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Just show up.

## The Annual Foggie Lecture Presents: Bruce Feiler



**Sunday, May 7  
at 10:15 am  
(in person & livestreamed)**

Joshua Weiss

TBE is pleased to announce that Bruce Feiler, New York Times best-selling author, will be the speaker at this year's Foggie Lecture on Sunday, May 7. Join us for coffee and juice at 10:00 am; the presentation will follow at 10:15 am, and afterwards there will be a book signing and light sandwiches will be served.



The Bill & Lynn Foggie  
**Great Issues  
Lecture Series**

### Life is a never-ending series of transitions

Bruce Feiler, has made a career out of immersing himself into realms to understand them from the inside. He began his career by writing about his experience traveling with a circus as a clown. It was a dream he had as a child, and what he learned set him on a career filled with exploration and unexpected insights. That exploration took a one hundred and eighty degree turn from the circus, when Feiler decided to trace his roots and engage in a modern pilgrimage to walk the bible across 10,000 miles of Middle East terrain. Feiler's journey did not stop there, exploring other

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## Rhonda Goldberg to Be Honored at Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast

**Sunday, March 19 at 9:30 am**

TBE members are invited to join us at the annual Nechman/Chernick Breakfast, when we'll honor Rhonda "Ronnie" Goldberg for her many years of volunteer work for Temple Beth El. This event raises funds for the Nechamen/Chernick Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for member children to attend Jewish summer camp and educational programs in Israel. The morning minyan will be held in person (and on Zoom) at 9:00 am that day. Following the breakfast, everyone is welcome to stay for TBE's Annual Meeting which starts at 10:30 am (see article on page 11).

Rhonda, also known as "Ronnie," grew up at TBE, graduating from its United Hebrew School. Rhonda attended college and law school in Boston and practiced law there for well over a decade. After marrying TBEer and CPA Adam Peck, she returned to western Massachusetts to join Adam and to practice law as a sole practitioner. Rhonda and Adam have two children: Joshua, a senior at Roger Williams University and Alyssa, a freshman at UMass/Amherst.

Rhonda has been an active volunteer at TBE for many years. She initially served two terms on our Board of Trustees, and for the past 10 years has been our Recording Secretary and on the Executive Board. Most recently, Rhonda was co-chair of the *Crystal Concert Celebration* committee, honoring Rabbi Walk. Her other major activities at TBE include serving as co-chair of *Dave-A-Palooza*, the event honoring Past President Dave Ratner; committee planner for the Be The Future celebration honoring donors of the sanctuary/debt reduction campaign; and serving on the Journal Committee for our *Centennial Celebration*. She has also served on the COVID Task Force and as co-chair of our Membership Committee. Rhonda has served on several committees of the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts and as the President of its *Women's Philanthropy* program. She also volunteers for several alumni and school organizations, such as Tufts University Western Massachusetts Alumni and Roger Williams Parent's Council. In her spare time, Rhonda enjoys cooking, gardening, exercising, biking and hiking, reading, completing crossword puzzles, and participating in arts and cultural activities.

Morning minyan will be held in person and via Zoom at 9:00 am, followed by breakfast at 9:30 am. The menu includes: bagels, lox, cream cheese and veggies; egg and cheese bake; fruit, yogurt, muffins & cookies; coffee,

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# Return to Vienna: A View of the Past and the Future

Judi Bullock

What are the odds... that my husband, Alan, and I would be participating in the Kristallnacht Rally and March in Vienna, 84 years to the day that my parents, Frieda and Laci Reisz, were huddled together with family members in a Viennese hotel room, avoiding the direct terror of the Nazi pogrom. And that Alan and I, along with hundreds of people, were at Hero's Square, the site where in March 1938 Adolf Hitler declared the Anschluss (annexation of Austria into the 3rd Reich).

During the second week of November, Alan and I were guests of a program sponsored by The Jewish Welcome Service Vienna. Established in 1980, this organization's mission is to uphold the Jewish history of the city, highlight contemporary Jewish life, and most notably, to sponsor the Invitation Program. The Invitation Program welcomes Austrian victims of the Holocaust and their descendants to visit Vienna, experience the city, and strengthen dialogue about the Shoah within current Austrian institutions.

Our week was filled with many memorable moments, shared with the 40 survivors and their descendants from the UK, Israel, Canada and the US. Past participants have come from Australia, New Zealand and South America. Several participants were children and grandchildren of Kinder Transport refugees who settled in the UK. My first cousin, Judith, and her husband Ashley, who live in London, were also guests of JWS Vienna. Judith's mum and my mother were sisters who were born and raised in the small village of Berndorf, about a 45-minute drive from Vienna. I had been to Berndorf with my parents as a teenager and young adult, but this experience was different. Judith volunteers with a non-profit, Generation2Generation, where she serves as a lecturer on anti-semitism and anti-racism, educating middle and high school age students in the UK about the Holocaust through the experiences of ordinary people: our mothers and their family.



