



# Beth Israel Bulletin

TAMMUZ - AV 5784

 **Upcoming Events: AUGUST**

**COMING SOON: WATCH FOR HIGH HOLIDAY MAILING**

### Shabbat Services

- **08/02, 7pm:** Shabbat T'filah
- **08/09, 7pm:** Shabbat T'filah
- **08/17, 10:00am:** Shabbat T'filah
- **08/23, 7pm:** Shabbat T'filah
- **08/30, 7pm:** Shabbat T'filah

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**FROM THE RABBI**

Shalom Temple Beth Israel,

Shalom v'chodesh tov folks, and welcome to another gorgeous month of summer warmth! Indeed, as the season keeps rolling along, I wanted to take a moment and reflect on my travels through Israel over these last few weeks. As many of you know, I had an amazing opportunity to lead a Birthright group through Israel during ten magical days in June. In last month's update, I wrote extensively about the trip, the participants, the sites we visited, and the folks we encountered.

After the Birthright trip finished, I stayed in Israel for another ten days. Eventually, I made my way south to the Gaza Envelope to better understand the events and aftermath of October 7th. I toured Kibbutz Be'eri where I met a member who endured the horrific events of the invasion. As I walked past burnt and bombed out homes, debris still scattered everywhere, the member described how he and his family clung to the door handle of their safe room, while Hamas terrorists tried desperately for hours to pry the door open. As we stood outside the rubble of the home, he gazed off across the street to his neighbors' homes, where sadly no one survived. I spent some time, later in the day, visiting the site of the Nova Music Festival. I walked around the empty field, meandering in-between the few trees and memorial posters. I stopped every few signs to read more about a person whose soul disappeared at Nova. I learned how the individual loved music, nature, traveling, their family, playing instruments, and living life to its fullest. Off in the distance, I could hear loud explosions, from just across the border in Gaza. At various memorial signs, you could actually meet and listen to family and friends talk intimately about someone lost in that space on October 7th, and this was on a random Sunday almost nine months after the ordeal.

Everyone visits these sites for different reasons. Some folks go to process the events of the day. As an outsider, I wanted to see for myself what exactly transpired and to listen to those who survived the unfathomable. Sadly, there are many who deny certain aspects of the day or that the wide-scale slaughter of Jews even occurred. For some who stand vigil, no-doubt, they provide witness and testimony not just to the true scope of human atrocity but to the actual nature of the beautiful character and unique personality lost on that day. While for others, the tragedy of Oct. 7th continues every day for the hostages and their families who suffer through an unknown fate in captivity. These makeshift memorials and monuments scattered throughout the border towns ransacked on 10/7 keep the names and the spirits of those names alive, so that the world doesn't forget what happened on October 7th. For those remaining in captivity, it is still not too late.

On the car ride back, I sat quietly looking out at the desert. As a sign for Ashkelon passed, I fell asleep. When I woke up, I was in downtown Tel-Aviv and a world away from the Gaza border towns. In the September bulletin, I will write about my week in Jerusalem at the Holocaust Educators' Conference in Yad Vashem and my last Shabbat in Tel-Aviv.

Kol tuv,  
Rabbi David Joslin



 **From the President****My First Official Year!**

We are all familiar with the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana. However, there are actually more Jewish New Years, according to the Rabbis of old. Passover connects to the formation of the Jewish people after we received the Torah on Mt. Sinai. Tu B'Shevat marks the birthday of the trees and is a New Year for the trees and separating fruits for tithing. You may not know it, but July 1 of each year marks another New Year. It is not a "Jewish" New Year, but a "Temple" New Year in that it is the start of the next fiscal (financial) year for our Temple.

Just as during the High Holiday season we do a lot of reflection, prior to the start of the Temple's fiscal year, the Temple Board, Officers, Clergy and Staff do a lot of reflection.

Please know how much gratitude I have for the work that goes into this process, including by the Budget and Finance Committee, which is chaired by Sara Hurwitz. I share with you a few items for this next fiscal year that begins July 1. Our Temple is financially sound. However, please realize how important your annual giving (dues), donations and other gifts are, especially as costs continue to rise. Donations from the Memorial Book and the Temple Fundraiser are very important too. Garage Sale 2.0 fundraiser will be on Friday, August 16, 2024. We are going to attempt to sell the remaining items left to add to the total Marcy Weisburgh worked so tirelessly to raise.

