



Beth Israel Bulletin

NISAN - IYAR 5785

Upcoming Events: APRIL

Special Events

- **04/12:** Saturday, 5:30 pm First night of Pesach /Passover Seder
- **04/19:** Saturday, 6:30 Pizza following Yiskor & Havdallah Service

Shabbat and Other Services

- **04/05: 10:00 am:** Shabbat T'filah
- **04/11: 5:30 pm:** Shabbat T'filah
- **04/18: 7:00 pm:** Shabbat T'filah
- **04/19: 6:30 pm:** Yiskor & Havdallah Service
- **04/23: 7:00 pm:** Yom Hashoah Service
- **04/25: 7:00 pm:** Shabbat T'filah

APRIL SHAMUS: Ronnie Marx

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FROM THE RABBI

Chag Pesach Samaech/ Happy Passover,

As we begin this month at the end of our Passover liberation story, let us cautiously look to a month of overwhelming joy mixed with somber remembrance. During the festival of unleavened bread, we commemorate our new found freedom. Passover Seder may be the most enjoyable night of my year. Over the last few years, I have had the pleasure of sitting (or rather standing because I don't really sit the entire night) down in community at Temple Beth Israel. In a gallant but futile fight, I try to lead us through a 30-minute seder as we break bread matzah together over 4 questions, 4 kids, and way more than 4 cups of wine all in the effort to recall how our ancestors broke out of Egyptian slavery. The excitement of the night carries me though the entire holiday, and I almost forget how much I love pasta, as my withdrawal from chametz subsides.

The exodus was a life-long journey which only began on Pesach for the Israelites born into captivity. In reality, the Israelites' personal growth was not always linear, as it was often mired in difficult and painful lessons learned along the way. In April, we also recognize the more recent challenges in our people's history, as we pause to honor the memory and experiences of those who suffered in the Holocaust. This year marks the 80th anniversary since the liberation of the Concentration Camps and the end of World War II, and I recommend attending one of the commemorative events or programs being held during the week of Yom HaShoah at SUNY Plattsburgh. Exactly a week later, Israelis, and as an extension world Jewry, acknowledge the sacrifice Israel has endured as she elevates her fallen soldiers and civilian victims of terrorism on Yom HaZikron. The very next day, in what seems like a whipsaw emotional rollercoaster, we rejoice in Israel's Independence, Yom HaAtzmaut. So, folks hold on to your seats, it's going to be a wild ride.

Chodesh Tov,

Rabbi David Joslin

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL
PASSOVER SEDER

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

5:30 pm sharp!

Temple Beth Israel Social Hall

Catered by CAMPUS DINING

Reservations must be received by April 2nd

Please refer to Passover Seder email flyer

Any questions please contact the office 518-563-3343

 **From the President**

The most important interpersonal act which we can do at Temple Beth Israel is to welcome the stranger into our religious home, for once we were strangers ourselves in the land of Egypt. The guiding principle of TBI is to follow in the footsteps of Abraham who in Genesis 18 welcomed three strangers into his and Sarah's tent. How do the large Christian megachurches manage to incorporate tens of thousands of people into their congregations? They welcome the stranger into their midst and make him feel at home. I looked around the Oneg following Jerry Davis's birthday Oneg, and I saw everyone engaged in conversation leaving no one out. New members tell me that they have felt welcomed and guests in the community compliment us on making them feel engaged. It is vital that we expand the hospitality and reach outside our congregation to individually invite one or two of the unaffiliated Jewish households in the Plattsburgh and surrounding area to join with us on joyful Jewish experiences at TBI.

When I first started to imagine what this congregation could accomplish during my two years as President, I had many conversations with Rabbi Joslin around the issue of Social Justice, change that would create "real and permanent good" as stated by Andrew Carnegie over 100 years ago. I thought that we could start the process of societal change while at the same time strengthen our TBI community and individually create a sense of accomplishment and pride. However, due to our dwindling numbers, I may not see this dream come to life. Unless we have congregants who not only have the dream and passion for Social Justice but also the time and energy, we will not accomplish anything. We cannot expect those young families with both parents working and with young children and teenagers who need parenting to dedicate large blocks of time and energy to Social Justice issues. But I am going to challenge my own generation, the Gen X'ers, to lead the fight for Social Justice. Just like it was done in the 1960s and 1970s when many fought the good fight from returning our soldiers from Vietnam to defending civil rights, my generation once again must turn from introspection to reengagement with the outside world and create social justice and do Tikkun Olam, the core of our Jewish values. The future of our Temple and the Jewish community depends not only on enjoying our rich Jewish heritage in many diverse ways but also working together to heal the world through Social Justice.

