



**Hakol (The Voice)**  
**The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Shalom**  
**41 Storrs Ave Braintree MA**






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September- November 2012

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<b>September 2012</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8 Rabbi Lanckton
9	10	11	12 Temple Board Meeting	13	14	15
16 Erev Rosh Hashanah Rabbi Lanckton	17 Rosh Hashanah Rabbi Lanckton	18 Rosh Hashanah Rabbi Lanckton	19 	20	21	22
23	24	25 Kol Nidre Erev Yom Kippur  Rabbi Lanckton and Rabbi Navah Levine	26 Yizkor Yom Kippur  Rabbi Lanckton	27 	28	29
30 Erev Sukkot						

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 14**

CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST MEETING TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AND  
 DEDICATION OF OUR PEACE GARDEN

**Temple B'nai Shalom of Braintree  
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur  
HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE (5773) September 2012**

All services will be held at  
Temple Beth El, 1001 Hancock Street in Quincy.  
Seating will be assigned.  
Times for Torah, Shofar, Sermons, and Yizkor are estimates.

There will be no evening services on September 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>  
Schedule changes will be announced each day.  
*May this be a healthy and blessed year!*




**Rosh Hashanah**

<b>Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Evening</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Morning Torah Service Shofar Service</b>	<b>9 AM 10 AM 10:30 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Morning Torah Service Shofar Service</b>	<b>9 AM 10 AM 10:30 AM</b>

**Yom Kippur**

<b>Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Evening- Kol Nidre</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Morning Torah Sermon Yizkor Break Minchah- Neilah Shofar</b>	<b>9 AM 10 AM 11 AM 12 PM 2-5 PM 5 PM 6 PM</b>

October 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Sukkot	2 Sukkot	3	4 Religious School PM	5	6
7	8 Yizkor Shemini Atzeret Columbus Day	9 Simchat Torah	10 Temple Board Meeting	11 Religious School PM	12	13 Rabbi Lanckton
14 Temple Brunch Religious School AM	15 Sisterhood membership Supper	16	17	18 Religious School PM	19	20
21 Religious School AM	22	23	24	25 Religious School PM	26	27 Rabbi Lanckton
28 Religious School AM	29	30	31			

November 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Religious School PM	2	3
4 Religious School AM Rummage Sale	5 Rummage Sale	6	7	8 Religious School PM	9	10 Rabbi Lanckton
11 Religious School AM Veterans Day	12 Veterans Day observed	13	14 Temple Board Meeting	15 Religious School PM	16	17
18 Religious School AM	19	20	1	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25 Tisha B'av Fast of Av	26	27	28	29 Religious School PM	30	

## Hopes for 5773

My Very Dear Friends,

Alice and I hope that you have enjoyed a refreshing summer, renewing your energy for the new year beginning this month.

This fall we will share in the joy of dedicating our beautiful new Peace Garden, with deep gratitude to Eddie Flaherty for this excellent Eagle Scout project. We are also fortunate to be celebrating the Banot Mitzvah of Arline Goodman and Helen Warshauer on November 10. I hope to announce soon the date for our next book club meeting and the book we have selected; all suggestions are welcome.

I have enjoyed posting to my blog on Braintree Patch. This medium is a good way for us to increase our visibility in the Braintree community. Check it out:  
[http://braintree.patch.com/users/rabbi-van-lanckton/blog\\_posts](http://braintree.patch.com/users/rabbi-van-lanckton/blog_posts).

This fall we will be renewing our efforts to increase our membership. Immediate Past President Marylou Fishman is chairing our Membership Committee, which makes its report every month to our Board. On August 12 we held an open house and are now in discussions with five families who are considering joining us as members or including their children in our Religious School or both.

The Membership Committee needs the help of every member. Please consider whom you may know who is Jewish and not affiliated and lives within a reasonable distance of us, whether or not a resident of Braintree. Whenever you find the opportunity or can find a way to raise the topic, please talk up the Temple to these friends and acquaintances and encourage them to visit our website, [www.tbsbraintree.com](http://www.tbsbraintree.com) and attend a service with you. Anyone with questions can also call me any time. The future growth of Temple B'nai Shalom depends on these efforts.

If you or someone you know is in a hospital or nursing home is expected to be, please let me know promptly so that I can visit the patient. If someone in your family passes away or if your loss seems imminent, please call me immediately so we can meet your family's needs in a timely way.

In the next three months I will be leading services on the following dates: September 8, September 16 [Erev Rosh Hashanah], September 17 and 18 [Rosh Hashanah], September 25 [Kol Nidre, together with Rabbi Navah Levine], September 26 [Yom Kippur], October 13, October 27 and November 10.

