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**Just
show up.**

Engaging in Dialogue After October 7



Imam Abdullah Antepli



Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

Tuesday, June 11 **6:00 pm – Dinner**
7:00 pm – Study Session
8:30 pm – Holiday Service

Temple Beth El is delighted to host two acclaimed scholars at our Shavuot program this year, Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin and Imam Abdullah Antepli. Our friends from Sinai Temple will be joining us.

The evening will begin with a festive dairy meal at 6:00 pm to celebrate the festival of Shavuot. The cost of the dinner is \$18-36 (sliding scale) per person. If you are able to contribute more than \$28, this will allow us to help those in our community who need a subsidy. After dinner, the study session will begin at 7:00 pm, and the erev Shavuot service will follow at 8:30 pm. R.S.V.P. by June 7.

Rabbi Salkin and Imam Antepli will discuss “Israel and Ishmael: Two Voices in the Wilderness.” Jews and Muslims can help heal the world by healing their own conversations. Jeff and Abdullah will enter into a dialogue on the biblical text, showing how the characters of Ishmael and Hagar and imagined, and re-imagined, in sacred Jewish and Muslim literature. Join the conversation, and be part of the next frontier in inter-religious dialogue!

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Cantor Elise Barber

Celebrating Cantor Barber

Join us for Shabbat services on June 22 at 10:00 am. We will be celebrating Cantor Barber’s dedication and contribution to the TBE community. Cantor Barber began working at Temple Beth El in 2011. Over the years she has organized an adult B’nai

Mitzvah class, Carol’s Beit Café, and taught synagogue skills to many adults and children alike. Cantor Barber is always thinking of ways to involve members of the community into programs and services. She cares deeply about our community and is always thinking about how Temple Beth El responds to both societal issues and the needs of individuals within our community.

The best way to celebrate Shabbat with Cantor Barber is to also have a Step-up Shabbat (see article on page 2). Please contact Cantor Elise Barber (cantorbarber@tbespringfield.org) or Reverend David Aminia (daminia@tbespringfield.org) if there is a skill you would like to learn.

While Cantor Barber will be very busy next year **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Listening Session for Jewish Families

Monday, June 10 from 7:00-8:00 pm at the Springfield JCC

Has your child recently experienced antisemitism in school? Do you have concerns you would like to discuss with other Jewish families? Join us as we continue a recently-launched community conversation on how to improve the public school experience for Jewish students in the Lower Valley. The goal is to provide a safe space where parents/caregivers can share current concerns regarding antisemitism in schools, as a follow-up to the Longmeadow Public School panel on May 2.

Registration is required; look for emails for registration information or call the JCC. If you have questions, contact the JCC or Rabbi Walk.

How You Can Help TBE's Bottom Line

The dues bills for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, will be mailed out during June. As much as we rely on dues, they barely cover half of our annual operating budget. As you know, every year TBE runs a large deficit, and it is estimated that we will drain our endowment and exhaust our resources to run this building within the next 7 to 10 years. We have hired Partners for Sacred Places to help us showcase our building as an attractive place for other organizations to rent for a wide variety of purposes.

Michelle Anfang, who chairs our Asset Mapping Committee which is working with Partners for Sacred Places, highlighted in the last issue of Tekiah the purpose of partnering with other organizations in our community to use our space so we can increase our revenue. She wrote: "The size of our local Jewish community has been declining for decades, and the proportion of young families joining synagogues has also been declining nationally. Over the years, many efforts have been made to address membership and the need to increase revenues.... Despite these efforts, the continued yearly operational deficit has become a critical issue that the Board determined needed to be addressed in a new way." See the article on page 7 for some ideas that were mentioned at the recent Asset Mapping event. We hope that community organizations will rent our unused space in the near future, but our members can also play a big part! We count on the generosity of our members to make additional donations to help defray the cost of some of the events TBE offers.

Food is always a big part of many events at TBE. Please consider emulating Michelle & Stuart Anfang, who have provided the popular refreshment tent on Rosh HaShanah, or Fred Brownstein & Elaine Geha who subsidize the cost of our congregational Break Fast. Many have stepped forward to sponsor various expenses during the High Holy Days, and/or have sponsored the cost of speakers and entertainment throughout the year.

