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### 7:30 pm—<u>ZOOM LINK</u>

Oneg Shabbat Sponsored by Sue and Stu Needleman In Memory of Sue's brother Paul Miller and Stu's brother Mark Needleman. Friday evening, July 12 Kabbalat Shabbat Zoom Only

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Friday	Sep 6	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Friday	Sep 20	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Wednesday	Oct 2	7:30 pm	<b>Erev Rosh Hashana Service</b> In the Sanctuary and on Zoom
Thursday	Oct 3	10:00 am 1:00 pm	<b>Rosh Hashana Morning Service</b> In the sanctuary and on Zoom Taschlich in the Park
Friday	Oct 4	10:00 am 7:30 pm	<b>Rosh Hashana Morning Service</b> Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom only
Friday	Oct 11	7:30 pm	Kol Nidre and Shabbat Service In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Saturday	Oct 12	10:00 am 1:00 pm	<b>Yom Kippur and Shabbat Service</b> In the sanctuary and on Zoom Yizkor
Friday	Noυ 1	7:30 pm	Shabbat Simchat Torah Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Friday	Νου 15	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom Only
Saturday	Nov 16	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Friday	Dec 6	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Friday	Dec 27	7:30 pm	Shabbat Chanukah Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom

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

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.

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# Message from Rabbi Jan Katz

Where can we find beauty to uplift our spirits this summer? Where can we find solace and comfort and promise amid the weight of war and antipathy towards the Jewish people? This rabbi has no definitive answers, but seeks along with each of you for a path to inner joy and hope for humanity.

Our Gregorian calendar prescribes two months of respite and enjoyment in warm weather—school vacation, family trips, gardening, hiking, boating, swimming, outdoor gatherings, concerts in the park, biking and driving into the sunset. Our Jewish mindset offers a deeper experience.

#### The Talmud teaches:

Al tistakel b'kankan, elah b'ma sheyesh bo – Don't look at the jug (i.e., the container), but rather what's inside it. We more commonly hear this phrase as it relates to unmasking Purim revelers or to counteracting our human propensity for judging others on their appearance rather than their inner selves. Indeed, midrash teaches that fine wine ages best in unadorned earthen pots, but can easily sour in silver or golden vats.

Another Talmudic anecdote relates: "Let all who wish to perceive Rabbi Yochanan's beauty take a shiny silver goblet, fill it with the seeds of red pomegranates, encircle its rim with a garland of red roses, and set it between the sun and the shade. Its lustrous glow will be only an approximation of Rabbi Yochanan's inner beauty."

The activities of summer can surely fill us with pleasure. Alas, they are fleeting and the pleasure is often in the memory of them, rather than in the moment. Our Jewish tradition reminds us repeatedly in story, prayer, and song that being mindful of our own inner qualities and those of others is the secret to lasting beauty and the real "joie de vivre" that sustains us over time, whether in crisis or in comfort. In the annual cycle of Torah readings, we Israelites are in the desert, where beauty may be defined ironically by an empty landscape allowing our thoughts and feelings to surface, along with our need to depend on others for survival and, conversely, to extend ourselves even to those who do not give of themselves to us. The eighteenth century Hassidic master, Reb Nachman of Bratislav, preached the concept of *hitbodedut*— solace in solitude outdoors, more easily experienced in warm weather, where a person can certainly be at one with nature, but also at one with themselves. For Reb Nachman, the beauty we see all around us is an extension of how we understand creation and the nature of human interaction with all created things. It's more about the absolute worth we attribute to what and whom we observe and how we treat both in every encounter — resulting in a heart that stays filled with positive feelings and emotions. This is the heart that we need to seek after right now, to replenish all that has been lost through the anguish from outbursts of anti-Zionism, Antisemitism, and anti-humanism.

Beauty and lasting love cannot be the created "container" and perhaps not even the contents, per se, but rather in the essence of the contents—its history, its value for existence, and its potential for the future. We observe July 4 for the sake of human freedom. We commit ourselves to our sacred earth for the sake of nesting in a forever home. We Jews embrace Israel for the sake of redemption and Jewish national identity. We TBIers nourish our Food Festival, our community service projects, our communal worship, our learning and laughing together, and our mutual support, all for the sake of feeding our Jewish souls in an otherwise non-Jewish environment.

