

RABBI DONALD ROSSOFF TEMPLE BETH AM INTERIM RABBI



THE TIME IS NOW

Last month we witnessed once again the peaceful transfer of power from one presidential administration to another. (Writing this prior to the inauguration, I have to assume that it was peaceful.)

In the wake of the election, many are elated, while many are shocked. Many are hopeful, looking forward to changes they long hoped for. Many are deeply concerned, if not frightened, dreading the reversal of changes long worked for. Everyone harbors a combination of hopes and fears about the future, with no one truly knowing what is going to be for our nation and for our world, as if anyone ever did. This is a time for reflection and affirmation. We reflect on what we believe America stands for and affirm our part in giving substance to those beliefs. Unlike most other countries and nationalities, what binds us as a nation is not a connection to a particular parcel of land nor a common ethnic origin nor a shared religious faith. What define and unite us as Americans are an idea and an ideal.

For me, the idea of America is to be a nation governed by its citizens, a civic collective which upholds and expands liberty and opportunity for all who dwell within its shores. The ideal of America is to be place which assures and safeguards the inalienable rights of every individual to equal justice under the law, which enshrines freedom of and from religion, and which affirms and protects each individual's life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, so long as they do not infringe on the rights of others.

Along with our precious separation of church and state, what has made America such an especially welcome home for Jews has been the confluence between American ideals and Jewish values. Judaism, in its traditional and especially in its modern expressions, affirms the innate dignity of every individual – all being equally in the divine image, equal rule of law for both "citizen and foreigner," the value of education, the supremacy of rational thought over irrational belief, and the power of the one to make a difference. Torah's silent but unmistakably clear response of YES to the question, "Am I my brother's keeper," sets the stage for mutual responsibility and society's mandate to care for the weak, poor, powerless, and the "stranger" in our midst.

Now, perhaps more than ever, we need to affirm what we all share as Americans, despite the huge divides which this past election accentuated. We need to see the humanity in the face of those with whom we disagree. We cannot hate those who hate or demonize those whom we denounce as demonizers. We need to take seriously our fellow Americans with whom we disagree, understand their needs, their fears and their pain – even their anger - and discern the best of their values and intentions.

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February is LOVE Month and This Woman Knows a Thing or Two About LOVE

SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT TEMPLE BETH AM
Co-Sponsored by Sisterhood and Brotherhood
Sunday, February 12th at 9:00 AM

SYLVIA BARACK FISHMAN
Speaks of her new book
LOVE, MARRIAGE, and the JEWISH FAMILY



Event FREE to members of Sisterhood & Brotherhood
Open to the Public \$14 per person
Please RSVP to 508.872.8300
We'll make sure there is adequate seating & food

In honor of VALENTINE'S DAY, which falls this year on Tuesday the 14th, SYLVIA BARACK FISHMAN will speak at the monthly Sunday breakfast, this month co-sponsored by Sisterhood TBA and Brotherhood.

Sylvia Barack Fishman is a professor of JUDAIC STUDIES at Brandies University, and she will speak about her new book - "LOVE, MARRIAGE, and the JEWISH FAMILY, paradoxes of a social revolution."

Her presentation will follow Brotherhood's sumptuous and delicious 40 Foot Long Breakfast Buffet.



PURIM IS COMING!!! AND WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

We need your help in presenting the TBA Annual Purim Carnival. We are specifically looking for Volunteers to oversee the Volunteer Crew, Prize Room and assist in making this a hugely successful event for the children in our Religious School.

Please contact FERN VONA at fshamis@rcn.com or sisterhoodtba300@gmail.com to sign up!

WE CANNOT DO THESE EVENTS WITHOUT THE HELP OF VOLUNTEERS OF THE TEMPLE AND SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP. LET'S NOT DISAPPOINT THE KIDS!

RABBI CONT. FROM PAGE 1...

At the same time, we need to remain as diligent as ever to stand up for what we believe, to protect those who need protection, to advocate for what we believe America stands for, and oppose what we believe might keep us further away from realizing the American ideals. None of us can alone do all that will need to be done, yet we cannot despair of the power of our words and our deeds to make a difference. As ever before, we are called upon to donate time, energy, and resources to those causes which we feel embody and best fulfill the values we hold most dear. We have no super-heroes, only us. That is why each of us is called upon to be a superman or a superwoman and do all that we can in pursuit of "truth, justice, and the American way." For if we don't, who will? And if not now, when?

