



Hakol (The Voice)

The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Shalom
41 Storrs Ave Braintree MA




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March, April, May 2012

Shabbat Services 9:15 am

March 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Shabbat Across America 6:30 pm 	3
4	5	6	7 Erev Purim Megilla Reading and party 6:30 at Temple B'nai Shalom	8 Purim 	9 Purim 5:26p Candle lighting	10 Rabbi Lanckton
11	12	13	14	15	16 6:34p Candle lighting	17 Rabbi Lanckton
18	19	20 Temple Book Group	21	22	23 6:42p Candle lighting	24 Movie Night
25	26	27	28	29	30 6:50p Candle lighting	31 Rabbi Lanckton

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<p style="text-align: center;">Shabbat Across America Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday Night - March 2 Services at 6:30 p.m. Led by Rabbi Lanckton and Cantor Grossman Followed by Shabbat supper (\$10 donation suggested) R.S.V.P. Marylou at 617.773.3567 or maryloufishman@comcast.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE JOIN US FOR READING THE MEGILLAH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Temple B'nai Shalom 41 Storrs Avenue Braintree Wednesday, March 7 6:30 p.m. Costumes, Hamantaschen, Hoodsies, etc.! Any questions call Marylou 617.773.3567</p>
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April 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 <u>Erev Pesach</u> 6:58p Candle lighting 1 st Seder	7 <u>Pesach</u> Rabbi Lanckton
8 <u>Pesach II</u>	9 <u>Pesach III</u>	10 <u>Pesach IV</u>	11 <u>Pesach V</u>	12 <u>Pesach VI</u>	13 <u>Pesach VII</u> 7:05p Candle lighting	14 <u>Pesach VIII</u>
15	16	17	18	19 <u>Yom HaShoah</u> Holocaust Memorial Day	20 7:13p Candle lighting	21 Rabbi Lanckton
22	23	24	25 <u>Yom HaZikaron</u>	26 <u>Yom HaAtzma'ut</u> Israeli Independence Day	27 7:21p Candle lighting	28 Rabbi Lanckton Movie Night
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May 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 7:29p Candle lighting	5 Ben's Bar Mitzvah Rabbi Lanckton
6 Mom and Dad's Breakfast	7	8	9	10 <u>Lag B'Omer</u>	11 7:36p Candle lighting	12 Rabbi Lanckton
13	14	15	16	17	18 7:44p Candle lighting	19 Rabbi Lanckton
20 Rummage Sale <u>Yom Yerushalayim</u>	21 Rummage Sale	22	23	24	25 7:50p Candle lighting	26 <u>Erev Shavuot</u>
27 <u>Shavuot I</u>	28 <u>Shavuot II</u>	29	30	31		

Rabbi Lanckton's Column

Interfaith Activities This Year

Jews are a small minority of the world's population. How small? There are about 15,000,000 Jews, constituting about two tenths of one percent of the world's population of over seven billion people.

So we Jews are not just a small minority. We are a tiny minority. In many areas of the world, we are also a persecuted minority.

We are therefore extremely fortunate to live in America, and particularly in this part of America. Here, our neighbors who are not Jewish respect our religion. Here, we have opportunities to get to know our gentile neighbors, and for each to learn from the other.

I have seen this most vividly and with great pleasure this year as I have enjoyed playing an active role in the Braintree Interfaith Clergy Association:

- I attend monthly meetings with my colleagues, the clergy of the churches in Braintree.
- On February 2 we sponsored a public lecture at the Thayer Public Library that was well attended by our own members and many others from Braintree. The speaker was Professor Gregory Mobley, whom I had recommended because I had had the pleasure of learning with him at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College. Professor Mobley teaches at Andover Newton Theological School, whose campus is next to the campus of Hebrew College. His lecture topic was "Good News and Bad News for Christians and Jews in the Parable of the Prodigal Son."
- On May 1 the Association will hold its monthly meeting in our synagogue, which has never happened before.
- On Thursday, May 10, Braintree will again celebrate a Day of Prayer. The ceremony will be held in the early evening at Sunset Lake, as it was last year. I hope to see many congregants there. I will join with my clergy colleagues in offering communal prayers.

Plans for Adult Education and Holiday Observances

Jo Salloway and Helaine Silva and I, together with other volunteers, developed the calendar of events for adult education and holiday observance this spring that you will find on page 5 of this Bulletin. The new events on this calendar include:

- The first meeting of the Book Group, on March 20 at the home of Helaine Silva.
- The celebration of Israel Independence Day on April 25.
- A discussion group to meet on three evenings in May and June to discuss Jewish tradition and concepts about important life cycle events and phases.

