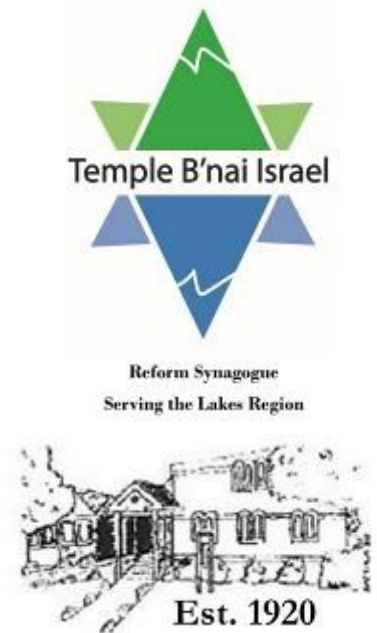
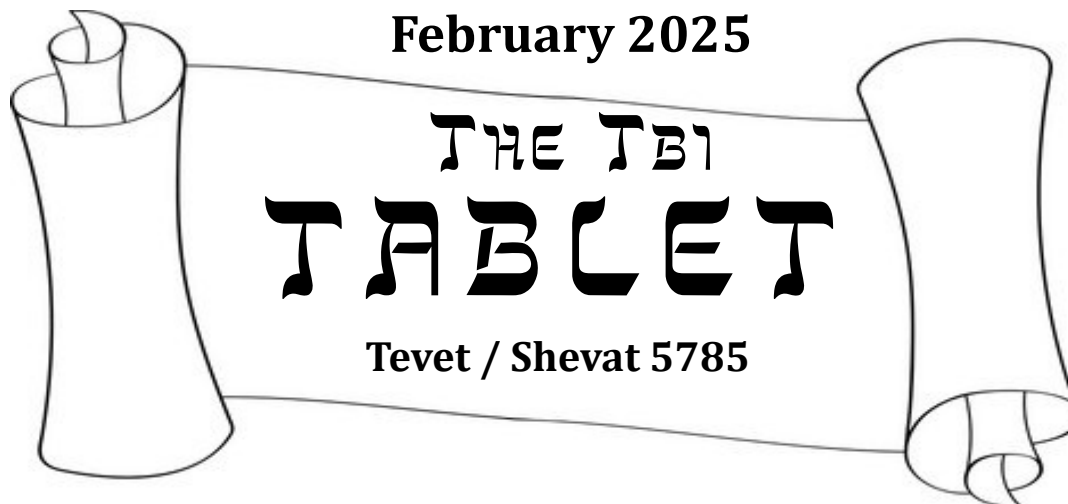


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Join us for Shabbat Services this month beginning at 7:00 pm

Welcome Cantor Wendy Shermet to the TBI Bimah This Month

Friday evening, February 7

Shabbat Service and

Torah Reading

*In the sanctuary and [on Zoom](#)**

Special Guest Presenter on Zoom

Gilad Skolnick, NE Director

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[Israel's national food bank](#)

Gilad will update us on the organization's heroic efforts to address food insecurity in Israel in general, and since October 7, 2023, its mission to support soldiers, families of soldiers, who have been killed in the war, who have been injured and are incapacitated, and who are absent as wage earners for their families. In keeping with our reform mandate of "hope in action," we will hear opportunities to actively connect with our Israeli kin and engage in vital support for sustenance and equity for them.

Oneg Shabbat Sponsored by

Kurt Iske

In Memory of

Grandmother Gladys Sauer

Friday evening, February 21

Shabbat Service and

Torah Reading

*In the sanctuary and [on Zoom](#)**

February is Jewish Disability Awareness Month

We Welcome a Special Guest Presenter from

[Special Olympics New Hampshire \(SONH\)](#)

Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler, Director of Sponsorships & Grants, will speak about the mission and vision of the organization. An athlete/global spokesperson will share their personal story of how SONH has impacted their life. Congregants will learn of various opportunities available for involvement including short- and long-term volunteering, event participation and spectatorship.

Oneg Shabbat Sponsored by

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

Schedule of Upcoming Services

Friday	Feb 7*	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom *Special Guest Presenter on Zoom*
Friday	Feb 21*	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom *Special Guest Presenter in the Sanctuary*
Friday	Mar 14	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Friday	Mar 28	7:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom Only
Friday	Apr 25	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Friday	May 9	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Friday	May 30	7:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom Only
Saturday	May 31	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning Service, Torah Reading and Bar Mitzvah Celebration
Saturday	June 14	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning Service and Celebration of Melody & Joel Funk
Friday	June 27	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Farewell to Rabbi Jan

PLEASE NOTE

If weather conditions present an issue for in-person services, notification will be sent via email with a link to attend on Zoom.

