

CANTOR'S MESSAGE



This is certainly the most difficult Tebeam article I have ever written, as it is my last. After 28 years as a part of the Temple Beth Am family, Gene and I will be moving next month to our new home, our new temple and our new community.

When I arrived in Framingham in July 1988, I was 30 years old, newly ordained and about to be married. Gene and I planned to stay here for a few years and then return to our family in the greater New York area. But somehow, this became our home. Our friends, our temple family and our lives were rooted here in MetroWest and we stayed for almost three decades. We raised our daughter, Madison, here and she celebrated all of her Jewish milestones at Temple Beth Am.

For my first 19 years here, Rabbi Splansky was not only my colleague, but my partner, my mentor and my friend. I learned from him every single day. And not just the things you would expect, like Hebrew (he is a stickler for correct pronunciation) and Talmud (he is truly a scholar's scholar), but how to manage the day-to-day challenges of being the clergy of a community. Life in a fishbowl is not always easy, and Rabbi Splansky helped me to navigate through some of those uncomfortable waters and find a balance between my public life and my private life. I will always be grateful to him for his kindness, his patience and his love for beautiful liturgical music. He had a true appreciation for the value that music adds to our worship, and he never failed to let me know when he was moved by a melody or the way I sang a prayer. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have shared the pulpit with him for those 19 years.

I have also had the good fortune of working with some extraordinary lay leaders over the years. Although I could not possibly mention them all here, it is clear that a temple is only as good as its volunteers, and those who rise to the top leadership positions put in an inordinate amount of time and effort to make sure that our finances, our administrative needs and our buildings and grounds continue to work smoothly so that the clergy and staff can focus on the worship and educational needs of the community. Thank you to everyone who has served on our committees, our Board of Trustees and our Executive Committee over the years. You are often the unsung heroes of the community.

And what an awesome staff we have! I don't think that the average member of our congregation really understands how much our staff does. Most congregations this size have twice as many people to do this amount of work, and yet our staff goes above and beyond their job descriptions every single day to make Temple Beth Am a better place. Ellen's dedication to Temple Beth Am is unmatched by any Administrator or Executive Director that I've ever seen, and her support for me and my work has been invaluable in my being

"...and what an awesome staff we have!"

RABBI DONALD ROSSOFF TEMPLE BETH AM INTERIM RABBI



By an unanimous congregational vote Rabbi Donald Rossoff was approved to serve as Temple Beth Am's Interim Rabbi for the period of July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017.

The search for a settled Rabbi starts soon, as well as the process of hiring a Cantorial Soloist for the High Holidays and weekly Shabbat services.

Our deepest appreciation to all members of the Interim Rabbi Search Committee for their support and efforts that made this selection possible.

Appreciation and thanks to:

Susan Clayman, Kathy Covarrubias, Carol Hanover, Lester Schindel, Craig Slater, Judy Swartz and Julie Wolf.



able to do what I do. Rabbi Kamerow was an outstanding addition to our team this year, and I have delighted in having a true partner in the Religious School Director's office. And Mary Robinson and Sandra Levey, even in their part-time capacity, take care of details so well that we often don't even think about them – it just happens. Thank you to all of you!

And of course, there are my very favorite people – my students. From the littlest participants in our Yom Tov parties, to the joyful singers in our Jr. Choir, to the hundreds and hundreds of b'nei mitzvah students that I've taught, to the totally awesome high schoolers who stay on through Confirmation and Graduation, I have loved every single minute of teaching you! Oftentimes, I will receive a phone call from a former student who is getting married and they start the conversation with, "I'm not sure if you remember me, Cantor..." Of course I remember them! Each and every one of them has left an indelible impression on my heart, and I have reveled in their successes and accomplishments over the years. Many of them have told me what an important part I played in their growth and their feelings about Judaism, but I'm not sure they all realize what an extraordinary impact they have all had on my life!

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Being a cantor is not like most other professions. Being a cantor means that I have been intimately involved with families at crucial times in their lives. My heart has overflowed with joy at those moments of happiness for our congregants, and it has broken hundreds of times over as I felt your grief. I will forever be grateful to you for allowing me into your lives to share these personal triumphs and tragedies, and I treasure the time we have spent together, praying, singing, laughing and crying.

