




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



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March, April, May 2013

Shabbat Services 9:15 am

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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10 Daylight Savings time begins	11	12	13	14	15	16 Movie Night
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 Friday Night - March 1
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 R.S.V.P. Marylou at 617.773.3567 or
maryloufishman@comcast.net

April						
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Rabbi's Column
Seven Spring Holidays
by Rabbi Van Lanckton

From March through May this year we observe seven holidays. Five are joyful celebrations. Two are days of somber remembrance: Yom HaShoah, the memorial day for the Holocaust; and Yom HaZikaron, the day for recalling fallen soldiers and victims of terrorist attacks in Israel.

Pesach – March 24 through April 2 [14 through 22 Nisan]

The basic facts of Pesach (Passover) are well known. At our seders we recount and relive the liberation of the Israelite slaves from Egypt. Pesach is thought to be the most widely observed Jewish holiday.

The Book of Exodus tells us why the holiday is called "Passover." It says that God commanded the Israelites to put the blood of a lamb on the doorposts and lintel of their homes, "And the blood on the houses where you are staying shall be a sign for you: when I see the blood I will pass over you, so that no plague will strike you." Ex. 12:7-13.

We suppose that God knows all that is going on in Egypt. If so, why does God need the Israelites to put blood on the doorposts and lintel in order to identify their homes? Doesn't God know which homes are Jewish homes?

Alice and I were privileged to attend the Bat Mitzvah of our grand-daughter, Talia Lanckton, on January 19. Talia offered a drash on this passage, Parashat Bo, that answered these questions.

Talia said that the function of placing the blood on the doorposts and lintel was similar to the function of celebrating a Bat Mitzvah. Sure, God knew where the Israelites lived, just as God knows when we become the age of Bat Mitzvah. We placed the blood on our doors not to tell God that we are Jews, but to tell ourselves. We celebrate a Bat Mitzvah, or any other religious ceremony, for the same reason: to let ourselves know that we are Jews.

May we find deep enjoyment and meaning in celebrating Pesach again this year, confirming once again our commitment to Jewish life.

Yom HaShoah [Holocaust Memorial Day] – April 7 [27 Nisan]

We observe this year on April 7 the day whose official Hebrew name is *Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-laG'vurah*, which means "Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day." The day is known colloquially as Yom HaShoah. On this day we honor the memories of the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis in the Holocaust, and also honor the Jewish resistance in that period.

This memorial day is held each year on the 27th of Nisan, unless the 27th would be adjacent to Shabbat, in which case the date is shifted by a day.

The original date was the 14th of Nisan, the anniversary in the Jewish calendar of the Warsaw ghetto uprising on April 19, 1943. That date was problematic, however, because the 14th of Nisan is the day immediately before Pesach. That fact is no mere coincidence; the Jewish partisans were well aware that they began their fight for freedom on Erev Pesach, the Festival of Freedom.

The date that was chosen for Yom HaShoah instead, the 27th of Nisan, is exactly eight days before Yom Ha'atzma'ut, or Israeli Independence Day. In other words, the two dates form the beginning and end of a period of eight days, in the same way that the full holidays of Pesach and of Sukkot cover a period of eight days.

This year a public commemoration of Yom HaShoah in the City of Boston will be led by the Jewish Community Relations Council at Faneuil Hall and at the Holocaust Memorial nearby on Sunday, April 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please plan to attend.

Yom Hazikaron - Israel's Memorial Day - April 14 [4 Iyar]

Yom Hazikaron is Israel's official Memorial Day. The day is dedicated to the memories of fallen soldiers as well as civilian victims of terrorist attacks.

The day intentionally precedes by one day the celebration of Israel's independence won in 1948. The timing of Yom HaZikaron reminds Israelis and all of us of the great price paid for independence.

The observance of this day in Israel begins with a siren the preceding evening at 8:00 p.m. The siren is heard all over the country. It lasts for one minute, during which Israelis stop everything (including driving, which stops highways) and stand in silence, commemorating the fallen and showing respect.

