The Bulletin
A monthly newsletter of Temple Bnai Israel

January 2021
Tevet-Shevat 5781
111 years strong!

We are an open and welcoming community that blends Jewish traditions with modern life.

Upcoming virtual events!
Join us for learning, community connection, and joy!
Save these dates.

January 1st and 2nd, field trips to other synagogues. Links on page 4.
January 4th, Congregation Conversations. Details on page 7.
January 15th, Celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. during our Erev Shabbat service. Read more on page 7.
January 24th, Would It Hurt You to Laugh? Turn to page 11.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY:
On February 21st at 3:00 p.m., please join a virtual presentation featuring Michael Craig Palmer, author of Eric Mendelsohn’s Synagogues in America. Mr. Palmer is a photographer whose work has explored the architectural legacy and relevance of the German Jewish exodus from Germany in the 1920s and 1930. More details will be in the February Bulletin.

Congregation Beth El invites you to a virtual musical extravaganza on Sunday, February 2nd at 3:00 p.m. Three Israeli tenors (Kol Esperanza) will perform Broadway, opera, pop and Israeli music. Link information will be sent as the time draws near.

It’ll be cold, perhaps snowy, so why not mark all of these events on your calendar and join us?
Due to COVID-19 the Temple building remains closed. We hope to see you at our virtual services and celebrations held via ZOOM.

The Rabbi is on sabbatical until February 14th. After that date, you can leave a confidential voice message for him at 860-423-3743 Ext. 1.

If you need assistance prior to the Rabbi’s return, please call Temple President Peter Malinow at 1-646-265-8642 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Exhilarating! Bracing! A cold, crisp, bright Sunday morning after a snowfall. We are on our way, Morah Stephanie and I, to deliver Hanukkah packages to the children in the Temple’s Jewish Explorations Program. Notified in advance of our coming, we are filled with hope that the children, seen only on a screen over the last eight months, may make a live cameo appearance when their doorbell is rung.

The ride to our first stop is glorious. Miles of forest, not a sidewalk in sight. Upon arrival, we see a menorah in the window, dad in the driveway, shoveling off the remains of last night’s snow. From a safe distance, we exchange greetings and a smile, as the package is left on the hood of the car.

Off to our next destination. Steep driveway, but clear and easily accessible. No response to the ringing of the doorbell. Oh well, the goody bag is left at the door. Before arriving at the third destination, I receive a text from the family we had just left. “Thanks. Sorry we missed you.”

At the third stop, a knock, an opened door, and finally, a child! She reaches for the bag, with a shy “thank you”. The hazardous walk up the icy staircase well worth it. House number four. We hit the jackpot. Three delighted children, smiling at us through the glass storm door. So much nearer than their images on Zoom, even though the screen is only inches away from our noses.

Successive stops, more smiling children and parents. We can’t get too close, yet there is something special about even carefully distanced face-to-face interactions, especially as we celebrate the Festival of Lights. There are few experiences that can light up our lives like the smile of a child.

Eager faces, excited faces. Exhilarating! Even in these most trying times. Especially in these most trying times. A smiling child the antidote…

Peter
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TEMPLE FAMILY NEWS

Mazal Tov - Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lex and Ramona Nishball! They proudly welcomed their new granddaughter, Emilia Eleanor, to their family on September 15, 2020.

CARING COMMITTEE; Caring For Each Other In Times Of Need

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Thanks to Sheila and Margie, our leaders in December. Fortunately, things have been relatively quiet. What a blessing! January leaders are Carol and Aline. As always, our Committee would gratefully welcome some additional members.

As I mentioned last month, we have coverage through January so if your calendar allows you to sign up for any months beyond that, please let me know. Honey is going to help out in February but I’d like her to partner with a seasoned volunteer.

If you know of anyone who may need our help, please call our monthly leaders or the Committee Co-Chairs, Fran Jaffe and Ellie Shane.

Thanksgiving seems to have come and gone in the blink of an eye and as I write this, we’re already celebrating Hanukkah. That means that the New Year is right around the corner. I can’t say I’m sad to be saying goodbye to 2020. It has been a unique and difficult year for so many. Let’s all continue to check in on our friends and neighbors as often as we can.

