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June, July, August 2015 – Sivan, Tammuz, Av, Elul 5775

Shabbat Services, Saturday at 9:15 AM

Rabbi Van Lanckton, Cantor Seth Grossman, President Dr. Peter Kurzberg,
Bulletin Editor, Judy Karll



JUNE, 2015 – SIVAN-TAMMUZ, 5775

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Sivan 14 1	2	3 BOARD MEETING	4	5 *8:01 PM	6 Behaalotecha
7	8	9	10	11	12 *8:05 PM	13 Shelach Lecha Rabbi Lanckton
Flag Day 14 	15	16	17	Tammuz 1 18 Rosh Hodesh	19 *8:07 PM	20
21 SUMMER  FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24	25	26 *8:08 PM	27 Hukath Rabbi Lanckton
28	29	30				

*Shabbat candle lighting

JULY, 2015 – TAMMUZ-AV, 5775

*Shabbat candle lighting

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Tammuz 14 1	2	3 *8:08 PM	4 Balak  HAPPY 4TH OF JULY! INDEPENDENCE DAY
Tammuz 18 5 Fast of Tammuz	6	7	8	9	10 *8:05 PM	11 Pinchas Rabbi Lanckton
12	13	14	15	16	Av 1 17 Rosh Hodesh *8:01 PM	18 Matot Mase
19	20	21	22	23	24 *7:55 PM	25 Devarim Hazon Shabbat Chazon
Av 10 26 Tisha B'Av Fast of Av  Parent's Day	27	28	29	30	31 Tu B'Av *7:48 PM	

AUGUST, 2015 - AV, ELUL 5775

*Shabbat candle lighting

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						AV 16 1 Shabbat Nachamu BAT MITZVAH Talia Littman Rabbi Lanckton
2	3	4	5	6	7 *7:39 PM	8 Ekev
9 BOARD MEETING	10	11	12	13	14 *7:30 PM	15 Rosh Hodesh Reeh
Elul 1 16 Rosh Hodesh	17	18	19	20	21 *7:19 PM	22 Shoftim
23	24	25	26 Women's Equality Day	27	28 *7:08 PM	29 Ki Tetze BAT MITZVAH Mikayla Littman Rabbi Lanckton
30	31					

From Your President

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Shalom,

I hope everyone is well as spring has arrived and we have almost completed another year. I would like to express sincere thanks and gratitude to Rabbi Lanckton and Cantor Grossman for providing their leadership for Shabbat services throughout the year as well as for the High Holidays. We are very fortunate to have them associated with our temple. On behalf of the entire congregation, I would like to express our deepest condolences on the recent passing of Rabbi Van and Alice Lanckton's son, Sam. May G-d comfort them in their grief.

On Sunday, April 26, we held our congregational meeting in which officers and directors were elected for the 2015-2016 year. Installation will take place on Saturday, June 20. All are invited for this special Shabbat service and Kiddush. 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: Barry Belt, Michael Caplan, Marylou Fishman, Janice Fine, Meryl Smith, Paula Goldman, Sandie Baler-Segal, Cheryl Berman, Solomon Borocov, Arline Goodman, Florence Koffman, Jo Salloway, Laney Silva, Steve Karll, Judy Karll, Gail Lerner, Audrey Mallock, Liz Bloom and Paul Rubin. Thanks also to Richard Salloway for working on publicity and David Flaherty for all of the odds and ends he continues to do for us every week. Our Religious School continues to thrive under the leadership of Solomon Borocov along with the assistance of Jean Goodman and Kelly Scibelli.

A special thank you, again, to our Sisterhood for their generous donation towards the replacement of our roof. With the winter we had, we certainly needed it!

Members of our Sisterhood also prepare the Kiddush for us every Shabbat. Thank you!! Your efforts are sincerely appreciated and do not go unnoticed.

This year was another active year for our temple, although the difficult weather did hamper things. 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, Hebrew school or visiting our web-site. If you have not visited our web-site recently, go to www.tbsbraintree.com. I think you will be pleasantly surprised. It has updates throughout the year. Thanks to Gail Lerner for continuing to spearhead this project and to Evelyn Schichner for hosting our web-site.

