



# *Hakol (The Voice)*

## The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Shalom

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### **Temple Donations**

<b>Yahrzeit</b> Lynne Baron Frances Sorocco Sylvia Phillips Irving Adler Judith Jensen Florence Koffman	<b>Kiddush</b> Arline Goodman Alyse Baker Marilyn Reisberg
<b>Miscellaneous</b> Arlene & Milton Wolk Rona & Hal Goodman JWV-Steve Lodgen	<b>Prayer Book</b> Helen & Bernie Warshauer Alyse Baker Susan Wilson Marylou Fishman Peter & Karen Kurzberg

## **Looking Back and Looking Forward**

**By Rabbi Van Lanckton**

As we approach the last three months of 5772, I have been reflecting on the year now ending and looking forward to the beginning of 5773.

### ***Looking Back***

At the Board meeting last August we established some goals for this year. Here is a report card on those goals:

1. Create a Google group for members. We created the group, called BSHALOM. You can find it at <http://groups.google.com/group/bshalom>. Only 42 of our members signed up for it, however, and it has not been much used. I am interested to know why and also whether further promotion of this group would be valuable.
2. Create a Jewish book group for members. We held one excellent meeting. Thank you again, Laney Silva, for hosting the meeting in your home. We discussed People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks. We are selecting a second book and looking forward to our second meeting, which Meryl Smith has kindly offered to host. No date set yet.
3. Establish a "Circle of Caring" to assist sick congregants in times of need. This has not yet happened. I visit congregants when I learn that they are hospitalized or in a nursing home. Suggestions for engaging other congregants in this work are most welcome.
4. Add a Membership Chair and Committee to the list of Board Committees. The Committee will work closely with me to promote and increase membership. Marylou Fishman currently heads [and is] the Committee.
5. Create ways for congregants to contact me for life cycle needs (weddings, funerals, births, etc.). The current means include: my welcome message is on our answering machine and I check those messages frequently; my email address [[vlanckton@verizon.net](mailto:vlanckton@verizon.net)] and phone number [617-694-2438] are readily available and I include them in every email I send to the congregation; and I am leading services on twenty shabbatot and the High Holy Days and accessible after each of those services. I welcome other ideas on how I can be more available to congregants.
6. Hold small group home-based meetings so congregants can get to know each other and me better. This is one goal I have not pursued. I feel I already know most congregants who want to know me. My initial phone calls to set up such meetings confirmed that there did not appear to be a strong need for them. If congregants feel differently and would like to host a meeting of six or eight congregants, please let me know.
7. Attend monthly Board meetings to present a D'var Torah and develop a better understanding of the needs of TBS. I have been attending regularly and found this to be very valuable.

I also look back with pleasure on these additional activities, any of which can serve as models for similar activities in 5773:

- The trip to the Yiddish Book Center;
- My active involvement with the Braintree Interfaith Clergy Association [including monthly lunch meetings, one of which was at TBS for the first time; the Greg Mobley lecture open to the public and well attended; and the Braintree Day of Prayer];
- The revision and updating of the website [THANK YOU Gail Lerner and Evelyn Schichner];

- My posts to my blog at Braintree Patch;
- My monthly visits to Jewish patients at Braintree Manor Nursing Home and Rehab Center;
- Planning a trip to Israel [didn't happen this year, but the planning may pay off with a trip next year].

### ***Looking Forward***

I will lead services on June 16 and 23, July 14 and 28, and August 11 and 25, as well as additional shabbatot to be announced in the fall Bulletin. We will install the Officers and Directors at services on June 23.

From Thursday, June 7, through Sunday, June 10, all the men of TBS are invited to attend The Retreat at Camp Ramah in Palmer, Massachusetts. It's four days of camaraderie, great food, jokes, sports, and stimulating lectures, all in a beautiful setting. For info, call me or go to <http://www.theretreatfjmc.com>.

On Tuesday evening, June 19, from 7:30 to 9:00, we will have a discussion at TBS on some aspects of the following topic: Mature Life and Life's End – Or Is It? - Navigating The Later Years: Being a Grandparent; The Experience of Being a Widow or Widower; Coping with Health Issues; Funeral and Cemetery Practices; Mourning Rituals; Jewish Views on the Afterlife.

