



# ***Hakol (The Voice)***

## **The Newsletter of Temple B'nai Shalom**

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Join us for services and a Chanukah Shabbat Kiddush  
on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Latkes, kugel, gelt and other holiday treats will be served.

January 2013						
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## My Prayers For Peace

by Rabbi Van Lanckton

My very dear friends,

I write this column with a heavy heart. As I write, the violence in Israel and Gaza has just come to an uneasy end. I pray first of all that this truce will last and that Hamas will honor its agreement not to launch further missiles at Israel.

I pray also that the parties will be working honestly on a long-term solution to allow the people of Israel and Gaza to live as neighbors and raise their children in peace.

I have more hope about my first prayer than my second. Sadly, there are many indicators that the determination of Hamas to destroy Israel and drive the Jews out of the whole land from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean will not abate, not now and not in the foreseeable future. So long as Hamas maintains a dominant position within the politics of the Palestinians without abandoning its antipathy to Israel, peace between Palestinians and Israel will remain beyond reach.

During these times in particular, it's likely that we will have conversations about Israel and her future security and wellbeing, including at times conversations with people who are not sympathetic to Israel's concerns.

My third prayer is that we will find ways to conduct all those conversations in a civil and respectful manner.

This in no way is meant to suggest that we ought not be clear and determined in our support of Israel. We face a clear choice in the Middle East. Some of the actors there, and particularly Hamas, are evil. They are evil in their methods and evil in their motives. They mean to do us harm, as they plainly say in their statements and demonstrate in their actions.

To find the clearest expression of that evil in the conduct of Hamas, apart from the rocket attacks now thankfully abated, we need look no further than the disgusting scenes we saw on TV of Hamas supporters distributing chocolates in celebration of the wounding of Israeli civilians by a bomb placed on a bus in Tel Aviv. Our side goes to enormous lengths to avoid civilian casualties, and regrets and grieves their occurrence. Their side deliberately aims their rockets and missiles at civilian targets and embeds the launchers among civilians in order to show on TV the bloodied bodies of innocent children.

What are we to do with this painful dilemma, the dilemma that we recognize that Hamas is evil and yet combating Hamas, as Israel must, has horrendous consequences for the Palestinians in Gaza? One answer may be found in the tripartite wisdom of Hillel.

First of all, *"Im eyn ani li, mi li?"* "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?" If we do not stand up for Israel, who will stand up for her? And if she does not defend herself and her citizens, to whom can she turn for help? Of course she must act, and she cannot be deterred by the enemy's disregard for the safety of its own citizens.

Second, when we watch the heartbreaking video on TV showing women and children in Gaza harmed by the conflict, we weep for them because, as Hillel taught us, *"U'ch'she'ani l'atzmi, ma ani?"* "And if I am for myself alone, what am I?"

This paradox, our eagerness to see Israel safe once more and our pain at witnessing the ways she must proceed to try to achieve that safety, leads us to the third clause in this mishnah: *"V'im lo achshav eymatai?"* "If not now, when?"

The third clause reminds us that we have to live with paradox, but we cannot allow the paradox to paralyze us. We have to take a stand when it is time to take a stand.

And so, I pray that we will stand with Israel, and support her as she continues the long struggle to protect her citizens while keeping alive the dream of peace with her neighbors.

In whatever way this phase of what seems an endless conflict may be resolved, I pray finally that the leaders of both Israel and the Palestinians will place the legitimate interests and needs of their citizens in the forefront of their thoughts and find the wisdom to work toward real peace.

May God spread over us and over Israel the shelter of His peace.

Rabbi Van Lanckton

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### **From Your President**

Chanukah is just around the corner. We have had a very busy and exciting fall with a number of wonderful events beginning with our High Holy Day services followed by the opportunity to celebrate the holiday of Succot in our Sukkah. If you attended our annual meeting you had an opportunity to be part of the dedication of our peace garden in front of Temple B'Nai Shalom which was an Eagle Project from our own Eddie Flaherty. The second annual craft fair was held again at the temple followed by a sell-out crowd at a joint Men's Club/Quincy Jewish Committee breakfast program in which we learned of a project in Poland to create a museum of Jewish tombstones that were destroyed during the Holocaust. November followed with a successful rummage sale. I hope you had an opportunity to participate in many of these events. What continues to be so heartening is to see the number of people who work so hard to make all of these events happen. At the same time we held our weekly Shabbat services with good participation and had individuals helping out in the kitchen so that all could enjoy a Kiddush following the service. We are fortunate to have members who continuously volunteer their time to help out. We need more of you, however! Consider volunteering a few hours in the kitchen for a Shabbat. Contact Paula Goldman if you can help out. We are planning many more events throughout the year, beginning with Sisterhood's Chanukah brunch at Sandi Cohen's house on Sunday, December 2 and our Chanukah Kiddush on Saturday, December 15. Join us for services on that Shabbat morning with Rabbi Lanckton and Cantor Seth Grossman and celebrate Chanukah with us with delicious potato latkes.