Change is never easy, but I know that this congregation will welcome Rabbi Rossoff with open arms and open hearts next year. And I pray that he will help this community move forward in a positive and healthy way as you plan for the permanent rabbi who will succeed him.

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I wish each and every member of this community good health and happiness in the years ahead, and if you ever find yourself in the Albany area, please give us a call. We will always be happy to reconnect with members of our Temple Beth Am family.

May we all find opportunities to grow and thrive in this next chapter of our lives, and may we continue to hold the values and rituals of Judaism close to our hearts and help to perpetuate them for the next generation. Chazak, chazak, v'nit chazeik, may we go from strength to strength.

With love,
CANTOR SCHECHTMAN

WORSHIP

The Worship Committee needs YOUR help!

We are very short of ushers for Friday night Shabbat Services for the months of May and June. Can you help?

Here is what the usher job entails:

1. Arrive at the temple at the latest by 7:00 pm, so that you can get ready and greet early arrivals.
2. First, go up on the bima and pour some wine into the kiddush cup, place water on the readers bench, unwrap the challah and cover it with the decorative cover, and light the middle candle in preparation for the candle blessing at the start of the service.
3. Next, stand at the entrance to the sanctuary and pass out flyers /songs. etc., if there are any, and wish everyone who enters a "Shabbat Shalom."
4. It's best to sit near the doors to the sanctuary.
5. Close both doors at the start of the service, and open one side for the final verse of "L'chah Dodi."
6. Close the door at the end of "L'chah Dodi" and enjoy the service.
7. At the end of the service, open all doors for easy access to the social hall and the Oneg Shabbat.

Simple? Yes, this is simple but it is very important to welcome worshippers and to ready the bima for the service. If you would like to volunteer for one or more dates, please contact Carol Hanover at carol@hanover.org or by phone at 781-367-7177.

Join the Temple Beth Am family on Friday, June 10th at a special Shabbat Service & Oneg Shabbat in honor of Cantor Jodi Schechtman and her service to our congregation as Cantor & Spiritual Leader.

MAY & JUNE SABBATH SERVICE SCHEDULE

YOM HASHOAH

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 / 27 Nisan 5776

at Temple Israel, 145 Hartford Street, Natick

YOM HASHOAH COMMUNITY SERVICE.....7:30 PM

Friday, MAY 6, 2016 / 29 Nisan 5776

SHABBAT FAMILY POTLUCK DINNER(reservations required).....6:00 PM

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE.....7:00 PM

Led by Grade 5 and Jr Choir
EDUCATION SHABBAT

Saturday, May 7, 2016 / 29 Nisan 5776

Weekly Portion ACHAREI MOT Leviticus 16:1-18:30; Haftarah I Samuel 20: 18-42

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

Friday, May 13, 2016 / 6 Iyar 5776

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE & TBA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.....6:00 PM

SHABBAT DINNER & TBA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.....7:30 PM

Saturday, May 14, 2016 / 6 Iyar 5776

Weekly Portion KEDOSHIM Leviticus 19:1-20:27 Haftarah Amos 9:7-15

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

Friday, May 20, 2016 / 13 Iyar 5776

SHABBAT UNPLUGGED SERVICE.....7:15 PM

The Mitzvah Basket and Oneg Shabbat are sponsored by Matthew & Deborah Kaplan

Saturday, May 21, 2016 / 13 Nisan 5776

Weekly Portion EMOR Leviticus 21:1-24:23 Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15-31

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

MORNING SERVICE & B'NOT MITZVAH.....10:30 AM

Alexa Ruth Kaplan, daughter of Matthew & Deborah Kaplan
Sophie Hope Kaplan, daughter of Matthew & Deborah Kaplan

Friday, May 27, 2016 / 20 Iyar 5776

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

May Anniversary Blessing

Saturday, May 28, 2016 / 20 Nisan 5776

Weekly Portion BEHAR Leviticus 25:1-26:2 Haftarah Jeremiah 32:6-27

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

Friday, June 3, 2016 / 27 Iyar 5776

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

June/July Anniversary Blessing

The Pulpit Flowers and Oneg Shabbat are sponsored by David & Diane Wallenstein

Saturday, June 4, 2016 / 27 Iyar 5776

Weekly Portion BECHUKOTAI Leviticus 26:3-27:34; Haftarah Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

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

MORNING SERVICE & BAT MITZVAH.....10:30 AM

Sophia Riess Wallenstein, daughter of David & Diane Wallenstein

Friday, June 10, 2016 / 5 Sivan 5776

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

Honoring Cantor Jodi Schechtman D.M.

