations add up!

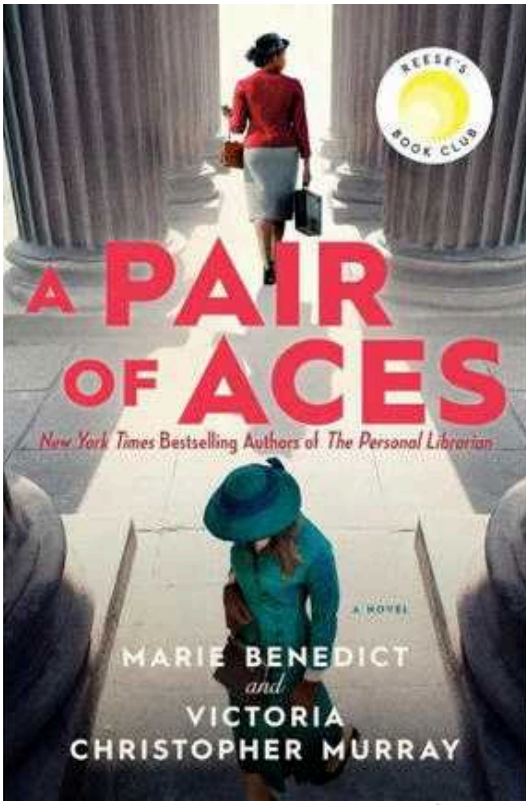
6) **Religious School Families' Donations to the General Fund.** We are very fortunate to be able to offer Religious School families a temporary reduced fee of $100 per child due to a very generous donation by the Glickman Foundation. This provides all Religious School families an opportunity to donate the difference between what the school would have cost and the current fee. This level of donation will directly help close our budget gap. Please keep in mind that donating to the Religious School Fund does not help in closing our gap so we ask that you all donate to the General Fund. The table below shows what the fees would have been.

Grade	Member Fee (per school year)	Non-member Fee (per school year)
Kindergarten	$0	$0
1st and 2nd	~~$500~~ *Temporary Tuition Reduction:* $100 per student	~~$900~~ *Temporary Tuition Reduction:* $100 per student
3rd - 7th	~~$700~~ *Temporary Tuition Reduction:* $100 per student	Non-members are not eligible to enroll students in religious school
Second Child	~~$500~~ *Temporary Tuition Reduction:* $100 per student	~~$900~~ *Temporary Tuition Reduction:* $100 per student
Third Child & Subsequent Children	$0*	~~$500/student~~ *Temporary Tuition Reduction:* $100 per student

7) **Direct Distributions from Retirement Accounts / IRAs.** Allofour retired members can take advantage of reducing their taxableincome from their Required Minimum Distributions by directly donatingtothe TBH General Fund. This not only helps our members avoid payinghigher taxes, but will also serve to help close our budget gap.

It is important you know that TBH always has and will continue to welcome everyone as members, regardless of their financial situation.

If you need financial assistance and have not reached out to the Abatement Committee, we ask that you do. As we start our new fiscal year here at TBH, we ask that all members who are in need of an abatement formally submit a request. Please note that this request must be made on an annual basis since situations can change. This formal request for abatements enables us to forecast our finances more accurately for the year. If you already have an abatement but haven't revised your level of support, perhaps you could look at contributing a little more this year. Keeping the TBH family together is a priority. If supporting TBH financially is a challenge, please consider other ways to support the community, such as volunteering or utilizing your skills to help maintain our building and reduce our maintenance costs.



TBH BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, Oct. 13
1 p.m.
Join us at
The Temple

REIN'S NEW YORK STYLE DELI
DELI • RESTAURANT • BAR • TAKE-OUT

Brunch with Friends!
435 Hartford Tpke
Vernon, CT 06066
Tuesday, October 13,
11 a.m.

