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HANUKKAH HOW-TO

Rabbi Amy S. Walk

Hanukkah is a festival of light, of miracles and of celebration. And like many of the Jewish holidays, it is celebrated primarily in our homes. This year, Hanukkah begins on the evening of Sunday, December 18.

We have all heard the story of this eight-day festival, which commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after the Maccabean Jews' victory over the Hellenist Syrians in 165 BCE. We remember the miracle of a tiny flask of oil that kept the Temple's great menorah burning for not one, but eight days, until more purified oil could be obtained.

Aside from the many communal activities we have planned for our congregation, I share with you some ideas - ways you can bring light into your world, and into the world of those around you.

WHERE TO LIGHT

To best publicize the miracle, the Hanukkah menorah ("Hanukkiah") is ideally lit outside the doorway of our house, on the left side when entering. If this is not practical, then the menorah should be lit in a window facing the public thoroughfare. If the menorah cannot

be lit by the window, place it inside the house on a table, which at least fulfills the mitzvah of "publicizing the miracle" for members of the household.

WHEN TO LIGHT

The menorah should preferably be lit immediately at nightfall. If necessary, the menorah can be lit late into the night. It is best to wait until all members of the household are present to light the menorah.

HOW TO LIGHT ON THE FIRST NIGHT

On the first night, place one candle in the menorah's far right (as you face the menorah) candle holder. Another candle is placed for the shamash (helper candle). Recite all three of the blessings (on the next page) and then light the candle using the shamash.

HOW TO LIGHT ON THE SECOND THROUGH EIGHTH NIGHT

The second night, place two candles in the menorah's far right (as you face the

menorah) candle holders. Another candle is placed for the shamash. Recite the first two blessings and then light the candles using the shamash. Light the candle to the far left first and then light in order, from left to right. Follow this procedure for each night of Hanukkah.

CONCLUDING THE HANUKKAH CANDLELIGHTING

On all eight nights of Hanukkah, it is traditional to sing or recite Hanerot Halalu, an ancient chant mentioned in the Talmud (Soferim 20:6). It reminds us of the sacred nature of the Hanukkah lights that are lit to commemorate and publicize the Hanukkah miracles. The song states that our sole intent in kindling the Hanukkah lights is to publicize the miracle.

We conclude the candle lighting ceremony with the singing of Maoz Tzur. The lyrics were written about 800-900 years ago in Europe. The tune that is considered to be "traditional" in most parts of the Jewish world today is an adaptation of a German folk song.

Now it's time to enjoy latkes, sufganiot (donuts), gifts and the joy of the festival that our people have celebrated in this same tradition for many centuries!



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Just show up

TBE Trip to Israel

October 16-25, 2023

Join Rabbi Amy Wallk, Co-Chairs Craig & Norah Kazin, and your friends from Temple Beth El for the trip of a lifetime! If you've never been to Israel, or haven't visited in a long time, this is the trip for you.

The itinerary includes Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Tzfat, the Golan Heights, and Masada. In addition, travelers will visit areas of the country not typically seen on a "first-timers" trip, such as the Negev, Mitzpe Ramon, and the Gaza Envelope. In fact, many seasoned travelers may not have been to these areas and some of the other important sites we will visit.

In 2023, Israel will celebrate 75 years of statehood. During the trip, we will focus on the remarkable accomplishments made during this time. Participants will have the opportunity to meet Israelis and learn first-hand about the challenges they face.

The trip includes 10 days with our excellent guide, Haim Aronovitz. Haim worked as the Director of Melton Travel Seminars for the Melton School of Adult Jewish Education for

many years. It also includes transportation on a luxury bus, transfer from Tel Aviv to Ben Gurion Airport on the day of departure, entrance fees, hotels, full Israeli breakfast each morning, most lunches and dinners, and more.

This trip of a lifetime is an opportunity to really see Israel—visit sites, meet people, and and learn how Israelis are dealing with these challenging times.

The cost of this trip is \$4,041 per person, based on double occupancy (single occupancy supplement is an additional \$1,122) and a minimum of 20 participants. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation offers one-time Israel travel grants of up to \$1,500 per person to adults who live in Western Massachusetts who have never received this grant before. (For more details, visit www.hgf.org.) There is a maximum of 40 participants.

