

# THE DOME · · · OCTOBER 2021

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“You have COVID,” the nurse practitioner said on the phone several weeks ago, when she called with the results of the PCR test. I was in shock. I couldn’t believe it. I thought I was developing a cold. I took the test to be able to go to a conference and had only started feeling some cold symptoms two days prior. The next morning, the full weight of feeling like I had COVID settled in — sore throat, fatigue, feeling as if I had a fever (but not having one), aching body, and a cough. I called Dr. Hoffman, and she helped me get some monoclonal antibody therapy. I am grateful for her support!

I spent the next week with all of those symptoms, some brain fog, significant fatigue, and three children at home. I am grateful for the several people who dropped off vegetarian food for my kids to eat. I opened it for them, they ate, and I went back to bed. I wore a mask in the house, bought four air purifiers, and tried so hard to prevent my kids from catching COVID. Then Aiden, my daughter, started to not feel well. She also caught COVID.

All this happened with the High Holidays looming, school beginning, and obligations I had made previously also on the horizon.

Within 48 hours after the monoclonal antibody therapy, the sore throat and feverish feeling went away. The cough started to improve but lingered for another two weeks. I am still dealing with fatigue three weeks later. I can say with gratitude that my daughter has bounced back to *almost* full strength.

What I learned is important. Life is precious! Family is super important. If anyone had told me this year you will spend 20 days at home with three kids in isolation, I would have run for the hills screaming. Yet we have done it. The kids and I are closer now than before. We have found a rhythm for the days – breakfast followed by schoolwork/ Temple work, lunch followed by schoolwork, housework, dinner, and bed. I thought it would be monotonous and horrible, but not having a ton of energy makes it ok.

The house is not clean like normal — that is OK;

The kids are mostly caught up with schoolwork — that is OK;

The Temple is still functioning (though I had more plans) — that is OK.

I am grateful that Rabbi Schlesinger helped with the service at William Wolff Cemetery.

I am grateful that David Dillard helped with the slides for services in a *significant* way. I am grateful for so many people who helped in many, many, many small ways.

Doing with less is fine, sometimes. Spending time with the kids watching TV marathons of Star Wars, Harry Potter, etc., is also good, as is playing Monopoly (by the way, David is VERY good at this game).

My biggest lesson is that perfection is not necessary. This has been a challenging time for me. To be honest, I was fearful of COVID — even though I am vaccinated and received the antibodies — and of what could happen. I learned that my kids are amazing, and I am blessed to have them. You are amazing as a congregation to be so incredibly supportive of us, and I feel very blessed to be able to serve you as your rabbi. I feel so happy and grateful just to have gotten through this experience. I want to say to you, “THANK YOU!!!!!!”

*To All Our TBI members:*

The High Holy Days are now past. While we had hoped to meet in person, we were disappointed that we could not do so safely. I try to stay focused on the positive side. We have not lost any of our members to this virus. That is a true blessing. I have lost two family members in a five-week period to it. The Rabbi and her daughter have both had it. As I write this, the Rabbi worries about all three of her children. It is a very difficult time.

The office remains closed until we can hire a new Office Manager. We also must hire a new Custodian. But these efforts are on hold until we get through the immediate crisis.

On the bright side: As I stated earlier, we have lost none of our members to COVID. We were also able to do a mitzvah by allowing the members of Mulberry Street United Methodist Church to meet in our sanctuary. They had water damage at their facility, resulting in no electricity for a while. We were honored that they reached out to us for assistance. They were exceedingly grateful for our hospitality.

We thank Rabbi Schlesinger for doing our Cemetery Service when Rabbi Bahar was still quarantining.

I know that some people have a difficult time dealing with all our last-minute changes. Believe me; it has been a challenge for me also. I like to lock things down well in advance to avoid unnecessary stress. But right now, we can plan only two to three days in advance. Thank you for being patient.