*The Stadttempel in Vienna – the only synagogue left standing after Kristallnacht.*

While in Austria Judith had the opportunity to present to students in Berndorf. So, on Monday, November 7, during an unscheduled day for the JWS group, I was a guest at Berndorf Bundesreal Gymnasium (HS) as Judith told a class of 35 17-year-old students about the Kohn family of Berndorf. About their successful lives as proud Austrians in Berndorf for many generations, and what happened to them after the Anschluss. The students understood and spoke English very well and were fully engaged in her presentation. I later spoke with one of the history teachers who remarked that the students are always interested in this part of their history. The class had recently finished a unit on anti-semitism and the Holocaust, which is mandated by the Austrian Federal Government.



*Judi Bullock, left, and her cousin Judith in front of Berndorf Gymnasium, where Judith spoke of her family's history in town.*

Throughout our stay we saw concrete evidence of the government accepting responsibility for its past, and taking steps to ensure such horrors do not occur again. Several years ago, a memorial honoring the 65,000 Viennese who were deported and killed was unveiled in Vienna. The Shoah Wall of Names consists of 160 huge granite slabs, with the names and years of birth of each Austrian killed in the war. Throughout the city, particularly in the 2nd District, Leopoldstadt, where most of the Jewish population lived pre-war (and still do), there are numerous bronze plaques attached to buildings, with names and birth dates of individuals who were deported from their homes in these buildings. Our hotel was in Leopoldstadt, not far from the building on Nesroygasse where my parents lived from 1937 until January 1940 when they emigrated to the US.



*A plaque in front of what was their home, honoring Judi's great-aunt and great-uncles who were deported.*

**“WE SAW CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS PAST, AND TAKING STEPS TO ENSURE SUCH HORRORS DO NOT OCCUR AGAIN.”**

While walking to their house we passed several kosher food markets and restaurants, and newly-installed street lights with a contemporary designed Star of David as the actual light on top, placed in front of each of the 23 locations where a synagogue was destroyed on Kristallnacht 1938.

Friday evening our group welcomed Shabbat at the Stadttempel on Seitenstettengasse. This was the only synagogue left standing in Vienna after Kristallnacht. The buildings on

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# OFF THE BIMAH מהבימה

Rabbi Amy S. Walk

I recently led a few discussions, asking “When was a time you hid something about yourself?” Among the responses, I heard:

- *I hide admitting that people hurt my feelings because I don't want to upset anyone.*
- *I hide how sensitive I am because I don't want others to see my emotion.*
- *I hide what is really happening at home because I don't want people to think that something might be wrong.*

These discussions were all with women - women of all ages and all stages of life. We were exploring the Scroll of Esther and the idea that in the story of Purim, everything changes when Esther finally decides to reveal the truth about her identity. Initially, Queen Esther conceals who she is, what she stands for and who she represents. It feels as if hiding is the key to winning the heart of the king. And yet, nothing could be further from the truth. When Esther chooses to be vulnerable, brave, open and honest, the story shifts. And that is what we celebrate.

Yes, Purim is a tale about watching the tables turn. But Purim is also an unburdening of pretending to be something that we are not. While the scroll's namesake (Esther) is

Persian, if we read her name as Hebrew, the ‘root’ letters mean: hidden. This is a story of a woman who has hidden a critical part of her identity in order to excel.

It was painful to hear so many women and girls feel as if they need to hide who they are in order to succeed in life. Purim begs us to ask the questions: Why are we hiding? And what can be gained when we reveal exactly who we are?

To draw from another biblical scroll, I turn to Kohelet (Ecclesiastes), where we read: “to everything there is a season... a time to be silent and a time to speak.” There are moments to remain quiet - even hidden. And there are times to speak. Esther is the model of knowing the proper time or season.

Purim calls upon us collectively to rejoice in Esther's heroism. So too, the holiday calls upon us personally to find the places where we need to push ourselves toward deeper truths and revelations - removing the need to hide and allowing a story to shift where necessary for ourselves, for our families, and maybe even for our people.

May we find ways to access the hidden and find the people and the places where we can reveal with strength and pride.

## Pre-Passover Shabbat Dinner **Friday, March 31 at 6:00 pm**

Join us for in-person Kabbalat Shabbat services, followed by a delicious dinner with your TBE friends. This is the last Shabbat before Passover, and a good time to take a break from your Shabbat cooking and join us at the shul. Watch the *TBE Connection* for more details.

### PASSOVER SERVICE SCHEDULE

<b>1st Day</b> Thursday, April 6 .....	10:00 am (in person & livestream)
<b>2nd Day</b> Friday, April 7 .....	10:00 am (teaching via Zoom)
<b>7th Day</b> Wednesday, April 12 .....	10:00 am (Yizkor - in person & livestream)
<b>8th Day</b> Thursday, April 13 .....	10:00 am (teaching via Zoom)

### EREV SHAVUOT AT SINAI TEMPLE

**Thursday, May 25** ..... We will celebrate the holiday of Shavuot together with Sinai Temple. We will enjoy a potluck dessert buffet and we will learn from many of the talented teachers in our community. Details are forthcoming.

