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Calling All Torah and Haftarah Readers!

We have just completed our Passover Sedarim and believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about the High Holy Days. As you know, it has long been the custom at Temple Beth Shalom that members of our congregation, recent B'nei Mitzvah and more seasoned veterans alike read Torah and Haftarah at the High Holy Day services held both in our sanctuary and at our family services at the Masonic Hall. Soon, you will be receiving the High Holy Days Packet and will be requesting your tickets so please start thinking about which services you are planning to attend. While you have plenty of time to learn the portions, our preparation is getting underway. As always I will be available to work with you this spring and summer to help you master your verses. Year after year I hear from our membership how much you enjoy our readers and it is a gift that is shared among us reader and listener alike. Please consider sharing your voice with our TBS family.

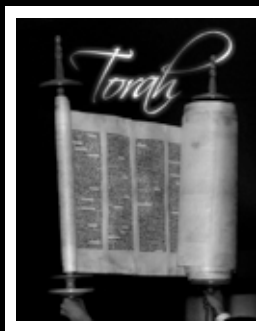
Rosh Hashanah - Thursday, September 29, 2011

Rosh Hashanah (second day) - Friday, September 30, 2011

Yom Kippur Morning - Saturday, October 8, 2011

Yom Kippur Afternoon - Saturday, October 8, 2011

If you would be interested in reading Torah or Haftarah at the High Holy Days, please send an email to rabbilenke@tbsneedham.org and let me know which services you are planning to attend. Remember to sign up for the correct service time and location. Thank you! I look forward to hearing from you, Rabbi Michele Lenke



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TBS HIGH HOLY DAYS PERFORM THE MITZVAH OF USHERING!

Ushering during the High Holy Days is a wonderful opportunity to do a mitzvah for TBS! Ushers participate in greeting fellow congregants and overseeing many of the important features of our High Holy Day logistics.

With two service locations, TBS very much needs additional ushers during the High Holy Days. You can volunteer for as many services as desired – it's up to you!

Both men and women are encouraged to participate.

Never ushered before? No need to worry.
A complete orientation will be provided.

If you would like to volunteer to usher during the High Holy Days, please contact Sharon Rosenberg at sharon@alumni.brandeis.edu or 781-453-0989. A note to all "veteran" ushers – please be on the lookout for an e-mail from Sharon in July.



WELCOME HOME
RABBI JAY, EMILY,
LIANA AND JONAH



BRUCHIM HA-BA'IM!

From Rabbi Markley



Dear Temple Family,
1 month, 17 days, 15
hours, 38 minutes,
and 34 seconds until
Rabbi Jay returns...
but who's counting?
I am! We are in
the season now of

counting the Omer...a period of seven weeks from Passover through Shavuot when we count up to the major moment when we celebrate receiving Torah at Mount Sinai. And so too, our community is also counting down to the return of our beloved Rabbi Jay . . .nobody more so than I. We are so excited for his return, for the new learning, insight, and energy that will accompany him, and I am particularly eager to renew our partnership on a day-to-day basis! As we prepare for his return I want to say a huge "Thank you!" to our TBS staff who have helped to make his absence seamless for so much of the community; for our lay leaders who stepped up into significant roles in new and exciting ways, and most especially to Daniel Barkowitz, our Executive Director, and Beth Pinals, our temple president, who shouldered so very much in order to help me grow, thrive, and even sleep during these past months. Our clergy, professional, and lay leaders are true blessings to our community as are the myriad members of our temple family who offered me extra hugs, extra words of support, and extra cups of coffee throughout these weeks. I am very grateful to all of you for allowing me the privilege of a special kind of temple leadership during R' Jay's absence. And now, we are all very excited to welcome him back. Please join us at Shabbat evening services on Friday, July 1 as Cantor Jonas and I will be thrilled to have Rabbi Jay, Emily, Liana, and Jonah in the congregation that evening. We would love for you to be with us as we all say to the Perlman family . . . "WELCOME HOME!"

*L'shalom,
Todd*

Religious School



Shalom v'L'hitra'ot!

Hello and see you soon! Although the Hebrew word shalom means "hello, goodbye and peace", in this, my last Scroll article, I choose to focus on "hello" and l'hitra'ot, "see you soon". I have found often in my life, even when it seemed that I was leaving friends and acquaintances in one transition or another, later we come back together in a similar or vastly different context. So, I believe that we need not say goodbye, but rather hello and see you soon.