Please save these dates and watch for more information..

Regrettably, this calendar does not include two events we had been planning but now will not occur. The first is the annual joint Second Seder with Temple Beth El. Declining attendance over the years of this event, and some conflicts this year that suggested we would have even lower attendance, prompted the decision not to hold the joint event as we have in past years.

The other event that had to be canceled for lack of participants was the planned trip to Israel April 15-22. We needed at least ten participants but had only three by the deadline. I hope we can revive the idea for a trip in 2013.

We Wish You A Pleasant Spring

Alice and I look forward to seeing all our dear friends at Temple B'nai Shalom on Shabbat mornings and during the several events we are planning. We wish you all a very pleasant spring.

From Your President

Last year at this time we had been experiencing a terrible six week period of winter. This winter has been beautiful even though we have had to cancel a few events due to the weather. Timing is everything!

Since the last bulletin, we have had some wonderful events. First, however, thank you to all who contributed with an end of year donation. It is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. Our refrigerator is in need of replacement, and your contribution will go towards purchasing a new one.

Our first event was celebrating Chanukah with a Chanukah Shabbat Kiddush that was well attended and enjoyed by all. This was followed by our Women's Shabbat on February 4th It was a beautiful service and all participants did a terrific job.

Upcoming events include Shabbat Across America on Friday, March 2nd. Services begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a dinner. On March 7th we will be reading the Megillah at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Purim party at the temple. Don't forget your costume! Movie nights are scheduled for March 24th and April 28th. For those of you saving up for Rummage, the date is May 20th. Mark your calendars for all of the above events and be on the lookout for reservation notices. All of these events are signs of spring to come!

Throughout this bulletin you will see other events and activities taking place, including adult education. Finally, thank you, again, to all who work so hard to make events at the temple happen. Your tireless efforts are sincerely appreciated. 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 at temple.

Shalom, Peter Kurzberg

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Temple B'nai Shalom Spring, 2012
Schedule of Adult Education and Holiday Observances

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Description</u>
Mar 7	Wed	6:30 pm	Purim	Reading of Megillat Esther: Costume party.
Mar 20	Tues	7:30 pm	Book Group	Meet at Silva home, 30 Talbot Road, Braintree. Discuss People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks. [Read in advance; come with questions and comments.]
Apr 7	Sat	9:15 am	Shabbat & Pesach	Pesach observance in the Shabbat morning service
Apr 25	Wed	7:30 pm	Israel Independence Day	Celebrate the birth and survival of Israel. Learn about her accomplishments. Confront the challenges facing Israel today. What is Israel's future?
May 8	Tue	7:30 pm	Life Cycle Discussion Group	The Beginnings of Life: Conception, Birth and Youth
May 29	Tue	7:30 pm	Life Cycle Discussion Group	Love and Marriage: Betrothal, Wedding, Inter-marriage, Ketubah, Get

From the Financial Secretary

By now everyone should have received their dues bill for the fiscal year 2011-2012. 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.

Gift Cards Make a Super Gift

We are entering our 20th year with the gift card fundraiser, formerly called scrip. 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

Our Caring Community

Condolences to: Howard Cutler on the loss of his mother

Get Well Wishes to: Sandie Baler-Segal, Sam Tubman and Laney Silva

Mazal Tov to: Steve & Judy Karll on the birth of their granddaughter & Arline Goodman on the birth of her grandson

If you have a child or grandchild who is graduating this year, we would like to share in your naches. Please let Arline Goodman know where they are graduating from and where they will be going on to so we can also let your temple family know of your wonderful news. Arline's email address is acgood@aol.com.

Forum On Housing And Homelessness

Please come join other local citizens and leaders at All Souls Church 196 Elm St. on March 11th at 3pm for a forum on Housing and Homelessness. Local leaders including Dick Walsh who works with local homeless veterans from Braintree, Cheryl Opper, the director of Schools on Wheels, Caitlin Golden, Outreach Coordinator from the Mass Housing and Shelter Alliance and Nicole Fitzgerald, the COO from Father Bill's Place and Mainspring Services will be present. The forum itself is a mix of each guest panelist speaking and responding to questions from those who attend. Other community leaders, agencies and media will offer further information and participation. Refreshments will be provided.

