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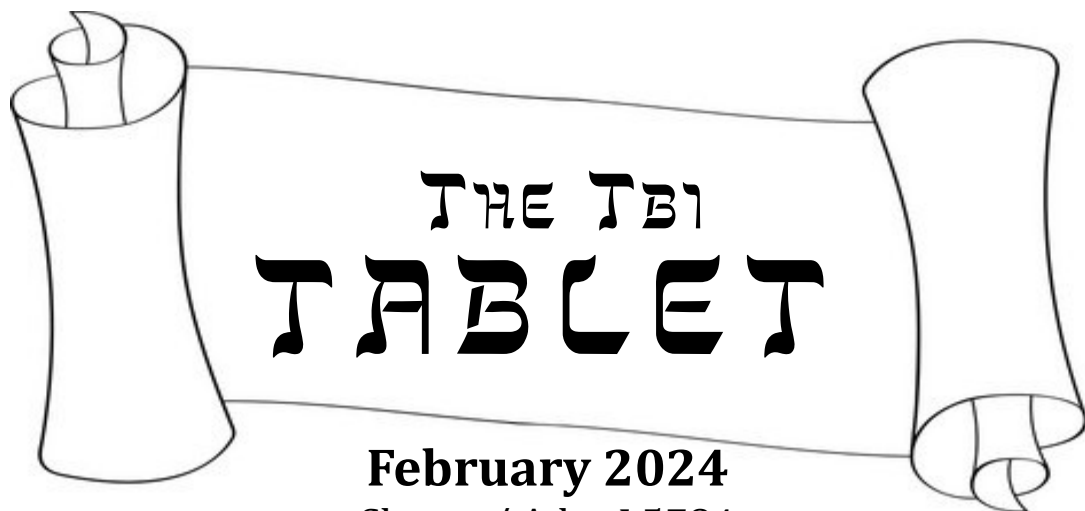
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Shabbat Services This Month

Join our "Zoom Community Schmooze" 30 minutes prior to the start of services.

Friday evening, February 9

In the sanctuary and on Zoom
7:30 pm

[ZOOM LINK](#)

Oneg Shabbat Sponsored by

Jane and Steve Bogursky
In Memory of
Jane's parents,
Ed & Adrienne Garner and
Steve's mom,
Lorraine Bogursky and
Honoring Steve's dad,
Jerry Bogursky

Friday evening, February 23

In the sanctuary and on Zoom
7:30 pm

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Ricki Klopfer
In Memory of
her loving husband, Ed
who was so grateful to Temple
B'nai Israel as is Ricki

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Message from Rabbi Jan Katz

While Rabbi Jan is traveling in Israel she is sharing her daily experiences and reflections which can be read on the TBI website. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rabbi Jan for a safe journey as she is experiencing first-hand how Israelis are living and coping during this crisis.

On Friday evening, February 9th, Rabbi Jan will bring her stories from Israel to the TBI Bimah. Join us to welcome her home!

[Link to read Rabbi Jan's Daily Journal](#)



*With Rabbi Jan
at Wayfair Coffee in
downtown Laconia*

**Saturday
February 10 & 24**

*Drop by anytime from
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
to share informal
conversation and
morning "joe."*

Message from President Ira Keltz

This morning I find myself in Chicago spending time with my father, Marshall, in the hospital where he is recovering from a few recent falls. As the doctors work to figure out the causes, it reminds me that a lot of the TBI membership is also in that age group of late 70s-80s, or as my Mom and TBI member, Joanne Simon calls them, the "AK's". If you don't know what that means, it refers to the Yiddish term, Alte Kakers, or 'senior citizens'. (you all knew that!!)

We take our health for granted most of our lives, until the realization hits that we are all fragile creatures on this world. This is a good time to remind each of us to enjoy each day, to cherish family, friends, and experiences while we are healthy enough to do so. The TBI family supports each other through good and bad times. I consider myself blessed to be a part of that family. Wishing you all many happy and healthy times ahead.

Thank you, Ira

Seacoast Chabad Jewish Center presents a special evening on Feb 8, 7 PM.

Roi Assaraf will share his miraculous survival story from the Oct 7 massacre.

A Few Free Tickets Left!

[Register Here](#)

[Watch this short video about him](#)

The poster features a central portrait of Roi Assaraf, a man with a beard and tattoos, wearing a dark shirt. Above him, the text "NOVA FESTIVAL SURVIVOR" is in red, "COMING TO" is in yellow, and "NEW HAMPSHIRE" is in large yellow letters. Below this, "FEB 8 | 7 PM" is in red. The background of the top half shows a chaotic scene of cars and smoke. The bottom half has a yellow banner with pricing and a dark brown banner with location and registration information.

