



Temple B'nai Israel

Reform Synagogue
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December 2024

THE TBI TABLET

Cheshvan / Kislev 5785

HAPPY HANUKKAH



Wednesday evening, December 25, 2024
through Thursday evening, January 2, 2025

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

Friday evening, December 6
Shabbat Service and Torah
Reading
*In the sanctuary and [on Zoom](#)**

NOTE NEW TIME—7:00 pm

Oneg Shabbat Sponsored by
Karen and Steve Caretsky

In Honor of all TBI Veterans



Join Rabbi Jan for
the second installment of
Blessings and Prayers for All

Beginning at 6:15 pm
Bring a "brown bag dinner"
Drinks provided

Friday evening, December 27
3rd Hanukkah Candle
Shabbat Hanukkah and Torah
Reading

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

NOTE NEW TIME—7:00 pm

Oneg Shabbat Sponsored by
Ricki Klopfer

In Memory of
her beloved husband Ed Klopfer



Celebrate Hanukkah
With your TBI family!
Saturday, December 28
[Details on page 6](#)

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

Schedule of Upcoming Services

Friday	Dec 6	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Friday	Dec 27	7:00 pm	Shabbat Hanukkah Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom

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

Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat!

To sign up or for more information

[SEND US AN EMAIL](#)

Friday	Jan 17 2025	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Friday	Feb 7	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Saturday	Feb 21	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Friday	Mar 14	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
Saturday	Mar 29	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning Service followed by Model Seder
Friday	Apr 25	7:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service and Torah Reading In the sanctuary and on Zoom
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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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Friday evening service now begins at **7:00 PM**

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 register to attend [using the form on our website.](#)**

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*Interim Steering Committee (ISC) member

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Message from Rabbi Jan Katz

What do “Wicked” and Hanukkah Have in Common?

The much-hyped film “Wicked, Part I,” has certainly come to my attention. For one, the screen-writer, Dana Fox, is a Rochester hometown “person of the hour,” and a high school classmate of my daughter’s. For another, as the prequel to the dreamy idealism of “The Wizard of Oz,” the storyline of “Wicked” provides a starkly realistic midrash on so many human and Jewish ethical values.

The musical movie was adapted from writer Gregory Maguire’s 1995 novel, a further adaptation of “The Wizard of Oz” (originally written by L. Frank Baum). Like Maguire’s novel, “Wicked” explores how and why one becomes a villain, in this case the Wicked Witch of the West. The young Elphaba Thropp isn’t a witch at all, but a morally courageous girl ostracized for her bright green skin and erratic magical abilities. Indeed, she and Glinda, the future Good Witch become unlikely friends and college roommates. The arrangement does not work out in the end, but credit is certainly given for their intentions.

Elphaba begins the film longing for acceptance, but becomes invested in the plight of the fraudulent Wizard of Oz’s talking animals, who face a campaign of marginalization: harassed, threatened and forced from their jobs. The explanation given by her “goat” professor is that a backlash began following a recent period of economic hardship: “Food grew scarce, people grew hungrier and angrier. And the question became, ‘Whom can we blame?’” In the summarized words of film reviewer, John Doherty, the film is about those in power or those seeking power, or those blindly following those seeking power, who seek out scapegoats to redirect popular anger, scapegoats who suffer loss of dignity, isolation, invalidation of their core identities, and violence against them. To what can this be compared?

Fast backward to the Hanukkah narrative of 168 BCE. The villainous Greek Syrian King Antiochus, in his ruthless quest to conquer the Middle East, forces the Jewish people, his subjects living in the land of Israel, to renounce their unique beliefs and practices and adopt the Greek way of life. Antiochus initiates a campaign to

delegitimize all that was sacred to the Jews. He enters the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, destroys all the sacred items within, and slays those who would not turn to pagan practices, while also taking Jewish women captive. The First Book of Maccabees tells us that the city of Jerusalem “was in mourning and covered with confusion.”

