



Hakol (The Voice)
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June 2013						
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High Holy Days To Be Held At Temple B'nai Shalom

This year we will back in Braintree for the High Holy Days. Rosh Hashanah is very early this year. Erev Rosh Hashanah is Wednesday evening, September 4 (right after Labor Day). The committee will be meeting very soon to work on the calendar. Don't be surprised when you start getting mail for the holidays right after July Fourth! The logistics committee (Richard Hacker, Judy Flanagan, Janice Fine and Marylou Fishman) are pleased to welcome Audrey Mallock to their committee this year.

July 2013						
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RABBI'S COLUMN

My Very Dear Congregants,

I am writing this column on the day after the excellent evening honoring our President as he retires from his role as Superintendent of Education after an astonishing [and highly successful] 22 years in that role. As I said in my benediction at the dinner last night, "We at Temple B'nai Shalom are particularly grateful for all that Peter has done in his leadership of our congregation, including in these last years as our President. We understand he is retiring as the Superintendent of Schools of Braintree, but we want him to know that he will forever be a leader of Temple B'nai Shalom."

Laney Silva and I discussed last evening the continuation of our TBS book group. We have settled on Alan Lightman's novel, *Mr. g: A Novel About the Creation*. Here are its first words: "As I remember, I had just woken up from a nap when I decided to create the universe." The book group, to which all congregants are warmly invited, will meet at Laney's home on a date not yet determined. Email announcements will follow. Meanwhile, I recommend highly that you borrow or buy the book and start reading.

On Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m., the Braintree Interfaith Clergy Association will again sponsor the Braintree Day of Prayer. This year we will NOT be outdoors! The venue at Sunset Lake has been pretty but the weather has been typically unpredictable for New England: far too cold and windy. Instead we will meet in the auditorium at Thayer Academy. All of the clergy in Braintree are included and will offer prayers. My topic this year is education. I will also lead the communal singing of Psalm 150. Please join us for an inspirational evening.

It seems the High Holy Days are nearly here. They truly are very early this year: Erev Rosh Hashanah is the evening of Wednesday, September 4, just two days after Labor Day, and Rosh Hashanah follows on Thursday and Friday, September 5 and 6.

I am beginning the preparation of four sermons for the High Holy Days. It would be a great help to know what is on your minds. What would particularly interest you as a sermon topic this year? Please send me an email with your thoughts: vlanckton@verizon.net.

I hope that we all have a pleasant and restful summer. I look forward to greeting you at services and at the Braintree Day of Prayer on June 13.

Rabbi Van Lanckton

From your President

Shalom,

I hope everyone is well as we almost complete another year.

On Sunday, May 5 we held our congregational meeting in which officers and directors were elected and Rabbi Lanckton's contract was unanimously approved and extended for three years. We are so fortunate to have Rabbi Lanckton as our spiritual leader. We look forward to his continued service over the coming years. On May 18 Rabbi Lanckton installed the new officers and directors. You can find the listing of new board members 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, Alyse Baker-Boncald, Marylou Fishman, Janice Fine, Meryl Smith, Paula Goldman, Sandie Baler-Segal, Cheryl Berman, Solomon Borocov, Arline Goodman, Florence Koffman, Gail Lerner Jack Phillips, Jo Salloway, Laney Silva, Steve Karll, Gail Lerner, Audrey Mallock, Liz Bloom and Paul Rubin. Thanks also to Richard Salloway for working on publicity and to Susan Mason for continuing to publish our newsletter. We have two members who will be leaving the board but will remain active with the temple. Dr. Richard Hacker will be stepping down as first vice-president and Alyse Baker-Boncald will be stepping down as second vice-president. Steve Karll will step into the position of first vice president and Barry Belt will step into the position of second vice president. Judy Karll will step in as religious committee representative. Thank you Richard and Alyse for your contribution as board members for so many years and for all that you have done. Welcome Judy as our newest member and welcome back, Barry. We look forward to both your contributions on the board.

