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FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

Happy 
Hanukkah

MAY YOU ENJOY LOTS OF
love, light & peace



From the President

Joel Freedman

Serving as President of a synagogue, or any organization, requires finding a balance between the needs of today and the needs of the future, between being reactive and proactive. While I knew this during the first year of my term, this has become increasingly evident to me during the past nine months. It is really easy to focus solely on today, especially at a time that we have incredible needs; however, our synagogue has a long heritage of planning for the future and of thinking critically about what the long-term vision for the synagogue. We all have my predecessors to thank for that vision. This article will highlight some of the ways that we are planning for today and tomorrow.

Planning for Today

COVID-19 Response: We continue to focus heavily on how we take care of our community – through our safety protocols, through our efforts to keep our Early Childhood Center and Religious School open, and

through being creative in our services and programming. If you have ideas for how we can best serve our community during this time, please do not hesitate to reach me at president@tbhbe.org.

Our Matanah campaign is coming to a close. This year, more than any other year, we need your support to best meet the needs of our community. Matanah supports our continuing ability to make synagogue membership affordable by offering dues adjustments, religious school scholarships, and to create meaningful programs. You are able to donate online at www.tbhbe.org/matanah or by sending a payment to the office. Thank you as always to those that have already contributed to our Matanah campaign and all of our Patrons for their continued support.

Planning for Tomorrow

I am particularly excited about our plans for the future. Our Rabbinic Search Committee, co-chaired by Holly Nelson and Ranita Thomas is actively working on creating our search process for next year. The committee is creating a survey of the community and has been in

conversations with USCJ (the conservative movement umbrella organization), about

the best way to run a search for a senior Rabbi. This is an extremely important process for the future of our synagogue. We are working now to make sure that we do it right.

During my High Holiday speeches the past two years, I have discussed the start of a legacy campaign. Our new legacy society will be named the Rabbi Neil and Lori Cooper Legacy Society in honor of their 30 year tenure at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. Legacy gifts, or planned giving, is where a congregant leaves a gift to an organization as a part of their estate planning. In the past, legacy gifts have helped us grow our endowment, support the Capital Campaign, and provide for our funds, such as the Cantor's Music Fund. Legacy giving is one of the best tools to plan for the long-term financial stability of our synagogue.

We know that many of you have already considered the synagogue in your estate planning. For that, we thank you. If you have done so, please fill out the form on this page



or at www.tbhbe.org/form/legacy so that we can note this in our records. If you would be willing to talk to someone about this, please contact Ken Krivitzky at kkrivitzky@tbhbe.org. We have volunteers that would be happy to talk with you about potential ways to continue supporting TBH-BE into the future.

When I speak about legacy, I am often reminded of the following parable from the Talmud: One day Honi was journeying on the road and he saw a man planting a carob tree. He asked, "How long does it take [for this tree] to bear fruit?" The man replied: "Seventy years." Honi then further asked him: "Are you certain that you will live another seventy years?" The man replied: "I found [already grown] carob trees in the world; as my forefathers planted those for me so I too plant these for my children."

Thank you to those of you that have been taking care of our synagogue for the past 60 years, and thank you to those of you that will help ensure that our synagogue continues to serve our community for the next 60 years and beyond.

Rabbi Neil and Lori Cooper Legacy Society

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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- ☐ I have already included Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El in my will or trust
- ☐ Please contact me with more information about planning gifts and estate planning strategies.

From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Neil S. Cooper

Seeing Beyond the Moment: Where the Sun Still Shines

It may have been a sunny day when Abraham and Isaac set out for the “place that God would show them.” I say “sunny” because one can see things in bright sunlight which are not visible at other times. Clouds darken the sky. Fog obscures. On that day, in the story that we read just a few weeks ago, the story you undoubtedly recall from the High Holidays, it was Abraham’s vision, a vision not dependent on the sun, which moves the story forward. After three days, Abraham looks up and sees the place to which God had brought him.

Abraham sees, but, according to the Midrash, Isaac does as well. The Midrash (Gen. Rabbah 56:2), creates a conversation initiated by Abraham. Abraham first turns to Isaac and asks, “Can you see the place?” and Isaac says, “Yes.” Then, Abraham asks his servants if they, too, could

see the place. They respond: “No.” Abraham instructs his servants to remain where they are. Abraham and Isaac, father and son, who shared the same vision, would complete the journey alone.