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What's Happening?

AT TBI

On Friday evening February 9, Rabbi Jan will share her experiences from her recent trip to Israel.

This month Melody and Joel Funk will be taking a vacation and heading off to warmer weather. As they take time for a well deserved rest, we welcome John McArthur on February 9 and Cantor Wendy Shermet on February 23 to lead us in prayer and song.

IMPORTANT SECURITY UPDATE:

The safety and security of all visitors to our building is of the utmost importance. Our Security Committee is working diligently to develop a comprehensive program to provide upgraded building security in addition to arranging for **police protection for all services and functions.** In line with our new security program, we ask that ***nonmembers who wish to attend services or programs in the building register to attend using the form on our website.*** Members of TBI and their guests are not required to pre-register.

Schedule of Shabbat Services

⇒ **Friday, Feb 9—7:30 pm**
In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

⇒ **Friday, Feb 23—7:30 pm**
In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

⇒ **Friday, Mar 22—7:30 pm**
In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

⇒ **Friday, Apr 5—7:30 pm**
In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

⇒ **Friday, Apr 12—7:30 pm**
In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

⇒ **Friday, May 3—7:30 pm**
In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

⇒ **Friday, May 10—7:30 pm**
Kabbalat Shabbat ZOOM ONLY

⇒ **Saturday, May 11
10:00 am Shabbat Morning
Service, Torah Reading,
and Bar Mitzvah
Celebration**

In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

⇒ **Friday, Jun 7—7:30 pm**
In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

⇒ **Friday, Jun 21—7:30 pm**
Kabbalat Shabbat ZOOM ONLY

⇒ **Saturday Jun 22—10:00
am
Shabbat Morning Service and
Torah Reading**



**TBI Annual
Meeting**
Sunday, June 23
12:00 Noon



During the winter season respiratory illnesses are prevalent in our region. While we welcome you and your family to attend our events we urge you to consider whether your in-person attendance is most appropriate for you and for those around you.

- If you have an upper respiratory illness, or symptoms consistent with that including sore throat, runny nose, fever and the like please consider attending our services on Zoom.
- If you know that you have been exposed to COVID or RSV within the week prior to the event or service, we ask that you attend via Zoom.

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

Security Committee

Please help us insure the safety and security of all those who attend our services and events!

The TBI security committee and the TBI board have agreed to provide police protection when our building is open for services, events, and programs. **Members of TBI are needed to function as the "Security Designee"** for each event which includes ushering responsibilities as well as being the point person for the police detail. We currently need a Security Designee for the following dates:

- ⇒ Fri, Feb 23 Shabbat Service
- ⇒ Sat, Mar 23 Saturday evening Purim program 4:00-6:00 pm
- ⇒ Fri, Apr 12 Shabbat Service
- ⇒ Fri, May 3 Shabbat Service
- ⇒ Sat, May 11 Shabbat morning Service and Bar Mitzvah

For more information or to volunteer please contact [Carl Crosley](#).

The safety and security of all who attend events at Temple B'nai Israel is of utmost importance.

TBI recently upgraded our building security system, and we are continuing to improve and expand the components. In addition, there will be heightened security at all temple functions including a Laconia police officer and cruiser on site.



Come and have fun schmoozing in the TBI Kitchen to help raise funds for our temple.

Get to know your TBI family and learn our fabulous recipes...you know, the ones your Bubbie used to make.



Aprons provided!

Try it, you might like it!

Contact [Sue Needleman](#) for more information.

The NH Jewish Food Festival will be open accepting online orders from June 15 through July 7.



— DAVID CLARK'S —
ALL ABOUT JOEL

BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

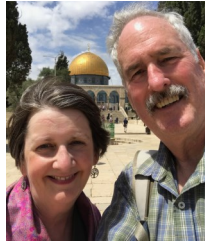
Benefiting the Lakes Region Food Pantry and Thrift Shop

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David Clark's "ALL ABOUT JOEL" is a musical tribute conceived and presented with a tremendous amount of detail by Long Island veteran singer/piano player David Clark. He continues to gain attention and popularity across the country with stunningly accurate piano playing, lead vocals, and an eerily similar stage look to the Piano Man himself while engaging the audience with wit and humor. David Clark will be joined by a saxophonist to perform a unique tribute to the music of the legendary BILLY JOEL!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Susan & Kevin Farrell



Meet our newest members, Susan and Kevin Farrell who live in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH. Susan was born to a Catholic family and raised in New Hampshire. She converted to Judaism almost 40 years ago attending a full year of Jewish studies (taught by the Rabbi who had bar mitzvahed her husband) and went through the conversion ceremony at Temple Beth Israel in Phoenix, AZ where she lived for 25 years. They were married in 1985, but sadly, Susan's husband passed away in the year 2000.