Today, would such a leader as Antiochus need to nullify the religions of those under his rule and protection in order to maintain and increase control? Thankfully, we live in a time where diversity and inclusion legally and morally replace forced uniformity. We live in a time where we meet people where they are—where Elphaba can be green and fly, and where Jews can be “Hanukkah.” At least, in theory. . .

Today, would Jews, like their Maccabean ancestors, persevere to maintain God’s gift to Abraham of the land of Israel and proudly stand erect in the face of isolation and Antisemitic rhetoric and acts? Yes, we would, and we are living out the Maccabees’ courage, resilience, their ability to persevere in adversity, to harness the knowledge of our history and the truth of our faith in order to protect ourselves and to survive this moment in history just as the Jewish people in the time of the Maccabees.

We pray for the brightness of Hanukkah lights at the end of the tunnel for the remaining hostages. We pray for our own spiritual strength to deflect the “Whack-A-Mole” of repeated anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish protests, media disinformation, and violent escalations against Jews everywhere. Let us focus on gratitude for our friends and allies, the celebration of our holidays, and the eternal well of wisdom from our traditions and sacred texts – they are a Tree of Life, an Etz Chayim, for us to cling to in nurture, protection, and pride!

Moadim l’simcha – Happy Hanukkah,
Rabbi Jan

Meet Your Board of Trustees



David Rothman
Member at Large; Finance Committee; Rabbi Search Committee

I have been a member of TBI for 3+ years and a Board Member for 2+ years.

I love this community we live in and the broader Lakes Region and White Mountains area. The diversity within our community here and the role TBI plays in helping us all thrive here is significant. I am so proud of the work our dedicated members accomplish in community outreach through our many programs.

I really appreciate the consistent support I have received over the last years to do what I can at Temple and always put family first. I have always received appreciation for the time I can contribute and never made to feel like it is not enough. This is important because many people feel so much stress just adapting to ever changing challenges in life, the last thing they need is more pressure.

I have spent 40 years as a Software Engineer working on Teams in the US, Europe and Israel and had to learn and re-learn my trade many times as times changed, and I needed to adapt. The most important attribute of mine and others success on these teams came down to "Always assume good intent" and "Listen before seeking to be heard." I will try to live up to this standard as we welcome a new calendar year.

As our temple grows in membership and our new members bring new vitality, energy and voices, I look forward to the journey we are on together to build the best little temple in New Hampshire.



Karen Lukeman
Interim Steering Committee Member and Membership Chair

About 20 years ago, when my husband Joe and I were planning for retirement, we knew that our retirement life would include exercise, fun, reading, traveling, and for me, volunteering; that

part was easy, but **where** would we live? I told Joe that it had to be near a synagogue.

In the mid-1990's we bought a condo at Tenney Mountain in Plymouth, NH. Seeing an advertisement for the Jewish Food Festival piqued our interest to attend and then we came to Yom Kippur services at TBI. We chatted and schmoozed with others. During one service we sat next to a gentleman who belonged to Temple Beth Jacob (Concord), but he liked TBI better because the people were warmer. So when Joe and I finally retired, we joined TBI. After our first Rosh Hashanah service, I met Sue and Stu Needleman: Sue promptly asked me if I play Mah Jong (no), and Stu asked me if I would like to volunteer for the Fundraising Committee (sure). I ended up working with Barbara Morgenstern z"l on marketing, which I knew nothing about. When Barbara Katz joined the temple several years later, she offered to help on marketing, and subsequently, took it over taking it to new heights.

Fast forward to the present, as I always inform prospective members, joining TBI has been one of the best decisions in our lives because of our sense of involvement in this community, friendship, place for spirituality, and fulfillment. The volunteer work at TBI has provided me with wonderful social connections, keeps me active and involved, and contributes to the success of my spiritual home.

We are blessed to have many volunteers who make themselves available to create programs and services for members and the community, and those who manage the administrative and maintenance tasks of running our synagogue. The TBI Board is dedicated to keeping our expenses as low as possible while providing wonderful services and programming for everyone to enjoy, and with the exception of the Rabbi and Melody, everyone is a volunteer. Even though our membership has grown over 25% in the past two years, our dues and donations are unfortunately not quite enough to take care of our expenses so fundraising and volunteerism are both necessary to make TBI better and better.