RABBI DON ROSSOFF

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Temple Beth Am Members:



I am writing you to announce that we recently signed a lease agreement with Little Acorns Children's Center, a newly established day care center, to rent the space vacated by the Metro West Jewish Day School

almost 18 months ago. The space includes Friedman Hall and the ad-joining kitchen. This is a five year lease with an option in December 2021 to extend another five years. We will retain use of Friedman Hall after 6:30PM during the week, on week-ends and exclusive use on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for our BATY led services.

The tenant will be doing substantially all of the renovations to the classrooms and kitchen including replacing the sinks, flooring and painting. This work will begin very shortly since they hope to open for business next month. They will have signage on Pleasant Street as well as near their door entrance. This is a separate entrance from the one presently used by our religious school.

We are very excited about this opportunity to help a new business get started in our community, and for the additional revenue it brings to our temple. We believe this will be an excellent relationship and look forward to having Little Acorns Children's Center in our building.

Many thanks go to Bill Jagher for identifying these potential tenants and bringing us together.

My deepest gratitude goes to Neal Swartz who worked tirelessly, meeting with these tenants, reviewing documents, specifications and replying to the numerous emails over the past six months to get this deal completed.

Sincerely,

2 HOWARD E. SCHWARTZ, President TBA

FEBRUARY SABBATH SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 3, 2017 / 8 Shevat 5777

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE.....7:15 PM
Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, February 4, 2017 / 8 Shevat 5777

Weekly Portion BO Exodus 10:1-13:16 Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28

SHABBAT MINYAN SERVICE.....8:45 AM
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Friday, February 10, 2017 / 15 Shevat 5777

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE.....7:15 PM

**TU B'SHEVAT
SHABBAT SHIRAH**

Saturday, February 11, 2017 / 15 Shevat 5777

Weekly Portion BESHALLACH Exodus 13:17-17:16 Haftarah Judges 4:4-5:31

SHABBAT MINYAN SERVICE.....8:45 AM
JUNIOR CONGREGATION SERVICE.....10:30 AM

Led by Grade 4



Friday, February 17, 2017 / 22 Shevat 5777

SHABBAT EVENING & TORAH SERVICE.....7:15 PM
The Mitzvah Basket and Oneg Shabbat are sponsored by Matthew & Jennifer Wise
February Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, February 18, 2017 / 22 Shevat 5777

Weekly Portion YITRO Exodus 18:1-20:23 Haftarah Isaiah 6:1-7; 9:5-6

SHABBAT MINYAN SERVICE.....8:45 AM
MORNING SERVICE & BAR MITZVAH.....10:30 AM
Isaac Matthew Wise, son of Matthew & Jennifer Wise

Friday, February 24, 2017 / 29 Shevat 5777

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE.....7:00 PM

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

Saturday, February 25, 2017 / 29 Shevat 5777

Weekly Portion MISHPATIM Exodus 21:1-24:18; 30:11-16 Haftarah II Kings 12:1-17

SHABBAT MINYAN SERVICE.....8:45 AM
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Friday, March 3, 2017 / 6 Adar 5777

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE.....7:15 PM
Musical Shabbat Service: Shabbat Hallelu

Saturday, March 4, 2017 / 6 Adar 5777

Weekly Portion TERUMAH Exodus 25: 1-27:19 Haftarah I Kings 5:26-6:13

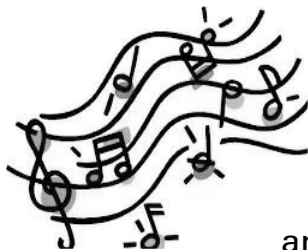
SHABBAT MINYAN SERVICE.....8:45 AM

Shabbat Hallelu Musical Service

**MARCH 3RD AT 7:15 PM
AT TEMPLE BETH AM**

**Join our Shabbat Musicians
and Vocalists**

**Don Levey, Bruce Rakusin,
Rabbi Donald Rossoff
and Members of the Adult TBA Choir**



SHOUT OUT: If you want to participate in the choir and the service
The music has not stopped but there have been some changes!
Come and join the temple community as we start a new
Musical Shabbat Service.

