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March Activities

Social Action Committee— March 1 at 7:00 pm

Sisterhood Book Club Meeting— March 27 at 1:00 pm

**Depending on weather, a Sisterhood walk will be scheduled.
Watch your emails!**



Happy Purim on March 17! Watch your emails to find out if we will be celebrating Purim together or virtually this year.



Update on TBD restoration on pages 2-3.

Remember to check online calendar at <https://tbdga.org/calendar/> and TBD News emails for clarification and for additional activities.

AROUND TBD

President's Message

The secular month of March brings "hopefully" the beginning of Spring as well as our holiday of Purim on 16MAR2022. While we may not celebrate together in-person, we look forward to the time, may it be soon, that we can come back with joy to our refreshed and restored Sanctuary, Social Hall, and kitchen. With that in mind, I am sharing my "real estate" this month with our Vice-President, Bobby Horowitz, for an update on all the projects underway.

Shalom,
Judi

Hello everyone,

I thought you would like to know that Phase II of the synagogue's restoration, the "Social Hall" and most of its ancillary rooms began again in earnest last Tuesday, February 8th. Before Phase II work began, we had to remove the old skylights which had been leaking into the attic. That removal was accomplished two months ago during the repair of that section of the metal roof, along with the removal and replacement (with new) of four inoperative thermostatically controlled attic ventilator fans. Before painting could begin in the Social Hall, all damage to the walls and ceilings was repaired including the four skylight tunnels (above the old *Bima*) which had to be closed off to become part of the ceiling. Demolition of the kitchen was aimed at removing the old cabinets, countertops and sink in preparation for the installation of new cabinets, countertops, and a new deep single bowl sink with its attendant tall faucet. In addition, the "bare bulb" fixture over the kitchen sink was removed for replacement with a more decorative one. Next, the two dilapidated accordion doors were removed from

the social hall's two back spaces, the six old ceiling fans were removed, the two sets of track lights (which used to illuminate the old *Bima*) were removed, and the original *NerTamid* was removed to protect it from the construction (and to give us a chance to clean it before it is reinstalled). The track lights will be replaced with four LED 'Can Lights' which will help to illuminate that end of the Social Hall. The painters have concentrated on the back spaces and front spaces of the main social hall, as well as the classrooms and kitchen. This week the painters will start with the ceiling of the main social hall, to be followed by the walls and trim. Then the bathrooms will have their damaged wallpaper removed prior to repainting, along with the installation a new exhaust fan for each bathroom. New flooring and new toilet had been previously installed in the Ladies Bathroom while new rust proof partitions have been installed in both bathrooms.

EXTERIOR PROJECTS

Important exterior work has been a concomitant component of our synagogue's Restoration. The roof gutters again need to be cleaned, but this will be the last time that we will have to pay for a major gutter and downspout cleaning. On February 14th, all gutters will be cleaned, and "Gutter Guards" will finally be installed to prevent future clogging.

The largest of our exterior tasks is being carried out in response to our legal responsibilities involved with the lack of upkeep and maintenance of our detention pond. In order to fulfill those legal responsibilities,

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President's Message (continued)

we are having the entire detention pond reworked from top to bottom, so as to be in complete compliance with "Gwinnett County Stormwater and Detention Pond Codes." That work will begin during the week of February 13th with the help of the folks from "Dragonfly Pondworks."

SECURITY MATTERS

Our security cameras are now more than ten years old, and the computer server which operates the cameras runs on Windows Seven, an operating system that is no longer supported by Microsoft. With the help of a donation from a wonderfully generous member of our congregation we are about to replace our old camera server with an updated server that runs the Windows Ten operating system which will allow us to also replace two of our inoperative cameras with new cameras that require Windows Ten. Also, we identified an additional security concern - our two basement windows. If broken into, those windows would give an armed intruder unfettered access to our Sanctuary via the basement stairwell. Those windows are no longer vulnerable as they were covered by exterior security bars on Friday February 11th. The synagogue's other major vulnerability are our double glass doors that lead from the patio into the vestibule that then leads directly into the Sanctuary. Those doors are scheduled to be secured in a slightly different fashion on February 18th.