Beauty, then, is not in the eye of the beholder. Beauty lies somewhere else inside of us. Perhaps those of us who will walk in the sand this summer on a warm summer day staring at the shimmering lake water will discover that secret inner sanctum and share its location with the rest of us.

> Yours, in hope, Rabbi Jan



Meet Your Board of Trustees



**Ray Chambers**, Member At Large Gabbai, Ritual Committee Chair

I am, by no means, a Torah scholar. So, who Is this non-Torah scholar? My wife Paula and I spent 40 years in the purgatory of southwest Georgia before arriving here in "paradise" in 2019. My Ph.D. is in Political Science with post-doctoral work in Criminology. Hence, my interest in leadership and its limits. This, in turn, means that I can I find occasion to reflect upon sections or even theme arcs of the Torah. So, with those caveats, please bear with me.

This secular month starts off with the parashah Korah (Korach). It so happens that this portion was our son's bar mitzvah. The story is quite familiar. The Israelites have continued their wandering in the wilderness and, as is not unusual, have begun grumbling again. Korah, Dathan, Abiron, and On (who disappears after this. Tradition holds that he was talked out of continuing with the others by his wife) decide to challenge Moses and Aaron. Of course, the story arc of Israelite complaining is all too familiar.

Well, naturally, things do not go well for Korah, Dathan, and Abiron as there is an earthquake that swallows them and their families. The 250 followers offering incense (forbidden fire, also familiar, no?) are then "consumed" by fire.

Now, we've had several episodes whereby individuals and even "higher ups" (Korah is a Levite) have been punished for disobeying instructions. But penalties do not stop below the top! Even Moses will go too far and be denied access to, beyond sighting, the promised land. This leads me to another story line I, at least, believe I see: do not exceed your authority.

Moses is not going into the promised land because instead of "speaking" to the rock, he (violently?) strikes the rock with his staff. The water pours out. So, what's wrong? In ancient Egypt the staff (a shepherd's crook) was one of two symbols of the unification of North and South. The other was the "rod" (what today we'd call a flail). Thus, the staff was a sign of authority, granted to Moses. But he abused the authority given to him. This not being the first time, he's "doomed" only to see the Israelite future home. Which brings us back to Korah. As a Levite he abused his authority (which only becomes official a bit later) by trying to elevate himself to the same position as Moses. Both abused their authority and were punished.

Perhaps others, today, including me (a non-Torah scholar), could learn a lesson here. But this interpretation works for me even if it is wrong.

**Reva Tankle,** Financial Secretary, Member of the Interim Steering Committee

My name is Reva Tankle and my husband, John McArthur and I relocated to Gilford NH from Massachusetts in 2020. I am originally from Syracuse, NY. My Jewish journey began as a camper for many years at Camp Ramah in New England and then trips to Israel as a teenager. I moved to Israel for college and stayed for 3 years. I completed undergraduate work at York University in Toronto and then graduate work in psychology at the University of Florida. That is where John and I met. He was an aspiring musician. We moved around for a few years and then settled outside Boston, in Holliston, MA. I pursued a career as a neuropsychologist with a specialty in brain injury and John moved into a career in IT.

In Holliston, we raised 2 sons, Sam (now 29) and Max (27). We became active at the synagogue in Holliston, a 180 family Conservative congregation. For many years, John led a monthly Friday night service with a Ruach Shabbat ensemble and co-led most other Friday night services with the Rabbi. I was Temple President for 2 years followed by many years on the Board as the Finance Chair.

We moved to NH in the middle of the pandemic, so it was a while before we connected with Temple B'nai Israel. As we met other Jewish residents in the area we knew we would find a Jewish home at Temple B'nai Israel. I was motivated to step up and get involved by last year's horrific white supremist attacks on a member of TBI and the Belknap County Democratic Committee headquarters in Laconia for publicly supporting the Jewish community. It reminded me that our synagogues will only survive if we step up and do the work necessary to keep the doors open. Coincidentally, the position of Finance Secretary was open, and it was an area within my wheelhouse to volunteer. I am not an accountant or bookkeeper but over the years I have developed some financial skills to be able (with support of real accountants and bookkeepers) to be a part of a team to manage a Temple's finances.

John and I appreciate TBI's warm and welcoming nature and are happy to have found a Jewish home in the Lake's Region.





Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Reading will be led by Rabbi Jan and Melody. Rabbi Jan will also lead an an interactive Torah study on water and Judaism as part of the service, in place of a Dvar Torah: "Like Water for Jews: What Does Water Mean in Jewish Tradition?"

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### Saturday, June 22—Honoring Ira Keltz

A very special Shabbat service honored Ira Keltz as he stepped down from being TBI's president after serving 5 years. Ira received special blessing from Rabbi Jan, and Melody & Joel performed a beautiful song in his honor. In addition to receiving some special gifts from the temple, Ira was recognized by Laconia Mayor Andrew Hosmer with a proclamation for Ira Keltz Appreciation Day, recognizing him for his tenure at TBI as well as for all which he has done in the Laconia community.



As part of the celebration, TBI members came together to honor Ira with donations for the purchase of a new sound system that will be installed in time for the High Holidays this year. The Social Hall was decorated wall to wall with original artwork created by TBI member Laurie Eisenberg pictured here in the center above Ira.





Wendy Shermet and Len Burrell–Gilford Kim and Mark Schifrin–Holderness Sharon Haight–Moultonborough



A good time was had by all at the first Sisterhood get-together at Julia Thomas' home in Ashland. Some very interesting stories were shared, and coincidences were disclosed. Very enjoyable- and even surprising!

We are very thankful for the generous donation that was made to the Sisterhood by Rob Fleischman, Sharon's son.

The next Sisterhood meeting will take place at the home of a Sisterhood member in Meredith on Wed. July 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. We already have 7 acceptances and look forward to many more participants. Everyone who would like to attend is asked to register using the link below.

A new format has been established to replace the potluck. Moving forward the hostess will delegate dishes to complement what she has prepared. This will eliminate repetition.

We are gathering ideas for an outing after Labor Day weekend. So far, it looks like flower arranging in Franklin or cake decorating at Prescott Farm in Laconia. A trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston highlighting Israeli /Jewish art is a possibility but needs further discussion. Perhaps this trip will take place early in Oct

> NEXT SISTERHOOD GATHERING JULY 24th-5:30 pm

Please register to attend



**Friday August 2**– Following an abbreviated Shabbat service, TBI member Susan Farrell will share her experiences from her recent Ramah Mishpacha Solidarity & Service Trip to Israel.

**Saturday August 3**– Havdalah Cruise on Lake Winnipesaukee. <u>Get Tickets.</u>

Saturday September 7– Laconia Multicultural Festival. <u>VOLUNTEERS</u> <u>NEEDED.</u>

**GET READY FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS** Rosh Hashana– October 2, 3, and 4 Yom Kippur–October 9 and 10

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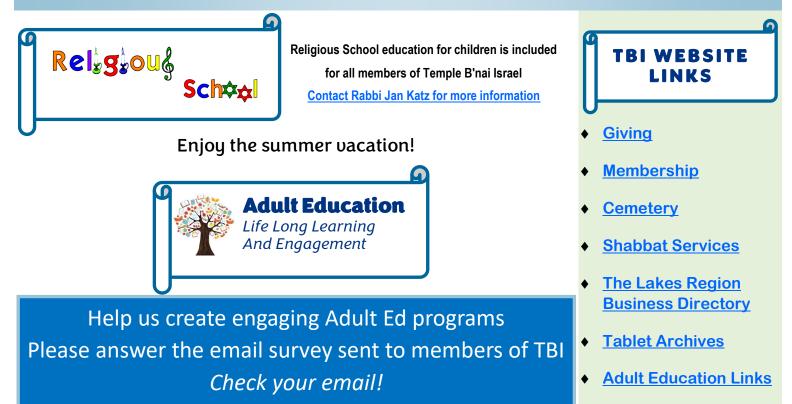


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Join Rabbi Jan at a private home in Laconia. Location and more details will be provided upon registration.

### **<u>Click Here to Register</u>**

Saturday Morning, July 6 FEE beginning at 10:00 am

**With Rabbi Jan** at Wayfair Coffee in downtown Laconia Join Rabbi Jan for a "Cuppa Joe" and informal conversation

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- <u>NH Jewish Food</u>
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- <u>We Care Concert</u>
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Reminder: TBI has transitioned to sending Yahrzeit reminders via email only . Please watch your inbox.

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