Here are some specific suggestions to show how you can help the bottom line at TBE. These are merely suggestions – if you have another idea, feel free to present it to us!

- **Sponsor a Kiddush lunch** in honor of someone or an occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.), or in memory of a loved one. Consider joining with others to do a combined sponsorship.
 - **Join the Kiddush Club** for \$136 per year. This helps cover the cost of the unsponsored lunches we serve each Shabbat.
 - **Consider having a birthday party, Bar/Bat Mitzvah party, or wedding** at Temple Beth El.
 - **Subsidize the cost of Shabbat and holiday dinners.** In order to encourage attendance, we offer a sliding scale for these dinners, which often do not cover the full cost. The many expenses, in addition to the food, which go into our dinners include waitstaff, tablecloths, napkins, centerpieces, etc. Consider making a donation to help us break even on these meals.
 - **Sponsor a speaker** for one of our Adult Education programs or a speaker on Shabbat evening/morning/afternoon.
 - **Sponsor or subsidize our Purim Celebration.**
 - **Subsidize Shabbat security.**
- All donations will be included in the publicity for the event being sponsored or subsidized. Our members can play a

big role in helping our bottom line and ensuring that TBE remains strong and vibrant for years to come.

We want to recognize that many layers are required to maintain a healthy congregation. As former TBE Executive Director Russ Finer taught Sonia, these are "The Three D's: Do-ers, Donors, and Daveners." Some of you may feel you best support TBE through your volunteerism and being active in making a minyan during services. Your role is equally important to those who are donors to those who are donors in our congregation. If you feel the suggestions in this article are outside your available budget, please consider the following questions instead:

- *Am I volunteering to help as much as my time allows?*
- *Are there more services/events I can attend?*
- *Am I contributing as much as I can to cover my dues?*

We encourage you to reflect on these questions and make any changes you feel are in your capacity to make. If you would like more information, or have any other ideas to help us cover our expenses, please contact Sonia Wilk at 733-4149 or swilk@tbespringfield.org.

SAVE THE DATE



Rabbi Shai Held

Wednesday, September 4

Philosopher, theologian, Bible scholar -
President & Dean at the Hadar Institute



Ayaan Hirsi Ali Speak at Bill & Lynn Fogle Great Issues Lecture Series

Sunday, September 22

Somali-born, Dutch-American human rights activist, critic of Islam & advocate for the rights and self-determination of Muslim women



Rabbi David Wolpe Returns for the Ruth and Fred Weiss (z"l) Lecture

Sunday, November 17

Rabbi Emeritus at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles
Named The Most Influential Rabbi in America by *Newsweek*

Rabbi Amy S. Wallk

You may recall that within a few weeks of October 7, I was speaking at the Mosque in West Springfield. The local community had organized a service/program and invited Rabbi Master and me to represent the Jewish community. I was very uncomfortable the entire time I was in the Mosque. No one expressed pain over the attack, nor did anyone express concern for the hostages. Someone in the audience interrupted me while I was speaking and toward the end of the service one of the speakers called me out, reminding me that while Israel was attacked on October 7, I shouldn't really complain because Palestinians have endured much worse for much longer!

As Mark and I drove home from the Mosque, we were angry, sad, and dumb-founded. Though I shared my experience with the congregation, I really didn't do too much more with the experience. I neither reached out to the leadership at the Mosque nor did I think about how or if we could find a way to move past this really uncomfortable and offensive service.

It is very clear to me that just letting my feelings fester is not good for our community. It is also clear to me that we do not have the capacity to move forward alone. We need support and wisdom beyond western Massachusetts. I am delighted to tell you about two programs which I have organized, one of which will be open to our synagogue community as a whole, the other is exclusive to clergy.

You are not invited...

On Tuesday morning June 11, the Interfaith Council of Greater Springfield will gather for a morning of study in memory of my friend and colleague, Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro. We have invited Imam Abdullah Altepli and Rabbi Jeff Salkin to guide us in a conversation entitled "The Elephant in the Room: Can we talk about October 7, Israel, Palestine and Zionism? This conversation is for the religious leadership in the area. The study session will take place at Sinai Temple and is open to religious leaders, or leaders of religious communities. The text study and conversation are intended for clergy. Rabbi Shapiro devoted much of his rabbinate

to cultivating and maintaining important dialogues with religious leaders throughout the community. And at the same time, I imagine he and I would have had the same reaction to my experience at the Mosque. It feels so appropriate to honor Rabbi Shapiro's legacy while finding ways to challenge the religious leadership of this community to learn how to dialogue.

