



There are many times in our life when we have expectations of what will be. We expect that everything will work out the way we have it in our heads. We want something so badly that when it fails to manifest itself, we become disappointed and depressed.

The reality of life with COVID-19 is a tremendous amount of uncertainty, frequent need to adjust expectation, and to become what most of us hate – agile. Many of us still wonder:

- When will life return to normal?
- Why do we have to observe another High Holidays virtually?

Every year, as we enter this sacred time, we do so with anticipation and hope. Instead, again we have uncertainty. We have doubts about life ever returning to normal. Every year, we read the same prayer as we gather:

“On Rosh Hashanah it is written / and on Yom Kippur it is sealed.

How many shall pass / and how many will be born;

Who will live / and who will die...

Who will be calm / and who will be harassed

Who will be at ease / and who will suffer...”

This prayer teaches that everything will be decided by Yom Kippur. But the truth is we spend another year knowing that most likely by Yom Kippur this year, we will still be living a life of uncertainty. We will still need masks, and many of us will be receiving a booster shot.

While we cannot control what will happen, we can control what we do and how we respond. I have brought in a story below to share about a king and his jewel. I encourage you to read it. While there might be a crack in the diamond which runs deep and is upsetting, it is up to us to choose to make a rose out of that crack. It is up to us to decide how we want to face the adversity we are living through. We can focus on the fact we are meeting virtually, or we can turn our attention to the few in-person gatherings which are planned. I encourage you to find the roses in the diamond which are scattered in your life. May this story also help inspire us to both mourn what was not and accept what is.

## The King and the Jewel

*Often in life we come across various events that, while stemming from above, seem to be so utterly “below.” These negative events that we encounter—not only life-shattering tragedies, but the bothers and pains that we experience throughout our daily existence, the bits of flotsam and jetsam that make treading the waters of life so much harder—leave a mark on us. If not by their individual powers, then by the cumulative effect of their near-constant presence. Every experience, every person we meet contributes to the tapestry of our lives. Nevertheless, two people may witness the same event, but step away with very different experiences. What breaks one person builds the other.*

A king once had a prized jewel, an exquisite diamond. As he held it to the light, perfection glinted from every one of its luminous facets. This gem, he felt, would be the crown jewel in his magnificent diadem.

One morning the king awoke, and upon taking out his precious treasure, he found, much to his dismay, that there was a single thin crack descending down its face.

The greatest jewelers were called to look at the stone in the hopes of fixing it, but nothing could be done—the crack ran so deeply down the face of the diamond that any effort to remove it would further ruin it.

Finally, one jeweler, a simple man from one of the neighboring villages, stepped forward. He would save the diamond, he claimed. The king laughed. The greatest craftsmen in the world had seen the gem, and deemed it hopeless; how could this simple jeweler hope to do anything?

Seeing, though, that there was nothing to lose, the king informed the jeweler that he could spend a single night with the diamond. If he managed to fix it, then he would see great reward. If, however, he did not succeed, a bitter lot awaited him.

Locked in his room, the jeweler took a long look at the stone. It was truly magnificent, sparkling like the fire of the sun on the surface of the water. And the crack, however thin, could not be removed without destroying the precious crown jewel in the process. What could be done? The next morning, the jeweler came out with the stone in hand, a look of triumph on his face.

When he produced the gemstone, the entire royal court—the queen, the ministers, even the jester—erupted in an uproar. The scratch had not been removed; it remained in its place. The jeweler had instead etched a rose, the symbol of the kingdom, on the face of the diamond, turning the crack into its stem.

The king stood up from his throne and embraced the simple jeweler. “Now, I truly have my crown jewel!” he said. “The diamond was magnificent until now, the best I had ever seen. It was, however, no different than any other stone. Now, though, I have a truly unique treasure!”<sup>1</sup>

*To All of Our TBI Members:*

The High Holy Days are now here. We were making progress toward being together for in-person services for HHD. But once again, COVID has spiked. On August 15, the Board of Trustees made the very painful decision to, once again, close the doors to in-person services. The Rabbi is working on making some of the services available to us via outdoor gatherings. I feel like this is a test of how quickly we can adapt to constant changes.

We are saddened that our amazing Office Manager has left us. We knew this would happen when we hired her. She has accepted a full-time position with Helms College. We knew from the beginning that we would not have her for very long. But her skills were just what we needed to clean up the office and get it running smoothly. We wish Kelly the best at her new position. They are very fortunate to get her.