The work goes on.

Bobby Horowitz

A Note from Family Needs

Hi there TBD members – I don't know about you but I sure am totally done with Covid 19. As chairperson for Family Needs – we really do more than help with funerals.

Are you feeling "down in the dumps" – I know I am...not all the time though. Want to talk to someone? It's SO nice to hear a live voice at the other end of the phone.

Are you not feeling well – with either Covid, recuperating from the flu, a cold or surgery and just can't get out to get groceries? Call – if I can't do it – we'll find someone who lives near you to help. Too sick to drive to the doctor? Same thing!

Do you have a birthday or anniversary of a loved one coming up and just feel the need to talk to someone...call me. If you're in the mood for a silly joke – I can probably get one from my son (who has a strange sense of humor) or Bob Green – who always sends funny e-mails.

Whatever you need to cheer you up...we're here for you.

In order to contact me by email or phone, go to our TBD website. Log on to your account. If you click at the top of the page on the button that says "View Directory", you can get my information.

Wendy Fine, chairperson

Family Needs

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The Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for TBD was recently formed to discuss candidates for positions on the Board of Trustees. The Committee is comprised of: William (Bill) Kern, chairman, Heather Murry, Barbara Yarbrough, Rob DuBois, and Emily Goldstein. Currently, we are seeking a candidate especially for the position of Recording Secretary, which has been filled superbly by Staci Roth, whose term is up. If you are interested in the position, please contact any of the committee members. Thanks.

Social Action Committee

In January we asked you to take a short survey to identify ways to make ALL Jews feel welcome at Temple Beth David, in order to provide a welcoming center for Jews in Gwinnett County and nearby areas. The survey was inspired by the Audacious Hospitality Program of the Union For Reform Judaism (URJ). For more information, you can refer to the September and October editions of the TBD newsletter for background on the URJ and Audacious Hospitality.

We compiled the answers, comments, and suggestions provided by the membership of TBD. Then the results were distributed to the congregation on the February 1st. There's a lot to take in, and we need your help more than ever. As we stated when the survey results were distributed, "The Social Action Committee will hold an open discussion at our next meeting about this topic."

Our next meeting is on March 1, at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Questions: contact Shelly Pirkle. In order to contact her by email or phone, go to our TBD website. Log on to your account. If you click at the top of the page on the button that says "View Directory", you can get her information.

This meeting will follow our regular agenda, beginning welcoming any attendees who are not usual SAC members. We will follow , with review and discussion of the recent survey which the Social Action Committee sent out in January. After reviewing the results, we'll discuss ways in which we may use this information (future SAC projects, training sessions, etc.)

Next we will discuss and plan our next project. A food collection coinciding with Passover has been suggested, but please bring any other ideas, as well as for future projects. We'd like to welcome you to participate in this discussion as well.

Temple Beth David is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. See TBD email for link.

Topic: Social Action Committee Meeting

Time: Mar 1, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Sisterhood

As we see Spring peeking around the corner, an awakening landscape of blooming, greening, and blossoms. Think what you might need for your own “awakening” for Spring. Let Sisterhood be a part of your plan this month.

The Sisterhood Book Club will be meeting on 3/27 at 1:00. We will be reading We Begin at the End by Chris Whitaker. It was on the New York Times Bestseller List and is a beautifully written mystery packed with unforgettable characters. Watch your emails for the location and protocols to make this a safe event. As always this will be a lively discussion with everyone’s thoughts and opinions respected. We will also be choosing books for future meetings. If you would like to join this group or have any questions, please contact Fran at fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info.

We hope to reschedule our walk at Vines Park in Loganville this month. Fingers crossed that Mother Nature will work with us. An email will be sent to inform every one of the date and time.

Happy Purim to everyone on the 17th. As this letter goes out, our TBD kitchen is still under renovation, so we are unable to gather to make our yearly hamantaschen to bake and sell to the congregation. Watch your emails for updates on whether we will be celebrating Purim together or virtually this year.