Making Changes and Beginning New Traditions!



CELEBRATING THE ORDINARY

After restful winter break, we are back and ready to take on the second half of the school year! We kicked off our first Sunday back with our Grade 5 Family Education program. Students and parents studied the V'ahavta prayer and what it means to them. Our students also created visual representations of that prayer. This is a time a year where we can take the time to study parts of our tradition away from holidays.

As we move into the season, it seems like Hanukkah is a distant memory, yet Tu B'Shevat and Purim still seem far away. This begs the question, "how do we celebrate even in the absence of holidays"? To start, Shabbat comes weekly and we have a chance to rest and renew for the coming week. Shabbat is a holiday unto itself. We can celebrate it by, attending services, having a special meal with family, taking a break from technology, or just taking the time to slow down our schedules. During this time, our teachers will find that there is plenty to teach and our students have plenty to learn. Shabbat, Rosh Chodesh (the monthly holiday that celebrates the new moon), prayers, and other mitzvot. This month we had the

opportunity to practice the mitzvah of welcoming someone new to our faculty. Our K/1 class had the opportunity to spend more time learning about Shabbat. Our grade 7 classes are learning about gimilut hasadim (acts of loving kindness) and different branches of Judaism. Even in the absence of holidays, there is so much to teach and learn. In the coming month, we will have Shabbat Services (both Friday night and Saturday morning), along with family education programs, B'nei Mitzvahs, our students will delve into topics on Israel, Hebrew and much more. We hope to see many of you at these different programs and events. We also hope to have another Z'man Kehilah (Community Time) in this coming month.

While there is much going on in this building, there will also be much taking place outside of it. During February vacation our Grade 9 students will travel to New York to learn about and explore American Jewish history. They will also take in a show and other fun activities. In March, I along with Julia Zinn will be taking 5 of our Confirmation students to Washington DC as part of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's L'taken Social Justice Seminar. Our students will spend their time learning about how to advocate for important issues and will have a chance to go to Capitol Hill and speak in the Senator's and Representative's offices. We also get to explore DC!

These months will be full of excitement and learning about the everyday things we can do in order to connect with each and our sacred calendar.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

SAVE THE DATE FOR A CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

2nd NIGHT OF PASSOVER – APRIL 11TH – 6:30 PM TEMPLE BETH AM

CATERED BY FRANKLIN CATERERS

Complete tables or individual seating will be available. Franklin Caterers has done the last two seders at TBA to rave reviews. Although their brisket is lick-the-plate delicious, they also have a way with unusual vegetarian entrees and very tasty chicken dishes. The meal will include all symbols, wine, matzah and everything else from matzah ball soup to dessert. Pricing has not been set as of this date. Reservations will be taken in March, so stay tuned for more details. **Invite family and friends.**

"SHABBAT HALLELU" is fantastic!

FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD at 7:15 PM

If you didn't attend our first two Shabbat Hallelu services in December and January, you really missed something wonderful. Rabbi Rossoff and a small committee have put together an amazingly *hamishe* musical service that really epitomizes what Shabbat JOY is all about. Everyone walked out of the sanctuary with a smile, and you can, too!

Join us for the next Shabbat Hallelu on March 3rd at 7:15 PM. Come see what it's all about. At the following Shabbat Hallelu, you could be on the bima, too, as everyone is invited to sing, play an instrument (Dust off that old trumpet!), and help TBA usher in Shabbat by making a very joyful noise.

ONEG SHABBAT HELP NEEDED

While Oneg Shabbat chair Ronna Cohen is in Florida, we are inviting volunteers to help prepare the weekly goody table. It only takes an hour or so and your help would be appreciated. Just contact Ellen Jagher in the Office or Carol Hanover (781-367-7177) to volunteer. Thank you to Bonnie Gilman and Marcia Huston who have volunteered the last few weeks. How about adding your name to this thank you list?

JANUARY 6TH PRE-NEG - WHAT IS IT?