The President's Award for 2012-2013 went to Nancy Resnick. Nancy has been a tireless worker for the temple and has gone above and beyond to support efforts in the kitchen and any other details that need attention. She is the first recipient to receive the President's award two times. Congratulations, Nancy.

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 recently, go to www.tbsbraintree.com. I think you will be pleasantly surprised. It has had major updates throughout the year. Thanks to Gail Lerner for spearheading this project and to Evelyn Schichner for hosting our website.

On a personal note, I was honored to receive the Rabbi Jacob Mann Award for Social Justice on Law Day held on May 1 in the Quincy District Court. I know how revered an individual Rabbi Mann was and am humbled to receive this award. As many of you know, I will be retiring as superintendent of the Braintree Public Schools on June 30 after serving for 22 years. Thirty three temple members were able to attend the function held at The Granite Links Golf Course, with almost 350 people present, and Rabbi Lanckton doing the invocation and benediction.

Now for my pitch, again, 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. 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 at paulag@beld.net 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

Temple B'nai Shalom Officers for 2013-2014

President-Dr. Peter Kurzberg
 1st Vice President-Stephen Karll
 2nd Vice President- Barry Belt
 Financial Secretary-Janice Fine
 Treasurer-Paula Goldman
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One Year Directors

Sandy Baler-Segal
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 Josephine Salloway
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Committee Chairs

Sisterhood -Florence Koffman
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Temple News Gift Cards

This is a reminder that the temple is selling gift cards for RocheBros./Sudbury Farms in \$25 and \$50 denominations and Stop and Shop in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations. Your continued support is much appreciated and greatly needed. Just call any of the following sellers to place an order. We deliver if necessary.

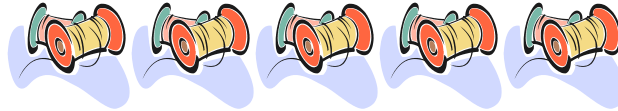
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Temple Donations

<u>Kiddush</u>	<u>Yahrzeit and Memoriam</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Irving & Wayne Adler Alyse Baker-Boncaldo Christopher & Leah Giunta Liz, Bob & Stacey Bloom <u>Memorial Plaques and Tree of Life</u> Irving & Wayne Adler Bob & Liz Bloom Bernie & Helen Warshauer Lucy Fainer Marilyn Reisberg	Lynne Baron Ed & Cheryl Berman Bob & Liz Bloom Florence Koffman Peter & Karen Kurzberg Nancy Littman Allan Morris Sylvia Phillips Sidney & Ann Pransky Selma Swartz	Peter & Karen Kurzberg Allan Morris Sylvia Phillips Richard & Jo Salloway George & Meryl Smith Elaine Swalnick-Berry Bernie & Helen Warshauer Dan Young Liz and Bob Bloom <u>Peace Garden bricks</u> Steve & Judy Karll Sheldon & Sandie Baler-Segal

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 if you have any questions regarding your annual dues. New coupon books for 2013-2014 will be mailed right after Labor Day.

Our Caring Community

Condolences to: Steve Karll on the loss of his aunt.

Milton Wolk on the loss of his brother Alvin.

Get Well Wishes to: Paula Goldman, Marilyn Reisberg, and Marylou Fishman. Also special birthday wishes to Marilyn Reisberg.

Mazal Tov to: Peter Kurzberg for receiving the Rabbi Jacob Mann Social Justice Award at Quincy's Law Day

Ann Pransky on the graduation of her granddaughter Jill from Salem State.

Paula Goldman and David Flaherty on the graduation of their daughter Michelle from UNH and the graduation of their son Eddie from Braintree High School.

Arline Goodman on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter Shira Michaels.

Judy Coletta on son Jerry's Masters' degree from Columbia University.

Karen and Peter Kurzberg on the graduation of their son Dan from the University of Rhode Island.

Ongoing Community Service – Temple B'nai Shalom Food Drive

As members of the Greater Braintree Community, we 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) or phone (1.617.770.1656). Please include the person's English and Hebrew names as well as the date and time of passing.

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.