I would like to again express gratitude to Rabbi Bahar, Cantorial Soloist David Dillard, our Board of Trustees, and Sisterhood for their support in these ever-changing times. I appreciate that all are respectful of each other, even when we disagree or don't like something. Thank you for your leadership.

I am grateful for the members who have remained part of the congregation, even though we may be going down a path they do not personally agree with. I know having only virtual and some outdoor services removes much of the spiritual atmosphere that is important to worship, but it is necessary at this time.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming services. May you have a blessed and sweet New Year.

B'Shalom

Betty Taylor, President

## **Board Meeting**

A meeting of the board will be held  
Sunday, September 19, 2021  
at 1:00 PM on Zoom.



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## Kiddush Club

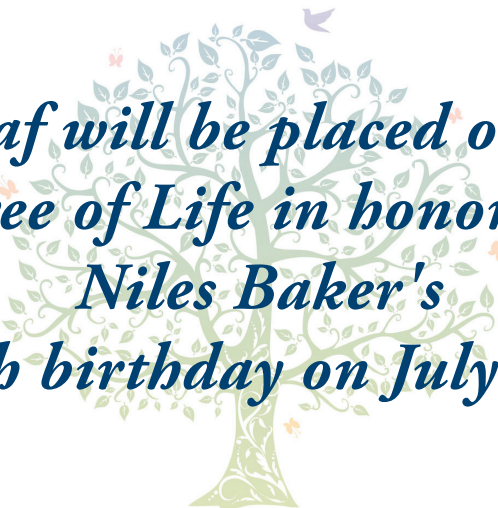
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CHECK-IN, CHAT, COME TOGETHER AND LEARN!

On the Understanding of Akedah: The Binding of Isaac

September 3, 10, 17, & 24 | 5:15 PM

JOIN US VIA ZOOM MEETING AT:  
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*A leaf will be placed on the  
Tree of Life in honor of  
Niles Baker's  
75th birthday on July 5th.*



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**Schedule and Information About the High Holy Days: <https://www.tbimacon.org/holidays>**



# TASHLICH AND SHOFAR

09.11.21 | 10AM ONWARDS  
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09.22,23,26,27,28

5:30 PM

*at Rabbi Bahar's House*

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO THE PARTY!

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Dear Temple Beth Israel Community,

Several weeks ago, we announced that we would resume in-person worship and experiences at the Temple. Rabbi Bahar and David Dillard, along with the lay leadership, began outlining services and programming to fulfill this desire. A schedule was sent out and excitement began to build.

At the same time, we continued to honor our values of caring for the welfare and safety of our sacred and beloved community. The Torah further teaches that we have concern for public health and take measures at disease prevention to preserve life and wellbeing.

The board has listened to our COVID Response Committee, recommendations of national and local health experts, and put tremendous time and effort in deliberating how we can gather in-person while keeping each other safe. As a result, the following adjustments are being made as we resume meeting virtually.

1. We will not meet in the Temple but will once again join together over Zoom.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82589792291> Meeting ID: 825 8979 2291
2. If you are interested in participating in High Holy service or Shabbat service, please reach out to Rabbi Bahar at [rabbibahar@tbimacon.org](mailto:rabbibahar@tbimacon.org) or 904-463-5225.
3. We will come together for a special in-person experience at Amerson River Park at the Porter Pavilion on Saturday morning September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am. We will have Tashlich and our Shofar service there.
4. The Gift Shop remains open by appointment. If you would like a Shofar, Shabbat candles, or any Judaic item please reach out to Lise Dayan at [sigdayan@aol.com](mailto:sigdayan@aol.com).
5. We will still meet at the cemetery for an in-person service. Please wear your mask if you plan on attending.
6. All family and children's services will also be outside in the courtyard of the Temple for High Holidays.
7. Rabbi Bahar will still host Sukkot dinners at her house with COVID guidelines in place. Sign up for this dinner will be on Sign-up Genie <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EAAA62CA1FB6-sukkot>

All services will use the same Zoom link as Shabbat worship. The service schedule that was previously sent out will not change. We wish everyone to remain healthy and strong during a very difficult time.

