

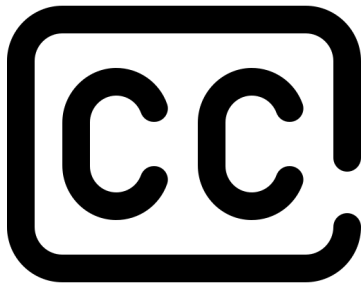


December 25 - 31, 2020
10 - 16 Tevet 5781

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SPECIAL THIS WEEK

Closed Captioning on Zoom!



We are excited to announce that we are now be able to offer closed captioning for all Zoom events! Just click on the "CC" icon at the bottom of your Zoom screen and the auto-generated captions will appear at the bottom of your Zoom screen. The service that we are using doesn't capture Hebrew perfectly, but we are working on teaching the program Hebrew and expect that feature to continually improve. Click [here](#) for more detailed instructions on how to turn on the captions.

The only exception to this is Morning Minyan, which is broadcasted from a different Zoom account. If you would appreciate having closed captioning available for those services as well, please [let us know!](#)

From Rabbi Braun



- Rabbi Carolyn Braun

If you joined us for our virtual menorah lightings, you'll know that we invited people to share a story responding to the prompt: describe a time when someone did something for you that totally restored your faith in humanity or opened your

heart in a way you didn't feel was possible. I want to thank each person who shared and each person who joined to listen. I found each of the stories to be meaningful, beautiful, and uplifting. Last week we As such, I wanted to spotlight their words, instead of mine this week - I hope you find them to be as inspiring as I did.

This week I'd like to share a recording of Irwin Gratz and Bonny Rodden sharing a story about opening their home to one of their son's friends, and the moving events that followed. Thank you, Irwin and Bonny, for sharing your light with all of us.



This Shabbat:

Friday, December 25

8:00am [Virtual Morning Minyan](#)

3:51pm **Candle lighting time**

Saturday, December 26

9:30am [Shabbat Morning Services](#)

5:00pm **Havdalah**

Parashat Vayigash

פרשת ויגש

Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

Triennial: Genesis 45:28 - 46:27

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28

[JTS Torah Online](#)

This Week @ TBE



"OFFICE" CLOSURE

Friday 12/25

The office will be closed on Friday, December 25, in observance of National Take Out and Movie Day. We'll be back to our emails on Monday, December 28.



SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

9:30am on [Zoom](#) Saturday 12/26

****NEW**** We recently added Closed Captioning though [Rev](#). If you'd like to use them, click on the "CC" button in the control bar at the bottom of the video. Click [here](#) for a more detailed guide on how to turn the captions on.

Join Rabbi Braun and the Shabbat morning crew as they daven the traditional Shabbat morning services.



VIRTUAL MORNING MINYAN

8:00am on [Zoom](#) Sunday 12/27 through Friday 1/1

Join Tom Berman and the minyanaires for the only daily minyan in Maine! The service lasts about 30 minutes and is a great chance to start the day in reflection and community.

Upcoming TBE Programs:

Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Friday, January 1 • 6:15pm

Led by Rabbi Carolyn Braun
in collaboration with Congregation
Beth Elohim (Acton, MA)



Shabbat Bachutz

Saturday January 2 - 10:00am

An outdoor Shabbat experience
led by Rabbinic Intern Lorin Troderman
and KBE Director Abby Halpern



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Anti-Semitism and the European Novel

Sundays, January 10, 17, 24, 31 · 10am
Taught by Prof. Sanford Freedman



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The Giving Corner

This week we celebrate Olivia Solodar and Elliott Wincele. *Dayenu (it would have been enough)* if all that Elliott and Olivia gave to TBE was the gift that is our annual Shalach Manot Project (with the help of Andre Skalina and many, many volunteers), which raises more than \$10k annually to support KBE and other charitable organizations, while allowing us to fulfill the mitzvah of giving each other *mishloach manot (gifts for Purim)*. Successful as that project has been over these past 18(!) years, it does not begin to encompass everything that Olivia and Elliott give to all of us. Between board and committee service, teaching in the religious school, performing countless acts of outreach and loving support to the TBE community and beyond, their mitzvot are too many to name here. However, what really puts them in a class of their own is that although the money they raise and personally contribute is vitally important in its own right, they are constantly thinking of ways that their giving may also build community and establish traditions that will continue to bind and support us for years to come. In every way, Olivia and Elliott create the kind of community to which anyone would be fortunate to belong. *Todah rabah (thank you)!*



[November Donations & Tributes](#)

Have you considered making a lasting contribution to our community through a planned gift? We would love to talk with you. Contact us by email at giving@tbemaine.org by phone at 207-774-2649 and speak with Kate Shalvoy, ext. 204.

Special Announcements

New Bin

Remember that unwieldy trash can that we kept Clynk bags in? Well, it's no more! Thanks to a generous donation by Elaine Kahaner, we have recently invested in a larger, more water-tight, less ugly bin that we have placed to the left of the front door. Not only will you be able to regularly find Clynk bags inside, but we will also employ it for pick-ups and drop-offs when needed as we continue to work from home.

Todah Rabah

Thank you to Lorin for a fabulous dvar Torah and to Ellie for reading Torah last Shabbat.

Condolences

Our sincerest condolences to Judy and Bob Rosen on the loss of Judy's sister, Phyllis Zieff; and to Jeri and Ben Brem on the loss of Jeri's brother, Linwood Fleischer.

Abbey of Hope: Interfaith Holiday Reflections Call for Entries

Abbey of Hope, an interfaith cooperation circle, is looking for reflections on the Jewish holidays throughout 2021. Please contact Lindy Gifford at lindyg@tidewater.net if you are interested in contributing.

TBE Kids

KBE students celebrated Chanukah together by playing Chanukah-themed mad libs, pictionary, and hangman. It was so much fun for everyone to spend some social time online and see friends and teachers we don't normally see in class!

Hebrew High students learned the history of Jews of Arab Lands (often known as Sephardic or Mizrahi Jews). Did you know that 90% of Jews living in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) moved to Israel within the past 70 years? Among the smaller number who came to America was the father of Josh Gad, the voice of Olaf in Frozen. Mizrahi musicians to note include [Ofra Haza](#), who was the daughter of Yemenite immigrants.



Programming for Young People:

- [Winter Funtensive: Online Jewish Programming for Kids](#) - 12/28-31 from 9-10am. Offered by the Center for Small Town Jewish Life.

Quick Links:

[Zoom Links](#)

[Simcha List](#)

[Community Programs & Events](#)

[KBE School](#)

[Amazon Smile](#)

[Weekly Yahrzeit](#)

How to Reach Us

We are continuing to primarily work from home due to COVID-19. We will be checking our emails regularly and will check the voicemail daily.

By Phone

(207) 774-2649

Because we are working from home, we will often return your call from our personal numbers.

Please note that Zoe's cell phone area code is from out-of-state, so if you have left us a message and are getting a call from a 650 number, it's probably Zoe!

By Email

- Rabbi Braun - rabbi@tbemaine.org
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- Zoe Levine Sporer - office@tbemaine.org
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