



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



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December 2013-Feb 2014

Shabbat Services 9:15 am

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<b>December 2013</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Chanukah	2 Chanukah  2	3 Chanukah	4 Chanukah 	5 Chanukah <b>Religious School PM</b>	6	7 Rabbi Lanckton
8 Sisterhood Chanukah brunch 11AM <b>Religious School AM</b>	9	10	11	12 <b>Religious School PM</b>	13	14
15 <b>Religious School AM</b>	16	17	18	19 <b>Religious School PM</b>	20	21 Rabbi Lanckton
22 <b>Religious School AM</b>	23	24	25	26 <b>Religious School PM</b>	27	28
29 Rosh Hodesh Program <b>Religious School AM</b>	30	31				

**Rosh Hodesh Program Schedule**


**Sunday, December 29, 2013 How to Prepare, Bake and Braid a Challah**

**Saturday, February 1, 2014 Book Club** --At Temple B'nai Shalom - After Services discuss **"The Story Teller"** by Jodi Picout. The book is available at libraries.

**March 2014 -- Sharing the Taste of Holidays, Recipes and History**

**April or May 2014 -- Day Trip to The Yiddish Book Center.**

**An email with details will be sent before each program.**

January 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Years Day	2 Religious School PM	3	4 Rabbi Lanckton
5 Religious School AM	6	7	8	9 Religious School PM	10	11
12 Religious School AM	13	14	15	16 Religious School PM	17	18 Rabbi Lanckton
19 Religious School AM	20 Martin Luther King Day	21	22	23 Religious School PM	24	25
26 Religious School AM	27	28	29	30 Religious School PM	31	

February 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Rosh Hodesh program Rabbi Lanckton
2 Religious School AM	3	4	5	6 Religious School PM	7	8
9 Religious School AM Sweetheart Breakfast	10	11	12	13 Religious School PM	14	15 Rabbi Lanckton
16 Religious School AM	17 Presidents Day	18	19	20 Religious School PM	21	22
23 Religious School AM	24	25	26	27 Religious School PM	28	

## **Celebrating The Most Important Jewish Holiday**

By Rabbi Van Lanckton

We are in a part of the year that is devoid of all Jewish holidays. That is not strictly true. The first five days of December are the last five days of Hanukkah. After that, there are no Jewish holidays in December or January for February.

According to tradition, however, the most important holiday of all will happen every single week during these three months. I am referring to Shabbat.

Every week, from before sundown Friday until after sundown Saturday, we have the opportunity to observe the day considered more important than any of the Jewish holidays on our calendar.

Shabbat is in its essence a day of rest and also a day when we have the opportunity to gather together at Temple B'nai Shalom in the morning for a service concluding with a delicious kiddush lunch. It would be great to see all TBS congregants at Shabbat services during these winter months.

There are in addition many other ways to observe Shabbat that we can find particularly meaningful. Here are ten suggestions for enjoying Shabbat, adapted from These Are The Words by Rabbi Arthur Green:

### **Five Activities To Do On Shabbat**

1. Spend quality time with family and real friends.
2. Celebrate with others: at the table, in the synagogue, with anyone close to you who can best share with you in appreciating God's world.
3. Study or read something that will edify, challenge, or make us grow.
4. Be alone. Take some time for ourselves. Check in with ourselves. Review our week. Ask ourselves where we are in life.
5. Mark the beginning and end of this sacred time. Light candles and recite Kiddush on Friday night. Light a candle again and recite Havdalah on Saturday night.

### **Five Activities To Avoid On Shabbat**

6. Don't do anything we have to do for our work life. This includes obligatory reading, or homework for kids (even without any writing), or preparing to go back to the workplace.
7. Don't spend money. Separate completely from the commercial culture around us.
8. Don't do business. No calls to the broker, no following up on ads, no paying bills. It can all wait.
9. Don't travel. Avoid particularly commercial places like airports, hotel check-ins, and similar depersonalizing commercial encounters.
10. Don't use commercial or canned video entertainment, including TV and computer and smartphone apps. Stay instead in situations where we can remain face-to-face with those around us, rather than facing the all-powerful screen.

In this season that has no Purim or Pesach, no Shavuot or Sukkot, let's try enjoying the peace of Shabbat. Shabbat shalom.

