

TBE Annual Membership Meeting 2024

Scott Krowitz presents the president's report



TBE members vote on the new slate of officers.



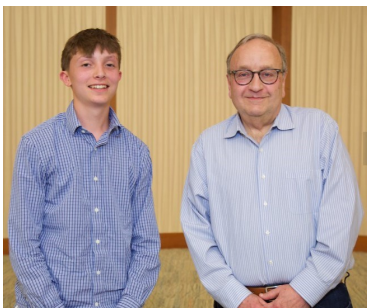
Irma Ross, outgoing trustee
Amy Davidson, incoming trustee
We thank you for your service.



Fred Weisman Tikkun Olam Awarded to
Rabbi Joshua Hammerman



Carl Shapiro, Men's Club President awards
the Annual Men's Club Scholarship
to Jake Davidson



Scott Krowitz, outgoing TBE President
welcomes Jeff Cohen, incoming TBE President



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“The Synagogue as Docking Station”

Dear friends,

As we prepare for the High Holidays, Cantor Kaplan and I have spent some time reflecting on the purpose of coming to shul. To borrow a phrase from my teacher, Rabbi Irwin Kula, what is the “job” we “hire” the synagogue, and particularly services, to “get done” for us?

As we discussed this question, we kept finding ourselves comparing the synagogue to a docking station — a metaphor that, while I’m no sailor, felt fitting. Of course, and especially for us here on the “Gold Coast” of Connecticut, the term “docking station,” might evoke images of a placid harbor, a place for boats to safely rest when not in use. And it’s true that, throughout history, many people have indeed seen the synagogue as a place of refuge from our weary world. In our present era of upheaval, I imagine many of us resonate with the idea that the purpose of attending synagogue is to seek sanctuary.

Yet in the course of our conversation, we repeatedly returned to another kind of docking station, namely, the humble, yet crucial, place where we charge our cell phones and other devices. It’s something small, often overlooked, but essential — and frustrating when we can’t find it!

What if we looked at our synagogue as that kind of docking station? What if the synagogue were a place where we draw energy and recharge our spiritual and moral batteries? How would that change how we approach synagogue services as worshippers? How would that change the way I approach synagogue services as a rabbi?

When I visited Temple Beth El for my interview weekend last January, I shared that this is the way I think about the synagogue generally, and services specifically. I see the purpose of gathering in the sanctuary not as a retreat from the world. Rather, it is to prepare ourselves, to purify our hearts, to equip and energize ourselves, for the service of repairing the world outside.

That’s why I find it so beautiful, so powerful, that Temple Beth El has always been “a synagogue with windows, and not walls.” Our sanctuary is specifically designed to remind us that we come here not to escape our broken world but, rather, to prepare to repair it.

Many of us doubtlessly look to the synagogue to be this kind of docking station at this time of year, during the High Holidays. But just as we don’t charge our phones only once a year, our spiritual batteries need consistent recharging. In a world that often feels rootless, our synagogue is a rooted place — a source of connection in a time of endemic loneliness, a space where we can find ourselves, each other, and that which is bigger than us all.

How might our lives improve if we made synagogue attendance more a part of our daily, or at least weekly, routines? How might we be better positioned to improve

**New Beginnings**

Once again, we find ourselves coming full circle to the High Holiday season. Several things at Temple Beth El will be different this year and yet, perhaps more than ever, I feel the sacred call to return to the very heart of who I am at my core and who we are as a Jewish community at TBE. The Jewish calendar offers us a wonderful rhythm for return and re-evaluation of our choices, relationships, and lives.

The cyclical nature of the way we mark time has always served as a source of comfort and homecoming for me. In the setting of the Kaddish that I composed last year along with Ben Pagliaro we included the phrase, “Everything ends and begins again, and through it all we praise.” This is at the heart of what it means to live in Jewish time and to make meaning by sanctifying a moment with intention and words of prayer. It is a powerful reminder that nothing lasts forever and yet the very nature of our journey is to embrace gratitude and celebrate the constant turning force of our existence.

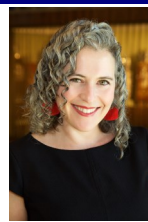
Along with composing music, I’ve been writing a lot of poetry recently and would like to offer you a prayer that I wrote for New Beginnings. May it reach you wherever you are as a gentle invitation to take that first step in the direction of your truth.