As always, RSVP

barbEK@aol.com or
sadelberg211@aol.com

Enjoy a Meal with Longtime Friends & Meet New Ones

Upcoming Meetings

10/5 7pm: Finance Committee

10/8 7pm: Board of Trustees

10/8 7pm: Board of Trustees

10/18 9:30am: Men's Club

10/19 7pm: Development Committee

10/20 7pm: Membership Committee

10/22 7pm: RPC Committee

10/26 7pm: Adult Ed Committee

For Additional meetings, please go to www.tbhsw.org

YOGA LED BY CANTOR TALYA

SPONSORED BY TBH ADULT EDUCATION

MONTHLY YOGA
IS BACK! NEW TIME
AND NEW FORMAT!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
6:00-6:45 P.M.

BRING A MAT OR USE A
CHAIR - BOTH
PRACTICES WELCOME

RSVP TO TIFFANIE IN THE OFFICE BY 10/1
AT 860-282-8466 OR ADMIN@TBHSW.ORG
FREE FOR TBH MEMBERS; GUESTS $5

SPONSORED BY TBH
ADULT EDUCATION

LET'S PLAY
MAH JONGG

LEARN WITH FERN
FOR BEGINNERS

Join us for fun afternoons of Mah Jongg, friendship, and community.

WEDNESDAYS FROM 2:00-4:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 14
OCTOBER 28

RSVP to Tiffanie in the office by 9/23 at 860-282-8466 or admin@tbhsw.org

Let's Build Our Future

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Organizational Meeting!

Your voice. Your ideas. Our future. **TOGETHER.**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

11:00 AM

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The organizational meeting of the Website Committee will take place on **Sunday, October 18.**

Come be part of the conversation as we begin this exciting project and work together to create a website that better represents our organization and community.

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED!

We hope you'll join us!

Please email Helena Friedman at helena.friedman@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Thank you!

TOGETHER, we can build a website that reflects who we are, what we value, and the vibrant community we share.

TEMPLE BETH HILLEL

PRESENTS

FIRST EVER ALL AGES TALENT SHOW

COME CHEER ON OUR ACTS:

MUSIC, SINGING, MAGIC, COMEDY, AND MORE!

CLICK QR CODE FOR TICKETS

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

$10 (plus any additional donation)
PER PERSON
(NOT SOLD AT DOOR)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
— 2-4 PM —

Temple Beth Hillel Adult Education

PRESENTS AN EXCITING NEW YEAR-LONG LINE-UP

of Scholarly Virtual Programming

IN COLLABORATION WITH PJP - PARTNERS IN JEWISH PROGRAMMING

ZOOM LINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

THURSDAY, 10/15, 8:30 PM	"Stephen Schwartz" with John Kenrick
THURSDAY, 10/22, 8:30 PM	Dr. Michael Brenner, "From Democracy to Dictatorship: How German Jews Responded to the Rise of Hitler in 1933"
THURSDAY, 11/5, 8:30 PM	"The Wandering Jews of New York City" with Oscar Israelowitz
THURSDAY, 11/12, 8:30 PM	"George M. Cohan" with John Kenrick
THURSDAY, 11/19, 8:30 PM	Dr. Miriam Bodian, "Your People Shall Be My People: Conversion to Judaism through the Centuries"
THURSDAY, 12/3, 8:30 PM	"Jerry Herman" with John Kenrick
THURSDAY, 12/10, 8:30 PM	"The Lower East Side" with Oscar Israelowitz
THURSDAY, 12/17, 8:30 PM	Dr. Deborah Dash Moore, "GI Jews: How World War II Changed a Generation"

CONTACT JUDY SCOTT OR AMY HEALY WITH QUESTIONS!

TBH Adult Education Presents

OCTOBER VIRTUAL PJP LECTURES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 8:30 PM

JOHN KENRICK PRESENTS "STEPHEN SCHWARTZ"

"For more than four decades, this Long Island native has delighted audiences with his scores to Godspell, Pippin and Wicked...yet has never won a Tony!"

