

# Beth Israel Bulletin

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## TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL DECEMBER EVENTS

HANUKKAH FIRST  
NIGHT  
CELEBRATION  
DEC. 18 @ 5:30PM



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## From the Rabbi

Happy December and Chodesh Kislev tov Temple Beth Israel!

As we begin the month of December, I am still very much in Thanksgiving mode, grateful for the ability to celebrate holidays and gatherings with loved ones. We continue our winter season's festivities with Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, as we kindle our Chanukkiot, listen to Adam Sandler, and warm-up the fryolator for some latkes and sufganyiot.

Throughout the month of Kislev, we read the remarkable personal saga of Joseph from boychick genius to incarnated slave, victimized by the attempted fratricide of Jacob's sons. Eventually through the grace of God and his natural born talents, Joseph rises out of despair to become a great leader, savior to his brothers and his father Jacob. Joseph bridges the historical gap between Abraham and Moshe, and we can't forget the striking parallels between the hardships Joseph endured as an assimilated Jew in Egypt and the historical struggle to remain proud Jews whether in Hellenized times or today, during the December shopping craze. The true miracle of our Channukkah season is that we are able to gather together to watch the burning of the Channukiah just for the pure enjoyment of appreciating its beauty.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Channukkah and Season's Greetings,

Rabbi David Joslin

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## Schedule of Shabbat Services

Dec. 2, Friday, 6:30 pm Shabbat Shonei  
Vayetzei (Gen. 28:10 - 32:3)

Dec. 9, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service  
Vayishlach (Gen. 32:4 - 36:43)

Dec. 16, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service  
Vayeshev (Gen. 37:1 - 40:23)

Dec. 23, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service  
Miketz (Gen. 41:1 - 44:17)

Dec. 30, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service  
Vayigash (Gen. 44:18 - 47:27)



## YAHREZITS

### December 2

George J. L. Taylor  
Lillian B. Garrell  
Henry Schapiro  
Scott Norman Woolman

### December 9

Miriam Balkan  
Ann Dworski Flynn  
Bertha Schneyer  
Muriel Ginsberg  
Ethel Cohen  
Lulu Schapiro  
George E. Kier  
Phillip Zelkowitz  
Lena Feldman Dweck  
Abraham Wolfe  
Steven Weinstein  
Carter Thompson  
Mary Adler

### December 16

Minnie Cohen  
Alex J. Davis  
Harry Block  
Albert Dunn  
Robert Angley  
Zysla Krongold  
Samuel Lavine  
Harry Lipshultz  
Melvin Lowe  
Anna Spielberg  
Charles Good  
Max Hopengarten  
Sanford Newman

### December 23

Max Lichtig  
Aaron Joseph Schiff  
George Goldstein  
Sarah Gordon  
Sophia Dweck  
Jane Godfrey  
Morris Goldstein  
Isaac Goodrich  
Marcus Miller  
M. Jay Gordon Jr.

### December 30

Florence Kaufman  
Estelle Gordon Gross  
Marie D. Hiller  
Sarah Kemper Markstone  
Sylvia B. Anderson  
Ralph Kriff  
Henrietta Fishman  
Elizabeth Caplan Klepper  
Morris Werner  
David Hilowitz  
Birdie Winkler  
Abraham M. Ehrlich  
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Ruth Feinberg Bergman  
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October 16, 2022 - November 15, 2022

### HARVEY DUCHIN JEWISH CULTURAL FUND

**ElizaBeth Brumfield:**

-In gratitude for the terrific and supportive mahjong group.

### FANNY S. SCHIFF TRUST FUND FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Joan Simon:**

-In Memory of Shoshi Satloff.

### MERKEL-LONDON MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

**ElizaBeth Brumfield:**

-For the blessing of having my wonderful daughter, Lea Brumfield.

### RABIN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TRUST FUND

**ElizaBeth Brumfield:**

-In gratitude for my Hebrew teacher who does not like her name in print.

### GENERAL FUND

**ElizaBeth Brumfield:**

-In gratitude to all for making my Bat Mitzvah a new beginning in my life and also to gratefully thank all for my birthday well wishes.

### Yahrzeit Fund:

**Gayle Ratner:**

-In Memory of my Grandmother, Henrietta Greenfield.

**Judith Weisman:**

-In Memory of my StepFather, Milton Gross

**Sue Meyerson, Alan and Mark Goldman:**

-In Memory of Martin M. Goldman and Ann Goldman Rednor.

**Janet and Jerry Davis and Family:**

-In Loving Memory of Florence Davis.

**Nancy and Harold Dunn:**

-In Memory of Albert and Selma Dunn and Stuart Dunn.

**ElizaBeth Brumfield:**

-In Memory of my beloved Mother, Violetta Brumfield.

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Mark and Frances Schlesinger:**

-To Celebrate the Arrival of Rabbi Joslin.

### WOOLMAN RABBINICAL TRUST FUND

**ElizaBeth Brumfield:**

-To Welcome Rabbi David Joslin.

*Thank  
You*

## NOTES FROM THE PREZ

Well, here it is December and for the life of me. I don't understand how it got here so fast. Time goes by so quickly these days, I'm not even certain there was a summer. I do recall spectacular leaf displays somewhere on the time continuum so I can account for there being an autumn. But, am I ready for winter? Are you, gentle reader?

