

CHAI LIGHTS



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TEMPLE BETH DAVID

Thursday Classes with Rabbi Norry

Regular, weekly Thursday learning with Rabbi Norry will begin with the new Torah reading cycle after Simchat Torah (**first session will be Thursday October 12**), and will focus on different approaches to interpreting weekly Torah portions.

Yesodot: Jewish Foundations

Join us twice a month for this special opportunity to study core Jewish ideas and practices with Rabbi Hillel Norry. Meant as an introduction to Judaism, and a serious refresher course.

There'll be coffee, too.

Begins on October 7 at 9:30 before Saturday morning services . Everyone is WELCOME.

Additional Events in October

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

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President's Message

Dear Friends and Fellow Congregants,

I hope all is well with you and your loved ones. We have had quite an eventful month, so far, and I would just like to fill everyone in on some of the incredible things that we have accomplished together.

Thank you so much to everyone that has been tirelessly working to prepare for the High Holidays. Thank you so much to our choir who has been filling our Shul with beautiful music as we are ready to kick off our new year. Thank you so much to Scott Whitlock for clearing out and prepping the Tashlich pond; it looks simply beautiful. We are ready to cast off our sins...

Thank you so much to Rick Epstien who got our ceiling emergency under control and is always available when needed to help.

Our Sunday School year is in full swing and it has been so wonderful to see a new generation of Temple Beth David learn and grow together as a Jewish community. We are pleased to announce that there will be a Children's Service for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, this year, thanks to our Sunday School.

The Torah Women's Group met and discussed Rosh Hashanah this month. Rabbi Norry hosted two special Lunch and Learn classes to prepare us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. His discussions on what to expect on the High Holy Days (HHD) and what YOU, personally bring to HHD were introspective and well attended.

We are also so very excited and proud to announce that our very own Rabbi Norry is offering an unbelievable learning

opportunity at Temple Beth David called "YESODOT: Jewish Foundations." Beginning October 7th, be prepared to explore philosophy, liturgy, holidays, theology texts and community. Join us October 7th (Simchat Torah) and every Saturday the Rabbi leads at 9:30 a.m.

Our Board had our first in person Sunday meeting and had some very spirited discussion. It was so wonderful to be together in person to discuss together what we would like to see for our Shul moving forward. We also are incredibly thrilled to report we voted in FOUR new families this month! We look forward to keeping this momentum going as we start the new year together.

Temple Beth David is participating in the 33rd annual Operation Isaiah during the High Holy Days. Operation Isaiah is an annual food drive that many synagogues across Atlanta partner with to provide for many in the community that are food insecure. There is a barrel in the Social Hall for your non perishable food donations. If you wish to make a financial donation go to <http://www.acfb.org/> and select the "donate" button. The drive will run from now until October 11th. This is a wonderful way to start the new year with a Mitzvah!

Our lovely Shul is certainly going through some change, and with change there are often feelings of the unknown, but I feel very optimistic that we have an amazingly authentic community. I believe if we will all work together to share with others how truly special Temple Beth David is, then we will continue to be successful, as our community grows.

Best,
James Fineman, President

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Operation Isaiah

Temple Beth will be participating in the 33rd Anniversary of Operation Isaiah this year. Operation Isaiah is a food drive that takes place every year during the High Holidays throughout the Atlanta area Jewish community in coordination with the Atlanta Community Food Bank. The campaign for 2023 will take place from September 13 to October 11. Non perishable food items as well as monetary donations are welcome ! Check your emails for more details.

Sisterhood

October will be an exciting month since Sisterhood has two fun events planned. The first one is Fiddler on the Roof on 10/8. RSVP was required since tickets have already been purchased in September. Our second event is Book Club on 10/29 at 1:00. Our book is The Maidens by Alex Michaelides. It is a New York Times bestseller that is a spellbinding tale of psychological suspense.

Sisterhood enjoyed our Sept. Book Club meeting.

Our new fiscal year began on July 1, and you can pay your dues for the upcoming year if you have not done so. 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!!!!

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

Kern, Bill & Judi	October	5
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Happy Birthday

Loretta	Harrison	October	1st
Richard	Epstein	October	2nd
Noa	Fineman	October	4th
David	Binstock	October	10th
Lauren	Wright	October	13th
Mike	Ewanowski	October	17th
Louis Trip	McKown III	October	20th
Denise	Whitlock	October	22nd
Jacob	Duff	October	23rd
Judi	Kern	October	28th

Donations

Family Needs Fund:

Barbara Freid in memory of Lanny Lesser and Robert Whitlock

Rabbi Discretionary Fund:

Jacques Roch

Yahrzeit Donation:

Karen Beach in memory of Harold Porpa

Ronnie Pesserilo in memory of her parents, Sidney and Zelda Abis and her cousin, Mandy Bernstein

Denise and Scott Whitlock in memory of Frederic Myron Brudner

Debraly and Dennis Wright in memory of Sylvia and Alan Caplan

Lillian and Ronnie Zell in memory of Leslie Distefano

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

October Yahrzeits

Sidney Abis	Mrs Ronnie Pesserilo	Father	10/2/1995
Sidney Abis	Barry Abis	Father	10/2/1995
Herman Bernstein	Mrs Ronnie Pesserilo	Uncle	10/5/2016
Herman Bernstein	Barry Abis	Uncle	10/5/2016
Martha Berlin	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	Aunt	10/6/2016
Saul Levine	Martha Whitman	Grandfather	10/6/1944
Mary E. Chauncey	Judi Epstein	Mother	10/6/1988
Samuel Epstein	Mark Epstein	Father	10/7/1960
John S. Harrison	Ms. Loretta Harrison	Husband	10/7/2019
Faye Frank	Roberta Ginsberg	Mother	10/8/1987
Rikki Levitt	Sonia Freidus	Aunt	10/13/2008
Rae Freid Davis	Mrs Barbara Freid	Mother-in-law	10/14/1987
Nathan David Isaacs	Sonia Freidus	Cousin	10/15/2020
Ricki Fuchs	Aaron Fuchs	Wife	10/15/1999
Edna Docterman			10/16/2021
Rebecca Yuspeh			10/17/2015
Robert Diskin	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	Uncle	10/21/2021
Kenneth R. Charron, Jr.	Mila Binstock	Son-in-Law	10/21/2018
Lillian Rose Kritzer Grundstean Swack	Julie Epstein Blankenship		10/22/1999
Jean Brown	Robert Brown	Stepmother	10/22/2010
Evelyn Frankel	Larry Frankel	Mother	10/24/1982
Irwin Finkelman	Anne Finkelman	Uncle	10/24/2021
Emily Epstein	Mark Epstein	Mother	10/24/1997
Sandy Rubenstein	Wendy Fine	Cousin	10/27/2005
Max Perotsky	Sonia Freidus	Father-in-Law	10/29/2000
Louis Weller	Anne Finkelman	Grandfather	10/31/1986

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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.

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 3:00 Board of Trustees Meeting	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 7:30 Service with Rabbi Norry	<i>7</i> 9:30 Jewish Foundations with Rabbi Norry 11:00 Service with Rabbi Norry
<i>8</i> 2:00 Sisterhood Fiddler On the Roof; RSVP required	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 12:00 Rabbi Norry's class	<i>13</i> 7:30 Service	<i>14</i> 11:00 Service
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<i>29</i> 1:00 Sisterhood Book Club	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>				