Finally, I want to thank Judy Karll for helping out with our bulletin these last few months. Judy initially volunteered to help out until we could find a permanent editor. The newsletters have been wonderful, and Judy has agreed to take on this responsibility on a permanent basis. Thank you, Judy.

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. Do you have a yahrzeit coming up or a special occasion that you would like to acknowledge? Sponsor a Kiddush and come to temple. We can always use some assistance in the kitchen on Saturday mornings for our Kiddush. Even if you can only spare an hour, we can use you. 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, and hoping to see you soon at shul.

Peter Kurzberg

THE HOLOCAUST STAMP PROJECT

**Foxborough Regional Charter School
131 Central St, Foxboro, MA**

How Can Postage Stamps Teach Tolerance?

One million of anything is tough enough for school children to conceptualize, but the idea of 11 million people being killed, because of intolerance, prejudice, and discrimination, all of which are forms of bullying, is totally beyond their comprehension.

At Foxborough Regional Charter School (FRCS), in Foxboro, the Holocaust Stamps Project has become a significant component of the Community Service Learning (CSL) curriculum. Since mid-2009, the school community has sought donations of cancelled postage stamps in their quest to visually represent, and honor the memories of, the six million Jews and five million other “enemies of the (Nazi) state” who were subjected to the hatred and evil acts of Hitler’s regime.

The Holocaust Stamps Project at FRCS, a kindergarten to grade 12 public school-of-choice, began as an enrichment activity connected to the fifth grade students’ viewing the DVD story of the *PAPERCLIPS PROJECT* and their reading of *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry, set in Nazi-occupied Denmark. Holocaust-related studies continue with middle school and high school readers discussing the *Diary of Ann Frank* and *Maus*.

Collecting used postage stamps, which would otherwise be discarded after mail has been delivered, has become a Project metaphor for retrieving items of value destined to be tossed out as worthless trash. The Nazis did exactly this with 11 million human beings. Every stamp collected for the Holocaust Stamps Project helps the children to feel they are honoring one life tragically thrown away as having no value.

Postage stamps provide the children with windows into the world community’s cultures. As they handle the thousands of stamps donated to the Project – trimming,

Counting, and sorting, the boys and girls learn of the extraordinary diversity represented by the images of people, places, events, and values.

Some stamps lead the children to make personal connections, while others generate questions that lead to new learning taking place. Foxborough Regional Charter School draws its multicultural student population from more than 25 communities, bringing together a diverse mix of children in an environment where demonstrating respect for each other is one of the school’s six core values.

Every time a student at Foxborough Regional Charter School handles a single postage stamp as part of the Holocaust Stamps Project, he or she is being reminded of how important it is that every single person be permitted to live, without being disrespected, bullied or mistreated in any way, because unique and special differences are what make all people part of our one, diverse world community.

Photos, links to newspaper stories about the Holocaust Stamps Project, video clips of students working on collages, contact information, and additional details may be found on the Project website at <http://www.foxboroughrcs.org/student-families/frcs-holocaust-stamp-project/>

THERE IS A BOX IN THE LOBBY OF TBS TO LEAVE YOUR CANCELLED STAMPS

Meryl Smith is bringing them to the drop off location in our behalf.





ISRAEL

This is a letter forwarded by a friend in Israel. She chose to pass this along because she thought it might have some impact on the reader and I hope she is right.

Dear Friends:

We know that visiting Israel can be transformative. We know that when people see Israel and experience its beauty, its energy, its dynamism and its extraordinary humanity, not only do their opinions about Israel change, but in many cases they themselves are transformed. At this time, with Israel increasingly under attack on many campuses, educational travel to Israel for students and faculty has become a central pillar of CJP's (Combined Jewish Philanthropies) Israel Advocacy strategy.

Recently, a group of Harvard students, of all backgrounds and faiths, visited Israel. They were led by extraordinary Israeli students at Harvard who planned the Harvard Israel Trek with the support of Harvard Hillel and leading local foundations and donors, including CJP. More than 300 students applied for the 50 spaces on the Trek, making it possible to select a cohort whose experience in Israel, seeing the country in all of its marvelous complexity through a very special lens, would have the greatest impact on campus.