### SHAVUOT SERVICE SCHEDULE

<b>1st Day</b> Friday, May 26 .....	10:00 am (teaching via Zoom)
<b>2nd Day</b> Shabbat, May 27 .....	10:00 am (Yizkor - in person & livestream)

## Passover Dietary Restrictions

Dietary laws and traditions are very complicated for Passover. For a thorough guide, visit [www.tbespringfield.org](http://www.tbespringfield.org).

Those who would like to explore the Passover halacha and other customs should contact Rabbi Walk at [rabbiwalk@tbespringfield.org](mailto:rabbiwalk@tbespringfield.org).

## Selling Your Hametz

Jewish tradition tells us that we are to avoid owning or deriving benefit from wheat, barley, oats, spelt, or rye. While the law calls for the physical removal of all personally-owned leaven from the home, the rabbis realized that this practice would impose a financial hardship upon those families who had substantial amounts of hametz in their households. Therefore, the custom evolved of simply placing all leaven in a secluded part of the home. Traditionally, upon selling hametz before Pesach, Jews donate to *Maot Hittin* (money for wheat). These funds are used to help Jews in need of money for celebrating the holiday. If you pay by check, please note “Hametz Passover Fund” in the memo section, and return the form to Temple Beth El.

The deadline to sell your hametz is **Thursday, April 5 at 10:00 am.**

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### Selling of the Hametz Form

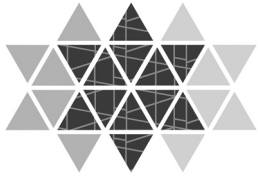
I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize Reverend David Aminia or Rabbi Amy Walk to act as my agent in 2023 to sell any hametz that may be in my possession, wherever it may be (at home, place of business, car or elsewhere) in accordance with Jewish law.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution to *Maot Hittin*: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



B'Yachad ביחד

## From the B'Yachad Director of Education and Youth Programs

Molly Bajgot



The Spring is full of chaggim and festivities. March begins with Purim and a school-wide Purim carnival. We expect to have costumes, a photo booth, face painting, and more,

as well as student-made hamantaschen! At the end of March, B'Yachad families will gather at Temple Beth El for a Shabbat morning service on Saturday, March 25. This is open to the community and we'd love you to join us!

Leading up to Passover, B'Yachad students will be studying the Exodus stories and learning about freedom. We'll learn about specific seder plate items and make them ourselves - charoset, maror, and fresh matzah. I look forward to spending time in the kitchen and outside with our students and exploring the holiday through our food-based traditions.

B'Yachad is on spring break from April 16-23. When we return, we'll close out the year with our Kavod (honor) unit, taking time to honor Israel on its 75th anniversary; honor our parents, and honor our tradition with Mitzvah Day. We'll have our End-of-Year Shabbat Service and Dinner on Friday, May 19 at Sinai Temple, followed by our final day of school on Sunday, May 21.

I can't believe that soon we'll have completed our first year of this new collaboration. It's a huge accomplishment for all of us and I look forward to celebrating it with you!



Rabbi Amy Wallk and her husband, Rabbi Mark Cohn, lead the pre-K class on Sunday.

## From the Director of Communal Life and Learning

Caryn Resnick



**TBE's Purim Celebration: Israeli-Style**  
**Monday, March 6 at 6:00 pm**

*Be Happy - It's Adar!*

This is a phrase we use to remind ourselves that Purim is coming and that it is a mitzvah to anticipate the celebration for the days leading up to the holiday. There are four mitzvot associated with Purim: hearing the Megillah (Book of Esther), Matanot Pevyonim (gifts to the less fortunate), Mishloach Manot (sending of gifts) and Seudat Purim (enjoying a festive holiday meal).

We will begin our celebration with the reading of the Megillah. It will be read with fun and noise, and all you need to do is **Just Show Up!** Costumes are encouraged, but not required. A special young family program will run simultaneously. Following the reading we will attend a carnival. The party will offer many activities and choices for both children and adults. As always, we will have food to taste and a Purim signature cocktail. Please bring a box of macaroni & cheese to use as groggers; they will be donated to Rachel's Table after Purim.

This year our theme is Israel. This year marks Israel's 75th birthday so why not find lots of ways to celebrate and give honor to our homeland?

The holiday is so much fun because it truly is a celebration of family and

community. Purim really stands out as a kind of frivolity, a time of joy. This is one of TBE's most popular events of the year, and the entire community is invited. Thanks to everyone who supported our Purim fundraiser and who fulfilled the mitzvah of sending mishloach manot. Bags can be picked up at the office and will be available at the Purim celebration.