Note that Sisterhood yearly dues of \$18 are due for the 2021-2022 year. If you haven’t paid your dues this year please send a check to Attn. Sisterhood, Temple Beth David, P O Box 865 Snellville, GA 30078. Make sure your check is payable to Temple Beth David Sisterhood. Get involved in Sisterhood, help us grow and thrive.

Amazon Smile

As we continue to practice social distancing and possibly shopping more from home than in person, please consider using Temple Beth David’s Amazon Smile link. We have reinstated our account and just through shopping as you have always done, we received \$30.34 this past quarter for a YTD total of \$281.80 directly into our operating account!

If you select TBD as your designated charity, we receive 0.5% of eligible purchases. This is a seamless and easy way for you to make additional donations to our General Fund to defray our temple’s operating costs.

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Milestones, Simchas and More

Have a special event you want to brag about? Graduation, job promotion, engagement, new baby... send us the information so we can all kvell together! Email your submissions to Anne Finkelman or Fran Bruggeman at fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info

Happy Anniversary

Duff, Michael & Lori	March	14
Michelson, David & Toby	March	11
Zell, Ronnie & Lillian	March	24

Happy Birthday

Lillian Zell	March	1st
Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	March	2nd
Felice Friedman	March	2nd
Staci Bernard-Roth	March	7th
Fran Bruggeman	March	10th
Andrew St. Clair	March	16th
Taylor Mays	March	17th
Shelly Pirkle	March	22nd
Maryjane Elizabeth Lee	March	23rd
Steven Ely	March	27th
Anne Finkelman	March	29th
Charline Sacks	March	31st

Family Needs

For those of you who don't know why **FAMILY NEEDS** was formed – here's why. We reach out to families who experience loss of a loved one or who are going through a serious or not so serious illness.

If you are taking care of an adult or a child with an illness and suddenly find yourself without food in your house because you haven't had time to go to the grocery store – call us. Give us a list and some money and we'll shop for you. If you have a conflict getting children/adult to a doctor or a sports event at the same time and don't have someone to drive – call us. I can't guarantee we can help – but we sure will try. We want to take some of the burden off your shoulders.

If a close relative has passed away – call Judi Kern or me (Wendy Fine) to make arrangements. If you must go out of town – let us know and we can send a platter of food to be delivered after the funeral or for a shiva service wherever you are. If it's local – we do the same thing. If you are having a shiva service for 1, 3 or 7 days we can make sure that you will have someone to lead prayers and also make sure that there is food (usually dessert items) for afterwards.

We work with the family and your friends to make sure that you get the comfort, care and help that you may need. We also send sympathy and gets well cards as needed.

We don't ask that you pay for any of this, but we can **always** use donations to help cover the cost. Your donations "in memory of" "in honor of" "congratulations" or "get well" are our only source of funds for this service. If you donate please send it to TBD treasurer at P O Box 865, Snellville GA 30078. Make sure your check says **FAMILY NEEDS** somewhere on the check, so it goes into the right account. TBD will make sure that the person or family you are helping will get a card stating your donation (but not the amount). These donations will be listed, again, in our monthly bulletin. Believe me – the families you are helping will very much appreciate everything you can do to help. This also ensures that we can continue to do our work.

Please remember one thing – I am NOT a mind reader. Don't tell your friends that you need help. They will sympathize with your and probably NOT tell me. I don't want anyone to feel that they are not important and that we don't care. We do!!!!

