

# The Doorpost

Temple Israel

Monthly Newsletter

January 2022, Tevet - Shevat 5782



## Cycles in Time - Letting Go



**Rabba Kaya  
Stern-Kaufman**

*"There is a time and a purpose to every season under heaven."* (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

The month of January brings us fully into mid-winter. The bustling energy of community and family gatherings has passed and a certain quiet unfolds. January is a more inward time. Our

Jewish practices acknowledge these annual cycles of darkness and light (Hanukkah), of rest and rejuvenation (Shabbat), of re-birth and harvest (Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot). Our seasonal celebrations echo the natural cycles of activity and rest that support us.

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## Upcoming Events

**Rabba Kaya Speaks at "Love Will Always Win," p. 3**

11:00 am, Saturday, January 8, Seacoast Rep, Bow St.

**Bracelet-making Workshop, p. 8**

1:30 pm, Sunday, 1/9, Social Hall

**NH Shaliach Ra'anana De Haas visits Hebrew School, p. 6**

4:45 pm, Wednesday, 1/12, Social Hall

**Tot Shabbat with Rabba Kaya**

5:00 pm Friday, 1/14, Social Hall

**ELC Family Tu B'Shvat Celebration p. 7**

9:00 am, Friday, 1/14, Social Hall

**ELC and Temple Office closed**

Monday, January 17

**TIP Book Club Discusses *The Book of Longings*, p. 16**

12:00 pm, Tuesday, 1/18, Social Hall

**Tu B'Shvat in a Box, p. 6**

5:00 pm, Wednesday, 1/19, Social Hall

**Outdoor S'mores Havdalah, p. 6**

4:30 pm, Saturday, 1/29, Garden Courtyard

**Meeting for B'nei Mitzvah Families**

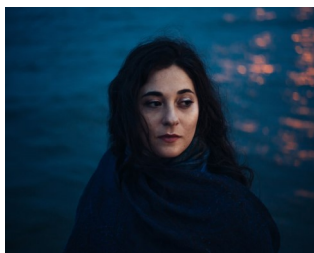
10:30 am, Sunday, 1/30, Social Hall

**Complete CLASS AND COMMITTEE MEETING schedule continues on page 15. [Reminder: please log into your ShulCloud account to confirm meeting dates on the website calendar, as they are subject to change.](#)**

Please save the date for a very special weekend  
Friday, February 4 – Saturday, February 5, 2022  
A Shabbat with Elana Arian

**Coming Soon!**

See page 5 for details.



# From Rabba Kaya's Desk

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This year (5782) we entered into a lesser-known Jewish calendrical cycle called *Shmitah*. The Torah instructs that every seven years we allow the earth to have her own Shabbat by not working the land. The word *shmitah* means release and so the land is released from her burden of production and its natural yield is considered ownerless. Similarly, the laws of *shmitah* require the release of debts between lenders and borrowers. These practices support a recalibration and reset of economic and natural forces.

On a personal level, the *shmitah* practice of releasing attachments, of giving up ownership, allows for a re-prioritization of what we truly value. Additionally, letting go of how we expect life to proceed supports the development of trust. If we can stop clinging to how we wish things could or should be, we can begin to develop a sense of inner calm. In the wintery quiet of New Hampshire, amid a new surge in the pandemic, I would like to offer a simple practice of release and hope that this activity might foster a sense of peace at home and peace within.

While visiting with a friend who had recently moved from a large home to a smaller apartment, we commiserated on the accumulation of “stuff” in our lives. Many of us have become the repositories for generations of china, silver, *chachkes*, children’s artwork, and a seemingly endless number of boxes containing “might need it someday” objects. Having moved here a year and a half ago, my basement remains full of such boxes, with no due date for unpacking. Perhaps you, too, have over-

accumulated. Knowing that there are so many within our community who are living in a state of material need, might we commit to releasing some of our overabundance?

In this *shmitah* year of 5782, please join me in releasing the overaccumulation of past years. Let’s go through those neglected boxes, shelves, and closets, and release our “stuff” to a higher purpose! Donations can be made to Habitat for Humanity, local thrift stores, Goodwill, and other social service agencies.



As we rebalance our own spaces, we contribute to helping those in need. As we let go of our attachments, we rebalance our lives and make space for an inner calm to steady us in stormy days ahead.

