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SYRIAN REFUGEES THRIVING IN AMERICA

A Word from Rabbi Sobel



Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel

Shiru L'Adonai, Shir Chadash – Sing Unto God a New Song!

“Music makes pictures and often tells stories, all of it magic and all of it true.”
(John Denver)

Music has played an important role in our Jewish worship experience since biblical times. From the portable *mishkan* – Tabernacle (or sanctuary) in the wilderness

to the Temple in Jerusalem, music was used as a way to praise and glorify God.

King David made sure that the musicians and choirs were paid salaries, furnished with homes and were well taken care of. He understood that a world without music

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By Ronna Cohen

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT HAS BEEN TEN MONTHS

since Temple Beth Am became a partner in the Jewish Family Services of Metrowest, Syrian Refugee Humanitarian Project. It has been an exciting year. As we get ready to celebrate the Jewish New Year, I thought that it would be a good time to update you on this wonderful program and the progress our families have had.

As you will recall, the first family arrived in mid-November and our temple members outdid themselves. An anonymous donor contributed \$5,000 to help meet our community’s overall obligation for housing and support. Our members enthusiastically embraced this initiative by providing furniture, clothing, household goods and over \$700 in store cards to help this family get a good start in their new American home.

Today, there are eight Syrian families living in Framingham, Needham and Dorchester, supported by over 150 volunteers from 8 Metrowest and greater Boston temples. In addition, we have a number of Arabic speaking volunteers from the Wayland Islamic Center, ESL volunteers from Framingham State University and more.

The last Syrian family came over a month ago and is moving to their permanent apartment in the next two weeks. I recently visited the first family our temple sponsored a few weeks ago. It was such a joy to see how comfortable they

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was a world without color, a world without joy, a world without warmth and a world without spirit.

At Temple Beth Am, we are very blessed to have a wide variety of musical opportunities to help us “sing a new song unto God” and to enhance our worship experience.



Dara Sage Rosenblatt – Cantorial Intern

By now, most of you have seen Dara’s infectious smile and have heard Dara’s beautiful voice, gracing our worship, singing like an angel. Dara grew up in Trumbull, Connecticut and is entering her third year of Hebrew College’s Cantor-Educator program. Dara graduated from Muhlenberg College with a degree in Music, and concentrations in vocal performance, and English. Prior to working at Temple Beth Am, Dara served as a cantorial soloist in several other communities and taught as well.

Prior to starting her graduate studies she worked for the Hillel at the College of Charleston in South Carolina engaging students in Jewish life on campus.

Dara’s Jewish journey is rooted in her love for Jewish music and the joy that it brings not just to her, but to everyone around her. Dara is passionate about connecting with the Temple Beth Am community through music, song, and prayer and we are so fortunate to have her in our midst.

Shabbat Hall’lu – Our Musical Shabbat

On the third Friday of every month, our “Shabbat Hall’lu” musicians enhance our worship with participatory, engaging, uplifting, music. This is a family-friendly, intergenerational service that will have you tapping your feet, clapping your hands and singing along as we pray together as a joyful community.

With direction from Dara Rosenblatt and our own Jonathan Rosenthal, and musical accompaniment from Dean Arvidson, Bruce Rakusin, David Emanuel and Gregg Stein, and vocal support from Ilena Williams, Rachel Fier, Merle Kushner, Marcia Bachman and Rob Levine – this service is so very special.

We are looking for more musicians – of all ages (stand-up bass, flute, violin, clarinet, cello). If you or your child plays well and would like to audition, or if you would like to sing as part of the group, please call me or email me: rabi@TempBethAm.org We would love to have you join us!

When each of us joins together to “play our own instrument” in concert with others, we create a beautiful symphony. When we join our voices together, no matter if we are playing actual music, working together on behalf of social justice or some other common goal, we become bathed in music and beauty. It doesn’t matter what instrument we play, what note we sing, or even if we just listen.

Each of us has a song to sing. Each of us has the ability to hear the song of others around us. *Shiru l’Adonai shir chadash – sing unto the Eternal a new song. Shiru l’Adonai kol ha-aretz – sing unto the Eternal all the earth. (Psalm 96:1).*

SABBATH SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUKKOT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017 / 15 TISHRI 5778

SUKKAH DECORATING	5:00 pm
PIZZA SUPPER (reservations are necessary)	6:00 pm
SUKKOT SERVICE	7:00 pm
Grades 7 & 8 participate	

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017 / 17 TISHRI 5778

TOT SHABBAT SERVICE	5:45 pm
Join Rabbi Sobel for a Shabbat Service geared to the younger set	
SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE	7:15 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017 / 17 TISHRI 5778

Weekly Portion SUKOT Exodus 33:12-34:26; Numbers 29:17-25
Haftarah Ezekiel 38:18-39:16

TORAH & TREATS	8:45 am
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SIMCHAT TORAH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017 / 22 TISHRI 5778