*Chag Purim Sameach (Happy Purim)!*

Here is the schedule:

- 6:00 pm – Megillah reading
- 6:00 - 6:45 pm – Childrens' Purim program for ages 7 & younger with Marlene Rachelle
- 6:45 pm – Costume parade
- 7:00 pm – Purim party

## Tot Shabbat

**Fridays, March 17, April 21, May 19**

5:30 pm service

6:00 pm dinner

**Shabbat, March 4, April 1, May 6**

11:00-11:45 am service

Kiddush lunch to follow

Tot Shabbat Family Services are held the first Saturday morning of the month and the third Friday night of the month. The lively and interactive musical service is led by Marlene Rachelle.

Tot Shabbat is where children ages 6 and younger and their parents and grandparents gather together to celebrate Shabbat as they connect with friends and meet other young families. Children discover the joy of being Jewish through music, play and storytelling. These bi-monthly events are filled with enthusiasm and fun! Following the service, families gather to enjoy a kiddush luncheon or a Shabbat dinner together.

These programs are made possible through the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the Simon Katz Fund of Temple Beth El.

Watch the *TBE Connection* email for special themes for each program and registration. For more information about these programs, contact Caryn Resnick at [cresnick@tbespringfield.org](mailto:cresnick@tbespringfield.org).



**Shabbat Service with Noah Aronson at Sinai Temple**  
**Friday, March 10 at 7:00 pm**

[www.tbespringfield.org](http://www.tbespringfield.org)

## Cuppa Joe

**Sundays, March 5, 12, 26**  
**April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**  
**at 9:00 am**

Together with Rabbi Amy Levin, we will follow the path from the Torah to contemporary practice. Each class will be a separate unit, so join us when you can! The topics include:

- March 5 – The Mitzvot of Purim
  - March 12 – The Halakhic Status of Sign Language
  - March 26 – Legumes and Rice on Pesah
- Topics in April to be determined.

Watch for these topics and the Zoom link in our emails.



## Jews & Art: The Art of the Holocaust

**Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 pm**

The is the last Zoom program in our Jews & Art series with professor Simon Sibelman.

“A survivor fears he or she may be the last to remember, the last to warn, the last to tell the tale that must be told in its totality before it is too late,” remarked Elie Wiesel. But is it possible to recount that history “in its totality”? What about the millions of silenced voices? Some of the Jewish victims turned to art in order to communicate what they suffered, what they experienced. The third lecture in this series will focus on art of the Holocaust, that which was created in the living hell during those dark years, and works that emerged in the aftermath.

Watch for the Zoom link in the *TBE Connection* email.

## New Melton Class: The Music and Teachings of Our Exodus

Passover is one of the most observed Jewish holidays around the world, centered around one of the greatest stories ever told, the Exodus from Egypt. We retell this story using the Haggadah, which even translates to “The Telling.” So, what exactly is the story we are supposed to tell on the eve of Passover? How are we meant to go about telling it? How do the tunes and the songs that accompany the telling contribute to the story? And what are the many different ways the Haggadah helps

us tell this foundational story? Join Rabbi Wallk and Cantor David Lipp as they share some of their favorite teachings and music that you can bring into your own Passover seder this year!

**Dates:** Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30  
**Time:** 1:00 – 2:30 pm  
**Cost:** \$49-\$179 (sliding scale)  
**Registration:** Contact the office for the link



## Boston Trip

**Sunday, May 21**

Join us for a springtime day trip to Boston. Our first stop will be the Vilna Shul, the only surviving landmark of Boston’s immigrant Jewish past. It is a 100-year-old building on Beacon Hill, one of Boston’s most historic neighborhoods.

We will then travel to Harvard Street in Brookline. There you will have leisure time to explore the area. There are many places to eat and shop. Just to name a few:

- The Kosher Wok
- Pure Cold Press (kosher)
- Kupel’s Bakery (kosher)
- Rami’s (kosher)
- Café Eilat (kosher)
- The Butcherie Kosher Market
- Michael’s Jewish Deli
- Zaftigs Delicatessen

- Mameleh’s Delicatessen - a 6-minute walk from Harvard Street
- Cafe Landwer - a 20-minute walk from Harvard Street
- The Israel Book Store
- Kolbo Fine Judaica Gallery

The bus will board at 8:15 am and leave the TBE parking lot promptly at 8:30 am. We will return at approximately 5:30-6:00 pm. Cost of the trip is \$78 per person.

Watch your mail for more details and registration. Please contact Caryn Resnick at [cresnick@tbespringfield.org](mailto:cresnick@tbespringfield.org) with questions.

## Israeli Film Series with Rachel Korazim

We are celebrating Israel’s 75th birthday this year through study, song, literature, comedy and more. Our film series, which began in January, continues through June.

Every two months we have the opportunity to watch a documentary about an Israeli author, and read and discuss some of his work. In our email communication we will share the links to the films, which will be available for viewing for three weeks, and dates for the book discussions, which will be led via Zoom by Rachel Korazim.