A Prayer for New Beginnings

Oh, Divine Source of Potential,
of Creation,
of All that Is,
bless this first step,
that it may unfold into subsequent steps,
guiding us closer to you,
to fulfilling our souls at this time and place.
Strengthen us when we are unsure,
provide signs when we are lost,
and help us to realize
we are not journeying alone.
Guide our steps.
Protect our hearts.
Help us to look up and smile
with gratitude for and awareness of
all that is and all that may be
unfolding at this moment now
and for eternity.

Kein Yehi Ratzon.

Cantor Katie Kaplan



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our community, and indeed our world, if we recharged our spiritual and moral batteries more often than once a year?

I recognize that many of us have mixed feelings about prayer. But talking to God is only one way synagogue attendance energizes. Your charge might come from talking to the people who are talking to God, or even just from enjoying kiddush with your community. There's no one right reason, and no one right way. So, whether you come to pray, to schmooze with your neighbor, or just to enjoy a good lunch, it's all good! They're your batteries, and only you know what you need to charge them. So come as you are, for as long as you want or need, as often as you can. No judgment. Really. I'll just be happy to help you recharge, and to charge my own batteries alongside you in the same docking station.

So, as we enter this sacred season, I invite you to think not just of the High Holy Days, but beyond them. Let's come to see our synagogue as a docking station – more beneficial the more often we return. Perhaps we can start with Shabbat, which happens each and every week, all year long.

May the year ahead be one of increasing connection and growing relationships, with many meaningful and energizing returns to our docking station.

L'Shanah Tovah,
Rabbi Michael Knopf

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US ON SHABBAT MORNINGS

We warmly welcome you to show up for services on Shabbat in whatever way is meaningful to you. A reminder: you don't have to attend services to come for lunch on Shabbat! Services begin at 10 am, and we get to lunch around 12:15 pm. You can also show up for and/or leave services any time:

- From 10 until about 10:30 am, we sing the joyous and soulful melodies of P'sukei D'zimrah, the preliminary service.
- From about 10:30 to 10:45 am is the morning service, Shaharit (including greatest hits like Shema and the Amidah).
- We take the Torah out at about 10:45 am, and chant from the Torah and Haftarah portions until about 11:30 am.
- The D'var Torah (sermon) takes place around 11:30 am.

Between 11:45 am-12:15 pm, we conclude the service with Musaf, Aleinu, and Adon Olam (we always invite children up to help lead some of these final prayers, and any kid who helps lead gets to pick a prize from the Rabbi's "Tchotchke Chest"!).

And for those who wish to partake, you are welcome to make a "L'chaim!" with us on a beverage of your choosing (whether alcoholic or non-alcoholic) after services. I can personally guarantee good bourbon, an awesome and creative signature cocktail based on the weekly Torah portion, and even better schmoozing!

From Great to Good

During this High Holiday season – and beyond – it is good to focus on how we can go from Great to Good, Jewishly, echoing Alexis De Tocqueville's iconic reflection, "America is great because she is good."

Here's the full quote:

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her fertile fields and boundless forests, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her rich mines and her vast world commerce, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her public school system and her institutions of learning, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution, and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.

What an amazing quote. Here's the rub. De Tocqueville never said it, at least it can't be found in any of his writings. As exposed in Snopes.com - <https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/america-is-great-de-tocqueville/> - the passage seems to have evolved independently, and we have no idea where it originated.

This should trouble us, at a time where so much information we receive is "fake news" – especially in an election year. There is no question that malevolent forces are trying to manipulate truths.

On the other hand, from time immemorial, words have been ascribed to authors who could not possibly have written them. We see that with many passages in the Bible, including many psalms and entire books like Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs – and the Torah itself. The Zohar was ascribed to Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, who lived 12 centuries earlier. But the arguments over authorship should never diminish the power of the words themselves. All too often we get hung up over peripheral matters like authorship and fail to appreciate the deeper meanings embedded within.

This year, when I pray on the High Holidays, for the first time in half a century, I won't be working. That was a choice I made. In truth, I turned down the chance to lead services on a European cruise. Too soon for that. No, this year I wanted to be back in the pews. So, for part of the High Holidays, I've been invited back to my home shul in Brookline, the very place where I first led services on the Days of Awe and where my father led them for 30 years. Just a couple of months before his death, my father, who was recovering from a heart attack, sat in those same pews for the first time in three decades, and I sat with him. That



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SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday Night services are held at 7:00 pm

Shabbat Morning services are held at 10:00 am

Our services may be seen on livestream

<http://www.tbe.org/tbe-live/>

All are welcome!

