

Beth Israel Bulletin

IYAR-SIVAN 5785

Upcoming Events: MAY

Special Events

• **05/02:** 5:30 pm Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration/Potluck

Shabbat and Other Services

05/10: 10:00 am: Shabbat T'filah
 05/16: 7:00 pm: Shabbat T'filah
 05/24: 10:00 am: Shabbat T'filah
 05/30: 7:00 pm: Shabbat T'filah

MAY SHAMUS: ElizaBeth Brumfield

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FROM THE RABBI

Happy May/ Iyyar tov!

This month is jam packed with Jewish and Israeli holidays! This week we pause to honor and remember those who have died fighting for Israel's freedom, as well as those who perished in acts of terrorism, during Israel's Yom HaZikaron. On the very next day, Jews from all over the world will celebrate Israel Independence Day on Yom HaAtma'ut. Later in the month, Israel commemorates Yom Yerushalayim, the day in which Jerusalem was finally unified under Jewish control during the 1967 Six-Day War. These nationalistic holidays give us an opportunity to consider our relationship with the state of Israel as well as with worldwide Jewry. How has our connection to Israel changed over the last year? Have we made an effort to try and better understand Israel and Israelis? How does Zionism impact our Judaism?

Over the last year, we have seen various images of Israel: a powerful I.D.F decimating Hamas and Hezbollah, a compassionate care-giver in international humanitarian efforts ranging from the earthquakes in Myanmar to Caribbean hurricane relief, or as a harbor of safety to Ukrainian Jews during a time of war. Sometimes we fixate on one specific representation when we characterize our opinion of Israel: the Western Wall, Gal Gadot, hummus, or the Conflict. When in reality, like all relationships, our attitudes and opinions are probably shaped by a wide spectrum of complicated, nuanced factors, events, memories, and experiences.

So, as we add another candle to the birthday cake. What image are you thinking about on Israel's 77th Independence Day?

Happy Independence Day יום עצמאות שמח Rabbi David Joslin

From the Vice President

SHALOM CHAVERIM

In the first week of April, poking through the mud, I saw the green tips of my tulips. They had survived the subzero days of January and February. Now in this first week of May they are strong green tulip leaves, promising vibrant yellows, purples and reds later in May and June. As they emerge from their winter dormancy, I like to pat myself on the back for the work, two Septembers ago, I put into preparing the soil for the bulbs. Just like my tulip bed there is work in preparing the soil in which the Temple will grow in the coming year. The Temple Board, Officers and committees have worked hard the past year, tending the soil in which flowers of Temple Beth Israel bloom. The day-to-day Temple life is tended by those Chaverim.

Just like Moses in Exodus 18. 13-27, the leaders of our congregation can be overwhelmed. Moses listened to and judged every complaint, criminal law, civil dispute, and the every day problems of managing the Israelite camp. He did not have time to experience the presence of the Divine. Moses' father-in-law Jethro saw this and said to Moses "are you crazy, you will wear yourself out... The task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone" Jethro told Moses to get some worthy, smart people to help him out. Trustworthy people that will help carry the load.

You, dear readers are the capable people that would help Moses. You, the whole congregation of Temple Beth Israel like the Jews in the desert stand in to help carry our Tent of Meeting.

Come to the Congregation's Annual Meeting on Wednesday May 28, 2025. Come help lighten the load of the Temple Board, Officers, and Committees. Temple leaders want to know your concerns, opinions, thoughts. Let us know how we have missed the mark and we can improve. We need your help in growing the Jewish life of Temple Beth Israel!

The Congregation Annual Meeting is on Wednesday May 28, 2025. At 5:30 pm. A light meal will be served. The Meeting will be called to order at 6:30 pm sharp.

Tell us what you think?

Stephen Cahill, Vice President wscahill99@yahoo.com

Join your Temple Mishpacha For



Bring a dish to pass for the POTLUCK! (Dairy and Vegetarian only!)