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

In line with our security program, we ask that **non-members who wish to attend Shabbat services or programs in the building are asked to register to attend [using the form on our website.](#)**

Remember loved ones, celebrate good times, share a simcha....

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Message from Rabbi Jan Katz

Dearest TBiers and Beyond,

Perhaps you can relate: Ever since I can remember, I have planned my daily tasks and activities in advance, what I needed to prepare, prioritize, and put into motion for the day at hand and the days ahead, always seeking to make each part, each step fit neatly into the whole of each day, each goal, each vision. It's no wonder that the backsplash in my kitchen is a pure white tetris pattern, echoing my desired MO. I have also been guided by what my loving parents would have said or done, what my faith demands, and what those around me need me to say and do in order to serve them well.

But, at this very moment, your spiritual leader's world and clear purpose appear to be unraveling or even imploding. Purim is almost two months out, but it feels like Purim right now—topsy-turvy, inside/outside, and upside down. So much needs fixing and healing—actually too much, I have decided, for one human or all humans: how to both maintain our awareness of global, national, and local news and to filter out what is untrue, unhealthy, and unhelpful; who to help locally during these unprecedented times of need; how to wisely and compassionately defend our Jewish values and beliefs; how to stand up for Israel loudly and confidently; and how to nurture the necessary human connection between cherished colleagues, friends, family members, congregants, and all deserving of our love and attention!

The Exodus narrative reminds us that even in a prolonged state of wilderness living, the *eirev rav*, the “mixed multitude” of Israelites who fled Egypt became one nation, guided by Moses, aka “the humble one,” who, mentored and marshalled by God, learned to listen and respond to his struggling and frightened flock, and insisted time and again that adhering to God's commandments towards justice and mercy would result in reaching the Promised Land and a life of freedom and prosperity.

Moses, spurred on by God's direct instructions, taught the Israelites by example, because he had no choice, to open themselves to the challenges of the desert, the absence of enough water and food, the battles with desert peoples, the uncertainties of each place where they pitched camp and of their promised destination so very far in the distance.

Moses had to have known that we carry within ourselves the power and resilience to protect ourselves and to protect others. And if we care for one another, show up for one another in moments of struggle, grief, fear, and even celebration, we help ward off the forces that seek to harm us. The Israelites proved their resilience, not without setbacks, both physical and moral, but nevertheless, we have endured to this day!

There are a myriad of quotes, poems, essays, articles by our brothers and sisters in faith and in allyship that all of us continue to turn to these days for comfort, for approbation, for spiritual strength, for hope, for that which gives meaning to who we are and the future we want the next generation to inherit. In this, Merav Roth resonates: “I am both a sadder person, with a heart broken daily by the direct encounters with victims of unimaginable human atrocities, and a more believing person—believing in the spirit of humanity, in its beauty, nobility, and goodness. As a nation, as individuals, as survivors, we are not only what has been destroyed. We are the repair, the belief, and the life that endures.”

My path through this short message has led me to conclude that the human connection holds immense power. As long as we aspire to be a resilient and intra-connected people and as long as I can serve you and we can serve each other's need to be seen, heard, and cared for, that is the antidote to the primordial *tohu vavohu* – the chaos that was initially replaced by God's creation and the human creative spark in Genesis and that resurfaces periodically to remind and remand us to our higher purpose of *Tikkun Olam*.

Kim'a kim'a, little by little, step by step, says our midrash, on the road to the Messianic Age. Here's to every single large and small act of loving kindness that we will do in the days ahead, individually and together, to affirm our values and our part on this sacred road.

Wishing you all warm spirits and warm homes in the month ahead,
Rabbi Jan

Message From The Board

It's Official— Rabbi Andy Bachman is the next spiritual leader of TBI!

The TBI Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that after a 6 month search, the Rabbi Search Committee's task is now complete. We will welcome Rabbi Bachman to TBI on July 1, 2025.

We want to thank the Rabbi Search Committee led by Michael Eisenberg and Reva Tankle. Michael commented that he was honored to work with Reva and committee members Maria Cantor, Ray Chambers, Barbara Goren, Julie Hart, and David Rothman. "an impressive group who brought their collective talents and experiences to the table."