Finally, thank you to those of you who have already responded to our **END OF YEAR APPEAL**. If you have not had an opportunity to send in your donation, please do so today. We believe that with the appeal program we sent to you a few weeks ago, **EVERYONE** is able to participate. Please consider donating at a level that is affordable for you. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO REMAIN VIBRANT AND ALIVE.**

Wishing you and your family good health throughout the holiday season and hoping to see you soon in Shul.

Shalom, Peter Kurzberg

### **Temple B'nai Shalom Officers for 2012-2013**

President-Dr. Peter Kurzberg  
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Arline Goodman  
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#### **Committee Chairmen**

Sisterhood -Florence Koffman  
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Hebrew School -Solomon Borocov  
Religious Committee -Steve Karl  
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## **Temple Fund Raising News**

### **TEMPLE B'NAI SHALOM CRAFT SHOW NEWS**

The Second Annual Craft Show was held on October 21, 2012 and was a very successful fundraiser. The weather cooperated and we had a fine day for shopping.

After our success last year, we expanded to the basement classroom, allowing us to add six more spaces for crafters. We had a total of 29 booths, all of which were sold for the day. Crafts included knitwear, doll clothes, silk flower arrangements, handmade greeting cards, jewelry, photography, wood carvings and unique decorative pillows.

The kitchen crew served up a variety of treats from breakfast through lunch and snacks so that no one had to bring food in from the outside. Karen Kurzberg and Patti Rosenfield planned and organized the food as well as ran the kitchen with the hard work of Jan Fine, Audrey Mallock, Judy Coletta, and Meryl Smith.

We had a table of excellent raffles through the generosity of local businesses in Braintree and Weymouth. Florence Koffman's daughter donated handmade pillows.

Again this year, none of this would have been possible without the major volunteer efforts of so many of our members and friends. We would like to acknowledge the amazing work of those who set up and broke down the hall: Dave and Eddie Flaherty, Paula Goldman, Barry Belt, Peter Kurzberg, Marc Kurzberg, Seth Grossman, Solomon Borocov, Marylou Fishman, Marilyn Reisberg, Paul Rubin (who also volunteered his truck to transport tables) and Shel Segal. A special thank you to Sunny Shaw and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church who loaned us the tables.

Marylou Fishman, Florence Koffman, Meryl Smith, Helen Warshauer, Ben Boncaldo served as greeters and raffle salespersons extraordinaire. Ben and Eddie F. also came early and helped many of our vendors carry their products into the temple and negotiate the stairs.

In addition, we were blessed with a wonderful cadre of volunteers who showed up and did whatever was needed. These included Sandra Rubin, Nancy Littman, Arline Goodman, Roberta Zinan, Jeri Frazier. We also appreciated everyone who came and shopped, making the day a success for our vendors. **Sandie Baler-Segal & Gail Lerner, co-chairs**

### **Cards Make a Super Gift**

Just a reminder that we have our supermarket gift card fundraiser in progress and with holidays fast approaching cards are available-- **Stop and Shop** gift cards come in denominations of \$100.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00, **Sudbury Farms/Roche Bros.** cards are available in \$50.00 and \$25.00 denominations. Call the following to place an order. We deliver.

Janice Fine 508-230-5074

Florence Koffman 781-843-4464

Nancy Resnick 781-843-3799

### **From the Financial Secretary**

Please contact Janice at [jan@janfine.com](mailto:jan@janfine.com) if you have any questions regarding your annual dues.

### **Purchase Your Mass Pass Books of 2013**

Masspass books for 2013 are now available at a cost of \$25.00. They make excellent Chanukah gifts. Each book contains over \$ 6,000 worth of coupons.

Contact Marylou Fishman at 617-921-0368 or Audrey Mallock at 617-893-2176 to purchase a book.

