

CHAL LIGHTS



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TEMPLE BETH DAVID

Thursday Classes with Rabbi Norry

Regular, weekly Thursday classes at noon with Rabbi Norry 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.

Additional Events in January

Sisterhood Book Club Meeting p. 4

Sisterhood Goes Out to Lunch p. 4

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

Temple Beth David Friends and Family,

We had a very busy and productive month as we are wrapping up the year! We had our first student show up to our English/Spanish class, and Hebrew school has finished the first half of our year already! It has been an amazing year of learning and fun thus far. We had Chanukah at Temple Beth David, and celebrated joy and community together. We had a Chanukah themed tot shabbat, a Chanukah party with singing, laughing, and of course eating! The Sisterhood Gift Shop was open as well and items were flying off the shelves! We also started our first year tradition of having everyone bring their own menorahs to light for Chanukah at Shabbat services. It was such a special night for all that attended. We have the green light to fix the wheelchair ramp, and work will be done on it shortly! A special thank you as well to Dennis Wright for donating two monitors and all the work that he continues to do for streaming. We would LOVE to help him out by finding some other members of the congregation to do the streaming. If you have any interest in helping run the streaming, or are tech savvy, please let us know and we would be happy to have you join our team! We also would like to thank Jennifer Moore for her beautiful heartfelt "be our shamash" message to the congregation asking our members to pledge to raise money for the Rabbi Salary Fund. Please continue to donate to help us keep our incredible Rabbi Norry here for the upcoming year! Please also pay dues as it is past the mid point of the fiscal year... that helps too :). Rabbi Norry's classes will continue again in January, so we have a lot going on and a lot to be excited about! We would love you to be part of our community so if you have any membership questions please feel free to reach out to president@templebethdavid.info or dwhitlock@templebethdavid.info.

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Looking for TBD Members Who Want to Join the TBD Green Team

The Social Action Committee is in the process of forming a Green Team in partnership with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL) to work on environmental issues. GIPL is an organization that supports communities of faith across Georgia who want to become good stewards of the earth and address environmental concerns. This may take the form of policy advocacy or projects to reduce energy and water consumption at the Temple or at your home. You can learn more about GIPL and the programs they offer at <https://gipl.org/>. Interested? Contact Shelly Pirkle at spirkle@templebethdavid.info or Steve Darnowsky at sdarnowsky@templebethdavid.info



Thank you for being a part of our Temple Beth David Congregation family. We feel fortunate to have you as a member of our community and are grateful for the investments you have made in our community for us to shine; your light is what brightens our community... and we are shining bright!

We are looking into avenues to secure outside grants and funding for 2024 initiatives, and creatively working towards methods to reduce overall expenses. Some of our trustees have already begun working on projects to enrich the membership, embrace our diversity and for the overall betterment of Temple Beth David.

But, as we prepare to move into another fiscal year, we face the reality of budgets, one that strikes us with an impactful shortfall, primarily due to changes in our members' personal financial situations and expense from our augmented costs in providing our services. A large portion of the shortfall is the Rabbi Salary Fund, which will allow us to retain Rabbi Norry in 2024. At this time we are only at 30% of the anticipated budget for this earmarked fund alone.

This serves as an end-of year fundraising effort to hopefully balance the financial needs of the synagogue with what is received from member dues. This campaign of voluntary giving may ultimately provide the single greatest source of non-dues income and enables Temple Beth David to continue to be a warm and welcoming synagogue.

We can't do something this big without your help. Whether you give regularly or on special occasions, we're asking you to join us in this undertaking by making a donation to Temple Beth David for use in the 2024 Fiscal Year.

Donating is an act of coming together as a community, united towards a common goal. **Simply visit us online at www.tbdga.org and click Donate in the Menu Bar.**

We look forward to joining you in song and spirits, supporting fellowship and family togetherness during the upcoming calendar year.

Sincerely, Your Board of Trustees

AROUND TBD

Sisterhood

In December, Sisterhood opened the Gift Shop with newly purchased Judaic items, and congregants had a great selection of items to buy for their holiday gifts! We also had another enjoyable Book Club meeting

Join us at our Book Club Meeting on Jan. 7 at 1:00. Our book is The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson. This bestselling historical fiction novel is about Cussy Mary, a packhorse librarian and her quest to bring books to the Appalachian community she loves.