From the outset, Rabbi Bachman was the standout candidate, who continued to impress the committee during his interviews, and then went on to impress the congregation during his visit to TBI a few weeks ago. It is clear through his communications with us, that the excitement in this new partnership is mutual, as you can read in his message below.

Dear Friends,

It is a great honor and privilege to accept your invitation to serve the Temple B'nai Israel community of Laconia, New Hampshire. Throughout the last few months of interviews, conversations and my recent Shabbat visit, I have found this historic Jewish community of Laconia to be deeply engaged and committed to the eternal values of Jewish life: Torah, Worship, and Deeds of Lovingkindness. In the weeks and months ahead, I look forward to meeting you all and working together to bring goodness, kindness and learning to your precious community and beyond.

At a moment such as this, I think of my many teachers of blessed memory who taught me from the well of tradition. With humility and awe for what they passed on to me, I look forward to sharing with you the wisdom, insight, and commitment to Jewish life that they shared. This chain of tradition is what has always and will always sustain us.

I want to express my particular gratitude to your leadership who led the effort to choose a new rabbi; to your beloved Rabbi Jan Katz for her commitment, wisdom, warmth and friendship; and to the broader TBI community for making me feel so welcome in this new, shared endeavor.

With hope and thanks for what lies ahead as Temple B'nai Israel continues to thrive and grow.



Am Yisrael Chai!

Rabbi Andy Bachman



[“The Rabbis Go South” - The Story of 16 Rabbis in 1964](#)

Greetings from our winter retreat in St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest continuously occupied city in the United States. Founded in 1565 by the Spanish, St. Augustine was also the 'cradle of American Catholicism' in an age that correlates to the Spanish Inquisition, when Jews were required to become Catholic or be put to death. This raises the question: were Conversos (Jews who were forced to convert) amongst the explorers who came to conquer the New World and settle St. Augustine? The [St. Augustine Jewish Historical Society](#) (SAJHS) is dedicated to uncovering the potential of Jewish heritage in the region by researching the surnames of the early explorers. The SAJHS also focuses on other aspects of Jewish life in the city, from its founding to the present.

The SAJHS, under the leadership of Rabbi Merrill Shapiro, has brought one such pivotal moment to prominent attention. In June 1964 sixteen rabbis traveled to St. Augustine at the invitation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They came to support the local African American community in their fight against segregation. These rabbis participated in marches and demonstrations and were ultimately arrested and jailed. They were at the segregated Monson Motel when black youth jumped into the pool in an act of protest. They were with the young blacks who sat down at the segregated lunch counter to order food. It may not be a coincidence that on July 2, 1964 the Civil Rights Act was enacted.

Each year on June 18th, the SAJHS commemorates their actions by reading their powerful letter, [“Why We Went to St. Augustine,”](#) written during their imprisonment. In this letter, they declared:

“We came to St. Augustine mainly because we could not stay away. We could not say no to Martin Luther King, whom we always respected and admired and whose loyal friends we hope we shall be in the days to come. We could not pass by the opportunity to achieve a moral goal by moral means – a rare modern privilege – which has been the glory of the non-violent struggle for civil rights. We came as Jews who remember the millions of faceless people who stood quietly, watching the smoke rise from Hitler’s crematoria. We came because we know that, second only to silence, the greatest danger to man is loss of faith in man’s capacity to act.”

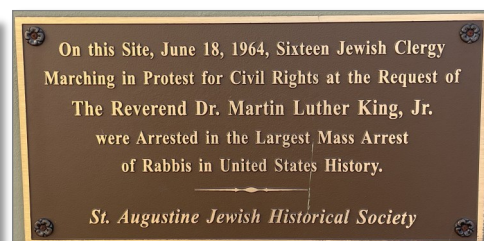


This inspiring story is now featured in the recently released podcast [The Rabbis Go South](#). It exemplifies the Jewish principle of **Tikkun Olam** – repairing the world. It emphasizes the courage and conviction of these sixteen rabbis who, despite facing potential opposition from within their own congregations, from their own colleagues, and even from the St. Augustine Jewish community, bravely stood up against injustice.

I urge you to listen to this compelling and largely unknown narrative. It offers a refreshing perspective on rabbinic leadership, highlighting their moral consciousness and commitment to social justice.

The St. Augustine Jewish Historical Society honors these rabbis with a plaque along side the plaque marking the site of the former Monson Motel, where these events unfolded.