Saturday, June 11, 2016 / 5 Sivan 5776

Weekly Portion BEMIDBAR Numbers 1:1-4:20 Haftarah Hosea 2:1-22

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

SHAVUOT

Saturday, June 11, 2016 / 6 Sivan 5776

EREV SHAVUOT & CONFIRMATION SERVICE.....7:00 PM

Sunday, June 12, 2016 / 6 Sivan 5776

SHAVUOT & YIZKOR SERVICE.....10:00 AM

Friday, June 17, 2016 / 12 Sivan 5776

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

Marriage Reconsecration Service

The Pulpit Flowers and Oneg Shabbat are sponsored by Vivo & Jennifer Moshe

Saturday, June 18, 2016 / 12 Sivan 5776

Weekly Portion NASO Numbers 4:21-7:89; Haftarah Judges 13:2-25

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

MORNING SERVICE & BAT MITZVAH.....10:30 AM

Natalee Celia Moshe, daughter of Vivo & Jennifer Moshe

Friday, June 24, 2016 / 19 Sivan 5776

SHABBAT EVENING SUMMER SERVICE.....6:30 PM

June/July Anniversary Blessing

Summer Services will be held through Friday, August 26, 2016

Saturday, June 25, 2016 / 19 Sivan 5776

Weekly Portion BEHAALOTEKHA Numbers 8:1-12:16 Haftarah Zechariah 2:14-4:7

SHABBAT MINYAN SERVICE.....9:00 AM

Minyan Services will begin at 9:00 AM through August 27, 2016

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MARRIAGE QUINQUENNIAL SERVICE

A Marriage Reconsecration Service to honor those couples who, during the year, will celebrate a significant anniversary (a number that is a multiple of five) will be held again this year. The service will be held on Friday, June 17th at 7:15 PM.

If you are a couple married in the year that ends in a 1 or 6 who wishes to celebrate your anniversary during this special service and have not received a letter by May 25th, please reserve your place by calling the temple at 508.872.8300.

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SABBATH POT LUCK DINNER

Friday, May 6th at 6:00 PM Shabbat Service at 7:00 PM

ANNUAL EDUCATION SHABBAT



Join your Temple Beth Am family at Pot Luck Dinner (\$5 / Family) with other religious school families as we celebrate Shabbat together. This is the last Family Shabbat of the year. After dinner, the service will be led by Cantor Schechtman, along with the fifth grade and Jr. Choir. Please bring your favorite, nut free entree, side dish, or salad to share as we celebrate Shabbat together.

Be sure to join us for this special and meaningful service—our annual EDUCATION SHABBAT, where we honor the teachers, staff, and volunteers who make our school run. Check your e-mail in the coming weeks for a PerfectPotluck.com invitation to the dinner.

All of us at School Committee and Youth Commission look forward to celebrating this special Family Shabbat and Education Shabbat with you!

Questions? Please contact us at SchoolCommittee@tempbetham.org.

JULIE WOLF , Chair School Committee

EDUCATION NEWS — *Rabbi Marcie Kamerow, Director of Education*

BECOMING A PEOPLE

It's hard to believe that spring has come and that we are heading towards the end of the school year. Passover is just under two weeks away and as we start preparing our home and ourselves for this holiday, I can't help but think of what the over-



all narrative of the story teaches us. It is not just a story of freedom from slavery, but it is the story of the Israelites becoming a nation, a community who must come together to survive and reach the promised land.

There have been many ways in which this community has joined together in order to celebrate and carry each other through our joys and sorrows. This past month we celebrated our youngest students, our K/1-2 class as they led us in family Shabbat services on March 11 with their teacher, Nancy Rotatori. We celebrated Purim with a Star Wars themed spiel and fun-filled carnival which brought together our entire school from grades K-12, including their parents. The third-grade class came

together for a morning of learning about the four children and how each one of those children is a part of us. Lastly, we have celebrated many Bar and Bat Mitzvahs over the course

of the spring. This list is just a short summary of how we have come together and formed a people during our journey throughout the year.

As we look forward, we are excited for the different opportunities that this next year will bring us both in the larger temple community and in our school. This summer, I will be working on our strategic planning goals which we will start implementing this coming fall so stay tuned!