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 8:30 PM

DR. MICHAEL BRENNER PRESENTS "FROM DEMOCRACY TO DICTATORSHIP: HOW GERMAN JEWS RESPONDED TO THE RISE OF HITLER IN 1933"

PLEASE RSVP TO TIFFANIE AT ADMIN@TBHSW.ORG OR 860-282-8466. ZOOM LINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

Temple Beth Hillel

SHABBAT POTLUCK DATES 2026-2027

Save the date for Temple Beth Hillel's five upcoming Shabbat Potluck dinners! Sign-ups to come...

5:30 PM - Dinner

7:00 PM - Shabbat Service

Followed by Dessert and Oneg

NOVEMBER 6, 2026

DECEMBER 11, 2026

FEBRUARY 5, 2027

MARCH 5, 2027

MAY 7, 2027

SAVE THE DATE FOR TBH'S NEXT

Shabbat Potluck

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2026

5:30 PM DINNER

7:00 PM SERVICE

DESSERT & ONEG TO FOLLOW

SIGN-UP GENIUS LINK COMING SOON

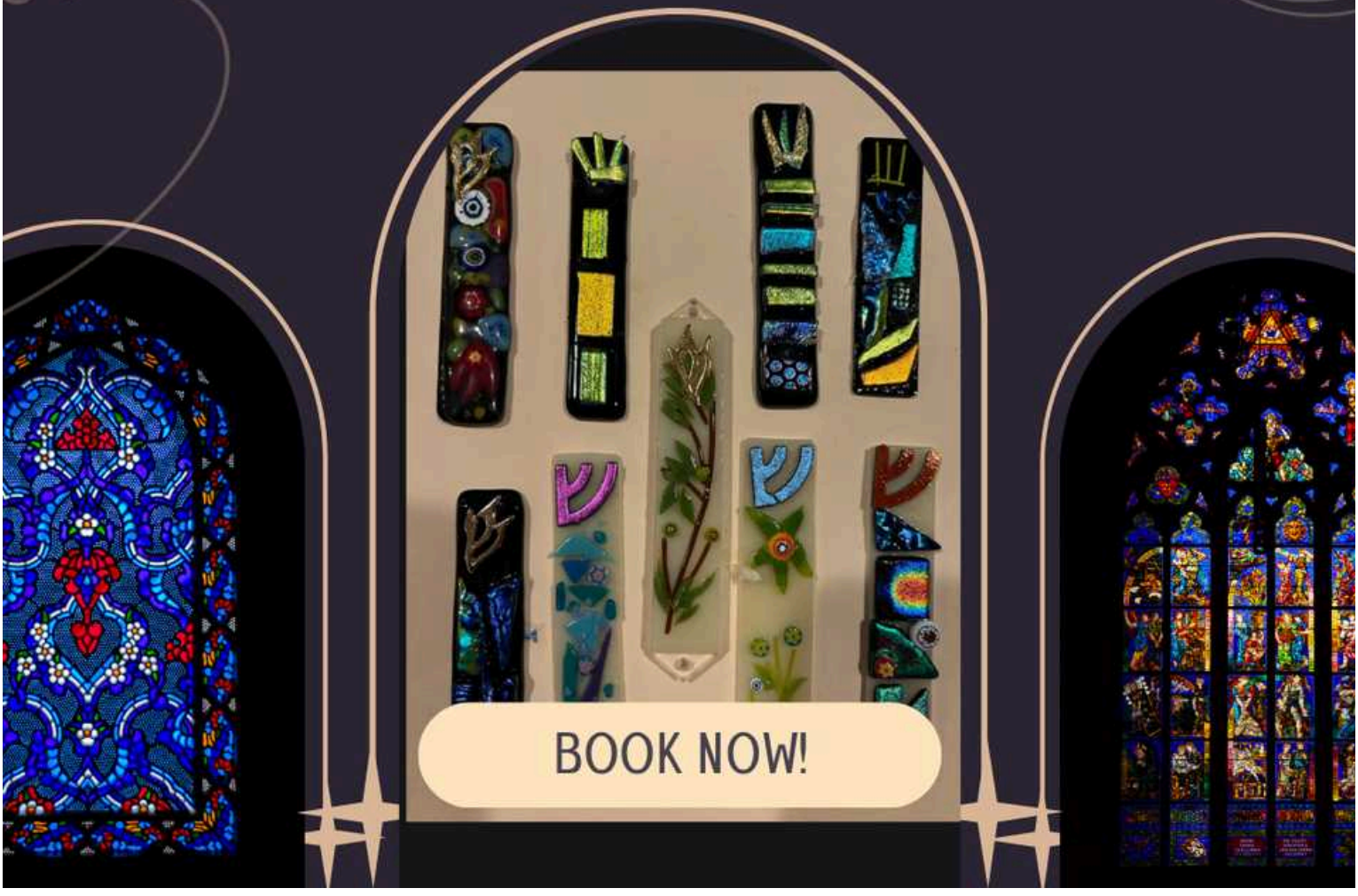
WITH SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST

TBH Adult Education Presents

GLASS MEZUZAH ART

JOIN US TO MAKE TWO BEAUTIFUL
GLASS MEZUZAHS OF YOUR OWN DESIGN
COST IS $30 PER PERSON
CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 12
RSVP BY 10/25 TO ADMIN@TBHSW.ORG OR 860-282-8466

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026,
1:00-3:00 PM



BOOK NOW!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AT TEMPLE BETH HILLEL

REGISTER NOW:

HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/BDE74ZW8

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT
RSC@TBHSW.ORG

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 tha includes classroom study, volunteer projects and special 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

*Synagogue membership is not required to participate in JTConnect.

FOLLOW US

SCAN ME!

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

*Scholarships are available

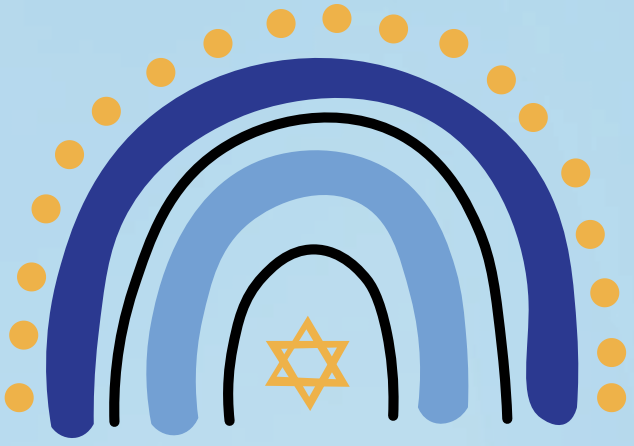
www.jtconnect.org

Madrichim Application Now Available!

All Teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to apply to be a Madrich or Madricha for the coming year. We are looking for Teens for Sunday morning and Tuesday evening.

Click here for application

Questions?
Contact Rebecca Chaimovitch
rjchaimovitch@gmail.com



Click the Flyer below!

LARGE-PRINT PRAYER BOOKS NOW AT TEMPLE BETH HILLEL

TBH has large-print prayerbooks for services.

Find them on top of the bookcase in the sanctuary.

TEMPLE BETH HILLEL

ONEG SIGNUP

LINK TO ONEG SIGNUP 5787

PLEASE CLICK THE LINK ABOVE TO SIGNUP TO HOST AN ONEG FOR **2026-2027**

For the past 12 years, our synagogue has had an informal relationship with *Cornerstone Soup Kitchen in Rockville*. Once a month on a Sunday evening, we prepare and serve a homecooked meal for the residents. We are looking for new volunteers to join our crew as some of our families have moved away or taken on other great causes over the years. This can be a one month committment or you can join our crew.