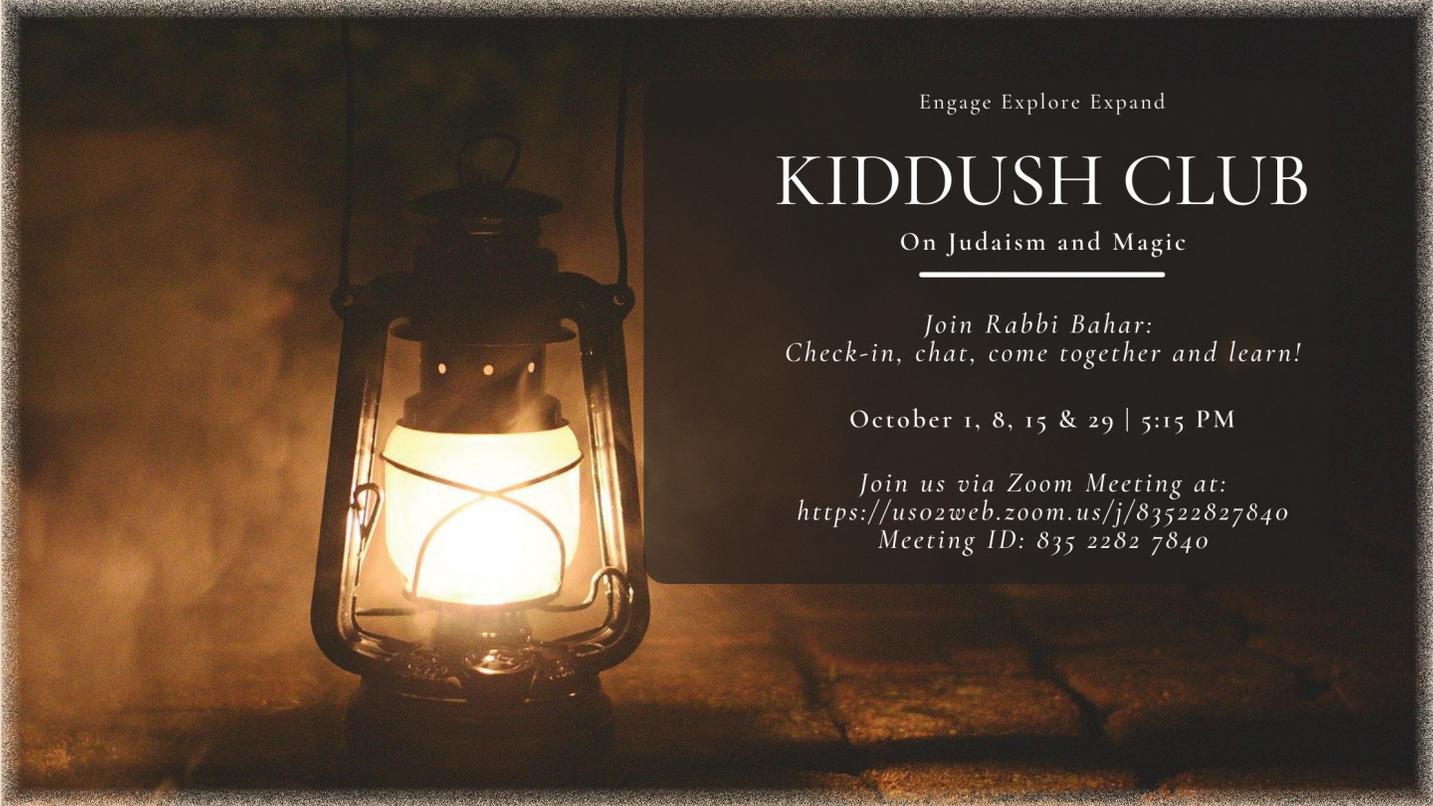
Be sure to read our emails as they contain the most current information.

Stay safe, and let's all look out for each other.

Betty Taylor, President

## **Board Meeting**

A meeting of the board will be held  
Sunday, October 17, 2021  
at 1:00 PM on Zoom.