Sometimes the impact of a trip like this cannot be captured in prose; it can only be captured in poetry. What follows (and linked here) is a poem, posted on the Harvard trek blog that reflects one Harvard student's transformative experience.

The author, Oliver Marjot, is a sophomore medieval history concentrator from Guilford, England. He expected the Trek to be a confirmation of his "European certainty of your arrogant oppression." That's not quite the way things turned out.

I think you'll agree that it underscores the value of visiting Israel, and beautifully expresses the splendor and complexity of the country that we all love.

To My Newfound Love from Oliver Marjot

I came to you, Israel, wanting to hate you. To be confirmed in my reasonable European certainty of your arrogant oppression, lounging along the Mediterranean coast, facing West in your vast carelessness and American wealth. I wanted to appreciate your history, but

tut over the arrogant folly of your present. I wanted to cross my arms smugly, and shake my head over you, and then leave you to fight your unjust wars.

I wanted to take from you. To steal away some spiritual satisfaction, and sigh and pray, and shake my head over your spiritual folly as well. To see the sad spectacle of the Western wall, and bitterly laugh at your backward-looking notion that God sits high on Moriah Mount, distant and approachable. I wanted to smirk in my Protestant confidence, knowing that God is with me, even if you refuse to turn to him, standing instead starting blankly at a wall of cold stone, pushing scribbled slips of paper into the Holy Mountain, not daring to raise your face, and ask with words.

I wanted to see your sights, to bask in your sun, to tramp my feet over your soil, to swim in your seas, to eat the fruit of your fields. I wanted to be amazed, to be interested, and to be engaged. I wanted.

I didn't realize you were broken as well as wealthy, fragile as well as strong. I didn't realize that you suffer from a thousand voices clamoring in your head, and that some of those voices care about justice and democracy, and that some of them love their neighbors. I didn't realize that a thousand enemies press on your borders, hoarding instruments of death, as chaos and darkness and madness consume the world every way you look. I didn't realize that you care about your past - that some of those voices of yours treasure the stories of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob every bit as much as I do. I didn't realize. Nobody told me. Or maybe they did, and I refused to listen.

I didn't expect to fall in love with you. Your beauty caught me like a hook. Seeing you, I see what Solomon saw when he wrote about his Beloved. I see that homeland that Jesus loved. The lush green of your Galilee, the stark strength of your desert, the bare whiteness of your Judean hills. I love the Hebrew you speak, the churches your wear like flowers in your hair, the proud golden dome that crowns your head. I love the strength of your soldiers, the warmth of your sun, the joy of your songs, the peace of your kibbutzim.

This cold Boston air is a mockery of your spring warmth, and in this vast sprawl of concrete and red brick it's no exaggeration to say that I yearn for your troubled horizons, your ancient hills. I'm not ashamed to say it. I love you.

I'm sorry I had to leave you. I know I have no right to love you. What's ten days compared to a year, a childhood, and a lifetime? Or the five-thousand year lifetime of a people? I know that you won't remember me, that you probably barely even registered my short time with you. I'm sure my love means nothing to you amid the whispers of a million other lovers, and you're so very far away.

But I will come back to you. I will. I'll leave these busy, harried, Western shores, and come to you, to the East. I'll learn your Hebrew, I'll share your troubles, I'll breathe your air, and I'll walk in your fields again.

I will. I will.

