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Piano Cabaret with David Morgan



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As I sit down to compose my next to last bulletin article as senior rabbi, it occurs to me that Hebrew has an unusual way of saying “all good things must come to an end.” The expression is familiar to us, but in another context. It’s **motzei Shabbat**.



In Israel, where there is no word for “Saturday” other than Shabbat, Saturday night is **motzei Shabbat**, literally, when Shabbat leaves, referencing the time when the stars come out for **Havdalah**. In a purely secular context, the term is referenced by soldiers, who often get leave for Shabbat and then head back to their bases on Sunday morning.

[An essay in Tablet](#), show how this phrase may show up in a sports [story](#) that discusses how a soccer team didn’t fulfill the promise it had displayed in the first half of the game; or in the headline of an entertainment [column](#) that complains that a critically acclaimed TV drama series was coming to an end after five seasons.

Yes, all good things, like Shabbat, must have their denouement, their sunset, their **motzei Shabbat**.

For those of us who set our internal clocks to Jewish time, where each week consists of a series of days building up to Shabbat, that idea resonates. But with the cycles of time, even as all good things must come to an end, there is still next Shabbat to look forward to.

And for us, there are many things to look forward to as well. For the congregation, a new chapter begins, and I extend a Mazal Tov to Rabbi Knopf, who will have my complete support.

And for us, I echo a song that was a big hit back when I was a student in Israel, when on **motzei Shabbat**, everyone would pile into the number 9 bus and get off on Ben Yehuda Street, where the city would pulsate with the possibilities of a new week. It’s a Hebrew version of “Everybody Loves Saturday Night,” **Kol Ehad Ohev Motzei Shabbat**. It didn’t matter when Shabbat ended, summer or winter, a half hour after those stars appeared, the streets would be filled with people. It felt back then that while Shabbat was over in the blink of an eye, there were no limits to how long **motzei Shabbat** would last. And while the best thing had come to an end, a slice of pizza or a banana crepe on Ben Yehuda Street, with the street performers and falafel hawkers, was not so bad.

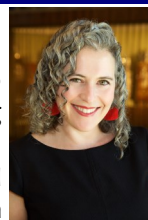
For me, **motzei Shabbat** - which sounds a lot better than “retirement” – aptly describes where we are headed. It’s less Shabbat’s denouement than its afterparty.

For us, **motzei Shabbat** means that we’ll still be able to maintain contact, just in different ways. You can always reach me via email – and I always like to hear how things are going. And you can keep up on my writing in any number of ways, including this bulletin, where I’ll continue to share my ideas, following in the footsteps of my clergy emeritus predecessors. I’ll also be syndicating a regular column through the Religion News Service (R.N.S.) and blogging at

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Writing a Jewish Song that Matters

In the summer of 2019, a lifetime ago before COVID, I attended my first songwriting retreat entitled, “Writing a Song that Matters” hosted by singer/songwriter Dar Williams and Friends. I went to the Garrison Institute in upstate, NY, knowing nobody and having only written a handful of songs on my own. Eagerly, I packed all my instruments and headed to this beautiful former monastery, knowing that this week of creativity, inspiration, and music was going to have a major impact on my life. At the time, I was still teaching full time for St. Luke’s School, but all the snippets of my songs included lines like, “go where you want to grow,” and “take a chance, break free.” I knew that I had outgrown my surroundings and my life was about to change, but I couldn’t quite figure out how to make it happen. The artistic process through songwriting helped me work several things out at the same time all while becoming part of an incredible community of creative souls.



During my 1:1 session with Dar working on one of my songs, she asked if I knew fellow Jewish singer-songwriter Sue Horowitz. I had met Sue through the Women Cantors’ Network but didn’t realize that Sue had recently started her own group for Jewish songwriters, The Jewish Collaborative Songwriting Retreat. Dar suggested I connect with Sue and her group (most of the songs I was writing were clearly Jewish songs) and I filed that bit of information away not realizing at the time how valuable it would become. During COVID, when everything took place online, I took a leap and attended one of Sue’s winter retreats with JCSR and immediately felt a deep connection and sense of community with my fellow Jewish singer/songwriters.