Several years later, Susan met and married Kevin Farrell, a wonderful American Irish man who was born in Brooklyn and raised Catholic, but doesn't practice. He attends many Jewish services with Susan. Kevin is a Vietnam veteran and worked in public service throughout his life as a firefighter, police officer, deputy sheriff and social worker for the Department of Veterans Affairs. He retired about 6 years ago.

After college and graduate school, Susan ended up working as a mortgage banker for almost 30 years. Thirteen years ago, she "decided to retire at 53 since working in mortgage banking is like dog years lol."

Kevin and Susan love international travel and have been very, very lucky in traveling until Covid hit. They were in Israel, Jordan, Austria, and Hungary in 2018. They have finally booked a new trip to Romania and Bulgaria leaving in April.

Susan volunteers for their local library on the Fund Raising committee and at the local church serving and cooking breakfast for the locals. Kevin volunteers for the 101st Airborne Division local group in Massachusetts and still assists veterans in any way he can.

Kevin has 2 grown daughters and there are 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. Their oldest grandson, Matthew is a freshman at Rutgers.



We say goodbye to Anne Marie Bedford who has been an active member of TBI participating in the Fundraising Committee, helping at the Food Festival, and attending services and adult education programs. Ann Marie will be leaving NH to move closer to family in Connecticut.

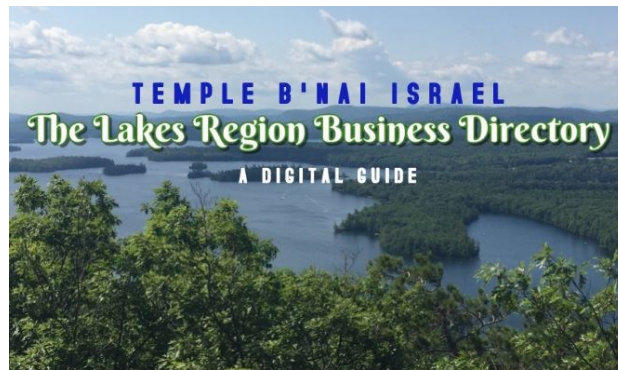
We also say bid farewell to Stephen Cantor who has been an active participant particularly in our services and adult education programs. You may recognize Stephen as one of our Shofar blowers during the High Holidays. Stephen expressed his gratitude in a letter he sent, "I want to thank...the entire congregation for the warmth you have extended to me, and for the very meaningful and spiritually beautiful services at Temple B'nai Israel."

We wish them both every happiness in their next chapters.



It's not too late to send your information to be included in the TBI Membership Directory.

Members may receive an electronic copy of the TBI Membership Directory by sending an email request to webmail@tbinh.org.



The Lakes Region Business Directory is a digital guide to the generous businesses in our community who believe in the importance of social action and giving back.

We invite you to get to know our supporters and let them know you saw their advertisement in our Business Directory.

We are now accepting new advertisements for the upcoming subscription season, May 2024 through April 2025

Contact us for more information
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TBI Members are invited to join the Business Directory Committee to help support this important TBI fundraiser.

Contact [Stu Needleman](#) for more information.



Religious School education for children is included
for all members of Temple B'nai Israel
[Contact Rabbi Jan Katz for more information](#)

Zoom sessions for Religious School continue this month



Adult Education
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Saturday, February 10, 2024

7:00— 8:15 p.m.

ON ZOOM ONLY [ZOOM LINK](#)

Zionism: Past, Present, and Possible Futures

Presented by Joy Getnick, PhD, (she, her),
Executive Director of the University of
Rochester

A historical exploration of Zionism from biblical times to the present, with a focus on how Zionism has continued to evolve - as a concept and in practice - before and during the Diaspora, and even now during the age of the modern Jewish State of Israel. What does Zionism look like today, and how might that change looking to the future?

Joy will astutely project historical knowledge onto the present political and social landscape of Israel and address your questions with thoughtfulness and balance. This session IS NOT to be missed.

Saturday, February 24

7:00—8:00 p.m.

"What does Judaism teach us about Mental Illness?"