The deadline for TBE members to register is February 1, 2023. After that date, the trip will be open to non-members, if necessary, to reach our minimum number of participants.

Craig Kazin commented, "Norah and I are excited and honored to be chairing this special trip, and cannot wait to join members of TBE and others on this once in a lifetime experience!"

Rabbi Wallk added, "This is an opportunity to see Israel and also to learn about the important societal challenges. We won't just be visiting sites, we will be meeting people and hearing how Israelis are dealing with these challenging times."

If you have any questions or would like more details, please contact Rabbi Amy Wallk at rabbiwalk@tbespringfield.org.



Latkes & Vodka

Saturday, December 17 at 6:30 pm

Celebrate the holiday of Hanukkah at our adult Hanukkah party! There will be great food, drinks, and fun games to play, and, of course, dreidels to spin!

The menu includes a Hanukkah signature cocktail, latke bar, salad bar, soup bar, and dessert. The cost is \$25 per person. Tables of 8 may be reserved; feel free to bring your own bottle of kosher wine to share with your table.

The deadline to R.S.V.P. is December 13. Watch for the link in the TBE Connection emails or call 733-4149.





Meet the Taub Family

Masha Taub

We are the Taub family! Masha grew up in Longmeadow with her family who were members of Temple Beth El throughout her childhood. Masha moved to Brookline, Massachusetts for several years after graduate school but returned to Western Massachusetts when she met Eric. Eric was born in New York, raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina and returned back to New York for college. Masha works as a therapist with a private practice with clients throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut. Eric, although an engineer by trade, works as a real estate developer and owns a general contracting company in the area. During the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we bought our home in Longmeadow and decided to settle down closer to family and friends. We have two wonderful boys, Ezra (age 5.5) and Gavriel (age 11 months). Ezra attends Kindergarten at the New England Jewish Academy (NEJA) in West Hartford and Gavriel will start preschool soon at LYA in Longmeadow. Judaism is a driving force in the lives of our entire family and we have been so excited to connect to so many people in the Longmeadow area and to attend Tot Shabbats with our kids at TBE. We look forward to meeting/reconnecting with more people and sharing more holidays, Shabbats and simchas as part of the TBE community.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following new TBE members who have joined since March 1, 2022.

- Mark & Jacqueline Bond
- Thomas & Connie Gould
- Jixi He & Brian Free
- Jamie & Curt Jensen
- Kenneth & Susan Katz
- Luiza Kogut
- Viktor Kogut & Nataliya Pavolotska
- Joseph & Nicole Kraiem
- Richard & Sherry Leaderman
- Eric & Alison Lesser
- Sarah Maniaci
- Patricia Ratner McWeeney
- Noah Stahl & Emily Zametkin
- Masha & Eric Taub

Sponsorships & Volunteer Opportunities Available

Breakfast Sponsorship - Our first two breakfasts following our monthly in-person morning minyans in October and November were a great success! Thanks to Peter Gordenstein, and Patti, Jill and Rabbi Robert Goldstein for sponsoring them. We will have these in-person morning minyans, 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. Upcoming dates for Rosh Hodesh include:

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| Tevet - Sunday, December 25 at 8:00 am | Nisan - Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 am |
| Shevat - Monday, January 23 at 7:00 am | Iyar - Friday, April 21 at 7:00 am |
| Adar - Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 am | Sivan - Sunday, May 21 at 8:00 am |

Kiddush Lunch Sponsorship - We are so happy that our weekly in-person Kiddush lunches are back! 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.

Carol's Beit Café

Saturday, January 21 at 7:00 pm
(snow date: February 11)

Named in memory of Carol Resnick, this popular annual event has showcased our local musical talent since 2012. If you sing or play an instrument, we would love to have you participate! It's a chance to get to know each other in new, wonderful ways and immerse ourselves in music. This year will be in person at a location to be determined. Contact Cantor Elise Barber at cantorbarber@tbespringfield.org. Watch the TBE Connection email for details to come.