B’shalom,

Rabba Kaya

**“Lunch N Learn” Torah Study returns,**

**February 10 through April 7**

**Thursdays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm via Zoom**

# Prayer

## Yachad Shabbat continues!

9:10 - 9:50 Yoga in the chapel on 1/8, 1/15, 1/22

Torah discussion with Rabba Kaya will return to the Thursday “Lunch N’ Learn” format on February 10.



## Candle Lighting

January 7, 4:08 pm

January 14, 4:15 pm

January 21, 4:24 pm

January 28, 4:33 pm

## Service Times

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Friday 6:00 pm (**winter schedule**)

Saturday morning 10:00 am

*\* Zoom links to virtual services are in the weekly bulletin, with exceptions as noted.*

## Service Notes

Saturday, January 1, 10:00 am, **Shabbat morning service** will be led by lay leaders.

Saturday, January 8, 10:00 am, **Shabbat morning service concludes at 11:00 am** to allow time for Rabba Kaya and congregants to attend the “**Love Will Always Win**” rally, at Seacoast Rep on Bow Street, in response to the recent hateful activities by a neo-Nazi group. Rabba Kaya will be a featured speaker at this gathering.

Friday, January 14, 5:00 pm, **Tot Shabbat with Rabba Kaya in the Social Hall**, kindly register on the website calendar.

Tuesday, January 18, **Minyan** will be led by lay leaders.

Friday, January 21, **Kabbalat Shabbat service** will be led by lay leaders.

Saturday, January 22, **Shabbat morning service** will be led by lay leaders.

Tuesday, January 25, **Minyan** will be led by lay leaders.



## Tu BiShvat begins in the evening,

### Sunday, January 16

Consider celebrating the “New Year of the Trees” by hosting a Tu BiShvat seder at home!

Many congregants enjoyed the haggadah shared via Zoom last year, which was created by Rabbi Rachel Barenblat and Rabbi David Markus. Links to the haggadah, list of seder supplies, and printable coloring pages may be found in the January 16 website calendar entry, “Tu BiShvat Begins.”

# President's Message



Dear Fellow Congregants,  
Our tradition teaches us  
that:

*A season is set for  
everything,  
a time for every experience  
under heaven.*

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

As we turn from 2021 CE to 2022 CE, it seems appropriate to both look back at what has transpired as well looking forward to what is to come.

This past year, even though we were in the midst of the global Covid-19 pandemic, we have been able to return to holding many events in person in our building. From services to religious school to the book club to Yiddish classes, we need to give thanks to all those who participated in reimagining how we could do it safely in the midst of the pandemic, as well as those who participated in the various activities.

We also had an extremely successful Annual Appeal thanks to the hard work of the members of the Development Committee and the generosity of many of our congregants. So far we have raised over \$89,000 with over 30% of our members participating by making a contribution. For those who have yet to participate, there is still time. We appreciate your contribution no matter the size and hope that we can at least double the participation rate, which would almost certainly put us over \$100,000.

Looking forward, we hope that we will be able to return to increased in-person interactions including safely serving food in our buildings at kiddush luncheons and B'nei mitzvot celebrations. We hope to once again host our Spring Event and Annual Meeting in person, with members safely and comfortably participating in our building.

*L'dor V'dor* (from generation to generation) is the Jewish way of passing on traditions for the continuance of the Jewish people. This spring we will repeat the annual campaign for our Endowment Funds. Endowments provide a method to secure the future health of our congregation. Your participation in the campaign will help to ensure that the traditions of Temple Israel are passed on to future generations.

This coming year, your Board of Directors and committee chairs will be embarking on an exploration of the Relational Judaism program from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ). The goal of the program is to transform our community into a twenty-first-century relational community offering meaning and purpose, belonging and blessing. As we move through the program, we will be seeking the participation and engagement of all of our members and I hope that you will join with us in this transformation.

Robert Zimman



# Ritual Committee

## Try Our Alternative Friday Night Service

By Fran Berman, VP Ritual

For the past year or so, Rabba Kaya and the Ritual Committee have been talking about offering occasional but regular Friday night services that are more accessible for those with limited Hebrew skills. I'm happy to report that those Alternative Friday Night services will begin early in 2022. Look for the announcements in "This Week."

### What can you expect?

- These services will use the *Mishkan T'fila* (MT) prayer book, beloved by those who used it at Temple Israel Dover. If you are not familiar with MT, it has larger print and more transliteration than *Lev Shalem*, along with a variety of interesting and engaging English readings.
- The services will feature most of the same Kabbalat Shabbat prayers we are accustomed to.
- The services will use the same melodies that we currently use on Friday nights.
- This will be a pilot program for the next 4-6 months. We will assess the success of this program next summer.
- The services will be scheduled and labeled as Alternative Friday Nights, so everyone attending will know what to expect.
- The services will be available in person or via Zoom.