From July 16 to July 21, Alice and I will attend the Summer Institute of the Classical Association of New England, as we do each summer. This year I will teach a course there on the topic Rabbis Confront Generals and Matrons: Encounters Between Jews and Romans. The course will explore rabbinic perceptions of Romans as reflected in midrash, mishnah and Talmud. If you would like to attend, please call or email me. 617-694-2438 [vlanckton@verizon.net](mailto:vlanckton@verizon.net)

### **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  
 Treasurer-Paula Goldman  
 Recording Secretary-Meryl Smith  
 Corresponding Secretary-Elizabeth Bloom  
 Past President-Marylou Fishman

**One Year Directors**  
 Sandie Baler-Segal  
 Audrey Mallock  
 Josephine Salloway  
 Helaine Silva

**Two Year Directors**  
 Arline Goodman  
 Cheryl Berman  
 Gail Lerner  
 Paul Rubin

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

## **From Your President**

Shalom,

It is hard to believe that another year has almost gone by. Last year at this time we were coming off a very cold winter. This year the weather has been wonderful.

We will be holding our installation of new officers and directors on June 23. Rabbi Lanckton will be doing the installation. I hope you will be able to attend. You can find the new listing of officers and directors in this bulletin. I would like to express sincere appreciation to those individuals who served the temple this past year as well as the committee chairs who have played an integral part in so many of the activities and events held. Thanks go to the following board members: Richard Hacker, Solomon Borocov, Marylou Fishman, Janice Fine, Meryl Smith, Paula Goldman, Sandie Baler-Segal, Arline Goodman, Florence Koffman, Jack Phillips, Jo Salloway, Laney Silva, Alyse Baker-Boncald, Steve Karll, Gail Lerner, Audrey Mallock, Liz Bloom, Paul Rubin and Barry Belt. Thanks to Richard Salloway for working on publicity. We have one member who will be leaving the board but will remain active with housekeeping. Barry Belt will be stepping down as second vice-president and Alyse Baker-Boncald will move from a director to that position. Cheryl Berman will be joining as a new board member filling Alyse's position. Thank you Barry for your contribution as board member for so many years and for all that you have done. Welcome Cheryl as our newest member. We look forward to your contribution on the board.

This year was another active year for our temple. We continue to be fortunate to have so many of our congregants participating in various activities; whether it be Shabbat services, educational programs and social functions, helping with rummage, or visiting our new web-site. If you have not visited it yet, go to [www.tbsbraintree.com](http://www.tbsbraintree.com). I think you will be pleasantly surprised. Thanks to Gail Lerner for spearheading this project.

Now for my pitch, again, to become a little more involved with the temple. You can do so in many ways without a great deal of effort. I guarantee you will find it worthwhile and enjoyable. If you have not attended any or many functions at the temple this past year, consider participating more this coming year. Consider coming to temple a few more times during the year beyond the High Holy Days. Wait until you see the improvement to the front of the building thanks to the Eagle Scout Project by Eddie Flaherty. Have a yahrzeit coming up? Sponsor a Kiddush and come to temple. We also could use some assistance in the kitchen on Saturday mornings for our Kiddush. Contact Paula Goldman for more information.

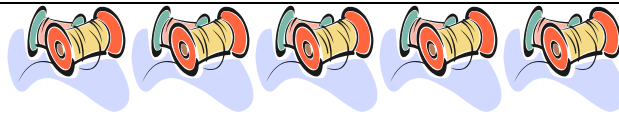
I look forward to serving as your president for another year. I want to thank Marylou Fishman for all of her assistance again this year. She continues to work as hard as past president as she did as president.

Wishing you all the very best in the summer months ahead.

Peter Kurzberg

## Fundraising News

Sometimes a look back is the best look forward. As we start the "New Year" (that's the New Board's New Year) it's time to reflect and review our successes. We've had some new endeavors, such as our Holiday Craft Fair, as well as fundraising ventures that have been historical successes. We contracted with BinEnds on Wood Road in Braintree for our 10 Passover wine selections. I can attest that they were delicious and a lovely addition to my Seder table! And don't forget our MassPass Books that continue to help our bottom line. Very shortly I would like to convene a group that would like to take a look at ALL of our activities and rate their success, as well as discuss any new ideas. Please let me know if you might be interested, and I will be sure to contact you.  
Alyse Baker-Boncaldo [abb1@beld.net](mailto:abb1@beld.net)



### **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.**

**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 consider helping; we all had a great time last year, 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).

### 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.

### New Friendship Garden

Stop by to see our beautiful new garden in front of the temple. Sit on the stone benches and reflect on the engraved family bricks. Enjoy the beautiful new plantings. It is not too late to purchase bricks. We will be having another round of engraving at the end of the summer. This project was designed and implemented by Eddie Flaherty as

his Eagle Scout project.