You are absolutely invited...

While the morning program is not for our community, the evening program is. Tuesday evening June 11, we will celebrate Shavuot by engaging in text study with Rabbi Salkin and Imam Antepli. The goal of the evening is to see how our sacred text can guide us as we navigate challenging, painful and uncomfortable conversations. Rabbi Salkin and Imam Antepli will model a conversation and will help us think about how we maintain our convictions while being in dialogue with the other. While it may be easier to dismiss those who do not agree with us, it is an enormous mistake. Opening our minds to hear other perspectives and points-of-view is at the very essence of what it means to be liberal and well-educated.

Maybe Torah was given at Sinai in the midst of the desert to remind us that the best place for learning is in a place of openness and expanse. With the holiday of Shavuot, we will celebrate the giving of Torah. May we all these two visiting scholars to open our minds and hearts with their insights and questions.

See article on page 1 for details.

Step-Up Shabbat to Showcase New Skills

Shabbat, June 22 at 10:00 am

Following the success of our first Step-Up Shabbat in February, we are planning to showcase another cadre of congregants who wish to increase their knowledge and skills on June 22. If you would like to learn how to lead Shabbat services or become a more active participant by taking on a speaking role, please consider joining this group.

Even if you've never had a speaking/leading part before, consider giving it a try, perhaps in English. For those interested in having an aliyah but are uncertain about the prayers, fear not! We will provide you with the guidance you need. We offer flexible options such as one-on-one meetings, YouTube resources, audio recordings, and more.

Step-Up Shabbat welcomes everyone, regardless of skill level. Your presence and participation truly matter!

If you're interested in "stepping up," please contact Cantor Elise Barber (cantorbarber@tbespringfield.org) or Reverend David Aminia (daminia@tbespringfield.org) as soon as possible.



SHAVUOT SERVICE SCHEDULE

EREV SHAVUOT	6:00 pm - Dinner
Tuesday, June 11	7:00 pm - Study Session with Imam Abdullah Antepli & Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin
	8:30 pm - Service
	8:08 pm - Candle Lighting
FIRST DAY	10:00 am - Service with Yizkor (in person & livestream)
Wednesday, June 12	9:19 pm - Candle Lighting
SECOND DAY	10:00 am - Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin Discusses New Book "Tikkun Ha'am" on Zoom
Thursday, June 13	9:19 pm - Havdalah



From the Director of Communal Life and Learning & Advisor to B'Yachad

Caryn Resnick

I had the privilege of participating in the TBE Solidarity Mission to Israel in March. The days were packed with meetings, learning sessions, speakers, volunteering, touring, and witnessing the impact of the attack on October 7. They were also filled with opportunities to make new friendships, camaraderie, moments of sadness, tears, displays of strength, and hope.

After the group returned home, I stayed in Israel for a few extra days, specifically to visit the Hadassah Neurim Youth Aliyah Village near Netanya. Hadassah supports this village in Israel, where Israeli Jews, Muslims, Druze, Bedouins, Christians, and

immigrants from around the world coexist, work, and study together. The teenagers come from various parts of the world and from the streets of Israel. About two-thirds of the students are young immigrants who come to Israel alone from countries where living as a Jew is no longer safe, or who struggle to adapt in their new country due to family problems, poverty, neglect or abuse.

When I learned that Hadassah had initiated a new B'nai Mitzvah project to support the village, I connected our TBE B'nai Mitzvah students with the project. As a group, we decided to make it their mitzvah project for their own Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The students unanimously voted to raise funds to ensure that other teens in Israel could have a more celebratory Bar or Bat Mitzvah experience. They also chose to raise funds to support the dog rehabilitation program at the village, engaging in several fundraising activities to achieve their goal.

I was fortunate to be able to spend the day with the village director and some of their educators, as well as meeting with some of the teens. I was deeply moved by the beauty of the setting, the professionalism, and the compassion that emanated from all of the staff members. It was a joy to present them with a monetary gift from the teens at TBE.

