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TEMPLE BETH DAVID

Message from Rabbi Norry Lunchtime Learning Continues

We often look at the characters of the Bible for inspiration, and as a reflection of our own struggles and faith. But we rarely look at the objects that appear in the same stories. Using the lenses of anthropology, and art criticism, we will explore these 'things' that drive the biblical stories, and move them, from secondary consideration, to central focus.

Think about what questions an archaeologist might ask of an unusual or remarkable object. What is it? Where do we find it? What is it made of? Who made it? How is it used? How many of them are there? Is it rare or common? Valuable, or ordinary? When does it enter the story. And where is it now?

By asking these questions we will come to see that these objects are not mere items that appear, but central characters whose appearance has a lot to teach about the deeper meaning of the stories.

It's a fun and exciting way to study 5 of the Torah's vital stories.

Each session stands on its own. Come to all of them or just a couple.

FREE and open to the entire community.

Bring your own lunch and join us in person Thursday at 12:00 Noon at TBD, or via Zoom.

Other classes will follow in December and January.

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

As I write this message, the Torah parsha is B'reishit, and I found an interesting D'var Torah by Rabbi Stacy Rigler (https://reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study/torah-commentary/god-sent-you?utm_medium=email&utm_content=2022_10_18 Accessed 18OCT2022) on the URJ website.

“As we begin the book of B'reishit again, in a world that feels lonely, it helps to remember that we have the cure to loneliness; it is as old as creation itself. When human beings were formed, the first response of one person to another was admiration: ‘This one at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.’ (Genesis 2:23) One human recognized the humanity of the other and immediately felt a sense of comfort and relief... When we take time to be with one another, we experience a heightened sense of joy. The verse calls our attention to the innate desire to share experiences with one another, to join together.”

We live in a world still somewhat within a COVID-induced cocoon; while the level of COVID has decreased, at least in GA, the levels of influenza-type diseases are increasing significantly. Georgia is currently classified as a “red - high” zone of incidence. Even as I travel, I still am wearing KN95 masks - but the lack of facial contact does not eliminate the interpersonal interaction. Something as simple as a “thank you” to a server at a restaurant, a “have a good day” at the cashier, can go a long way to comfort and recog-

nize someone's efforts.

We still need each other - Temple Beth David is a family. Get involved in the activities, classes, and services that we offer, either in-person or online. If there is something that you would like to see offered, consider getting a like-minded group together and start it.

Join us in the sanctuary for Shabbat services - there is plenty of room to observe social distancing if that is your comfort zone. The interpersonal interaction will benefit you as well as anyone you may come in contact with. You can also interact with others on YouTube via the chat function; we do monitor that during services real time as well.

The secular holiday of Thanksgiving is coming up soon - take the opportunity to gather with family and friends and enjoy each other's company. Remember that we all need each other.

Shalom,
Judi Kern

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Sisterhood

Join us at the Sisterhood Book Club Meeting on Sunday 11/20 at 1:00pm. Our November book will be "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. It is a bestselling powerful American epic about love and heroism and hope, set during the Great Depression. Sisterhood Book Club welcomes all women who are current TBD members and prospective TBD/Sisterhood members. Check your TBD Sisterhood emails for details about the book club and to learn about upcoming activities.

In October, we enjoyed a Book Club meeting. We are in the process of preparing the Gift Shop for reopening. There will be more information on this later. If you have not yet paid your annual Sisterhood dues for the current fiscal year which began on July 1, mail it to our Treasurer, Anne Finkelman at the following address: Sisterhood, Temple Beth David, PO Box 865 Snellville, GA 30078. Annual dues are \$18. Make sure that the check is payable to Temple Beth David Sisterhood so that it does not go into the wrong account. This money goes towards Sisterhood activities and supporting projects at TBD.

If you have questions about Sisterhood or Sisterhood activities, contact Fran at fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info.

Get involved, help us grow and thrive.

Thank You

An enormous THANK YOU

This is especially for everyone who was able to do something (anything) during High Holidays. Some of you opened/closed the ark, dressed/undressed the Torah, walked around the temple holding the Torah, raised the Torah, did an Aliyot (y'all did an excellent job on that), read from the Torah or did the Haftorah. I know that if I listed everyone who did anything – it would take up the entire page. Unfortunately, a few members asked why they didn't get a part – well – that's my own fault. I just missed catching their name as I went down the member list and for that – I'm truly sorry. Promise I will catch it next year!!!