While we continue to celebrate the joy of being together in our beautiful Temple, I will also focus on acknowledgement of and gratitude for our many volunteers. In addition to a volunteer spotlight in our Temple View bulletin, there will be a special volunteer appreciation Shabbat this fall, as well as new members and new board members recognition for the upcoming year.

Ritual committee is always looking for new members to help plan both spiritual and other communal events. No experience required. If you have an idea, we are all ears.

In regard to security, we will continue to harden the building and have some increased security personnel at Temple. Please know that this is NOT in response to any incident or threat at Temple, but offers additional protection for all of our spaces.

There is much more, including wonderful spiritual and educational offerings for members of all ages. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to hearing from all of you!!

Our monthly board meeting is open to all, so if you have a concern, ideas or want to see what we are doing, please attend. I am all about transparency. As always, please reach out to me anytime. I hope that our plans for this next year inspire you to plan your next year and that it is one of reflection and gratitude.

Cheryl Kabeli, President  
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SAVE THE DATE  
MITZVAH DAY!  
Sunday, September 8th  
9AM  
TBI Cemetery  
for Cemetery cleanup and  
burying holy articles

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## 2024-2025 TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL MEMBERSHIP

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### Yahrzeits

It is customary to honor the anniversary of the death of a loved one by lighting a memorial candle, reciting Kaddish at a congregational service and making a donation. We hope you will do all. A donation can be made to the [Temple Beth Israel Fund of your choice.](#)

**AUGUST 2, 2024**

Hannah Bornstein  
Betty Goldner Lipshultz  
Gertrude Kriff  
Lillian Shubert  
Michael Kaufman  
Abraham Levine  
Jack Siegel  
Irwin Strevens

**AUGUST 9, 2024**

David Aibel  
Sally D. Hirsch  
Stanley D Weinstein  
Clara Schwartz  
Irving Fishman  
Isidore Goldstein  
Lillian Sarnow  
Pearl Goldenberg  
Sharmaine Haas  
Shoshi Satloff

**AUGUST 17, 2024**

Bertram Lieberman  
Yetta Shainmark  
Louis Evans Wolfe  
Julius Bernstein  
Harry S. Roth  
Dr. Dorothy W. Gross  
Bella Selig London  
Moishe H. Myerson  
Ray Schweizer Wallace  
Fanny Rosenak

**AUGUST 23, 2024**

Rae Selbst  
Sylvia Berger  
Harry Dunn  
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Myron J. Gordon, Sr.  
Harry Alpert  
Minnie Cohen  
Louis Ratner  
Edith Goldman Shipley  
David Burde  
Ruth A. Kobel  
Harry Levites  
Mae Resnick  
Harold B. Shubert

**AUGUST 30, 2024**

Jennie Feldman  
Moses Katzper  
Ada Brown  
Rachel Dunn  
Sarah Feldman  
Golda Malke Feinberg  
Rhea Jacobs  
Elizabeth S. Caplan





## We Gratefully Acknowledge Gifts to Our Temple Funds

### ✨ YAHARZEIT FUND

- Miriam Worthington in memory of her mother, Clara Achouche
- Irene and Jeffrey Gretz in memory of Harry Lippert
- Cecily and Wallace Feldman in memory of Nathan F. and Dorothy Feldman
- Gayle Ratner in memory of Louis Kalofsky

### ✨ MARTIN M. GOLDMAN FAMILY FUND

- Sue and Howard Meyerson and Alan and Mark Goldman and their families in memory of Avrom Jacobs

### ✨ GENERAL FUND

- Michelle and Lenny Zelkowitz to thank Marcy Weisburgh for all her hard work in regard to the Temple Rummage Sale
- Sharon Ratner in honor of Gayle Ratner wishing her many blessings while on her Las Vegas adventure; and in honor of Miriam Worthington to thank her for her dedication to the TBI community and for all the care and time she has provided

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## Take a Moment & Make a Difference

It is easy to honor or remember friends and family with a contribution to any Temple Fund.  
No donation is too small.