OFF THE BIMAH מהבמה

Rabbi Amy S. Wallk

How many ways can you light the Hanukkah menorah?

No, this is not the start of a joke.

There is a Talmudic debate as to how one should light the Hanukkah.

The House of Shammai says one should initially put all eight candles on the Hanukkah and each night, take one candle off. Just by way of clarification: when this debate was happening, they were oil lamps, not candles. For our purposes, I will talk about candles.

The House of Hillel says the opposite. We should increase the number of candles each night as we celebrate the festival - namely, "The Festival of Lights." The explanation given: as the week continues, we should ascend in holiness. As you all probably know, we follow Hillel's ruling.

I would like to offer another reason why Hillel's ruling makes sense to me. Often, when something is beautiful or wondrous, we see the glory of the entire picture. A perfect meal. A fantastic view. A kind person. A great event. But we sometimes forget that each moment is made up of hundreds and thousands of little moments building up to the experienced blessing.

I think about this sometimes when I see a child behaving like a mensch. That didn't just happen. That child learns to become a mensch because a lot of people have taken the time to teach the child to act properly — relatives, teachers, classmates, siblings stepped forward to guide a future. When I see a lovely garden with beautiful flowers and trees, I realize that it took time and effort for individuals - and God - to make that happen. A fine meal is an assembly of many individual parts carefully crafted.

All of those things are accumulations of moments and ingredients that lead to the full presentation of something beautiful,

miraculous, or sacred.

We could see a brightly lit Hanukkah and miss the individual candles that, together, create warmth, beauty, and hope. Each candle has its place. Each candle adds its own light, allowing the Hanukkah to confront the darkness with a combined strength and might. The nightly additional candle reminds us of our unique spirit and potential to offer an eternal, holy, unique light to the greater whole.

Proverbs 20:27 says, "The light of God is the soul of man." We contain within us not just a soul but the very light of God.

As you look upon the Hanukkah, may you be wowed by the awesome nature of a light display. As the nights go by, look at each candle and remember that our internal light is nourished by the joining together of many lights. And moreover, God's light is fueled by each of ours.

Candle by candle, soul by soul, God's light comes into being.

Chag urim sameach - may the Festival of Lights be one of joy and happiness for you.



HANUKKAH BEGINS THE EVENING OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

The TBE Board and Staff wish you and your family a very happy Hanukkah!

Save the Dates!

Friday, February 3 & Shabbat, February 4

Shabbat Shira with Cantor Elizabeth Shammash
Shabbat dinner, Torah, meditation, and concert!

Friday, March 10 at 7:00 pm

Joint Service with Musician Noah Aronson
at Sinai Temple

Watch your email for more details.

Volunteers Needed to Help Feed the Hungry

Almost two years ago, TBE stepped up to reinvigorate our efforts to serve meals at the Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church in Springfield via the Open Pantry. Through the pandemic, we provided healthy, hot meals once a month to those in need. During this time, we delivered the food, and Open Pantry volunteers took care of serving.

NOW, OUR CONGREGATION HAS BEEN ASKED TO STEP UP TO ACTUALLY SERVE MEALS AT CHURCH. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

What we need now are volunteers to provide and serve a meal for 35-45 people.

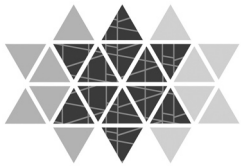
Alissa and Steve Korn have generously provided funding so that each month we are able to purchase a prepared main dish. We need you to provide: salad with dressing, rolls, fruit, dessert, peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, and granola bars.

Typically, we arrive at the church at 4:30 pm and by 5:15 pm we have served these meals.

We need people to prepare or purchase the food, and to serve. If you are able to both prepare/purchase and serve that is great, too. If you are willing to commit to just two dates, we would be well on our way to taking care of an important need in our community.

In 2023, we will serve on Sunday, January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, October 22, November 26, and December 24.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Larry Starr at 413-567-0468 or larrystarr@qpc-inc.com.



B'Yachad ביחד

From the B'Yachad Director of Education and Youth Programs



Molly Bajgot

September and October brought many wonderful changes! We successfully kicked off the school year of our new collaborative religious school, B'Yachad, serving both the Temple Beth El and Sinai Temple communities. We are now 84 students and 47 families strong!