### **From the Financial Secretary**

Please contact Janice at [jan@janfine.com](mailto:jan@janfine.com) if you have any questions regarding the balance of your annual dues. We would appreciate all dues for this fiscal year paid by the end of June.

### **Our Caring Community**

**Condolences to:** Steve Karll on the loss of his mother, Ruth Karll

**Get Well Wishes to:** Jack Phillips

**Mazal Tov to:** Carol and Richard Hacker on the graduation of their daughter, Samantha from Bridgewater State College with degrees in elementary education and English.

Elaine and Jack Phillips on the birth of their great-grandson

Alyse and Phil Boncaldo on Ben's Bar Mitzvah

Helen and Bernie Warshauer on the college graduation of their granddaughter, Nora Jordan, from Emerson College

### **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 \$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](mailto:jan@janfine.com)

### **Sisterhood News**

#### **Sisterhood Donor Luncheon**

**Watch for your email invite coming soon.**

**Get Jazzed - save the date**

**Granite Grill, Braintree**

**Sunday, June 24 11:30-1:00 pm**

### **Spring Rummage Sale**

Many, many thanks to David and Eddie Flaherty and Paula Goldman and the Boy Scouts who brought up most of our rummage when they were working on the front of the Temple.

Also many thanks to Barry and the ladies of the Temple Board who brought up the rest along with the racks for the night crew who sorted most of the rummage.

We wouldn't be able to have our sale without the help of all these people and the wonderful Temple Sisterhood members who sorted, sold and bagged during the sale and of course last but not least thanks to the terrific cleanup crew who packed, piled, schlepped and put the Temple back together again BRAVO TEMPLE FAMILY. **Florence, Ms. Rummage**

## Adult Education

by Jo Salloway, Adult Education Chair

### SHAVUOT, TISHA B'AV, and TU B'SHEVAT

The last three holidays in the annual cycle are Shavuot, Tisha B'Av and Tu B'Shevat. Shavuot, known as the Festival of Weeks, is seven weeks after the second day of Passover, the 50th day. This represents the period of time when the Hebrews had left Egypt, but had not yet received the Torah.

This is a commemoration of the day that G-D revealed the entire Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Despite the deeply religious significance of Shavuot, the Torah also mentions Shavuot as an agricultural festival, marking the transition between barley harvest and the beginning of the wheat ripening season. Before the Temple was destroyed, Jews used this time to rest from work and travel to Jerusalem to make their pilgrimage to the Temple. After the destruction of the second Temple, in 70 C.E., the focus shifted from a dual observance, agricultural and spiritual, to an emphasis on only the spiritual observance.

Shavuot begins on the evening before with candle lighting, blessings, making Kiddush over wine and blessings over bread, followed by the holiday meal. Eating dairy is a tradition. Explanations for this include seeing this as a reminder that G-D promised to deliver the Hebrews into a land flowing with milk and honey.(Exodus 3.8). Another possibility is that when the Torah was given, the Hebrews did not have separate dishes for dairy and meat, and thus had to eat dairy until they could provide these separate utensils. A third possibility, rather symbolic, is that the Hebrews were as innocent as newborns, who eat only milk.

On Shavuot, Congregations read from the Book of Ruth, an inspiring story about the Moabite woman, Ruth, who after the deaths of her father-in-law and husband, willingly chooses Judaism to be with her mother-in-law, Naomi. Ruth is the first documented convert to Judaism and is the great-grandmother of King David. Like the Israelites at the foot of Mount Sinai, Ruth freely accepted the Torah and Judaism.

Tisha B'av is a day of mourning. It is a date that memorializes the destruction of the Temples. Both the First and Second Temples were destroyed on the Ninth of Av. The first Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BCE and by the Romans in 70 CE. This second destruction began the DIASPORA that lasted until the establishment of the modern state of Israel in 1948.

Tisha B'av is a day of fasting and the culmination of a three week period of mourning. The Congregation reads from the Book of Lamentations. By fasting, carrying out traditional rituals of mourning and attending prayer services, customized for the day, we are remembering infamous times in Jewish history and strengthening the links with the past and present.

Tu B'Shevat occurs on the 15th day of the month of Shevat. It is the NEW YEAR for Trees. It is a time for prayer and judgment for trees. Whenever any of G-D's creatures begins to grow, G=d contemplates its future; so it is proper to pray for that creature, animate or inanimate.

On TuB'Shevat, plant a tree. Also, eating fruits, especially those native to Israel is another way to observe the day. A popular observance is a Tu B' Shevat Seder.



**DONATION FORM**

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Card to: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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: \$54 \$80 \$100

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

Make checks payable to: **Temple B'nai Shalom**

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