There have been many people working long and hard behind the scenes to make sure that our school and community run smoothly. To our professional staff: Cantor Schechtman, Ellen Jagher, Mary Robinson, Sandra Levey, and Augusto Gomez, thank you for all of your hard work and support through this year. A huge thank you also goes to Sharon Silverman, VP of Education and Julie Wolf, our School Committee Chair for all that they give in terms of their time and talents to our school. To our president, Howard Schwartz, thank you for your leadership and support. Thank you to our School Committee for taking on the many projects and programs we have run throughout the year. To our teachers, thank you for all you do to provide a safe, loving, and wonderful learning environment for our students. Lastly, to our families, thank you for entrusting us with your child's Jewish education and giving us the pleasure to teach them. In my first TEBEAM article, I spoke of being "partners" with you in your child's Jewish education. I look forward to continuing to be your partner on your child and family's Jewish education.

As you seen by the amount of people listed above, it takes many people and much work and many people to make our school run smoothly. Just like the Israelites had to learn to become a united people after the Exodus from Egypt, we hope our school will also become a united, in order to make sure our children receive a rich and meaningful Jewish education.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Passover and summer,

RABBI KAMEROW

APOLOGIES FOR AN OMISSION IN THE 2016 TBA DIRECTORY

Temple Beth Am apologizes to our member, Susan Bonder for the mistake made during the proofing of the new directory. Susan is still a member of the congregation and here is the correct information on how to reach her:

SUSAN BONDER
4217 Great Meadow Road
Dedham, MA 02026
781.234.2248

We value her longtime membership & sincerely apologize for our error.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE YOUTH COMMISSION

– By Julie Wolf and Sharon Silverman



We started off the beginning of this school year with a few more people crowded around the library table at our monthly meetings than we'd had previously. Instead of continuing as

two separate entities, School Committee and Youth Commission joined forces in an effort to streamline school operations. In the past, the School Committee had been more concerned with the formal aspects of religious school education (curriculum, service preparation and attendance, etc.) while Youth Commission focused more on informal aspects and engagement outside of the classroom (youth groups, etc.). In our classrooms, however, formal and informal education overlap. Both are an important part of our students' experience, and merging the two committees has allowed us all to look at the bigger picture.

Of course that wasn't nearly our biggest change this year. We welcomed to our religious school a new director, Rabbi Marcie Kamerow. She spent last summer immersing herself in the curriculum and

culture of the school, which allowed for a smooth transition from previous years. Under Rabbi Kamerow, the religious school has remained strong and vibrant. By being ever-present in the classrooms, at pickup and drop-off, and at school and temple events, she has forged a bond with our families. The comfort level and familiarity between her and them is apparent, and it strengthens the sense of community that is essential to our school as it moves forward.

For the 2016-17 school year, a combination of enrollment numbers and staffing requests encouraged Rabbi Kamerow and the committee to try something new: grades 3-6 will all meet on Wednesdays now, instead of being divided into two sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sunday will remain as is, with an early session and a late session to accommodate grades K-7, and Mondays will still be our night where the high schoolers, grades 8-12, take over the building. While the decision to go down from two afternoons a week to one was largely practical, we are looking forward to the energy and enthusiasm that will result from bringing larger numbers of students together at one time.

Largely responsible for that energy and enthusiasm are our teachers, who instill in our students a love of Jewish learning:

Nancy Rotatori (K-1 and 2); Jodi Rubin (3); Julia Zinn (4, 7, 8, and BATY advisor); Illona Roll (5 and 7); Amy Davis (6), and Don Levey (music). Furthering that love of learning is school librarian Marsha Massey. Rabbi Kamerow and Cantor Schechtman keep our high school students engaged and interested in their Jewish education. All are supported tirelessly by school administrator Sandra Levey. Our volunteers also contribute to the running of our school. Without them, our Family Shabbat Pot Lucks wouldn't run; our Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts wouldn't happen; and our festive and meaningful Scholarship Dinner following high school graduation wouldn't exist. Thanks to all of the School Committee and Youth Commission volunteers who have given their time over the past years, attending our monthly meetings and running these events: Beth Adler, Lori Bonis, Kathy Covarrubias, Josh Franklin, Tracey Karger, Merle Kushner, Lisa Nasch, Sue Siegel, Judy Swartz, Ilena Williams, and Julia Zinn.