### Reminder: Temple Israel is a cell-phone-free zone on Shabbat!

To maintain the peace of Shabbat (Friday night and Saturday) and holidays, please do not use your

phone or other electronics anywhere within the synagogue to text, call, or take photos.

### Phones should be turned off or silenced during services.

If you need to make or take a call, please step outside to do so. Thank you for helping create a holy space.



Please save the date for a very special weekend  
Friday, February 4 – Saturday, February 5, 2022  
A Shabbat with Elana Arian



Nationally acclaimed recording artist Elana Arian will be our Shabbaton Artist-in-Residence. Hear her beautiful voice and original compositions at Kabbalat Shabat services. On Shabbat morning, she will lead an uplifting and resonant service with Rabba Kaya and our Hebrew School children. Saturday evening will offer a joyful Havdalah and community event. Much more than a concert, this very special evening gives us a chance to join our voices together in communal song and harmony.

For more information, contact Sharen Eidelberg Spratt, [shareneids@aol.com](mailto:shareneids@aol.com).

# Hebrew School



**Erik Martin**  
Head of School

As the newly appointed head of school, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to you all! My name is Erik Martin, and I am new to the seacoast area, having moved here a few months ago from Connecticut.

While I've only just recently acquired a NH zip code, I actually have a deep connection to the Granite State and the greater Portsmouth area in particular. My wife, Natalee, grew up in Rye and attended this very shul as a little girl. She and I were married under a chuppah on the bimah of Temple Israel and our first daughter's naming ceremony was held here as well.

My family and I have been visiting the seacoast every summer for the past several years and being able to live in this area has been a dream come true for us. I am truly humbled and honored to have the opportunity to work with your students. I believe that we have everything we need to grow our amazing Jewish community.

On to this upcoming month's programs!

## Jews In Space! Wednesday, January 12

NH *Shaliach*, Ra'anán de Haas, joins our students this month to take on the final frontier and Israeli space exploration. In our three upcoming sessions we will learn about the solar system (In Hebrew), Israeli space agency Space IL, and Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli astronaut.

We will be combining craft work (creating a telescope and spaceship) and visual learning through videos and pictures to really make our sessions "funducational."

## Tu BiShvat in a Box!

Wednesday, January 19, 5:00 pm

It may be a little late but it's never too late to party! Come join us as we celebrate the new year for trees and learn about Tu BiShvat. We are all familiar with the Pesach seder and the story of Moses, the plagues, and some crackers we baked before high-tailing it out of Egypt land, but there's a sweet seder you may not know much about that involves fewer locusts and a lot more fruit. Students will learn about the four stages of the Tu BiShvat seder as they fill a box to take home and celebrate at their own table. It's like DIY Instacart!

Learn about the deep meaning behind this little-known festival as we fill our bellies with delicious fruit and our souls with gratitude for all the wonders the natural world provides for us. You can even help plant a tree in Israel!

Masks are required, and social distancing will be observed at this event. Please let us know if you plan on coming by registering via the website calendar so we can make sure there are enough apples and pomegranates for everyone!

## S'mores Havdalah

Saturday, January 29, 5:00 pm, venue TBA

Gather round the fire and enjoy some gooey goodness as we bid farewell to Shabbat! There are few things better than a roaring fire, hot s'mores, and some good friends on a cold night. Warm your soul and your belly while we sing, dance, celebrate the end of another Shabbat, and prepare for the week to come.

This will be an outdoor event, dependent upon weather conditions. **Kindly register on the website calendar** to receive updates on weather and venue.

# Early Learning Center



**Tammy Roberge**  
Director, ELC

Shalom,

In November, the students of the ELC learned about Hanukkah. We learned to play dreidel and we answered questions like: Why does Hanukkah last for eight nights? What was the miracle? Who were the Maccabees? What is a menorah? Why do we eat foods fried in oil?!

We ended Hanukkah with a family celebration, feasting on latkes and *sufganiyot*. Laura Sher made the dough and then fried the yummy donuts with us. The children shook powdered sugar on the tops to finish the *sufganiyot* for our family celebration. Deborah Levine came in to lead us in yoga and helped the children to make a living *hanukkiah*, or Hanukkah menorah. The children presented their living menorah during the family celebration, using the tallest student as the *shamash* to light the other “candles.”

