

CHAI LIGHTS



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TEMPLE BETH DAVID

Thursday Classes with Rabbi Norry Continue

Regular, weekly Thursday learnings at noon with Rabbi Norry continue and will focus on different approaches to interpreting weekly Torah portions.

Yesodot: Jewish Foundations Classes Continue

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 will be coffee, too.

Time is 9:30am 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.

AROUND TBD

President's Message

This has certainly been a very emotional month for our TBD community, as well as our entire Jewish community as a whole. We are all devastated as we are all connected to Israel, personally with family members, or through our connection with Judaism. I am going to try to focus on some happiness and positivity that has been going on at Temple Beth David and hopefully what will be a long and bright future at our shul.

We had Sukkah services for Sukkot at Temple Beth David, and it was streamed on facebook live! It was a very genuine and wonderful service led by Rabbi Norry. There was also Simchat Torah, which allowed us to unroll the Torah and show both children and adults which was a great learning opportunity for all. Rabbi Norry also started a Jewish Foundation class that was a standing room only event! The Bagel Cafe was packed with eager learners, and we hope to see this turnout continue. Our Tot Shabbat children also had the opportunity this month to enter the sanctuary and read, look at the Torah up close with Rabbi Norry. It was a very heartwarming visual representation of the past, present, and future of our beautiful congregation.

I was also very excited to be approached by a community member asking me if we offer services at Temple Beth David in Spanish. He also told me that he knows that there is a large Jewish Latino/a population that are looking for a place of worship and many of his friends either stopped practice or converted to other religions because of lack of accessibility to the lan-

guage. I asked him if he was interested in forming a bilingual study group on Judaism here to increase membership of the community and then down the road possibly offer bilingual services and he was very interested! He also said he is great at bringing people in to grow our community....be on the lookout, bilingual study groups and services might be on the horizon.

I would like to end this column by offering thanks. First I would like to thank Anya Safrit for volunteering to take phone calls at Temple Beth David, helping us be more efficient in communicating with members. It is much appreciated! I would also like to offer a special thanks to our "Christian Cousins" for offering their incredible support to us during this challenging time. Our friends from McKendree Methodist, as well as our new friends from St. Olivers who visited and spent a wonderful Shabbat service with us to show their support. It meant the world to us! For any questions about our shul please reach out to me at president@templebethdavid.info or for specific membership questions please reach out to treasurer@templebethdavid.info or dwhitlock@templebethdavid.info.

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Rabbi Salary Fund

Since our initial RABBI SALARY FUND challenge from JJ Roch of \$150, nine congregants have accepted that challenge! Three have even exceeded the challenge with a greater donation! Please continue to contribute to the Rabbi Salary Fund, so we can continue with our Rabbi Norry.

Women's Torah Study/Discussion Group

Join us on Thursday November, 9 at 7:00pm in the TBD Social Hall for a women's Torah study/ discussion group. We will discuss that week's torah portion and enjoy light refreshments together. Hope to see you there!

Cat Baker

Thank You from Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee extends thanks to everyone for their generous donations to this year's Operation Isaiah. Several trunk loads of food were taken to the Lawrence Food Coop to be distributed to members of our community who are in need. In addition \$392 was donated via the TBD team page on the Atlanta Community Food Bank website which they can use to provide over 1500 meals.

Thank You from Ritual Committee

I would like to thank everyone who participated for the High Holiday services. It's always a pleasure for me when you say "sure - I'll help". It makes my job of putting everything together so much easier.

Thanks again - and don't be surprised if I get back to you next year.

Wendy Fine, Ritual chairperson

Athens Jewish Film Festival Fall Event

Join us on Sunday November 19 from noon to 4:00 pm at Cine in Athens for a special afternoon event featuring two award winning films and noshes. Cine doors open at 11:30 am. Cost is \$25.00.

Detailed information is available on the Athens Jewish Film Festival website: <https://athensjff.org/>

AROUND TBD

Sisterhood

In October, Sisterhood enjoyed going to a wonderful performance of Fiddler on the Roof at City Springs Theater in Sandy Springs. We also participated in a lively discussion of our October Book Club selection, *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides.