The choir was fantastic, as always. Barry – you truly do a wonderful job getting them so in sync that it's one voice.

Our police officers were there protecting us – just like every Friday night – and we are so grateful for them.

Judi, Denise, Genie – without you working on the audio/visual for Stream Spot we wouldn't have everyone who couldn't/wouldn't attend able to see how wonderful the service was.

Rabbi Norry – I am eternally grateful that you are our new rabbi. Every one of your sermons – even not on High Holidays – are so inspiring. Johanna & Netanya – your voices are truly magnificent, and I'm thrilled that you added them to the service.

All in all – the service went very smoothy with a few minor bumps. Everything flowed just the way it was supposed to.

Again – thank you all.

Wendy Fine,

Ritual Chairperson

AROUND TBD

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

Falbaum, Hartley & Patricia	November	30
Ruchin, David & Cindy	November	14
Sissel, Kenneth & Regina	November	26

Happy Birthday

Rebekah	Goodman	November	5th
Christie	Roth	November	6th
Robin	Miller	November	8th
Dennis	Wright	November	18th
Elaine Marie	Lee	November	21st
Lilah	Goldstein	November	25th
Connor	Weiss	November	30th

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 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!!!!

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

November Yahrzeits

Joseph Zaidel	Grandfather	of	Denise Whitlock	11/1/1994
Elsie Kronenfeld		of		11/3/2006
Raymond S. Beach Jr.	Husband	of	Ms Karen Beach	11/3/2006
Zelda Abis	Mother	of	Barry Abis	11/5/2020
Zelda Abis	Mother	of	Mrs Ronnie Pesserilo	11/5/2020
Helen Sadler	Grandmother	of	Staci Bernard-Roth	11/5/2000
Diana Weller	Grandmother	of	Anne Finkelman	11/5/1990
Liliane St. Clair	Mother	of	Andrew St. Clair	11/6/2008
Al Moskowitz	Uncle	of	Judi Kern	11/8/1981
Mark Diskin	Cousin	of	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	11/10/2000
Rita Darnowsky	Mother	of	Steve Darnowsky	11/11/2002
Lonnie Bloodworth	Grandfather	of	Alicia McElheney	11/12/2000
Danny Massu	Grandfather	of	Taylor Mays	11/13/2018
Coby Carmichael	Father	of	Catherine Baker	11/13/2013
Calvin Weiss	Grandfather	of	Anya Weiss	11/13/2006
Albert Stuckler	Brother	of	Charline Sacks	11/15/2012
Sondra Goodman	Mother	of	Lee Goodman	11/15/2010
Harry Fuchs	Father	of	Aaron Fuchs	11/15/1987
Shirley Fuchs	Mother	of	Aaron Fuchs	11/15/1978
John Brown	Father	of	Rebekah Goodman	11/17/2017
David Pirkle	Husband	of	Shelly Pirkle	11/17/2015
Judith Hafley	Sister	of	Roberta Ginsberg	11/18/2013
Michael Abrams				11/18/1990
Gert Docterman				11/19/1995
Rosalind Schiller	Aunt	of	Judi Kern	11/20/2007
Abraham Glickman	Father	of	Wendy Fine	11/20/1959
Philip Berlin	Uncle	of	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	11/23/2000
Maurice Rich	Father	of	Helaine Seskin	11/24/1995
Paula Barasch	Aunt	of	Wendy Fine	11/24/1966
Arthur Levitt	Brother	of	Sonia Freidus	11/27/2003
Doug Fletcher	Husband	of	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	11/27/2003
Mack Freid	Father-in-law	of	Mrs Barbara Freid	11/27/1975
Simpson Andrews	Uncle	of	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	11/28/1993
Toby Scher	Aunt of Norman		Mrs Barbara Freid	11/30/2000

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Shelley Pirkle

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Loretta Harrison

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Ronnie Pesserilo in memory of her father, Sidney Abis, and her Uncle Herman Bernstein

Barbara Freid in memory of Rae Freid Davis

Bonita Luskin in memory of her Mother

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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 Q1 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.

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3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

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Due Date for Newsletter Articles is always the 15th of the month!
Email your items to Fran Bruggeman at fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info and Anne Finkelman.
Thank you.

November 2022

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