Thanks to all members, those who volunteer, and those who are considering volunteering, for being part of our temple family. We are the little temple that could because of you.

PS—Here is a wonderful article which Rabbi Jan sent me about "How Does Being a Synagogue Member Make My Life Better?" <https://reformjudaism.org/blog/how-does-being-synagogue-member-make-my-life-better> .

Did
you
know?

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

The next TBI Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm on Zoom

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

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 B E INVOLVED



Members who are interested in having meaningful engagement on a committee, team, or task for TBI, this is your opportunity! Let us know what your interests are.

These are areas of immediate need:

- **Ritual Committee Chair**—working with the rabbi and the Gabbai to create meaningful Shabbat and Holiday services and rituals as well as assigning aliyot and honors.
- **Kitchen Manager** – Replenishes the kitchen supplies approximately once a month based on a list of standard supplies. The Kitchen Manager should have a BJ's, Sam's Club or Costco membership and will need to submit an expense report with receipts to be reimbursed. Time needed: approximately less than 2 hours a month, with most of the time, driving to and from the store.

Check out our

[WEBSITE COMMITTEE PAGE](#)

for the full list of opportunities.

[Email us for more information](#)



What's Happening?

AT TBI



Blessings and Prayers for All
Friday evening, December 6, 2024
6:15 to 7:00 pm (before the Shabbat service)
Learn the “ins and outs” of davening (praying) and reciting the traditional blessings with Rabbi Jan.

[Register for Blessings & Prayers](#)

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL

LATKES & LAUGHTER

Celebrate the Festival of Lights at TBI



HANUKKAH PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024
4:00 - 6:00 PM

Bring your menorah
We will supply the candles!

Also included—

- Chicken Entrée for dinner provided by the Holiday Committee
- Latkes provided by Sisterhood
- Attendees may opt to bring Sides & Desserts
- BYO Beverage of choice

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND BY DECEMBER 20*

[RSVP Here](#)

**Note—please RSVP even if you have already answered the questionnaire that was recently emailed. Attendance will be based on response to the RSVP. Thanks!*

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



On Friday, November 1st we had a very special Shabbat honoring the new members who joined TBI over the past year. There was a wonderful musical celebration of Shabbat and Simchat Torah featuring Cantorial Soloist Melody Funk, accompanists Joel Funk on the piano and John McArthur with his guitar, Mark Aronson and Julie Hart.



The service was followed by a delicious Oneg, including a variety of quiches, a tomato pie, homemade tapioca, and other delicious desserts, topped off by a surprise birthday celebration for Suzanne Appleton.



Happy 90th to Marilyn Lezberg

90 Years Young—That’s Marilyn! Born in Boston on November 19, 1934, Marilyn grew up in Roxbury, where she met and married her high school sweetheart, Mel. The couple celebrated an incredible 69 years of marriage, raising two children and six grandchildren.

Marilyn and Mel became part of the TBI family when they moved to Meredith in 1998. Marilyn has been a dedicated participant in the Jewish Food Festival, and is known for her skill of making blintzes.

So, what's the secret to staying young at 90? According to Marilyn, it's a combination of a healthy lifestyle and a positive outlook. She's a regular at the gym, enjoys Zumba classes, and finds joy in spending time with family and friends.

Happy Birthday, Marilyn! We're grateful for your contributions to TBI and wish you many more years of health, happiness, and joy.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kim and Mark Schifrin
Moultonborough



Kim and Mark are excited to be members of TBI, while still active at Congregation Beth El in Bethesda, MD.

The Schifrin's have been residents of New Hampshire as of April 2020, but they have been on Squam Lake since 2009.

Having been retired for 20 + years Kim and Mark have developed hobbies that include beekeeping, fly fishing, and mushroom foraging. Kim has joined the new TBI Sisterhood and is coordinating regular Mah Jong games.