Whether or not the sun was shining was secondary. Abraham and Isaac’s visions were temporal more than spatial. Their sight was less about what was physically present and more about seeing what the future might hold. That sort of vision is not dependent on sunlight. That sort of vision is a product of inspiration, faith, and the courage to move forward. Abraham and Isaac seeing what others could not was not so much a testament to their prophetic abilities, rather they knew where to look and what to look for.

The Presidential Election of November 3 has left our nation bruised and battered. Rallies and rhetoric were, at times, difficult to endure. On the Shabbat on which we read the story of Abraham and Isaac, the Shabbat following the Presidential Election, while waiting for a winner to emerge, I found comfort in this Midrash.

As they walked, Abraham’s and Isaac’s visions were not of places but of aspirations. What they saw were not objects but ideas and values, not a place on a map, but a vision they could share. When they near the mountain, the twice-used phrase in the Torah is revealing: “The two of them walked on together” (Gen.22:6 and 8). At the climax of the story, we fear that Isaac’s fate is sealed. Yet, perhaps, because they walked together, the sacrifice was averted.

In the aftermath of a contentious and divisive campaign and election, no matter which candidate won, the challenge before us would be the same. On that Shabbat, before projections were made and a winner proclaimed, it was clear that we needed to respond to the election results by committing ourselves to a search for a path that could bring us together. We need a way to heal the wounds inflicted, to extinguish the fires of rage, and to replace burning anger and mistrust with a vision of the future both palatable and possible, where we can find some



common ground.

Abraham and Isaac, I believe, needed to look beyond that moment of binding and of sacrifice toward a better future for those who would later be called Israel. They could walk together because they were able to focus attention on something beyond the present. Each in his own way was able to see beyond the frightening moments to moments in which there could be a place to

reconcile, where there would be a prospect for peace, and a promise of mutual friendship and respect.

Today, our country needs to rebuild. Beset by a contentious election process, compounded by a resurgence of bigotry and racial tensions, and devastated by a deadly virus, we would be well advised to turn our attention to the task of healing and leaving anger and divisions behind. Our congregation

must acknowledge the same challenge. It is our task, within our own community, to be part of the healing process by removing the residual anger or the desire to gloat. Each of us must make the effort to focus on healing, restoring friendship and on kindness. It is our challenge to envision a brighter future in which we can walk together with former adversaries, strolling together. At that moment, the sun will shine on this great nation once again.

TEMPLE BETH HILLEL - BETH EL Community Book Review

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MEET THE AUTHOR
Brad Aronson
• *HUMAN KIND* •



MODERATED BY RABBI NEIL COOPER
JANUARY 10 | 10:30 AM

From our Rabbinic Intern

Noam Kornsgold

The Hanukkah Candles and the Home

Think about some *mitzvot* (commandments). Take a moment to list them or picture them in your mind.

When I performed this exercise, I came up with some great and meaningful *mitzvot*: eating *matzah* on Passover, fasting on Yom Kippur, returning a lost object, putting on *tefillin*, saying a blessing before eating, etc. After I came up with my list, I realized that all of these *mitzvot* revolved around me, i.e. the person doing the *mitzvah*. Sure, I might eat *matzah* with others around me, or I might physically give a lost object to another person. Ultimately, however, it is I, the doer of the action, who is performing the *mitzvah*. In fact, most *mitzvot* are me-related.

One notable exception to this construct is the *mitzvah* of lighting the candles on Hanukkah, which we will do in just a couple of weeks. When the Talmud (Shabbat 21b) describes the core obligation of lighting Hanukkah

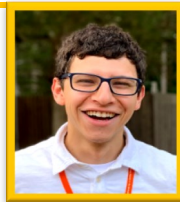
candles, it uses this phrase *ner ish u-beito*, a candle for a person *and* that person's household. In other words, the act of lighting Hanukkah candles falls upon an entire home and not just on individuals. Therefore, from a technical perspective, one could light a single candle in one's house on any given night of Hanukkah and fulfill the *mitzvah* of lighting for that night for all the house's residents.

