

Hakol (The Voice) The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Shalom, Braintree MA <u>om</u>

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Join Us For The Following Programs

March 04, Shabbat Across America, Rabbi Lanckton at services

- March 05, Rabbi Lanckton at services
- March 19, Purim Megilla Reading 6:30p
- March 20, Purim Party at (Temple Beth El 10a)
- March 23, Board Meeting 7p
- April 02, Rabbi Lanckton at services Saturday Nights at the movies
- April 16, Rabbi Lanckton at services
- April 19, Community Seder at Beth El 6p
- April 27, Board Meeting 7p
- May 01, Men's Club/Sisterhood Breakfast May 14, Lauren George's Bat Mitzvah
- May 15, Sisterhood Donor Event 1p (The Highlands, Quincy)
- May 18, Board Meeting 7p
- May 22, Rummage Sale



Shabbat Across America Friday Night - March 4th

Services at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Shabbat supper

Please join us for our participation in this event. The service will be led by Rabbi Lanckton and Hazzan Seth Grossman. We will have a catered supper following the service.

Your check (\$10 per person/kids \$5 each) will be your reservation and it should be sent to the temple by Feb. 28. Checks should be made out to <u>Temple B'nai Shalom</u> and mailed to:

Temple B'nai Shalom 41 Storrs Avenue Braintree, MA 02184

If you have any questions contact Marylou at 617.773.3567 or maryloufishman@comcast

Purim Megilla Reading Saturday March 19th at 6:30 Hamantaschen-Hoodsies-Costumes-Groggers



Bring non-perishable donations for the Braintree Food Pantry on your next visit to the Temple. The donation box is to the left of the door as you enter. "We are our brother's keeper"... It is much appreciated.

A MESSAGE from Rabbi Milton Feierstein

We in the Jewish world have been blessed for many years through the gifts and talents of two illustrious contemporary composers of Jewish music, Shlomo Carlebach and Debbie Friedman, both of blessed memory.

Carlebach was a Hasidic rabbi who was raised and nurtured in the musical traditions of the Hasidim. He popularized the singing of unforgettable niggunim, wordless melodies that are sung over and over again. He created new niggunim. He selected passages from the Bible and the liturgy, mostly in Hebrew and set them to sublime melodies. His melodies are sung in many synagogues and at joyful gatherings. They still inspire us.

Debbie Friedman was a creative artist who came to Jewish music from her love of Judaism. She had an innate sense of the spiritual side of Judaism. She wanted others to hear and appreciate the spiritual message of Judaism, so she did it through song and music. She created a new Jewish musical genre - singing prayers in English so that everyone could pray. Her most famous prayer is the Prayer for the Sick, the Mee Sheberach, is sung in many temples today. I even heard it in Israel.

Many congregations, both reform and conservative, have incorporated many of Debbie's songs in their liturgy, much to the enjoyment of their people.

Singing together is a joyful and uplifting experience. We are familiar with that at Temple B'nai Shalom. Our sweet singer, Cantor Seth Grossman, has arranged our worship so that we sing much of the service together. In turn we have a practice of reading many of our prayers in English. Singing and reading together make for a shared spiritual experience.

If you like to sing and pray, join us. We welcome you. I believe you will enjoy it.

Editor's note: On page 9 of this newsletter you will find information about some wonderful musical programs being presented in the Boston area. **The 2nd Annual Boston Jewish Music Festival** takes place **March 6-20, 2011** at venues across the Greater Boston area. The programs feature musicians and concerts for every musical taste and age group.

The Freedom Imperative

by

Rabbi Van Lanckton

This is the season of freedom opposing oppression. The season of heroes and villains. The season of democracy defeating tyranny.

Both in history and legend, in ancient times and modern, here and around the world.

Soon we will celebrate Purim. Esther, heroine of our people. Achashverus, the manipulated king, and Haman, the villain of the story. And the Jews, ultimately triumphant.

Then comes Pesach, the Festival of Freedom. Moses, the hero. Pharaoh, the tyrannical villain. With God's help, liberation prevails and the nation of Israel comes into being.