JUNE 14, 2025

SAVE THE DATE

TO HONOR MELODY & JOEL FUNK
And celebrate 35+ years
of dedication to TBI!



Calling all card players!
New groups now forming.
[Email us for more details.](#)

FINANCIAL MATTERS



Thank you for your continued support of Temple B'nai Israel.

If you have a balance for your 2024-2025 TBI dues you will soon receive a statement via email. If you are making regular payments, thank you. At this time in December, we are 6 months into our fiscal year. Please check your statement to see if you have made payments reflecting half of your contribution for annual dues. Our fiscal year ends in May, and we ask that you be fully paid by early May.

If you haven't made any payments yet, we would appreciate a payment of at least one half your annual dues at this time. If you need to adjust the amount you can contribute this year, please contact me. It is important for planning purposes that we know what you are able to contribute this year.

Thank you very much for all you do for TBI.

Reva Tankle
TBI Finance Secretary
rtankle@gmail.com
(508) 395-2969

Volunteers Needed for Hands Across the Table

The Social Action Committee of TBI is looking for up to 8 volunteers to help serve dinner to those in the community seeking food, friendship and support on **Wednesday, December 11 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall on Gilford Avenue in Laconia.**

TBI has been actively involved in supporting Hands Across the Table (HATT) for more than 10 years. The community meal program began when several local women came together with the common goal of providing a free, weekly hot supper to those in need in the Greater Laconia area. Their goal was to create a warm, friendly atmosphere of giving and receiving, similar to that of a big family meal. Approximately 50 to 70 members of the community benefit from the generosity of each HATT event.

Please reach out to Lois Kessin (kessin1111@gmail.com) or Maria Cantor (mcantor40@gmail.com), Chairs of TBI's Social Action Committee, if you would like to volunteer with others from TBI on December 11. **The Social Action Committee also is looking for TBI members to join our efforts in helping identify important needs in the community where TBI can help make a positive difference in the lives of our neighbors and friends.**



Sisterhood joins the
TBI Hanukkah Party on Saturday, December 28!
Latkes & Laughter!!
Please bring 2 dozen latkes, hot and ready to eat.
[Please RSVP](#)





Get Ready for Fundraising in 2025!

Be a part of the most dynamic fundraising team in NH.

We will soon begin planning for 2025 and are looking for congregants that would like to be involved in one or all of the initiatives.

Let Stu Needleman (stuneedleman@gmail.com) know of your interests or questions.

Many tasks can be completed remotely via phone or Zoom, so those who have homes in multiple places can still contribute!



- **The Lakes Region Business Directory** has opportunities for team members to work with Stu to understand the mechanics and to design processes for continuing development and growth of this major fundraiser for TBI.



- The **NH Jewish Food Festival** continues in 2025. Sue Needleman will once again chair the cooking teams. Sales will take place from June 8 through July 6. Drive through pickup will take place on July 18 & 19. Join a cooking team, volunteer to help on pickup weekend, or get on the planning committee.



- We have just finished one of our most successful TBI We Care years to-date! 2025 is our 12th season of **“Lending a Helping Hand to Lakes Region Nonprofits.”**

⇒ **On May 24th** (Memorial Day Weekend) the **Honky Tonk Chicks**, trio of female country singers, will rock the house to benefit the Lakes Region Chapter of **Veterans Count**. This young and fast growing organization provides services to veterans through a partnership with Easter Seals in addition to projects they run independently

⇒ **On October 25th** we are excited to bring back one of our all time favorite groups, **The Jersey Tenors** in their new show- **Rocketmen**, to support **Altrusa of Meredith**. These energetic women are involved with dozens of nonprofit efforts throughout the Lakes Region.

First meeting of the 2025 Fundraising Team will take place on Sunday, December 15th. Contact Stu for more information.