I close with an excerpt from remarks by Rabbi Elliot Dorff concerning the month of Elul, the month that began on August 19 and will end on September 16, Erev Rosh Hashanah:

Elul is the time when we begin to prepare ourselves for the deep moral and religious assessment that takes place on the High Holy Days. An old tradition points out that the Hebrew letters of Elul can stand for the verse from the biblical book of Song of Songs (6:3), Ani L'dodi V'dodi Li -- "I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine." The tradition is based on Rabbi Akiva's interpretation of that book as the love poetry not just between a man and a woman but also between God and the People Israel. The point is that in preparing ourselves to engage with our Maker, we are coming closer to God. During the coming days and weeks as we prepare for the holidays, I encourage each of us to embrace this Jewish tradition and express our love for those we hold dearest in our lives. *L'Shanah Tovah U'm'tukah*. May 5773 be a good and sweet year for all of us.

Rabbi Van Lanckton [vanlanckton@verizon.net](mailto:vanlanckton@verizon.net) 617-694-2438

## **From Your President**

Shalom,

The High Holy Days are just around the corner, giving us the opportunity to reflect once again on the past year, to pray for a Happy and Healthy New Year, and to be inscribed in the Book of Life. It is also an opportunity to reunite with temple members whom we have known for many years yet do not get to see very often anymore except on the High Holy Days. Why wait a whole year to see someone whose company you enjoy and have known for many years? We all know how precious the gift of time is. What if you could get together three or four times during the year for a few hours of their company and good food in a warm and friendly environment? You can by coming to temple for Shabbat services and/or a social event. Friendships are precious and with our busy schedules we sometimes forget what is most important in our lives. When you are at services for the High Holy Days and reflect upon the coming year, think about Temple B'Nai Shalom and the wonderful memories you have had over the years. If you haven't visited for a while, the door is always open for you! Plan to attend with a friend. Also consider volunteering to help out. Our temple can only survive through your financial AND volunteer efforts. We need help in the kitchen on a few Shabbats during the year. We have many congregants who sponsor a Kiddush for both joyful events and yahrzeits, and we need more people to help. Join the Men's Club or Sisterhood. Do you have an idea for a Temple program? Mention it to anyone on the board and perhaps it can happen. Check out some of the planned events listed in this newsletter and consider participating. We have some wonderful events coming up in the next few months, including the dedication of our new peace garden. Come join us!

On behalf of the Kurzberg family, I wish you and your family a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Shana Tova, Peter Kurzberg

### **Temple B'nai Shalom Officers for 2012-2013**

President-Dr. Peter Kurzberg  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Dr. Richard Hacker  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Alyse Baker-Boncaldo  
Financial Secretary-Janice Fine  
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#### **One Year Directors**

Arline Goodman  
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#### **Two Year Directors**

Sandy Baler-Segal  
Audrey Mallock  
Josephine Salloway  
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#### **Committee Chairmen**

Sisterhood -Florence Koffman  
Men's Club -Jack Phillips  
Hebrew School -Solomon Borocov  
Religious Committee -Steve Karll  
Publicity -Richard Salloway

## Temple News

We had a very successful Open House for new members and people interested in our Religious School on Sunday, August 12. School begins Thursday, October 4 at 7:00 pm. The second day for classes will be Sundays at 11:00 am. If you know of anyone who would like more information about either our temple or our religious school, please send them to our webpage: [tbsbraintree.com](http://tbsbraintree.com) or call Marylou at 617.773.3567 or contact Rabbi Lanckton at [vlanckton@verizon.net](mailto:vlanckton@verizon.net)

## Fund Raising News

### Cards Make a Super Gift

Now, that the summer is ending, fall will arrive and with fall we have the holy days in September, Thanksgiving in November followed by Hanukkah – great time to purchase cards. The temple has benefitted yearly with a donation of \$2500.00 from the fundraiser account. This is due to the many members and non-members who purchase gift cards. Our temple needs your continued support to maintain the amount given yearly. All new buyers are welcome to participate. Our gift cards come in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations for Roche Brothers/Sudbury Farms and Stop & Shop. All that is needed for newcomers to do is call any of the following sellers. We can even deliver your cards.