SIMCHAT TORAH AND CONSECRATION SERVICE	6:00 pm
Grades 9 & 10 participate	

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017 / 22 TISHRI 5778

SIMCHAT TORAH AND YIZKOR SERVICE	7:30 am
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017 / 24 TISHRI 5778

SHABBAT EVENING & TORAH SERVICE	7:15 pm
Led by Rabbi Sobel and Cantorial Intern, Dara Rosenblatt The Mitzvah Basket and Oneg Shabbat are sponsored by Brian and Jennifer Benstock October Anniversary Blessing	

Saturday, October 14, 2017 / 24 Tishri 5778

Weekly Portion BERESHIT Genesis 1:1-6:8
Haftarah Isaiah 42:5-43:10

TORAH & TREATS	8:30 am
MORNING SERVICE & BAT MITZVAH	10:30 am
Ella Grace Benstock, daughter of Brian and Jennifer Benstock	

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017 / 1 HESHVAN 5778

SHABBAT HALL’LU SERVICE	7:15 pm
Installation of Officers and Trustees Led by Rabbi Sobel and Cantorial Intern, Dara Rosenblatt The Mitzvah Basket and Oneg Shabbat are sponsored by Jonathan and Wendy Bier	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 / 1 HESHVAN 5778

ROSH HODESH HESHVAN
Weekly Portion NOAH Genesis 6:9-11:32; Numbers 28:9-15
Haftarah Isaiah 66:1-24; 66:24

TORAH & TREATS	8:30 am
MORNING SERVICE & BAR MITZVAH	10:30 am
Samuel Reuben Bier, son of Jonathan and Wendy Bier	

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017 / 8 HESHVAN 5778

SHABBAT EVENING FAMILY SERVICE	7:00 pm
Led by Rabbi Sobel, Grade 6 Students and the Junior Choir	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017 / 8 HESHVAN 5778

Weekly Portion LECH-LECHA Genesis 12:1-17:27
Haftarah Isaiah 40:27-41:16

TORAH & TREATS	8:30 am
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were in their new home. The father has a job in an area Middle Eastern store. The mother began a job working for a local company sewing clothing and accessories for infants.

When I went to the front door for my visit, their 6-year-old son met me at the door and said in perfect English "Hello, please come in and join us." He chatted completely in English the entire hour I was there. After a few minutes, he went into his room and reappeared with a book. After I finished the work I was doing with his parents, I asked him if he wanted me to read him the book. He had been waiting quite patiently and he just beamed a beautiful smile when I began reading the book to him. He, as have the children of the other families, have learned that when the volunteers come, there will be games, reading and lots of hugs and smiles for them.

His mother is also speaking in English. I was so delighted, because when I first met her she had about 10 words in her vocabulary. Her husband is picking up the language, with his wife's and son's help. The family is so gracious and appreciative of all the help the volunteers offer, from rides, ESL tutoring, and general support. The father shared that he had seen his father every day of his life, but has now not seen his father in six and a half years. Gratefully they can talk by phone. He said that the staff and volunteers have become their family.

Luckily, four of the families live in the same complex. Another lives a mile away and our newest family will also be close to them. They have created a small community and support one another.

In all, except for our newest family, all fathers are employed, and four mothers have full or part time jobs. All the school age children are in elementary school, four children will be attending preschool this year. The older children all attended a two-week session of camp at the YMCA this summer. The families have been given membership at the Y and also the Audubon society.

In addition to driving to doctor and dentist and ESL appointments, as well as shopping trips (since none of the families currently have a car) our volunteers have also taken them on field trips to local parks and other fun sites around the community. They have also shopped at farmer's markets

and are learning how to get around on their own. All of the children have received bicycles and many of the fathers have as well.

One of the things that constantly amazes me is how the families talk about their appreciation of JFS and the families who help them. They feel that they have new families in America and are so grateful. They also comment on awaiting the day that they can give back to others as their volunteers have given to us.

I have been volunteering at the JFS office helping the staff identify and create new resources for the families, helping interview prospective volunteers and working with our Volunteer Coordinators in ensuring that the families receive the support they need. Many of our families have medical and dental needs. A local Wellesley dental practice continues to donate countless hours and resources to helping our families. Scheduling these appointments and transportation has been a challenge and JFS is always look for additional volunteers. Many of our families attend regular ESL classes and also receive additional tutoring from volunteers. Many of the children received tutoring over the summer to help them catch up to their peers in school.

As the Jewish New Year begins, JFS is hoping that we will be able to get 4-6 additional families. They simply do not know when and how many will come. Additionally, 8 temples have joined the project and are helping our families. I was recently asked by Marc Jacobs if our temple would be interested in helping another family. In addition to volunteering and helping set up the apartment, there is also an additional responsibility of providing financial support to offset the housing costs for a new family. The estimated costs for housing is approximately \$15,000. I will be talking to the board about this in the coming months. If you would like to make a donation to support a new family, please send a check to Jewish Family Services of Metrowest, Syrian Refugee Humanitarian Project. Also let them know you are a member of Temple Beth Am.

Want to learn more about this project? Go to www.JFSmw.org and check out some wonderful videos of this project. Believe me it will put a smile on your face!