In more modern history, that of our own country's founding, the revolutionaries rebelled against the distant monarch. George Washington, along with many others, led the colonists to the creation of a new nation. King George the III, head of the most powerful nation in the world with an unparalleled army and navy, was helpless to prevent the imperative of freedom.

And just 15 decades ago, Abraham Lincoln, insisting on freedom for all who live in this land, opposed the forces that would have divided our country in order to prevent the freedom of the slaves. But freedom prevailed.

As Jews, we celebrate and recreate, in ceremony and in story, the freedom of the Jews of ancient Persia and the liberation of the Israelites of even more ancient Egypt, the work of Esther and Moses and God.

As Americans we recall on Presidents' Day the achievements of Washington and Lincoln, who led our country to independence and rescued it from division, expanding freedom both at the country's inception and at its reunification.

And now, in our own time, we are privileged to witness the same imperative of freedom upsetting one monarchy and dictatorship after another throughout the Middle East. These freedom movements are led mainly by the people of those lands acting in concert, with no or few recognizable individual leaders. In what became known as the Jasmine Revolution, a sudden and explosive wave of street protests ousted the authoritarian president of Tunisia, Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali, , who had ruled with an iron hand for 23 years. On January 14, 2011, Mr. Ben Ali left Tunisia after trying unsuccessfully to placate the demonstrators with promises of elections.

Within days, protesters began gathering in Tahrir Square in Cairo. "Tahrir" – Arabic for "Liberation." We then watched in fascination as the protest grew. The protesters would not be satisfied until Muhammad Hosni Sayyid Mubarak agreed to leave office.

Mubarak ruled Egypt for 30 years, from 1981 to 2011. During all of that time Egypt operated under an "Emergency Law" that suspended constitutional rights. In the end, Mubarak could not prevail against the imperative of freedom. He left office after 18 days of protests.

Now our attention turns to Bahrain, to Yemen, to Jordan, to Iran, to Libya, and beyond. In all those countries, the people are inspired by the examples of Tunisia and Egypt and are demanding freedom. Perhaps it will finally be so that Israel, founded and operating as a democracy, will be joined by Arab neighbors operating under similar principles.

We ourselves are just beginning to emerge from the restrictions and limitations imposed upon us here by Mother Nature, who brought us one of the harshest winters in memory. As we move finally into the threshold of spring, we have much to celebrate in this season of renewed freedom.

May it only be that the governments that succeed the autocracies in the Middle East will fully satisfy the thirst for freedom we witness in our liturgical and national calendars, in the daily news, and in our abilities now to move about outdoors under warmer skies. Let it be so, and let us enjoy the spring.

President's Corner

Shalom,

We are expecting spring in only six weeks according to Punxsutawney Phil, but it looks like we are paying dearly during these six weeks. Have you had enough of winter? Hopefully you have not had any damage from all of the ice and snow and we can all look forward to some warmer weather. For those of you who have been able to spend time in a warmer climate, we are all jealous!! Despite the weather, however, we have wonderful things to report. First a special thank you to all who contributed with an end of year donation. We collected a total of \$3,884. No amount can be considered too small and you can contribute throughout the year. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Since the last bulletin came out, we celebrated Chanukah with a well attended Chanukah party at the temple, Saturday Night at the movies with delicious pizza, and we welcomed back Rabbi Lanckton and his wife, Alice. Rabbi Feierstein and his wife Lenore are enjoying mild weather in Florida for a few months. Due to the bad weather, Women's Shabbat and the Sweetheart Breakfast need to be rescheduled. Upcoming events include *Shabbat Across America* on Friday, March 4. On March 19 we will be reading the Megillah and having a Purim party, April 2 is movie night and on April 19 we will be celebrating Pesach at Temple Beth El. Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for reservation notices. For those of you saving up for Rummage, the date is May 22, and our Men's Club/Sisterhood brunch is set for May 1. All of these events are signs of spring to come!! In the meantime, consider attending a Shabbat service. You will be surprised how much you enjoy it.