The JCSR group of artists is an incredibly special, truly *collaborative* group. I stress the word collaborative because it is such a contrast to the word competitive. In this group, I immediately felt a sense of belonging and began to participate in co-writing with several different musicians. Each writing partner offered another opportunity to expand possibilities, think creatively, solve problems, and work together. In collaboration, I’ve written several wonderful pieces, some of which I’ve included in services already, and others which are still considered “wet paint” and not totally finalized.

The friendships and collaborations are special, and they also inspire me to write more confidently in my own voice as a songwriter. At TBE, you may recognize some of my original music and settings of liturgy: “Hava Nashira, L’cha Dodi, V’imru Amen, Healing Niggun, In Darkness, Esa Einai, Send Healing Now, and Song of the Doe.” In collaboration, I’ve been exploring, co-creating, and dreaming up innovative approaches with partners who inspire and nurture the creative process. With our recent musical guest, Caitlin McLaughlin (Fellow JCSR member), I’ve

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SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL SERVICES



Services will be on Livestream on Friday night and on Zoom on Shabbat morning unless otherwise noted.

MARCH

Friday, March 1

Shabbat Across America Dinner 5:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm

Shabbat, March 2

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Friday, March 8

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm

Shabbat, March 9

Shabbat Service 10:00 am
ShabbuzzBimBam 11:00 am

Friday, March 15

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm

Shabbat, March 16

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Friday, March 22

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm

Shabbat, March 23

Shabbat Service 10:00 am
JOSHUA FRIEDMAN, BAR MITZVAH

Sunday, March 24 - PURIM

Megillah Reading 10:00 am
Purim Magic Show

Friday, March 29

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm

Shabbat, March 30

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

INTERFAITH SEDER

to Unite Our Diverse Community
Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 pm

United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan and Darien, The Interfaith Council of Southwestern Connecticut, the Mayor's Multicultural Council and UConn Hillel are hosting an Interfaith Seder.

Using a specially designed Haggadah, the themes of the seder will include unity among varied cultures, backgrounds and faiths.

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman has worked on creating the event this year. It will be his last community event before his retirement. We hope that you can join us. For more information and to register: www.ujf.org/seder or contact Sharon Lewis, slewis@ujf.org

APRIL

Friday, April 5

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm
Special Musical Service
Cantor Sue Horowitz, special guest

Shabbat, April 6

Shabbat Service 10:00 am
Celebrating the 30th Anniversary
of Cantor Katie Kaplan becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Cantor Sue Horowitz, special guest

Friday, April 12

ShabbuzzBimBam 5:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm

Shabbat, April 13

Shabbat Service 10:00 am
GRANT BRADLEY, BAR MITZVAH

Friday, April 19

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm

Shabbat, April 20

Shabbat Service 10:00 am
SHABBAT HAGADOL

Monday, April 22 - Erev Passover
First Seder

Tuesday, April 23 - Passover, 1st day
Passover Service 10:00 am
Second Seder

Wednesday, April 24 - Passover, 2nd day
Passover Service 10:00 am

Friday, April 26 - Passover Chol Hamoed
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm

Shabbat, April 27 - Passover Chol Hamoed
Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Monday, April 29 - Passover 7th day
Passover Service 10:00 am

Tuesday, April 30 - Passover 8th day
Passover Service 10:00 am
Yizkor

YOUNG FAMILIES AT TBE

TeeBeEs Havdalah – February 10, 2024



B'NAI MITZVAH

March 23

JOSHUA FRIEDMAN

Son of Rachel and Keith

Brother of Aaron

Attends Turn of River Middle School

Mitzvah Project: Lasagna Love



April 13

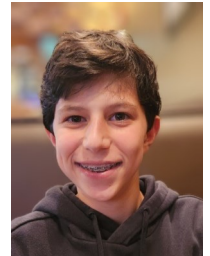
GRANT BRADLEY

Son of Jessica and Jonathan

Brother of Samantha

Attends Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy

Mitzvah Project: Collecting Basketballs
for The Boys & Girls Club of Stamford



To view more Mitzvah Projects from our B'nai Mitzvah program, [click here](#).

Mazal tov!

SEEKING SHABBAT GREETERS

Do you like getting a warm “Shabbat Shalom” as you enter shul on Saturday morning?

Our greeting program has been extremely well received. To keep this program going, we need volunteer greeters like you.

For more information Contact Eileen H. Rosner at rosnereileen@gmail.com.

Thanks for helping make Temple Beth El a warm and welcoming place to be.

Special Occasion?