We love our committee members, but we'd love some new ones, too! Let us know that you'd like to be a part of our committee (SchoolCommittee@tempbetham.org). We need representation from parents with children at all grade levels to make our school the best it can be. New people bring new energy and new ideas, and there's plenty of room at our table for you.

YOUTH – BATY UPDATE



It has been another wonderful and successful year for BATY. This year, we had a stronger presence at regional NFTY-NE events than in the past, as well as more participants at BATY events. We completely

revamped Levi Leap, making it a full day event which we hope will continue to expand participation. We also worked very hard on fundraising this year in BATY, adding some new fundraisers so we can do more exciting activities and events. We have also been putting a strong focus on our JBat (Junior BATY–7th and 8th graders), making them feel comfortable and helping develop relationships with JBat and older BATY members through new events and our big/littles programs. We are looking forward to ending the year with freshman kidnap, where we officially welcome the current 8th graders into BATY by surprising them with a day of adventures and activities.


few weeks. 24 BATY members participated in Mystery Bus Ride, where we went to Skyzone, and improve show, and had dinner at Quincy Market. Mystery bus ride is an especially fun event because the participants do not know where we are going or what we are doing, which adds an element of surprise and extra fun! In April, 21 BATY members joined 375 other Jewish teens from NFTY-NE for a camp themed weekend of praying, learning, and fun at Spring Conclavette. We also held a few fundraisers, an Unos Night, a Bake sale, and, most recently our annual pancake breakfast. Thank you so much to everyone who came to these events to help our youth programs. We really appreciate the continued support of the community.

It has been such a pleasure to have been able to spend another year working with our teens at TBA. I am continually amazed by what they are capable of, and it is so wonderful to see how passionate they are about Judaism, BATY, and the larger community. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

JULIA ZINN, Youth Advisor
youthadvisor@tempbetham.org



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2016 / 5775 FRIDAY, MAY 13TH AT 6:00 PM

 Congratulations to the following 12th graders and their parents who will participate in a Sabbath Service of Graduation from Temple Beth Am High School.

- RACHEL BUCK
daughter of Alan Buck
& Kathleen McCarthy
- MOLLY COVARRUBIAS
daughter of Lino & Kathy Covarrubias
- HOLLY COVARRUBIAS
daughter of Lino & Kathy Covarrubias
- DANIEL FIER
son of Ian & Rachel Fier
- DARYA HERSCOVICI
daughter of Sorin & Indira Herscovici
- MADELINE NASCH
daughter of Tony & Lisa Nasch
- STEPHANIE SHELDON
son of Todd & Gail Sheldon
- WILLIAM STEINBERG
son of Kurt & Sarah Steinberg



Congratulations to the following confirmands for 2015/5775 and their parents who will participate in the Confirmation Ceremony, Shavuot, Saturday, June 11 at 7:00 PM

CONFIRMANDS FOR 2015/5775

- CAMERON ADLER
son of Mike & Beth Adler
- EMMA APOSTOL
daughter of Paul & Lisa Apostol
- SARAH BREITBORD
daughter of Gary & Colleen Breitbord
- SHOSHANA BUCK
daughter of Alan Buck
& Kathleen McCarthy
- EMILY CANTY
daughter of Richard & Wendy Canty
- MIKAYLA FIER
daughter of Ian & Rachel Fier
- ZACHARY GREENBLATT
son of Russ & Caroline Greenblatt
- ALEXANDER HICKEY
son of Ken & Meryl Hickey
- HANNAH JACOBSON
daughter of Edmon & Colleen Jacobson
- PHILIP LEVEY
son of Donald & Sandra Levey
- ADAM LEVINE
son of Rob & Judy Levine
- HANNAH LEVINE
daughter of Rob & Judy Levine
- JAMI LEVINE
daughter of Barry Levine
& Stephanie Levine
- STEPHEN ROTATORI
son of Alan & Nancy Rotatori
- KYLA ROWE
daughter of Jeff & Sandra Rowe
- DANIELLE SCHULTZ
daughter of Jami Schultz
& Derek Schultz
- HUNTER SLAVID
son of Stuart & Helen Slavid
- NINA SONNENSCHNEIN
daughter of Orna Sonnenschein
& Andrew Epstein
- SABRINA WEINER
daughter of Randy & Lori Weiner

BROTHERHOOD NEWS



Brotherhood thanks all those who participated in our events this year, including members, volunteers and guests. Keep on the lookout for an informal Brotherhood

outing this summer at a local watering hole, and we look forward to resuming a host of exciting Brotherhood events in fall 2016.

