

TBI TABLET *Online*

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Services Online: *Shabbat services will be held remotely every Friday night at 6:45pm and Saturday morning at 9:30am.*

Minyan Sunday and Wednesday 9:30am

Friday Night and Saturday Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86130755874?pwd=RzVNUWNFRIRMdGtSOS8wWjFaRzdxdz09>
Meeting ID: **86130755874** Password: **Prayer**

Sunday and Wednesday Minyan Zoom Link:

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Meeting ID: **835 4679 3997** Password: **Prayer**



Celebrate Shavuot:

Thursday, May 28

8:00pm Service

Friday, May 29

9:30am Kids Service

9:45am Morning Service

6:45pm Evening Service and Confirmation

Saturday, May 30

9:30am Kids Service

9:45am Morning Service

11:00am Yizkor



Rabbi Mishkin's message on Yom Ha'atzmaut

Rabbi Mishkin shares with us 4 more things you may not have known about Israel.

This video is the original list of the 68 facts that Israel produced to celebrate the anniversary of Israel's independence.



schmooze

BYOB (bring your own bagel) and schmooze with Rabbi Mike
Thursday, May 7th 2:00pm

Mazel Tov to our Confirmands

Hannah Brooks

Arron Damsky

Mia Steinberg

Each of our confirms will speak of their own Jewish journey
Friday, May 29th
during the virtual service

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Yasher Koach Rabbi Mishkin and Cantor Grainer:

Just a Line to Let You Know How Much Your Online Shabbat Davening Has Meant to All of Us.

By: Mark A. Schnieder



Just a line to let you know...

Long before there was such a thing as online anything (other than maybe hanging clothes outside online), I remember reassuringly getting regular handwritten letters from my Dad and Mom addressed to me as every summer at sleep-away camp and later as I lived overseas and traveled the world. Every single letter—every one of them—always started with the same comforting opening: “Just a line to let you know that all is well here at home with Mom and me...”

“All is well...” I thought back to that comforting opening line of reassurance as I watched Temple Beth Israel’s Rabbi Michael Mishkin and Cantor Sharon Grainer as they welcomed our congregation to online davening—streaming Sabbath services that due to the unfortunate Coronavirus-COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, meant no in-person, in-shul services. How comforting and reassuring it was to see and hear them in a way that worked so well to help us get through these challenging times. As the Friday night and Saturday services concluded, I wanted to greet them both with a handshake and the “Yasher Koach: May You Have Strength” words. But obviously as I write this, who knows when enthusiastic handshakes, let alone fist bumps, let alone kissing the Torah, let alone hugging our relatives and friends, will all be part of our regular routine again. On that first online TBI Shabbat, I also wished I could have personally said Yasher Koach to David Cooper following his wonderful reading of the Haftorah while standing in front of that brilliant tropical backdrop.

On that Shabbat, and in the many weeks that followed, I am so glad that Temple Beth Israel brought our congregation together with its Zoom online streaming services. The experience also made me think back to just a few years ago when I wrote a synagogue bulletin article about missing my TBI Rosh Hashanah service due to illness. While at home during one of my favorite Jewish holidays, I wrote how I discovered that reform synagogues were streaming their High Holiday services. Since illness prevented me from being at TBI, I watched and prayed along with a few of these other synagogues. I wrote at the time that I wished Temple Beth Israel — and the conservative movement in general—would live stream their services online.

Zoom ahead a few years to our life today.

While it took the Coronavirus to bring online live streaming of services to TBI—as well as to so many other synagogues—hopefully as you read these words, this will be an opportunity to continue to bring us together in a way that —literally—virtually brings us all together online no matter where in the world we are.

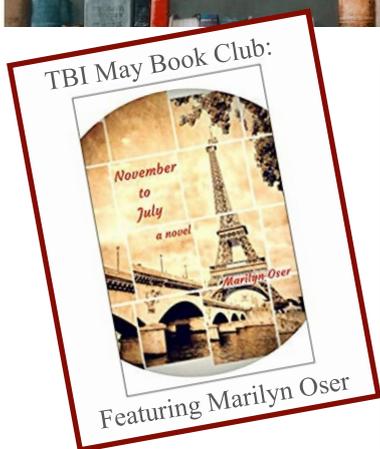
Of course, as we now know, it is not just TBI Shabbat services that have gone online. As we have learned to incorporate expressions like “hunker down at home” into our daily routines, we have discovered the online world that has helped us to cope when we need it most. Passover this year was unlike anything any of us have ever experienced. When it came time to be with family and friends to “Seder right words,” for many, watching a computer screen was how we gathered together. Home schooling took on a new meaning as remote learning replaced schools and colleges. Joyous Bar & Bat Mitzvah and wonderful wedding celebrations changed Online adult ed. Yom HaShoah remembrances. Sadly, there were virtual funerals, and, as I discovered, Zoomed Shiva services and visits. Experiencing the birth of a grandchild meant emotional Face Time calls and holding pictures. Will there be summer camp with color war and campfire songs? Pool swimming? Blowing out birthday candles? Printed synagogue bulletins? Gathering for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur? Holding a Torah. Helping to build a Sukkah? Being honored with an Aliyah? Is there a new normal coming? Does anyone know when we’ll be back to normal?

