

# CHAI LIGHTS



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## TEMPLE BETH DAVID

### Rabbi Norry

**On 6/23, the congregation voted to hire Rabbi Norry during a meeting on Zoom. He will be conducting services twice a month for both Friday night and Saturday morning. His first services for us will be on July 8 and July 9. He will also be our Rabbi for High Holiday Services and life-cycle events. We are looking forward to him joining us!**

**See page 3 for more details.**

**Sisterhood Book Club– 7/10– Read emails for further details.**

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 message this month takes inspiration from the Torah parsha for 18JUN2022 (Parashat B'haalot'cha). In no way am I comparing myself to Moses, but the similarities to "carrying the load" were striking.

The translation from the Torah is - "14] I cannot carry all this people by myself, for it is too much for me. 15] If You would deal thus with me, kill me rather, I beg You, and let me see no more of my wretchedness!" 16] Then the Eternal One said to Moses, "Gather for Me seventy of Israel's elders of whom you have experience as elders and officers of the people, and bring them to the Tent of Meeting and let them take their place there with you." (The Torah: A Modern Commentary: Revised Edition (p. 962). CCAR Press. Kindle Edition.)

The discussion prior to the parashah states - "The "riffraff" is blamed for stimulating the dissatisfaction of the people. In the ensuing tension, a frustrated Moses realizes that he needs assistance. The seventy leaders who are chosen become not merely deputized administrators but also people possessed of prophecy. We read that God took some of the divinely bestowed gifts from Moses and imparted them to other leaders." (The Torah: A Modern Commentary: Revised Edition (p. 951). CCAR Press. Kindle Edition.)

In June, I sent an email to all TBD members with a list of every task that I currently perform for the congregation. As I explained, with all of my other commitments, this load is just too much for me to handle by myself. Like Moses, I am seeking a committed group of people who can take on some of these tasks. I am not asking for any one person to take on the entire list, but a group of people who can each take on 1 or 2 from the list to ease my burden. I do want to take this opportunity to thank those congregants who have offered to take some of these tasks off my shoulders already.

While I cannot promise that you will be blessed with the gift of prophecy, I can promise you that you will be ensuring that Temple Beth David continues to grow and thrive as the beacon of Judaism in Gwinnett County.

L'Shalom  
Judi

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### More Info on Rabbi Norry

Rabbi Norry has served as spiritual leader at Congregation Shaare Zedek on the Upper West Side of New York City and as Senior Rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel in Atlanta.

A passionate teacher, Rabbi Norry takes every opportunity to teach young people and adults, whether at Shearith Israel in the experiential learning program for youth, Machaneh Shai, and regular adult learning classes; as a visiting teacher to The Epstein School; visiting religious scholar to The Lovett School; or in his own children's classrooms at The Paideia School.

He has served on the boards of The Weinstein Hospice and as a founding board member of Intown Collaborative Ministries, an interfaith organization which helps the homeless in Atlanta.

Rabbi Norry was a fellow in the first cohort of Rabbis Without Borders, a group of rabbis from across denominations, brought together by the national Jewish organization, CLAL, who share a mission of offering insights of Jewish traditions and wisdom to a cross-section of the American public.

To that end, Rabbi Norry has appeared on CNN, the CBS Morning Show, Fox & Friends, as well as several appearances on Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasting. An avid vegetarian chef and proponent of ethical eating, he has taught vegetarian cooking on cable television, at the 92nd Street Y in New York City, to Emory Hillel students in his own kitchen, and at Shearith Israel. In 1999, he was the rabbinical consultant for the Ed Norton and Ben Stiller film Keeping the Faith.

A lifelong musician, Rabbi Norry is an accomplished guitarist and harmonica player

### Sisterhood

Georgia's "summer sizzle" has arrived! Don't forget your hats, sunscreen, and water bottle as we slow down, take a breath, and embrace this change of pace. Your TBD Sisterhood has activities planned.

Sisterhood book club will meet on the 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be reading "The Last Kings of Shanghai" by Jonathan Kaufman. It is an epic multigenerational story of two rival Jewish dynasties who flourished in Shanghai and Hong Kong as 20<sup>th</sup> century China surged into the modern era. Face masks are required for those who have not been vaccinated. Our book club welcomes all women who are current TBD members and prospective members. Please contact Fran at [fbrugge@templebethdavid.info](mailto:fbrugge@templebethdavid.info) if you have any questions or would like to join this group.