Thank you,

Rabbi Bahar and Betty Taylor, Temple President



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

## ***Accepting Donations for Sisterhood Garden & Grounds Beautification Fund***

Help us keep our Temple Beth Israel gardens and grounds beautiful! We are asking that you make a donation if you are able toward the

### ***Sisterhood Garden & Grounds Beautification Fund.***

Make checks payable to TBI Sisterhood and deliver or mail to the TBI office for the Sisterhood Treasurer.

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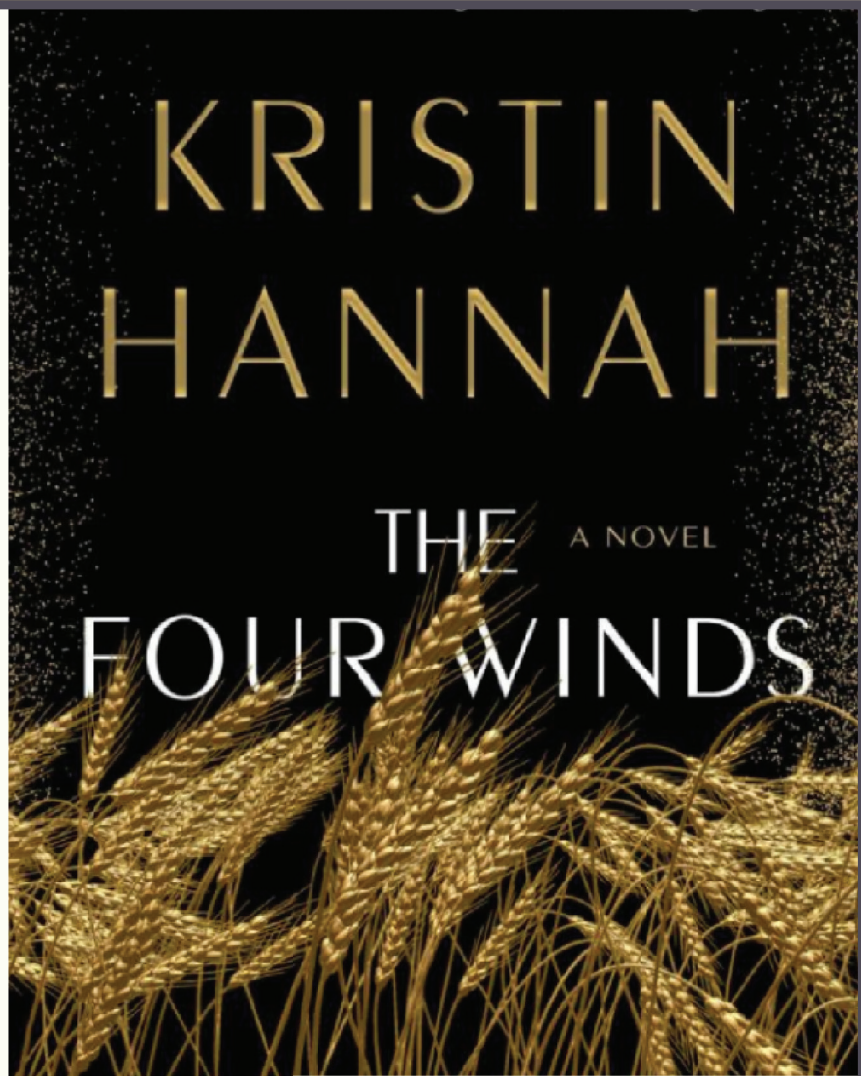
*Dear TBI Family;*

*I have accepted a position as a full-time Admissions Advisor for Helms College in Macon, starting August 30th. I have enjoyed my time as Office Manager here at Temple Beth Israel and getting to know the wonderful staff, volunteers, and congregation. I appreciate all of the help and moral support that everyone has given me.*

*Thank you,*

*Kelly McWilliams*

THE FOUR WINDS BY: KRISTIN HANNAH



**SISTERHOOD**

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**BOOK  
CLUB**

**Sunday, September 26  
1:00 PM**

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**Join us  
on Zoom!**

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## September Birthdays

*We congratulate the following for their birthdays this month*

Jerome Kaplan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marian Grace Dayan Vogel 21 <sup>st</sup>
Lori Garrett 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Gus Kaufman, Jr. 21 <sup>st</sup>
James Butler 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Webster 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Michelle Laurine 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bowen Wolk 26 <sup>th</sup>
Betty Taylor 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cathy Zion 27 <sup>th</sup>
Samantha Friedman 13 <sup>th</sup>	Louis Piassick 28 <sup>th</sup>