If you are interested, please call or text

Barbara Brezel

860-416-0875

OUR CHESED COMMITTEE

The 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 confidentialty. Chesed commity activities include home visits, hospital visits, SNF and rehab visits, phone calls, rides, providing and delivering meals, and more!

The Chesed Committee is branching out to include a focus on WELLNESS in the year ahead. We are planning a dynamic series of wellness programs designed to nurture mind, body and spirit-rooted in community and inspired by Torah.

Cantor Talya will integrate Torah wisdom with each topic, helping us find meaning, connection and guidance for daily life. Look for more information, and specifics, through newsletters, announcements, and emails.

We of course, will continue our traditional chesed committee roles. Toward that end, it is with a heartful of gratitude that I thank all of you who have volunteered to participate in the care and well being of our Temple Beth Hillel Community.Some of the mitzvot include:

- **Sending cards,**
- **Sending texts,**
- **Making calls,**
- **Visiting people at home, in the hospital, assisted living, etc**
- **Cooking meals, and delivering same,**
- **Providing transportation**

And a big Thank You to all of you who have made generous contributions to the Chesed committee which supports many of the above activities.

If you would like to volunteer, and/or know someone who would like, or need, a chesed visit, please contact Cantor Talya at TBH, or Judith Scott, 617-455-8825.

YAHRZEIT DATES

On October 4, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Meyer Danuff	Grandfather of Eileen Clouser
Samuel Kavitsky	

On October 5, we observe the yahrzeit of:

MIlton Fleishman	
Newton Frank	Father of Dana Frank
Lawrence Friedman	
Edith Nissenblatt	Mother of Mindy Glickman
Ruth Sloate	Mother of Mark Sloate

On October 6, we observe the yahrzeit of:

David Klein

On October 7, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Barbara L Levin	Mother of Marla Adelsberger

On October 8, we observe the yahrzeit of:

David Kahn	Father of Burton Kahn
Dotty Weiner	Wife of Jerry Weiner

On October 9, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Katrel Stoltz

On October 10, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Carol Ann Druckman	Sister in-law to Elaine Cantor
Aaron Sisitsky	

On October 11. we observe the yahrzeit of:

Wayne C Leitz	Son of Harriet Leitz

On October 12, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Jacob Cohen	Father of Roz Cooper
Abraham Gerlis	Uncle of Nancy Gordon

On October 13, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Julius Banner	
Simon Frank	Father of Sherry Rosen
Ruth Goldsmith	Mother of Marlene Auster
Esther Slavkin	

YAHRZEIT DATES CONT.

On October 14, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Helen Goldon	
Morris Kern	

On October 15, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Lorraine Ann Berkowitz	
Benjamin Goodstein	Father of Henry Goodstein
Elizabeth Harris	Mother of Janet Lassman
Doris Millstein	Mother of Eileen Clouser
Lee Sarah Rulnick	Wife of Martin Rulnick

On October 16, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Frida P Brezel	Mother of Michael Brezel
Fannie Guttman	Mother of Richard Guttman

On October 17, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Louis Gelb	
Elaine Halpern	Mother of John Halpern

On October 20, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Esther Bradbard	Mother of Leland
Sophie Blotner Gordon	

On October 21, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Murray Rosen	Father of Stuart Rosen

On October 22, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Esther Goodfried	Grandmother of Phyllis Freeman
Irving I Hertzendorf	Brother of Gladys Nadel

On October 24. we observe the yahrzeit of:

Philip Freedman	Father of Barbara Brezel

On October 25, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Jacqueline Heckler	

On October 27, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Sidney Soloman	Father of Judy Locker

On October 28, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Dworkin Bernard	
Maya Simone Fairbanks	Granddaughter to the Davidsons
Sarah Kessler	Grandmother of Eileen Clouser
Irving Lapidus	
Ann L Rosen	

YAHRZEIT DATES CONT.