B'Yachad classes took place throughout the Yamim Nora'im, High Holiday season, with students revisiting the yearly themes of Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot: gratitude, reflection, forgiveness, t'shuvah, and harvest. We also celebrated the consecration of our Kindergarten students at our Simchat Torah celebration! After Simchat Torah, B'Yachad students started their Creation Unit. This unit focuses on stories from B'reishit, b'tzelem elohim (being created in the image of God), the creation of the Jewish people, and making connections between Creation and our Sinai Mitzvah garden.

In December, our students will turn their learning to our Gevurah (strength) unit and how it relates to Hanukkah, the story of the Maccabees, and the stories of Jewish heroes past and present. During



Students in grade four learn about Sinai's Mitzvah Garden.

that time, our High School students will be studying Social Action with Rabbi Master. Just before we leave for winter break, B'Yachad will celebrate the start of Hanukkah with a school-wide festival on December 18!

Over winter break, we will be making a big transition and move our classrooms over from Sinai Temple to Temple Beth El for the remainder of the school year. It will be a treat for Temple Beth El students and families to introduce the Sinai community to their space and customs, and get to daven in the beautiful sanctuary space. We look forward to this building exchange as a way of honoring both synagogues as important, sacred, and special places for students and families, and to create time at home for both of our congregations this year.

During January and February, students will engage in our Achrayut (responsibility) unit, learning about mitzvot, stories of Jewish menschkeit, and tzedakah. The unit will culminate in Tu B'Shevat learning and celebration before we begin our Purim mini-unit, learning about the holiday and associated mitzvot. We look forward to this celebration taking place at TBE!

Wishing you a Hanukkah full of light and festivity.

From the Director of Communal Life and Learning



Caryn Resnick

Tishrei and Heshvan were filled with Jewish holidays, the opening weeks of our new religious school, new adult education class offerings, social gatherings and many different Shabbat experiences for people of all ages. Now we are in Kislev, looking forward to celebrating Hanukkah.

Temple Beth El has had a robust, diverse fall schedule that served many different cohorts of people, from young children to empty nesters, long-time members to recent transplants, and yet with all of our uniqueness, each of us is still an essential part of our TBE community.

Recently, I spent time learning with a group of B'nai Mitzvah families in the first stages of planning for this important milestone. We came together for a learners' minyan and to explore an opportunity for the students to do a group mitzvah project together to fulfill their requirement to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at TBE.

I first learned about the Hadassah Youth Aliyah Village in Israel when Rabbi Wallk announced that we would be donating a Torah from our congregation to the village. I later learned from TBE congregant Sue Polansky that there is a project designed for teens to support Hadassah's efforts in the village. I realized that this could be a wonderful way to keep TBE connected to the village and creating a more lasting impact.

I invited Carol Kaufman, chairwoman of the Youth Aliyah B'nai Mitzvah Project, to meet with our students and their families. Carol explained to us that Hadassah supports two Youth Aliyah villages in Israel where Jews, Muslims, Druze, Bedouins and Christians live, work and study together. The students at Hadassah's youth villages come from around the world and from the streets of Israel. Approximately two-thirds of the students at these youth villages include young immigrants who come to Israel alone from countries where it is no longer safe to live as a Jew, or who are with family but have difficulty adjusting in their new country. Many suffer from severe emotional, behavioral, learning and family problems stemming from poverty, neglect and abuse.

Carol shared many wonderful stories with us and explained the variety of programs that are available to the teens in the village, including but not limited to: science, music, agriculture, engineering, robotics and animal rehabilitation.

Our children and their parents appreciated the education and all are enthusiastic about joining together to work on a mitzvah project, which I am excited to be facilitating.

You will be hearing more about this new project linking us back to the village, and I hope that you will support our TBE B'nai Mitzvah students as they embark on performing this mitzvah.