Support the businesses that support TBI



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Check out what's what's new at [Facebook.com/interlakesfamilydental](https://www.facebook.com/interlakesfamilydental)

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Cisneros Realty	Lakes Region Food Pantry and Thrift Shop	Stafford Oil & Propane
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Saturday, December 7, 2024 2:00-4:00 pm ON ZOOM

A Virtual Visit to the Museum of Fine Arts Boston

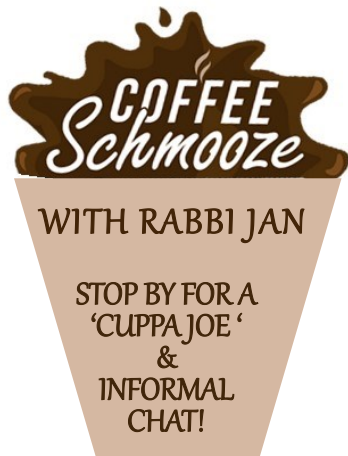
Intentional Beauty: Judaica at the MFABoston

Presented by Gloria Fox, TBI Member and Gallery Instructor for the MFA

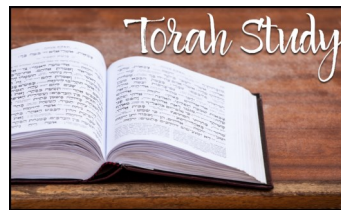
Gloria will guide you through a zoom presentation on ritual and cultural Judaica objects from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA) current exhibit on 'Intentional Beauty: Jewish Ritual Art from the Collection. Come discover and learn about these beautiful objects both old and new. Gloria will answer your questions and there will be an opportunity to discuss our various impressions, as well. If time permits attendees may share your own Judaica that has an interesting story behind it.

Born in Montreal Canada, Gloria graduated with a BA from McGill University in psychology and sociology and MEd in Special Education from UNC, Chapel Hill. Gloria taught for several years. Upon her arrival in Boston in 1990, she turned her attention to learning about art history and entered into a training program offered at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA). She has spent the last 34 years as a Gallery Instructor and School Group Guide at the MFA. [Please Register Here to attend.](#) Zoom link will be sent via email after registration.

Saturday, December 7 10:00 am to 12:00 noon



**At The Wayfarer
on Main Street in Laconia**



**Torah Study
will resume in January**

With Rabbi Jan

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](#)



**Religious School education for children is included
for all members of Temple B'nai Israel**

[Contact Rabbi Jan Katz for more information](#)

*Have you heard
the News?*

There is now a
Secure Member Portal on the TBI Website!
Enhanced Security & Exclusive Access
Information for TBI members only

The Member Portal is a password protected dedicated space that offers information and resources exclusively for our members.

- 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](#)

Please note: Each registration request is reviewed for security purposes before account activation. You'll receive a confirmation email once your account is active.

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

TBI WEBSITE LINKS

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- ◆ [Member Portal](#)

**Stay
connected!**

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

MEMBER PROFILES

Looking for a few good stories to share about our members

Let's get to know each other!

Where did you come from and how did you end up living in the Lakes Region?

What drew you to join TBI? What is your ancestry?

Tell us about your family, friends, career, interests, hobbies.

Answer any or all of these questions. Write your own story and send it to

barbaraktbinh@gmail.com with a picture you want to include OR

Barbara will be happy to set up an interview with you
to write the story you would like to share in a future TBI Tablet.