**Photos, clockwise from top right: Making *sufganiyot* with Laura Sher; playing dreidel; enjoying the family Hanukkah celebration, our living “candles!”**



Rabba Kaya led us in the dance to the song *Lecha Dodi* and then led the three blessings for Shabbat.

The preschool looks forward to welcoming Elian back to the ELC in January!



Happy New Year!

Tammy and the ELC team (Laura, Steve & Amy)

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# Arts Review Team / Tikkun Olam

By Deborah Levine, Arts Review Team Chair

Special thanks to Eric Gilston and Nathaniel Cowen for assistance with framing and hanging works in the Social Hall by Israeli artist Israel Feldmann.

The theme for our spring exhibit is "New Growth." We will consider writing, fabric works/quilts, photographs, fine art.

Please submit work by March 15, 2022. Welcome to Lynda Simmons, who has recently joined Temple Israel with her husband. She will be guiding us in making bracelets on January 9, in the social hall. We will be masked and socially distanced, but united in spirit!

Looking ahead to February: we are considering the 80s Broadway play *The Sisters Rosensweig*, for a read-through by our talented thespian congregants.

**Above right: *The Promised Land*, one of three numbered prints by internationally-known artist Israel Feldmann, on display in the Social Hall.**



## Tikkun Olam Committee Report

By Shelley Hartz, Chair

***The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love them as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (Leviticus 19:34)***

This verse from Leviticus resonates today. Early in 2022, an Afghan family will relocate to the Seacoast. Being a stranger is never easy, but if we can help welcome this family with the support it needs, we can make a difference as its members restart their lives and become self-sufficient.

We can work alongside Ascentria Care Alliance, the resettlement agency overseeing Neighborhood Support Teams locally. NSTs will ensure that newly settled refugees will have a place to call home. NST Seacoast consists of various faith communities and other organizations working together to resettle this new family to the Seacoast area in early 2022.

Some of the important groundwork has already been completed but there is still work to be done. If you are interested in volunteering, these are two important links to access.

**Ascentria NST volunteer application** is where to begin the process of signing up as a volunteer. References and a background check are required. <https://www.ascentria.org/our-services/services-for-new-americans/help-welcome-afghans/neighborhood-support-teams/nst-application>

### Team Seacoast Volunteer Signup sheet

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xCXT-K1-U23G\\_21Pb7jaQmRtHG0RM9QR/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105044594893964904162&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xCXT-K1-U23G_21Pb7jaQmRtHG0RM9QR/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105044594893964904162&rtpof=true&sd=true)

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, [shartz@pingry.org](mailto:shartz@pingry.org).



**Deborah Levine and ELC students practice yoga and prepare for a Hanukkah performance.**



**Please join us to make bracelets at a workshop on Sunday, January 9, at 1:30 pm.**



# In Our Community

## Volunteer Corner

A variety of committees would benefit from more members. Some committees require only an hour or two a month, while others seek those with more time.

1. **House:** meets once a month for 2 hours and has additional special projects
2. **Membership:** meets once a month for an hour, hosts special events, and conducts outreach with prospective members. (See p. 16 for more details.)
3. **Library:** members review donations on an ongoing basis, re-shelve returned books, and suggest new titles.
4. **Chesed Squad:** members help others with practical tasks like shopping, rides, fellowship.

### **New group forming: Kitchen Reopening Team!**

Do you care about event refreshments? Could you help contact caterers who might be interested in learning more about working in TIP's kosher kitchen? Do you have some ideas for kiddushes, when Covid protocols permit? We'd love to hear from YOU! Please contact the temple office.

## Shem Tov Award Presented to Amy Hyett

On Saturday, December 18, JFNH representative Tracy Richmond presented the Shem Tov volunteer recognition award to Amy Hyett.



**From Amy's nomination letter:** When Amy Hyett was elected President of the Temple Israel Board of Directors, she knew that her term would begin with a major effort: leading the congregation through the process of hiring a new rabbi. Then COVID arrived. Amy navigated the multiple challenges of pandemic response, including moving everything outdoors or online, from services and programs to education and communications, and dealt with the wide varieties of opinion within the members and leadership about how best to proceed.