Rabbi Eugene Borowitz	Rabbi Leon Jick
Rabbi Balfour Brickner	Rabbi Richard Levy
Rabbi Sy Dresner	Rabbi Eugene Lipman
Rabbi Daniel Fogel	Rabbi Michael Robinson
Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein	Rabbi B.T. Rubenstein
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Rabbi Joseph Herzog	Rabbi Allen Secher
Rabbi Norman Hirsch	Rabbi Clyde T. Sills



Al Vorspan, the social action commissioner of the CCAR, and a moral voice of the Reform movement..

Additional Resources

[Tablet Magazine, June 18, 2019](#); [New York Times, June 19, 1964](#)

What's Happening? AT TBI

Shabbat Observances in February

Melody and Joel will be away during the month of February, visiting family in warmer regions!



We are fortunate to have Cantor Wendy Shermet, (pictured here with husband Len and Zeus) member of TBI, on our Bimah on February 7 and 21 . She has a Master of Music Degree from the New England Conservatory of Music, and ordination and a Master of Sacred Music from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and is Cantor Emerita at Temple Israel in Omaha, Nebraska. We warmly welcome Cantor Wendy to to share the Bimah with Rabbi Jan this month!

On February 7, the Jewish world will celebrate Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song, as the ancient Israelites are saved by a Divine miracle from drowning in the Sea of Reeds and Moses breaks out in a glorious song of gratitude to God, followed by the women singing and dancing led by Miriam, Moses' sister. In her honor, we celebrate the liturgical music of women, sung by Cantor Wendy Shermet. Wendy will also chant from the Song of the Sea - truly a special worship experience, and not for women only!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

MARCH

Saturday, March 15—Purim Party at TBI
4:00 to 6:00 pm
Saturday March 29 Interfaith Model Seder
12:00 am to 2:00 pm

APRIL

Passover—April 12-20
Thursday, April 24 - Yom Hashoah
Community Observance at
Laconia Congregational Church
5:30 pm (includes light supper)

MAY

Saturday, May 10 -Israel Independence Day
Celebration at TBI
Saturday, May 24 -We Care Concert featuring the
“Honky Tonk Chicks”

JUNE

Saturday, June 14 -Shabbat Service in honor of
Melody & Joel Funk
June 27/28—Farewell Rabbi Jan



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If you are an experienced in the art of needlepoint on canvas,
TBI needs your help to complete a special project.

For more information please email us

templebnaiisrael@tbinh.org

FINANCIAL MATTERS

We have passed the halfway mark of our fiscal year. Thank you for your continued support to Temple B'nai Israel through your dues and donations. Our Board of Trustees remains committed to making financial decisions that align with their fiduciary responsibilities and to securing a positive future for TBI.

If you receive a dues statement with a balance due from TBI, please plan to pay the balance by mid-May to help us meet our financial obligations for this year. If you cannot make this contribution, contact me discuss a plan.

[Reva Tankle](#)

TBI Finance Secretary



To all of you wonderful Sisters of TBI

A great big thank you to those who attended the "Show Must Go On" on such a cold winter night. I appreciate your support in this venture and hope it lifted spirits and gave you a few laughs. I was so honored to be part of this show - it was lots of fun for me and great to have you there. We almost had a minyon!!



TBI demonstrated a strong showing of support for a Hands Across the Table weekly dinner on December 11, 2024. Volunteers from TBI helped to serve a hot, delicious dinner to those in need in the Laconia community. This is one of several events and initiatives pursued by our Social Action Committee. Thank you to all who donned an apron to help serve and show kindness to our neighbors.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Miriam and Gerry Tourville have been full time residents in Moultonboro going on 5 years. Married and divorced, we both had 2 children with our former spouses. Gerry's boys are 39 and 44 years old. One had a son. I have a daughter, 45, and a son, 40. Both are married with children. Later, we remarried and were both widowed supporting our ill spouses for many years. We found each other online and met in January of 2018. We have not been apart since. A wedding was planned with family and friends in 2020. You all know what happened that year. We did not want to wait and had an intimate wedding with our children in attendance in our back yard.

Both of us are originally from MA. Gerry was raised Catholic and from a large French Canadian family in Lowell and then moved to Dracut. I was raised in a Conservative Jewish home where traditions were observed. I was raised in Mattapan in the 1960s where there was a large Jewish population. In 1969 we moved to Peabody because of blockbusting that was occurring. I was a Bat Mitzvah at age 31 when my children were attending Hebrew school.