Janice Fine 508-230-5074, Florence Koffman 781-843-4464, Nancy Resnick 781-843-3799.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Temple B'Nai Shalom's **2nd Annual Craft show** will be held on **Sunday October 21, 2012**. Volunteers are welcome and will be needed for a variety of tasks. Please contact either Gail Lerner or Sandie Baler-Segal. Everyone had a great time last year and it promises to be even better this year, so mark your calendars and join us for a fun event. To help please contact Sandie Baler-Segal at [sandieb@beld.net](mailto:sandieb@beld.net) or Gail Lerner at [gailmail@beld.net](mailto:gailmail@beld.net).

## Temple Donations

KIDDUSH	Yahrzeit	Miscellaneous
Irving & Wayne Adler Paula Goldman & David Flaherty Rabbi & Lenore Feierstein	Selma Swartz Irving Spector Irving & Wayne Adler Peter & Karen Kurzberg Bernie & Helen Warshauer Marilyn Reisberg	Bernie & Helen Warshauer Marilyn Reisberg Bob and Liz Bloom

### **Mending Fundraiser**

**Meryl Smith is available for basic sewing jobs (hems on pants, dresses, skirts, and sleeves, replacing buttons, etc.). There is no set fee, simply bring your item and make a donation to the temple when the job is finished! For details contact Meryl at 617-770-1656.**



### **From the Financial Secretary**

Please contact Janice at [jan@janfine.com](mailto:jan@janfine.com) if you have any questions regarding your annual dues. New coupon books for 2012-2013 will be mailed right after Labor Day.

### **Our Caring Community**

Condolences to: The Family of Sam Tubman

And the Family of Lucy Fainor

Get Well Wishes to: Steve Fishman

Mazal Tov to: Judy and Larry Flanagan on Lauren's engagement to Eric Schoenfeld

### **Ongoing Community Service – Temple B'nai Shalom Food Drive**

As members of the Greater Braintree Community, we now collect dry goods for The Marge Crispin Center Food Pantry. It is written and expected of us to leave a portion of the fields for those that are hungry and cannot provide for themselves. This is a mitzvah in which each member of your family may participate. When you food shop please consider items (tuna, peanut butter, cereal, etc.) to contribute. Collection containers are always available right inside the door as you enter. Thank you for your donations. Judy Karll

### **Yahrzeit Information**

Lost a loved one you would like to remember yearly? Please let Meryl Smith know the details and receive an annual postcard with candle lighting and Yahrzeit dates. Send information by email ([meryljoys@aol.com](mailto:meryljoys@aol.com)) or phone (1.617.770.1656). Please include the person's English and Hebrew names as well as the date and time of passing. Thank you

### **Sponsor a Kiddush**

Celebrate a birthday, special event or honor the memory of a loved one with your Temple Family. The cost of a basic Kiddush is \$75. If you want something more elaborate, we can do it! Janice Fine will discuss the additional costs and arrange everything for you. Please call her at 508-230-5074 or email her at [jan@janfine.com](mailto:jan@janfine.com).

## **Sisterhood News**

Mark your calendars.

**Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>** - Sisterhood Membership Supper Karen Kurzburg, chair

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>** - Rummage is right after the holidays so remember us when cleaning out your closets.

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Sisterhood Chanukah party will be Sunday, December 2nd at Sandi Cohen's home in Randolph. Mark your calendars and look for more details later.

If you want more information call me, Florence (Mrs. Rummage) 781-843-4464

## **Education News**

### **Religious School 2012 – 2013**

**Our School:** The Religious School at TBS is a multi-generational class, working with families of diverse backgrounds to meet the need of Hebrew language and Jewish culture in the Conservative community.

TBS classes start the week after Yom Kippur run until early June. Classes are held twice per week, Sunday morning and Thursday evening.

**Our Goal:** To educate Jewish youth and adults, increasing language skills and familiarity with customs, holidays and traditions.

**Our Objective:** To provide all students with classroom instruction and multi-generational discussion, teaching Conservative Jewish values, culture and language.

#### **Our Curriculum includes:**

- ◆ Aleph Bet - Hebrew letters & vowels,
- ◆ Hebrew counting (numbers),
- ◆ Hebrew vocabulary,
- ◆ Jewish Holidays and traditions,
- ◆ Bible stories,
- ◆ Ten Commandments,
- ◆ Torah blessings,
- ◆ Haphtarah blessings,
- ◆ Shabbat prayers and other Blessings,
- ◆ Israeli geography and history

#### **Our Instructor:**

Solomon Borocov is a longtime Temple B'nai Shalom member and leader in our Shabbat Services. Solomon is originally from the Soviet Union, moving to Israel as a child. He continues to have an avid interest in Israel's history and military. His daughter, Rachel, will be reciting her Haphtarah in 2013.