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# KIDDUSH CLUB

On Judaism and Magic

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*Join Rabbi Bahar:  
Check-in, chat, come together and learn!*

October 1, 8, 15 & 29 | 5:15 PM

*Join us via Zoom Meeting at:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83522827840>  
Meeting ID: 835 2282 7840*

Join us for

# *Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat*

*Join us on Facebook or Zoom*

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL  
FRIDAYS AT 6:30PM  
JOIN ZOOM MEETING

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/82589792291](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82589792291)

MEETING ID: 825 8979 2291



**ZOOM BROWN BAG LUNCH  
WITH RABBI**

**OCTOBER 20TH @ NOON**



**JOIN OUR ZOOM MEETING!**

**[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83522827840](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83522827840)**

**MEETING ID: 835 2282 7840**

Family and Friends have placed leaves on the tree of life in honor of the special birthdays celebrated by the following members:

*Walter Dannenberg*  
95<sup>th</sup> Birthday

*Betty Taylor*  
65<sup>th</sup> Birthday



*Maxine Goldstein*  
95<sup>th</sup> Birthday

*Gus Kaufman, Jr.*  
75<sup>th</sup> Birthday

*Many thanks to all those who contributed to my leaf on the Tree of Life. Especially during these uncertain times, your thoughts and love are truly appreciated.*

*Betty Taylor*



*Follow our new QR code  
to view our TBI website!*

**WITH GREAT PRIDE, JOY AND LOVE,  
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AS OUR SON,**

# **Ethan Daniel**

**IS CALLED TO THE TORAH**

**AS A BAR MITZVAH**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021 AT 9:30 AM**

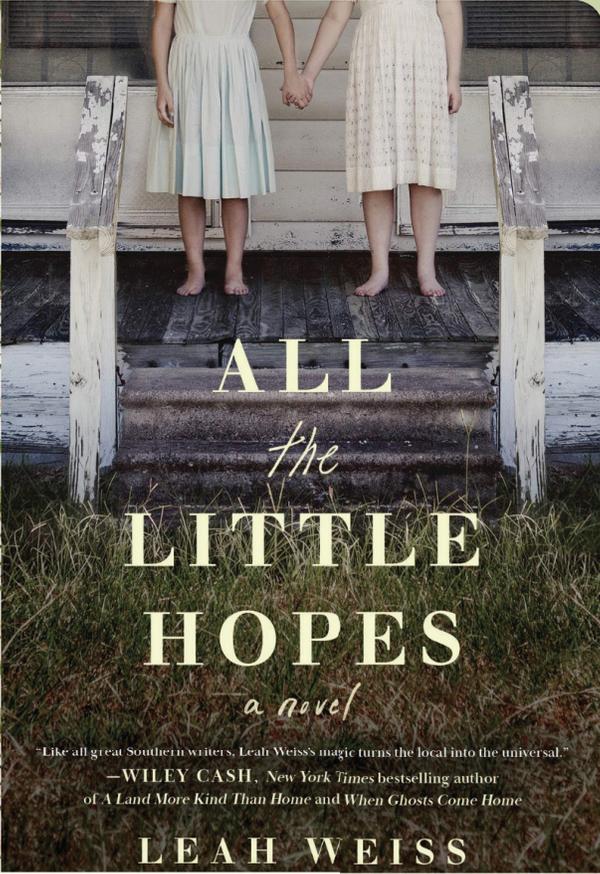
**DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS,**

**PLEASE JOIN US VIA ZOOM:**

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**Emily and Louis Piassick**

ALL THE LITTLE HOPES A NOVEL BY: LEAH WEISS



## SISTERHOOD

# BOOK CLUB

Sunday, October 31  
1:00 PM

Join us on Zoom!  
Author, Leah Weiss will  
join us for the  
discussion!