I hope 2021 brings us all continued good health and lots of joy (and a kind winter!). Fran

TORAH READINGS FOR JANUARY 2021

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021
18 TEVET, 5781
Parashat Vayechi
Genesis 47:28-50:26
This year: 49:1-49:26
Haftarah: Isaiah 2:2-17

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021
25 TEVET, 5781
Parashat Shemot
Exodus: 1:1-6:1
This year: 3:1-4:17
Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021
3 SHEVAT, 5781
Parashat Vaera
Exodus: 6:2-9:35
This Year: 7:8-8:15
Haftarah: Joel 3:1-5

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021
10 SHEVAT, 5781
Parashat Bo
Exodus: 10:1-13:15
This Year: 11:4-12:28
Haftarah: Isaiah 19:19-25

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021, 17 SHEVAT, 5781
Parashat Beshalach, Exodus: 13:17-17:16
This Year: 14:15-16:10, Haftarah: Judges 5:1-5:31
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Jewry Duty participant is Faye Ringel; others needed. |
| Friday, January 29, 2021, Leader's Choice Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m. | Service leader is Scott DeShong  
Jewry Duty participant is Roberta Schwane  
WE NEED MORE JEWRY DUTY PARTICIPANTS. |
| Saturday, January 30, 2021, Shabbat Service, 10:00 a.m. | Service Leaders are Hillary Stern & Marc Kronisch  
Jewry Duty participant is Mitzi Horowitz & Faye Ringel  
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**Genizah Ceremony at Temple Beth El Cemetery. Submitted by Todd Friedland.**

On December 2nd, Temple Bnai Israel participated in a Genizah ceremony at the invitation of Congregation Beth El in Waterford. A Genizah is a storage area in a Jewish synagogue or cemetery designated for the temporary storage of worn-out Hebrew-language books and papers on religious topics prior to proper cemetery burial. The burial was held at Beth El Cemetery in Groton.

Three additional synagogues, as well as private citizens, had their books buried. Any book that mentions G_d in Hebrew can be buried. The service was officiated by Rabbi Earl Kideckel.

Thanks to Peter Malinow, Jim Baber and Todd Friedland for organizing what turned out to be a very moving experience. A donation was made to Congregation Beth El for their generosity.
Dear friends, we thank Hillary Stern for beginning an uplifting new ZOOM Group called CONGREGATION CONVERSATIONS. The topic of the next meeting is:

Finding meaning: loss and grief in the time of Corona.
Monday, January 4th 2021, 7:00 p.m.

This zoom event is a simple, sociable, and structured way to share thoughts and feelings about our lives and the topic. No preparation is required and all views are welcome.

To join the January 4th conversation,
RSVP TO hillarystern21@gmail.com

CONGREGATION CONVERSATIONS, a ZOOM Group focused on bringing us together and lifting spirits; developed and hosted by Temple member Hillary Stern

We continue to support the work of the refugee and asylum seeker and recently several Committee members attended the virtual National Jews for Refugees assembly sponsored by HIAS. Speakers included Mandy Patinkin, who has become an ardent advocate for refugees in part based on his family’s Jewish immigration story to the U.S., and who has worked directly with refugees on the ground since the Syrian crisis. We also heard from Talkit Michael, an Eritrean refugee who escaped Eritrea to initially Israel via Sudan and Egypt. He spoke of the empathy he received, not from the Israeli government but from the Jewish people he met there.

The Holocaust history of many of the Israeli friends he made, and his own difficult experiences under the Afewerki regime, created a special bond that he spoke of. He later came to the U.S. and, under the Trump administration, once again feared the impact the government policies would have on people like him. Like Patinkin, he has worked tirelessly for refugees since arriving in the States. The 300+ strong group of attendees all lit their Chanukiot together and pledged to work in a variety of ways to bring light and hope to the dark experience of being a refugee.

Our Committee has also been working hard to create a very Special Shabbat service on the Erev Shabbat of Martin Luther King weekend, January 15th, a Tikkun Olam VaNefesh Service, for you, our fellow congregants. We will be celebrating Dr. King and his legacy, and learning from familiar and less familiar contemporary voices. We invite you all to come and bring your spirit of tikkun olam to what promises to be a very special Shabbat evening together.

Please contact Merle Potchinsky, Tikkun Olam Committee Chair, with any questions you may have or to participate in the work we are doing or to suggest ideas. jermerle@att.net.

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Dear Friends, Reconstructing Judaism, of whom we are an affiliate, has a plethora of valuable programs and resources. Here is a sampling (visit their site for details, and delve further into these spiritual and educational offerings!):

**Recon Connect** Recon Connect is the hub for online and live experiences from across the Reconstructionist movement. Here, you can access the community, innovation and intellectual depth that epitomizes Reconstructionist Judaism.