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## From Your President

Shalom and Happy Thanksgivukkah,

We have had a very busy and exciting fall with a number of terrific events, beginning with our High Holy Day services back at Temple B'Nai Shalom. We had a wonderful turnout and it was so nice to see everyone. This was followed by the opportunity to celebrate the holiday of Succot in our Sukkah decorated by our students in the Hebrew school. If you attended our annual meeting you had an opportunity to hear about Dan Young's journey to Israel and see the Jewish War Veterans present us with a new American flag for our bimah. The highlight of the month of November was the tribute held for our cantor, Seth Grossman, for his 18 years serving our temple, with attendance approaching 100. We have been blessed to have Seth serve in this role. He has made such a wonderful contribution to our temple and we thank him immensely for all that he does. I would like to thank the following people who planned, coordinated, cooked, served and cleaned-up for this event; Marylou Fishman, Karen Kurzberg, Kathy and Barry Belt, Liz Bloom, Sandy Baler Segal, Solomon Borocov, Nancy Resnick, Judy Karll, Michael and Alba Caplan, Arlene Goodman, Marilyn Reisberg, Helen Warshauer, Gail Lerner and Theresa Levine. The following Saturday night, our Men's Club held its first movie night, serving delicious pizza and showing the delightful movie, Driving Miss Daisy. The month was topped off with a wonderful Chanukah Kiddush with delicious potato latkes. 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.

Finally, thank you to those of you who have already responded to our **END OF YEAR APPEAL**. We had a wonderful response last year and hope to do so again this year. If you have not had an opportunity to send in your donation, please do so today. We believe that with this year's appeal program, **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 at an upcoming Shabbat in shul.

Peter Kurzberg

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## Temple B'nai Shalom Officers for 2013-2014

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## Temple Fund Raising News--Cards Make a Super Gift

Just a reminder that we have our supermarket gift card fundraiser in progress. **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.

## Temple Donations

<u>Kiddush</u>	<u>Yahrzeit Plaques</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Arline Goodman & Helen Warshauer Peter & Karen Kurzberg	Oky Goldman <u>Prayer Books</u> Bob & Liz Bloom	Liz & Bob Bloom Karen & Peter Kurzberg

## DONATIONS FOR SETH'S CELEBRATION

Rabbi Van & Alice Lanckton Florence Koffman Judy & Steve Karll Liz & Bob Bloom Stacey Bloom Judy Coletta Meryl Smith Helen & Bernie Warshauer Jack & Elaine Phillips Richard & Carol Hacker Arline Goodman Milton & Arlene Wolk Alyse Baker Sandie Baler & Shel Segal Gail Lerner	Robin Torpey Elaine Swalnick & Josh Berry Irving & Wayne Adler Ned & Cheryl Berman Solomon Borocov Ben & Jean Goodman Jill and Marylou Fishman Marilyn Reisberg Michael & Alba Caplan Marj and Dan Kobrin Marvin Asnes Nancy Littman Nancy Resnick Barry & Kathy Belt Nancy & David Wluka	Kelly Scibelli Peter & Karen Kurzberg Ed & Cynthia Gurwitch (BethEl) Allan & Shirley Schultze (BethEl) Sylvia Phillips Jo & Dick Salloway Stewart & Marvin Joran Paula Goldman & David Flaherty Laney Silva Theresa Levine Bonnie Godas Malka Shraga Wiesner Anita Young & Alan Burack
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## Our Caring Community

We received a note of thanks for sending our superb volunteer Michael Caplan to help building Habitat location in Easton!

The Sunday project was the first of combined South Shore area Temples working together! Thanks to the 20 build volunteers, plus Jodi Emerson and the Chayai Shalom kids who made the great lunches for us! We had 7 temples involved: Temple Beth David of the South Shore, Temple Beth Abraham, Temple Kol Tikvah, Temple Sinai, Temple Chayai Shalom, Temple B'Nai Shalom and Temple Beth David of Westwood.

Thinking of You: Mickey Rosen, Herb King

Mazal Tov to: Meryl and George Smith on the birth of their new grandson and to the parents Adam and Lauren.

Mazal Tov to: Sandie Baler-Segal and Sheldon Segal on the recent birth of their grandson, Teddy.