Sponsor the Shabbat Announcements
(emailed every Thursday afternoon)

Donation of \$72

All sponsors will be acknowledged at the beginning of each of the announcements and also listed in our bi-monthly Bulletin.

Call Mindy in the office at 322-6901 ext. 301.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Stacy Lessen and Gregg Arenson...

...live in Stamford with their children Ruby, 3 years old, and Ben 1 year old.

Why we joined TBE...

Both of our babies were born while we were living in Brooklyn, and we had started to form a nice community of new parents. We were looking for a way to meet other families in the area when we moved to Stamford.

First impressions of TBE...

We love it! Everyone is friendly and welcoming! I, Stacy, grew up being a member of TBE and have fond memories of my time spent with the TBE community. We would love for our children to have similar experiences to help grow their love and connection to Judaism.



Rachel and Michael Sackman...

...live in Stamford with their children Corey, 3 years old, and Dylan, 2 years old.

Why we joined TBE...

We joined TBE after attending TeeBeEs programming and were very happy with the warm community we were becoming a part of. It's been great to meet other young families in Stamford and watch our children enjoy celebrating Shabbat and holidays.

Emma and Brian Adler...

...live in Stamford with their children Jordan, 2 years old, and Cooper, 1 year old

Why we joined TBE...

We were thrilled to be joining TBE, as we wanted to officially be part of the Stamford Jewish Community. We are excited to meet other young families with kids who hold similar religious values.

First impressions of TBE...

Members of the TBE community have welcomed us into the shul with open arms. We have been to several TeeBeEs events with our two little ones and have loved meeting the entire TBE community (both old and new members).



Joseph and Rosalie Wise...

...live in Stamford.

We were members of TBE before we moved to Arizona. Now that we have returned to Stamford, we have rejoined Temple Beth El.



Justin and Danyela Proteau...

...live in Stamford

Why we joined TBE...

We joined TBE because we just got married and were looking for an opportunity to connect and be a part of a community out here.

First impressions of TBE...

We had a great first impression - we came to services on the High Holy Days and it was a great experience.

MAZAL TOV TO...

Denise and David Greenman on the birth of a grandson, Nathan Zachary, bon to Michelle and Ari Weiss.

Malerie Yolen-Cohen and Jeff Cohen on the birth of a grandson, Noah Skye, born to Ana and Ben Cohen.

Alana and Jed Selkowitz on welcoming their son, Anton, into their family and to the proud grandparents, Betsey and Arthur Selkowitz.

Amy and Bill Miller on the birth of a granddaughter, Bailey Reese, born to Stacie and Brandon Espinosa.

Barbara Aronica on the birth of a granddaughter, Josephine Ciccarella Aronica, born to Andrée Ciccarelli and David Aronica.



Share your family's simcha (engagement, marriage, birth, Bar or Bat Mitzvah of a child or grandchild) and other joyous event. Just contact the TBE office at office@tbe.org or 203-322-6901, ext. 301.

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Annual Cantors Concert 2024
Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 7pm

SAVE THIS DATE!

Friday, June 21, 2024

FAREWELL SHABBAT
for Rabbi Joshua and Mara Hammerman

BETH EL CARES

Beth El Cares focuses on chesed and tzedakah by helping the poor and unfortunate through mitzvot, both in our synagogue and the greater Stamford community. We welcome volunteers! This is the work we are currently engaged in. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these endeavors, please contact the person listed.

Reyut (Friendship): Committed to serving the needs of those in our TBE community, including friendly visits, assistance with errands and transportation, Shabbat bag delivery to hospitalized patients. Contact Melanie Massell at reyut@tbe.org or 203-274-1708.

Project Ezra: Providing pre-shiva meals to the bereaved in the congregation. Contact Joy Katz at joyakatz@yahoo.com or 203-329-3359.

Serving the homeless: Helping prepare and serve food — you can do either or both — to the homeless at New Covenant Center in Stamford on the fifth Thursday of each month. Times are 2:30-4:15 pm and 4:15-5:30 pm. Contact Julie Rosenberg at [julierenbergspl@gmail.com](mailto:julierosenbergspl@gmail.com) or 203-273-6794.

High Holiday Food Drive: Contact Sharon Turshen at 203-323-3872

Christmas dinners at local homeless shelters: Contact Julie Rosenberg at [julierenbergspl@gmail.com](mailto:julierosenbergspl@gmail.com) or 203-273-6794.

