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Staying Active in TBD

Are you not a member of our new TBD Board, starting July 1? There are still a lot of great TBD committees that you may enjoy joining! You are also welcome to join these if you are a Board member! These include Building & Grounds, Education, Ritual, Social Action (Community Service), Family Needs, Sisterhood, and more. Men's Club has not recently been active, but let us know if you would like to resume activities. Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance is not a TBD committee, but includes TBD & a diversity of religious communities working together to achieve common goals.

If you want to join one of our groups and do not know how, contact Fran at correspondingsecretary@templebethdavid.info. I may not know the current chair of the committee of your choice, but I can refer you to someone who does!

Rabbi Norry's Thursday Classes

Rabbi Norry's classes have been temporarily paused for the months of June and July. Watch your emails for the exact date that his fascinating classes will begin again.

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

Dear Members of the Congregation,

As my term as President of our synagogue comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past year and express my gratitude to all of you for your support and dedication to our community.

It has been a challenging year, marked by the ongoing pandemic and its impact on our daily lives. However, I am proud of how we have come together as a community to support one another during these difficult times. Whether it was through virtual services, online learning, or socially distanced gatherings, we have found new ways to connect and stay engaged with our Jewish traditions and values.

As we look to the future, I am optimistic about the opportunities ahead for our synagogue. We have a strong leadership team in place and a committed group of volunteers who are passionate about building a vibrant and inclusive community. I encourage all of you to get involved and share your ideas and talents as we continue to grow and evolve.

I also want to express my heartfelt thanks to the clergy, and lay leaders who have worked tirelessly to keep our synagogue running smoothly over the past year. Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated.

Finally, I want to wish my successor all the best as they take on the role of President. I know that they will bring fresh ideas and energy to the position and I look forward to seeing our community continue to thrive under their leadership.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your

President. May we go from strength to strength.

OK – in full disclosure, I did not write a single word of the above President's Message. It was created using AI (Artificial Intelligence) with a program called ChatGPT. AI, although still in its infancy, will become more sophisticated and common place in the next few years. This is just another example of how the world around us is changing.

As Jews, we need to keep one foot firmly in the past, embracing our sacred traditions, but more importantly, keeping the other foot in the present while always having an eye on the future. As we try to attract new and younger members we always need to "meet them on their terms." This means leaving behind "the way we always did it" (fill in the blank there) and developing new and innovative ways to operate.

Shalom,

Judi Kern

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Sisterhood

Sisterhood is having a Book Club meeting at TBD on 6/4 at 1:00. Our June book is "The Storyteller" by Jodi Picoult. Enjoy this astonishing novel about redemption and forgiveness from an amazingly talented writer and #1 New York Times bestselling author. Sisterhood Book Club welcomes all women who are current TBD members and prospective TBD/ Sisterhood members.

Sisterhood had a lot of fun during lunch at Mah Jong Restaurant in May.

Remember to check your emails for our activities. If you have questions about Sisterhood or Sisterhood activities, contact Fran at 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!!!!

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.

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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

Ely, Steven & Linda	June	11
Ewanowski, Sandy & Mike	June	13
Gaustad, Paul & Finkelman, Anne	June	10

Happy Birthday

Sydney Alexandra Lee	June	4th
Robert Brown	June	6th
Barbara Kaplan	June	12th
Linda Ely	June	14th
Cindy Ruchin	June	25th
Ronnie Zell	June	29th

Donations

Family Needs:

Barbara Freid

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Barbara Freid

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

June Yahrzeits

Al Fine	Wendy Fine	Husband	6/1/2005
Sanford Falbaum	Hartley Falbaum	Father	6/2/1984
Leon Berlin	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	Uncle	6/4/2017
Saul Vitner	Janet Abis	Father	6/4/2001
Marvin Frank	Cindy Ruchin	Father	6/8/2004
Ethel Rubin	Steve Darnowsky	Aunt	6/11/2002
Rose Falbaum	Hartley Falbaum	Mother	6/14/1986
Norman Etheridge	Mr. Frank Etheridge	Father	6/15/2011
Celia Greenberg Ruchin	David Ruchin	Mother	6/23/2002
David Yarbrough	Barbara Yarbrough	husband	6/24/2021
Lillian Altschuler	Steve Darnowsky	Mother-In-Law	6/27/2016

Memorial Garden

I want to thank Martha Whitman, Genie Nickelsberg, Ronnie Pesserilo, JJ Roach, and 2 Master Gardeners and friends for putting down Mulch in the Memorial Garden to get it ready for a dedication service in June which will be led by Rabbi Norry. We will be placing a Memorial Plaque in Memory of Rabbi Robert Kirzner, together with plaques for members of Temple Beth David who had passed away.

Any assistance is appreciated in keeping the Memorial Garden clean as well as pruning shrubs that become overgrown. You are always welcome to sit in the garden to enjoy the surrounding area. Donations to the Memorial Garden Fund are appreciated. If you have evergreen plants, hostas, ferns you would like to donate that is also appreciated. Contact me to let me know what you have and when you want to bring it to the Memorial Garden.

A notice will be sent out when the dedication service is scheduled. Let me know if there is anyone who wants to put down a plaque in Memory of other former members who have passed away.

Sincerely,
Sonia Freidus

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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.

June 2023

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