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) 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.

Sweet Sixteen February 4, 2012

by Marylou Fishman

It's been sixteen years since Dave Chafetz got us to participate in this wonderful annual event! In 1996, Dave convinced the Bnot Mitzvah class (Janice Fine, Helene DiCarlo, Jo Salloway, Marylou Fishman, Charlotte Liberman, Ruthie Starr and Roberta Dowling) that we could lead services (with Seth ready to catch us if we fell.)

It's been a special Shabbat ever since then. The female leadership has changed and even though Seth is still there for us, the level of participation is really outstanding! In 2008, we changed the name from **Sisterhood Shabbat** to **Women's Shabbat** (Neshei Hail-Women of Valor) to be more inclusive of all the women who participate, Saturday regulars as well as Sisterhood members. This year, we had the added pleasure of the kids: Ben Boncaldo, Rachel Borocov and Mya Grossman.

There were 25 participants with 45 people in attendance. Kiddush was superb! Many thanks to the chefs: Liz Bloom, Judy Karll, Nancy Resnick and Janice Fine, as well as to all that helped on Saturday with set up and clean up.

Rabbi Lanckton's sermon on "Three Extraordinary Women from Three Different Walks of Life" was outstanding. (Check it out on our web page www.tbsbraintree.com)

As many of you know, this event is very important to me and it gives me a special feeling to have your support and interest in this Shabbat. Many thanks.

Sisterhood News

Spring Rummage Sale

Sunday sale, May 20th 1:00 - 3:00

Saturday set-up, May 19th 5:30

For all those who continue to contribute and help with the rummage sales ***Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.*** Florence, Ms Rummage

Temple Donations

<p align="center">Yahrzeit</p> <p>Irving & Wayne Adler Alyse Baker-Boncald Lynne Baron Florence Koffman Sylvia Phillips Frances Sorocco Selma Swartz</p>	<p align="center">Kiddush</p> <p>Marilyn Reisberg Adam Littman Nancy Littman Arline Goodman Alyse Baker Peter & Karen Kurzberg</p>
<p align="center">Miscellaneous</p> <p>Peter & Karen Kurzberg Robin Torpey Rabbi Lanckton (in honor of Rabbi Solomon) Barry & Kathy Belt (mending) Audrey Mallock (mending)</p>	<p align="center">Prayer Book</p> <p>Peter & Karen Kurzberg Judy Karll Alyse Baker Helen & Bernie Warshauer</p> <p>Leaf Alyse Baker</p>



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.

Adult Education by Josephine P. Salloway

Purim



Purim marks the deliverance of the entire Jewish community that lived in Persia 2500 years ago. It is fitting that it be celebrated as a community and so the focus of this holiday is the synagogue. On Purim, many people come to the synagogue in costume or join in with a parade or carnival (Purimspiel). It is a time of joy and celebration.

Each congregation hears the reading of the Book of Esther, commonly referred to as the Megillah (Scroll). The Megillah is chanted with its own melody. During the reading, it is customary to boo or hiss or shake noisemakers whenever Haman's name is read. This is called "banging Haman", an attempt to wipe out Haman's name.

Purim is a story of survival. It commemorates the work of G-d and the human capacity to bring about change. Both Mordecai and Esther performed bravely. They prayed to G-D and along with G-D's help they boldly took action to save their people.

Along with services in the synagogue, there is an emphasis on the celebration of Purim as a time of rejoicing and commemoration of the deliverance of the Jews from Haman. It is a Mitzvah to eat and drink and be merry. The primary holiday meal is served late in the afternoon, after Mincha. It is called the Purim Seudah : they are to eat bread, at least one cooked food, drink one cup of wine and whatever else they choose..

The traditional food is a delicious pastry called a Hamantaschen (Haman's pockets) or Oznei Haman (Hebrew for Haman's ears). These pastries are triangular shaped, like Haman's hat or maybe like his funny ears, and filled with fruit jams or poppy seeds.

Another tradition is to give Tzedakah. It is encouraged to send food to one another and gifts to the poor. It is a Purim tradition to send packages of food to friends, family and the poor; these packages are called in Hebrew, Mishloach Manot, and in Yiddish, Shalach-manos. Charitable donations to those in need are also encouraged.

Passover/Pesach

The name Pesach comes from the Hebrew root Peh-Samech-Chet, which means to pass over, to pass through or to spare. It refers to the time in Ancient Egypt, when G-D passed over the homes of the Hebrews and slew the firstborn of all the Egyptians. Thus the English name for Pesach is Passover. Pesach is also the name of the sacrificial offering (the lamb) that was made in the Temple on the holiday.