A two-minute siren is sounded at 11:00 the following morning. This marks the opening of the official memorial ceremonies and private remembrance gatherings at each cemetery where soldiers are buried. The day officially draws to a close in the evening with the beginning of the official ceremony of Israel Independence Day at the national military cemetery on Mount Herzl, when the flag of Israel is returned to full staff.

Yom Ha'atzma'ut – Israel Independence Day – April 15 [5 Iyar]

On the fifth day of the month of Iyar in 1948, corresponding to May 14, 1948, David Ben Gurion read the Israeli Declaration of Independence in a crowded hall. Moments later, Jews throughout Israel and the world danced in the streets to celebrate the creation of the State of Israel, fulfilling the dream of Zionism and the multi-millennial hopes of the Jewish people for their own homeland.

Lag B'Omer – April 18 [28 Iyar]

Lag B'Omer is celebrated on the thirty-third day of the Counting of the Omer. The name derives from the Hebrew number system, in which each letter is assigned a number value. The letter "lamed" has a value of 30. The letter "gimel" has a value of three. So Lamed Gimel equals 33, and is pronounced "Lag."

The biblical mandate to count the Omer states that it is a mitzvah to count seven complete weeks from the day after Passover night ending with the festival of Shavuot on the fiftieth day. Lev. 23:15–6. Those 49 days thus correspond to the time between physical emancipation of the Israelites from Egypt and the spiritual liberation of the giving of the Torah at the foot of Mount Sinai on Shavuot.

The 49 days of the Counting of the Omer are considered a time of semi-mourning, but all restrictions of mourning are lifted on this 33rd day of the Omer. As a result, weddings, parties, listening to music, and haircuts are commonly scheduled to coincide with this day among Ashkenazi Jews.

In the Talmud the day is connected with the day when a plague ended that had killed 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva. In modern times, Zionists assign this day as a commemoration of victory for the Bar Kokhba revolt against the Roman Empire (132–136 CE). As a result, in modern Israeli secular culture, Lag B'Omer is "a symbol for the fighting Jewish spirit." The Palmach division of the Haganah was established on Lag B'Omer 1941, and the government order creating the Israel Defense Forces was issued on Lag B'Omer in 1948.

Yom Yerushalayim – Jerusalem Liberation Day – May 8 [28 Iyar]

Jerusalem Liberation Day commemorates the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in June, 1967. The day is marked by state

ceremonies, memorial services for soldiers who died in the battle for Jerusalem, parades through downtown Jerusalem, and reciting the Hallel prayer with blessings in synagogues.

Under the 1947 UN Partition Plan, which proposed the establishment of two states in the British Mandate of Palestine—a Jewish state and an Arab state—Jerusalem was to be an international city, neither exclusively Arab nor exclusively Jewish, for a period of ten years, at which point a referendum would be held by Jerusalem residents to determine which country to join. The Jewish leadership accepted the plan, including the internationalization of Jerusalem, but the Arabs rejected the proposal.

As soon as Israel declared its independence in 1948, it was attacked by all its Arab neighbors. Jordan took over east Jerusalem and the Old City. By the time of the armistice that ended the fighting in 1949, Jerusalem was left divided between Israel and Jordan. The Old City and East Jerusalem continued to be occupied by Jordan, which then forced the Jewish residents out. Under Jordanian rule over the ensuing 18 years, half of the Old City's fifty-eight synagogues were demolished. The Jordanians plundered the Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives for its tombstones and used them as paving stones and building materials.

This state of affairs changed dramatically in 1967 as a result of the Six-Day War. Before the start of the war, Israel sent a message to King Hussein of Jordan saying that Israel would not attack Jerusalem or the West Bank as long as the Jordanian front remained quiet. Jordan nevertheless began shelling civilian locations in Israel, to which Israel responded on June 6 by opening the eastern front. The following day, June 7, 1967 (28 Iyar 5727), Israel captured the Old City of Jerusalem.

Later that day, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan issued the following declaration:

This morning, the Israel Defense Forces liberated Jerusalem. We have united Jerusalem, the divided capital of Israel. We have returned to the holiest of our holy places, never to part from it again. To our Arab neighbors we extend, also at this hour—and with added emphasis at this hour—our hand in peace. And to our Christian and Muslim fellow citizens, we solemnly promise full religious freedom and rights. We did not come to Jerusalem for the sake of other peoples' holy places, and not to interfere with the adherents of other faiths, but in order to safeguard its entirety, and to live there together with others, in unity.[11]

The war ended with a ceasefire on June 11, 1967.