BRAINTREE INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE



**THURSDAY, JUNE 13 @ 7:00PM
TO BE HELD AT THE
THAYER ACADEMY AUDITORIUM**

745 Washington Street, Braintree

**Join us in the Auditorium at Thayer Academy
as clergy from our town offer prayers
for our community and
musicians offer inspiring selections.
Representation from our Town Government,
Veterans, and Scout Troops.**

HOSTED BY THE BRAINTREE INTERFAITH CLERGY ASSOCIATION

SISTERHOOD DONOR 2013

Over 30 of our Sisterhood members attended "Ladies who Lunch", held at the Granite Grille on Sunday, April 28th. Generous donations were received from members at the luncheon, as well as from those who were unable to attend. As you know, Sisterhood donations make the Shabbat Kiddush possible and support special needs of Temple B'nai Shalom. Our special appreciation to Gail Lerner, Sandie Baler-Segal and Sunny Shaw for donating the generous raffles. Congratulations to Florence Koffman recipient of the gift certificate to The Cheese Cake Factory for The Most Admired Hat! Thank you to all who made this event a social success and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

Missing

Hadassah - Framingham cookbook

If you borrowed it please return the book to the shul. Thank you. Judy Karll

THREE SOLEMN SUMMER DAYS: FAST OF TAMMUZ, TISHA B'AV AND SELICHOT

June 25 (17 Tammuz): Fast of Tammuz

The seventeenth day of Tammuz commemorates a number of disasters in Jewish history. Among other events, this is the date when the Romans broke through the walls of Jerusalem, allowing them three weeks later to destroy the Second Temple. This is also the day when Moses smashed the tablets upon returning to the Israelite camp and finding the people worshipping the Golden Calf.

The day is observed as a minor fast day, meaning that it is traditional to fast from morning until evening.

July 16 (9 Av): Tisha B'Av

Three weeks after 17 Tammuz we observe Tisha B'Av, the ninth of Av, this year on July 16. This is a day of mourning observed by customs similar to Yom Kippur such as a full 25-hour fast, refraining from shaving and bathing and not wearing leather shoes.

According to the Mishnah, we mourn on Tisha B'Av because of five tragedies:

1. Ten of the twelve spies sent to observe the land of Canaan returned with a negative report, creating panic and resulting in the forty years in the wilderness;
2. The Babylonians destroyed the First Temple in 586 BCE;
3. The Romans destroyed the Second Temple in 70 CE;
4. The Romans crushed Bar Kokhba's revolt and destroyed the city of Betar, killing over 100,000 Jews; in 132 CE; and
5. Following the failure of the Bar Kokhba revolt, Roman commander Turnus Rufus plowed the site of the Temple and the surrounding area in 133 CE.

Over time, Tisha B'Av has come to be observed as a Jewish day of mourning for later tragedies as well, including:

- The start of the First Crusade in 1096, in which the Crusaders killed 10,000 Jews in the first month and ultimately a total of 1.2 million Jews;
- The date when Jews were expelled from England in 1290, from France in 1306, and from Spain in 1492;
- The date when Nazis deported all the remaining Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto to Treblinka.

August 31 (25 Elul): Selichot

The month of Elul is the last month of the Hebrew year. It is a time of repentance in preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. During the month of Elul, it is the tradition to blow the Shofar after morning services every weekday except the day before Rosh Hashanah. Elul is also a time to begin the process of asking forgiveness for wrongs done to other people. Many people visit cemeteries during this month.

As the month of Elul ends, the mood of repentance becomes more urgent. Prayers for forgiveness called Selichot are recited in the daily shacharit service beginning on the Sunday morning before Rosh Hashanah, and continuing until Yom Kippur. In many communities that first Selichot service of the holiday season is usually a large service, held around midnight on Motzei Shabbat.

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Siddur Or Shalom \$20.00

Engraved Plaques

Tree of Life \$ 72.00

Yahrzeit \$175.00

Memorial Plaque \$175.00

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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: _____

Religious School: Donation amount: _____

Kiddush: Donation: \$75 for a basic Kiddush

Tablecloth Per Name: \$12 _____

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

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