TBE already had a connection to the village through our donation of one of our Torahs to their chapel. Leaving there, I was committed to maintaining our connection with the village. The director and I plan to arrange for our teens to meet their teens through online video calls.

It was a profoundly meaningful day for me in Israel. I felt proud to represent TBE in this way, and particularly proud of our children for their commitment to performing mitzvot! Thank you to all who donated to support our teens and those in Israel.

Am Yisrael Chai!

ADULT EDUCATION חינוך מבוגרים

Katz Family Library Book Group

Wednesday, June 26 & July 31 at 10:30 am

The book group will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, June 26 at 10:30 am to discuss *Shanda: A Memoir of Shame and Secrecy* by Letty Cottin Pogrebin.

This is an intimate memoir from a founding editor of *Ms.* magazine who grew up in a Jewish immigrant family mired in secrets, haunted by their dread of shame and stigma, determined to hide their every imperfection—and in denial or despair when they couldn't.

The selection for the meeting on Wednesday, July 31 is *Finding Home: Hungary 1945* by Dean Cycon.

For nine months in Auschwitz, eighteen-year-old Eva Fleiss clung to sanity by playing piano on imaginary keyboards. After

liberation, Eva and the five remaining Jews of Laszlo, Hungary, journey home, seeking to restart their lives. Yet the town that deported them is not ready to embrace their return. Their former neighbors and friends resist relinquishing their newfound status and property, and they struggle with their roles as perpetrators, enablers, and bystanders during the Holocaust.



and dignity. He has been called one of the most prominent Muslim leaders in higher education today.

Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin is one of American Judaism's most prolific and most quoted rabbis. His blog, "Martini Judaism: for those who want to be shaken and stirred," published by the Religion News Service, won a 2022 Wilbur Award for best religion blog of the year. His essays have appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Tablet*, *Mosaic*, *Forward*, and *Commentary*. Rabbi Salkin is the author of 10 books. In his most recent, *Tikkun Ha'am*, he challenges us to rethink contemporary Jewish identity, Israel, spirituality, and popular culture.

Watch for the registration link in the TBE Connection.

DIALOGUE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Imam Abdullah Antepli is a globally acknowledged leader in inter-religious dialogue. He directs, with Yossi Klein Halevi, the Shalom Hartman Institute's Muslim Leadership Initiative, which helps young Muslim-American leaders understand Judaic and Israeli studies and cultivates compassion in the face of fear and hate. He has built multiple organizations that facilitate religious and spiritual life on America's college campuses, sowing seeds of understanding between religions, while upholding their cultural integrity

CANTOR, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 (she is the Assistant Town Clerk in Deerfield and she was accepted into a Cantors to Rabbis ordination program at the Academy for Jewish Religion), we are delighted that she will find some time to join us for services throughout the year and she also hopes to carve out some time for private teaching.

Rhoda Gilbert, beloved family member

Marsha Shapiro
Phyllis Swartz, beloved sister
Eileen Rutman
Kathy Goodman, beloved wife
Daniel Goodman
A. Neurick Goodman, beloved father
Daniel Goodman
Sarah Goodman, beloved mother
Daniel Goodman
Richard Kinsler, beloved brother
Claire Rubin
Rhoda Fagin, beloved mother
Patti Fagin Bassell
Helen Shapiro Bean, beloved mother
Sue Kline
Gertrude Wall, beloved mother
Mickey & David Shrair
Paul Shrair, beloved father
Mickey & David Shrair
Gladys Stone, beloved mother
Phillip Stone
Robert S. Levine, beloved brother
I. Murray Levine
Manuel Sperling, beloved father
Grace Sperling
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Wendy & Allen Mackler
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Caryl Portnoy
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Sara Shrage, beloved mother
Harvey Shrage
Dr. Milton Dalitzky, beloved husband
Martha Dalitzky
Walter Gordenstein, beloved father
Peter Gordenstein
& Ron Gordenstein
June Gordenstein, beloved mother
Peter Gordenstein
& Ron Gordenstein
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Peter Gordenstein
& Ron Gordenstein
Sam Ratnowsky, beloved grandfather
Peter Gordenstein
& Ron Gordenstein
Eleanor Freedman, beloved mother & mother-in-law
Wendy & Allen Mackler
Harriet Iris Vinick, beloved wife
James E. Vinick
Leonard Silverstein, beloved father
Diann Cohen
Harold Okun, beloved brother
Martha Dalitzky