BROTHERHOOD BOARD

Sunday, May 1st, 9:00 AM

Before we conclude another successful year, make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, May 1st, 9:00 AM at TBA. This is our last board meeting of the year, so this is your chance to pop in and introduce yourself to a great bunch of guys. Pull up a chair, nosh on a bagel and share a few laughs. You don't have to be a member to attend the meeting, and we hope to see you there.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 15th, 9:00 AM @TBA

The guest speaker is Sam Hendler, co-owner of Jack's Abby, a craft brewery, bar and restaurant in Framingham. Sam will talk about the craft beer business, the history of his brewery and plans for the future. Who knows, he might even bring some tasty samples.

Of course, Russ Litin and his dedicated kitchen crew will provide a delicious, homemade breakfast buffet.

JOIN BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood is always looking for new members. Besides our popular breakfasts, community outreach and association with the TBA Brotherhood Basketball League, we love to socialize.

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



Caring Committee

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

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

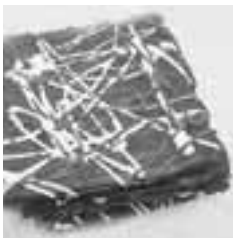
If you have a simcha that you would like to share with us, or if you have an illness in your family or are in need of anything, we want to know.

Please let Cantor Schechtman know what is going on in your life.

cantor@tempbetham.org

Annual Chocolate Seder

This creative service was led by Cantor Schechtman, the outstanding chocolate martinis were made and served by bartender extraordinaire, Gene Laks and all the Passover symbols were created by Judy Finn. As you can see, a good time was had by all! L' CHAYIM!



Shofar

Temple Beth Am Sisterhood

Member of
Women of Reform Judaism
MAY / JUNE 2016



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

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Am
invites you to celebrate with us,
at our annual

Honors Dinner
Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Come and spend an evening out
With the ladies of Sisterhood!


Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

AEGEAN Restaurant
257 Cochituate Rd.
Framingham, MA 01701
\$45 per person \$36 seniors

Please print out the enclosed form and return it by
May 24 to:

Audrey Reed
17 Salvi Drive
Framingham, MA 01701

Sensational silent auction items available!
All donations will benefit The Pearl Street
Cupboard & Cafe




Join Temple Beth Am
Sisterhood in supporting
the YES Fund
(Youth, Education, and Special Projects)

YES Fund Dinner

Thursday, May 5th at 6:30 PM

Join us for a light dinner & musical entertainment by:
Sunny Lee (Lounge Singer at Seasons 52 in Chestnut Hill)



Cost Member: \$18.00/Non Member: \$20.00
(includes donation to YES Fund)

Please RSVP at Sisterhoodtba300@gmail.com by April 27th
For questions call Helen Slavik (508) 620-2531 or Meryl Hickey (508) 380-9770

...co-presidents' message

Sisterhood is wrapping up another successful year!
We hope you will be able to join us on Thursday, May 5th for YES Fund Dinner at 6:30p.m. at Temple Beth Am. Sunny Lee will be our musical entertainment. Come hear what the YES Fund is all about.
Also, Honors Dinner will be Tuesday, June 7th beginning at 6:30 PM. at the Aegean Restaurant. All donations will benefit the Pearl Street Cupboard and Cafe.
This is a lovely night to honor everyone who has been part of Sisterhood and welcome new members of the Sisterhood Board.
We already are starting to plan next year's calendar. We plan on a Brotherhood/Sisterhood joint event, possibly a Kugel Bake-Off and so much more.
If you have any suggestions for new events, we are always happy to hear your suggestions. Please feel free to contact us anytime and with any suggestions at sisterhoodtba300@gmail.com.

...yom tov parties

SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:30-10:30 AM



We hope you have enjoyed the fun of learning about the holidays, reading stories, doing holiday related crafts, and having snacks. Yom Tov parties are geared towards children between the ages of 2 and 5, but younger children may attend.

We ask that the children are accompanied by an adult, as this program is meant to help introduce the children and parents to the Jewish Holidays and the Temple Beth Am Community.