Fall and approaching winter usually put me in a somewhat pensive mood. This is the end of another secular year and I'm not sure where it went and more importantly what have I done with myself over the last twelve months. Did I make the world a better, kinder place? I believe this introspection is a lingering effect from the high holy days, especially Yom Kippur. All the business of self-examination and taking responsibility for my behavior wants closure with the ending year.

I'm honestly much better at self-reflection now than I was in younger days. On a developmental scale, is life reflection one of the developmental tasks of aging? So, I am doing my generational work right on time. How punctual of me!

Fall also brings with it memories of personal loss. My mother passed in November as did my grandfather – the only grandparent I ever knew. Fall and winter reminds me that all things and beings die. Trees transform from the verdant green of summer to the neon colors of fall and finally to dull and withered brown crumples that bear no resemblance to what they once were.

The trees are changing, the earth is changing and we are changing; Constantly from the day we are born until? I ended the last sentence with a question mark because no one knows what happens after our physical shell stops working. That we are constantly changing, I and every older person will attest to.

It just seems so much evident as we age. Personally, I'm not a big fan of this change. Nothing prepares one for aging. It's inevitable. Be healthy, be active, lift weights, run marathons; it only slows the aging process down. My brain still thinks I can do things my body just will not/cannot do anymore. Frankly, it can be very frustrating at times. Why does my body slow down when I now have the drive to discover, the wisdom to understand, the insight to make better judgements and (sometimes) the finances to support worthy causes? Was this G-d's joke fashioning the process of living backward?

Wouldn't it be more satisfying and productive if we had youth, wisdom, resources and physical prowess while we were at full strength? There's an old German saying my momma used to say, "Too soon old too late smart". These old saying have a great deal of wisdom in them.

Perhaps everyone feels this frustration and melancholy as we age. Like autumn, we will slip into our own winter. Perhaps we will not see another earthly spring. But I am still curious. What does the question mark mean for us?

Wishing you all the comfort and closure of the ending year.

Baruch Ha'Shem

ElizaBeth

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Just select the fund you want to make your donation to and click on it. This will take you to the form where you identify the amount of your donation and the type of payment you are using: credit, debit or PayPal. Once that is completed, you will have an opportunity to write a personalized message that will appear in the Temple Bulletin.

This is a new venture and we want to make sure everyone feels comfortable using it. So if you encounter ANY issues or have questions about the online process, please contact [ceriseoberman@gmail.com](mailto:ceriseoberman@gmail.com) She will be delighted to answer your questions or assist you.

# Yenta

Carol and George Staves want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers sent to George during his recent medical issues.

Congratulations to Joel Wolkowicz on getting his US citizenship.

Max Grafstein is setting many records in his role on the Seton track team.

Brother Ben is spending his time enjoying weight training.

Sophie Kabeli is making waves being on the Ausable Valley Swim Team.

The Worthington's basked in the sun in the Azores only to come down with COVID upon returning home.

The Caoba's thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Morocco and Israel. Now they're off to Arizona!

It was a pleasure to meet Rebecca, Rabbi David's girlfriend, at services. She promised she'd not be a stranger.



The Nosh at Ohavi Zedek was well represented and enjoyed by our TBI attendees.

It was so nice to meet the entire Goldman family

there. Tamar, Dan and their children enjoyed the festival. Little Caleb was watching it all with his big brown eyes!

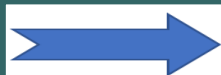
With this beautiful Fall weather, Jerry Davis amassed 1000 miles on his tricycle.

Jenna Marx and family came home for Thanksgiving.

Mona & Henry Goldenberg came north for a short visit. It was nice seeing old friends.

Take note that you can now donate through our webpage! It's so easy. Many thanks to Tova, Cerise and Jeff for their fine work.

Please send your Yenta news to: [office@plattsburghtbi.org](mailto:office@plattsburghtbi.org) attn: secretary, with YENTA in the subject line!



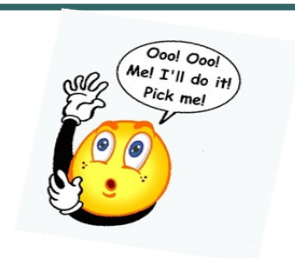
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**RRS Educational Committee Member:** The Ed Comm. is seeking new members. Come and be part of launching the new Rabin Religious School Curriculum. Meets The 3<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month with occasional volunteer work sessions. Interested? Call **Lynn Schlesinger (518) 569-8979 for more information.**

**RRS Education Committee Chairperson:** RRS Ed Comm is seeking a new chair to guide the education committee and school through the new curriculum. You will be mentored for this position by the current chair. You will also work closely with Rabbi Joslin and Tracey Serlock, school administrator. Meets The 3<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. Interested? Call Lynn Schlesinger (518) 569-8979 for more information.

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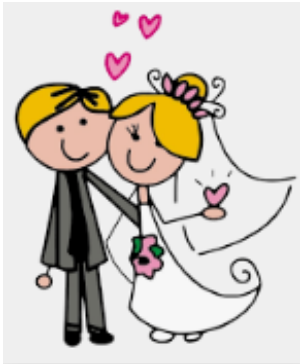
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 13/Roger Lorberbaum  
 20/Bob Adler  
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 26/Andrew Lack  
 28/Maxwell Grafstein  
 28/Lucy Shutts

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