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FIRST YEAR OF MOURNING

Brenda Baer — November 4, 2024

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

Barbara Broom — January 23, 2024

Wife of Gary Broom

Lorraine Bogursky — January 10, 2024

Mother of Steve Bogursky

John Morgenstern — January 2, 2024

Member of TBI

ON OUR MEMORIAL BOARD*

3-Dec Lee Elisabeth Gordon

3-Dec Pauline Chertok

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16-Dec Meyer Schneider

17-Dec Abraham Elkon

23-Dec Ida Gozonsky

23-Dec Kenneth George Hook

23-Dec Ruth Hook

28-Dec Ollie Rosen

29-Dec Rachel Aida Yaloff

Y A H R Z E I T S



WE REMEMBER

2-Dec	Mary Davidson	Grandmother of Jeremy Hart
2-Dec	Ed Klopfer	Husband of Roberta Klopfer
2-Dec	Naomi Schifrin	Mother of Mark Schifrin
4-Dec	Louis Hyman Alterman*	Great-Grandfather of Lori Reitsma
5-Dec	Muriel Kass	Mother of Martin Kass
6-Dec	Dr Herbert Lippsett	Father of Paula Halperin Grandfather of Bryan Halperin, Leslie Pankhurst, and Jenna Lee
6-Dec	Rita Winterfeld	Mother of Ellin Einhorn
7-Dec	Rose Sawyer	Grandmother of Judi Rogato and Robert Sawyer
7-Dec	David Shatz	Father of Miriam Tourville
8-Dec	Samuel Kagen	Grandfather of Lori Reitsma
10-Dec	Phillip W. Davis	Husband of Saragene Davis
10-Dec	Jeanne Korach	Mother of Kenneth Korach
10-Dec	Donald Macomber	Father of Alice Cohen
10-Dec	Jennie Wise	Aunt of Marilyn Lezberg
11-Dec	Sarah Alterman*	Great-grandmother of Lori Reitsma
11-Dec	Rose Cohen	Mother of Sandra Richton
11-Dec	Clement Houran	Father of Steve Houran
12-Dec	Dora Hyman	Aunt of Joyce Selig
14-Dec	Abraham Kalman	Uncle of Karen Lukeman
14-Dec	Mitzi Tankle	Mother of Reva Tankle
16-Dec	Michael Simon	Husband of Joanne Simon and Step-father of Ira Keltz
17-Dec	Mary Braff*	Grandmother of John Scheinman
19-Dec	Bernard Korn*	Great Uncle of Lori Reitsma
20-Dec	Robert Baer	Father of Brenda Korach
24-Dec	Bernard Cohen*	Uncle of Bob Selig
25-Dec	Nathan Schifrin	Father of Mark Schifrin
28-Dec	Nathan Fox	Father of Irving Fox
28-Dec	Sam Nasser	Uncle of Karen Lukeman
29-Dec	Beaulia Levine*	Aunt of Lori Reitsma
30-Dec	Ruth Niederman	Mother of Jay Niederman
30-Dec	Harold Samuels	Uncle of Karen Lukeman

[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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GENERAL FUND

Lawrence & Linda Wise

Karen & Joe Lukeman

Barbara & David Katz

Dave Hughey

In Honor of Marilyn Lezberg's 90th birthday

Reva Tankle & John McArthur In Memory of Brenda Baer, Mother of Brenda Korach

Philip & Karen Platcow in honor of the 50th Anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah with gratitude to Rabbi Jan and the entire congregation for a warm and welcoming environment to celebrate

Ron and Alice Cohen

Melanie Ziegler

Phyllis and Saul Ziner

Todd Ruderman



YAD B'YAD FUND / NEEDLEMAN WE CARE FUND

Stephen & Susan Rabinovitz In memory of Hope Coven



Yahrzeit / Cemetery Fund

Lori & Ray Boelig in memory of mother Marilyn Belle Kass Cicero and grandmother Helen Kass

Lynne Snierson in memory of father Bernard Snierson and grandmother Yetta Snierson

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	<p>THE CAPITAL BUILDING FUND Provide for construction of major Temple building additions and improvements.</p>
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	<p>THE PRAYER BOOK FUND Replenish and restore prayer books including our Shabbat and Daily siddurim, Machzorim for the High Holydays, and Tanakhim (Torah)</p>
	<p>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.</p>
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	<p>THE STEINMAN-LURIE YOUTH FUND Provide special activities for Temple youth such as trips to Israel.</p>

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“Give Back to My Community Project,” organized by Laconia volunteer, Melissa Keller, a **winter coat drive** timed to coincide with the arrival of winter weather in the Lakes Region. Keller’s goal is to collect at least 100 adult-sized winter jackets, which will be distributed to people living in sober homes.

The drive will run through Friday, December 6

Collection boxes are located at five locations in Laconia:

- Randy’s Pit Stop Diner on Union Avenue,
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- Navigating Recovery on Court Street,
- Health First on Church Street and
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