## **Temple Donations**

<b><u>Kiddush</u></b>	<b><u>Yahrzeit</u></b>	<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>
Arline Goodman Helen & Bernie Warshauer Irving Adler	Frances Sorocco Irving Spector Philip Nedelman	Marilyn Reisberg Karen & Peter Kurzberg Arlene & Milton Wolk Meryl & George Smith Alyse Baker Sandie Baler & Sheldon Segal Paula Goldman & David Flaherty
<b><u>Tree of Life Leaves</u></b>	<b><u>Prayer Books</u></b>	
Arline Goodman Helen & Bernie Warshauer	Irving & Wayne Adler Marylou Fishman Janice Fine Bob & Liz Bloom	
<b><u>Mending by Meryl</u></b>		
Irving & Wayne Adler Selma Swartz Paula Goldman & David Flaherty		

## **End Of The Year Donations**

Lynne Baron  
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Susanne Bloom  
Stacey Bloom  
Lucy Fainer  
David Flaherty & Paula Goldman  
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Gail Lerner  
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Steven & Ellen Reisberg  
Nancy Resnick  
Paul & Sandra Rubin  
Richard & Josephine Salloway  
Sheldon & Sandie Segal  
Stevan & Helaine Silva  
George & Meryl Smith

## **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 Temple B'nai Shalom when the job is finished! For details contact Meryl at 617-770-1656.

## **Our Caring Community**

Condolences to: The Family of Leah Giunta on the loss of her mother-in-law  
Mazal Tov to: Arlene Lodgen who was recently elected National President of the Jewish War Veterans, Ladies Auxiliary in Norfolk, VA.  
Wendy and Howard Cutler on the birth of their granddaughter, Neala Drew Burns  
Eddie Flaherty on becoming an Eagle Scout  
Helen Warshauer on becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
Arline Goodman on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

### **Community Service – Temple B’nai Shalom Food Drive**

As members of the Greater Braintree Community, we now collect dry goods for The Marge Crispin Center Food Pantry. 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 Karl

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

### **Called to the Torah: Arline Goodman and Helen Warshauer**

On November 10, Arline Goodman and Helen Warshauer were called to the Torah as each of them celebrated becoming a Bat Mitzvah. It was a wonderful culmination of their months of study and a great accomplishment for these two women! We had over 100 family and friends in our shul for this event. Arline and Helen chanted the haftarah for Chayyei Sarah, a very long and challenging haftarah. They did a superb job. Their joy was evident in their accomplishment and the pleasure they found in each other's camaraderie and the friendship of our congregation. There's no doubt they couldn't have done it without the support of Seth and Solomon and Rabbi Lanckton! The celebration continued with a lovely kiddush. Now that they know trope, they may have other guest appearances on our bimah in the future. Mazel Tov! We'd love to hear you again.





### **Eagle Scout Court of Honor: Eddie Flaherty**

On November 4, a group of temple members had the privilege of attending the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Eddie Flaherty at Braintree Town Hall. Rabbi Van Lanckton gave the Invocation and the Benediction. The ceremony included some Eagle Scout ceremonies and special presentations as well as the Eagle Scout Awards for both Eddie Flaherty and Nicholas Hall.

Eddie began scouting with Pack 22 and as a Cub Scout, he earned the Arrow of Light. After transferring to Boy Scout Troop 22 in 2006, he earned the rank of Scout in June 2006 and Tenderfoot by January 2007. By January 2008, he completed the requirements for Second Class and was elected to Assistant Patrol Leader in September 2008. In January 2009, he completed the requirements for First Class and was elected Patrol Leader the following September. While spending a week at summer camp, he was elected to the Order of the Arrow. Also in June 2009, Eddie attended the National Youth Leadership Training. In June 2010, he completed the requirements for Star, completed Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow and was re-elected Patrol Leader in September. In June 2011, he completed the requirements for Life, and was elected to Troop Quartermaster in September and began planning his Eagle Project. In addition to the Eagle Scout Award, Eddie has earned 35 Merit Badges.

Eddie's Eagle Scout Project was to revitalize and rebuild the front yard of Temple B'nai Shalom. This required clearing the area, removing shrubbery and old walkways, building a commemorative walkway, landscaping the front yard and refurbishing the sign. Donations were solicited for all of the materials. Eddie provided leadership to the volunteer workforce and sold engraved pavers for the walkway. The project was completed in June 2012 and he passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review in August 2012.

Come by and see our beautiful Friendship Garden! There will be another round of engraved bricks sold that will be installed in Spring 2013. Watch for details

### **Sisterhood and Men's Club News**

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sisterhood Chanukah party will be Sunday, December 2nd at Sandi Cohen's home in Randolph.

January 19 - Movie Night

February 10 - Sweetheart Breakfast

March 16 - Movie Night

May 5 - Mothers' Fathers' Day Breakfast

### **Religious School 2013**

#### **The Classroom is Alive With the Sound of Kids!**

Solomon Borocov (our instructor), ten kids, and six adults attend religious classes on Sunday mornings at 11:00 and Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. Our religious school has mixed ages of kids as well as adults. The group is highly motivated and learning a lot! Keep in mind this is where Arline Goodman and Helen Warshauer got their start! For more information, call Marylou at 617-921-0368.