The removal of Chametz (leaven) from our homes, the most significant observance, commemorates the fact that the Hebrews had to leave Egypt so quickly that they could not wait for the bread to rise, resulting in unleavened bread. Chametz includes the five major grains --wheat, barley, rye, oats and spelt that are not completely cooked in eighteen minutes after coming into contact with water. Jews of Ashkenazic backgrounds also avoid corn, rice, legumes and peanuts. We are not permitted to eat Chametz during Passover. We are to thoroughly clean our homes and remove any traces of Chametz. We are to avoid using any utensils, cookware, dishes, etc. that have been used to cook or serve Chametz. We eat matzoh, which is made of flour and water and is unleavened.

Passover lasts for 8 days and begins at sundown before the first day. We celebrate the beginning of Passover with a Seder on each of the first two nights. Seder is derived from the Hebrew root, meaning order. There is a specific set of information and ritual discussed in a specific order . This is set forth in a book called the Haggadah. The Haggadah tells the story of the Exodus from Egypt and explains practices and symbols of our holiday and our celebration of freedom from bondage and freedom of worship.

Passover is a time to gather with friends and family and others who are alone or in need to retell the story, relive the past, observe the ritual and traditions, eat heartily, celebrate our freedom and thank G-D for all these blessings.

Shavuot

Shavuot is a major festival that is celebrated 50 days after Passover. It marks the giving of the Torah by G-D to the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai over 3300 years ago. The word Shavuot is the Hebrew word for weeks and represents the seven weeks when the Jewish people prepared themselves for receiving the Torah. It was a time to remove the scars of slavery and become a holy nation prepared to stand before G-D

G-D's giving of the Torah to the Jewish people and their receiving it from G-d is a spiritual event of major proportion. It touched the essence of the Jewish soul then and for all time. The sages have compared it to a wedding between G-D and the Jewish people. We became a special nation and G-D became our G-D. Therefore Shavuot is a time for us to reawaken and further strengthen our special relationship with G-D. We can rededicate ourselves to the observance and study of Torah, our special heritage.

Candles are lit eighteen minutes before sunset. A dairy meal is generally eaten and it is a custom to adorn the synagogue with greens and flowers. At morning services, the Ten Commandments are read. Tefilin are not put on. It is also a custom to stay up all night, the night of Shavuoth, and study Torah --- TIKUN LAIL SHAVUOTH.



Natan Sharansky and SAFAM Highlight Birnbaum Lecture

The Synagogue Council of Massachusetts is proud to announce that Natan Sharansky, the iconic symbol of the Soviet Jewry movement and current Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), will deliver the 9th annual Connie Spear Birnbaum Memorial Lecture. Sharansky's talk, entitled "Risks to Our Future: Together We Can Win!," will take place on **Sunday, March 11th at 7:30 pm at Congregation Mishkan Tefila, Chestnut Hill** (doors open at 7:00).

The Boston-based SAFAM, with their unique Jewish-American sound, will perform several numbers that evening, including *Leaving Mother Russia*, written 25 years ago about Sharansky's struggle for freedom from Soviet oppression.

The Birnbaum Lecture is named in memory of Connie Spear Birnbaum, who worked at the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts for many years towards an ideal of uniting the entire Jewish people - K'lal Yisrael. The program -- which includes a musical prelude (piano, cello, violin) and light refreshments -- is free and open to the public. For further details, visit www.synagoguecouncil.org or call 617-244-6506.

Boston Jewish Film Festival

THE FIFTH HEAVEN

Wed, Feb 29, 7pm WEST NEWTON CINEMA

Special Guest: Director Dina Zvi-Riklis will be present.

SRUGIM

Mon, March 19, 7 pm WEST NEWTON CINEMA

Special Guest: Actor Amos Tamam ("Amir") will be on hand for this special showing!

DOLPHIN BOY

Mon, March 26, 6:30 pm, BRATTLE THEATRE

Special Guest: Director Dani Menkin will speak after the film.

Tickets for each screening are \$15 general; \$12 discount for BJFF, WGBH, MFA, Coolidge Corner Theatre members, students, seniors; \$10 groups of at least 10 people. For more information, visit www.bjff.org or call 617-244-9899. All venues are wheelchair accessible.

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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

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