Just a line to let you know, that all is well with.....

I hope we can all finish that line positively. I just don’t know when, but I hope very, very soon. In the meantime, we’ll see you online. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay connected.

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Library



TBI May Book Club: November to July Wednesday, May 27th at 7:30pm

Join us on zoom with Guest Author Marilyn Oser

About the book...

This work of historical fiction is set a hundred years ago, when diplomats from around the world convened in Paris to work out a treaty that would end the Great War. Their aim was to bring about lasting peace by making the very thought of war impossible. Predictably, their positions on how to do this conflicted, one with another. Not so predictable is the way their conduct during nine crucial months presages the way we see politics practiced today.

NOVEMBER TO JULY portrays the work of the Paris Peace Conference through the eyes of Eleanor Simons, a young Canadian. Her fiancé, an American pilot, has perished in the war. Eleanor herself never expected to survive, having served as a nurse through some of the bloodiest battles on the Western Front.

Now she's adrift, heavy-hearted and unprepared for the long, blank stretch of lifetime ahead of her. In the beehive that is Paris of 1919, Eleanor—like many a harried, sleepless minister—must face the challenge of shaping a new future out of the ashes of her old, gutted life.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83435897262?pwd=YjJaTHNoMEJ3NjZsS3kvLytWzZVIUT09>

Meeting ID: 834 3589 7262 **Password:** Book

ONLINE REGISTRATION: icheevers@tbiport.org

This Just In... *Pen Pals In Person!*



Pen Pals In Person! is a great new program that the Religious School has rolled out to help people feel closer together in these isolating times...if you or someone you know, is missing one-on-one contact and would like to participate in this virtual pen pal program, please reach out to Anya Morgulis anym@tbiport.org to become a *Pen Pal In Person!*

Listen to what Rita Shumsky says about the program... "I loved the idea of the *Pen Pal In Person!* concept and was thrilled to learn that Ella Tashlik chose me to be her Pen Pal. Ella is the daughter of Mindy and Scott she is the youngest of their four wonderful, amazing daughters, Maddie, Zoe, and Molly. Of course I can't forget their dogs Snoopy and Cooper. *I have spent Shabbat and Sukkot with them on many occasions and love being with them.*

Ella is 11 ½ and will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on June 12, 2021 at Temple Beth Israel. During quarantine she loves that her older sisters are home a lot more, but she wishes they didn't have to miss college and high school this spring. She loves to go on long bike rides with her Dad, she's a wiz at puzzles, loves teaching her oldest sister tiktok dances and especially enjoys creative math and science related activities. I look forward to being Pen Pals with Ella even past this crazy time in our lives."

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Religious School

In a time where we are confronted with uncertainty, one thing that is always certain for me is the ability to find something to be grateful for. I love that Jewish tradition invites us to start our day, every morning, with modeh ani, a prayer to share our gratitude for the day. Upon waking, without knowing what the day might bring, first, we say thanks. As I hear from the learners about their time at home, I'm hearing so many of them sharing the great things that are happening. Many are enjoying more time with family, connecting to extended family with help from technology, enjoying nature in a new way, and getting to spend more time cooking and baking in the kitchen.

As we meditate on the gratitude in our own lives, sharing our gratitude with others seems like the next step in spreading joy. Our Shorashim and Kitah Alef class created thank you cards, and brainstormed who they might be distributed to- those in our neighborhoods making our lives better. They thought of mail-people, garbage-people, delivery-people, medical professionals on the front lines, and emergency responders. See the attached photos submitted by the Smith family of Isaac, who created thank you cards for Officer Tim and Officer Brandon, TBI's own security team!

And thank you to this incredible community, who I see actively working on efforts to feed the hungry, make masks for those who need them, and support those around us in beautiful ways! As Mister Rogers is often quoted in saying in times like these, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers- so many caring people in this world."