**March/April**  
**Sunday, March 12 at 12:00 pm**

Film Discussion

**Sunday, April 16 at 10:00 am**

Book Discussion of *A Journey to the End of The Millenium*

### The Last Chapter of A.B. Yehoshua

This one-hour documentary is a loving portrait of A.B. Yehoshua, the prominent Israeli writer. Dealing with a terminal illness, widowhood, and loneliness, he does not for one moment give up his *joie de vivre*, faces death with unflinching honesty, and still embraces a new book. This is a rare and fascinating look at one of Israel’s most beloved writers, who passed away in June 2022.

The link to watch the film was sent via email in February, and the film will be available for viewing until March 12.



**Community Yom Ha’atzmaut Celebration**  
**Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm**



May/June

Sunday, May 7 at 10:00 am

Film Discussion

Sunday, June 4 at 10:00 am

Book Discussion of *See: Under Love*

**David Grossman**

“I learned something about my writing since my son, Uri, was killed – there’s one way we’re able to comprehend the slightest inkling of what exists beyond the impenetrable wall of death, the feeling of non-existence. And yet, to feel the vastness of what it means to be alive alongside it – through writing. That is what I search for in my writing, to exist in both places, for just a brief moment.” David Grossman shares these honest, private and intimate insights on camera, and exposes the delicate and complex connection between his novels and his personal life. The film follows Grossman up close and takes the viewers on a personal journey into the soul and work of an exceptional human being.

The link to watch the film will be sent via email in April, and the film will be available for viewing until May 7.

## Shabbat Service with Musician Noah Aronson at Sinai Temple

Friday, March 10 at 7:00 pm

TBE is co-sponsoring this musical Kabbalat Shabbat service with Noah Aronson at Sinai Temple. Known for his unique, engaging, and deeply soulful approach, Noah Aronson is considered one of the most sought-after Jewish musicians in North America, making over 65 community appearances each year.

This service is sponsored in part by a grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the Jewish Endowment Foundation.



## TBE Helps Community by Sharing Space

When the Springfield JCC suffered a major fire that closed the building last fall, Temple Beth El immediately reached out to offer space for its employees to work. Since that time, JCC staff have been working out of the Katz Family Library, free of charge. Other community organizations stepped up to offer space for early childhood families and fitness center members.

TBE is pleased to be able to assist other organizations and be part of such a generous and caring community.

## Join Us at Our Picnic Honoring New Members!

Shabbat, May 6 at 12:00 pm

Join us for a picnic after Shabbat services on May 6 when we will honor our new members, enjoy a picnic, games, and an opportunity to connect with our community. This is a **Just Show Up** moment — come for services and/or come for the picnic. The most important thing is for you to **Just Show Up**.

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined TBE between November 1, 2022 and January 15, 2023:

- Eric and Masha Taub & Family
- Joseph Kraiem and Nicole Golden-Kraiem & Family
- Howard Odentz and David Gilfor

We hope you will join us in giving these new members a warm welcome, and making them feel at home!

### JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST TO KEEP INFORMED!

Don't miss out on links to online services, invitations to special events and programs, inspiring messages from Rabbi Amy Walk, TBE community notices and more. Please send your name and email address to [Debbie.Peskin@tbespringfield.org](mailto:Debbie.Peskin@tbespringfield.org).

## Peek-a-Boo

Rabbi Amy Walk

My children used to love to play hide-and-seek. I'm not a big fan of the game. To be honest: In general, I don't really like games. But hide-and-seek was definitely a game I could skip! After all, what is there to enjoy about children stealthily waiting to jump out at me, closets being left in shambles, and each child wanting multiple turns!

Sometimes after we played hide-and-seek I would try and reflect with my children. I would ask what about the game is hard and what about the game is easy. The answers were poignant:

Easy: choosing a fun spot to hide.

Hard: waiting to be found; worrying that the game would end without being found!

Ah - yes, you may say, "Only a rabbi would ask their child to debrief a game!" but it does lead me to wonder: How many of us are hiding, waiting to be found?

Over the years I have come to learn that most of us are hiding. Some of us may be hiding FROM others while others may be hiding SOMETHING. We wonder if we are good enough, smart enough, pretty enough, equipped enough to act out the part we think we are meant to play. The script sounds right, but we can't seem to believe our characterization of the role. We are scared someone might discover our secret. The truth is - many of us deal with insecurities and self-doubt.

Perhaps the game of hide-and-seek relies on an assumption that all that is hidden will eventually be revealed. We learn that even if someone else doesn't see us, we have to leave the hiding place and reveal ourselves in order to show the world that we are meant to be found. And during the process, we are meant to have faith that God endowed each of us with something to show.

