

# CHAI LIGHTS



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**TEMPLE BETH DAVID**

## Annual Meeting– 5/7

The Annual Meeting is at 2:00. It will be in-person and available on Zoom. Check your emails for the Zoom link.

Voting for the slate will occur before the meeting on May 7th. For ease in tabulation, this vote will be completely electronic; therefore, there will be no paper absentee ballots. Notifications and a link to the ballot has been sent to all members in good standing.

Voting, including absentee voting, opened on Sunday, April 16th and will remain open until midnight on Thursday, May 4th.

The Nominating Committee presents its recommended slate of Trustees and Officers for Temple Beth David:

President: James Fineman

Vice President (shared position): Jacques (JJ) Roch and Aaron Fuchs

Treasurer: Denise Whitlock

Trustee: Wendy Fine

Trustee: Barbara Yarbrough

See Rabbi's Message on p. 3 for info on classes.

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

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## AROUND TBD

### President's Message

TODAH RABAH!

This month I dedicate my message to all those members who have spent many hours to the tasks required to keep Temple Beth David functioning as well as those who take part in events enjoyed by both members and non-members.

To Janet and Barry Abis, and all those others who had a part in this year's TBD Passover Seder: Your efforts in organization and preparation were evident, and all those who attended reported that the seder was a resounding success.

To the Education group, Joanne Stein, Genie Nickelsberg and all those who hosted Tot Shabbat events throughout the year as well as the Hanukkah party and model seder (and any other events I may have omitted unintentionally). Again, these events showcase everything that TBD has to offer.

To Joanne Stein and the members of this year's Nominating Committee: Thank you for spending countless hours finding candidates to fill the open positions on the Board of Trustees for the next fiscal year. I realize that this was difficult to say the least, but you all managed to find a group of qualified and enthusiastic candidates.

To the nominees for next year's Board of Trustees: Thank you for agreeing to volunteer your valuable time to ensure that Temple Beth David remains a viable Jewish sanctuary in Gwinnett County. I can tell you from experience that, at times, it is difficult and thankless work, but the friendships you will make are invaluable.

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To Bobby Horowitz and Bill Kern: Thank you for spending endless hours maintaining the building and security of TBD. You and the rest of the current Board of Trustees (by their decisions) have left our congregation in a much better place.

To the volunteers of the "Stream Team" (Denise Whitlock and Genie Nickelsberg): Thank you for the hours you commit on Shabbat evenings to "get the electrons out of the building." We reach many of our congregants, supporters, and non-affiliated Jews across the United States, bringing vital and meaningful Judaism to all our followers.

To all current members of the Board of Trustees: Thank you for your dedication, commitment, and wisdom. The discussions and decisions made for the good and improvement of the congregation and building have been collegial and fruitful. I only hope that you have managed to develop some meaningful friendships along the way – I know I have.

To Rabbi Norry: Thank you for coming onboard and becoming the spiritual leader of TBD.

To all the lay leaders and musicians who make our services what they are: Thank you for your time, energy, and talent and the countless hours you spend behind the scenes to make our services meaningful.

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### Message from the Rabbi

Thursday (April 13) was our final Mishnah class.

On April 20th we began a multi-week study of Jewish Graphic Novels - Biblical stories and Jewish history told through cartoon books. We put on our Art Critic hats, and consider how the artist has interpreted the story, and what techniques they use to express their interpretation.

I have been collecting these versions of biblical stories for years, and find it a very fruitful way to encounter The Bible. We study from Genesis, Esther, Maus, and others. Join us in person or on line each Thursday at noon. Always free, Always welcome.

Shalom, and Chag Sameach,

Rabbi Hillel Norry

### Memorial Garden

I would like to thank JJ Roch, Martha Whitman and Genie Nickelsberg for their help in cleaning up the Memorial Garden with me on April 2nd.

I will be buying mulch to put down now that the leaves were raked up and the broken tree limbs removed and the Carolina Jasmine tied up over the entrance. Lots of pruning was also done. I will be needing help in putting down the mulch.

We will be having a dedication service soon so if you want a plaque put down in Memory of a loved one who was a member of TBD please let me know as soon as possible. I am also going to put down a plaque in Memory of Rabbi Robert Kirzner.

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.

Sonia Freidus

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### Sisterhood

Join us for a Sisterhood lunch at Mah Jong Restaurant at 1905 Scenic Highway S., Snellville on Saturday, May 20 at 1:30. Please RSVP to Jackie Fletcher Horowitz by May 10. We need to be able to make a reservation so that all of us can sit together. In order to contact Jackie 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 the contact information.

Sisterhood enjoyed our Book Club meeting during April.

Remember to check your emails for our activities. If you have questions about Sisterhood or Sisterhood activities, contact Fran at [fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info](mailto:fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info).

Get involved, help us grow and thrive.

### 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!!!!**

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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

McElheney, Justin & Alicia	May	22
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#### Happy Birthday

David	Erickson	May	1st
Meadow	Baker	May	6th
Harlow	Baker	May	6th
Alicia	McElheney	May	7th
Freyja	McBride	May	9th
Jacques	Roch	May	16th
Jim	Murry	May	17th
Paul	Gaustad	May	20th
Martha	Whitman	May	21st
Sophia Keilani	Dickens	May	30th

### Donations

#### Yahrzeit Fund

Barbara Freid in memory of Morris Davis  
 Ronnie Pesserilo in memory of her grandfather, Isador Bernstein  
 Scott and Denise Whitlock in memory of Denise's Bubbe, Henia Zaidel  
 Charlene Sacks in memory of Allen Sacks

#### Family Needs Fund

Barbara Yarbrough in memory of Samuel Koran

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.

## Lifecycles

### May Yahrzeits

Norman Freid	Husband	of	Mrs Barbara Freid	5/3/2020
Samuel Ruchin	Father	of	David Ruchin	5/3/1985
Sarah Perotsky	Mother-in-Law	of	Sonia Freidus	5/3/1983
Hy Berez	Uncle	of	Sonia Freidus	5/4/1988
Linda Gaustad	Mother	of	Paul Gaustad	5/5/2015
Frances Diskin	Aunt	of	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	5/6/1991
Samuel Levy	Brother-in-Law	of	Sonia Freidus	5/8/1984
Malva Dobrikin	Aunt	of	Judi Kern	5/9/2009
Andrew Levitt	Cousin	of	Judi Kern	5/10/2019
Sylvia Caplan	Mother	of	Debraly Wright	5/27/2010
Murray Schlein	Friend	of	Sonia Freidus	5/27/1991
Samson Nathan Weissman	Grandfather	of	Martha Whitman	5/29/1960
Alex Fine	Father-in-Law	of	Wendy Fine	5/30/1961

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Email your items to Fran Bruggeman at [fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info](mailto:fbruggeman@templebethdavid.info) and Anne Finkelman.  
Thank you.

## May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 12:00 Class with Rabbi Norry	<i>5</i> 7:30 Service	<i>6</i> 11:00 Service
<i>7</i> 2:00 Annual Meeting	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> Lag BaOmer	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 12:00 Class with Rabbi Norry	<i>12</i> 7:30 Service with Rabbi Norry	<i>13</i> 11:00 Service with Rabbi Norry
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 12:00 Class with Rabbi Norry	<i>19</i> 7:30 Service with Rabbi Norry	<i>20</i> 11:00 Service with Rabbi Norry 1:30 Sisterhood Lunch
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 12:00 Class with Rabbi Norry Erev Shavuot	<i>26</i> 7:30 Service Shavuot	<i>27</i> 11:00 Service
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			