Finally, thank you, again, to all who work so hard to make events at the temple happen. Your tireless efforts are sincerely appreciated by all. If you have been "sitting on the sidelines" for a while, for whatever reason, consider participating a little more by helping out in any way you can. It is only through active participation and financial support that our temple is being kept alive. We are always looking for help in our kitchen on Saturday mornings. Please consider volunteering, even for an hour or so for set up or clean up. Wishing you and your family continued good health and looking forward to seeing you soon at temple.

Peter Kurzberg

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From the Financial Secretary

If you have any questions about how much you owe for this year's membership dues please email Janice Fine at jan@janfine.com or call at 508-230-5074.

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 \$54. 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

Check us out online at www.tbsbraintree.com

Men's Club News

The Men's Club had another success story with Saturday Night at the Movies on January 22, 2011. In spite of the bad weather there were over thirty people, all had a great time. The Pizza was special as usual cooked to perfection by Barry Belt and Solomon Borokov. The movie "The Frisco Kid "was hysterical. It starred Gene Wilder and Harrison Ford. It was about a Polish Rabbi wandering through the wild west to lead a synagogue on the Barbary coast in San Francisco. On the way he is nearly burned at the stake by Indians, swindled by a bank robber and killed by outlaws.

We have four events planned, all proven winners based on previous performances. There are two Sunday breakfasts, the Sweetheart Breakfast (the date is not yet set) and the Mother's Day / Father's Day Breakfast is scheduled for May 1. We will have our usual delicious buffet and a guest performer. Two Saturday Nights at the Movies are planned. The first movie will be on April 2 and the date for the second movie will be announced at a later date.

Your support for the Men's Club has enabled us to expand our agenda. Mark your calendars and keep coming for more great events. Jack Phillips <u>Jphil6@comcast.net</u>

Sisterhood News

Rummage Sale -- Sunday, May 22

Take advantage of your in house time during the cold and snow days - clean the drawers, closets, etc. Spring is just around the corner and May 22 will be here soon! I look forward to seeing all of you at our **Spring Rummage** with all of your goodies. We need everything you can muster. More information will follow after Passover. For all those who continue to contribute and help with the rummage sales *Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.* Florence, Ms Rummage Donor – May 15

We are planning an exciting donor. Save the date May 15 at 1:00p for High Tea at the Highlands, 2001 Falls Blvd, Quincy.

Thank You Hanukah Mavens

The sisterhood Hanukah party was a huge success. The company was great, the food was delicious and the Yankee Swap fun. Many thanks to the Hanukah Mavens --- Cheryl Berman, Liz Bloom, Wendy Cutler, Sandi Cohen, and Carol Savas for all their hard work. In addition to a fun party many useful items were donated for the Dianne De Vanna Center in Braintree. The De Vanna center sent the following thank you letter to Sisterhood.

Dec 21, 2010

Dear Temple B'nai Shalom Sisterhood Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and clients of the Dianne De Vanna Center for Child Abuse and Neglect, it is with great pleasure that I write this letter to thank you for your generous gifts.

The De Vanna Center has worked with child abuse and neglect on the South Shore for thirty years and with the help of dedicated organizations like yours has grown from a small organization formed to raise money for a headstone for Dianne De Vanna in 1978 has grown to a dynamic organization with professional case workers who help families in crisis and work every day to protect at risk children on the South Shore.

We rely on community organizations like yours to help support our programs and services.

We truly appreciate your continued support. We thank you again for the support for the families we serve. Sincerely, Arthur O. DuBois Executive Director

Fundraising

Looking back over the past year, The Fundraising Committee compiled a list of activities and events that made a financial or social impact to Temple B'nai Shalom. Initially, we wanted to help the bottom line. In reality, we also brought members together in some very different ways that broadened our focus to encompass not only fundraising, but also gifts of varied generosity.