Rabbi Caryn Broitman teaches that the Biblical words, "haster astir panai," (Deuteronomy 31:18), which are usually translated as "I will surely hide my face," could actually mean something else. Rabbi Broitman points out that commentators jump on the double construction of the words—haster astir. Thus, the words should be translated as, "I will hide the fact that I am hiding." There is a teaching from Rebbe Nachman of

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## TBE Hires New Librarian

TBE is delighted to announce that TBE member Adele Miller has been hired as the new librarian for the Katz Family Library. When asked to tell us a little about herself, this is what she said:

“Here’s a little bit about me: love brought me to Western Massachusetts and Temple Beth El in the early 90s. My husband, Arnold Greenhut, was born in Springfield, and his family were members of Temple Beth El. We’ve been married for 30+ years and have raised our blended family here: Sarah, Hannah and Remy, all of whom were students at SKLC. They now live in Brooklyn and Boston, and the next generation includes grandchildren Milo and Hazel.

I recently retired from my full-time professional position as a grant manager in the research administration department of Baystate Medical Center (fun fact: back in 2006, when Simmons University offered a degree in Library Science on the Mount Holyoke campus, I attended an informational session but ultimately decided that a midlife career move didn’t make sense for me). Among the many joys of retirement is more time to spend on all of the things I love to do: yoga, birding, hiking, cooking, travel, reading, dancing, spending time with our kids and grandkids. Also, more time to practice Torah and haftarah reading skills.

It is an unexpected delight that I now have the opportunity to work in the Katz Family Library. I’ve always been an avid reader and libraries have played an important role in my life. Getting my first library card felt like a big milestone, and I remember all of the details of my local branch library, as well as the main library, in Milton, not to mention all of the libraries on the Barnard and Columbia campuses. The Katz Family Library at TBE is a treasure trove of contemporary fiction, non-fiction, children’s

and young adult books, just waiting to be discovered. Please stop in to browse the

*Adele Miller and her husband, Arnold Greenhut, celebrating their 30th anniversary, near the entrance to the Jewish ghetto in Rome.*

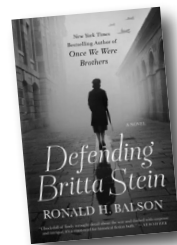


library collection, as well as the cart of older materials being offered for free or a donation to the library fund. Contact the library at [katzlibrary@comcast.net](mailto:katzlibrary@comcast.net) if you have any questions or suggestions.”

Rabbi Amy Wallk commented, “I am so excited for Adele to join our community in this capacity. I look forward to seeing which books Adele brings to the Katz Family Library.” TBE President Michelle Anfang noted, “I’m thrilled that the Katz Family Library will be led by a lifelong book-lover and devoted member of TBE. Please join me in wishing Adele much success – and come visit the library!”

## Katz Family Library Book Group

**Wednesday, March 22, April 26,  
May 24, June 21 at 10:30 am**

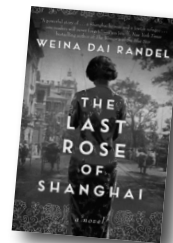


The book group will meet on **March 22** to discuss *Defending Britta Stein* by Ronald Balson.

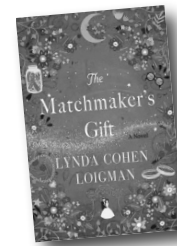
Chicago restaurateur Ole Henryks is considered a hero by many for his actions in Nazi-occupied Denmark during World War II. 90-year-old Britta Stein thinks otherwise and levels accusations via graffiti on his restaurants. Attorney Catherine Lockhart, with the help of her investigator husband, Liam Taggart, defends her. This is a thrilling take on a modern courtroom drama and a masterful rendition of Denmark’s wartime heroics.

The selection for the meeting on **April 26** is *The Last Rose of Shanghai* by Weina Dai Randel.

*“The Last Rose of Shanghai is a powerful story of the relationship between a Shanghai heiress and a Jewish refugee, set against the backdrop of a nightclub in China on the eve of the Second World War. Weina Dai Randel skillfully shines a light on a little-known moment in history through the lens of two vividly drawn characters whose unique and unexpected relationship is one readers*



*will never forget.”* - Pam Jenoff, New York Times bestselling author of *The Woman with the Blue Star*.



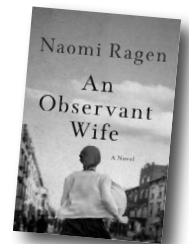
We will discuss *The Matchmaker’s Gift* by Lynda Cohen Loigman on **May 24**.

When Abby, a successful Manhattan divorce attorney, inherits her grandmother Sara’s journals, depicting her early years as a young matchmaker on New York’s Lower East Side, Abby is drawn into her grandmother’s story. Why did Sara leave her journal to Abby, and what did she hope Abby would discover within its pages and beyond? This fascinating book is written by Longmeadow native, Lynda Cohen Loigman.

On **June 21**, we will discuss *An Observant Wife* by Naomi Ragen.