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# October Birthdays

*We congratulate the following for their birthdays this month*

Jaime Kaplan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Carson Wolk 10 <sup>th</sup>	Shannon Hart 20 <sup>th</sup>
Beverly Schnee 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sydney Wolk 10 <sup>th</sup>	Layla Mizell 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Joan Becker 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jerry Schnee 12 <sup>th</sup>	Steven Vogel 27 <sup>th</sup>
Dakota Holt 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stephen Rosenberg 13 <sup>th</sup>	Joshua Hoffman 29 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Becker, II 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ethan Piassick 16 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Fried 27 <sup>th</sup>
Mamie Vogel 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lily Ware 18 <sup>th</sup>	Alexa Perron 30 <sup>th</sup>
Dr. Allison Becker 10 <sup>th</sup>	Janice Donner 19 <sup>th</sup>	Laurie Lankin 31 <sup>st</sup>



# October Anniversaries

*We congratulate the following anniversaries this month*

Glen & Christina Rosen	10 <sup>th</sup>
Niles & Kathy Baker	11 <sup>th</sup>
Simon & Lisa Becker	13 <sup>th</sup>
Dakota & Lauren Holt	31 <sup>st</sup>



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<b>31</b> 1 PM SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB						

We remember the following on Shabbat  
**October 1 Sabbath of Observance (Sept. 25 - Oct. 1)**

**Samsun Pham**  
 10-01-1998

We remember the following on Shabbat  
**October 2 Sabbath of Observance (October 2 -8)**

**Saretta Livitz**  
 10-02-1995  
**Rose L. Putzel**  
 10-04-1977  
**Bernardo Lleras**  
 10-05-2010  
**Michael Ford Lubel**  
 10-06-1979  
**Becky Ann Lubel**  
 10-06-1979  
**Pearl Dayan Mizrahi**  
 10-06-2015  
**Stanley Friedman**  
 10-08-1997  
**Theresa Sommer Klein**  
 10-08-1997

We remember the following on Shabbat  
**October 9 Sabbath of Observance (October 9-15)**

**Maurice Wilner**  
 10-09-1986  
**Shelly Bialac**  
 10-10-1994  
**Lilye S. Dannenberg**  
 10-11-1956  
**Harry S. Popper, Sr.**  
 10-11-1968  
**Etta Salis**  
 10-11-2008  
**Ruth Purcel**  
 10-12-1995  
**Roslyn Dayan**  
 10-13-1979  
**Joseph J. Dannenberg**  
 10-14-1910  
**Robert M. Gerdeman**  
 10-14-1992  
**Wilfred D. Bergeron**  
 10-15-1997  
**Sarah Mink**  
 10-15-1963

We remember the following on Shabbat  
**October 16 Sabbath of Observance (October 16-22)**

**Edith Kuhr**  
 10-16-1953  
**Jacob Moser**  
 10-16-1901  
**David Harold Becker**  
 10-18-2016  
**William Levitt, Sr.**  
 10-20-1983  
**Max Kemper**  
 10-21-1901  
**Mynette Bernd Klein**  
 10-22-1952

We remember the following on Shabbat  
**October 23 Sabbath of Observance (October 23-29)**

**Sadie Shapiro Millner**  
 10-23-1985  
**Stephen Popper, Jr.**  
 10-23-1957  
**Edith Esner**  
 10-25-2005  
**William Levitt, Jr.**  
 10-25-2015  
**Edith Oberlander**  
 10-26-1978  
**Saul Strachman**  
 10-26-2016  
**Leonard H. Ashbach**  
 10-27-1976  
**Joyce Happ**  
 10-27-2002  
**Zelda K. Mendelson**  
 10-27-2006  
**Ike Dreizin**  
 10-28-1999  
**Dorothy D. Greenwald**  
 10-29-1971  
**Harold Z. Lubel**  
 10-29-1995

We remember the following on Shabbat  
**October 30 Sabbath of Observance (Oct. 30 - Nov. 5)**

**Marjorie Kahn Popper**  
 10-30-1950

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