The home-based nature of the Hanukkah candles is further highlighted by a subsequent passage in the Gemara (Shabbat 23a). In that passage, the Gemara discusses what a lodger should do for the purposes of lighting Hanukkah candles when away from home. One might think that the lodger should light individual candles in addition to the candles being lit by the other residents and homeowners of the dwelling place. One rabbi, however, in the Gemara, takes the procedure in a different direction and says that the guest must in some way join in with the homeowner's candle lighting. The *mitzvah* of lighting the Hanukkah candles on that night is to be performed as a single home unit, whichever way it is performed.

Although the concept of *ner ish u-beito* is a Hanukkah concept, it can easily be applied to other *mitzvot* that

are performed throughout the rest of the year. Return to the list of *mitzvot* that you were compiling just a few minutes ago. I imagine that each of those *mitzvot* are best fulfilled with other people, whether they be your friends, family, and/or community. At the end of the day, one of the most beautiful aspects of *mitzvot* are the way they can often be performed together. Some of these *mitzvot* may be done individually in a collective setting, while others, like the *mitzvah* of lighting the Hanukkah candles, are, at their core, fulfilled in a mutual manner.

Over the next couple of months, I will be teaching three classes as part of TBH-BE's Mitzvot Kallot initiative, each geared towards a specific demographic in our community. On December 3, we will learn about the Grace after Meals. On January 6, we will dive into making/taking Challah. Finally, on January 18, we will engage with concepts of showing honor to those older than us. I hope you can join me for these events as we explore the ways in which *mitzvot*, no matter their nature, can be shared in a community-based setting.





News from our Synagogue Family

Mazel Tov To

Pam and Scott Feldman on the engagement of their son, Seth Feldman to Marni Zahorsky.

Cathy and Michael Tullman on the birth of a granddaughter, Ruby Lark Levine.

Condolences To

George Goldstone on the loss of his sister-in-law, Joan Distell Goldstone (z"l)

Ken Spivack on the loss of his mother, Joan Spivack (z"l)

Murray Gerstenhaber on the loss of his wife, Ruth Gerstenhaber (z"l).

Jeremy Heller on the loss of his grandmother, Minnie Heller (z"l)

Marilyn Kutler on the loss of her son, Benjamin Kutler (z"l)

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For more information, contact
Barbara Schwartz
at 610.649.5300.



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From the President of Sisterhood

Debbie Greenberg

Sisterhood has been busy adapting to these unprecedented times. We have hosted a well-attended movie discussion for the movie *Arranged*. I am pleased to share that the attendees expressed interest in more opportunities to participate in another movie event. Stay tuned to learn more information about that.

Another important update is that Sisterhood is working extremely hard to get our gift shop into the 21st century and online. We are starting small. Hanukkah will be here, and many items are available from the gift shop. We are putting these online for purchase. We are looking for volunteers to help us create an inventory, to help take pictures to advertise, and of course, ideas for

promotions. If you would be interested in any of these opportunities to make a difference by supporting Sisterhood, and in turn TBH-BE, we want you!

During my most recent board meetings, I began my *d'var Torah* by discussing some of the accolades of the recently deceased Rabbi Sacks z"l. While he was extremely accomplished in many different paths of life, it is his words that resonated with me.

He stated *"one of the most important distinctions I have learned in the course of reflection on Jewish history is the difference between optimism and hope. Optimism is the belief that things will get better. Hope is the belief that, together, we can make things better."* I firmly believe this to be very true. As a congregation, we are seeing many ways to come together. To name a few, Ken's weekly check ins, socially distant services, Hazzan calling to recite *maleh rachamim*, and

Sisterhood's virtual events bring many of the different layers of our shul together socially and religiously. Through some of these initiatives, the women of Sisterhood are doing our part to make things better.

My goal for Sisterhood is to make sure that we find the spiritual and follow our own relationship with God and Judaism. We can, as Rabbi Sacks stated, embrace our neighbors as family. That is what our shul is, family.

To some we are strangers, to others we are friends, but no matter what we are, together we can make a difference. May Rabbi Sack's name be for a blessing, and may we find his life impacts us through our connection to Sisterhood.



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DECEMBER 2020

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Please refer to This Week at TBH-BE on our website and via email for the most up-to-date links and information.