I have included a note that Carol sent after her visit to Temple Beth El on the next page:

Dear Caryn,

Thank you so much for organizing yesterday's gathering with the Temple Beth El B'nai Mitzvah families. I was so moved by the warm reception they gave me upon presenting the story of Youth Aliyah, Hadassah's child rescue project. And I'm really excited that the kids have signed on to be the first-in-the-nation group to participate in the B'nai Mitzvah program to support Youth Aliyah! Their commitment to their extended Israeli family manifests laudable empathy for kids who face serious challenges, among them the trauma of war, dislocation, and family violence.

Please convey my deepest gratitude to the families and their kids for their active engagement in this program. I leave Tuesday for Israel, and will be sure to send photos from my visit to the youth villages!

B'Shalom,
Carol

Tot Shabbat

Join us at these programs for children ages 6 and under and their grown-ups. Connect with family and friends in the community through spirited song, prayer, body movement and fun with Marlene Rachelle.

Tot Shabbat Hanukkah Party Friday, December 16

5:30 pm service
6:00 pm dinner

Tot Shabbat New Year's Party Saturday, January 7

11:00 - 11:45 am
Kiddush lunch to follow

Tot Shabbat Pajama Party Friday, January 20

5:30 service
6:00 pm dinner

Tot Shabbat Hot Chocolate Party Saturday, February 4

11:00 - 11:45 am
followed by Kiddush lunch

Watch your email for details.

ADULT EDUCATION

חינוך מבוגרים

Lecture Series: Jews & Art

**Tuesday, December 13 & March 14
at 7:00 pm**

Our series with Simon Sibelman continues with the second and third Zoom programs in this series.

The second lecture on December 13 is entitled "Jews, the Art World, and Jewish Collectors."

During the course of the 19th century, as art became commodified, Jews stepped into the forefront of emerging markets. This lecture will explore how this occurred as well as exploring several of the individuals of the major Jewish collectors before focusing on one specific collector, Moise de Camondo, and what became of his family and collection.

Watch for the topic of our March 14 program, as well as the Zoom links, in the TBE Connection email.

Israeli Film Series with Rachel Korazim

We will be celebrating Israel's 75th birthday through study, song, literature, comedy and so much more.

Every two months we will 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 3 weeks, and dates for the book discussions, which will be led via Zoom by Rachel Korazim.

January/February

The Fourth Window - Amos Oz

Behind the international success story of Amos Oz, a symbol of the Israeli conscience and a writer translated into 45 languages, lurked a double tragedy. When he was 12 years old, his mother

committed suicide, and a few years before his death his daughter accused him of being physically and mentally violent, ending all communication with him. A series of conversations with his latest biographer, presented in the film, weaves biographical passages, literature and conversations with the main people in his life, as Amos Oz tells his last story.

The information about the film will be released on January 2. On Sunday, January 22 at 10:00 am, Rachel will discuss the movie. On Sunday, February 12 at 10:00 am, Rachel will discuss the book *Judas*.

March/April

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 information about the film will be released on February 19. On Sunday, March 12 at 10:00 am, Rachel will discuss the film. On Sunday, April 16 at 10:00 am, Rachel will discuss *A Journey to the End of the Millennium*.

May/June

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.

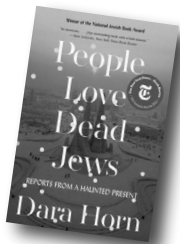
The information about the film will be released on April 17. On Sunday, May 7 at 10:00 am, Rachel will discuss the film. On Sunday, June 4 at 10:00 am, Rachel will discuss *See: Under Love*.

Katz Family Library Book Group

Wednesday, December 23, January 25, February 22 at 10:30 am

The book group will meet on **December 23** to discuss *People Love Dead Jews* by prizewinning author Dara Horn. Often asked by major publications to write on subjects related to Jewish culture—and increasingly in response to a recent wave of deadly antisemitic attacks—Horn was troubled to realize what all of these assignments had in common: she was being asked to write about dead Jews, never about living ones. In these essays, Horn reflects on subjects as far-flung as the international veneration of Anne Frank, the mythology that Jewish family names were changed at Ellis Island, the blockbuster traveling exhibition *Auschwitz*, the marketing of the Jewish history of Harbin, China, and the little-known life of the “righteous Gentile” Varian Fry. Throughout, she challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths, and so little respect for Jewish lives unfolding in the present.