It truly takes a village to help resettle these families. If you are interested in volunteering your time or help our next families begin a new life in America, contact Jewish Family Services of Metrowest at 508-875-3100. You can also call me (Ronna Cohen) at 508-259-6320 or email me at ronnac707@gmail.com.

A note from Rabbi Splansky

Dear Friends,

I have come to the decision that I will no longer give eulogies, if asked, for temple members. This decision is purely my own, and not one by either the temple leadership or Rabbi Sobel. (She, incidentally, has been very generous to invite me to participate at a funeral by reading a Psalm or poem. I will, at Rabbi Sobel's invitation, be honored to do so. Recently I am finding it harder to give eulogies for long-time friends, and the eulogy I gave for Max Michelson was emotionally difficult for me. I still stand ready to provide whatever help I can give Rabbi Sobel and comfort to the congregation, but with this one change of policy. Congregants facing funeral preparations are in the excellent hands of our new rabbi. Thanks for your understanding.

Donald M. Splansky

Rabbi Emeritus

Wall of Honor Campaign

Shalom,

I hope that you all have had a wonderful and relaxing summer. The High Holidays are approaching quickly, and the temple is preparing for them.

Many exciting programs and events are being planned for the 2017-2018 year that I hope you and your family will participate in.

While dues are a part of funding our Temple, it does not fill the entire need. We must raise additional funds to present programs and events so that we remain in the forefront of the Metrowest Jewish community, now and in the future.

I hope I can count on you to support Temple Beth Am through this year's Wall of Honor Campaign.

A heartfelt thanks for your support for the Wall of Honor.

L'Shanah Tova to you and your families for a peaceful, happy, and healthy 5778.

Stuart Sheinhait, *VP Finance*



Education News



Rabbi Marcie Kamerow, MUEd

RENEWAL AND RETURN

*By Rabbi Marcie Kamerow,
Director of Education*

In the Jewish calendar, Rosh Hashanah is the beginning of the month of Tishrei, and the month leading up to it is called Elul, which we are in now. Elul is a time of reflection and transition: closing the books on the year behind us, and making space for the year ahead. Every year we give ourselves the opportunities to explore new possibilities, try new

things, and grow as learners. We are lucky to be in a community which fosters this! Our teachers, staff, and families work together as partners in the ongoing process of raising our kids and enriching ourselves to be Jewishly curious, engaged in learning and open to new experiences of awe.

We kicked off our school year on September 10 with a great opening day program. Our students had the opportunity to meet and

re-meet their classmates as well as their teachers. Parents had the opportunity to meet Rabbi Sobel in a Meet and Greet facilitated by the School Committee. Parents were also able to spend time in the classrooms at the end of each session to get to know our fantastic team of teachers and madrichim. In addition to welcoming back our K-7 students, we also welcomed back our high school students on Monday, September 11 with pizza and great learning. We are so thrilled to have our hallways filled with laughter and learning once again!

Now that school has started we also have many of our wonderful programs back up and running. Our first Family Education program will take place on September 24. The focus of this 6th-grade program was on the meaning of becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. We also have our annual Sukkah decorating, dinner, and services coming up on October 4th beginning at 5:00! If that were not enough, Simchat Torah is just a week later on October 11th beginning at 6:00. Come dance with the Torah and see it all unrolled. Finally, for this month we will have our first Family Shabbat service on Friday, October 27th! Check back for service start time on our website, www.templebetham.org.

We have also kicked off our Bar/Bat Mitzvah season! We have 16 outstanding students who will become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah this year. Mazal Tov to all!

This is a season of deep reflection and renewal. As we begin our school year, it is my hope that we will take time for reflection on the past school year and open ourselves up for all of the new opportunities that will come our way this year!

Shanah Tovah U'm'tuka (A Happy and Sweet New Year),
Rabbi Kamerow

Fundraising @ TBA

For additional information regarding our fundraising efforts please call the temple office at 508-872-8300.

GIFT CARDS

TBA is currently selling gift cards to **Stop & Shop** and a variety of other national stores and restaurants. The cards are sold to you for face value and 5% of each card purchased is donated to TBA, at no additional cost to you. Gift cards make great gifts any time of the year. Cards are available for purchase at the temple office by cash and check only.

FUNDRAISING DINNERS

During the year, there will be fundraising dinners at area restaurants. The temple receives a portion of all the sales. Stay tuned for dates and times.

SPRING FUNDRAISING EVENT

March 17, 2018 - Mark your calendars!

This is always a popular event. Not to be missed. Details to follow.

THE WALL OF HONOR CAMPAIGN

This campaign takes place during the High Holiday Season. This is the largest fundraiser that we do during the year. Please send back your pledge cards and donations back to support.

TREE OF LIFE

The TREE OF LIFE mounted on the wall of the of the temple lobby is a favorite way for members to commemorate "simchas" and honor family members and friends. Your gift of leaves (\$300) and stones (\$1000) will support continuing growth projects in the future. Pledge cards are available in the temple office.