Sisterhood also plans to eat lunch together at 1:30 on Jan. 13, Saturday. Read your Sisterhood emails for the location of the restaurant. It will be a fun indoor activity for the cold month of January.

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

Binstock, David & Mila	1	25
Bernard-Roth, Staci & Roth, Michael	1	16

Happy Birthday

Anya	Weiss	January	2nd
Louis	Walls	January	3rd
Dedra	Walker-Howard	January	6th
David	McElheney	January	9th
Mayya	Dickens	January	13th
Marin	Duff	January	13th
Scott	Whitlock	January	13th
Ronnie	Pesserilo	January	14th
Barbara	Yarbrough	January	15th
Larry	Frankel	January	21st
Erin	Young	January	24th
Karen	Beach	January	25th
Sandra	Lesser	January	30th
Richard	Moore	January	30th
Barry	Nickelsberg	January	31st

Donations

Back Pack Buddies:

Karen Beach

Programs and Events:

Sandra Lesser
Lori and Nathan Fineman

Yahrzeit Fund:

Cat Baker in memory of Coby Carmichael
Charline Sacks in memory of Albert Stuckler and Katheryn Sacks
Denise and Frank Etheridge in memory of Sylvia Schneider Grossman, Denise's beloved mother
Denise and Scott Whitlock in memory of Anne Whitlock, Scott's beloved mother
Jacques Roch in memory of Rolin Jolin, Jacques' beloved uncle
Sandra Lesser in memory of Rose Lesser
Ronnie Pesserilo in memory of Abraham Pesserilo and Barbara Dymkowski

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

January Yahrzeits

Gerald Simmons	Robert (Bobby) Horowitz	Cousin	1/3/2019
Jeanne Porpa	Ms Karen Beach	Mother	1/3/2015
Joel Kellner	Genie Nickelsberg	Friend	1/4/2021
Joel Kellner	Barry Nickelsberg	Friend	1/4/2021
Jack Pesserilo	Mrs Ronnie Pesserilo	Husband	1/5/2015
Jack Pesserilo	Barry Abis	Brother-in-Law	1/5/2015
Yetta Rose	Fran Bruggeman	Mother	1/5/2013
Ben Levitt	Sonia Freidus	Uncle	1/6/1997
Richard Levitt	Sonia Freidus	Nephew	1/7/2004
Daniel Jacob Horowitz	Robert (Bobby) Horowitz	Nephew	1/7/2021
Carol Nickelsberg	Barry Nickelsberg	Mother	1/7/2010
Sophia Epstein Friedman	Mark Epstein	Aunt	1/10/1998
Ruby Andrews	Jackie Fletcher-Horowitz	Mother	1/15/2000
Chaim Stuckler	Charline Sacks	Father	1/16/2001
Emilia Gress	Rosa DuBois	Mother	1/17/2021
Barbara Schall	Wendy Fine	Friend	1/17/2017
Lillian Ely	Steven Ely	Mother	1/18/1996
Jessica Levine Whitman	Martha Whitman	Mother	1/19/2004
Howard Rubin	Steve Darnowsky	Uncle	1/20/2011
Mark Finkelman	Anne Finkelman	Brother	1/20/2016
Michel Roch	Monsieur Jacques Roch	Father	1/21/2018
Doris Potter	Robert Brown	Grandmother	1/22/2004
Fanny Levitt	Sonia Freidus	Mother	1/24/1964
Elsie Eagle	Mr. Frank Montelione	Mother-in-Law	1/25/1991
Charles Frank	Roberta Ginsberg	Father	1/27/1983
Ira Kay	Sandy Ewanowski	Father	1/29/1981
Howard Rosenberg	Dan Rosenberg	Father	1/29/2004
Kenneth Berez	Sonia Freidus	Cousin	1/29/2013
Alvin Morris Caplan	Debraly Wright	Father	1/30/2012
William Darnow	Steve Darnowsky	Uncle	1/31/1996

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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.

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 7:30 Service with Rabbi Norry	<i>6</i> 9:30 Jewish Foundations with Rabbi Norry 11:00 Services with Rabbi Norry
<i>7</i> 1:00 Sisterhood Book Club 3:00 Board of Trustees Meeting	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 12:00 Rabbi Norry's class	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 11:00 Service 1:30 Sisterhood Goes to Restaurant
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