Cheryl Kabeli, President
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 Perform a Mitzvah - Sponsor an Oneg
 Add some delight sweetness to Shabbat

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

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

APRIL 05: Saturday 10:00 am

APRIL 11: Friday 5:30 pm

APRIL 18: Friday 7:00 pm

APRIL 25: 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.](#)

APRIL 5, 2025

Sara Cohen
Harry Liebowitz
Aaron Merkel
Sara N. Egelson
Joseph Max Feinberg
Solomon J. Schiff

APRIL 11, 2025

Hilda Gabor
Steve T. Gretz
Jack Mark
David Tannenbaum
Dorothy Sondra Futterman
Meta London Merkel
Freda Goldman Livingston
Rose Barsky Roth
Harold Joseph Hutner
Jeannette Kier
Selma Hausthor
Dorothy H (Kowalski) Corish
Milton Soroka
Isabel Berger
Charles Fine
Susan M. Furnberg

APRIL 18, 2025

Leah Boker
Alice Cohen Krinovitz
Alfred Achouche
Samuel Lipshchutz
James Sachs
Frank Hutner
Crandall Clark
Moses Selig
Eve Lack
Steven M. Schwalb
Abraham Markstone

APRIL 25, 2025

Frieda Haas
Otto Hass
Solomon Winkler
Max Morris
Beverlee Kaifetz Finkelstein
Anna Lavine
Linda Braunstein
Dora Cohen
Otto Menkle
Mechel Frydman
Benjamin Smolar

The Interfaith Food Pantry

The Interfaith Food Pantry is busy fund raising. A "mailing party "was held on March 19th for our sponsors and donors of our Annual Golf Tournament. This year it will be played on Friday, September 12th at Harmony Golf Course. This project is under the leadership of Andrea Enyedi and Cathy Muzaric

We continue to move forward in meeting local needs. Our Interfaith Food Pantry (aka plattsburghfoodshelf.org) has been like a willow tree, bending to the highs and lows of our environment. We are facing issues head on and acting proactively while following state and federal rules, regulations, and guidelines.

In February, 833 people including 200 children, 448 adults, and 185 seniors were served. Food donations totaled 3876 lbs.; 40 of those lbs. were from TBI. TBI generously donated \$385.00. Thank you!

Civil Rights Training, an annual mandate, was completed by 3 of 4 TBI volunteers.



We Gratefully Acknowledge Gifts to Our Temple Funds

🌟 GENERAL FUND

- Linda and Steven Leighton Mazal Tov to Cerise Oberman and Larry Soroka - first time grandparents; and to Carol and Jeannot Cao-Ba - first time great grandparents
- Lillian Resnick with heartfelt thanks to Rabbi David, my Temple friends, and especially Andy Kaplan for support me when my Mother, Ruth Block passed away at the age of almost 107 on February 14th, Valentine's Day.
- Debbie and Donald Papier
- ElizaBeth Brumfield and Thomas Dufore
- Diego Grinberg-Funes
- Cheryl and Sabieli Kabeli to thank the Board for all their hard work
- Sharon Ratner in honor of Jerry Davis' 92nd birthday
- Nancy L. Person

🌟 MARTIN M. GOLDMAN AND FAMILY FUND

- Sue and Howard Meyerson, Alan and Mark Goldman and families in memory of Carol Gross, Samuel S. Goldman and Dr. Phillip Livingston

🌟 21st CENTURY FUND

- Cerise Oberman and Larry Soroka in honor of the birth of Margot Stefka Merkel-Muraski, daughter of Lauren Merkel and Rob Muraskin
- Roger and Marilyn Lorberbaum to celebrate Jerry Davis' birthday and wish him many more; and in memory of Lil Resnick's mother, Ruth Block
- Cheryl and Sabieli Kabeli to wish Stan Haas and Sarah Hurwitz a speedy recovery.

🌟 RATNER SCHOLARSHIP

- Gayle Ratner

🌟 RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Cheryl and Sabieli Kabeli in honor of Jerry Davis' 92nd birthday

🌟 YAHRZEIT FUND

- Bryan Freehling in memory of my sister Brooke Ann Freehling
- Betty-Carol Singer in memory of my dear father, Sidney Gordon
- Eleanor Garrell Berger in memory of Ruth Block, mother of Lillian Resnick

🌟 RABIN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

- Sharon Ratner

 **JOYCE COHEN BUILDING FUND**

- Miriam and Tom Worthington

 **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](#)

Dear Haverim/Friends,

Back in January a number of you helped to celebrate my birthday with a donation of a simcha plaque. The plaque has not arrived yet, but hopefully before Shavuot. There was extra money which I asked to be placed into the Duchin Fund. This fund has not seen a lot of donations over the years. If anyone else wishes to add to this fund please feel free to do so. I thank all members of Temple Beth Israel for their good wishes. TBI is truly my family and I hope for another 50 years. Oy vey!!

Andy Kaplan

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.



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: MARCH AND APRIL**

APRIL

3 Charles Lack
 4 Jeanot Cao-Ba
 8 Lynn Schlesinger
 9 Sarah Hurwitz
 20 Sandra Ghelman
 21 Noa Sanders
 26 Wendy Spargo
 27 Rebecca & Sonja Brown

MAY

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

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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