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Information about the Beth El Cemetery Association, Inc. is available from:

Allan Lang at 203-327-6418
or

Eileen H. Rosner at 203-461-0506

Get involved, please...

Help Wanted! In order to maintain our vibrant and dynamic community, the Fund-Raising Committee needs more members to support TBE and volunteer their skills and talents. Many of these opportunities ask for very small-time commitments. Please consider getting involved with the:

Annual Appeal | Temple Rock | Cantor's Concert

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us and we will give you more information.

Thank you!

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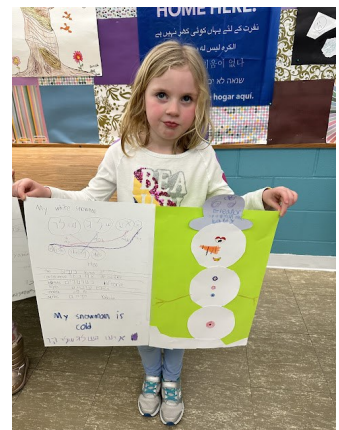
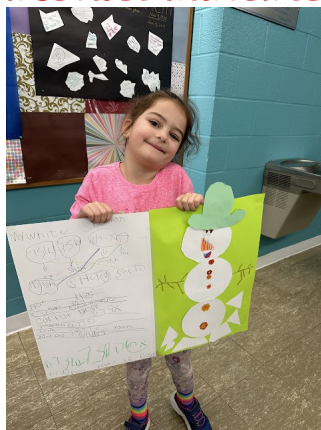
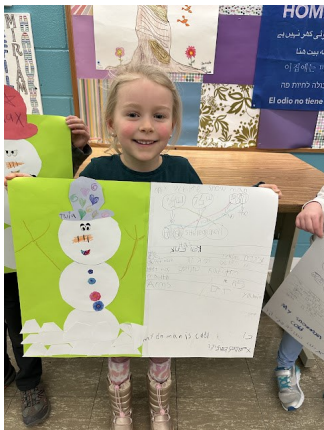
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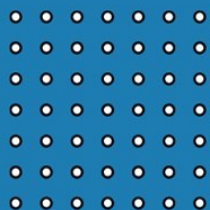


WORLD WIDE WRAP 2024



KESHER BETH EL WINTER LESSONS





TBE PRESENTS STAAM

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY'S
JEWISH A CAPELLA GROUP

SUNDAY, MARCH 10



JOIN US AT TEMPLE BETH EL

9:30AM: BREAKFAST

AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ABOUT
THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH COLLEGE ANTISEMITISM

10:30AM: CONCERT

FEATURING STAAM AND KESHER BETH EL STUDENTS!

THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE TBE KULANU WORK GROUP.

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- ◆ Megillah Reading
- ◆ Costume Parade
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Let's play mah jong!



TBE Sisterhood invites you to a fun night!

Beginners and advanced players welcome.
Bring your friends - members and non-members.

We have instructors and refreshments!!!

**Tuesday, March 26 and Tuesday April 16
at 7:00pm**

In-person only in the TBE social hall.
Fee: \$5 per person to cover security cost.

PLEASE RSVP, so we know how many tables we need,
to Fran Ginsburg at ginsstamf@gmail.com or
203-979-9570.

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TBE SISTERHOOD ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Do a mitzvah!

**Sunday, April 14 from 10:00am
through Monday, April 15 at 10:00am**

Volunteers will be there to help you on Sunday from 10am-12pm, but you may drop off until Monday at 10:00am.

Location:

Please drop-off at the loading dock/kitchen doors, by the dumpsters.

Items to Donate: Usable and wearable clothing and shoes for all seasons and all sizes for men, women, kids, pocketbooks, belts, baby accessories, backpacks, hats, scarves, briefcases, gloves, ties, handbags, blankets, tablecloths, bed sheets, drapery, curtains, pillows, towels, quilts, comforters, stuffed animals and bicycles.

Items NOT accepted: car seats, cribs, hair dryers, mattresses, pack & plays, baby walkers, baby bath seats, toys with lead, hard toys, VHS tapes, CDs, books, box TVs/monitors, oversized play sets or outdoor play sets. Workout/exercise equipment, appliances, furniture, lamps, house decor, board games, electronics, glassware, pots, pans, rugs, baby gear.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

Put all items into tightly tied plastic bags. Shoes laces must be tied and shoes bagged separate from clothes. Bicycles and scooters may be dropped off without being packaged or wrapped.