Being from totally different backgrounds, we both have mutual respect for the spouses we lost not by choice and the experience of divorce and combined families. We share the importance of family and respect each other's heritage. Gerry had attended temple before and I had attended church with him. Gerry is a non-practicing Catholic whereas Judaism is important to me. We combine our faiths that dovetail with our interfaith families. We have formed our own traditions and create new memories.

Gerry owned a summer cottage with his wife in Moultonboro and wanted to retire there. When approached with the idea, we then started to plan. At this time Gerry was already living in Raymond and I was living in Litchfield. The little cottage was knocked down to make way for a larger home where we can host family and friends.

Gerry is retired from 45 years of service at Raytheon. He is an avid stamp collector where he is involved with a stamp club in Wolfboro. He is also a member of the Moultonboro Men's Club. I am retired from 42 years in dentistry where I was a licensed expanded function dental assistant in MA, later becoming an educator at a technical school in Lowell. Presently, I am a special needs school bus driver for First Student in Moultonboro. We enjoy our community and take advantage of our lake access on Winnepesaukee. Summers include hosting many friends and family and rides on our pontoon boat. We also ride a 3 wheeled CanAm Spyder motorcycle and members of the Merrimack Valley NH Spyder Ryders. Most recently, we added a new member to our family. Marcel is a 10 month old Maltese puppy who is bringing us much joy. Marcel will be joining us on most of our endeavors including taking rides on the boat and motorcycle.



Lisa Porter and Pati Windowmaker are native (Lisa) and nearly native (Pati) Floridians who have been coming to New England for decades. Having spent our lives and legal careers in Florida, we started our seasonal escape to the great Northeast upon retiring in 2018. We became full-time Laconia residents in 2023.

We enjoy being out in nature and hiking, camping, and spending time on the lake. Lisa is an avid sourdough bread baker and vegan cook. Pati is an equally avid eater of sourdough bread and vegan cooking. Our real full time job now is catering to the demands of our Chihuahua mix rescue, Cami from Miami. We are happy to have found a spiritual home at TBI and look forward to participating in Temple events.

The Ultimate Country Music Party! Right here in the Lakes Region



SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025



◆ Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium in Meredith ◆ Showtime 7:30 pm ◆

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A powerhouse female vocal trio singing the greatest hits in country music!



Request for Nonprofit Partner Suggestions for the TBI We Care Initiative

to support individuals and families in the Lakes Region by partnering with local nonprofit organizations that share our values and dedication to service.

For the past 10 years The TBI We care initiative has raised over \$350,000 for Lakes Region nonprofit partners.

This is our ongoing commitment to make a positive impact in our local community,

Seeking Your Input

We believe that the best way to identify potential nonprofit partners is by tapping into the collective wisdom and experience of our congregation. Many of you are already involved in various community organizations. We kindly ask for your suggestions on nonprofit organizations in the Lakes Region that align with the mission and values of the TBI We Care Initiative. Specifically, we are looking for organizations that focus on the following areas:

- Health and Wellness: Organizations that provide medical care, mental health services, and wellness programs to individuals and families in need.
- Education and Youth Development: Programs that support educational opportunities, mentorship, and skill development for children and young adults.
- Food and Housing Security: Initiatives that address food insecurity, homelessness, and affordable housing solutions.
- Environmental Sustainability: Projects that promote environmental conservation, sustainability, and community beautification.
- Social Justice and Advocacy: Efforts that champion social justice, equity, and the protection of human rights.

Submit Your Suggestions

Email [Stu Needleman](mailto:Stu.Needleman@tbi.org)

Be sure to include :

- Non-profit name and website
- Contact person name and email address
- Telephone number

WE WILL DO THE REST!

Get Involved

- **Volunteer**: Join the TBI We Care team
- **Advocate**: Spread the word about the TBI We Care Initiative and the importance of community partnerships.
- **Attend the show!** Tickets on sale now for our next We Care concert.
- **Support the cause** by donating tickets if you can't attend.

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Try it, you might like it!