The Ritual Committee will supply desserts
Friday, May 2nd at 5:30pm
At Temple Beth Israel

Israeli - Shabbat Service to follow at 6:30pm



Michael Ratner Community Service Scholarship

The Michael Ratner Community Service Scholarship provides two \$500 awards given to graduating high school seniors who will be continuing their education at any post-secondary school (e.g., college, vocational or technical) and is committed to providing community service to a Jewish related organization (e.g., Hillel, Jewish Community Center, synagogue, etc.) for at least one semester during their freshman year.

The applicant must have a demonstrated record of community service, such as involvement in school activities, civic activities, or service to an organization. The Scholarship is open to any applicant who is related to a current Temple Beth Israel member, including children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. The applicant does not have to live in Clinton County.

The Scholarship can be used for any post-secondary expenses, including tuition, books, computing equipment, supplies and transportation.

Application deadline: 15 June 2025. Awards will be made by 1 July 2025.

Access description and application.



Temple Beth Israel Annual Meeting

Mark Your Calendars
Wednesday, May 28, 2025
Light Meal at 5:30
Annual Meeting 6:30
Agenda to follow





SPRING INTO SPONSORING A MAY OR JUNE ONEG

For Friday Kiddush keep it simple: some fruit or pastries or cookies
For Saturday Kiddush Luncheon: keep it a Jewish favorite like bagels and cream cheese

Sponsor an Oneg in honor of an anniversary, engagement, birthday, birth of a child or grandchild or a yahrzeit. Ask a friend to co-sponsor with you: many hands make light work. Reserve your Oneg date - act now!

Contact Stephen Cahill at 518-570-0927 or at wscahill99@yahoo.com. Place "Oneg" in the subject line.

MAY 02: Friday 5:30 pm Yom Ha'atzmaut

MAY 10: Saturday 10:00 am Lucy Burrell Taylor in honor of her husband Keith's birthday

MAY 16: Friday 7:00 pm

MAY 24: Saturday 10:00 am

MAY 30: Friday 7:00 pm

JUNE 06: Friday 7:00 pm

JUNE 13: Friday 7:00 pm

JUNE 21: Saturday 10:00 am

JUNE 27: Friday 7:00 pm

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.

MAY 2, 2025

Jerome H. Resnick Leland S. Berger Benjamin Singer Marion Alpert Eleanor Goldman Bertha Kahner

MAY 10, 2025

Abraham Joshua Bibliowicz Lillyan J. Rubin Esther Lillian Goldman Beth Fine Kaplan Sam Corekin, Jr. Isaac Fox John Yardan Samuel Smith Louis Michaelson

MAY 16. 2025

Viola Harrison Isaac Woolman Anne Taub Sonia Myerson Robert M. Brumfield David Smith Harry Kaplan Sidney Kaplan Selma Rose Shutts Nathan Adler Myer Lippa Solomon Schiff Lena K. Schlesinger Nachman Ben Smoler David Merkel, Jr. Frank Cohen

MAY 24, 2025

Isadore Kaplan Major Sam Wiesenthal Samuel Shane Silas Kassel Margery Sachs Mark Rabin Blanche Ringle Beatrice Matzkin Rabbi Solomon Herschel Schoenkopf

MAY 30, 2025

Robert S. Reiter Mildred Eleanor Albert Kenneth Myron Piafsky Edith Stevens Pearlie Rabin Celia Berger
Ronald Brue Korman
Kathryn L. Menkle
Philip Cohen
Harry Elbaum
Kevin Edward Adler Estelle Dorothy Elson Hyman Leightón



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GENERAL FUND

• Linda and Steven Leighton to thank everyone for Steven's birthday wishes, and our Anniversary wishes. Thanking Rabbi David for a wonderful Seder.

