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President's Message

Temple Beth David Community,

I hope all is well. I am very excited to have the honor of formally introducing myself as Board President! My name is James Fineman. I moved to Georgia with my wife eight years ago after growing up in New England. I have a five year old son, Logan and a three year old daughter, Noa. Logan is so excited to be starting Sunday school at Temple Beth David this August. I usually attend Friday night Shabbat services every week, so if you see me there please reach out. I would love to meet you face to face!

The Temple Beth David Board looks forward to making this transition as smooth as possible. We have been attending several meetings with each other, behind the scenes, to ensure this.

Through the tireless efforts of Judi Kern, Bobby Horowitz, and with the help of the previous Board, we have been left an incredible opportunity to represent such a special place for worship and community. They have successfully completed many of the infrastructure repairs, but be assured, more are being planned. So many systems have already been put in place by them for continued success already, and we will do our best to maintain that continued success as we represent Temple Beth David in the upcoming year!

You might have already heard from Denise or Aaron when they called to get a "temperature check" on what you would like to see in Temple Beth David moving

forward. We loved the feedback of how our community feels. You all seem to value community and belonging. The close knit, genuine feel of Temple Beth David is truly special and unique, and this new Temple Beth David Board is excited to jump in and get started.

On July 9th members of the congregation are invited to a Clean-Up of our Playground area as one of the many things planned to attract new young families. It is so great that our members can support projects and hopefully, community events.

The new Temple Beth David Board would like to host a "Meet and Greet" at Temple Beth David very soon. Details in upcoming emails. I hope to see all of you there and share with you some really exciting and new ideas that we have already started planning for the upcoming year! I want to meet as many of you in person as I can, but if for whatever reason you are not able to come to the "Meet and Greet", I would be more than happy to meet with you another time. You can send me an email at jfineman@templebethdavid.info, and we can set up a time to meet in person as well. Thank you very much for allowing me this opportunity to introduce myself formally and I am so excited to see you all very soon at Temple Beth David!

Best,

James Fineman

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Education Dept.

In addition to preparing for Sunday School, the Education Committee is planning two events in July.

Playground cleanup:

The Education Committee is planning a playground cleanup on Sunday, July 9th from 9am to noon. This will help us make sure the playground is in good shape for a summer family event (more details to follow).

If you are available and interested in helping us clean up the playground on 7/9, please contact Joanne Stein. In order to contact her 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 her information.

Family Fun Event

Families with children or grandchildren ages 3-12 are welcome to attend to meet other families and enjoy fun activities on Sunday, July 16th from 10am-noon. Please respond by Monday, July 10th at <https://forms.gle/8mwHRQ7GQci2CJQT6>.

Fantasy Football Fundraiser

WERE BACK!

Come play fantasy football .
It's a fundraiser for the temple.
ITS FUN!

Contact Janet Abis or Barry Abis. In order to contact us 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 our information.

Self Defense for Women

The Gwinnett Police Community Affairs Section will offer a free basic self-defense course to women 16 and older. Women 16 and 17 years of age must be accompanied by a family member 18 years of age or older. The course is taught by Rape, Aggression, and Defense certified instructors and includes lecture, discussion, and self-defense techniques suitable for women.

The lecture portion focuses on risk awareness, risk reduction, and risk avoidance, followed by hands-on tactical training. The techniques taught are designed to be quick and effective so that women of all fitness levels and ages will be successful in learning options to escape attacks.

The 12-hour course will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 18, July 20, July 25, and July 27, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Gwinnett Police Training Center at 854 Winder Highway in Lawrenceville. Registration is required. Space is limited. **Participants must attend all four classes; no exceptions.** To register, visit GCGA.us/RADprogram. If you have any questions or need more information, please email PDCommunityAffairs@GwinnettCounty.com.

Social Action Committee Thanks TBD Members

During May a very successful food drive was held at Temple Beth David, sponsored by the Social Action Committee but more importantly well supported by TBD Members. Three deliveries were made to the Lawrenceville Food Co op by Steve Darnowsky. The first delivery just after the Annual General Meeting was substantial, the second load was ample and the third was enormous! Thank you TBD Members for your generous donations!