Questions? sisterhood@tbe.org

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**We will receive money for every pound we collect.
The money raised will be used for Sisterhood/TBE programming.
Your donations will help deserving families in the USA and abroad.**

You will receive a tax form for all items donated.

TBE CELEBRATES SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Friday, March 1, 2024

5:30 PM: Shabbat Dinner

7:00 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**Led by Rabbi Hammerman and
Cantor Katie Kaplan**



**Featuring guest musicians
Chris Coogan & Jason Terry**



Shabbat Dinner RSVP: tinyurl.com/tbesaa3-1

RSVP for SHABBAT DINNER by Friday, February 23

**Shabbat Dinner: \$18 per adult, \$12 per child age 3-13,
\$65 maximum per immediate family.**

**After February 23: \$20 per adult, \$14 per child age 3-13,
\$75 maximum per immediate family.**

**Maximum applies to the immediate family only.
Grandparents and extended family members not included.**

No charge for children under 3.

There is no charge to attend the Kabbalat Shabbat service.

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Pop-Up BONUS



Shabbat Across America Shabbuzz Shalom!! Friday, March 1st



Shabbat
services led by
Rabbi Hammerman
&
Cantor Katie Kaplan



Special musical
guests at services
Chris Coogan
&
Jason Terry

- * 5:00pm Make Shabbat placemats!!
- * 5:30pm Join us for a congregational Shabbat dinner!!
- * 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services
- * RSVP for Shabbuzz Craft &/or dinner at: *

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Children under 3 eat FREE!

Before 2/23: \$18/adult; \$12/child 3-13 yrs (\$65 max/ immediate family)

After 2/23: \$20/adult; \$14/child 3-13 yrs (\$75 max/immediate family)

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**PIZZA, POPCORN, & PURPOSE:
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Saturday, March 2nd

6:30-9:00pm

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- * Havdalah
- * Stock the JFS food pantry shelves
& load the mobile food pantry
- * Pizza, popcorn, snacks, & a movie!!



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TBE COFFEEHOUSE

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:00PM

**BEGINNING WITH HAVDALAH
FEATURING**

**SUE HOROWITZ
IN CONCERT**



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Times of Israel, amongst other projects.

One good thing that will come to an end around Passover will be my “In This Moment” newsletter emailed to congregants for nearly thirty years. Also known as the Shabbat-O-Gram, it was originally mailed weekly, but emergencies like Covid and October 7 have at times demanded a more frequent distribution. I’m praying that things will calm down enough for me to pull back and conclude the series as scheduled, in late April.

But regardless, I’ll be shifting my attention to my Substack newsletter, which appears frequently, and if you are subscribed, you’ll continue to hear from me regularly over the coming months and years.

If you haven’t already, please take a moment to subscribe at <https://rabbijoshuahammerman.substack.com>

Subscriptions are free. I’ll soon be adding a payment option, but you will always be able to access much of the material for free. I’ll now have time to develop the site and would love to keep you in the loop.

Finally, before we welcome the stars and usher in that final **motzei Shabbat**, please mark your calendars for my **final Shabbat here, which will be June 21 and 22**. On that Friday night we’re planning a simple, warm celebration, filled with gratitude. Mara and I prefer that to big black-tie galas with lots of speeches, toasts, plaques and gold watches. Over the coming weeks, we’ll share some ways that you can get involved in sharing memories and dreams. That will be my final Shabbat here, as I’ll be on vacation for the final week of June.

Yes, everybody loves **motzei Shabbat**. I think we will too!



Happy Purim and Passover, from my family to yours.

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman

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composed a V’shamru/Niggun, Havdalah melody, and Kol Adonai setting that we’ve also been singing during Friday evening services. Remember Hawaiian Shabbat?!? The fabulous Rachel Haymer is also a member of this community and we met at the in-person retreat this past summer! Some of you may also remember Ben Pagliaro (Fellow JCSR member) who joined us for a special artist in residence weekend last spring and with whom I’ve co-written a lovely setting of the Kaddish is also part of the crew.

Attending these retreats, creating sacred space, and being in a collaborative community is medicine for the soul that then becomes an infusion for the community. After recharging a depleted battery, there is space and resources available to manifest dreams and to show up to meet the present moment. Music then accompanies our deepest longings to express the wide range of what it means to be human.

