

# CHAI LIGHTS



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## TEMPLE BETH DAVID

### Thursday Classes with Rabbi Norry

Regular, weekly Thursday classes at noon with Rabbi Norry will continue on Dec. 6 and Dec. 13. There will then be a break in classes, which will resume on Jan. 11.

### 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!!

Time is 9:30am before Saturday morning services . Everyone is WELCOME.

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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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## AROUND TBD

### President's Message

Temple Beth David Family,

Another month has flown by as we are getting closer and closer, believe it or not to Chanukah! These are some of the highlights of another very eventful month at Temple Beth David: Rabbi Norry has been continuing his very popular classes on the Saturdays that he leads, and his classes every Thursday at noon. Our Rabbi Salary Fund has been growing to almost \$5000 with all of the incredible donations from the Temple Beth David community! To be proactive in our efforts, we have also formed a Rabbi Salary Fund Committee. In addition, we have received an incredibly generous donation from an anonymous donor to update our streaming system. Our English/Spanish classes continue to be offered at 10:00 on Sundays. If you know anyone that is interested in learning English or speaking Spanish and learning conversationally please reach out at [president@templebethdavid.info](mailto:president@templebethdavid.info)! With Chanukah coming up right around the corner we will have a Chanukah themed Tot Shabbat on December 2, and there is a Chanukah party for all on December 3rd. Thank you so much to our Sunday School teachers and our ritual committee!! As always please reach out for any questions that you may have. If you are looking for a new/warm environment for a shul with a close knit community we would love you to consider being part of the Temple Beth David family!

Best,  
James Fineman  
President, Temple Beth David

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### Tot Shabbat

Please share with your friends and family!

Children ages 3-6 and their parents/grandparents/guardians are invited to learn about Chanukah. Feel free to wear Chanukah attire!

Activities will include a craft, story, song, and snack.

Date: Saturday, December 2nd

Time: 10:00am (approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour)

Location: TBD Social Hall

Those interested in attending should register by Friday, December 1st at <https://forms.gle/yLWKbZfHzwYJQqCS7>.

### Chanukah Party

Our Chanukah party is on Sunday December 3rd from noon-2pm EST. The party will include singing with Rabbi Norry, kid activities, playing dreidel, and a Chanukah sweater contest (the brighter, the better) with prizes. During the party, the gift shop will be open (many thanks to Sisterhood) with a new inventory of Chanukah-related products for your shopping convenience.

Lunch, including latkes, will be served. TBD Education will cover costs but donations are welcome.

If you have any questions or want to get involved with the TBD Education Department, please contact Joanne Stein at [jstein@templebethdavid.info](mailto:jstein@templebethdavid.info).

### Warm Clothing Drive

Start Date: December 3 - Hanukkah Party

There will be a barrel in the social hall to collect donations to help keep some of our neighbors warm this winter. **Please place all clothing items in a bag**. Donations will be taken to a local organization to be distributed to those in need.

Thank you.  
Social Action Committee

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### Sisterhood

In November, Sisterhood worked on organizing the Gift Shop and making new purchases for our Chanukah Sale. Chanukah is right around the corner....starting Thursday night on December 7th. Please plan on doing some of your holiday shopping for Judaic items/gifts newly purchased by TBD Sisterhood for the Chanukah Gift Shop Sale! The Gift Shop will be open during the Temple's Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 3rd, from 12:00pm-2:00pm. There will be a sale table for items the children can purchase! Please bring cash or checks for payment.

Join us at our Book Club meeting on Dec. 17 at 1:00, Our book is Ghosted by Rosie Walsh. It is a New York Times bestseller that is an intricate puzzle of a novel, beautifully crafted and deeply moving.

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](mailto: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.

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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

Whitlock, Scott & Denise	December	17
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#### Happy Birthday

Albert Barrett (Barry)	Miller Walls	December	1st 3rd
Sharon	Gross	December	7th
Olivia	Howard	December	9th
Robbie	DuBois	December	15th
Jacob	DuBois	December	17th
David	McBride	December	17th
Sam	Stein	December	22nd
Barbara	Freid	December	31st

### Donations

#### Yahrzeit:

Sheri and John Young in memory of Fred Brudner, Lori Duff's father  
 Barbara Kaplan in memory of Dorothy and Jerry Kaplan  
 Ronnie Pesserilo in memory of her mother, Zelda Abis, and her mother-in-law, Lena Pesserilo  
 Reyna Eisenberg donated Yahrzeit memorial plaques in memory of Abraham and Lena Pesserillo  
 Loretta Harrison in memory of John S. Harrison  
 Barbara Freid in memory of her mother-in-law, Rae Freid Davis  
 Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz in memory of Douglas Fletcher  
 Denise and Scott Whitlock in memory of Joseph Zaidel

#### Back Pack Buddies:

Sandy and Mike Ewanowski

#### Tot Shabbat:

Lori Fineman

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

### December Jahrzeits

Asher Nickelsberg	Barry Nickelsberg	Father	12/1/2003
Curtis Young	Jonathan Young	Father	12/1/2022
Robert Scheinder	Denise Etheridge	Father	12/2/1992
Alexander Darnovsky	Steve Darnowsky	Uncle	12/3/2004
Rose Lesser	Sandra Lesser	Mother-in-Law	12/4/2003
Sylvia Anne Whitlock	Scott Whitlock	Mother	12/7/1996
Roland Jolin	Monsieur Jacques Roch	Uncle	12/8/2022
Gloria Yakrus			12/11/2004
Sylvia Fletcher	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	Mother-in-Law	12/12/1998
Maria Etheridge	Mr. Frank Etheridge	Mother	12/12/2000
Barbara Dymkowski	Mrs Ronnie Pesserilo	Cousin	12/12/2020
Isaac Andrews	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	Father	12/15/1983
Sylvia Schneider Grossman	Denise Etheridge	Mother	12/15/2015
Barbara Weiss	Anya Weiss	Grandmother	12/16/1999
Frank P. Montelione	Mr. Frank Montelione	Father	12/20/1990
Marsha Sperling			12/21/2020
Kathryn Sacks	Charline Sacks	Mother-in-Law	12/22/2007
Melvin Ely	Steven Ely	Father	12/22/2004
Abraham Pesserilo	Reyna Eisenberg		12/28/2009
Herbert Rose	Fran Bruggeman	Father	12/26/1996
Eddie Ginsberg	Roberta Ginsberg	Husband	12/27/2017
Richard Hoffman	Sonia Freidus	Grandfather	12/27/1951
Abraham Pesserilo	Mrs Ronnie Pesserilo		12/28/2009

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

## December 2023

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