So what is a Preneg? It's an Oneg Shabbat BEFORE a Friday night service and instead of cookies and coffee we offer wine, cold drinks and cheese and crackers. The last one was held on January 6th and we will announce another soon. Our thanks go to Ed Eglitis for his donation of cheese and crackers and to Stu Sheinhait for his donation of wine. And we still do the traditional Oneg after the service with plenty of cookies, cake, coffee and tea.

DECEMBER HANUKKAH HAPPENING

We believe that a new tradition has begun at TBA – a Hanukkah Happening. On Friday, December 30th, congregants attended a wonderful service, filled with stories and song. With menorahs in hand, there was a group candle-lighting. Thanks go to Sharon Silverman, Sue Siegel, Ellen Jagher and Rabbi & Fran Rosoff for all the goodies, which included latkes, Hanukkah cookies and *sufganiyot*.

RABBINICAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Over the past month or so, the Rabbinical Search Committee (RSC) has met several times per week to review resumes, conduct first round (Skype) interviews and check references of more than a dozen candidates.

The RSC has narrowed our search for our next settled rabbi to several very strong candidates whom we have invited for on-site interviews. Based on feedback received from you, through focus groups and the survey, we feel each candidate possesses the qualities that our congregation shares to lead TBA in the future. During our in-depth interviews, the RSC will be evaluating how the rabbi may fit at TBA.

In early January, the RSC will continue our evaluation of the candidates, including visits to the rabbi's home community, prior to making final recommendations.

As a reminder, we are obligated to keep the candidates' names confidential from our families, friends, and other temple members until a final recommendation is made. If we violate this process, we will lose credibility with the candidate and the CCAR. Thank you for understanding.

We will continue to keep you updated when we reach the next major milestone.

Happy Hanukkah

Your Rabbinical Search Committee,
Sherri and Stu Sheinhait (co-chair), Julie Fialkow, Fred Gilbert, Marla McNulty, Lisa Nasch, Melissa Noah, Jonathan Rosenthal, Henry Schwan, Sheila Statlander, Ken Stone, Ilena Williams & Julie Wolf

**HOLD THE DATE IN APRIL
FOR OUR ANNUAL TEMPLE FUNDRAISER
A NIGHT OF FUN AND FUNDRAISING!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST

The Temple Beth Am Fundraising Committee is delighted to invite you to be entertained by **NICK PIKE!**

Nick's One Man Show is a combination of juggling, acrobatics, fast paced comedy, hilarious audience participation and stunts so dangerous no one else in the world performs them.



Nick was an AMERICA'S GOT TALENT finalist. He has entertained crowds for over 10 years around the world from London, England to Sydney, Australia, now landing in the USA.

You can view Nick's talents at:
<http://www.nickpikejuggler.com/services.html>

**DINNER, DESSERTS AND A SHOW!
IT WILL BE LOTS OF FUN!
SAVE THE DATE!
WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS!**

**YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS
Thoughts Turn to Summer Planning**

**YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE
FUNDS FOR JEWISH OVERNIGHT
CAMPS, TRIPS TO ISRAEL & COLLEGE**

Temple Beth Am, through the generosity of Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and families who memorialize members of their families, make scholarship assistance to our youth who are attending Jewish overnight camps, traveling to Israel on educational trips and studying at colleges.

Jewish Overnight Camps

- The Leslie Brenner Camp Scholarship Fund administered by Sisterhood
- The Lloyd Martin Youth Scholarship Fund

Educational Trips to Israel

- Mindy Steinberg Memorial Fund: Candidate must be in the current Confirmation Class
- Lloyd Martin Youth Scholarship Fund
- Morris Chapman Fund

Colleges & Universities

- David Mindess Scholarship Fund
- Gail H. Constant Memorial Scholarship Fund - *specifically designed for high school seniors studying art/design or fashion marketing*
- Lloyd Martin Educational Fund
- Mickey Moffie Scholarship Fund - *specifically designed for high school seniors studying business/economics*

Applications are available at the Temple Beth Am main office. This year's deadline is April 1st. Completed applications may be returned to the temple office or emailed to Sue Siegel, abiedave@aol.com



ANNUAL GRADE 6 TALLIT PROGRAM

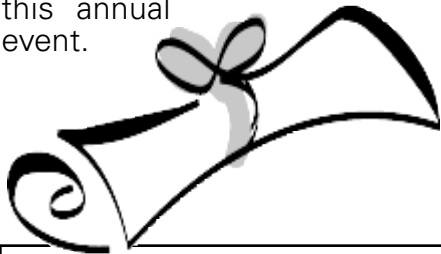
8 students and their parents participated in this annual program on Sunday, December 11th with these creative results.



**YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS
TBA ANNUAL
SCHOLARSHIP DINNER
FRIDAY, MAY 5TH**

Our scholarship recipients and Hebrew high school will be recognized and honored on Friday, May 5th.

More details about this dinner will be coming in the March TEBEAM, and at that time we will be asking for family sponsors to help defer the cost of this annual event.



**BROTHERHOOD NEWS
LOOKING FORWARD TO 2017**

After a successful showing of the Patriots-Broncos game on the big screen in the TBA Social Hall in December, the Brotherhood is determined to top that event with an exciting array on activities in the future. All are welcome to join any and all Brotherhood events and we are always interested in expanding our membership.

INTERESTED IN A BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP?

If you are interested in joining Brotherhood, please contact Co-Presidents Rick Reed at rickreed17@gmail.com or 508-745-8905 / rickreed17@gmail.com or Dan Bendell at 508-879-1722.

JANUARY LOOK-BACK

The Brotherhood breakfast in January, when guest speaker Marie Keep shared her knowledge about fine wines was fun and informative.

FEBRUARY BREAKFAST

Sunday the 12th

Co-sponsored with Sisterhood and is all about LOVE, LOVE, LOVE!

Guest speaker Sylvia Barack Fishman will talk about her new book, "Love, Marriage, and the Jewish Family." See Front Cover!

Of course, the Brotherhood will serve its mouth-watering breakfast buffet.

SOFTBALL IS BACK

Interested ? Watch for more details & sign up instructions. Contact Jeff Klein at 774.285.6328 / jklein92@verizon.net

COMING UP!!!!

**ANOTHER FAMILY-FUN EVENT
(Clue Word) JUMP!!!!**

Stay tuned for more details on our upcoming family-friendly event...you and your kids will love it!!!

**TBA YOUTH
BATY NEWS!**

Hi Temple Beth Am!

Happy New Year from BATY!

Unfortunately, due to unpredictable New England weather, the month of January has been quiet because we had to cancel our last two events. We planned on having a roller skating night but because of the snowstorm, we had to cancel.

Also, our BATY shul-in was snowed out. We were able to reschedule it for January 28th – 29th. We are so excited about all events and we are crossing our fingers for better weather!

Additionally, several BATYites attended NFTY-Northeast's December Institute event over winter break at URJ Eisner Camp. We learned all about Hanukkah; the true story, why we celebrate, and all the many traditions and experiences related to the holiday.

My Co-President, Hannah Levine, had the honor of being a prayer coordinator and led an absolutely beautiful service about coming from darkness into light. Overall it was a great week full of quality time spent with friends and much learning and growth.

We had a BATY service led by our amazing Religious and Cultural Vice President, Erin Saslav. The service was on Friday, January 20th and BATYites led the congregation in prayer and song. The theme for this service was "New Beginnings" which is very fitting as it is the start of 5777-2017.

We are looking forward to February, when BATY will participate in a Mystery Bus Ride on Saturday, February 11th .

We can't wait for all of the exciting things coming up in BATY!

Until next time,
MIKAYLA FIER, BATY Co-President

**AMERICAN RED CROSS
BABYSITTING COURSE
RETURNS TO TEMPLE BETH AM
Sundays - March 19 & 26 - 1:00 PM
Conducted by Tom Roudabush**



The cost for this certification course is \$45 for Temple Beth Am Youth, and \$90 for non-temple members. A shout out to Sisterhood Temple Beth Am for underwriting 50% of the registration for our youth, to the Temple Beth Am Education and Youth Committee for their partnership for our youth.

This American Red Cross Course certification course provides youth who are planning to babysit with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely, and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help participants to develop leadership skills,; learn how to develop a baby sitting business, keep themselves and others safe and help children behave and learn about basic child care and basic first aid.