CELEBRATE SPECIAL OCCASSIONS ON SHABBAT MORNING

Celebrate a birthday with our TBE family! We warmly invite you to celebrate your birthday with the congregation on Shabbat morning. During that service, we will invite you for a celebratory Aliyah. We hope you will share in that joyous moment. If possible, please let us know ahead of time which Shabbat you'll be attending, and we will gladly provide you with an Aliyah at that time. Please also note that we are proud to continue marking special milestone birthdays with personal blessings in addition to this new ritual. If you fall into that category, you may call GABBAI? to make the appropriate arrangements.

Celebrate an anniversary! On behalf of the entire congregation, we invite you to celebrate your wedding anniversary with the congregation with an Aliyah on Shabbat. If possible, please let us know ahead of time which Shabbat you'll be attending, and we will gladly provide you with an Aliyah at that time.

While it is most certainly not expected, if you would like to elevate your birthday or anniversary celebration and the congregation's joy by helping to sponsor Kiddush on the Shabbat of your Aliyah, we would be most grateful for your generosity. Please call Steve Lander at 203-322-6901, ext. 304 or execdir@tbe.org.

JOSHUA HAMMERMAN, RABBI EMERITUS

was the last time I was not "working" on the holidays. So, I'll come full circle.

And when I sit in those pews, I'll get to do something I've rarely been able to do: Explore those deeper, inner meanings of the prayers and how they speak to my life. I won't concern myself with who wrote what and whether I believe in a literal Book of Life or whether De Tocqueville wrote the passage in question.

This year, I'll be able to focus my entire being on how I can write myself into my own metaphoric Book of Life – and go from great to good.

A sweet and peaceful new year to you, your family and to our world.

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman

PS – And I'll miss you, so do stay in touch, either via email - joshuah@tbe.org - or my Substack - <https://rabbijoshuahammerman.substack.com/>

LISTENING TOUR GATHERINGS

Rabbi Knopf is eager to get to know our TBE members and learn about their experiences at TBE as well as their ideas for our congregation's future.

If you'd like to attend and/or host one of these "Listening Tour Gatherings" ("LTG's"), please email Lisa Manheim (lisago1@gmail.com), who has generously offered to help coordinate these LTG's.

Inspired Change: Spiritual and Moral Preparation for the High Holy Days

With Rabbi Michael Knopf
Shabbat, September 14 and 21, 2024

Join Rabbi Knopf as he explores how the core spiritual practices during the high Holy Days invite us to think and act prophetically: becoming aware of the problems that plague our community and the systemic issues that have produced them - imagining a future radically different from our present and committing to transforming our reality.

The first class will discuss Rosh Hashanah and the second, Yom Kippur.

Join us for one or both classes. You can attend the Shabbat service at 10:00am, or the Kiddush lunch, or the class, or all all three! Class will start at approximately 12:45 pm.

Registration requested at www.tinyurl.com/adulted91421. All backgrounds welcome. No prior knowledge necessary.



MAZAL TOV TO...

Denise and David Greenman on the birth of a grandson, Corey Brett, born to Jennifer and Matthew Sakofs.

Heidi and Harrison Ganz on the birth of a grandson, Myles Avery, born to Ashley and Evan Ganz.

Linda Kopel on the birth of a grandson, Jerry Thomas, born to Lee and Micky Kopel.

Sharon and Steven Katz on the birth of a grandson, Henry Benjamin, born to Billie and Matt Guarnaccia.

Jerry Silber for being honored by the Israel Cancer Research Fund.



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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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 Eric Sigman at esigman1@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.

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: Help prepare and serve food — you can do either or both throughout the year. Contact Julie Rosenberg at [julierenbergsjp@gmail.com](mailto:julierosenbergsjp@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 [julierenbergsjp@gmail.com](mailto:julierosenbergsjp@gmail.com) or 203-273-6794.

BETH EL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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!

Contact Ron Zussman rmzussman@gmail.com or Steven Lander execdir@tbe.org for information.

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ZOOM HEBREW TUTORIALS THURSDAY
AFTERNOONS GRADES 3-7

- Monthly Sunday Morning Learning Program for ages 3-4
- Amazing Holiday Celebrations
- Experiential, Interactive Learning
- Small Group Hebrew Learning
- Weekly Tefilah (worship service) led by our clergy, teachers, and students
- **TRY US OUT FOR A YEAR!** For grades K-2, registration for the first year is open to non-members; tuition is reduced 50% for the first year for members.

For more information contact Leo Linder:
eddir@tbe.org, or register at tinyurl.com/kbe24-25new.

TBE High Holiday Family Services
2024/5785

Rosh Hashanah - Thursday, October 3

Yom Kippur - Shabbat, October 12

Led by...