**Virtual Shabbat Box** Your Virtual Shabbat Box holds many ways to celebrate the day. Choose what nurtures you: listen, watch or read. Looking for Shabbat services? Check out Recon Connect for virtual Shabbat services and other live, online programs throughout the week.

**Virtual Holiday Boxes** A cornucopia of holiday “boxes” each of which contain just about everything you need from a spiritual and practical perspective to celebrate the holidays virtually.

**Pandemic Resources** Materials from across the Reconstructionist movement created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Recon Voices** Reconstructionist Voices is a collection of perspectives informed by Reconstructionist ideas and communities.

**Havaya Summer Programs** Camp Havaya is a truly extraordinary place—your kid will feel part of something bigger than themselves, and they’ll want to experience that magic year after year.

**Israel** We hope you’ll explore the Israel section of our website with eyes that are open to both Israel’s wonders and its flaws, and with an appreciation of our tradition’s love of presenting multiple viewpoints. Also, be sure to visit the Israel/Palestine section of our website, **Evolve: Groundbreaking Jewish Conversations.**

**Reconstructing Jewish Life** Reconstructing Judaism cultivates and supports Jewish living, learning and leadership for a changing world. To meet today’s challenges, Reconstructionists work at the edge of what is known to uncover the innovations that enliven Judaism in people’s lives.

**Upcoming Events** Self-explanatory! Many on-line learning opportunities.

**RECONSTRUCTINGJUDAISM.ORG**
2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR DONATIONS (JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021)
DONATIONS RECEIVED AS OF DECEMBER 21ST.

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Jerome & Nina Rosen
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Discretionary Fund
Jill Marocchini & Alice Weiner in honor of Alice's husband and Jill's father, Joel Weiner
Anne Willenborg in honor of Rav Jeremy and their work together during her presidency
Helen & Mark Ross
Jill & Jim Marocchini in honor of the engagement of Alexandra Kaplan & Tomer Kornfeld
Marilyn & Dick Moir in honor of the High Holidays
Joel & Eileen Geffin in memory of Laura Lassow

General Fund
Ida Millman in gratitude for Yahrzeit notifications
Sharen & Thomas Peters
Beverly Sims
Peter Willenborg in honor of Sue-Ellen Kirkham
Ilene Reiner
In Memory of Lenore Berkowitz:
   Meyer, Ben, and Emily Rosen: “To Leni, with our love, and sympathy; what a great lady. So very kind”.
   Sharon and Bruce Brettschneider
Anne Willenborg in honor of the Board of Directors and their work together during her presidency
Ada Mitlitsky in loving memory of her parents, Rivka and Abraham Kesslbrener and close friend Stephen Rosen
Kimberly Dugan
Allen Gabor
Ken Dardick and Judy Stein for Lulav and Etrog “In honor of the Bnei Mitzvah, our grandsons, Eitan and
   Micha Bergman-Dardick.”
Ruth Rosensweig
Shirley Adler
James & Richard Roth
Steven & Nora Stein in honor of the High Holidays
Judy Stein and Ken Dardick in memory of Laura Lassow

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Bennie & Gillian Geffin in memory of Laura Lassow
Stuart & Joan Sidney
Judy Stein & Ken Dardick in memory of Sam Gordon

5781 Yizkor Memorial Booklet
Sheila Amdur
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Martin & Randee Berliner
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Carol Colombo
Rita Pollack
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Doreen & Bill Simonsen
Sam Schrager
Ada Mitlitsky
Judy Stein & Ken Dardick
Cheryl & David Lejfer
Ellie Shane
Carl & Elaine David
Pamela Nishball
Gloria Gerald
Bernice Freedman Warnke & Dan Warnke
Wendy Goldberg

Lulav & Etrog
Ken Dardick & Judy Stein
David Brodie
Gideon Hartman
David & Debbie Stoloff
Hillary Stern & Marc Kronisch
Elisabeth & Emmanuel Buzay
WOULD IT HURT YOU TO LAUGH? Submitted by Bernice Freedman-Warnke

Dear Friends, join in our Jewish Humor Therapy Session Sunday, January 24th at 3:00 p.m.

Bring a few of your favorite Borscht Belt jokes to share and bakumen greyt tsu lakhn (get ready to laugh). If you need help, Michael Krasny’s, Let There Be Laughter and David Minkoff’s, Oy! The Ultimate Book of Jewish Jokes are excellent resources.

Stay tuned for Zoom links!