In addition to our traditional favorites, some of our newer events:

- MassPass Coupon Books
- Passover Wine
- Author/Book presentation with Dr. Edelman
- Sukkot Building Eagle Project
- Barnes & Noble Book Fair
- Temple Cookbook (at printer now)
- End of the year donation appeal

As a fundraising effort for Temple B'nai Shalom The Spa at Boncaldo's will donate back 10% of the cost of treatment to the Temple for appointments that members make during February and March. For example: Facial = \$50.00 TBS receives \$5.00

As we enter 2011, our goal is to evaluate the activities of 2010 and rank which were most beneficial and time efficient; build on that base and bring our Temple to an improved level of finances. Shalom, Alyse Boncaldo and Marylou Fishman

Our Heirloom Tablecloth

If you would like to add an embroidered name to the temple tablecloth to honor a life event, the price is **\$12 per name**. Send a note or an email to Nancy Resnick (nanni57@beld.net) with the name(s) and a check to the temple. Temple B'nai Shalom 41 Storrs Avenue Braintree, MA 02184 or to Nancy Resnick at 80 Congress Street, Braintree, MA 02184

Supermarket Scrip - we welcome all to participate in this fundraiser

Passover is not far off so make use of scrip for your holiday purchases at Stop & Shop, and Roche Bros/SudburyFarms. Call any of the following people for additional information and to make a purchase. Janice Fine - 1-508-230-5074, Florence Koffman - 1-781-843-4464, Nancy Resnick - 1-781-843-3799. To those of you who have been purchasing scrip for many years - THANK YOU. This fundraiser has been in existence for nearly 18 years. For the past four years our profits have been on a downward spiral. REMEMBER - IT DOES NOT COST ANYTHING EXTRA to use scrip. In past years \$2500.00 was given to the temple to help defray operating expenses.... We all have to purchase food and supplies. YOU CAN HELP OUT through you scrip purchases. Thank you, Nancy

Temple Dor	nations
YAHRZEIT	KIDDUSH
Sandi Cohen	Paula Goldman (Flaherty
Florence Koffman	Goldman Family)
Fran Sorocco	Peter & Karen Kurzberg
	Allan Morris
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Marilyn Reisberg	
MISCELLANEOUS	MENDING BY MERYL
Marilyn Reisberg	Andrew Smith

Synagogue Council of Massachusetts



Rabbi Steven Wernick

Rabbi Steven C. Wernick serves as the new Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. The son of rabbi and a Jewish educator. Rabbi Wernick was actively involved in USY and Camp Ramah. Born in Philadelphia and raised in Winnipeg, he went to the University of Minnesota, and was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary, After ordination he served as the Associate Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom in Cherry Hill, NJ, and most recently as the head rabbi at Adath Israel in suburban Philadelphia. He also served as the president of the regional Rabbinical Assembly and developed a exemplary leadership training program.As rabbi of Adath Israel, Rabbi Wernick took a synagogue that had been withering and through his vision and energy turned it into one of that region's most vibrant. He is looking forward to doing the same thing at United Synagogue.

Rabbi Steven Wernick to Speak on Sunday, April 3rd

Visit our website for further details

We are greatly honored that Rabbi Steven

Wernick, CEO of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, will deliver the 8th annual Connie Spear Birnbaum Memorial Lecture. Rabbi Wernick's talk, entitled "Reimagining the Synagogue," will take place on **Sunday, April 3 at 7:30 pm at Temple Emunah of Lexington**.

Want to become a Birnbaum Lecture sponsor? Gifts of any size will be greatly appreciated. This program is offered free to the public.

To be listed in the Program, please consider the following giving categories: *Haverim (\$36), Yedidim (\$54), Shlichim (\$100), Malachim (\$250).*

The program will include a stirring musical tribute to Connie Birnbaum z"I by the Zachor Chorale Ensemble.We will also enjoy a performance of chamber music on strings and piano produced by friends and relatives of the Birnbaum family at the beginning of the program.

"Reimagining the Synagogue"



The Second Annual Boston Jewish Music Festival Is Coming March 6-20, 2011.