Through it all, Amy worked tirelessly to maintain connections within the congregation, support Temple Israel's new rabbi, Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman, provide for a smooth transition with incoming president Robert Zimman, and advocate for the community's greatest good. While she has stepped down as president of the board, her ongoing service is a tremendous gift to the congregation.

Amy Hyett, her husband Brian, and their three daughters have been active members of Temple Israel since 2010. Amy has served in a variety of capacities during the last decade.



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# Membership

## Greetings from the Membership Committee!

Many members have found it hard to feel engaged with the Temple Israel community lately due to fewer in-person activities due to the pandemic, competing demands on our time, or other reasons. That's a shame, because being part of a Jewish community is a big reason many of us chose to join Temple Israel in the first place. So we're on a "Re-Engagement Mission!" Here are four ideas that we hope will help YOU re-engage with Temple Israel. You will benefit, and so will our community.

### 1. Get involved in a committee or group

This is a great way to meet new people and make sure the things you care about happen. Explore opportunities on our *Get Involved* page and *Committees* pages. We hope some of you will consider joining or helping the Membership Committee! We need help with welcoming prospective and new members, planning activities, and coordinating the committee itself. If you are new to Temple Israel and/or have children, your help is especially needed. Please email [membership@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:membership@templeisraelnh.org). (See November *Doorpost*, p. 16 for more about our activities.)

### 2. Fill out the Community Engagement Questionnaire

It's super-easy -- just check boxes. This is designed to help you engage with the Temple Israel community and also give the temple's staff, board and committee chairs information about members' interests and skills. Please have every adult or older teen in your household fill out the questionnaire. You'll find: **Demographics, Life Experiences, Hobbies and Interests**. These potential points of

connection can be the basis for new friendships, groups, or programs. They show up in the Member Directory (more on that below).

**Volunteer Opportunities** include helping with synagogue operations, teaching and tutoring, serving on the Chesed Squad, or helping plan for holidays and lead services. Many opportunities are very flexible in terms of time commitment.

**Skills.** Many different skills and areas of expertise are needed to support synagogue operations or programming. If you select these items, you could be contacted by a synagogue staff member, board member, or committee leader for help, advice, or recommendations.

### 3. Use the Member Directory

Through the Member Directory (accessed through the Member Login button at [templeisraelnh.org](http://templeisraelnh.org)), you can share information about yourself and connect with others who share your interests or life experiences. After logging in, click the My Profile button to complete your profile, including "Tags/Interests" in the "Other" section. Also, upload a photo. The first 100 members to upload their profile photos will receive a multi-tool pen as a thank-you gift.

### 4. Show up!

We'd all like to meet new people or see old friends when we come to services or an educational or social program. Guess what? That is more likely to happen if YOU show up.

Thank you for engaging with your Temple Israel community!

The Membership Committee

Robin Albert, Jennie Dinnerman, Alissa Gold, Helen Hanan, Margie Wachtel

# Annual Fund & Donations

## ANNUAL FUND APPEAL 2021

By Joanne Samuels, Chair, Development Committee

This year's focus is to preserve our *sukkat shlomecha*, shelter of peace, which keeps us safe from the storms of nature and continues to be a welcoming center for Jewish study, prayer, celebrations, and culture. **Goal: \$60,000**

It's easy to make your 2021 Annual Fund donation, either by mailing your check OR going online to pay with a credit card, at [templeisraelnh.org/donate](http://templeisraelnh.org/donate). For more info, visit the website or contact me via email, [Development@TempleIsraelNH.org](mailto:Development@TempleIsraelNH.org).



**Thanks to the community's generosity, we shot past the goal! Watch for a full report next month. Meanwhile, last month's donations are gratefully acknowledged at every level of giving:**

### *Rabbi's Circle*

**Platinum:** Jeffrey & Kellisue Friedman and family in honor of Elian Tackeff and in honor of Cheryl Berman. William Shoer & Jennie Smidt Shoer Educational Trust. Matthew Kamil, Eileen Kamil.

**Silver:** Robert & Cindy Chaikin.

**Bronze:** Donna & Stuart Levenson. Steve and Sue Tober. Fran Berman. Malcolm & Jenny Rosenson. Joanne Samuels in honor of Rachel Dennis, with appreciation for her quiet dedication to our temple.

**Friend:** Paul Schneiderman & Karin Caruso in memory of their parents. Iris Estabrook. Steve Sacks & Pamela Battin-Sacks. David Goldstein Foundation, Amy & Steven Borne family. Mary Dow In loving memory of Johanna Frank, Mary's mother and member of the Temple since 1982. Mel Prostkoff & Helen Hanan. Carl Packer in memory of his wife, Eleanor Levy Packer. Matt & Liz Jacobs, kindly matched by a grant from Matt's employer, Synopsis.

