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President's Message

I read this short article from the clergy at The Temple in the Atlanta Jewish Times (December 15, 2022) and thought I would share a part of it – hoping that it will speak to all of you in the way that it spoke to me. One small edit from the original though – they listed the number of Chanukah candles in a box as 45. We all know that it is really 44 – hoping that it was just a typo.

“A box of Chanukah candles is usually filled with 44 identically made candles. Yet, when lit together, from two on the first night to nine on the last, we see that each candle burns uniquely. No two candles go out at the same time, or shine the same circle of light, or show the same flame. Some struggle to stay lit, and others seem to shine brighter than all the rest.”

Each of us is unique – in our experiences, knowledge, expertise, and even our approach to and outlook on Judaism. Bringing our differing talents, knowledge, and even personalities to Temple Beth David will only make us stronger and more resilient to weather the challenges that lie ahead.

Instead of watching from the sidelines, consider becoming an active participant in the day-to-day operations of Temple Beth David. Any task you can do consistently, no matter how small, will make us better. Sharing yet another gem received by email:

Parashat Vayechi Haiku By Rebecca Tullman

play to your own strengths
If we all work together
we will all flourish

strive towards Oneness
though sometimes we do fall short
it is everything

By working together and sharing what is unique to each of us, we can achieve the oneness described above and TBD will surely flourish.

Shalom
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Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Norry's Thursday Learning continues in February with an exploration of Subversive Sequels in the Bible. Using Judy Klitsner's excellent study of paired stories, we consider two stories from the Hebrew Bible (Tanakh) - the first story is 'undermined' or revisited through the second story. Some of the Bible's stories are 'problematic', and some of those stories are reimagined by later stories that seem to mine the language and theology of the former to 'correct' the difficulties encountered in the original story.

It is a different way to study Torah, and you are guaranteed to learn something new.

February 2nd and 9th

Noon

In Person and via Zoom

FREE and open to all

Faith and Abortion Panel Discussion

Come and join us as the following faith leaders in our community share their perspectives on abortion:

Rev Jan Taddeo from Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnet
Missionary Hammad Ahmad from Baitul Ata
Rabbi Hillel Norry from Temple Beth David
Rev Guerra from Hispanic Episcopal Ministries for the Atlanta Diocese
Father Atem from Saint Lawrence
Protestant minister (TBD)

Panelists will be given an opportunity to share the core tenets of their faith in regard to abortion, how those tenets are interpreted and how they are applied in pastoral practice.

Time: February 25, 7:00 - 9:30

Location: Baitul Ata Mosque, 1800 Willowbrook Parkway, Norcross

Light refreshments will be served following the discussion.

Note: This is not a debate or policy discussion but an opportunity to listen to different viewpoints on this issue.

You can register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/panel-discussion-on-faith-and-abortion-tickets-514990469357>

Friends and family are welcome as well !

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Thank You!

The Social Action Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to our annual Hanukkah Clothing and Food Drive. Your generous donations were taken to the Clothing Mission at the First Baptist Church in Lawrenceville and the Lawrenceville Food Coop where they will be distributed to those in need. Yasher Koach !

Sisterhood

Sisterhood is planning to have a class on cooking hamantaschen on 2/19 at 2:00. Martha Whitman will be our teacher. Afterwards, delicious samples will be given to all attendees. Please RSVP to Fran Bruggeman by 2/12 to be sure that there is enough hamantaschen made for you. See email address in bottom paragraph.

Sisterhood is also planning a Book Club meeting on 3/5 at 1:00. Our March book will be "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks. Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, "Horse" is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism. It is a Pulitzer Prize winner. Sisterhood Book Club welcomes all women who are current TBD members and prospective TBD/ Sisterhood members.

January had two Sisterhood activities, Book Club and an art class taught by Genie Nickelsberg who was our guide as we created a vision board that helped us to visualize how 2023 would be the best year for us. We had a lot of fun.

Remember to check your emails for Sisterhood activities. 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 prefer, you may bring a check to one of our Sisterhood activities rather than mailing it. If you have questions about Sisterhood or Sisterhood activities, contact Fran at fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info.

Adding Events to Calendar

Report your planned event to Fran at fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info in order to add it to our TBD online calendar. Please schedule your event after checking online calendar so that your event is not planned on at the same time that someone else has already planned one.

Thank you.

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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

Abis, Barry & Janet	February	27
Horowitz, Bobby & Fletcher-Horowitz, Jackie	February	19
Epstein, Mark & Judi	February	14
Murry, Heather & Jim	February	13

Happy Birthday

Catherine Baker	February	10th
Sarah McElheney	February	18th
Bobby Horowitz	February	22nd
Barry Miller	February	24th
Michael Roth	February	26th
Judi Epstein	February	28th
Aaron Fuchs	February	28th

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

February Yahrzeits

Melissa Greenhut	Sister			2/1/2019
Linda Norfleet	Friend	of	Judi Kern	2/3/1996
Dan Silverstein	Uncle	of	Sandy Ewanowski	2/4/1995
Flora Hessling	Friend	of	Robert (Bobby) Horowitz	2/5/2012
Rosemary Norris	Friend	of	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	2/7/2018
Iris Taussig	Sister	of	Steven Ely	2/7/2018
Phillip Schiller	Grandfather	of	Judi Kern	2/7/1949
Louis Yakrus				2/11/2005
Ruth Poczik	Mother	of	Bill Kern	2/12/2018
Harold Dobrikin	Uncle	of	Judi Kern	2/12/1986
David Johnson	Uncle	of	Bill Kern	2/13/2018
Rosie Bell Wyland	Grandmother	of	Justin McElheney	2/13/2005
Milton Schiller	Father	of	Judi Kern	2/13/1995
Evelyn Ginsberg	Mother-in-Law	of	Roberta Ginsberg	2/16/1943
Benjamin Friedberger	Father	of	Lillian Zell	2/17/2005
Norman Leikach				2/19/2020
Bruce Branitz				2/20/2015
Eli Cherkas	Father-in-Law	of	Evie Cherkas	2/20/1999
Bertha Aspler Weissman	Grandmother	of	Martha Whitman	2/21/1967
Belle Rappaport	Grandmother	of	Staci Bernard-Roth	2/25/1985
Beatrice Darnovsky	Aunt	of	Steve Darnowsky	2/27/2017
Henia Friedberger	Mother	of	Lillian Zell	2/27/2005

Donations

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Barbara Kaplan

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Ronnie Pesserilo

Yahrzeit Fund:

Steven and Linda Ely in memory of Steven's Mother, Lillian Ely
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Ronnie Pesserilo in memory of Jack Pesserilo
Robbie and Rosa DuBois in memory of Emilia Gress

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 \$37,49 for Q3 2022 for a total of \$441.27 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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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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Board Meeting 7:00	<i>2</i> Rabbi Norry's Class 12:00	<i>3</i> 7:30 Service with Rabbi Norry	<i>4</i> 11:00 Service with Rabbi Norry
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> Rabbi Norry's Class 12:00	<i>10</i> 7:30 Service	<i>11</i> 11:00 Service with Rabbi Norry
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<i>19</i> 2:00 Sisterhood Hamantaschen Class	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 7:30 Service	<i>25</i> 11:00 Service Gwinnett County Interfaith Alliance 7:00 pm
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>				