

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 the and expand components. In addition, there will heightened be security temple at all functions including a Laconia police officer and cruiser on site.

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

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

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

⇒**Friday, May 10** zooм only **7:30 pm** Kabbalat Shabbat

⇒Saturday, May 11 10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service, Torah Reading, and Bar Mitzvah Celebration In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

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

⇒**Friday, Jun 21** zooм only **7:30 pm** Kabbalat Shabbat

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



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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Message from Rabbi Jan Katz

A Recipe for Cultivating the Spirit of Purim 2024/5784

Note to the chefs:

Every other year for decades, we have celebrated this upside down Jewish holiday with a reading and dramatic mockery (purim shpiel) of the megillah, the scroll of Esther, most likely a fictional narrative of intrigue in a Persian royal household, but really about an evil plot against the Jews, thwarted at the last minute, and the Jews are saved from destruction once again. Somehow this year is different. The narrative seems less fictional, and the redemptive end seems nowhere in sight.

Ingredients:

1 cup of AWARENESS: of our authentic Jewish identity; of our environment—both friendly and hostile; of our own internal biases; of our history and its consequences; of the possibilities in front of us, even amidst uncertainty, ambiguity, and moments of despair.

1 cup of continuing DEDICATION: to our Jewish and greater community causes; to remaining engaged in our communities; to prioritizing compassion over judgment; to considering all sides of issues in our own families, among our local constituents, and in the world arena.

1 cup of ACTION: Elie Wiesel taught us that apathy is acceptance of evil while standing up is the only way to counter evil. Abraham Joshua Heschel taught us to pray with our feet. Martin Buber taught us that the Divine exists only in mutual relationships. And Rabbi Barbara Symons reminds us of the Purim model of celebrating victory: "We need to share our spoils with others, both those in need and those who have plenty. We are neither to gloat nor to turn inward. When there are two sides, we need to strive for the benefit of both." (Prophetic Voices, p.399)

1 cup of SELF-CARE: A night at the opera, or whatever floats your boat; a day at the spa; a DIY project that you love to do; lunch with friends; Dinner with family; a movie that makes you laugh, cry, or think more deeply; five minutes of meditation (if that's your thing – I'd rather study Torah); intentionally seeking a space / place of comfort whether a book, a kitchen table, a comfy chair, a gym, or coffee shop; your definition of good food and good people!

The composite and successful result of the above recipe does seem quite challenging to achieve. But, then again, as Mordechai famously said to Esther on the heels of Haman's plot to destroy the Jews, "If you keep silent in this crisis, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another quarter, while you and your father's house will perish. And who knows, perhaps you have attained to royal position for just such a crisis!" (Esther 4:14)

Thus, I hope we all dig into the recipe to the extent possible! And about the upcoming holiday of Purim: I thank God each and every day for the simple joy of our being together, for listening to, and supporting each other's joys and oy's, for the commitment of our non-Jewish friends and colleagues to hold us up, and defend and protect us when we need them, and for our obligation to observe in celebration the special days in the Jewish calendar as a mainstay for our Jewish existence. To that end, please be present at our Purim celebration on March 22-together we are stronger and we can face the uncertainty of tomorrow for Israel and for our diaspora Jewish community under the continuous antisemitic assaults. If there was ever a time for a Jew to hold our head high and strive to be more holy, moral, ethical, and inclusive than ever, it is now.

> Always, L'shalom–for Peace, Rabbi Jan



Happy March TBI'ers!

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the new TBI Interim Steering Committee as they ramp up their work in preparation for their new role starting in late June 2024 when I step down as President of TBI after 5 years of service. Stu Needleman, Barbara Katz, Karen Lukeman, Reva Tankle, and Carl Crosley are the committee members and they have been very busy working on reassigning tasks and duties among a wider number of volunteers, while maintaining a clear vision forward. This group of leaders will shepherd our Temple as we transition to our next phase of our history and find our next president to lead us through the last half of the decade. We are always looking for members willing to participate on committees by sharing their passion and expertise with the congregation. The future of TBI is bright and I look forward to making many more memories with all of you in the years to come.