COOKING TEAMS BEGIN MARCH 15

[***Email us for more information***](#)

The NH Jewish Food Festival—our annual Fundraising Event
Open for ordering June 8 through July 6, 2025
Order online—pickup curbside at TBI on July 18/19

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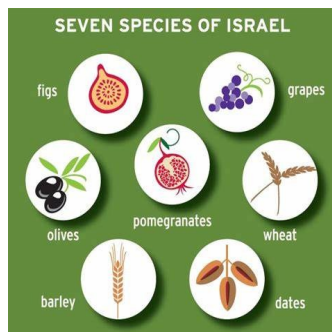
Saturday, February 8
In the TBI Social Hall
2:00 to 4:00 pm
Join Rabbi Jan and TBI
Members to share in a
traditional
Tu B'Shevat Seder



Saturday, February 22
ON ZOOM
2:00 to 4:00 pm
presentation by
TBI member
Judy Crosley

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Saturday, February 8



Tu B'Shevat is the "Jewish New Year of the Trees." The holiday is observed on the 15th (*tu*) of the Hebrew month of Shevat. Scholars believe that originally Tu B'Shevat was an agricultural festival, marking the emergence of spring. In the 17th century, Kabbalists created a ritual for Tu B'Shevat that is similar to a Passover Seder. The holiday also has become a tree-planting festival in Israel, in which Israelis and Jews around the world plant trees in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends.

[Click Here to Register for the
Tu B'Shevat Seder on Feb 8](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S WILD HISTORY
From Hunter/Gatherers to Agrarian Society to
Industrialization to Conservation
Impact on Land and Wildlife

A virtual journey through New Hampshire's Wild History focusing on the impact of natural events on the landscape and on the impact of humans over the centuries beginning in the 17th century. We will discuss some of the geo-political influences on New Hampshire such as the Broken Arrow Policy as well as the influence of industrialization and how that led to the beginning of the conservation movement.

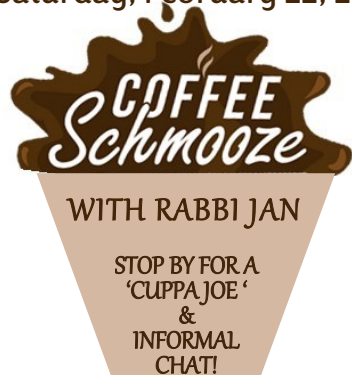
As we move through the centuries from the 17th to the 21st, from a hunter/gatherer society, to an agrarian society, to industrialization and multiple levels of development we will also look at changes in wildlife habitat and why that is behind the decline of many of our rarest species today and why others are more abundant than they were in the past. We will also explore what we can do to help.

[Click Here to Register for
Adult Education on Feb 22](#)

Zoom link will be sent via email after registration.



10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Saturday, February 22, 2025



At The Wayfarer
on Main Street in Laconia



Tuesday, February 18
Beginning at 7:00 PM
[On Zoom](#)

¹A first-century CE teacher, Ben Bag Bag, taught his students, "Turn the Torah, and turn it again, for everything you want to know is found within it." (Avot 5:25)

The study of Torah can be both an intellectual adventure and a spiritual journey. The many meanings of Torah offer the potential to add greatly to one's life.

¹Torah: The Tree of Life | Reform Judaism

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Did
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know?

**TBI Board Meetings are open to
all members in good standing!**

**Board Meetings occur on
the 4th Tuesday of each month
at 7:00 pm on Zoom.**

Next Board Meeting on Feb 25

Rules of attendance:

- Zoom link must be requested for each meeting you wish to attend. [Send Request](#)
- TBI members are welcome to observe the proceedings as guests of the board.
- Guests are not eligible to vote on motions or engage in discussions.
- Questions or comments may be submitted to the meeting moderator by email or text, after the meeting is adjourned.

NOW IS THE TIME

To Be INVOLVED



**Members who are interested in
having meaningful engagement on a
committee, team, or task for TBI,
this is your opportunity! Let us
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**Check out our
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[Email us for more information](#)

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- Access a comprehensive calendar featuring all upcoming events, activities, and Shabbat services. You will find detailed information, Zoom links, and program descriptions for each event.
- Conveniently register for programs directly through the portal.
- The page containing The TBI Tablet Archives has been moved into this secure space.
- New features and resources are being planned that will allow members more options and information.

We encourage you to register today and it's so easy to do!