Shavuot – May 14 through May 16 [5 through 7 Sivan]

Shavuot, called in English the “Festival of Weeks,” is the fiftieth day after the first day of Pesach. It is the end of the seven weeks that, according to Exodus, the Israelites traveled out of slavery in Egypt to the foot of Mount Sinai, there to receive the Torah.

It occurs on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan and is observed in the diaspora for two days, the sixth and seventh of Sivan. In many communities the observance begins on the evening of the fifth of Sivan with a night of study known as Tikkun Leil Shavuot.

Shavuot is unlike other Jewish holidays in that it has no prescribed mitzvot other than the traditional festival observances of abstention from work, special prayer services and holiday meals. However, there are established customs associated with Shavuot, including eating dairy meals and reading the Book of Ruth.

From Your President

Shalom,

Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow but the six weeks until spring looks like we are having a real winter wonderland. Unfortunately it has caused us to cancel a few temple events including Shabbat Services and our Sweetheart Breakfast. For those of you are or who have been able to spend time in a warmer climate, we are all jealous!! Despite the weather, however, we have a few wonderful things to report. First, a SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who contributed with an end of year donation. We collected a total of \$8928!!!!!! Your generosity is truly appreciated and will help to continue to sustain us as a congregation. Since the last bulletin came out, we celebrated Chanukah with a special Shabbat Kiddush at the temple and had a well attended Saturday Night at the movies with delicious pizza. Getting together with friends is always an added bonus to the evening. Upcoming events include Shabbat Across America on Friday, March 1. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by services; all for only \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. On March 16 we will have another movie night. Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for reservation forms. 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

By now everyone should have received their dues bill for the fiscal year 2012-2013. 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 \$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.

Gift Cards Make a Super Gift

We are entering our 21st year with our gift card fundraiser. It is the longest running fundraiser at Temple B'Nai Shalom. While profits have decreased over the past years, the temple is still making a small profit. To those who have supported our fundraiser these many years, thank you so very much. Your continued support is needed. Please call any of the following to purchase gift cards. Our 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

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.

Condolences to: Irving Adler on the loss of his brother, Charles.
Wayne Adler on the loss of her brother, Larry.
The Pransky family on the loss of Sid.

Get Well Wishes to: George Smith, Nancy Resnick, Liz Bloom and Jackie Brenner.

Mazal Tov to: George and Meryl Smith on the birth of their grandson and Erica and John Ferraro on the birth of their son IsaacThomas.

Bob and Liz Bloom on the birth of their grandson and Stacey Bloom on the birth of her son Jack Howard Bloom.

Roberta and Jack Dowling on the birth of their grandson and Tracy and Mason Harris on the birth of their son Brody Darran Harris.

We Get Letters

I am overwhelmed by the number of e-mails, cards, phone calls and donations I have received from so many sisterhood and temple members in memory of my wonderful husband, David. He was a victim of the dreaded disease for too many years and now I know he is finally at peace. Thanks so much for thinking of me. It means so much... Fondly, Barbara Weinberg

We would like to thank the many temple members who generously gave donations to the temple and sent cards and well wishes in honor of our recent Bat Mitzvah. Todah Rabah, Arline Goodman and Helen Warshauer

Thank you for the e-mails, telephone calls and get well cards sent to me during my convalescence from knee replacement surgery. You have brightened my days and I so appreciate your thoughtfulness. I look forward to returning to Shabbat services soon to be with my 2nd family. You all are important to me. Nancy Resnick

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.

Old Glory

Bernie Warshauer was able to acquire a new American Flag for our temple with the help of Harvey Solomon from the Jewish War Vets! We are planning a special event for presenting this flag to the Temple. We're hoping to have the Quincy Public Schools Jr ROTC be part of this ceremony. We thought this would be a perfect opportunity for anyone who has an American flag that needs to be discarded. We can collect those flags for this event. If you would like to help with arrangements, please contact Marylou at 617-773-3567. We haven't picked a date yet, but we're looking forward to this special ceremony. Thanks to Bernie and Harvey we have a new flag.