**Contributor:** Leonard & Rita Benjamin. Margie Wachtel & Morey Stettner.

*A hearty thank you to all! Acknowledgments will continue in the February Doorpost for donations received after December 30.*

## Donations to other temple funds

### BUILDING FUND

Jerrold Pollak & Marilyn McGair.

### CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Donna & Stuart Levenson in memory of Bernie Goodman. Ellen Farber in memory of her father, Arthur Filler, and in memory of her aunt, Florence Thaler. Barbara Levenson in memory of her uncle, L. Allen Levenson, her mother, Shura Levenson, her grandmother, Sophie Sandler, and grandfather, Jacob Simon. Ira Schwartz.

### DINNERMAN-ROTTENBERG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Barbara A Fox in memory of her father, Eli Borwick. Sue & Steve Tober in memory of Steve's mother, Lee Fruman.

### DUES ABATEMENT FUND

Selma Freedman in memory of Barry Siegel.

*Donations continue on page 12*



# Donations, continued

Received November 30 - December 30. [Continued from page 11.](#)

## **GESHER FUND**

Suzann Goldberg in memory of Barry Siegel.

## **HEBREW SCHOOL FUND**

Naomi Fishbein in memory of her mother-in-law, Lena Fishbein. Gail Spaen in memory of her parents, Al Spaen and Frances Spaen. Meryl Wein in memory of her husband, Jay Alan Wein, and in memory of her father, A. Harold Seidner. Jeffrey & Kellisue Friedman and family in honor of Elian Tackeff and in honor of Cheryl Berman. Laura & Michael Rubin in honor of Rabba Kaya and with thanks for her officiating Ally's Bat Mitzvah. Laura & Michael Rubin in memory of Michael's grandfather, Jerome Sorkin. Gail Bradbard in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Fletcher & family, and with congratulations on their new home. Steve & Gail Goldberg in memory of Estelle Goldberg.

## **HOLOCAUST TORAH FUND**

Mel Prostkoff & Helen Hanan.

## **INSTITUTIONAL OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND**

Gloria Moldoff in memory of her grandmother, Fannie Woolfson. Elaine & Shel Krasker in memory of their daughter, Kathy Krasker Ramras. David Cline in memory of his father, Daniel D. Cline. Nancy Alexander in memory of her mother, Ruth Sussman. Marlene & Al Rubin in honor of Dick & Lorrie Grossman's 60th wedding anniversary. Elaine Lampert in memory of her parents, Morton & Brina Lampert. Ira Schwartz.

## **LANDSCAPE FUND**

Joanne Samuels in honor of the Hebrew School teachers for their support of our kids. Joanne Samuels in honor of Amy Hyett.

## **LIBRARY FUND**

Robert Ruben & Anne Emily Caplin in memory of Maurice R. Ruben, MD. Adina Linden in memory of her mother, Betty Prietz. Abraham Burtman Trust, Stephanie Shaines, Trustee.

## **PRESCHOOL FUND**

Linda & Mack Rosenbaum in memory of beloved husband, brother, and father, Matthew Tackeff. Selma Freedman in memory of her husband, Robby Freedman, and in memory of her sister, Ruth Alfond. Claudia Leblanc in memory of her father, Arthur Leblanc. Elaine Tackeff and family in honor of Dr. Ira Schwartz, Dr. Roger Epstein, and Dr. David Itkin.

## **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Mike Steinberg in memory of Marilyn Gorman. Mikhail Klarov. Pauline Elkin in memory of her husband, Martin T. Elkin. Mike Steinberg with appreciation to Rabba Kaya for Marilyn Gorman's headstone unveiling. William & Christine Goldberg in memory of William's mother, Beverly Goldberg Driscoll.

## **TIKKUN OLAM FUND**

Sharen Eidelberg-Spratt & Randy Spratt.

## **TZEDAKAH FUND**

Mel & Cathi Cherry-Liston in memory of Mel's father, Robert Liston, Sr. Rachel Dennis in memory of her aunt, BettyRose Leader. Claire Siegel in memory of Howard Siegel and in memory of Abraham Siegel. Marilyn Promer, Dan Promer & family in memory of Rachel Promer.