Tom Roudabush is the owner and director of New England Health and Safety Training. For 27 years, he has trained students of all ages and levels. Thousands of students have passed through his classes in CPR/AED, first aid, life guarding, water safety instructors (WSI), and so much more. Tom has received a BA from Oakland University in Education and Associate degree from Macomb Community College in Recreation. Most recently Tom has been working with multiple summer camps to ensure quality staff training as lifeguards and water safety instructors.

We wish to thank the contributors of the photography that adds an important and personal touch to TEBEAM....

In this issue: Laurie Schneider, Marion Wollmeringer, Bruce Gilman, Rabbi Kamerow, Marsha Massey and BATY.

Sorry if we missed anyone...let us know and we will add it to the next issue.



Shofar

Temple Beth Am Sisterhood



Member of
Women of Reform Judaism
February 2017

Tikkun Olam repairing the world *Brit Olam* sustaining jewish continuity *Kehillah* building community

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM SISTERHOOD CO PRESIDENTS



A new year has begun and this is month number two.
A start of a whole new year, there is nothing to fear!
A New Year of trying not for sighing.
What goals can you make, for your own sake.
For a better you, for a year that is new!
LISA MOVITZ & LAURIE SCHNEIDER
Co-Presidents, Sisterhood Temple Beth Am

SISTERHOOD'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY MITZVAH



Temple Beth Am Sisterhood volunteers preparing holiday meals for four group homes in Framingham. From left, Judy Levine, Sheila Statlender, Merle Kushner, Ellen Miller and Lyn Cron.

For many years, Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am has provided a home cooked Christmas Dinner to group homes in the Framingham area sponsored by The Advocates, and this year was no exception! We gratefully acknowledge Kelly's Roast Beef for once again, generously donating 4 frozen turkeys for our dinners, which were prepared and cooked by our volunteers

Dinners included roasted sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, stuffing, gravy, rolls, and cranberry sauce, and a variety of desserts.

Over 20 Sisterhood members and one Batyite, volunteered to help with a variety of jobs, including grocery shopping, picking up the turkeys from Kelly's, prepping the turkeys, cooking the meals, plating the desserts, organizing the boxes, and delivering the meals to 4 area group homes.

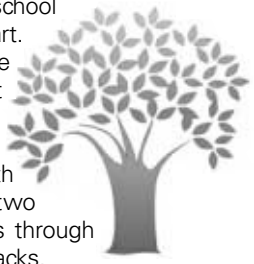
Sisterhood members also provided home-baked and purchased desserts to complete the festive holiday meals.

WENDY SCHWARTZ, Chair

YOM TOV PARTY CELEBRATES

TU B'SHEVAT, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

Sisterhood Yom Tov Pre-school parties are off to a great start. For those unfamiliar with the Yom Tov Pre-school Parties, it is a program that introduces Jewish holidays, customs, traditions, and Temple Beth Am to children ages (2) two through (5) five. We do this through stories, songs, crafts and snacks.



While the program is geared toward preschool aged children, we always welcome younger siblings.

These wonderful parties are held on Sundays from 9:30-10:30 AM, roughly once a month. When attending, we ask that the children be accompanied by an adult, as this program is not a drop off, but rather one that includes both the child and the adults.

This year's upcoming Yom Tov program:

- Tu B'Shevat: Sunday, February 12th
- Purim: Sunday, March 5th
- Passover: Sunday, April 9th
- Yom Ha Atzma'ut: Sunday, April 30th

To attend the Yom Tov parties, you need not be a member of TBA, so please share this information with family and friends. If you plan on attending the Yom Tov parties, or know of someone who might wish to attend, please have them contact:

Beth Adler, Yom Tov Party Chair,
badler73@yahoo.com or 508-620-9481.



COME, SUPPORT SISTERHOOD, HAVE FUN!

As We Sip and Paint

WHEN? Saturday, March 4th at 7:00 PM

WHERE? Temple Beth Am

300 Pleasant Street, Framingham

\$36 for Sisterhood Members \$40 for Non-Members
(Pricing includes wine & refreshments)



Don't worry...an artist will instruct you on how to paint your picture.