Horn draws upon her travels, her research, and also her own family life—trying to explain Shakespeare’s Shylock to a curious 10-year-old, her anger when swastikas are drawn on desks in her children’s school, the profound perspective offered by traditional religious practice and study—to assert the vitality, complexity, and depth of Jewish life against an antisemitism that is on the rise. As Horn explores the (not so)



shocking attacks on the American Jewish community in recent years, she reveals the subtler dehumanization built into the public piety that surrounds the Jewish past—making the radical argument that the benign reverence we give to past horrors is itself a profound affront to human dignity.



The selection for the meeting on **January 25** is *The Thread Collectors* by Shaunna Edwards and Alyson Richman.

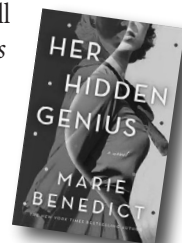
In 1863, in a small Creole cottage in New Orleans, an ingenious young Black woman named Stella embroiders intricate maps on repurposed cloth to help enslaved men flee and join the Union Army. Bound to a man who would kill her if he knew of her clandestine activities, Stella has to hide not only her efforts but her love for William, a Black soldier and a brilliant musician. Meanwhile, in New York City, a Jewish woman stitches a quilt for her husband, who is stationed in Louisiana with the Union Army. Between abolitionist meetings, Lily rolls bandages and crafts quilts with her sewing circle for other soldiers, too, hoping for their safe return home. But when months go by without word from her husband, Lily resolves to make the perilous journey South to search for him.

As these two women risk everything for love and freedom during the brutal Civil War, their paths converge in New Orleans, where an unexpected encounter leads them to discover that even the most delicate threads have the capacity to save us.

On **February 22**, we will discuss *Her Hidden Genius* by Marie Benedict.

Rosalind Franklin has always been an outsider: brilliant, but different. Whether working at the laboratory she adored in Paris or toiling at a university in London, she feels closest to the science, those unchanging laws of physics and chemistry that guide her experiments. When she is assigned to work on DNA, she believes she can unearth its secrets.

Rosalind knows if she just takes one



more X-ray picture, one more after thousands, she can unlock the building blocks of life. Never again will she have to listen to her colleagues complain about her, especially Maurice Wilkins who’d rather conspire about genetics with James Watson and Francis Crick than work alongside her. Then it finally happens: the double helix structure of DNA reveals itself to her with perfect clarity. But what unfolds next, Rosalind could have never predicted. This powerful novel shines a light on a woman who sacrificed her life to discover the nature of our very DNA, a woman whose world-changing contributions were hidden by the men around her but whose relentless drive advanced our understanding of humankind.

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

The library catalog can be accessed online at <https://templebethel.library.site/>. If you would like to check out a book, please email katzlibrary@comcast.net to pick up the book at the office.

TBE Receives Homeland Security Grant

President Michelle Anfang

Temple Beth El was recently granted a Nonprofit Security Grant for \$149,871, as part of the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA’s efforts to protect vulnerable populations from terrorism, crime, and antisemitism.

TBE’s grant will be applied to several structural improvements: upgraded locks and remote access, enhanced lighting in the parking lot, improved camera coverage and interconnectivity, and bullet- and impact-resistant film for all glass doors and large windows. Part of the funds will be used for enhanced security training.

We anticipate work to begin in the late winter/early spring, following state approval of all steps. Taking a leadership role in this exciting project is Brad Albert, Executive Board Member and Chair of the Security Projects Ad hoc Committee, and Bill Radner as the new House Chair.

HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL DONORS

Temple Beth El gratefully acknowledges those who have generously responded to President Michelle Anfang's High Holy Day Appeal. Thanks to the generous support of the following donors, we raised \$26,603!

Did you forget to make your High Holy Day pledge? There's still time! Contact the temple with your pledge/donation at any time.

Brad & Jane Albert
Elliot & Phyllis Altman
Melvyn Altman
David & Sharon Aminia

Stuart & Michelle Anfang
Evelyn Baron
Mark & Loretta Barowsky
Jeffrey & Shannon Bloom
Elliot & Anne Bloom
Jacqueline Brickel
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