Pen Pals In Person!

We have created a virtual pen pal (but over Zoom or FaceTime) relationship between learners and a member of our TBI community who may be isolated at this time, and who welcomes the opportunity to regularly speak with a younger TBI member.

We have our young learners and now we are looking for their counterparts. Please volunteer to pen pal a young learner.

The pair can get to know each other, and have fun learning about another person's life, play a game over video, etc. We hope that this inter-generational experience will create a new and unique bond that will benefit everyone involved and last beyond this challenging period.

If you are looking for a way to connect, please reach out to [Anya Morgulis](#)

Preschool

As we all have been adjusting to our new "norm", our teachers have been working harder than ever to make the best experience they can for our students virtually. They tell me all the time how much they miss being with their students in school and interacting with them face to face. As we all know kids learn through play in preschool. We learn how to socialize (social-emotion learning), we learn academics through play, we learn how to improve our gross motor skills, and in total we learn how to be a part of a community. So how does one do that virtually?

Our teachers are doing amazing things. They have trained themselves to take the technology they were familiar with to another level. For our toddlers, we learn a lot through songs and movement. They share their love for dancing and singing together with their friends and it also improves their language skills. Some talk to their friends through the computer screen and some can be shy (similar to their personalities in school). They are social but just not physically face to face. Of course, we want them to be able to play one on one or in a group setting but again, we are trying to give them the best virtual experience and hope to be back together soon. Our 3's have been learning about nocturnal animals and our 4's have been learning about safari animals. The places the teachers can take them virtually are amazing. They have also chosen animals based on what their students want to learn about which makes it even more exciting for them to learn. I love hearing them tell us what they have learned.

The art work that our students have been sharing is amazing. They are proud of their work and I am going to share some of it with all of you! Please stay safe and healthy and we miss you all!

Diana Snaider

Preschool Director



Lifelong Learning

Mother's Day Learning with Rabbi Sharyn Perlman

Wednesday, May 6, 2:00-3:00 pm

"Nanny, Schmanny: Torah from the one-and-only Fran Drescher"

Was her Nanny Fine character a Jewish dream or Jewish nightmare? And what can she teach us about where we are today?

In honor of Mother's Day and all the wonderful women of TBI.

Men welcome!

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Meeting ID: 822 8135 7356 **Password:** Learning



Choices and Consequences: The Book of Ruth Monday May 11, 10:30am

Decision Making in Stressful Times.

Presented by TBI's own Dr. Annette Kasle

"For wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God" (Ruth 1:14).

This verse from the Book of Ruth, is part a conversation between a widowed mother-in-law, Naomi who has just lost her two sons and decided to return to her ancestral home and her widowed daughter-in-law, Naomi. It is surely the best-known verse in the text. As you can imagine clearly a decision make is a most stressful time for both of them.

It is not the only decision that these two will make.

As we negotiate our own stressful times, we will use this narrative as one example of decision-making in stressful times to determine what lessons, if any, it may offer.

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Meeting ID: 852 9101 3629 **Password:** Learning



Stay tuned for more life long learning...

Tuesday, May 12th 2pm: Lag B'Omer with Rabbi Mishkin

Tuesday, May 19th, 2pm : Exploring the Weekly Parsha with Rabbi Perlman

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Simchas and Condolences

The B.A.M Fund (be a mensch)

Heidi and Michael Jaffe in loving memory of Raymond Cheven, beloved father of Heidi Jaffe.

Heidi and Michael Jaffe in loving memory of Samuel Cheven, beloved grandfather of Heidi Jaffe.

Stacey and Jonathan Satovsky, mazel tov on Julie's Graduation from Bubbie Risha & Papa Joe

Beverly Taubel wishes her sincere condolences to the Simon family on the loss of Jerome Geller, beloved father of Ellen Simon.

Beverly Taubel wishes her sincere condolences to the Majer and Quigley families on the loss of Morgan Quigley, beloved son of Andrea Majer and Jim Quigley.

Nancy and Jay Feldman in honor of Aviva Poczter with so much appreciate and gratitude.

Joan and Daniel Konas wish their sincere condolences to the Simon family on the loss of Jerome Geller, beloved father of Ellen Simon.

Joan and Daniel Konas wish their sincere condolences to the Majer and Quigley families on the loss of Morgan Quigley, beloved son and brother.

Karen and Bob Farkas wish their sincere condolences to the Simon family on the loss of Jerome Geller, beloved father of Ellen Simon.

Jaime Lewis in honor of Debi Gewirtz, thank you for helping with shopping during Pesach/ Corona quarantine.