Wanted Camp Young Judaea Alumni

Phyllis Geller Shulman is an alumni representative from Camp Young Judaea, Amherst, NH. She is trying to locate all campers, past and present, who may wish to re-connect to our camp community to find out about all the exciting plans ahead. You can reach Phyllis at the following email address alumni@campyoungjudaea.com . Send your name and years you attended CYJ.

Sisterhood News

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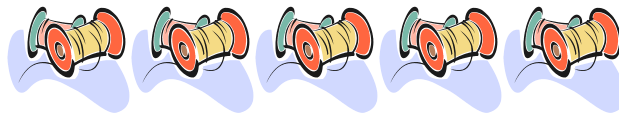
The Lady with the Most ADMIRER Hat

Invitation to follow ...

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Many thanks to the families and friends of David Weinberg & Sid Pransky for the donations made to our temple.

<p style="text-align: center;">Yahrzeit and Memorium</p> <p>Elaine Swalnick & Family Irving & Wayne Adler Cheryl & Edward Berman Karen & Peter Kurzberg Allan Morris Frances Sorocco Selma Swartz Sheldon & Sandie Baler-Segal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">High Holy Day Prayer Books</p> <p>Seth & Jenn Grossman Nancy Littman Nancy Resnick Florence Koffman Ann Pransky</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eitz Chayim Prayer Book</p> <p>Irving & Wayne Adler</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Year End Appeal (new since last bulletin)</p> <p>Irving & Wayne Adler Elaine, Joshua & Olivia Berry Neal & Roberta Coffman Janice Fine Stephen & Marylou Fishman Arline Goodman Richard & Carol Hacker Lois Harris Florence Koffman Rabbi Van & Alice Lanckton Herbert Lemelman Audrey Mallock Philip & Dorothy Nedelman Jack & Elaine Phillips Sylvia Phillips Patti Rosenfield & Eric Pence David & Sonny Shaw Susan & Richard Wilson Milton & Arlene Wolk</p>
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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

HOLIDAYS QUIZ FOR MAVENS

1. What happens during the Lag B' Omer ritual of OSPERENISH?
2. On Tu B' Shevat, the day of judgement for trees, it has been traditional for Jews to eat a specific number of different fruits. What is that number?
3. On which holiday, according to tradition, did Manna start to fall from the sky?
4. Is the holiday of Tu B' Shevat mentioned in the Bible?
5. In Israel, Remembrance Day, Yom Ha-Zikaron, is observed the day before which holiday?
6. What event is celebrated on Yom Yerushalayim?
7. In 1951, the Israeli Knesset proclaimed that a certain holiday would be observed. What holiday is it?
8. On Yom Ha Shoah, why are 6 Yahrzeit lit?
9. On which minor festival, in ancient times, did young women dance before prospective husbands?
10. Traditionally, why is Lag B' Omer celebrated with archery contests?

ANSWERS

1. Orthodox boys get their first haircut.
2. Fifteen, possibly as a celebration of the 15th of Shevat.
3. Lag B' Omer
4. No
5. Yom Ha-Azma'ut, which honors the memory of women and men who died in Israel's wars.
6. The reunification of the Old City with the rest of Jerusalem after 19 years of Arab control.
7. Yom Ha Shoah.
8. In memory of the SIX MILLION JEWS murdered in the Holocaust.
9. Tu B' AV, the 15th of Av, the date when marriage was permitted between the different tribes of Israel.
10. The tradition is to commemorate the legend that on that day, Rabbi Akiba disobeyed the Roman government's edict that forbade Jews the study Torah. He led them into the wilderness to study, but they carried bows and arrows so they appeared to be going hunting.
This is a challenging quiz. Good Work. Happy Holidays to all my fellow Congregants!

Jo Salloway, Adult Education Chair/Director

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In Honor Of: _____ By: _____

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Date of Death _____ Did the Death occur in the evening? yes no

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Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

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