In this rich and compassionate novel, Naomi Ragen continues the love story between newly-observant California girl Leah and ultra-Orthodox widower, Yaakov, from *An Unorthodox Match*. From the joy of their wedding day, through many family and community complications, they finally reach a balance between their human needs and their spiritual obligations.

The meetings will be online; look for the links in *TBE Connection* closer to the date.



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Brazlav that says the meaning of the verse is that God is especially in the place where we think God is hidden or not revealed.

It is that verse from Deuteronomy which gives us a midrashic hint to the heroine of the Purim tale: Esther, whose name shares the root of "hiddenness" and as such, we know her modeling is for us as well. It is upon us to see what and who we are inside and bring that out for our own - and potentially our people’s - benefit.

The only question that remains: Are we ready to be found?



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### **TREE OF LIFE**

*Leaves for the Tree of Life may be purchased for \$250 and stones may be purchased for \$2,500 to honor a friend or family member. Please contact David Aminia at 733-4149 if you would like to order a leaf or stone.*

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### **YAHREIT PLAQUES**

*Yahrzeit plaques are a fitting way to remember a loved one's yahrzeit in perpetuity. They are displayed in the temple lobby each year during the week of the yahrzeit. The cost is \$375. If you would like to purchase a yahrzeit plaque, please contact Reverend David Aminia at 733-4149.*

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biblical figures, such as Abraham, and Adam and Eve. Eventually his focus shifted back to the United States to look at change from many different vantage points.

In the past decade Feiler has written a series of books that look at the transitions we all find ourselves in during our lives. Incidentally, if you don't think you are in some type of transition right now the chances are very high that you are wrong. Feiler helps you to understand this, beginning with his book, *Secrets of Happy Families*. In that book he discusses how to make families happier as they grow through all the challenges and issues presented to them. Knowing your family history, communicating openly and honestly, and bringing in skill sets from the broader world are some of the keys he unearthed.

Feiler followed that book up with *Life in Transitions*. Spurred on by a personal crisis of his own, he zigzagged across the United States, meeting and talking to a wide array of people who were going through their own major life changes. He found many things as part of this quest – most of all that change is inevitable and those who master it are likely to have a more fulfilling existence.

Finally, this year Feiler turned his gaze toward the 100 million Americans who are unhappy in their work life. In *The Search: Finding Meaningful Work in a Post Career World*, Feiler dives into a problem affecting 1/3 of Americans and tries to help them to see work differently. As he states, “*The Search* empowers each of us to stop chasing someone else's dream and start chasing our own.” The goal is to help people see work differently and to “write their own story” so they can find happiness in a manner that best meets their needs.

Luckily for us Feiler, will transition his way to TBE on May 7th as part of the 4th annual Foggie Great Issues Lecture Series. Through a fireside chat format, Feiler will discuss these three books at length, helping us to see common threads and to grasp fully that transitions are part of life. The good news, as he will explain, is that we can manage them if we have the right mindset and tools.

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tea & juice. The cost is \$15-25 per person (sliding scale). Join Marge Robinson to help in the kitchen or to set up. If you are willing to volunteer, contact Marge at [cookiemarge@comcast.net](mailto:cookiemarge@comcast.net).

There will be raffle prizes to raise money for the Nechamen/Chernick Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for member children to attend Jewish summer camp and educational programs in Israel.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS אירועים בקהילה

## Community Yom HaShoah Service & Commemoration

Tuesday April 18 at 7:00 pm

This year's communal Yom HaShoah service and commemoration will be held in person at Congregation B'nai Torah. It will begin at 7:00 pm with a service of remembrance, followed by a presentation by Esia (Shoag-Baran) Friedman, a Holocaust survivor.

Esia was born in Vilna, Poland, where she lived with her parents, Isak and Ada, and older brother, Warren. Esia is a hidden child Holocaust survivor who was reunited with her family after the Holocaust. After the war, the family had to escape, this time from the Soviets. Their journey took them through many countries, eventually ending up in a Displaced Persons camp in Linz, Austria. From there they emigrated to the USA, and settled in Meriden, Connecticut.

She graduated from the University of Connecticut and the University of Hartford with an AA, BS, a MEd, and a sixth year in Urban Studies. Her subsequent career as a teacher in the Meriden public school system spanned 30 years. She was also on the staff of Middlesex Community College as an adjunct instructor, and taught at the Hebrew Religious School in Temple B'nai Abraham in Meriden. Esia served as president of Congregation Agudas Achim in West Hartford, where she led a Yiddish language discussion group. She is the President of the Holocaust Hidden Children and Families of Greater Hartford. Esia has two sons and six grandchildren.

This event will be held in person; there will be no livestream or Zoom option.



Benji Lovitt & Joel Chasnoff

## Only in Israel — A Community Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration at TBE

Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm

Joel Chasnoff and Benji Lovitt mix stand-up comedy with favorite stories from their book, *Only in Israel*, and explain how their relationship with Israel deepened in unexpected ways while writing it. Audiences will understand why this book could be written only in Israel, a place where A-level artists, journalists, and academics are willing to speak face-to-face with a pair of authors they don't know but whose mission they believe in.