The Building Fund

Joan and Daniel Konas wish their sincere condolences to Eve Seegers on the loss of her beloved husband Henry.

Gail and Mark Mancher wish their sincere condolences to the Palmer family on the loss of Marcia Menasse, beloved mother and grandmother.

Gail and Mark Mancher wish their sincere condolences to Eva Seegers and family on the loss of Henry Seegers, beloved husband and father.

Joan Hulkower wishes her condolences to the Balaban family on the loss of Irwin Balaban, beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Joan Hulkower wishes her condolences to the Fox family on the loss of Sherman Landwehr, beloved father of Hillary Fox.

Joan Hulkower wishes her sincere condolences to Jenny Smith and family on the loss of Muriel Kibrit Silverman, beloved grandmother.

Margery Remler wishes her sincere condolences to the Balaban Family on the loss of Irwin Balaban, beloved father and grandfather.

Joan Hulkower wishes condolences to David Jaffe and family on the loss of his beloved grandmother Janice Teitelbaum.

Joan Hulower wishes her condolences to Larry Balaban and family on the loss of his beloved mother Theodora Balaban.

Jeremy and Shoshana Kasle in honor of TBI.

Mark and JoAnn Engel in honor of TBI

Matt and Ilana Engel in honor of TBI

Joan Hulkower wishes her sincere condolences to the Majer and Quigley families on the loss of Morgan Quigley, beloved son of Andrea Majer and Jim Quigley.

Judith and Morton Sloan wish their sincere condolences to the Simon family on the loss of Jerome Geller, beloved father of Ellen Simon.

Joan Hulkower wishes her condolences to Olga Krichever on the loss of her beloved mother Iraida Markina.

Doris and Mark Novick wish their sincere condolences to the Simon family on the loss of Jerome Geller, beloved father of Ellen Simon.

Doris and Mark Novik wish their sincere condolences to the Majer and Quigley families on the loss of Morgan Quigley, beloved son and brother.

Doris and Mark Novick in loving memory of Beverly Hazelkorn.

Margery Remler wishes her sincere condolences to the Balaban Family on the loss of Theo Balaban, beloved mother and grandmother.

Carole Saccullo wishes her condolences to the Majer and Quigley families on the loss of Morgan Quigley, beloved son and brother.

Ronnie Peshkin wishes her sincere condolences to the Simon family on the loss of Jerome Geller, beloved father of Ellen Simon.

Joan and Daniel Konas in honor of TBI

The Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Letty and Jerry Roberts in honor of Cantor Grainer and the wonderful work she did with the Pesach zoom services.

Tanya Hess in honor of wonderful streamed Passover services. Thank you!

The Kiddush Lunch Fund

Nancy and Jay Feldman in loving memory of Bob Tobias, beloved brother of Nancy Feldman.

The Library Fund

Bob Epstein and Beth Hisler wish their condolences to Eva Seegers on the loss of her beloved husband Henry.

Bob Epstein and Beth Hisler in loving memory of Ida Epstein, beloved mother of Bob.

Sandra and Stephen Marcus wish their sincere condolences to the Schuckman family on the loss of Wini Arouty, beloved mother of Meredith Schuckman.

Sandy and Stephen Marcus wish their condolences to the Balaban family on the loss of Irwin Balaban, beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Sandy and Stephen Marcus wish their condolences to the Fox family on the loss of Sherman Landwehr, beloved father of Hillary Fox.

Sandra and Stephen Marcus wish their sincere condolences to Jenny Smith and family on the loss of Muriel Kibrit Silverman, beloved grandmother.

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The Library Fund

The Library Committee in honor of Nancy Feldman with appreciation and love for all that you do.

Sandra and Stephen Marcus wish their condolences to the Schaub family on the loss of Russell's beloved father Arnold Schaub.

Bob Epstein and Beth Hisler wish sincere condolences to Andrea Majer on the tragic loss of her son Morgan Quigley.

Marilyn Oser wishes her condolences to the Simon family on the loss of Jerome Geller, beloved father of Ellen.

Sandy and Stephen Marcus wish their condolences to Larry Balaban and family on the loss of his beloved mother Theodora Balaban.

Bob Epstein and Beth Hisler wish their sincere condolences to Larry Balaban and family on the loss of his beloved parents, Irwin and Theodora.

Bob Epstein and Beth Hisler wish their condolences to Hillary Fox and family on the loss of her beloved father Sherman Lanwehr.