Natasha Fenster, Jonathan Cahr Leo Linder



Families services will take place in the tent on the upper lawn. A light snack will be served in the Clubhouse immediately following each service.

10:00am Young Family Service for families with children age 5 and younger (siblings welcome).

11:00am Family Service for families with children in kindergarten through 6th grade (siblings welcome).

Seating is limited — please register at:

tbe.org/family-5785

Questions? Contact Leo Linder:

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K'TANIM

**A monthly Jewish learning Sunday drop-off program
for 3 and 4 year-olds.**
9:00am-11:45am



GAMES! MUSIC! TORAH! HOLIDAYS! STORIES! CRAFTS! BLESSINGS! FUN!

You do not need to be a member of a synagogue to participate.

Register here: www.tinyurl.com/kbe24-25new

Questions? Contact Dayna Patashnik at tbeengagement@gmail.com or Leo Linder at eddir@tbe.org.



An Evening of Hope

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

5:30 PM Cocktail Reception | Followed by Dinner and Program

Italian Center | 1620 Newfield Avenue | Stamford, CT

Tickets, tributes, and sponsorships: icrfonline.org/cthope2024



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BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

Rabbi Michael, Adira, Lilah, Shemaya, & Akiva Knopf
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Shelley & Brian Zielinski
Zweibel Family



SISTERHOOD 2024-2025

SISTERHOOD MEETING SCHEDULE*

Location TBD @7pm

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 (Library – no program)

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Tuesday, June 9, 2025

*Meetings typically held in-person at TBE social hall, or may be held at other locations (venue/member's home)

*Zoom meetings may take place during inclement weather.

MAHJONG + MORE SCHEDULE

@TBE /7pm

September 17, 2024

October 15, 2024

November 19, 2024

December 17, 2024

January 21, 2025

February 18, 2025

March 18, 2025

April 22, 2025

May 20, 2025

June 17, 2025

SISTERHOOD PROGRAMS & EVENTS - MORE EVENTS WILL BE ADDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Friday, September 13, 2024 – BBQ and Barachu with Joe Buchanan!

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 – Israel Folk Dancing with Leng (men welcome!)

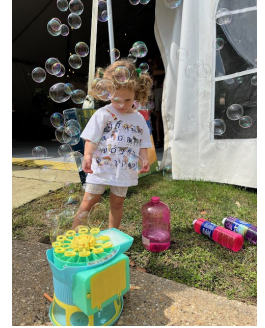
Sunday, October 27, 2024 – Clothing Drive. More details to follow.

Sunday, November 17, 2024 - Sisterhood Annual Paid-Up Membership Brunch

Thursday, January 23 2025 – Curtain Call, “Steel Magnolias”

Sisterhood is organizing a Carpool List to enable members who cannot drive to attend events. Reach out to either Nancy (morahnancy1958@gmail.com) or Juli (jaharris99@aol.com) and let us know if you can either volunteer to be a driver, or if you need a ride yourself.

TeeBeEs SummerFest 2024



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MEN'S CLUB

Hearing Men's Voices: Physically Competitive Sports

Calling all TBE men! Join us on Thursday, September 19, at 8 pm, for a Hearing Men's Voices session on physically competitive sports. We'll discuss the emphasis of sports in North American culture and our attitudes towards sports, some of them violent, both as Jews and as fathers and grandfathers of young children.



Come early and schmooze with other TBE men over some refreshments. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/hmv0919>.

Also, if you are currently not using the Men's Club's WhatsApp application and would like to be added, please call or text Carl Shapiro 203-273-1968. It is a great way to communicate with Men's Club members and get updates on upcoming events and activities.

SAVE THIS DATE!

STEAK AND SCOTCH IN THE SUKKAH
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024 - 6:30 PM

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2024/5785 High Holy Days Services

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, October 2

Service 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, October 3 - First Day

8:45 a.m.

Family Service

with children 5 and younger

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the tent

Family Service

with children in elementary school

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the tent

Tashlich 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 4 - Second Day

8:45 a.m.

KOL NIDREI

Friday, October 11

Musical Prelude 5:30 p.m. Service 5:45 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Shabbat, October 12

Service 8:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Family Service

with children 5 and younger

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the tent

Family Service

with children in elementary school

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the tent

Mincha: 3:30 p.m. Yizkor: 5:00 p.m.

Neilah: 5:45 p.m. Shofar: 7:00 p.m.

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- ☒ Shabbat Bags
- ☒ Youth Fund

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For details, contact Mindy at office@tbe.org or 203-322-6901, ext. 301.