Just the antidote for this winter's blahs--the 2nd Annual **Boston Jewish Music Festival** runs **March 6-20, 2011**, presenting two weeks of outstanding Jewish performers and music. More than 19 events over 15 days. From the exciting new world music group from Israel, YEMEN BLUES, in their New England premiere, to a special family concert of Maurice Sendak's adaptation of Peter and the Wolf, *Pincus & The Pig*, there's something for everyone. Hear two world-famous cantors (and three of Boston's local leading vocal lights) improvise and lend their voices to famed trumpeter Frank London of the Klezmatics. Or attend one of two amazing Purim parties that will get you dancing and having a great time. See it all and purchase tickets at <u>www.bostonjewishmusicfestival.org</u>, and be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter. March is roaring in like a Jewish lion!



Purim begins at sundown of the 14th of Adar. After Ma'ariv, the Megillah is read from a handwritten scroll. Three blessings are recited before the reading and one after by the person reading the Megillah. Whenever Haman's name is read, everyone makes loud noises in order to literally carry out the curse"Yimah Shmo", may his name be erased (drowned out). We often use a grager, a traditional noisemaker or rattle. The Megillah has its own trop.

Most of the rituals are based on Esther 9:22, "They were to observe them as days of feasting and gladness, and as a time for sending gifts to one another and presents to the poor." Eating and drinking is encouraged. Gifts of food are sent to friends, food such as hamantaschen, cake, fruit, nuts and little bottles of wine, all on small plates. It is considered a mitzvah to give to the poor, with the theme that those less fortunate can enjoy and celebrate the festival more broadly. Also, money is collected for the poor. The tradition of the half-sheckel in biblical times was to support the Temple and later for religious institutions; but today the money is collected and given to the poor. Purim ends with the Purim Seudah. It is a time for friends and family to gather, usually in the late afternoon.



The **seder plate** contains the symbols of the seder. Many people use a special ceremonial seder plate with special places for each item, but any dish may be used and each person may have his own. The items included are:

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1. Karpas -- This is a vegetable, usually green, such as parsley, to symbolize spring and rebirth. It is dipped in salt water.

2. Haroset -- This is a mixture of nuts, wine, apples and spices often for Ashkenazic Jews and bananas, dates, raisins, apples, nuts wine and cinnamon for Sephardic Jews. These recipes can vary. The Haroset symbolizes the mortar that the Hebrew slaves made for the bricks in Egypt. We dip the maror into the haroset to lessen the bitter taste.

3. Maror -- Bitter herbs, usually horseradish, are a symbol of the bitterness of slavery. Romaine lettuce is also an alternate possibility followed by endive or escarole.

4. Beitzah -- A roasted egg is a symbol of the festival sacrifice that was offered by each Jew going up to the Temple in Jerusalem. The egg should be hard boiled, left in the shell and then placed on a burner of the stove until part of it is scorched.

5. Zeroa -- This is a roasted bone, often a shank bone. This is a symbol of the Passover Sacrifice. It is roasted and then scorched to simulate the Passover Sacrifice which was roasted. For vegetarians, an alternative is a broiled beet or creatively speaking, a "paschal yam".

OTHER ITEMS:

Matzot -- Three matzot, placed one on top of the other, are used during the seder. You can use a special matza cover that has three compartments. The matzot are placed next to the seder plate. These three matzot are symbolic of the three categories of Jews: Priests(Kohanim), Levites, and Israelites. **Wine** -- Kosher for Passover wine is needed for four cups. If you cannot drink wine, grape juice is acceptable.

Salt Water -- We dip vegetables (Karpas) into salt water. the salt water symbolizes the tears of slavery. **Elijah's Cup** -- It is usually a large ornate goblet for Elijah. According to tradition, Elijah visits each home during the seder and drinks his wine.

The Haggadah -- The text; there are 3,000 different editions from which to choose. It includes the rituals, the telling of the story, found in the central part of the Maggid section, commentaries, songs, traditional text or revised versions.

Happy Passover to you and to all those you hold near and dear! Jo

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