### **Three Winter Jewish Holidays** By Jo Salloway, Chair, Adult Education **Happy Chanukah!**

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated for eight days, from the twenty-fifth day of the Hebrew month of Kislev to the third day of the following month, Tevet. The celebration begins with the lighting of the first Chanukah candle at the end of 24 Kislev. This year, Chanukah thus begins on the evening of December 8 and ends on December 16.

We use a special candle holder, an eight-branch menorah known as the "Hannukiah." It holds eight candles, one for each night, plus one helper candle, the shamash [meaning "attendant" or "servant"], used to light the others. We say special prayers as we light the shamash and first one candle and then progressively additional candles, two the second night, three the third night, and so on until the eighth night, when we light eight candles from the shamash.

It is traditional to place the candles in the Hannukiah from the right and light them from the left. This tradition derives from the notion that each candle represents a specific day. Placing the candles from the right acknowledges the ascending order of the days, beginning with the first day of the holiday. Lighting the candles from the left recognizes the primacy of the individual night. The first candle lit each night is the newest candle, the candle for that specific night. As we place the candles in the Hannukiah, from oldest to newest, we light them from newest to oldest and in doing so sanctify each day individually and as a part of the greater festival of Chanukah.

As the candles flicker and glow, we sing songs, exchange gifts and play a game with a spinning top, called a dreidel. We eat potato pancakes ("latkes") with either applesauce or sour cream and sometimes jelly doughnuts [in Hebrew called "sufganiyot"]. The latkes and sufganiyot are foods cooked in oil in recognition of the sacred oil that is part of the legend of Chanukah.

We have two sources for the story of Chanukah in our tradition, sources that are supplemented by modern scholarship. Two non-canonical books, the First and Second Book of Maccabees, depict a national resistance against a foreign political and cultural oppression, a revolt known as the Maccabean Revolt, led by Judah Maccabee. In the Talmud that story is told but the focus is on the miracle of oil that should have lasted for only one day lasting instead for eight. The Talmud says that oil for ritual use in the Temple in Jerusalem was despoiled by the Greek rulers. Although a supply of proper oil sufficient for one day was found, it took eight days to replenish it. The oil miraculously lasted for those eight days.

Modern scholars tell a different story. They argue that King Antiochus intervened in a civil war between the traditionalist Jews in the country and the Hellenized Jews in Jerusalem. There is support for the conclusion that the traditionalists contested with the Hellenizers over who would be the High Priest. The conflict escalated when the Hellenistic kingdom of Syria sided with the Hellenizing Jews in their conflict with the traditionalists. Antiochus took the side of the Hellenizers by prohibiting the religious practices in the Temple.

Whatever may be the historical validity of the story we tell, Chanukah stands as a reminder of the possibility of renewal, a reminder that we celebrate each year in the darkest time: the holiday coincides with the change of lunar months and therefore the times of the darkest nights, and also occurs annually near the winter solstice, when the nights are longest. We celebrate the miracle of renewal every year at Chanukah by recalling the memory of the brave Maccabees and their men who fought for religious freedom and won.

### **Purim**

Each year on the fourteenth day of the Hebrew month of Adar we celebrate Purim and remember the story of the beautiful Jewish girl, Esther, who became Queen of Persia, the wife of King Ahasueros who fell in love with her. Purim is celebrated this year on February 24, 2013.

As described in the Book of Esther, the king's evil minister, Haman, hated the Jews, especially Mordecai, Esther's uncle. Haman did not know that Esther was a Jew. He told the king lies about the Jews and tricked him into signing a decree that on a particular day, every Jew in Persia would be murdered. Esther risked her life by telling the king that she was a Jew and about Haman's lies and plans to destroy all the Jews. The Jews were saved and Haman was put to death.

Purim is a time of celebration. We read the story of Esther in a scroll, the Megillah. Whenever Haman's name is mentioned, we boo, hiss, stamp our feet and twirl noisemakers. We dress in costumes, often wearing crowns like Queen Esther and King Ahasueros or three-cornered hats like wicked Haman. We eat delicious three cornered pastries, hamantaschen, filled with fruit, representing Haman's hat. It is a holiday of celebration and rejoicing.

### **Tu Bishvat**

Tu Bishvat, the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month of Shvat, will be celebrated on January 26, 2013. On Tu Bishvat, children plant trees and seeds and eat fruit and nuts that come from trees, such as orange, carob and almond, which grow in Israel. In this hot dry land of Israel, trees are very important and people often make donations so that trees can be planted there. To plant a tree in Israel in honor or memory of a loved one, call Carol Savas 781-344-9377.

## DONATION FORM

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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

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Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

**Rabbi Greenberg Scholarship:** Donation amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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