This month, we have just one TBI weekend coming up on March 22nd and 23rd with a 7:30pm Friday night service and our Purim Celebration and Spiel scheduled for Saturday at 4pm. Please join us for food, fun, and a very entertaining 'radio play' produced and directed by Debbi Finkelstein with her take on the Purim Story! Costumes are encouraged and a nice spread is guaranteed!

I also want to remind you to please purchase tickets for the May 25th We Care Concert featuring David Clark's 'All About Joel', a Billy Joel Tribute show to benefit the Lakes Region Food Pantry! Tickets are \$40 and it's sure to be an amazing evening that will help provide food/groceries to those who need them in the area. Invite your friends, promote the event on your social media, and continue the tradition of TBI's We Care Program, making a difference in the Lakes Region of NH.

Finally, the 2024 'Best of the Lakes Region' Voting opens on March 19th at noon– please vote for TBI as the 'Best Place of Worship' under the 'Things to Do' category each day through April 5th at 5pm on multiple devices to ensure we can win for the 5th year in a row. The link can be found at <u>https://www.votelakesbest.com/</u>.

I wish you all a happy NH Maple month and hope that sweetness of the season is a part of all of our lives this year.

Thank you, Ira





Join our festive Purim Celebration

Saturday, March 23

4:00 to 6:00 pm

Come One! Come All! Celebrate Purim with your TBI family! Purim Shpiel AND The Best Hamantaschen in Town!



Saturday April 13, 12:00 noon

Model Seder hosted by TBI in our Social Hall. Members are encouraged to join our interfaith community friends as we share the story and rituals of the Passover Seder.

Saturday, May 4 at 2 p.m.

Yom HaShoah Program at the Congregational Church of Laconia

Viewing and discussion of the movie "Defying the Nazis: Sharps' War" a 2016 documentary film directed by Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky. The film is about the untold story of Unitarian Minister Waitstill Sharp and his wife Martha, from Wellesley, Massachusetts, who helped to save scores of imperiled Jews and refugees fleeing Nazi occupation across Europe. PRESENTS



SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024 Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium 7:30 pm • \$40 • General Admission Benefiting The Lakes Region Food Pantry

TICKETS NOW ON SALE CLICK TO PURCHASE

David Clark's **"ALL ABOUT JOEL"** is a musical tribute to the Piano Man himself while engaging the audience with wit and humor. This duo performance (piano and saxophone) promises to be a unique tribute to the music of the legendary BILLY JOEL!

The Lakes Region Food Pantry

strives to help meet the needs of individuals and families facing food insecurity. The Food Pantry offers non-perishable food, food vouchers, personal care products, cooking classes, and other programs while respecting the dignity of each individual.



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.

Try it, you might like it!



Let's put on an apron and get cooking!

JOIN TEAM STRUDEL

March 30, March 31, April 20, April 21 beginning at 9:30 am 8-10 people are needed for morning and afternoon sessions

- No experience necessary except being "somewhat" familiar with rolling dough into a rectangle.
- Bring your own favorite rolling pin or use one of ours.
- Aprons are provided.

Thank you to Paula Chambers our "Team Strudel" Captain

These weekend dates are planned for those who work during the week in addition to our usual group of dedicated volunteers. This is a great way for new members to get to know other members.

JOIN TEAM LATKE

April 9, 10, and 11 beginning at 9:30 am

- Tuesday, April 9 we will be washing, peeling, and chopping vegetables
- Wednesday, April 10 we will be preparing the mixture and frying the latkes
- Thursday, April 11 is the day to package, label, and freeze the latkes.
- Aprons and frying pans are provided.

Thank you to Heather Needleman our "Team Latke" Captain

Please reply to Sue Needleman, Food Festival Chairwoman, with the dates and times that you are available. We would love to have you all day but we can use help either in the morning or the afternoon.

To volunteer for these or any other food festival cooking teams, please contact Sue at : <u>susanneedleman04@gmail.com</u> OR call/text Sue 1-508-397-9506. THANK YOU!!

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

Best of The Lakes Region 2024 Temple B'nai Israel has been voted THE BEST PLACE TO WORSHIP FOUR YEARS IN A ROW! Let's keep the streak going! Voting takes place at http://www.votelakesbest.com/.



Did You Know?