Due to vacation conflicts, Sisterhood planned fewer activities for June and July. However, we plan to get back to our busier schedule in August. There will be a fun August meeting to start our new fiscal year. Watch your emails for details! Since our new fiscal year begins July 1, our yearly Sisterhood dues of \$18 are now due for the 2022-2023 year. This money goes towards Sisterhood activities and supporting projects at TBD. You may bring the dues with you to our August Kick-Off Meeting or mail it to our Treasurer, Anne Finkelman at the following address: Sisterhood, Temple Beth David, PO Box 865 Snellville, GA 30078. Make sure that the check is payable to Temple Beth David Sisterhood so that it does not go into the wrong account.

Our Sisterhood Gift Shop is still getting organized. We have some items on the shelves and will put more out as we figure out a new display space. We are always looking for volunteers who have some time to help. If you need something, let a Board member know.

Get involved, help us grow and thrive.

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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](mailto:fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info)

#### Happy Anniversary

Friedman, Morris & Felice	July	19
Nickelsberg, Barry & Genie	July	1

#### Happy Birthday

Michael	Duff	July	3rd
Sonia	Freidus	July	4th
Lori	Duff	July	6th
Barry	Abis	July	10th
Alex	Stein	July	18th
Frank	Montelione	July	19th
Ruthann	Bowen	July	28th
Lee	Goodman	July	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 – contact me (Wendy Fine) to make arrangements or fill out our online form at <https://www.tbdga.org/bereavement-intake-form.html>. 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 you 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!!!!**

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.

## Lifecycles

### July Yahrzeits

Yetta Harris	Aunt	of	Sonia Freidus	7/1/1988
George Levitt	Uncle	of	Sonia Freidus	7/1/1969
George Michelson	Grandfather	of	David Michelson	7/6/1994
Marissa Nickelsberg	Daughter	of	Barry Nickelsberg	7/7/2019
Harriet Greenhut	Mother	of		7/7/1995
Louis Sacks	Father-in-Law	of	Charline Sacks	7/12/1978
Beatrice Cherkas	Mother-in-Law	of	Evie Cherkas	7/13/1998
Jerry Cherkas	Husband	of	Evie Cherkas	7/15/2011
Dorothy Kaplan	Mother	of	Barbara Kaplan	7/6/2012
Helene Glickman	Mother	of	Wendy Fine	7/16/1981
Rose Hoffman	Aunt	of	Sonia Freidus	7/17/1998
Andrew Martin Paikoff	Brother	of	Toby Michelson	7/19/2016
Jean Montelione	Mother	of	Mr. Frank Montelione	7/19/2010
Bess Fine	Mother-in-Law	of	Wendy Fine	7/19/1988
Gary Bernstein	Cousin	of	Mrs Ronnie Pesserilo	7/20/2015
Shirley Shulman Rich	Mother	of	Helaine Seskin	7/20/2015
Martha Young	Mother	of	Jonathan Young	7/21/2020
Mimi Weiner	Aunt	of	Sonia Freidus	7/24/2013
Beverly Moskowitz	Aunt	of	Judi Kern	7/24/2004
Solomon Horowitz	Father	of	Robert (Bobby) Horowitz	7/24/1999
Frances Rodriquez	Mother	of	Sandra Lesser	7/25/2008
Don Freidus	Husband	of	Sonia Freidus	7/26/2008
Jean Greenbaum	Mother	of	Felice Friedman	7/26/2004
George Kirchoff	Father	of	Genie Nickelsberg	7/29/2020
Bob Eagle	friend	of	Wendy Fine	7/31/2020

## Donations

Donation	Lofton, Jerome	
Donation	McPeck, Julia	
Yahrzeit Donation	Yarbrough, Barbara	In memory of David Yarbrough
Yahrzeit Donation	Luskin, Bonita	In memory of her mother

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.

## 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 \$42.89 for Q4 2022 for a total of \$369.49 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.

The link below will take you to smile.amazon.com in support of TBD and eliminate the search among almost a million other organizations. There are at least 8 other Temple Beth David's listed!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1558972>

Once you register, all you need to do is make your purchases through smile.amazon.com (change your favorites bookmark!) –and that is it.

Or—if you have a smart phone and the Amazon Shopping app—there is now a way to link to Amazon Smile so that you can benefit TBD without going through the above link. Click here <https://bit.ly/TBD-smile> to set this up. We thank you for your participation.

AmazonSmile customers can now support Temple Beth David in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

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2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
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Email your items to Fran Bruggeman at [fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info](mailto:fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info) and Anne Finkelman.  
Thank you.

# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 Service	2 11:00 Service
3	4	5	6 Board Meeting 7:00	7	8 7:30 Service	9 11:00 Service
10 Sisterhood Book Club 1:00	11	12	13	14	15 7:30 Service	16 11:00 Service
17	18	19	20	21	22 7:30 Service	23 11:00 Service
24	25	26	27	28	29 7:30 Service	30 11:00 Service
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