[Make a Donation](#)

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**Lil Resnick** spent a great week in Marshfield, Wisconsin visiting her son **Jeff** and teenage daughters, **Madeleine and Juliet**. The flying part was "for the birds"!

**Miriam and Eric Worthington** were recently reunited on stage after a 34 year hiatus in a production of "Pygmalion" by Mountain to Mountain theater in Jay. **Eric** portrayed Professor Higgins while **Miriam** had a minor but fun part. Rumor has it there will be an encore performance at Pendragon theater in Saranac Lake this September.

**Carol Staves** enjoyed meeting **Ronni Liester** and daughter **Zoey** while enjoying a lunch provided by TBI's Men's Club on July 13th. Again the TBI Men's Club came through on the 21st while relaxing, enjoying and catching up with each other at **Loon-a-tic Lodge**. Thank you **Marcia & Tom**.

Update on happenings with the **Rech/Sarnow** family: Son, **Nathaniel Sarnow** is starting his third year at Northeastern University in Boston. He is working at Wayfair for a 6 month co-op program this fall. He had an exciting summer course on global supply chain economics in Seoul South Korea in June. Son, **Kyle Sarnow** has started a lawn mowing business: Blue Heron Lawn Care and property management. You can reach him at 518-578-9508. Daughter, **Lily** was in the Adirondack Regional Theater production of Matilda and she has discovered she loves the drama! She is just back from 2 weeks at Camp Overlook, 4h camp in Owl's Head. Headed to Cape May, NJ for a beach vacation and **Rech** family reunion. Celebrated **Martine Sarnow's** 60th birthday with a big **Sarnow** family gathering in June. **Marc** had a birthday too but let it slide by quietly. **Marc and Sue** went to **Sue's** 45th reunion at Swarthmore College in early June, and had lots of fun!

**Sharon Ratner's** wonderful granddaughter, **Ava**, recently became engaged to **Daron O'Donnell**, a really lovely young man. Her sister **Vivienne**, attends a STEM School, and does quite well. She's the head of her robotics team, and the finances. She also secured a job with Trader Joe's. They all reside in Tennessee. **Sharon's** grandson **James** will graduate from USC in Columbia South Carolina, and is planning on a career in Psychiatry. "Why do you hate your mother?" It originated from a toy we had called Sigmund Owl. (a joke told around our house) We are very proud of all of our bright, and beautiful grandchildren. Today **Grandma Gayle** will be playing games while sharing stories with **Addison**, in Las Vegas. **Annabelle** is at the farm in New Hampshire, helping out with the pigs, and chickens, enjoying her summer. Hoping you're all enjoying yours.

**Steve and Susan Albert** recently returned home from their amazing Spring RV trip of 11 weeks and 9,600 miles visiting 9 national parks from Virginia to Washington. Along the way they traveled much of the Oregon Trail in their own current version of a Conestoga wagon and stopped in many of the same places the pioneers did! As always, while they loved their time exploring this great country of ours, they were very happy to get back to the beautiful place that they are so blessed to call "home."

**Michelle and Lenny Zerkowitz** need someplace/someone to watch their cat for 2 weeks at the end of August through the beginning of Sept. If anyone is interested please reach out to them.

Please send any news of interest to **Yenta in care of the office/Maria**.

Enjoy your summer!

 **Templegrams: AUGUST, SEPTEMBER**

**AUGUST**

- 14 Sarah Reif
- 16 Debra Rabin Manse
- 16 Ian Ratner
- 16 Jeff Weisburgh
- 22 Sarah Davis and Kori Redepenning
- 28 Kevin Smith.

**SEPTEMBER**

- 1 Jen Shutts
- 7 Joel Shutts
- 8 Debra Good & Doug Chaves
- 13 Marcy & Jeff Weisburgh
- 16 Sharon & John Schenkel
- 18 Rabbi David Joslin
- 21 Susan Gottlieb
- 21 Carol Klepper
- 25 Cheryl & Sabi Kabeli
- 25 Alice & Ronnie Marx
- 27 Mike Lack
- 28 Sandra Ghelman & Cody Sanders

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