JANUARY 2021

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The 35th Annual Torathon

An Evening of Learning and Discovery at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El January 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Torathon 2021 continues a wonderful TBH-BE tradition – a one-night learning experience featuring scintillating Jewish scholarship coupled with the exploration of current and relevant topics. This year's program will be offered using Zoom technology, featuring six distinguished scholars, rabbis, and subject matter experts. Some of the planned classes include:

- Observations on the Jewish Dimensions in American Art
- The story of the oldest Bible in the world, how its outing as a fraud led to a scandalous death, and why archaeologists now believe it was real—if only they could find it
- "What does Hashem Want from Us? Torah's Imperative to Respond to Difficult Times"
- Dear Editor: Advice Columns and the Making of the American Yiddish Press
- Racism, Antisemitism and the Talmud

After its inaugural session last year, we are bringing back the Kids Torathon with great new offerings. While parents are participating in the adult sessions, all children are welcome to join:

- Where the Wildest Stories in the Torah are
- Super-Powered Torah Characters and Rabbis

Highlighted Events

ABC Mitzvah Day

Monday | January 18

9:00 AM | Opening Session for Families with our Rabbinic Intern Noam Kornsgold, Mitzvah Kallah...A Big Dose of Small Kindness: Taking Care of the Elderly

9:45 AM | Congregation Pump Up!

10:00 - 11:00 AM | Projects in your Home
Sign up to participate in a day of family and personal mitzvot!

L'Chaim

For over 30 years, led by a group of mature adults, L'chaim has presented varied programs, trips, adventures and speakers!

Our next event will be:

Tuesday | January 19 | 7:30 PM

***Looking Back at Memories from the
Mishpucha***

*Join us as Ethel Hofman and Al Lipson
lead us in a lively conversation.*

If you or someone in your family is looking for an intimate "Safe Circle" provided by the synagogue as an opportunity to work on some therapeutic methods during these challenging times, please let us know.



TEMPLE BETH HILLEL-BETH EL

Festival of Lights Scavenger Hunt

CO-CHAIRLED BY JILL CANTOR-BURNS AND SARAH SCHLOSSBERG!

EVERY EVENING OF HANUKKAH

From the President of Men's Club

Sam Brint

I have been told to keep it light (a Hanukkah reference). No dreideling around.

It feels best to focus on what hopefully will be our possible upcoming happenings. We are using this time to plant seeds (a Tu B'shvat reference). And it would be wonderful for all to be present in person.

Zooming right along as to what may be :

Book Club with a sports theme

Drive in movie(s)

Hanukkah menorah build

NY Tenement trip with other local Men's Clubs

Community concert / Battle of the Bands

BBQ

Phillies game (what a current concept)

Community outreach

Not only are we available to help our TBH-BE community wherever possible,



but we are also reaching out to the community at large by donating food to the Ardmore Food Pantry, assisting in providing Thanksgiving meals and volunteering at Lunch and Learn at the Zion Baptist Church of Ardmore. We are hoping that we develop substantive and meaningful relationships within our communities.

Men's Club is proud to recognize the well-deserved recipients of the Man of the Year and Alan Fink Silver Circle awards.

The TBH-BE Man of the Year honoree for 2020-2021 should be one who has demonstrated his deeply involved leadership, as well as being a strong force and advocate for our club. This year's recipient is Ken Krivitzky.

The Alan Fink Silver Circle Award, named in blessed memory of Alan Fink (z"l), is an award given to recognize and honor a special 'unsung hero' of our Synagogue community who unselfishly contributes in a manner to the well-being of all. This year's recipient is Paul Shandelman.

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**Community
Candle-Lighting**

EVERY NIGHT OF HANUKKAH

THURSDAY DEC 10 7:00 PM	MONDAY DEC 14 7:00 PM
FRIDAY DEC 11 4:00 PM	TUESDAY DEC 15 7:00 PM
SATURDAY DEC 12 5:30 PM	WEDNESDAY DEC 16 6:45 PM
SUNDAY DEC 13 5:30 PM	THURSDAY DEC 17 7:00 PM

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The Early Childhood Center

Fran Perlman

In honor of the B'not Mitzvah of Lila and Sydney Love

Larry and Shelley Goldstein

In loving memory of Peter Marquis

Arthur and Ella Feldman

In loving memory of Jeffra Dein Paperman

Raymond and Teena Verbit

In honor of the marriage of Audrey Perlman to Michael Serra

Mitchell and Bonnie Benson

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Gene and Barbara Spector

In appreciation of Cantor Rosner

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