GILLETTE STADIUM PROGRAM

Volunteer at Gillette Stadium for upcoming Patriot's Games. Temple Beth Am is earning \$125 per person per game! Watch for more information or contact Stu Sheinhait at sshein@rcn.com or call 508-328-8462. The only requirement is that you must be 16 years old. Volunteers get pizza and soda to eat before the event.

SMILE AMAZON

You shop, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Temple Beth Am. Amazon Smile is the same Amazon that you know. Support TBA by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com

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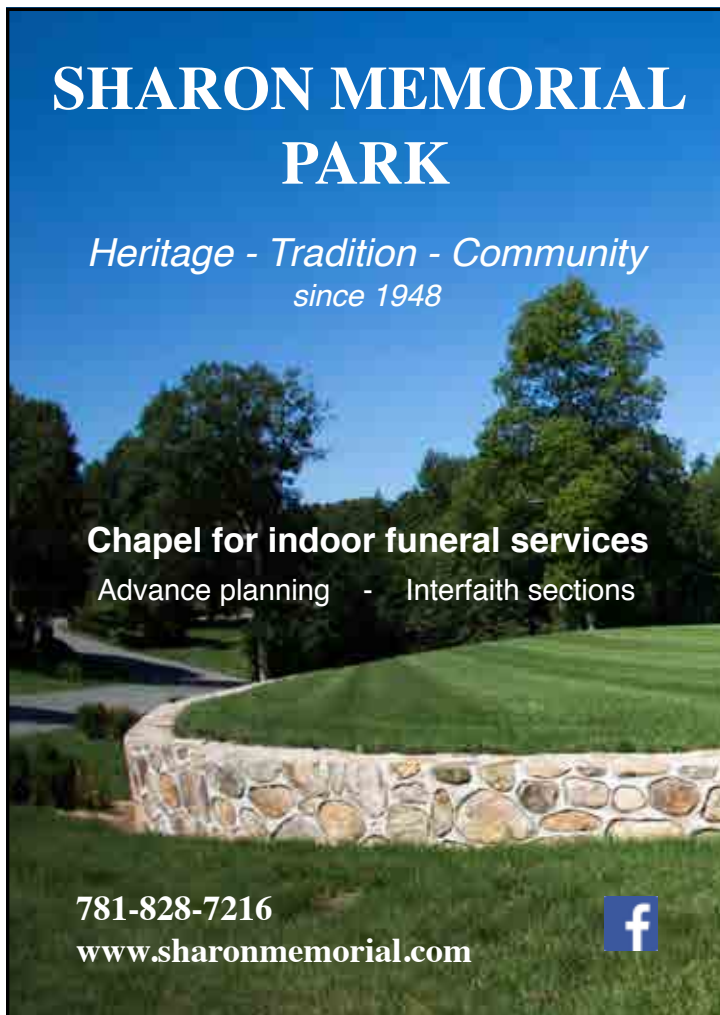
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TBA SPOTLIGHT



All about Sonya

By Julie Wolf

After four decades, **SONYA SPEEN** is stepping down as the *tebeam*'s publisher. It's been years since she "sorta fell into the 'everything' position" on the newsletter—selling advertising, designing, editing. Insisting there was "a *tebeam* before Sonya," she's passionate about the importance of keeping it going even as she closes up shop. In this column, we get a glimpse into this colorful, courageous, tour-de-force of a woman who has been essential to preserving TBA's history in the pages that will long bear her stamp.

In every Spotlight column, I've asked temple volunteers what made them step forward in the first place. Now it's your turn to answer.

The tebeam has been my way of contributing to the temple. I've participated in many other ways—kept the archives, helped run functions, made innumerable amounts of centerpieces (a few still stored in my basement closet), and created invitations to functions and produced the annual Yizkor Book. (This year will be my last hurrah doing that.) I believed then and do now that the tebeam is the voice of the temple and the congregation. We've always had a readership—I know because the errors have always been pointed out. The fact that in this time a hard-copy version still exists and is wanted is proof of that.

Please tell the readers about your background. I believe you lived a real-life version of "Mad Men"! What was it like to be a working woman/working mother before this was commonplace?

To simplify, my life breaks into five segments: 1. First five years (New York); 2. my latchkey years (Dorchester); 3. the DIRTY DANCING years (teens); 4. the MAD MEN era (career); 5. family (Bob & I did it well). It isn't easy, wanting it all. I've had a blessed and wonderful life.

I was born in Boston (my mom returned to make sure of that), but my first five years were lived in Riverside, N.Y. ... Eventually we moved back to Massachusetts and Mattapan. It amazes me how people did it then, but everyone owned their homes. ... We co-owned a home with my mother's sister Ida. We were upstairs; they were on the first floor. My dad was handy and built me a fabulous bedroom that led out to a flat-roof extension of our kitchen under. My haven! When I was at Mass Art, I dabbled in photography and actually had a film-developing curtained space for my work. I had it all.