There will be no collection in June. In July the Social Action Committee will sponsor a School Supply Drive to benefit students in need at nearby elementary schools. The supplies will be delivered in early August to the schools. Barbara Yarbrough checked with one nearby school and learned that some of the most needed items are inexpensive headphones, tissues, Lysol wipes, expo markers, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, scissors and copy paper. If you collect any of these items in the next few weeks, please keep them until July when a bin will be on the porch at TBD.

Thanks again to everyone who supported the Food Drive!

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Sisterhood

Join us at our next Sisterhood Book Club meeting on 7/23 at 1:00. Our July book will be No Biking in the House Without a Helmet by Melissa Fay Greene. It is the story of an Atlanta author who had four children and decided to adopt five more from other cultures. The book is written with humor as the family learns to combine different cultures into one loving family. Sisterhood Book Club welcomes all women who are current TBD members and prospective TBD/ Sisterhood members.

Sisterhood had fun during our lunch at MahJong Restaurant in June.

Remember to check your emails for Sisterhood activities. Our new fiscal year begins on July 1, and you can pay your dues for the upcoming year. You can 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.

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!!!!

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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

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
Denise	Etheridge	July	16th
Alex	Stein	July	18th
Frank	Montelione	July	19th
Ruthann	Bowen	July	28th
Lee	Goodman	July	31st

Donations

Building Fund:

Barbara Yarbrough in memory of her husband, David Yarbrough.

Rabbi Discretionary Fund:

Scott and Denise Whitlock

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

July Yahrzeits

George Levitt	Sonia Freidus	Uncle	7/1/1969
Yetta Harris	Sonia Freidus	Aunt	7/1/1988
Dorothy Kaplan	Barbara Kaplan	Mother	7/6/2012
Jerome Kaplan	Barbara Kaplan	Father	7/6/1997
Harriet Greenhut		Mother	7/7/1995
Marissa Nickelsberg	Barry Nickelsberg	Daughter	7/7/2019
Louis Sacks	Charline Sacks	Father-in-Law	7/12/1978
Beatrice Cherkas	Evie Cherkas	Mother-in-Law	7/13/1998
Jerry Cherkas	Evie Cherkas	Husband	7/15/2011
Helene Glickman	Wendy Fine	Mother	7/16/1981
Rose Hoffman	Sonia Freidus	Aunt	7/17/1998
Jean Montelione	Mr. Frank Montelione	Mother	7/19/2010
Bess Fine	Wendy Fine	Mother-in-Law	7/19/1988
Shirley Shulman Rich	Helaine Seskin	Mother	7/20/2015
Gary Bernstein	Mrs Ronnie Pesserilo	Cousin	7/20/2015
Martha Young	Jonathan Young	Mother	7/21/2020
Solomon Horowitz	Bobby Horowitz	Father	7/24/1999
Beverly Moskowitz	Judi Kern	Aunt	7/24/2004
Frances Rodriquez	Sandra Lesser	Mother	7/25/2008
Don Freidus	Sonia Freidus	Husband	7/26/2008
Jean Greenbaum	Felice Friedman	Mother	7/26/2004
George Kirchoff	Genie Nickelsberg	Father	7/29/2020
Bob Eagle	Wendy Fine	friend	7/31/2020

Memorial Garden

I want to thank David Ruchin and Genie Nickelsburg for putting down the balance of the mulch I had purchased to finish the cleanup and beautification of the Memorial Garden, which is an annual job to keep the plants moist and the garden looking well cared for. I really appreciate those who always come forward to assist me in this annual project. Everyone is always welcome to sit in the garden to relax, read or meditate. If anyone wants to put a plaque in the garden in memory of a past member of Temple Beth David please let me know.

The dedication service led by Rabbi Hillel Norry on June 24th after Shabbat Service was very nice. In addition to plaques in Memory of Rabbi Robert Kirzner, plaques were also put down in Memory of John Harrison and Pearl and Malcolm Comins, past members of Temple Beth David.

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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.

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> 11:00 Service
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 7:00 Board Meeting	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> 7:30 Service with Rabbi Norry	<i>8</i> 11:00 Service with Rabbi Norry
<i>9</i> 9:00 am Playground Cleanup	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 7:30 Service	<i>15</i> 11:00 Service
<i>16</i> 10:00 am Family Event	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 7:30 Service with Rabbi Norry	<i>22</i> 11:00 Service with Rabbi Norry
<i>23</i> 1:00 pm Sisterhood Book Club	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Tish B'Av	<i>28</i> 7:30 Service	<i>29</i> 11:00 Service
<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>					