Eleanor Freedman, beloved mother

Joan Goodman
Bernard Horowitz, beloved father-in-law
Sara Horowitz & family
Beatrice Berg, beloved mother
Gerry Berg
Louis Reiter, beloved father
Charles Reiter
Louis Ray, beloved father
Gloria Ray
Dorothy Bullock, beloved mother
Alan Bullock
Bea Loevy, beloved wife
Jay Loevy
Archie Shapiro, beloved father
Debra Shapiro Cohen
Edwin Schecter, beloved father
Rhoda Mandell
Frances Gelb, beloved mother
Susan Porter
Michael Nitka, beloved cousin
Bill Caplin
& Mary Jenewin-Caplin
Bruce Caplin, beloved brother
Bill Caplin
& Mary Jenewin-Caplin
Keith David Sherman, beloved son
Jane Sherman
Frank Uman, beloved father
Larry Uman
Milton Dolnansky, beloved father
Dorita Henderson
Alisa Kaplan, beloved sister
Janet Kaplan
Esther Umansky, beloved mother
Janet Kaplan
Jody Smith, beloved husband
Christine Smith
Milton Kaskowitz, beloved father
Elizabeth Irving
Jack Anfang, beloved father
Stuart Anfang
Justice Abraham Lief, beloved father
Miriam Lief
Lara Blackwell, beloved mother
Karen Engell
Charlotte Berman Wernick, beloved mother-in-law
Carol Wernick
Lillian Slade, beloved mother-in-law
Madeline Slade
Sanford Slade, beloved husband
Madeline Slade
Charles S. Cohen, beloved husband
Arlene Cohen
John Shabel, beloved father
Anita S. Finkel
Pauline Goldberg, beloved mother
Ellen Fieldstein
Merna Lyon, beloved sister
Ellen Fieldstein
Harvey W. Gloth, beloved husband
Carole A. Gloth
Jacob I. Ziner, beloved father
Muriel Dane

Helen Bernzweig Kessner, beloved mother

Debbie Peskin
Samuel Peskin, beloved father
David Peskin
Sylvia Gingold Fleisher, beloved mother
Dr. George A. Fleisher
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Sydney & Jerry Hirsch
Eddie Rubin, beloved father-in-law
Claire Rubin
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Saul Michaelson
Merwyn Burstein, beloved husband
Ruth Burstein
Ruvim Novofastovsky, beloved grandfather
Irene Cohen
Steven Michaelson, beloved son
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James Vinick
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Janis Maltz Green
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Cynthia Bailey
Max Goldberg, beloved son
Elisa Goldberg
Louis Umansky, beloved grandfather
Larry Uman
Florence Cohen, beloved mother
Amy Cohen
John Cohen, beloved father
Amy Cohen
Matthew David Green, beloved son
Barbara Corcoran
Joan Semel, beloved sister
Jack Goldberg
Max Goldstein, beloved grandfather
Sara Horowitz & family
Irma Goldsmith, beloved mother
Heidi Goldsmith
Paul R. Salvage, beloved husband
Phyllis Salvage
Neal Fagin, beloved nephew
Patti Bassell
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Carol Haase
Sidney Epstein, beloved father
Barry R. Epstein
Leslie Grodsky, beloved father
Ronald Grodsky
Milton Olin, beloved brother
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Jean Licht
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Margie Evans