My mom was a stay-at-home mom until my early teens, then went out into the workforce out of necessity. I was a latchkey kid long before the term was even used. She was smart, strong, and tough. My mother's words to me: "You can be anyone you want, and succeed at anything you desire." You know the old saying: "Mirror, Mirror, on the wall, I am my mother after all." (Sometimes good, sometimes bad. It is true. Take a look.)

I was raised Orthodox. I had a best girlfriend next door, Catholic, who came in on Shabbat to light the burner, turn on lights, and—get this—tear toilet tissue. My teen years centered around shul, the Young Israel of Mattapan on the renowned Blue Hill Avenue, across from the renowned G&G Deli (the political center of the state—all the politicians, and I mean all, stood on a box and spoke to the crowds, then went in for a corned beef sandwich). My social life was at the Hecht House where all the youth gathered. I was a summer camp counselor there during high school and even when I was attending Mass School (now University) of Art.

I'm a graduate of Mass College of Art (I attended a reunion some years back; only 12 of us left—wow) with a master's in education and an associate's degree in fashion design and illustration. From the first time I took my large portfolio and put on my little white gloves to cold-call all the department stores in downtown Boston, everyone knew by that look what you did and what you were looking for—a job! I had just been interviewed at Filene's (no openings), and a gentleman approached me and asked if I was looking for work. He gave me a card to present at Kennedy's, then the city's largest men's clothing company. I hotfooted it to the advertising department, cold-called. They looked at my portfolio, and when this gentleman dropped in the next day, I was at the drawing board. (Try and get a job that way now.) This led to 14 years of illustrating men's fashions. ... During that time, my husband, who was a footwear rep, started bringing home bags of shoes his customers wanted for their ads, and that started my freelancing. After 14 years with Kennedy's, ... I brought the business home completely. I've been blessed because every time a window closed, a door opened.

Here's one for the books: I really wanted to be a chanteuse, sitting on a piano in a lounge singing the blues. Oh, well, we can all dream, can't we? Is it really too late? (Now that I think of it, I did sing in the temple's adult choir for 10 years during the '70s. I guess that will have to do. For now.)

In the years you've been a temple member, how has the community changed? What about the "the old days" do you miss?

The Speen family joined Temple Beth Am when our son, Jeff, came of Hebrew school age. Back then TBA was the center of our religious and social life. In 1974 I was in the first class of adult B'not Mitzvah on the East Coast of the U.S., and we were written up in the Reform Movement's national newsletter. Our neighbors were our friends. We socialized, went to temple, celebrated holidays, birthdays, and more together, and the children went to Hebrew school and grew up together. When the havurah was created, our havurah became a moving force for us. I remember having Passover seders in our basement. We played together, prayed together, and watched out for each other.

The good old days were the good old days! The rest will have to wait until my memoirs.

This is a broad question, but what does TBA mean to you? What do you hope it means to newer congregants, who may not have quite found their footing yet?

All of the above should answer this question. I hope my story makes people think. Having Temple Beth Am at your back is a blessing, and they are there for you. Right now it is a support system for me.

I pray that in these hectic and scary times, our people will make time for family, each other, and a solid foundation of life. TBA is there for you.

Any advice for the new editors of *tebeam*, who admittedly have big, extremely chic shoes to fill?

Keep the tebeam personal. Design and color are wonderful. If it can be a moneymaker, even better. But in the end, it is the voice of the temple and the congregation.

For me, it has been a labor of love!

BROTHERHOOD

WHAT IS IT ABOUT TBA BROTHERHOOD'S OBSESSION WITH FOOD?

(Or cooking it at least?)



2017 Welcome Back BBQ sponsored by TBA Brotherhood & Sisterhood



With Yom Kippur approaching, it might seem a little odd to be talking about food in this issue, but it just seems like almost every activity the Brotherhood does involves cooking.

Let's begin with our "world-famous" monthly breakfast speaker series: Under the keen eye of our VP of Culinary Arts, Dr. Russ Litin, our kitchen crew turns out a 40-foot traditional Jewish buffet for our guests to enjoy. Everything from three types of scrambled eggs, hash browns, chicken wings, pastrami, chopped liver, tuna, egg and fruit salad, and of course, lots of bagels and cream cheese. We like to think that as many people come for the food as they do to hear our monthly speakers.

But there are lots of other activities the Brotherhood participates in which all seem to include food. We are always very proud of our involvement with "Project Ezra," the very successful non-profit organization that started in New York that helps feed hundreds of elderly Jewish individuals. Each Christmas and Easter, the Brotherhood, guided by Eric Solomont, and with generous donations from local restaurants, cooks and serves dinner to dozens of residents at the Framingham Housing Authorities Hastings House Residence. In addition, individual meals are also packaged up and delivered to the Veterans who reside at Larry's Place.

Then there are the barbecues... We love a good barbecue. The Welcome Back event is always a well-attended event and we don't stop with just hamburgers and hotdogs. There's always a little something special each year, like Spanish rice and string beans. And we are really grateful to the Sisterhood for contributing such amazing desserts.