## September Anniversaries

*We congratulate the following anniversaries this month*

Matthew & Lori Garrett 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jerome & Beverly Schnee 11<sup>th</sup>

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05	06 8 PM EREV ROSH HASHANAH ADULT SERVICE	07 <small>ROSH HASHANAH</small> 9:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE 11 AM MORNING SERVICE,	08	09	10 5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM SHABBAT SHUVAH	11 <small>ROSH HASHANAH</small> 10 AM TASHLICH AND SHOFAR SERVICE
12 10 AM CEMETERY SERVICE AT WILLIAM WOLFF CEMETERY	13	14	15 <small>EREV YOM KIPPUR</small> 8 PM KOL NIDRE ADULT SERVICE	16 <small>YOM KIPPUR</small> 9:30 AM FAMILY SERVICE 11 AM MORNING SERVICE 3 PM ADULT EDUCATION 4 PM YIZKOR SERVICE 5 PM CONCLUDING SERVICE	17 5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	18
19 1 PM BOARD MEETING (ZOOM)	20	21 SUKKOT DINNER AT RABBI'S HOME	22 SUKKOT DINNER AT RABBI'S HOME	23	24 5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	25
26 MACON PRIDE WORSHIP & PICNIC 12-3PM 1 PM SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB SUKKOT DINNER AT RABBI'S HOME	27 SUKKOT DINNER AT RABBI'S HOME	28 SUKKOT DINNER AT RABBI'S HOME	29 <small>EREV SIMCHAT TORAH</small>	30		



We remember the following on Shabbat  
**September 3 Sabbath of Observance (August 28 - 31)**

**Arlene S. Bergeron**

08-28-1998

**Jerry Seltzer**

08-28-1995

**Charles Moses**

08-29-1929

**Julius Kuhr**

08-30-1930

**William Herman**

08-31-1971

**Ella Kneller**

8-31

We remember the following on Shabbat  
**September 18 Sabbath of Observance (September 18 - 24)**

**Jane Kaufman Levitt**

09-18-1980

**Morris Michael**

09-18-1943

**Allan Pulitzer Bashinski**

09-19-1996

**Robert Nussbaum**

09-19-1961

**Earle Block**

09-21-1967

**Irving Holtz**

09-22-1989

**Estelle Hertz Flatau**

09-23-1939

**Thelma Kalish**

09-23-1977

**David Moses**

09-23-1930

**Gustave Herman Small**

09-23-1988

**Marvin Coddon**

09-24-2003

**Monroe Harris**

09-24-1962

We remember the following on Shabbat  
**September 3 Sabbath of Observance (Aug. 28 - Sept. 3)**

**Juliette Schmitz Dayan**

09-01-1952

**Richard Harris**

09-01-2015

**Rabbi Isaac Marcuson**

09-02-1952

We remember the following on Shabbat  
**September 10 Sabbath of Observance (September 4 - 10)**

**Florine Happ Michael**

09-05-1954

**Emanuel A. Waxelbaum**

09-06-1908

**Gertrude Lavine Weinstein**

09-06-1956

**Elizabeth Flowers**

09-07-1989

**Mae Bechtel**

09-08-1979

**Frank Rudes**

09-09-1974

**Charles Schnee**

09-09-1991

We remember the following on Shabbat  
**September 17 Sabbath of Observance (September 11 - 17)**

**Lewis I. Waxelbaum**

09-11-1947

**Lucy Hanks Gabriel**

09-13-2017

**Shirley Roobin**

09-13-2011

**Jesse C. Harris**

09-16-1932

**Alex Carmel**

09-17-1969

We remember the following on Shabbat  
**September 25 Sabbath of Observance (Sept. 25 - Sept. 31)**

**Carol Honey Hurvitz**

09-25-2004

**Hannah Weichselbaum Waxelbaum**

09-25-1874

**Tillie Peyser**

09-27-1955

**Irving Fried**

09-27-1954

**Sarah Grauman Kahn**

09-28-1927

**Sam Sommer**

09-28-1983

**Ann Rosen Hoffman**

09-29-2019

**Edna Hofmayer**

09-29-1963

**Dick Morgan**

09-30-2007

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