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A beautiful way to commemorate a special occasion is to purchase a "leaf" on our beautiful "Tree of Life" sculpture adorning our Temple lobby. There are many more leaves available for your own personal inscriptions.

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B1C has a terrific tutoring program for elementary students but doesn't have enough tutors. 14 volunteers (adults or teenagers) are needed on Monday - Thursday from 4:30pm-5:45pm. The kids speak English so you do not need to speak another language but Spanish or French would be useful. Each volunteer works with up to three children.

Volunteers must commit to a minimum of three consecutive months for one session a week, have basic technology skills and familiar with how math is currently taught at the elementary level. Teenagers must be 16 years of age or older. To volunteer, register on the B1C website at <https://building1community.org/engage/volunteer-form/> and indicate it is for the Homework Club. You can also contact Margarita Zimmerman, B1C's Volunteer Director at mzimmerman@b1c.org

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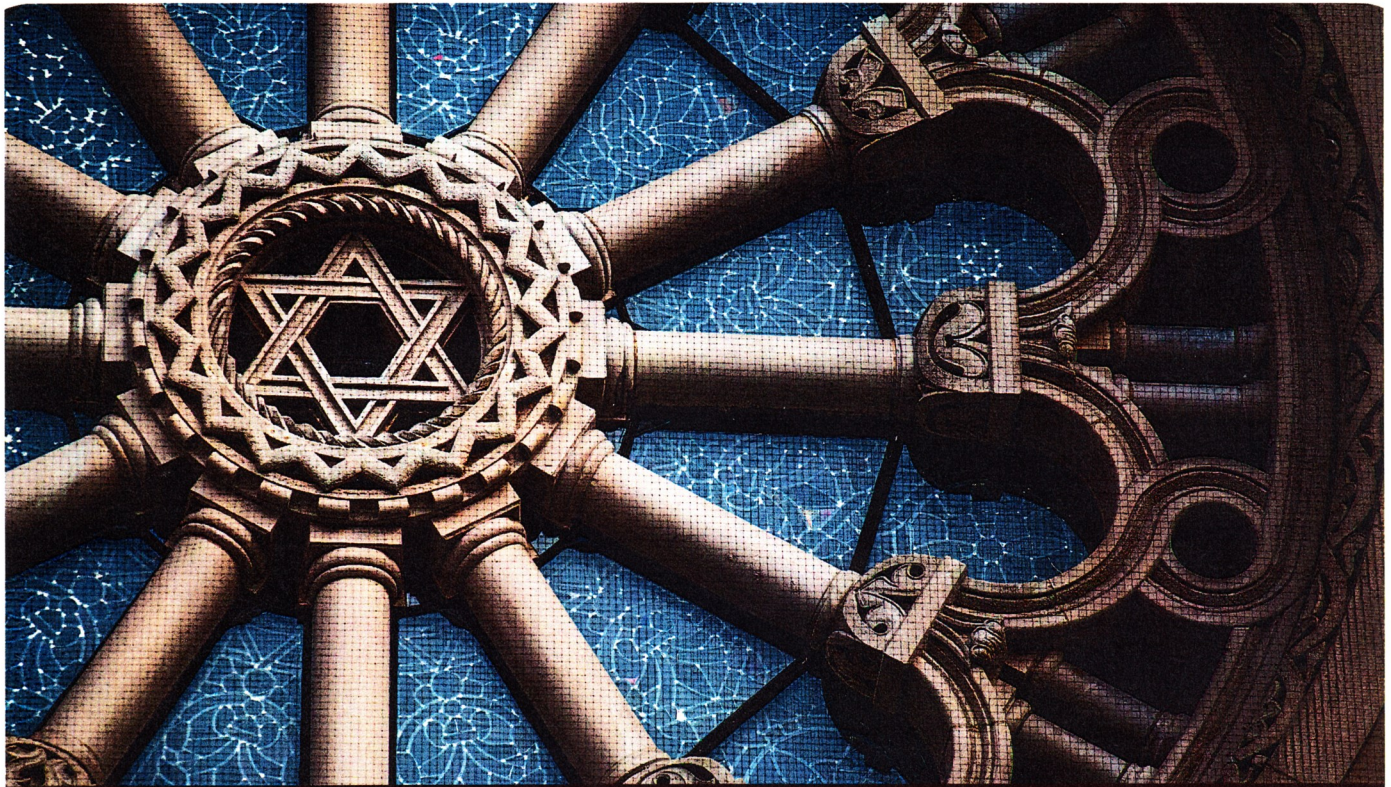
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