Simply click this link: [Member Portal Registration - Temple B'nai Israel](#)

Questions may be directed to Barbara Katz, Website Administrator
templebnaiisrael@tbinh.org

*Please note: Each registration request is reviewed for security purposes before account activation.
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Mother of Brenda Korach

Harold G Weinreb — August 29, 2024

Father of Mark Weinreb

Martin “Marty” Cooper — July 15, 2024

Brother-in-law of Saragene Davis

Myrna Lieberman — July 7, 2024

Mother of Glenn Lieberman

Marshall Keltz — June 17, 2024

Father of Ira Keltz

Sharon Fleischman — June 7, 2024

Wife of Jerry Fleischman

Sonny Stern — April 12, 2024

Husband of Sue Stern

ON OUR MEMORIAL BOARD*

Feb 8 Stephen Morgenstern

Feb 10 Celia Hirsch

Feb 12 Betty Cowan

Feb 13 Harry Jaffe

Feb 14 Samuel Camann



WE REMEMBER

5-Feb Sylvia Godine, Mother of Gloria Fox
 7-Feb Joseph Burrell, Brother of Len Burrell
 10-Feb Rachel Goodman, Mother of Ken Goodman
 12-Feb Eugene Brindis*, Uncle of Bob Selig
 12-Feb Pearl Funk, Mother of Joel Funk
 12-Feb Harry Gloss, Father of Margie Sheris
 13-Feb Mary Davidson, Mother of Kim Schiffrin
 13-Feb David Haver, Father of Paula Chambers
 14-Feb Louis Albert, Brother of Saragene Davis
 14-Feb Hilda Goodelman, Sister of Paula Chambers
 14-Feb Albert Schwartz*, Father of Roberta Klopfer
 14-Feb Marcy Siegel, Mother of Steven Siegel
 16-Feb Arnold Cooperman, Father of Bob Cooperman
 16-Feb Pixley Lafitaga, Sister of Ysrael Funesti

17-Feb Matthew Burrell, Brother of Len Burrell
 18-Feb Zipporah Kalmanowitz, Great-Grandmother of Karen Lukeman
 19-Feb Kalman Alterman*, Grandfather of Lori Reitsma
 19-Feb Douglas Malcom, Brother of Barbara Katz;
 Uncle of Jen Ach
 20-Feb Sam Kass, Grandfather of Lori Boelig
 21-Feb Tom Cicero, Grandfather of Lori Boelig
 24-Feb Shirlee Macomber, Mother of Alice Cohen
 24-Feb Pearl Malcom, Mother of Barbara Katz;
 Grandmother of Jen Ach
 24-Feb Edward Paris*, Uncle of Bob Selig
 25-Feb Henry Goldman, Grandfather of Henry Lipman
 25-Feb Bessie Goldman, Grandmother of Henry Lipman
 27-Feb Dorothy London. Mother of Rhoda Goodman
 27-Feb Irving Selig*, Father of Bob Selig

[Link to the 5785/2024 Memorial Book—These We Remember](#)

Reminder: TBI has transitioned to sending Yahrzeit reminders via email only . Please watch your inbox.

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

[See our Cemetery Page for more information.](#)

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Your gifts to Temple B'nai Israel are a meaningful way to celebrate life's milestones - birthdays, weddings, anniversaries - or honor loved ones on special occasions. They can also commemorate a yahrzeit, offer a heartfelt expression of sympathy or a simple gesture of gratitude.

Like many synagogues, we rely on a combination of membership dues and generous donations to thrive. While membership provides a strong foundation, it cannot fully cover the costs of enriching Jewish life in our community.

Your support directly impacts:

- **Vibrant Worship Experiences:** Inspiring services, engaging Shabbat celebrations, and meaningful holidays.
- **Life-Long Learning:** Innovative educational programs for all ages, from children to adults.
- **Meaningful Social Action:** Projects that make a positive difference in our community and the world.
- **Thriving Community:** Cultural events, social gatherings, and programs that connect us all.

Every gift, big or small, makes a difference. Consider a one-time donation or explore the benefits of becoming a monthly supporter. Your generosity ensures that Temple B'nai Israel continues to be a vibrant hub for Jewish life for generations to come.

GENERAL FUND

Barbara Cullen and Alan Elliott in appreciation of the TBI Chanukah celebration
 Sarah Klopfer for the Oneg Shabbat in memory her father Ed Klopfer
 Stephen Cantor in appreciation of Temple B'nai Israel
 Kenneth & Debra Wilner in memory of Bella Tresser, mother of Debra

YAHREIT/CEMETERY FUND

Olivia Saunders in memory Henry Oredson
 Gary Broom in memory of Barbara Broom
 Linda Peck & Steve Houran in Memory of Helen Houran
 Jane & Stephen Bogursky in memory of Lorraine Bogursky
 Neil Blume in memory of Henry Blume