A HANUKKAH MIRACLE? Submitted by Hillary Stern

The scene was my kitchen table, my ipad and my cup of coffee. It was the 3rd day of Hanukkah, December 12th. The time was 10 am. Time for Temple Bnai Israel’s Saturday morning Shabbat Service on Zoom. I was excited. This service was to be hosted by Peter and Morah Stephanie Malinow and the Children of the TBI community. I was looking forward to the fun and joy the children bring to any gathering. “G-d knows we could all use some more of that right now.” I thought to myself.

I happily opened my email and clicked on the link and, “uh, oh”. Zoom opened to the wrong link. It opened to the service the night before! “This is a mistake. What are we going to do?!” Urgently, I texted Peter to see what solution he had, but he didn’t reply. Next, I called Sharen who explained to me that Ravit was trying to solve the problem. While Sharen was talking to me, Bernice called to find out if I could help her get into the service. I laughed as I talked to Bernice and Sharen on two different phones at the same time. None of us were going to give up on this service. My husband Marc popped in and wanted to help as I told him they were working on solving the problem. Martha got ahold of an old email chain and wrote a request for help. The next thing I knew Macie came to the rescue. She sent a new link to the group. I clicked it and low and behold I was in. I sent that along to Bernice and Marc and we were all connected! Yay!

Soon, Morah Stephanie and the children of TBI were leading us in a lovely, uplifting Hanukkah Shabbat service. Idan Stein and Sophie Marcus read the Shema/Ve’ahavta. The meaning of Hanukkah and the miracle of the light were explained. We were gifted with original poems by Idan and Gilad Stein and by Alyssa Tozzoli, as well as word art created by Miranda Toubman, all related to a list of “Lights of Hanukkah”, including gratitude, sharing, love and hope. Gideon Hartman described the work he and his son, Nadav, have done at our local interfaith garden, an example of the light of service. The loving spirit Morah Stephanie demonstrated and shared with the congregation warmed our hearts.

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We were reminded that all our unique gifts are special and deserve to shine. Finally, Avia Hartman played “Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah”, a joyful violin solo, followed by everyone singing and dancing around their own homes, accompanied by an orchestra of tambourines!

I felt like I witnessed a miracle today. What was it though? Was the miracle that a technological glitch was solved? Hardly. That happens all the time if you are working from home on one of those virtual platforms like I do. The miracle for me was the ease with which every person supported the process of getting this service up and running. The miracle to me was the wonderful connection we all have as a community wanting to be together, to see the children and their families and to join in a Hanukkah Shabbat.

SPEAKING OF HANUKKAH…here are some ZOOM photos from our 2nd night of Hanukkah/TGI Shabbes service led by Mona & Todd Friedland.

Pearl Zuckerman, Mona’s mom, displays a menorah that came from Poland.
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May their memories be a source of strength and a blessing.
### JANUARY YAHRZEITS continued

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Though we are still physically apart, we remain spiritually connected. We hope you can join us for our virtual January services, while we await a time when we can again gather together in person.
Long-time Temple member William (Bill) Israel passed away on October 29, 2020 at the age of 94. He was the son of Cecelia and Carl Israel, who ran a lunch room in Willimantic. His grandparents, Hyman and Leah Israel, were the first permanent Jewish residents in Willimantic. Unable to assemble a minyan for services, Hyman Israel bought his own Torah and invited Jewish farmers and merchants from surrounding towns to join Willimantic Jews in praying together in his home. His Natchaug Street residence became the center of Hebrew worship from the early 1899’s until about 1910 when the Temple was incorporated as the “Sons of Israel.”

Bill taught elementary school and became a principal of a school in Norwalk, Connecticut. Bill’s brother, Jay Burton Israel, who was also a lifelong member of the Temple, was also an educator. Bill attended High Holiday services at the Temple for decades, was an ardent supporter of the Temple, and was a man of quiet dignity and generosity. He was an active volunteer during retirement and helped many.

Bill is survived by his lifetime friend, Beverly Thomas. The Temple has received a bequest of $50,000 from Bill’s estate. We hope to hold a special Shabbat memorial service in 2021, or at a time when we can one gather together again. A memorial plaque will be dedicated in Bill’s memory. Bill’s legacy will live on in all the lives he touched with goodness during his life. May his memory be a blessing.

**KADDISH; A poem submitted by Temple member Aline Hoffman**

*Kaddish*

That was more difficult than I anticipated, standing up in front of the congregation, even though we were on Zoom, reciting the Mourner’s Kaddish...aloud, for the first time since his memorial service.

Tears welled up in my eyes, and it would have been okay to let them spill over wetting my cheeks, yet I needed to continue, to put them back where they came from, knowing they will wet my cheeks again and again.