It is with enthusiasm that I will be bringing Sue Horowitz, the leader and creative talent at the helm, to TBE to share her music at a special dessert and Havdalah evening on Saturday April 6, 2024. This also happens to be the Shabbat of the 30th anniversary of my Bat Mitzvah, and I am hoping that we can fill the entire weekend with ruach, music, and song at TBE. Please mark your calendars, as Sue’s music and artistry is not to be missed. Together we will share music and celebration while Sue takes us on a musical journey. She will share her superpower of building community and telling a story through song. I can’t wait and hope you will join us!

Cantor Katie Kaplan

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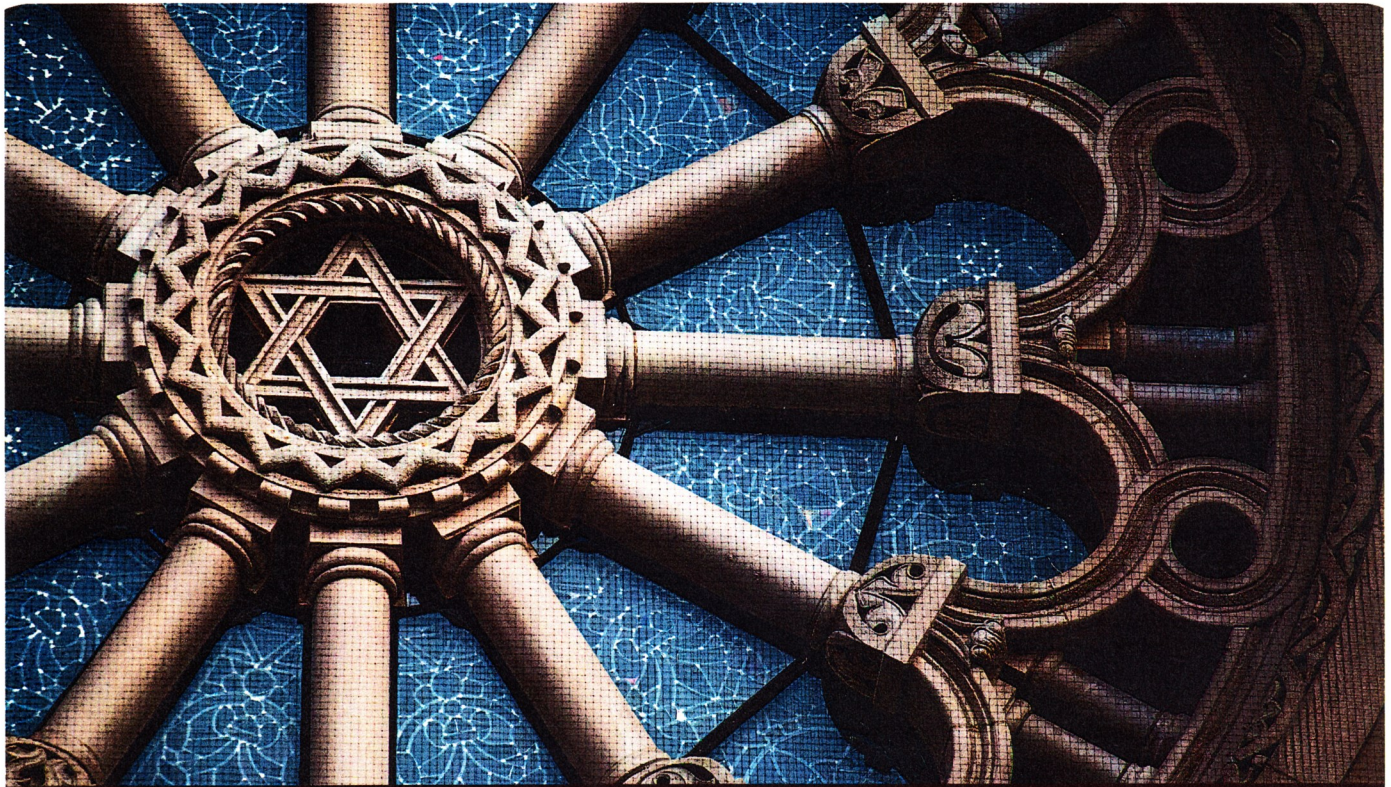
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