Until then, Israel, mon amour, my love. Until then, shalom

TBS HEBREW SCHOOL

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS



Nominating Chair: Stephen Karl

TBS SLATE OF OFFICERS 2015-16

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Sisterhood	Florence Koffman
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Religious Committee	Judith Karl



RUMMAGE SALE



OCTOBER 25TH

SAVE THE DATE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

10/24 10/25 10/26



Noon to 6 PM – Gann Academy 333 Forest St Waltham

SPRING QUIZ:

SHAVUOT, TISHA B'AV, TU B'SHEVAT, YOM HASHOAH YOM HA-ATZMA'UT, YOM HA-ZIKKARON

Jo Salloway, Adult Education Director

1. Which Jewish holiday occurs on the 6th of Sivan and for those observing two days, on the 6th and 7th of Sivan?
2. What are the last three Jewish holidays in the annual cycle?
3. What is another name for SHAVUOT?
4. What does SHAVUOT commemorate?
5. What are two traditions that have arisen from SHAVUOT?
6. When the Torah reading, Exodus 19 is read, describing the Revelation at Sinai and including the Ten Commandments, what widespread custom occurs during the reading of the Ten Commandments and why?
7. What is significant about TISHA B'AV, the 9th of Av?
8. When were the First and the Second Temples destroyed and by whom?
9. What other anti-Semitic historical events took place on the 9th of Av?
10. On this day of mourning, Tisha B'AV, what is read after the Ma'ariv Service?
11. What is one of the best ways to celebrate TU B'SHEVAT, the 15th day of Shevat?
12. What is a new popular tradition shared with members of Jewish Communities?
13. What does YOM HA-SHOAH, the 27th day of Nisan,

mean?

14. What is YOM HA-ATZMA'UT and when is it celebrated?
15. What sad day precedes Israeli Independence Day

ANSWERS:

1. SHAVUOT.
2. Shavout, Tisha B'Av, and TU B'SHEVAT
3. The Festival of Weeks, since it occurs exactly seven weeks after the 2nd day of PASSOVER.
4. It commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai to Moses and the Jewish people.
5. The decorating of the Synagogue and home with green plants, branches and trees and the eating of dairy.
6. The custom is to stand when the Ten Commandments are read, in a special trop, to emphasize their importance to us and to imitate the experience at Sinai, when the Jews stood to receive G-d's revelation.
7. According to Jewish tradition, it marks the destruction of the First and Second Temples.
8. The Babylonians destroyed the First Temple in 586 BCE and the Romans destroyed the Second Temple in 70 CE, which began the Diaspora.
9. In 1290, King Edward ordered the expulsion of all Jews from England and in 1492, Queen Isabella expelled all Jews from Spain.
10. The Book of Lamentations.
11. The planting of trees and the eating of fruits native to Israel.
12. Holding a Seder with fruits, songs and wine.
13. Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust, commemorating the Holocaust and its victims.
14. It is Israeli Independence Day. It is celebrated on the 5th of Iyyar, the Hebrew date of the founding of the State of Israel.
15. It is YOM HA-ZIKKARON, the day of remembering those who died fighting for the State of Israel. It is observed in Israel by lighting a candle in memory of the fallen soldiers, reciting Psalm 9, reciting Yizkor for the war dead and Mourner's Kaddish, as well as Eil Maleh Rahamin and Psalm 144, followed by sirens sounding and then silence

TBS CHAIR YOGA CLASS



Chair Yoga Classes Offered

Join the Chair Yoga Class
At the Temple on Thursdays at
10:00 AM for one hour.

The instructor is Joyce Jordan. Joyce is a certified yoga teacher as well as a certified nutritional & wellness consultant.

Classes are for men and women. The cost is \$10 per week, paid monthly at the beginning of each month. Although the class has been ongoing for a year, there is no problem joining at any time. Come and observe a week to see if it's for you

If you have any questions, contact Marylou at maryloufishman@comcast.net or call 617-921-0368

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STUDENTS OF THE TOWN
OF BRAINTREE A PROJECT
TO EITHER WRITE A LETTER
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BROCHURE FOR VISITORS
ABOUT THE TOWN OF
BRAINTREE...**

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***CONGRATULATIONS
RACHEL ON YOUR
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END OF YEAR DONATION

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SISTERHOOD CELEBRATES YOM YERUSHALAYIM

We gathered as a Sisterhood to celebrate Yom Yerushalayim to Israeli Music, dined on the taste of Israel, learned the history of Yom Yerushalayim and some of us won raffles.

Thanks to our members who gave generously to continue the work of Sisterhood on behalf of the Temple and its members.



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