## **Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur**

By Jo Salloway, Adult Education Chair

**What are the Days of Awe?** This is a ten day period that falls sometime in September or October. This year it begins on Sunday evening, September 16, Erev Rosh Hashanah, and ends with the conclusion of our Yom Kippur services on Wednesday, September 26. This period begins with the celebration of Rosh Hashanah and ends with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the most solemn and introspective day of the year. This ten day period is known as Yamin Nora'im - Days of Awe. Jews seek forgiveness for their sins, but individually, they try to become better people, seeking reconciliation with others and asking forgiveness for any sins committed against them. G-D will only forgive sins committed against him, but individuals must also ask forgiveness for unjust treatment of another person.

It is believed that G-D has a heavenly ledger, "Sefer HA-Chayim", The Book of Life. During the Days of Repentance, G-D writes down the names of those who will have a good life and those who will not, those who will live and those who will die in the coming year. The Book of Life is opened on Rosh Hashanah and closes at the end of Yom kippur. Our actions can alter the initial determination, so prayer, Tefilah, good deeds and charity, Tzedakah, and turning or returning to G-D, Teshuvah, are all very important.

The Sabbath that occurs during the Ten Days of Awe is called the Sabbath of Return, Shabbat Shuvah. The special Haftorah is read and a long sermon about repentance is often given from the Books of the Prophets, Hosea, Micah and Joel.

**What is a Shofar?** It is a trumpet made of a ram's horn. It was blown in biblical times to herald important events, such as holy days, the new moon and preparation for war. It also symbolizes Abraham's aborted sacrifice of Isaac, when a ram was offered in place of Isaac. The shofar is sounded for a total of 100 notes on each day, with the final blast called "Tekiah Gedolah".

**What is Tashlikh?** This ritual of "casting off" involves walking to a body of water, reciting specific prayers and tossing bread into the water. This symbolizes casting off our sins and is observed on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah, unless it falls on Shabbat. It is then postponed to the next day, since Shabbat takes precedence over any other day.

**What is the prevalent color of Yom Kippur?** White is the prevalent color. More observant men often wear a Kittel, a white ankle length robe over their clothes. Both the Rabbi and Cantor wear white robes. The Torah Scrolls are dressed in white and the table on which they are read, is covered in white.

What service concludes the Yom Kippur service? It is called NEILAH, meaning locked. It symbolizes the closing of the Gates of Heaven. It concludes with a very long blast of the Shofar.

## **Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah**

Just five days after Yom Kippur, we celebrate the seven day festival of Sukkot, followed by Shemini Atzeret and then Simchat Torah. The holidays, laden with history and special meaning, are a joyous time of celebration that involves activities and observances all carried out in a spirit of jubilation. Sukkot, also a harvest festival, is a time for rejoicing. It is referred to as Zeman Simkhateinu, the Season of Our Rejoicing.

On Shemini Atzeret, we ask G-D to intervene for a good harvest, we pray for rain, Geshem, and we recite Yizkor, remembering the deceased.

Simchat Torah is the celebration of the Torah. It marks the juncture where the Jews complete the cycle of the Torah Readings each year. The last chapter of Deuteronomy is read and then we begin again with the first chapter of Genesis, as the cycle continues.

In some congregations, each member of the Congregation is given the opportunity to dance and parade with the Holy scrolls. This done by conducting seven Hokafot, seven revolutions. Children join in with miniature Torahs, banners or flags with apples on top. Treats are given to children.

During the morning service, the last aliyah is given to all children under age 13. All stand under the large Talit, like a canopy, and recite the blessings over the Torah!

Richard, Matthew and I wish all of you and your friends and families a Happy, Healthy, Joyful New Year. **Shalom, Jo**

## DONATION FORM

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Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Inscribed Book Plates

Etz Hayim Chumash \$36.00  
 Siddur Or Shalom \$20.00

### Engraved Plaques

Tree of Life \$ 72.00  
 Yahrzeit \$175.00  
 Memorial Plaque \$175.00

State wording for Etz Hayim Chumash or Siddur Or Shalom **Book Plates:**

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

State wording for **Tree of Life Leaves:**

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **For Yahrzeit Plaques**

Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ben (son of) \_\_\_\_\_ Bat (daughter of) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Did the Death occur in the evening?  yes  no

### **Memorial Plaques (non Jewish):**

Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

**Rabbi Greenberg Scholarship:** Donation amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrew School:** Donation amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Kiddush:** Donation: \$75, \$100, \$125

**Tablecloth** Per Name: \$12 \_\_\_\_\_

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