-You can vote daily on multiple devices -

Mobile Phone

Tablet

Laptop or Computer

Key Dates

• Voting Opens: Tuesday, March 19

- Voting Closes: Friday, April 5
- Winners Announced: Thursday, June 20



Attention TBI Members and Supporters

- Recommend trusted businesses: Know a great local plumber, bakery, or other service provider? Send your suggestions to <u>tbibizdirectory@gmail.com</u>
- *Utilize the directory*: When seeking goods and services, check out the directory first to support our community businesses!

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 <u>tbibizdirectory@gmail.com</u>

Join the businesses that support the work that

Temple B'nai Israel does for the greater good of

the Lakes Region Community

INVEST in your business while you INVEST in your community!

View The Lakes Region Business Directory—<u>CLICK HERE</u>



Wíth Rabbí Jan at Wayfarer Coffee ín downtown Laconía

Saturday March 23

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

TBI ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 12:00 Noon

TBI Update: Transition and Moving Forward Together

With deep gratitude, we acknowledge the tremendous dedication of Ira Keltz. For the past five years, Ira has served as our president, leading TBI through a period of significant growth and positive development. We are truly grateful for his leadership and commitment to our community.

As Ira transitions from the presidency, the TBI board has established an Interim Steering Committee (ISC) to ensure the smooth continuation of our temple's operations while the search for a new president unfolds. The ISC is comprised of dedicated and experienced members who will provide stability and guidance during this time.

During this meeting, the ISC will share more details about the search process for a new president, as well as provide an opportunity for open discussion and feedback about the future of TBI. We look forward to seeing you there!



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



Join the fun at our Purim Celebration Saturday, March 23 4:00-6:00 pm

Tuesday Torah Study on Zoom with Rabbi Jan Katz 7:00 pm



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

Contact Rabbi Jan for Zoom links

TBI WEBSITE LINKS

- <u>Calendar</u>
- <u>Giving</u>
- Membership
- <u>Cemetery</u>
- Shabbat Services
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Stay connected

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

YAHRZEITS

ON OUR MEMORIAL BOARD

Blanche "Bunny" Weiner March 1 Harry Solomon March 2 Joseph Kropp March 6 Adeline Lerman March 9 Louis Achber March 16 Morris Yaloff March 20 Helen Gozonsky March 22 Joseph Tater March 25 Myles Israel March 26 Jared Aronson March 29 Schlomo Solomon March 29

FIRST YEAR OF MOURNING Irene Gordon - May 2, 2023 Mother of Lynn Keltz, David & Jeffrev Brodv: 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

MAR 1 Nathan Niederman Father of Jay Niederman MAR 4 Leonard Cowan Father of Neil Cowan Ruth Kagen Mother of Lori Reitsma and Howard Kagan MAR 5 Harry London Father of Rhoda Goodman MAR 6 Arthur Cicero Father of Lori Boelig Eileen Cohen Mother of Ronald Cohen Sandra Snyder Cousin of Lori Reitsma MAR 11 Marcia Cota Friend of Marsha Ostroff-Rines Jason Morse Father of Gary Morse, Uncle of Judi Rogato and Robert Sawyer MAR 14 Ruth Gross Grandmother of Barry Alan MAR 15 Marvin Gould Father of Carol Lurie Maurice Miller Father of Susan Needleman Ardelle Richton Mother of Steven Richton Edward Scherr Cousin of Alan Rosenfeld MAR 17 Steven Weinreb Brother of Mark Weinreb MAR 18 Jennie Goldberg Grandmother of Lynne Snierson Mary Lipman Grandmother of Henry Lipman Sarah Perlmutter Aunt of Henry Lipman Charles Pollak Father of Linda Green Darish

MAR 20 Rose Tolin Mother of Tina Tolin-Scheper Frank Wolf Father of Sharon Wolf MAR 21 Kenneth Lipman Father of Henry Lipman MAR 22 Abraham "Morris" Gaynor Father of Linda Cowan MAR 25 Claire Burger Grandmother of Gabriela Mogil Bessie Lampner Aunt of Henry Lipman MAR 26 Hannah Camann Great Grandmother of Peter Berman MAR 28 Robert Lawson Father of Liz Rosenfeld Henry Wolfson Father of Laurie Kass MAR 29 Jared Aronson Son of Leslie and Mark Aronson Susan Edelstein Wife of Mark Edelstein MAR 30 Raymond Camann Great Uncle of Peter Berman MAR 31 Harold Awrich Father of Alan Awrich Louis Cohen Grandfather of Judi Rogato and Robert Sawyer Chery Kagan Sister in law of Howard Kagan and Lori Reitsma Erica Warshall Niece of Irene Gordon