Bob Epstein and Beth Hisler wish their condolences to Meredith Schuckman and family on the loss of her beloved mother Wini Arouty.

Sandy and Stephen Marcus wish their sincere condolences to the Simon family on the loss of Jerome Geller, beloved father of Ellen Simon.

Stephen and Sandy Marcus wish their sincere condolences to the Majer and Quigley families on the loss of Morgan Quigley, beloved son of Andrea Majer and Jim Quigley.

Barbara and Bert Taffet wish their sincere condolences to the Simon family on the loss of Jerome Geller, beloved father of Ellen Simon.

Barbara and Bert Taffet wish their sincere condolences to the Majer and Quigley families on the loss of Morgan Quigley, beloved son of Andrea Majer and Jim Quigley.

Diane and Steve Greenlick in memory of their beloved daughter Karen Sue.

Diane and Steve Greenlick in memory of Steve's beloved parents Lee and Paul Greenlick.

The Mahzor Book Plaque Fund

The Hulkower family in loving memory of Bernard Hulkower.

Lisa Naiburg and Dan Kisch wish their sincere condolences to the Majer and Quigley families on the loss of Morgan Quigley, beloved son and brother.

The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Jacqueline and Alan Yates in loving memory of Rhala Yates, beloved mother of Alan.

Sandra and Stephen Garber in loving memory of Inge Ringel, beloved mother of Sandra Garber.

Eric May wishes his sincere condolences to Eva Seegers and family on the loss of Henry Seegers, beloved husband and father.

Eric May wishes his sincere condolences to Harold Cohen and family on the loss of his beloved wife Elsie Cohen.

Lenny and Arthur Holland wish sincere condolences to Eva Seegers and family on the loss of Henry Seegers, beloved husband and father.

Lenny and Arthur Holland wish sincere condolences to Harold Cohen and family on the loss of his beloved wife Elsie Cohen.

Bart, Naomi, Jacob and Mia Steinberg, in loving memory of Susan Steinberg, beloved wife and mother.

Judy and Al Siegel in honor of Rabbi Mishkin.

Heather Gold in honor of Rabbi Mishkin. Thank you for your help.

Letty and Jerry Roberts in honor of Rabbi Mishkin and the wonderful work he did with the Pesach zoom services.

Sandy Ash wishes her sincere condolences to Larry Balaban and family on the loss of his beloved parents, Irwin and Theodora.

Lisa Naiburg and Dan Kisch wish their sincere condolences to the Simon family on the loss of Jerome Geller, beloved father of Ellen Simon.

Ellen, Ani and Max Levine wish their deepest condolences to the Majer and Quigley families on the loss of Morgan Quigley, beloved son of Andrea and Jim.

Ellen, Ani and Max Levine wish their deepest condolences to the Balaban family on the loss of Larry Balaban's beloved parents Theodora and Irwin Balaban.

The Religious School Fund

The entire Kitah Vav class wishes their sincerest condolences to Andrew Muller and family on the loss of Henry Muller, beloved father and grandfather.

The Sisterhood Fund

Honor someone's simcha, express sympathy, or wish someone refuah shtema by making a contribution to Sisterhood, and a card will be sent on your behalf. For a minimum contribution of \$10.00, you can choose from the Building Beautification Fund (BBF), Flower Fund (FF), School Equipment Fund (SEF), Torah Repair Fund (TRF), or the Women's League Torah Fund Campaign (WLTF). JNF Tree certificates are available for a minimum contribution of \$18.00. Please e-mail Deborah Brooks at deborahnaomi@aol.com and send your contribution (payable to TBI Sisterhood) to TBI, c/o Deborah Brooks.

Sincere condolences from Board and Officers WLTF and Sisterhood WLTF to:

Eva Seegers on the passing of her beloved husband Henry Seegers

Janet Landau on the passing of her beloved husband Leo Greenberg

Laura Landau on the passing of her beloved stepfather Leo Greenberg

Meredith Schuckman on the passing of her beloved mother Wini Arouty

Larry Balaban on the passing of his beloved parents Irwin and Theodora Balaban

Hillary Fox on the passing of her beloved father Sherman Landwehr

Jennifer Smith on the passing of her beloved grandmother Muriel Kibrit Silverman

David Jaffe on the passing of his beloved grandmother Janice Teitelbaum

Andrea Majer and Jim Quigley, and Melissa and Hayden Quigley, on the tragic passing of their beloved son and brother Morgan Quigley

Ellen Simon on the passing of her beloved father Jerome Geller

The Social Action Fund

Benjamin Heyman in loving memory of Marvin Heyman