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Lifecycles

March Yahrzeits

Jerry Steinberger	friend	of	Wendy Fine	3/1/2020
Larisa Scherf	Friend	of	Mayya Dickens	3/1/2016
Marcia Finkelman	Mother	of	Anne Finkelman	3/1/2001
Marjorie Rosenberg	Mother	of	Dan Rosenberg	3/4/2016
Lillian Sherwin	Aunt	of	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	3/5/2000
Wesley Bee" Inglett"	Father	of	Sandra Lesser	3/6/2002
Jerry Rubin	Father	of	Sheri Young	3/7/2017
Rebecca Finkelman	Aunt	of	Anne Finkelman	3/8/2013
Mark Zaidel	Father	of	Denise Whitlock	3/10/2013
Gary Eugene Horowitz	Brother	of	Robert (Bobby) Horowitz	3/10/1999
Bertha Zell	Mother	of	Ronnie Zell	3/14/2019
Gail Rubin	Mother	of	Sheri Young	3/15/2011
Eli Lesser	Father-in-Law	of	Sandra Lesser	3/15/1995
Irma Schiller	Mother	of	Judi Kern	3/16/2021
Allen Sacks	Father	of	Serena Sacks	3/17/2018
Allen Sacks	Husband	of	Charline Sacks	3/17/2018
Nathan Sousa	Nephew	of	Martha Whitman	3/17/1994
Fred Markel		of		3/19/2019
Phillip Nickelsberg	Grandfather	of	Barry Nickelsberg	3/19/1963
Robert Levitt	Cousin	of	Sonia Freidus	3/22/2014
Eva Bernstein	Grandmother	of	Barry Abis	3/23/1984
Eva Bernstein	Grandmother	of	Mrs Ronnie Pesserilo	3/23/1984
Beatrice Kay	Mother	of	Sandy Ewanowski	3/24/2011
Jack Zell	Father	of	Ronnie Zell	3/24/1997
Sam Portnoy	Brother-in-Law	of	Wendy Fine	3/26/2004
Sarah Stuckler	Mother	of	Charline Sacks	3/30/1994
Dinah Nickelsberg	Grandmother	of	Barry Nickelsberg	3/30/1962

Donations

Luskin, Bonita	In Memory Of	My Mother Miriam Kaemen
Zell, Ronnie & Lillian	In Memory Of	Ben and Henia Friedberger
Sacks, Charline	In Memory Of	Charline Sacks
McPeek, John & Julia	In Memory Of	Sharon Pearl

When donating to the Yahrzeit Fund, General Fund, and Donald Freidus Memorial Garden Fund, please send donations to TBD Treasurer, Temple Beth David, P.O. Box 865, Snellville, GA 30078-0865. Checks should be made payable to Temple Beth David and please specify on the check or attached note which fund you are donating to and in memory/honor of whom. Otherwise, the donation will be applied to the General Fund.

Memorial Garden

It is getting that time of the year when the Memorial Garden needs to be worked on so that it remains a very important part of the Temple grounds.

I will be scheduling a clean up day either later in March or early April and will be needing help for cleaning up leaves and other debris as well as pruning the bushes and putting down fresh mulch, cleaning the benches and possibly adding some plants or bushes.

Please email me or call me to let me know that you will be available to help and the dates and time you will be available. In order to contact me by email or phone, go to our TBD website. Log on to your account. If you click at the top of the page on the button that says "View Directory", you can get my information. I will then contact you in advance to let you know the date or dates that we will be working on the garden.

Sincerely with many thanks,
Sonia Freidus

Message from Foster Care Mentoring Program

The Foster Care Support Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit serving youth in foster and kinship care throughout Georgia, has a mentoring program for youth aged 12 years and older called Hope 4 Tomorrow (H4T). H4T gives youth an opportunity to have a positive, engaged person in their life who can help them set and achieve goals, explore shared areas of interest, and enjoy enriching activities like playing ball, learning a new skill, or visiting a cultural site. We are in need of mentors in Snellville. For more information on H4T, please visit <https://www.fostercare.org/mentoring>. Also feel free to reach out to Jordan Rayburn, the Hope 4 Tomorrow Mentoring Coordinator, anytime if you have any questions or concerns: 770-317-3749. We hope you will join us to help displaced youth lead happy, healthy, successful lives. Email address is mentor@fostercare.org. We hope you will join us to help displaced youth lead happy, healthy, successful lives.

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Email your items to Fran Bruggeman at fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info and Anne Finkelman.
Thank you.

March 2022

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<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 7:30 Service	<i>12</i> 11:00 Service
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> Erev Purim	<i>17</i> Purim	<i>18</i> 7:30 Service	<i>19</i> 11:00 Service
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