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



Yahrzeit Fund

Steven and Judith Siegel In Memory of her Mother Marcy Siegel Gloria and Irving Fox In Memory of her Mother Sylvia Godine Lynn Snierson In Memory of her Grandfather Rev David Snierson Lori and Ray Boelig In Memory of Grandfather Sam Kass and Grandfather Tom Cicero Sharon Wolf In Memory of Cousin Nadia Medina Joel Funk In Memory of his Mother Pearl Funk Ken and Rhoda Goodman In Memory of Ken's Mother Rachel Goodman and Rhoda's Mother Dorothy London

Security Fund

Susan and Stu Needleman Lynne and Richard Hodgeman

Yad B'Yad Fund

Ken and Rhoda Goodman In Memory of Ken's Mother Rachel Goodman and Rhoda's Mother Dorothy London



Make Meaningful Donations at TBI Donate online or by mailing a check

- Celebrate lifecycle milestones
- Honor special occasions
- Express sympathy,
- *Remember* a loved one,
- or simply *say "thank you."*

Your thoughtfulness will be acknowledged with a tribute card to the honoree(s) informing them that you have made a gift to our synagogue.



Special Gifts

Help maintain our building, grounds, and interior spaces. Contact <u>President</u> <u>Ira Keltz</u> for more information about Special Gifts.







Join the NH Jewish Federation Solidarity Mission To Israel May 5-9, 2024

Learn more at this Info Session Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 pm On Zoom—<u>https://bit.ly/Mar5Info</u>

For more information contact jeremybergernyctravels@gmail.com



16th Annual New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival April 4- April 14 Bonus Week April 14 - April 21

Tickets on Sale March 1

We are excited to announce a premier lineup of 13 truly outstanding and diverse feature-length films that will excite, enlighten and provoke you, our audience.

The films will be presented this year as a multi-access experience, featuring both in-theater and virtual screenings of films from around the globe.

- ⇒ Jewish Film Festival Website
- ⇒ Eventive Ticket Platform
- ⇒ Film Festival Brochure

TBI is proud to be a member of the JFNH

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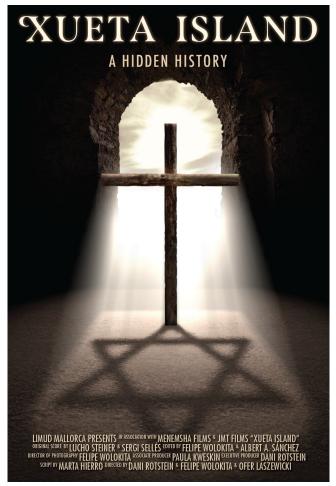


THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE. THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

JFNH Community Calendar

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE HIDDEN JEWS OF MAJORCA: Film Screening & Talk Back with Director (hybrid)



Wednesday, April 3, 2024 - 6:30 to 9:00 PM

Join Temple Beth Elohim (Wellesley, Ma) and the Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts (JCAM) for a film screening and talkback with Dani Rotstein, director of the new documentary Xueta Island: A Hidden History, which explores the fascinating legacy of the Xuetas (pronounced Chuetas), a unique group of families on the Balearic island of Majorca, Spain who are believed to be descendants of the island's Inquisition-era Jewish population.

Though they were practicing Catholics, the Xuetas were discriminated against up until the middle of the 20th century. As Jewish life makes a tentative return to the Balearic Islands, a stifled minority is reintroduced to half-remembered culture and traditions handed down under duress across generations.

This illuminating film seeks to reconcile the painful past with a vision of a brighter, more inclusive future. Watch the trailer, click here:

Trailer for XUETA ISLAND - with English subtitles (youtube.com)

Please click the purple registration bar to be taken directly to the Temple Beth Elohim registration page whether you are attending in person or via Zoom:

https://tbewellesley.org/event/jews-of-majorca-film-screening/

Registration: If you are attending in person or viewing via Zoom, please click on the registration bar above to RSVP.

The event will be available on Zoom starting at 6:45 pm.