In loving memory of Barry Siegel: Diane Goulston. Marilyn Promer, Dan Promer & family. Anonymous contributor. Robert & Carolyn Siegel. Bert & Deb Freedman. Suzann Goldberg. Linda & Carl Gurtman.

# Hebrew / Sustainability

## Adult Biblical and Prayerbook Hebrew Grammar Classes

By Kathryn Mulhearn, Instructor

It's time for congratulations! The **Biblical Grammar** class has been together for many years, continuing to meet via Zoom since March 2020. This group has just completed a college-level grammar course, including all the major *binyanim* (verb patterns).

The Fall 2020 **Alef Bet** class has moved on to prayerbook grammar, and is now on target to be the best class ever — by which I mean that this group has gotten farther into the subject than any other in the last 20 years at TIP!

An advanced **Torah Translation** class that formed in 2020 has completed a lively grammatical reading through Chapter 33 of *Genesis/B'reishit*, which is quite laudable.

**Yasher koach** to Jennifer Beard, Cathi Cherry-Liston, Maggie Jalbert, Carmen Pollack, Carol Birch, and their classmates from St. John's Church and beyond, for their dedication.



In 2020, I reconnected with Jim Dricker, former TIP Adult Education Director, who now lives in Atlanta. We have been exchanging students and filling in for and supporting each other. Jim is offering a beginner *Alef Bet* class in April via Zoom. I hope to offer a beginner *Alef Bet* class for Fall 2022 and would welcome a chance to team up with another TIP member to offer a simple prayerbook Hebrew reading improvement class.

Please contact the temple office for more information about these ongoing adult classes, offered via Zoom:

- **Biblical Hebrew Grammar** (Intermediate/Advanced), meets Wednesdays at 3:00 pm.
- **Prayerbook Hebrew Grammar** (Beginner/Intermediate), meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.
- **Torah Translation** (Advanced), meets Thursdays at 10:30 am.

## Watch this space!

The Sustainability Committee is excited to share our newest initiatives that will be implemented in 2022.

Please keep an eye out for updates in the February *Doorpost*. And check out our new logo, designed by Courtney Kapral!



## Tzedakah Committee Reminder

The Tzedakah Committee recognizes that congregants may be facing unexpected financial circumstances at this challenging time. We have funds to help take some pressure off of those in need. We can provide help in many forms, including gift cards for food and gas, or paying pressing bills.

Please contact Rabba Kaya and she will forward the request to the committee. **All requests will be held in strict confidentiality.**

# Yahrzeits

## January Yahrzeits

1. Jacob Cohen, Benjamin Abramson, Samuel Greenfield, Dora Segal, Rose Chaikin, Henrietta Banner Abeles
2. Lena Fluster, Rosalea Elowitz Cohn, Harold J. Potter, Alexander Epstein
3. Albert Levy, Arthur Black, Harold Fisher, Melvin Gordon, Arthur Obermayer, Philip Singer, Rose Helman
4. Alex Paul, Mollie Krasker, Lillian Rosenwald, Morris Kram, Nathan Allen
5. Samuel Hooz, Julian Meltzer, William Chernin, Mary C. Feltes
6. Rose Fisher
7. Leon S. Fein, Samuel Vetstein, Sarah Kornhauser
8. Benjamin Goldberg, Golda Singer, Eli Coles, Ann Hanan, Steven Goodstein, Elliot Parker, Stella Drager
9. Sarah Shapiro, Shirley Persin, Marjorie Alberts, Molly Cohen
10. Ida Oshry, Chayim Meyrowitz, Irving Pastor, Carla Chervin
11. Harry Abelson, Robert Taylor, Lena Stone, Beatrice Shore, Sam Glosserman
12. Harry Cohen, Esther Hooz, Benjamin Kisner, Rebecca Thorner, Morris Oshry
13. Richard S. Levy, Ida Zeidman, Mildred Katz, Samuel Liberson