On October 30, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Beatrice Kanner	Mother of Judith Fogg
Harry Lingerfelt	Father of Angelica Hoffman

On October 31, we observe the yahrzeit of:

Dolores Berson Howitz	
Aron Israelewich	Grandfather of Gabe Izraelevitz
Martin Turshen	Father of Marcia Andrus

SIMCHAS

Birthdays

Janet Lassman	10/2
Kristin Keegan	10/5
Donna Waksman	10/8
Sarah Kaprove	10/10
Marilyn Reveley	10/10
Sherry Skott	10/11
Jeffrey Kamenetz	10/14
Jason Chaimovitch	10/22
Rosalind Cooper	10/24
Albert Klein	10/26
Elizabeth Smith	10/26
Theodore Groenstein	10/27

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. John Halpern	10/6
Rabbi Alan & Jody Lefkowitz	10/23
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Waksman	10/30

Torah Portions

October 3: Shmini Atzeret — Deuteronomy 14:22–16:17; Numbers 29:35–30:1
The Torah reading for Shmini Atzeret includes laws concerning tithes, care for those in need, the sabbatical year, festivals, and offerings for the holiday.

October 10: Parashat Bereshit — Genesis 1:1–6:8
Bereshit (“In the Beginning”) begins the Torah with the creation of the world. It tells of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, Cain and Abel, and the generations that follow as humanity begins to populate the earth.

October 17: Parashat Noach — Genesis 6:9–11:32
Noach tells of Noah, the flood, and the ark built to preserve Noah’s family and the animals. After the flood, God establishes a covenant symbolized by the rainbow. The portion also recounts the Tower of Babel and the generations leading to Abraham**.**

October 24: Parashat Lech-Lecha — Genesis 12:1–17:27
Lech-Lecha (“Go Forth”) follows Abram as God calls him to leave his homeland and journey to a new land. God promises Abram descendants and a lasting covenant, and Abram and Sarai eventually receive the names Abraham and Sarah.

October 31: Parashat Vayera — Genesis 18:1–22:24
Vayera (“He Appeared”) includes Abraham welcoming three visitors, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the birth of Isaac, and the binding of Isaac, when Abraham’s faith is tested.

DONATIONS

General Fund

Nancy Gordon	In memory of Morris Gerlis; grandfather to Nancy
Deborah Benoit	In memory of Erwin Rosenberg; father to Deoborah Benoit
Bev and Dave Finnicum	In memory of Anne Albert; Bev's mother

Hospitality Fund

Sharon Miller	In memory of Lee Marshall; Mother and Grandmother

Landscaping Fund

MIchael & Barbara Brezel	In memory of Karla Ryvka Precel; grandmother to Michael, and Beverly Bursack Freddman; mother to Barbara Brezel

Men's Club Fund

Sheila Alpert	In memory of Joe Alpert; husband to Sheila Alpert

Retire the Mortgage Fund

Janet Lassman	In memory of Eva Summers; Aunt to Janet Lassman

Social Action Fund

Albert & Barbara Klein	In memory of Ada Klein; mother of Al Klein

Special Thank You

A special thank you to Judy Bogatz for her contribution to the Temple Beth Hillel New Year Card. We sincerely apologize that her name was inadvertently omitted from the card and gratefully acknowledge her support of our Temple community.
L'Shana Tova, Judy, and thank you for your generosity!

Fund Spotlight

Hospitality Fund

The Hospitality Fund helps provide the everyday items that make our gatherings at Temple Beth Hillel welcoming and enjoyable. Donations to this fund help purchase kitchen and hospitality supplies, including paper goods, snacks and refreshments, wine for Kiddush, and other items used for Temple events and gatherings.
Your contribution to the Hospitality Fund helps us extend a warm welcome and provide for our community whenever we come together..

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 taxon 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 beat least **70½** years old at the time of the transfer.
- Annual Limits:
  - o 2025: Up to **$108,000** per individual.
  - o 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)sare noteligible).
- CharityTypes: Mustgoto a **501(c)(3)** publiccharity. 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 checkdirectly 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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