This conversation aligns with the observance of JDAIM month (Jewish Disability, Awareness, and Inclusion Month).

We will begin with Havdalah at 7:00 p.m.

We are still looking for a home host for an in-person gathering for this program.

Please contact [Rabbi Jan](#) directly if you wish to host.

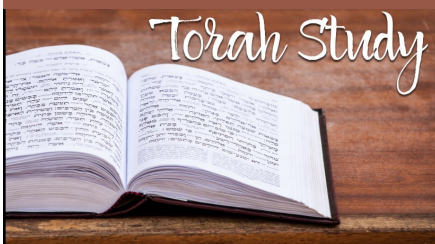
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Stay connected

The TBI Website is your source for all the latest news!

Tuesday Torah Study with Rabbi Jan Katz



*February 27 – 19 Adar I: *Ki Tisa*

March 19 – 9 Adar II: *Vayikra*

*April 16 – 8 Nisan: *Metzora*

May 21 – 13 Iyar: *B'har*

June 18 – 12 Sivan: *B'ha'alotecha*

**Note date changes*

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Stephen Carl Morgenstern February 8
Harry Jaffe February 13
Rev. David Snierston February 20



FIRST YEAR OF MOURNING

Irene Gordon - May 2, 2023
*Mother of Lynn Keltz, David & Jeffrey Brody;
Stepmother of David, Jonathan, Ellen & Kevin Gordon;
Mother-in-law of Ira Keltz*

Martin Rush - June 7, 2023
Father of Larry Rush

Mark Needleman - June 11, 2023
Brother of Stu Needleman

Rachel Gordon Smolow - August 7, 2023
Niece of Rabbis Jan and Alan Katz

Joshua Hamisha - September 30, 2023
Cousin of Karen Lukeman

Shirley Fidler - October 25, 2023
Sister of Joyce Selig

Mary Davidson - December 2, 2023
Grandmother of Jeremy Hart

John Morgenstern - January 2, 2024
Member of TBI

Lorraine Bogursky - January 10, 2024
Mother of Steve Bogursky

Barbara Broom - January 23, 2024
Wife of Gary Broom

WE REMEMBER

FEB 2 Tom Cicero Grandfather of Lori Boelig
FEB 5 Sylvia Godine Mother of Gloria Fox
Doris Ostroff Mother of Marsha Ostroff-Rines
FEB 7 Nadia Medina Cousin of Sharon Wolf
FEB 8 Jeanne Goldberg Sister of Abe Goldberg and Diane O'Neil
FEB 10 Rachel Goodman Mother of Ken Goodman
FEB 12 Eugene M. Brindis Uncle of Bob Selig
Pearl Funk Mother of Joel Funk
Betty Cowan Mother of Neil Cowan
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FEB 14 Louis H. Albert Brother of Saragene Davis
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Albert Schwartz Father of Roberta Klopfer
Marcy Siegel Mother of Steven Siegel

FEB 16 Pixley Lafitaga Sister of Ysrael Funesti
Arnold Cooperman Father of Bob Cooperman
FEB 18 Zipporah Kalmanowitz Great grandmother of Karen Lukeman
FEB 19 Kalman Alterman Grandfather of Lori Reitsma and Howard Kagan
Douglas Malcom Brother of Barbara Katz
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Rev. David Snierston Grandfather of Lynne Snierston
FEB 24 Pearl Malcom Mother of Barbara Katz
Edward R. Paris Uncle of Bob Selig
FEB 25 Bessie Goldman Grandmother of Henry Lipman
Henry Goldman Grandfather of Henry Lipman
FEB 27 Dorothy London Mother of Rhoda Goodman
Irving Selig Father of Bob Selig

Temple B'nai Israel has a designated area for burials as part of the Union Cemetery in Laconia.

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Lori and Ray Boelig

In Memory of Grandmother Sally Cicero and Cousin Edzia Olcman

Michelle Harris

In Memory of her Parents Pauline and Hyman Roseman and Brother Sumner Roseman

Rachel Achber

In Memory of her Uncle Phillip Abramowitz and her Aunt Sylvia Sandhous

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In Memory of Helen and Abe Gozonsky

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In Memory of her Father Everett Brenner

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February 18, 2024, 2-4pm

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Let's keep the streak going! Voting takes place at <http://www.votelakesbest.com/>.



Key Dates

- Nominations Open: Tuesday, February 6
- Nominations Close: Friday, February 16
- Voting Opens: Tuesday, March 19
- Voting Closes: Friday, April 5
- Winners Announced: Thursday, June 20

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