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**



**Knitzvah meets every other
Tuesday afternoon at
1:30 to 3:30 PM in
the Levine
Library.**

We chat and knit or crochet learning from one another. SPRING is here (ta-dah) but this winter coming will be cold, so we are already working on lots of mittens and hats for Framingham school children. Also making afghans for local Cancer Centers. Everyone is delighted... our "Knitzvah" Circle and those who receive the fruits of our labor.

Want to learn how? We'll teach you.

MAY 10 & 24 JUNE 7 & 21

Is anyone interested in continuing over Summer...maybe once a month??? Or just drop by, the Library committee works all summer.

MARION WOLLMERINGER
508-685-0007

...recipe corner



2nd place recipe from the Brisket Bake-Off Courtesy of Bonnie Gilman:

Sweet and Sour Brisket from "Ellie's Kitchen To Yours" (Ellie Deaner)

- 4-5 lbs. beef brisket
- 1-2 medium onions peeled and sliced
- 1 C ketchup
- 1/4 C brown sugar
- 1/4 C lemon juice
- 14 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 C water (or more as needed)
- 3-6 carrots peeled and sliced or as many baby carrots as you like or prefer
- 2-3 potatoes peeled and sliced



Sear the meat, fat side down in a large roasting pan on top of the stove. Turn meat over and sear other side. Add sliced onions to the pan. Combine ketchup. Brown sugar, lemon juice, Worcestershire and water and pour over

Cover pan and transfer to preheated oven at 350. Bake for 3 to 3 and 1/2 hours or until meat is tender. Check occasionally to make sure there is enough liquid, add more water if necessary. During the last hour, add carrots and potatoes. (I zap potatoes in microwave first to get them a little soft.)

When meat is tender. Remove from pan and cool. Slice meat and return to pan with gravy from which all the fat has been removed. When ready to serve, heat at 350 in a covered pan.

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SENIOR LIAISONS

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YES FUND CARDS

Remember they are available year round.

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MAZEI TOV TO:

- RACHEL FIER on the Bar Mitzvah of son, Zachary
- LINDA GELLER GOLDBERG on the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Dana Goldberg

...save these dates

• **MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT**

Sunday, May 1st at 1:00 PM
See flyer for more information

• **YES FUND EVENT**

Thursday, May 5th at 6:30 PM
See invitation (see previous page)

• **SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING**

Monday, May 9th at 7:15 PM
Place to be determined

• **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION/
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DINNER**

Friday, May 13th at 6:00 PM

• **HONOR'S DINNER**

Tuesday, June 7th at the Aegean Restaurant (see previous page)

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...it's my party expo

Exhibitors and caterers filled the Social Hall and Friedman Hall on March 13th for Sisterhood's annual party planning exhibition. Several returning favorites such as Eureka Puzzles, Franklin Caterers and Moments to Remember were there, plus several new ones such as Jonah's Twisters, Cyprian Keyes Golf Club and Sara Ran Away with the Spoon. It is a fun event for everyone, and is Sisterhood's biggest fundraiser of the year.



A special thank you to Lisa and Jon Sofro who donated their balloons from Carly's Bat Mitzvah party which was at the temple the night before the event. Our balloon vendor who was supposed to donate balloons for the event backed out at the last minute. The Sofro's stepped up and let us use all of the balloons from their Bat Mitzvah reception. The balloons were gorgeous and the rooms for the party exhibition looked bright and festive.

LISA MOVITZ & JUDY SWARTZ,
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Mah Jongg Tournament

Sunday, May 1, 2016
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Life Cycles...

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

19	FRANCIS & FERN VONA	15
24	JOHN & LAUREN BINDER	30
26	MIKE & BETH ADLER	20

All couples celebrating a May anniversary will be blessed at the May 27th service at 7:15 PM. Please call the temple office if you are planning to attend.

JUNE

4	JUSTIN & STACY JAGHER	5
6	ROBERT & LORI PAUL	40
10	BRUCE & CINDY WITTE	15
20	STEVEN & RONNA ARONSON	40
25	BARRY & MELVA ROWE	55
26	GREGG & JAMI STEIN	5

JULY

4	FRED & RHONDA GILBERT	40
4	DAVID & ELLEN MURACHVER	40
4	DANIEL & STEFANIE NICHOLSON	45
20	GAVIN & JUDY FINN	30

All couples celebrating a June & July anniversary will be blessed at the June 3rd service at 7:15 PM. Please call the temple office if you are planning to attend.