This year's barbecue was even more special because we had so many new members who attended. I would like to remind everyone that all new members receive free membership to the Brotherhood for the first year. We hope to see a lot of new faces at our monthly breakfasts.

We also invite anyone who is interested in joining our kitchen crew to reach out and cook with us... We'll supply the aprons.

Brotherhood *News*

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

- Sunday, October 22
- Sunday, November 12
- Sunday, December 3
- Sunday, January 14
- Sunday, February 18*
co-sponsored with Sisterhood
- Sunday, March 11
- Sunday, April 22
- Sunday, May 6

All breakfasts begin at 9 am



OTHER BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

- Sunday, September 10 – Brotherhood & Sisterhood sponsored TBA Family BBQ, 4pm
- Sunday, October 1 – Brotherhood to build TBA Sukkah, 11am
- Saturday, October 7 – Brotherhood & Sisterhood sponsored social event, TBD
- Monday, December 25 – Brotherhood serves Christmas dinner, Hastings House, Time TBD
- Saturday, January 27 – Brotherhood & Sisterhood sponsored social event, TBD
- Sunday, January 28 – Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night at TBA, 4pm
- Friday, March 2 – Brotherhood participates in Shabbat Torah Service, 7pm
- Sunday, March 4 – Brotherhood serves dinner at TBA Basketball Banquet at FHS, Time TBD
- Friday, March 16 – Brotherhood & Sisterhood Potluck Dinner, 6pm
- Sunday, April 1 – Brotherhood serves Easter dinner, Hastings House, Time TBD

Member attendance is encouraged for all events.

The Brotherhood is a wonderful way to get involved with the Temple!

TBA Brotherhood needs volunteers to help with our annual events. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Mark Barnett, VP of Membership at mail4barnett@gmail.com or either co-president Bill Karger at wbkarger@verizon.net or Henry Schwan at henry.schwan@verizon.net.

SISTERHOOD

WHY YOU NEED SISTERHOOD OF TBA

Sisterhood of TBA is the collective identity of the women in our congregation. It provides us with a strong presence and voice. Sisterhood provides an outlet for the creative energy, talent and leadership potential of the individual Jewish woman. It also gives our members a worldwide identity and connection through our affiliation with Women of Reform Judaism, an agency for more than 500 Sisterhoods of Reform congregations with over 75,000 members throughout the world.

WHY SISTERHOOD OF TBA NEEDS YOU

Sisterhood needs the support of all the women in our congregation. No organization can exist without members or finances. With your participation, we all benefit from your friendship, energy and interests. From your membership dues come the funds to implement our programs, contribute to our temple and support our Tikkun Olam and Tzedakah efforts in the Jewish communities. Your unique educational, religious and life experiences enrich the collective membership.

WHERE YOUR SISTERHOOD DUES GO

Your Sisterhood dues payment includes membership in Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), serving Jewish and humanitarian causes throughout the world.

- \$18 per member for WRJ National Dues
- \$2 per member for WRJ District Dues
- \$5 per person for YES Fund Honor Roll Dues
- \$3 Sisterhood supported funds

The remainder of your dues goes towards the operating budget of the Sisterhood of TBA and the programs and projects supported by Sisterhood of TBA.

WHAT WE DO...

With your help, we can do even more!

- TIKKUN OLAM (repairing the world)
- BRIT OLAM (sustaining Jewish continuity)
- KEHILLAH (building community)

IT'S TIME TO START ORDERING 2018 MAH JONGG CARDS.

Please start collecting your lists, spreading the word and supporting TBA Sisterhood.

We made over \$200 last year from Mah jongg Cards!

Please make your checks out to "Sisterhood, TBA." Mail them with names and addresses to Sue Clark, 1662 Latta Court, The Villages, Florida 32162.

\$8 regular print / \$9 large print

Thanks for your support!

DEADLINE is JANUARY 8, 2018



Sisterhood News

BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD SOCIAL EVENT

Saturday, October 7, 2017

SISTERHOOD KICK OFF DINNER

Thursday, October 26th at 6:30 pm

There is no additional charge for Sisterhood members who have paid their annual dues in a category that includes the Kick-Off Dinner. Pay your dues now or at the dinner, but be certain to make a reservation by October 23rd by emailing sisterhoodtba300@gmail.com.

This dinner, entirely prepared by Sisterhood board members with some loyal helpers, is a highlight of the year. In addition to good food, this evening provides a chance to make new friends and enjoy time with old friends. The evening begins with appetizers, is followed by a chicken dinner, and ends with dessert. As if that were not enough, we are fortunate to have secured a timely and informative speaker:

Robert Trestan, Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League, will address current concerns and will take your questions.

Mr. Trestan will begin his presentation at 8 pm. Guests who are not Sisterhood members are invited to join Sisterhood at 7:45 pm in order to hear the speaker. Coffee and dessert will follow for everyone.

– Save the Date –

ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT TO SUPPORT THE LESLIE BRENNER FUND

Saturday, December 2, 2017

PLEASE JOIN US...