Condolence to: Oky Goldman on the loss of her husband Michael Goldman.

Good Wishes to: Rabbi and Mrs Feierstein on their new home at Orchard Cove.

### 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. 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](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).

### Dates to Remember

**December 8** - Meet Ori Gabriella, Tallit maker from Israel at Anita Young's house at 9:00 A.M.  
RSVP [Ayoung157@comcast.net](mailto:Ayoung157@comcast.net) .

**December 8** - Sisterhood Hanukah party 11A.M. at the home of Sandi Cohen, details are below.

**January 19** - Movie Night.

**February 1**- Rosh Hodesh Group will discuss the book, *The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult, at Temple Bnai Shalom after services.

**February 10** - Sweetheart Breakfast

**March 16** - Movie Night

**May 5** - Mothers' Fathers' Day Breakfast

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## Education

1. According to the Bible, what was the retirement age of the Levites serving in the Temple?
2. How many countries accept a GET in lieu of a civil. Divorce?
3. Which noted American businessman, along with his wife Ida, sank on the Titanic in 1912?
4. What was the name of the second airlift bringing Ethiopian Jews to Israel in 1991?
5. What was the name of the first airlift bringing Ethiopian Jews to Israel?
6. The Holy of Holies of the First Temple housed the two tablets of the Ten Commandments. What did the Holy of Holies in the Second Temple contain?
7. What was the name of the Colonial Era U. S. silversmith who made Torah crowns for the first Synagogues in Newport, Philadelphia and NYC?
8. Jewish artist Solomon Nunes Carvalho accompanied which explorer on his travels through the American West?
9. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote a five act play about which Jewish holiday?
10. In the stage and film version of FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, Tevye speaks of the Jews' loyalty to "TRADITION". What was the word in the original Yiddish story?

### ANSWERS:

1. Age 40. 2. One, Israel. 3. Isidor Straus, who owned Macy's Dept. Store in NYC with his brother Nathan Straus. 4. Operation Solomon. 5. Operation Moses. [6.It](#) was empty because the Tablets were lost in the destruction of the First Temple. 7. Myer Myers. 8. John C. Fremont. 9. HANUKKAH, called JUDAS MACCABEUS. 10. TORAH.

Hope you got them all right. If not, hope you enjoyed the fun of trying. Happy Holidays to all.

Jo Salloway, Adult Education Chairman

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**SISTERHOOD TEMPLE B'NAI SHALOM HANUKAH BRUNCH**

JOIN US SUNDAY, **DECEMBER 8th AT 11 AM** FOR A DELICIOUS  
BRUNCH AT THE HOME OF SANDI COHEN, 63 BITTERSWEET LANE,  
RANDOLPH, MA

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**THIS YEAR BRUNCH IS \$10.00 PER PERSON**

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK, PAYABLE TO "SISTERHOOD TBS" TO  
**CHERYL BERMAN, 117 WILDWOOD AVE., BRAINTREE MA 02184**  
781 843-0653

YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION **RSVP** by December 1<sup>ST</sup>

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**BRING A \$10.00 GIFT FOR OUR YANKEE SWAP**  
GIVE SOMEONE A GIFT THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO RECEIVE

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**WE HAVE AGAIN SELECTED THE DIANNE DeVANNA CENTER**  
**OF BRAINTREE AS OUR OUTREACH CHARITY**

THEY SERVICE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WHO ARE EXPERIENCING  
STRESS AND HARDSHIP

**THEIR WISH LIST INCLUDES:** TRAINING PANTS, LARGER SIZE  
PULLUPS, CHILDRENS BOOKS, GAMES AND TOYS, CLEANING PRODUCTS &  
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, PAPER PRODUCTS (NO PAPER PLATES),  
TOILETRIES -***NO SHAMPOO OR SOAPS PLEASE!!*** ALL ITEM MUST BE  
**NEW AND UNOPENED**

YOURS TRULY, THE CHANUKAH MAVENS

**MASSPASS 2014 BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE**

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

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_

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

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### **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: \$75, \$100, \$125

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

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

Mail to: Marylou Fishman 11 Woodward Ave., Quincy, MA 02169 617-773-356

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