IN MEMORY

We record with deep sorrow the names of those who have died since our last bulletin. May their memory be for a blessing.

THE CONGREGATION MOURNS WITH:

- ILENA WILLIAMS on the loss of her dear friend, Eileen Barrett
- STAN SCHERTZER on the loss of his father, Max Schertzer
- KEN ABRAHAMS on the loss of his mother, Barbara Abrahams
- SHARON KRUMHOLZ on the loss of her mother, Irma Cohen

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Once again, the annual Sisterhood Purim Carnival was a great success! The event was well attended by TBA families and even by families from surrounding communities. New this year, the Framingham Police were on hand for car seat checks and to talk to children about bicycle safety. The Star Wars theme was a big hit as we saw many children dressed in Jedi costumes in addition to the more traditional Queen Esther & Mordecai garb. A big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers working the games, food stand and prize room and to the many businesses donating their goods and services such as Ben & Jerry's, Fun-Entertainment and Cohen productions.

STAR WARS PURIM



Class Reunion...A murder mystery

If you missed the Class Reunion with Brickroad Productions on Saturday April 2nd at our Annual Fundraising event, this is what you missed....

A fun night of laughs, food, auction and raffles and lots of friends which raised over \$5,000 for TBA!!!

Everyone was so happy to see old classmate "Ricky"! Even with a muser (not sure what this means) before dinner, everyone had a great time playing along! We even got to solve the mystery of who killed the obnoxious classmate car dealer. We had the cheerleader and her twin sister, the jock, with a few brain cells missing, the nerd complete w/pocket protector and pens, the obnoxious local used car dealer and a leftover druggie/hippie, all from the **Fission HS class of 1976**.

Dinner was from Villa Restaurant and was widely acclaimed and, of course, our dessert display, made by the TBA Board of Trustees was extraordinary.

A special thank you to the Temple Beth Am Fundraising Committee (Laurie Schneider, Meryl Hickey, Stu Sheinhait, Beverly Kleinman, Cynthia Roll, Ronna Cohen, Sue & Bob Clark and Scott Cohen) for all their hard work.

Thank you as well to our two helpers, Brianna Schneider and Samantha Reed,



SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH

Attending Jewish Overnight Camp, Traveling to Israel on an Education Trip, Attending College/University

This year's Scholarship Dinner will follow Hebrew High School graduation on Friday, May 13, 2016. What a grand opportunity to wish our youth well as they go off to new and challenging adventures! Our Temple Beth Am youth continue to bring "ru'ach" to our community.

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**MetroWest Jewish Day School
Synagogue E-Blast Update
May & June 2016**

Did you know MWJDS is the fastest growing Jewish day school in Greater Boston? Our student body has grown 5-10% every year for the past 3 years. Come visit and see what all the buzz is about. Contact Beth Null, Director of Admissions, for more information or to schedule a private tour.

Accepting Applications for 2016-2017

MetroWest Jewish Day School is accepting admission applications for the 2016-2017 school year on a rolling basis. Applications and financial assistance information are available online at www.mwjds.org/admissions.

New Tuition Affordability Plan

MWJDS has launched the Annual Capped Tuition program (ACT), a new tuition affordability plan. This program is for families with adjusted gross income between \$100,000 and \$300,000, and net assets under \$300,000 (excluding primary residence and retirement savings). The ACT program offers fixed annual tuition based on family income and the number of students enrolled at MWJDS. Find your family's tuition and learn more at www.mwjds.org/ACT.

**Special Friends Day
Friday, May 6 @ 8:30am**

MWJDS will host its annual Special Friends Day on Friday, May 6. We feel there is no better way to share our enthusiasm about MWJDS than to engage directly with our community and we invite you to join us. We will start the event with a light breakfast and a community member will share their MWJDS story. Our guests will then be invited to visit our classrooms; students will present their work from this academic year, and everyone will participate in fun and interactive educational activities. RSVP is required to attend.

Please contact Solomon Rosenberg solomon.rosenberg@mwjds.org or 508-620-5554 by April 29th to RSVP.

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(top) 6th grade students enjoying book "Israel in 3D" Kayla Lamont, April Davis, Ella Benstock, Avery Pruskin (left) April Davis & Martine Schwan

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