Membership Level	Dues	Benefits
Ruth (ages 18-61)	\$49	Receive all Sisterhood correspondence via e-mail, WRJ Dues, YES Fund Dues and New Year Kick-Off Dinner
Ruth Senior (ages 62+)	\$40	
Miriam	\$62	Ruth Membership Level PLUS: YES Fund Event
Leah	\$100	Miriam Membership Level PLUS: Honors Dinner
Rachel	\$120	Leah Membership Level PLUS: an additional \$20 YES Fund donation
Rebecca	\$150	Rachel Membership Level PLUS: \$30 donation to a Sisterhood Fund
Sarah	\$200	Rebecca Membership Level PLUS: \$50 donation to a Sisterhood Fund

If you have questions about events or membership please email us at sisterhoodtba300@gmail.com

YOUTH

BATY IS ENJOYING THE START OF THE YEAR and looking forward to upcoming events! This past Saturday, BATY had our annual Progressive Dinner, where we attend a different BATYite's house for each course of the meal. We had two new members, where Progressive Dinner was their first event! We were very excited for the large turnout, enjoying great food, and having a meet and greet with Rabbi Sobel at the dessert house.

BATY is also currently working on our services for the high holidays. We have assigned parts and are very excited to have another successful year of BATY high holiday services. Also, the annual Levi Leap is shortly approaching on October 28th! We are very excited to be planning BATY's B'nei, as the theme for this year's Levi Leap!

We are getting for excited for our first BATY meeting and seeing new and old faces at our upcoming events!

Progressive Dinner - September 2017



If you have questions about events or BATY membership please contact Julia Zinn at youthadvisor@tempbetham.org



Youth News

BATY WORSHIP SERVICES

- BATY Winter Shabbat Service – Friday, January 5, 2018 at 7:15 pm (Tentative)

BATY BOARD MEETINGS (WEDNESDAYS AT 6:45 PM) - BOARD ONLY

- October 18, 2017
- November 8, 2017
- December 13, 2017
- January 10, 2018
- February 14, 2018
- March 14, 2018
- April 4, 2018
- May 9, 2018

BATY MEETINGS (WEDNESDAYS AT 6:45 PM) - ALL BATY

- October 25, 2017
- November 15, 2016
- December 20, 2016
- January 17, 2018
- February 7, 2018
- March 21, 2018
- April 25, 2018
- May 16, 2018

NFTY-NE EVENTS

- Fall Conclavette: October 6-8, 2017
- BATY's Levi Leap: October 28, 2017
- December Institute: December 26-30, 2017
- MANTY's Winter Wonderland: February 2-4, 2018
- Spring Conclavette: April 6-8, 2018
- Leadership Kallah: May 11-13, 2018

BATY EVENTS

- Levi Leap: October 28, 2017
- BATY Event: December 9, 2017
- Shul-In: January 20-21, 2018
- Mystery Bus Ride: March 3, 2018
- March BATY/JBAT Event: March 17, 2018
- Pancake Breakfast: March 25, 2018
- BATY Event: April 28, 2018
- Freshman Kidnap: Date TBD

Library News

Marsha Massey,
TBA Librarian



FEATURING...

THE JOURNEY THAT SAVED CURIOUS GEORGE: *The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H. A. Rey* by Louise Borden

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- Sundays, 9:00 am-1:00 pm when religious school is in session
- Most Tuesdays, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

The Reys, carried and guarded the manuscript that would eventually become the adventures of that lovable little monkey, beloved by so many, Curious George.

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A treasure, for all ages!

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out!



Lifelong Learning *News*

NEW COURSE

Great Jewish Books / \$36 Course Fee

A 4-week course taught by Rabbi Emeritus
Donald M. Splansky

This course will meet on four Wednesday evenings, 7:15-9:00 pm, on Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 15, and Dec. 6, 2017. It will use the book, *The People and the Books*, by Adam Kirsch (W. W. Norton & Co., 2016). Each student must get the book and bring it to class. Each session will deal with a different chapter concerning a great book of Jewish history: Josephus's *The Jewish War*, the early rabbis' *Pirkei Avot*, Yehuda Halevi's *Kuzari*, and Maimonides's *The Guide of the Perplexed*. (Note: Rabbi Splansky is planning to use this book again in the course offering in the fall of 2018 for later great Jewish books.) Whether or not you are versed in Jewish history or philosophy, this is the course for you as an introduction to major Jewish ideas.

- The book, *The People and the Book*, can be found at Barnes and Noble, or at a discount, both new or used at Amazon.com
- Reservations are required. Please call the office to reserve a seat for this course.

Rabbi Emeritus Donald M. Splansky will also hold an afternoon Study Session on Yom Kippur. More details will follow.

RABBI'S COFFEES

A monthly opportunity to join Rabbi Sharon Sobel in Discussion

Join Rabbi Sobel each month in an informal setting in the Temple Library to discuss a current topic of interest to you.

- No course fee and no reservations required. Just drop in on time, for any session.
- The Rabbi's Coffees will be offered on the following dates: October 18, November 15, December 20, January 17, February 14, March 21, April 11, and May 16.