💢 MARTIN M. GOLDMAN AND FAMILY FUND

- Sue Meyerson, Alan and Mark Goldman and families in memory of Freda Goldman Livingston
- Sue Meyerson, Alan and Mark Goldman and families in memory of Eleanor Goldman and Esther Goldman

21st CENTURY FUND

- Susan and Randy Patnode in honor of Jerry Davis' 92nd birthday
- Sharon Ratner to thank Rabbi David for a wonderful Passover First Night
- Sharon Ratner in honor of the birth of Netta, Granddaughter of Cerise Oberman and Larry Soroka

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

• Elle Berger and Mike DiNunzio Mazel Tov to Lauren Merkel and Rob Muraskin on the birth of Margot; and healing wishes for John Schenkel, Stan Haas and Sara Hurwitz. Also Happy Birthday to Jerry Davis and Mazel Tov to the CaoBa/Patnode family on the birth of Talia.

YAHRZEIT FUND

• Shari Stern in memory of David Tannenbaum

Take a Moment & Make a Difference

In Jewish tradition we make donations or tributes, to acknowledge lifecycle and milestone events including: Birthdays, Anniversaries, Births, Graduations, Weddings and of course Commemorations and Condolences. At TBI, you can direct these tributes towards causes that reflect your or your loved ones interests.

Make a Donation

Honor and Celebrate

Temple Beth Israel offers several ways to permanently honor a loved one or celebrate a simcha.

Remember a Loved One

Yahrzeit plaques are a Jewish tradition used to commemorate the passing of a relative or loved one. These plaques are inscribed with the English and Hebrew names of the departed, along with the date of death in both the standard and Hebrew calendar. Each year, the plaque is illuminated on the day or week of the deceased's yahrzeit. If you are interested in purchasing a Yahrzeit plaque, please contact Andy at kappy8@charter.net. Each plaque is \$208.00.

Celebrate a Simcha

Commemorate a birth, a b'nai mitzvah, a wedding, a special birthday or anniversary, among other things by purchasing simcha plaque. Every plaque is individually inscribed becoming a permanent part of Temple Beth Israel's history. If you are interested in purchasing a simcha plaque, please contact office at 518-563-3343. Each plaque is \$208.00.

TBI April Bulletin



Please Help us Put the Fun in Fundraising

Today we need to secure Temple Beth Israel's future – a synagogue where our senior members have a supportive community, our youngest members can find an inclusive community of Jews, and everyone has a place to support their Jewish journey.

Financial stability is required to ensure a strong congregation – now and for future generations. To help us grow strong, it's time to have a fundraising brainstorming session and we need your expertise and ideas! If you have experience in fundraising and philanthropy or you've worked a charitable event, or even if you've just got ideas you'd love to share – please share your knowledge and sign up to participate. Please reach out to Cheryl Kabeli at tbipresident1@gmail.com

Templegrams: MAY AND JUNE

MAY

2 Eric Worthington
3 Keith Taylor
9 Bunny Adler
9 Linda Leighton
11 Sharon Schenkel
13 Sue Goldman Meyerson
13 Lucy Burrell Taylor
25 Carol Staves
27 Susan & Steve Albert

JUNE

2 David Holland
4 Shelly Lack
8 Yoram Cao-Ba
14 Kyle Sarnow
15 Mona & Henry Goldenberg
16 Natalie & Sean Mercaldi
21 Marilyn & Roger Lorberbaum
24 Cheryl Kabeli

You can send greeting to anyone on this list for only \$.50 per name. Send your list of names and a check made out to Temple Beth Israel to Carol Staves, 26 Tom Miller Road, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

Please be sure to indicate how you would like the card signed.



We are looking for a new Chair for the Cultural Committee.

After many years of dedicated service, **Diane Fine** has decided to step down. This committee encourages a greater appreciation of the Jewish culture and heritage through concerts, talks, exhibits and performances at Temple Beth Israel.

Its aim is primarily educational and will attempt to bring said performances to the synagogue, special mornings, evenings for the benefit of the congregation or in the community at large.

Please notify tbipresident1@gmail.com if interested.



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