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Beth Danforth
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Deborah Lieberman
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Steve Koplin
Charlotte Glushien, beloved mother
Jay Glushien
Morris Glushien, beloved father
Jay Glushien
Micah Jermyn, beloved father
Isadore Jermyn
Agnes Kaufman, beloved grandmother
Craig Robbins
Herman Chaparal, beloved Columbian son
Barbara & Al Zippin
Rose Slove, beloved aunt
Allen G. Zippin
Robert Meyer, beloved brother-in-law
Charlotte Meyer
Lillian Reback, beloved mother
Sally Ann Resnic
Fay Horowitz, beloved mother
Shirley Graziani
Bryan Graziani, beloved son
Shirley Graziani
Dorothy Schecter, beloved mother
Myrna Metz
Sylvia Sher, beloved mother
Arthur Sher
Dorothy Schecter, beloved mother
Rhoda Mandell
Abraham Salvage, beloved father-in-law
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Max Freedman, beloved father
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Betsey Freedman
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Jean Licht
Agnes Kaufman, beloved mother
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Carole A. Gloth
Morris Wineck, beloved grandfather
Peter Leavitt
Miriam Cayne, beloved aunt
ara Wolman
Francis A. Zerwitz, beloved father
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Burton Shaker, beloved father
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Carole A. Gloth
Joel Levin, beloved father
Maxine Bernstein
Max Lieberman, beloved grandfather
Maxine Bernstein
Ira Kaplan, beloved brother
Janet Kaplan
Molly Greenberg, beloved grandmother
Shelley Dietz
Evelyn Greenberg, beloved mother
Shelley Dietz
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Debbie & Andy Okun
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Jack Michaelson, beloved brother
Saul Michaelson
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Susan Porter
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Judith Bullock
Ann Firestone, beloved mother
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Howard Hausman
Riva Khutoryansky, beloved grandmother
Irene Cohen

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Joel & Marion Bessoﬀ
Phillip & Lillian Bessoﬀ, beloved parents

Joel & Marion Bessoﬀ
Kate Frankel, beloved aunt

Joel & Marion Bessoﬀ
Daniel Miller, beloved father
Marsha Rickless

Saul Guttman, beloved father
Judy Sherman

Ethel Thorne, beloved mother
Sue Polansky

Sallee Kaufman, beloved mother
Karen Diamond

Jule Kaufman, beloved father
Karen Diamond



Asset Mapping Event a Big Success

Michelle Anfang, Chair

After months of preparation, the community-wide Asset Mapping Event went off without a hitch on Thursday, May 2. Over 40 people were in attendance, including leaders of the Springfield Symphony, Springfield Museums, State Representatives, City Selectmen, Religious leaders, land developers, and members of the education and health sectors. The group enjoyed a comprehensive tour of our building and grounds, and then engaged in a dynamic and guided imagining exercise, facilitated by the Partners for Sacred Places staff. Here are some of the ideas that were generated:

Sanctuary/Social Hall: music events, theater events, weddings, corporate events, art shows, dances, flea markets, yoga/pilates

Kitchen: food incubator, cooking classes, cooking competitions, food prep for events as above

Classrooms: day care, WeWork spaces, clubs, charter schools, adult gathering spaces for mahjong/bridge/canasta/knitting

Parking lot: road races, food truck festivals, outdoor movies, farmer's market, solar farm

Grounds: Hiking clubs, birding clubs, community garden, development of housing – luxury or affordable

In addition to generating ideas, we also built relationships. There are now many organizations that are considering how our space and our mission align with their needs. These are the directions we need to go in.

From here, the Task Force will review and wrap up this aspect of the project, presenting a report to the Board of Trustees that encapsulates the possibilities, and identifies short-term and long-term prospects. Shortly you will hopefully see additional activity in our building! And over the summer, the Board and the congregation will engage in deeper conversations about the long-term plan for sustainability. With hope, courage, and focused engagement with our communities, we will chart a path to keep TBE the anchor for Conservative Judaism in Springfield for generations to come.

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.

Yahrzeit Plaques

In memory of my mother, Edith Anfang
Stuart Anfang

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.

\$4,000 Raised for Scholarships at Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast

On Sunday, April 7, the TBE community gathered to honor Arvi Roffe for his outstanding volunteer work at the annual Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast. Many thanks to the hard-working volunteers for providing the delicious breakfast: President Maxine Bernstein, Elina DeAngelis, Marianne Kornblum, and Linda Spitz.

Many thanks also to the generous attendees who donated \$4,000 to TBE's

Nechamen/Chernick Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made to the Nechamen/Chernick Fund throughout the year, so remember this important fund whenever you need to have a card sent out for any occasion. This fund provides scholarships for member children to attend Jewish summer camp or educational programs in Israel.



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