All discussions are from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
Feel free to bring a bag lunch!

THE YIDDISH BOOK CENTER FIELD TRIP

Sunday, October 8th

How many of you remember Yiddish being spoken in your grandparents' home or your own home?

Here's a chance to learn about Yiddish, at the Book Center set on a lovely apple orchard in buildings designed as a shtetl, in beautiful Amherst, Massachusetts.

There will be a 90-minute guided tour of the Center's exhibits. We will explore a Yiddish print shop, watch classic Yiddish film clips and listen to vintage radio. We will see what life was like in the American Jewish home.

We plan on visiting Atkins Farm nearby the Book Center for lunch and shopping.

For more information on Lifelong Learning please contact
Co-Chairwomen Barbara Sands (bss1022@verizon.net) or
Cynthia Roll (cynthiaroll@yahoo.com)

LIFECYCLES

IN JOY

The congregation rejoices as one.

WE WELCOME

The following families have joined the temple since the last issue of the tebeam and we welcome them into the temple family:

Jason and Rachel Blasbalg
9 Nancy Lane, Framingham

Sherri Winter-Diercks and Ben Diercks
10 Crest Road, Framingham

Patti Frankel
535 Hemenway Street, Marlborough

Evelyn Gustman
5 Henderson Circle, Framingham

Nicole Sweet and Ted Freudberg
12 Michaud Drive, Framingham

Seth and Robin Plitt
5 Wildewood Terrace, Framingham

Carol Mamlok
1550 Worcester Road #505, Framingham

Nancy Gould
770 Salisbury Street #320, Worcester

WE WELCOME BACK

Stewart and Sharon Ginsberg
2 Hancock Lane, Framingham

OCTOBER SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Name	Years
10/9	JOHN AND LISA ROGOL	40
10/11	STUART AND SHERRI SHEINHAIT	30
10/11	LINO AND KATHY COVARRUBIAS	25
10/25	LOU AND LISA MOVITZ	20
10/13	MICHAEL AND JODI RUBIN	15
10/27	HENRY SCHWAN AND NANCY FLIESLER	15

All couples celebrating an October anniversary will be blessed at the October 13th service at 7:15 pm. Please call the temple office if you are planning to attend.

IN SADNESS

THE CONGREGATION MOURNS WITH

Alan Silverman, on the loss of his mother, Estelle Silverman

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INSTALLATION OF RABBI SOBEL

Installation and a celebration of the Arts in honor of Rabbi Sharon L. Sobel. The events will be hosted by Temple Beth Am in partnership with Safrai Galleries.
Installation of Rabbi Sobel / November 11
Art Show / November 16-19

WEBSITE DONATIONS ARE HERE!

Making a donation to your favorite TBA fund in memory or honor of a friend or loved one is now easier than ever. Our new website can now accept credit card donations. It's easy and quick. Please take advantage of this new capability on our website.

REIMAGINING JEWISH LIFE



December 6-10

Join other members of Temple Beth Am at the largest Jewish gathering in North America. Five thousand attendees will come together in Boston to worship, learn, sing, build community, and shape the future of the Reform Movement.
Contact the temple office for more info.

SHABBAT HALL'LU

Join us for our Musical Shabbat Service on **Friday, October 20th at 7:15 pm.**
Everyone is welcome! Traditional and contemporary music; participatory, reflective and joyful worship.



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Join our newly revitalized Social Justice, Tzedek, Committee. Let's work together to make our world a better place for all.

Please email Rabbi Sharon Sobel at rabbi@tempbetham.org

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH & TREATS

Join us on Shabbat morning, 8:45 am in the Levine Library.

- Light breakfast • Lively Torah study
 - Brief Shabbat morning service led alternatively by Rabbis Sobel and Splansky.
- Everyone is welcome!

Note: Starting Oct. 14 we will begin at 8:30 am

COLLEGE NEWS

We would like to send holiday packages and the monthly *tebeam* to your students away at college. Please email your student's name, college address and email to shalom@tempbetham.org. Please advise of travel plans so that packages are not sent during the holidays.

TBA CARES

Your temple is here for you whether in good times or bad.

If you have a simcha that you would like to share with us, or if you have an illness in your family or are in need of anything, we want to know.

Please let Rabbi Sobel know what is going on in your life. rabbi@tempbetham.org

DINING AND DAVENING

Upcoming dates: January 19 and March 2

Come relax with friends at a local restaurant prior to Shabbat Evening Services.

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION & CONSECRATION

Wednesday, October 11th, 6:00 pm

Honoring our NEW students as they begin their education.

SUKKOT CELEBRATION

Wednesday, October 4th

5:00 pm / Sukkah decorating

6:00 pm / Pizza & salad dinner (\$17/family)

7:00 pm / Service

TOT SHABBAT

Friday, October 6th, 5:45 pm

Celebrate Shabbat with Rabbi Sobel and her guitar. Music, story, challah, juice, Shabbat fun, and a Simchat Torah craft for children ages 0-6 and their families.

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