Sisterhood is planning to have a Chanukah Gift Shop Sale before Chanukah begins this year (first date of Chanukah is December 7th). New items will be available! Watch for upcoming emails with additional information about date and time of sale.

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 fbruggerman@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.

AROUND TBD

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

Falbaum, Hartley & Patricia 11/30

Ruchin, David & Cindy 11/14

Happy Birthday

Rebekah Goodman November 5th

Leilani Howard November 6th

Robin Miller November 8th

Preston Howard November 14th

Dennis Wright November 18th

Elaine Marie Lee November 21st

Connor Weiss November 30th

Donations

Back Pack Buddies:

Ronnie Pesserilo
Scott and Denise Whitlock
Evie Cherkas
David and Cindy Ruchin

Building:

David and Cindy Ruchin

Yahrzeit:

Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz and Bobby Horowitz in memory of Sarah Berlin and Joseph Weil
Ronnie Pesserilo in memory of her uncle, Herman Bernstein.

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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

Lifecycles

November Yahrzeits

Joseph Zaidel	Denise Whitlock	Grandfather	11/1/1994
Charles Epstein	Julie Epstein Blankenship		11/1/1972
Raymond S. Beach Jr.	Ms Karen Beach	Husband	11/3/2006
Elsie Kronenfeld			11/3/2006
Diana Weller	Anne Finkelman	Grandmother	11/5/1990
Zelda Abis	Mrs Ronnie Pesserilo	Mother	11/5/2020
Zelda Abis	Barry Abis	Mother	11/5/2020
Helen Sadler	Staci Bernard-Roth	Grandmother	11/5/2000
Liliane St. Clair	Andrew St. Clair	Mother	11/6/2008
Mark Diskin	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	Cousin	11/10/2000
Rita Darnowsky	Steve Darnowsky	Mother	11/11/2002
Lonnie Bloodworth	Alicia McElheney	Grandfather	11/12/2000
Coby Carmichael	Catherine Baker	Father	11/13/2013
Calvin Weiss	Anya Weiss	Grandfather	11/13/2006
Albert Stuckler	Charline Sacks	Brother	11/15/2012
Sondra Goodman	Lee Goodman	Mother	11/15/2010
Harry Fuchs	Aaron Fuchs	Father	11/15/1987
Shirley Fuchs	Aaron Fuchs	Mother	11/15/1978
John Brown	Rebekah Goodman	Father	11/17/2017
David Pirkle	Shelly Pirkle	Husband	11/17/2015
Michael Abrams			11/18/1990
Judith Hafley	Roberta Ginsberg	Sister	11/18/2013
Gert Docterman			11/19/1995
Abraham Glickman	Wendy Fine	Father	11/20/1959
Philip Berlin	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	Uncle	11/23/2000
Farm	David Erickson		11/23/2022
Paula Barasch	Wendy Fine	Aunt	11/24/1966
Mack Freid	Mrs Barbara Freid	Father-in-law	11/27/1975
Arthur Levitt	Sonia Freidus	Brother	11/27/2003
Eugenia Erickson	David Erickson		11/27/2019
Mack Freid		Father-in-Law	11/27/1975
Doug Fletcher	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	Husband	11/27/2003
Simpson Andrews	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	Uncle	11/28/1993
Toby Scher	Mrs. Barbara Freid	Aunt of Norman	11/30/2000

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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.

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 7:30 Service	4 11:00 Service
5 3:00 Board of Trustees Meeting	6	7	8	9 12:00 Rabbi Norry's Class 7:00 pm Women's Torah Study/Discussion Group	10 7:30 Service with Rabbi Norry	11 9:30 Jewish Foundations with Rabbi Norry 11:00 Services with Rabbi Norry
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19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 7:30 Service	25 11:00 Service
26	27	28	29	30 12:00 Rabbi Norry's class		