Make Meaningful Donations to TBI Funds

	GENERAL FUND Our General Fund allows for the most flexibility in directing your donation to where it is most needed.
	RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND Enable our rabbi to lend support and resources for our Temple, our members, and to supporting other worthy causes when the need arises.
	YAHREIT/CEMETERY FUND Donations made for an annual Yahrzeit of loved ones support our cemetery.
	THE CAPITAL BUILDING FUND Provide for construction of major Temple building additions and improvements.
	THE YAD B'YAD ('Hand in Hand') COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND Assist TBI members with meals of condolence, meals when recovering from illness, or in other trying times.
	THE PRAYER BOOK FUND Replenish and restore prayer books including our Shabbat and Daily siddurim, Machzorim for the High Holydays, and Tanakhim (Torah).
	THE ACHBER FAMILY SOCIAL ACTION FUND Support TBI's community social action outreach to various agencies throughout the Lakes Region including The Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry, and Hands Across the Table.
	THE NEEDLEMAN WE CARE FUND Created by the children of Susan and Stu Needleman to honor their parents' commitment to leading the TBI We Care Fundraising effort.
	EDUCATION AND YOUTH FUNDS
	THE FRANCES SELIG MEMORIAL SCHOOL FUND Support major expenses for the religious school such as computer(s) and software and to provide students with enhanced learning opportunities.
	THE CLEVENS ON FUND Support operating costs for the religious school.
	THE STEINMAN-LURIE YOUTH FUND Provide special activities for Temple youth such as trips to Israel.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE.
THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

Biblical geography as a foundation for understanding the modern national narratives of Israel & Palestine.

The series is presented in the hybrid mode (in person at TAY and on Zoom). Those on Zoom will be able to submit questions with the chat function.

The series is free and open to all however pre-registration is required by completing the online form (use link below).

Zoom credentials will be provided to registered participants.

Israel and Palestine

A Tale of Two People and how they can
find pathways to Peace



MEET THE
SPEAKER

Jared Goldfarb

Temple Adath Yeshurun in partnership with the Jewish Federation of NH is excited to welcome Jared Goldfarb Jewish educator and licensed tour guide who lives in Israel. He grew up in Concord NH and graduated from Brandeis University. He is a gifted educator and talented speaker.

- **Feb 2: "Drawing Lines in the Sand"** - Biblical geography as a foundation for understanding the modern national narratives of Israel & Palestine
- **Feb 9: "If You Build It, Will They Come?"** - An exploration of the complex and controversial history of Zionism
- **Feb 16: "From the River to the Sea... Is There Room for You and Me?"** - A deep dive into Palestine: geography, identity, nationalism, and relationship with Israel
- **Feb 23: "Breaking Up is Hard to Do"** - What can ancient Jewish wisdom teach us about resolving modern Israeli conflicts?
- **Mar 2: "War & Peace: An Honest Conversation about Israel/Palestine"** - Navigating nuance and narrative in the current conflict, to find hope within the darkness

[Link to register for Israel and Palestine](#)

**TBI is proud to be
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[JFNH Community Calendar](#)

CLICK ABOVE TO VIEW THE CALENDAR

TBI has been advised that the **Belknap/Merrimack Community Action Program** is in need of gas card donations for the homeless who are sleeping in their cars and need to keep the heaters on overnight. If you can help by donating a gift card that can be used to purchase gasoline, please mail to TBI, 210 Court Street, Laconia, 03246. You can also drop off at our next scheduled service on February 7th or stop by and slip the card in the mail slot to the right of the front door. We will collect the cards and deliver to Asheena Miller, the CAP representative.

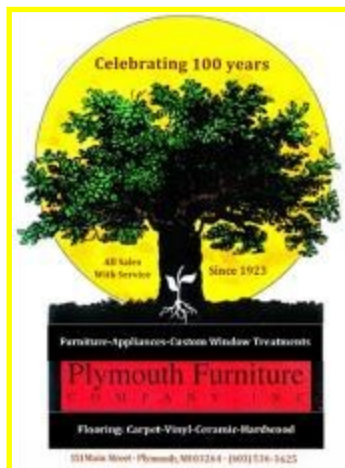
Thank you on behalf of the Belknap/Merrimack CAP

Asheena Miller, Lead Street Outreach Housing Specialist

Community Action Program, Belknap/Merrimack Counties Inc., PO Box 1016, 2 Industrial Park Drive, Bldg. 2, Concord, NH 03302-
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