Joel Chasnoff is an American-Israeli stand-up comedian and writer with stage and screen credits in eight countries. Benji Lovitt is an American-Israeli who made aliyah in 2006 and whose observations on Israeli society have brought smiles to faces all over the world.

This event is free of charge. R.S.V.P. to (413) 733-4149.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts, the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Temple Beth El, Sinai Temple, and the Springfield JCC.

This event is chaired by Sue Polansky. The committee includes: Susan Firestone, Ellen Gold, Suze Goldman, Phyllis Levenson, Caryn Resnick, Laurie Weinberg, Rabbi Jeremy Master, and Rabbi Amy Wallk.

## Volunteers Needed to Help Feed the Hungry

We are looking for more people to join the cadre of TBE volunteers to provide and serve a meal each month for 45-50 people at the South Congregational Church, 45 Maple Street in Springfield. Upcoming dates are: Sunday, March 26, April 23, May 28, and June 25 at 4:30 pm.

### What do we need?

Alissa and Steve Korn have generously provided funding so that we can purchase a prepared main dish.

We need people to prepare or purchase the food, including any of the following items to go along with the main dish: salad with dressing, fruit, dessert, granola bars, milk, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

We also need people to serve at the church. Typically, we need 4-5 people to do the plating/serving each time. This is a great family opportunity, and it is a most rewarding experience!

Liz West and Jan Burke-Allen are coordinating these efforts. If you would like to join our group of volunteers, please contact Lisa at [llaudato@tbespringfield.org](mailto:llaudato@tbespringfield.org) or 733-4149.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Temple Beth El's Membership Directory is available to all members as a PDF via email.

This helpful tool includes the names of members and children ages 22 and younger, along with contact information for those we have permission to include.

The directory helps our members communicate with each other, and aids our efforts to build community. Changes to your address, phone, or email should be sent to Debbie Peskin at [communications@tbespringfield.org](mailto:communications@tbespringfield.org).

Hard copies of the directory are available at the TBE office.



## Sponsorships & Volunteer Opportunities Available

**Breakfast Sponsorship** — We have an in-person morning minyan, followed by breakfast, on a monthly basis, on Rosh Hodesh (the beginning of each Hebrew month). Sponsoring these breakfasts is a wonderful opportunity to remember a beloved family member or special person in your life, or in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, or just because you want to! The breakfast can be as simple or elaborate as you wish. Upcoming dates for Rosh Hodesh include:

- Nisan - Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 am (sponsored by Nechama Katan)
- Iyar - Friday, April 21 at 7:00 am
- Sivan - Sunday, May 21 at 8:00 am
- Tammuz – Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00 am (sponsored by Susan Burk)

**Kiddush Lunch Sponsorship** — Enjoying a leisurely Shabbat lunch together is a wonderful way to schmooze with your TBE friends, make some new friends, and create community. Sponsorships are also available for these lunches, which can also be as simple or elaborate as you wish. If you don't want to sponsor a specific lunch but would like to help us provide food on an ongoing basis, please consider joining our Kiddush Club with a donation of \$180. We are also looking for volunteers to help in any way with these lunches: shop for food, set and decorate tables, etc.

For more information about sponsoring a breakfast or Kiddush lunch, or to volunteer to help, please contact Executive Director Sonia Wilk at [swilk@tbespringfield.org](mailto:swilk@tbespringfield.org).

# ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 am**

All TBE members are invited to join us for our Annual Meeting, immediately following the Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast at 9:30 am. Reports will be given on temple activities over the past year and plans for the upcoming year, and members will have the opportunity to vote on the slate of officers and new directors (see below).

## 2023-2024 Slate of Officers & Directors

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either side were valuable, and the Nazis did not want to risk destroying these structures, so the stately shul, built in 1826, was saved. It was in this synagogue that my parents were married on February 21, 1937.

I do think the Austrian government is making an effort to redeem itself and learn from its past. These trips, sponsored by Jewish Welcome Service Vienna, are heavily subsidized by the city and national government. During our stay, the group was greeted at a reception at Vienna

City Hall and at another Viennese pastry laden afternoon “Kaffee” at the National Chancellery, where we were guests of the Austrian Minister to the EU. I had the opportunity to meet with a representative of the IKG Archive Institute, who researched additional information about my family. Alan and I, along with my cousins attended a concert of The Vienna Jewish Choir. Attending a musical performance is a “must” on any visit to Vienna.

As many governing bodies in the US are attempting to erase the hard parts of

our past from school curriculums, my impression was that the Austrian government is doing the opposite. I am not so naïve to think that anti-semitism has been eradicated in Austria; however, there is a concerted effort towards that goal.

It was a moving week for our group, an honor to acknowledge my family’s heritage, and a valuable experience to share with our children, grandchildren and communities.