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14. J.Z. Shafran, Shura Levenson
15. Fannie Greenberg, Jacob London, Isadore Stack, Lawrence H. Adelman, Alfred Anderson
16. David Bauer, Donald Leo Lebowitz, Nathan Roffman, Warren H. Overstreet Sr.
17. Jacob Simon, Anne Singer, Ronald Gross, Gertrude Baer, Isaac Kates
18. Charles Handleman, Fannie London, Harry Riback, Louis White, Jane Wise, Jacob Rosenberg, Ann Isacoff, Margaret Spund
19. J.L. Cohen, Joseph Posternak, Max Becker, Sue Ann Lieberman
20. Michelle Robbins, Joseph Steinberg, Daniel M. Berman, Mary Blum, Estelle Israel, Marian Ruth Frankel, Gertrude Berenson
21. Gilda Koeppel, Nathan Klaiman, Vivian Lafargue, Thomas Weinbaum, Carl Wallman
22. Rebecca Schwartz, Harry Gelman, Nordia Kay, Isaac Goodman, Frances Levitt, Frances Davis, Elizabeth Schoonmaker, Harry Goodstein
23. Jennie Cohen, Beatrice Downs, Ruth Shaines, Frances Schultz
24. Jewell Schiffman, Sam Rottenberg, Israel Trubowitz
25. Esther Cohen, Dorothy Katz, Jacob N. Paisner, Leonard Levy, Frances Kolker, Ronald Meenes
26. Mary Weiss, Irving Bratter, Dr. Max Helman, Lauren Burnham

**Need to recite Mourner's Kaddish?** Please join our minyan online or in person on Tuesday, Fridays, and Saturdays. See schedule on page 3. A prayer to say a personal Kaddish without a minyan is also available on our website, or contact the office to receive it by mail or email.



# Yahrzeits / Meetings

27. Saul Lepoff, Kate Shaines, Lewis J. Fisher,  
Laura Ossoff, Abraham Levine, Louis Shapiro
28. Sydney Parker, Natalie Resnick, Ida Siegel,  
Roselyn Schwartz, Minnie Senter, Paul Shoer,  
Jack Cook, Libby Rothstein, Hyman Miller,  
Shirley Traven
29. Michael Goodman, Milton H. Cooper,  
Irving Thorner, Ellen Silverman, Celia Sroelov
30. Anna Dinnerman, Elizabeth Stone, Leonard  
Gordon, Betty Karnefsky, Thomas Brahms,  
Jennie Kuchinsky
31. Albert Isselbacher, Ann Goodman, Anne Gray,  
Robert Davis, Jr., Ree Becker, Jacob Potter,  
Arnold Fishbein

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## CLASSES

### Israel's Milestones & Their Meanings

10:30 am, Sundays, 1/9 & 1/23, Zoom only

### Senior Discussion Group

10:00 am, Thursdays via Zoom

### Yiddish Class for Beginners

11:00 am, Thursdays, **\*\*on break, new dates TBA \*\***

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Arts Review Team

1:00 pm, Sunday, 1/2, location TBA

### Membership Committee

7:00 pm, Monday, 1/3

### Development Committee

7:00 pm, Wednesday, 1/5

### House Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 1/6

### Sustainability Committee

7:30 pm, Monday, 1/10

### Ritual Committee

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 1/11

### Executive Committee

7:30 pm, Wednesday, 1/12

### Education Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 1/13

### Board of Directors

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 1/18

### Tikkun Olam Committee

7:00 pm, Thursday, 1/20

### Marketing Committee

4:15 pm, Monday, 1/24

*Note: Committee meetings are being held via Zoom at this time unless otherwise noted.*

## Call to photographers!

USCJ will again highlight the work of member synagogues in its next annual calendar (5783). **Photographs are**

**being solicited on the theme of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Deadline: January 28, 2022.**

For more information, contact Rivka Friedlander, Calendar Editor, [rfriedlander@uscj.org](mailto:rfriedlander@uscj.org).



### Sibson - Hall Monument Co.

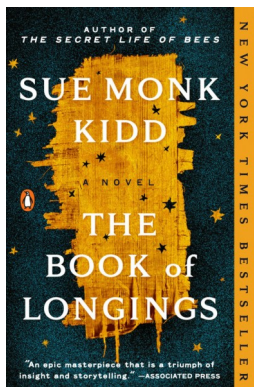
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### TIP Book Club pick for January

#### *The Book of Longings*, by Sue Monk Kidd

Please join us in the Social Hall at 12:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month, January 18, 2022, for a lively discussion!



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### State Street Construction Updates

Above, left: Malthouse Construction workers use a scissor lift to repair a hole under the eaves of the sanctuary roof.

Right: Pedestrians will notice that a large section of the brick sidewalk near the temple's State Street steps has been temporarily replaced with asphalt. As seen above, this fall, an underground cement vault for future "buried" power line improvements was installed. The asphalt cover will remain in place while the ground settles during the winter months. The contractor assured the office that in the spring, brick paving will be restored.