Please RSVP to sisterhoodtba300@gmail.com by February 24th

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! SISTERHOOD HAS AN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND RSVPs. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US AT: sisterhoodtba300@gmail.com

The Mitzvah of "Knitzvah"

**KNITTING/CROCHETING CIRCLE
PLEASE JOIN US**

IT'S A NEW YEAR!

We have delivered 30 pairs of mittens and hats for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Hispanic classes at Brophy School. We have also delivered 4 afghans to FUH and CRM cancer centers.

Join us and learn how to knit this year. We will meet alternating Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3:30 PM on February 7th & 21st.

For more information please call Marion at 508.685.0007.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook: Sisterhood Temple Beth Am. We have a Facebook Page and Facebook Group



Thank You Sisterhood...

**FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
MetroWest/Greater Worcester**

The Ventura Family moved into their new home on December 2nd, 2016. Sisterhood helped the support of this home build just as we supported them as a special project for an Honors Dinner a few years back. Thank you everyone who helped make this day possible.

FROM THE ADVOCATES

Dear Wendy & Friends of Temple Beth Am, Thank you so much for your hard work prepping and preparing meals for individuals at Advocates. Your generosity insures that these programs have a great Christmas. We are very grateful to have friends like you!

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy holiday season. With gratitude

KELSIE BROUHERS

FROM THE TBA LEVINE LIBRARY

Dear Sisterhood Board,

Thank you for your most thoughtful donation to the Levine Library. Your support and generosity allows us to continue to develop our collection to high standards for the Temple Beth Am Community.

Sincerely,
MARSHA MASSEY, Librarian

SAVE THESE DATES

- **SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday, February 2nd, 7:15 PM
in Temple Beth Am study
- **NOODLE KUGEL COOK OFF**
Wednesday, March 1st at 6:30 PM
in the Social Hall
Get your noodle kugel recipes ready! If you don't want to cook and just want to taste the kugels, you are welcome to join us as well.
Admission will be a \$5 gift card to support Syrian Refugee Families.
Watch for the sign up and more details to come.
- **SISTERHOOD PAINT & SIP NIGHT**
Saturday, March 4th, 7:00 PM
- **SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING**
Monday, March 6th at 7:15 PM
Place to be determined
- **PURIM CARNIVAL**
Sunday, March 12th – 11AM to 1PM
- **TEMPLE FUND RAISER**
Nick Pike – America's Got Talent
Saturday, April 1st at 6:30 PM



Sisterhood Cares

SENIOR LIAISON DO YOU NEED HELP?

Call Cynthia Roll at 508.879.5596 She is here to help you!

SHARING & CARING

Sisterhood's GOOD & WELFARE COLUMN needs you to let us know what is happening! Your birthday? Your anniversary? New grandchild! Are you ill?

If you would like to share any news with Sisterhood? Please send an email to Sisterhoodtba300@gmail.com or have a friend call – so we can share and care in the news. You are never alone.

YES FUND CARDS

Remember YES FUND CARDS are available all year round. Call Sue Clayman: 508.620.0234 or sfc721@gmail.com. Cards will be available for purchase at our Sisterhood Events.

SAVE THE DATE

MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

MAY 7, 2017

1:00 – 5:00 PM

TEMPLE BETH AM
300 PLEASANT STREET
FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF MAH JONGG
FUN WITH CASH PRIZES!
NMJL TOURNAMENT RULES OR CASUAL PLAY
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

tempbethammj@gmail.com



GIFTS TO TEMPLE FUNDS

Temple Beth Am gratefully acknowledges the following donations received
from December 13 through January 10, 2017

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Donor:

- Allison, Glenn, Talia & Louisa Kramer

In Appreciation of Rabbi Rossoff
and in honor of Lulu's Baby Naming

GERALD P BONDER MEMORIAL FUND

Donor:

- The Bonder Family

In Honor Of:
and wishing Cantor Schechtman *Refuah Shlemah*

GENERAL FUND

Donor:

- Stu, Sherri, Evan, Erika & Amy Sheinhait
- John & Susan Clayman

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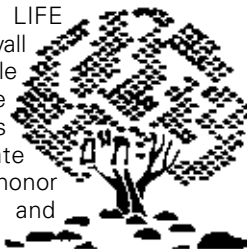
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