

February Events

Temple Beth Israel has a showcase of events going on! We are exciting to announce the following events:

Congregational Covered Dish Dinner - February 3rd @ 6:30 PM

Lunch with Rabbi Bahar WR- Ruby Tuesday - February 8th @ 11:30 AM

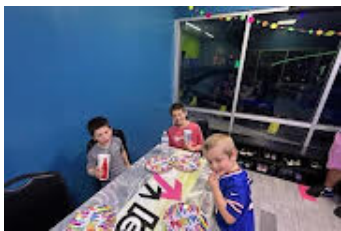
Young Families TuBiShvat Amerson River Park February 11th @ 10:00 AM



Monthly Message From Rabbi Bahar

Past Event Photos

Did you get snapped at our last event? Check out the photos below and also our social media to see if you were snapped!



As we enter into February, we celebrate two holidays – one Jewish and the other secular, yet both are related to one another. The Jewish holiday is TuBishvat – the birthday of the trees. The secular holiday is Valentines Day, a holiday about love for one another.

In essence though, these holidays are about how we relate to one another and the planet we live on. Specifically, how that relationship is expressed through the love and affection we demonstrate to each other and the Earth.

In his work, The Lonely Man of Faith, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, used the two different accounts of creation in Genesis to signify the relationship between humanity and each other. In the first version of creation, God is referred to as Elohim, in the second Adonai. In the first version – Elohim creates the system of creation simply through God's words.

In the second, Adonai is active in the creation of humanity. In the first He creates the category of humanity and in the second He creates the individual. In the first comes the sin of eating the forbidden fruit with the consequence of exile from Eden; whereas the second Adonai created garments for the couple emphasizing their dignity.

In Genesis 1, Elohim brings forth the universe, in Genesis 2, He stewards it. The stories combined express the concept that it is not enough for God to simply create;

God provides dignity for humanity by offering them the opportunity to function God-like by becoming a steward of the Earth. But God also realizes that what differentiates us from the Divine is that we cannot function as stewards alone. "It is not good for the Human to be alone; I will make a fitting counterpart for him." (Genesis 2:18) Rabbi Soloveitchik describes the differences between Genesis 1 and 2 as two aspects of humanity – Majestic man and Covenantal man. In Genesis 1, we are majestic creatures of creation, yet we seek connection and experience loneliness.

In Genesis 2 humanity becomes individuals when Adonai creates Adam and his partner – Eve. The emphasis here is not to see humanity as a category, rather to see everyone as individuals Divine helpers.

By exploring these stories as two parts of a necessary whole, we learn that God is demanding that we care both about the relationship between one another and the relationship we have with the Earth. God took the time to both create the world with humans in it and then created the relationship between Adam and Eve. Once that relationship was formed, we left the Garden of Eden where we became God-like and given the task of caring for the world around us by being in relationship with it and one another.

As we celebrate TuBishvat and Valentines Day this year, may we remember the value of love and care for one another and the world around as a sacred obligation.

**יהוה** formed the Human, blowing into his nostrils the breath of life: the Human became a living I (is 2:7)



## February Yahrzeits

### February 3 ( January 28 - February 3 )

Robert Davis Frank - 1/28/2009  
 Marie Klein Bloch - 1/30/1987  
 Annie Jacobs Lubel - 1/31/1962  
 Melissa Carol Greenhut - 2/1/2019  
 Lewis S. Lavine - 2/2/1988  
 Cliff Wester - 2/2/2005  
 Herschel Rothenberg - 2/3/1964

### February 10 (February 4- February 10)

Isaac Moses - 2/4/1891  
 Joe I. Goldman - 2/4/1999  
 Lewis Wayburn - 2/5/2010  
 Miriam Newman - 2/6/1920  
 Albert Salis - 2/6/1996  
 Eva Bloom Bernd - 2/7/1981  
 Edith Gertner - 2/7/1988  
 Eleanor Bloch Small - 2/7/2013  
 Leon Emanuel Kahn - 2/8/1912  
 Lois Bialac - 2/8/2007  
 Henrietta Gillespie Reilly - 2/9/1958  
 Simon Lewis Becker - 2/10/1951  
 Henry Kaplan - 2/10/1956  
 Henry J Harris - 2/10/1981

### February 17 ( February 11 - February 17 )

Solomon Waxelbaum - 2/11/1902  
 Aaron Blum Bernd - 2/11/1937  
 Joseph H. Hirsch - 2/11/1950  
 Reuben Lubel - 2/11/1979  
 Lauren Michelle Bullington - 2/11/2019  
 Solomon Cohen - 2/12/1967  
 Jake Roobin - 2/12/1997  
 Walter Schlesinger - 2/12/2006  
 Elsie Guttman Stirling - 2/13/1995  
 Gertrude Jacobs - 2/13/2019  
 Abe Abraham - 2/14/1933  
 Rabbi Harold Gelfman - 2/15/2001  
 Dr. Daniel Nathan - 2/17/2007  
 Lawrence Weitzner - 2/17/2010

### February 24 ( February 18-February 24 )

Nettie Pulitzer Carmel - 2/18/1990  
 Gail Straus - 2/20/2011  
 Victor Dayan - 2/21/2004  
 Gates J. Waxelbaum - 2/22/1932  
 Bertha Fried - 2/22/1985

### March 3 (February 25 - March 3)

Irving Purcel - 2/25/2002  
 Joseph N Kalish - 2/26/1974  
 Tess Wilner Bashuk - 2/27/1992  
 Sol Fried - 2/28/1931  
 Paul Kuhr - 3/1/1962  
 Mose Michael - 3/2/1978  
 Dr Marianne Pattan - 3/3/2004  
 Marian Waxelbaum Kaufman - 3/3/2010



## February Birthdays

Edward Bashuk - February 3  
 Jonathan Carter - February 3  
 Carol Bashuk - February 5  
 Graham Bullington - February 5  
 Morris Purcel - February 11  
 Sheila Bashinski - February 13  
 Tallulah Grace Becker - February 20  
 John Pattan - February 21  
 Darrie Schlesinger - February 21



## February Anniversaries

## sisterhood

THE WOMAN WITH THE BLUE STAR  
 BY PAM JENOFF



**SISTERHOOD** The Woman with the Blue Star  
 Sunday | 1 PM  
 February 26  
 Temple Beth Israel

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**BOOK CLUB**

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Join us in person or on Zoom!

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## TBI Outreach

**Request for two Macon Outreach volunteers from TBI** to serve a cafeteria-style lunch with two CSI volunteers to those in need at Mulberry Methodist from 10:45 a.m. - 12 noon on the third Thursday of each month: Jan. 19th 2023, Feb. 16th, March 16th, April 20th and May 18th.

If you can volunteer or have any questions for any of the 2022-2023 dates please **contact Marlene Humphry, TBI Social Action Chair, at [mhumphry@cox.net](mailto:mhumphry@cox.net).**

JANUARY

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# FEBRUARY 2023



MARCH

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**SUNDAY**

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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3 Congregational  
Covered Dish Dinner  
TuBishvat Chocolate  
Seder  
6:30 PM

10 Kiddush Club  
5:15PM  
6:30 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat

17 Kiddush Club  
5:15PM  
6:30 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat

24 Kiddush Club  
5:15PM  
6:30 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat

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9 Lunch with Rabbi  
Bahar WR- Ruby  
Tuesday  
11:30 AM

19 Board Meeting  
1 PM

26 Sisterhood  
Book Club 1 PM

11 Young Families  
TuBishvat  
Amerson River Park  
10:00 AM



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