On May 6, I was honored to give a brief d'var Torah, words of Torah, to the congregation during Simchat Shabbat services. The task at first seemed a bit daunting, yet Torah let me find a way to share my wishes for our gifted teachers, incredible students of every age and to the community who has shared its heart and soul with me for the past thirteen years. Below are some excerpts from what I shared that evening.

"On the second night of Pesach, the counting of the days begins. In this week's portion, specifically Leviticus 23:15-16, we read: 'From the day after [the first day] the day that you bring the sheaf of the wave-offering, you shall keep count until seven full weeks have elapsed; you shall count fifty days until the day after the seventh week, then you shall bring an offering of new grain to the Lord.'

In the times of Temple sacrifice, this counting had significance in the realm of agriculture: the fifty days count the time between the first harvest of the barley and the second harvest, the harvest of the wheat. The Temple is no longer, that is the one with a capital "r" sitting on the mountain tops of Jerusalem. Therefore, the sacrifices of each harvest are no longer offered. However, the rabbis decreed that we should still count the days from Pesach to Shavu'ot.

... Today, since we are no longer part of the agrarian culture, we need to find new meaning in counting the days between the festivals of Pesach and Shavu'ot... There is a Jewish custom of writing an ethical will... Written as a letter, a parent can share what he/she wants most for the children.

The earliest ethical wills are found in the Bible, two of which are when Jacob blesses each of his children and a second is when Moses gives his final speech to the Israelites. Although each of these is shared at the end of their respective lives, ethical wills can also be written and shared at significant moments in one's lifetime. Ethical wills can be challenging to write as it requires much personal reflection. And... this type of will can be viewed as way to responsibly teach from experience. It is a delicate dance between one's private learning and that which is worthy of sharing with those one cares about...

This spring I have been marking a journey of my own to Sinai and have been counting the blessings I have received from this congregation and all of its members. The handout you received as you entered this sanctuary tonight is part of my delicate dance with you, the families, children and adults of this community. It is my ethical will for you: my teachers, my colleagues and my students. I share this learning with you at a significant moment in my life. [separate document]

Todah rabah, a hearty thank you to all members of the education team: every member of the staff, team leaders, the members and co-chairs of the Religious School Committee, every volunteer for Yom Chugim, office coverage, parking lot duty and random tasks, our parents, grandparents, carpool drivers, our children and all who care about any of them!

Without you, I could have done none of my work. Todah rabah, thank you very, very much. I close tonight with a poem included in our Mishkan T'fillah prayerbook from one of the morning services:

ONCE OR TWICE in a lifetime, a man or a woman may choose
a radical leaving, having heard
Lech l'cha – Go forth.

God disturbs us toward our destiny
by hard events and by freedom's now urgent voice
which explode and confirm who we are.

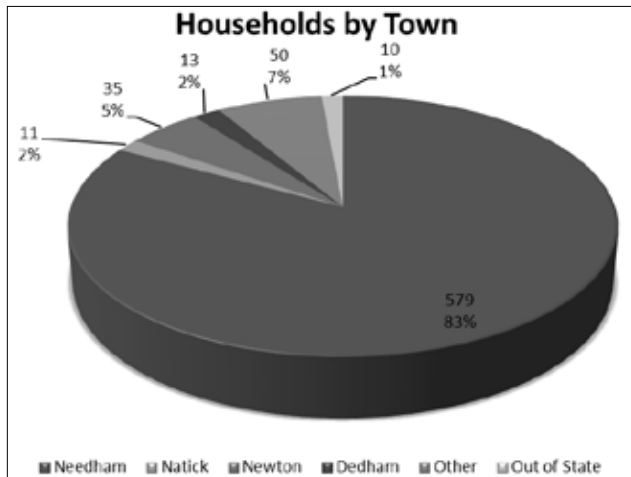
We don't like leaving,
but God loves becoming.

Norman Hirsch Mishkan T'fillah

Shalom v'L'hitra'ot! Hello and see you soon! Sandy Whitecross

Dear Temple Beth Shalom Family, All year we write and talk with you about the sacred goings on in our building – about our innovative programming, as well as the exciting ventures of our transforming professional staff. While we are blessed with a rich and ever-growing community, we always need to ensure its sustainability and development.

Because all of our members are sacred partners in the building of our community, it is important that everyone clearly understand the fiscal realities which sustain us as we continue to grow and thrive. It is our intention that this article will become an annual tradition of June reports on the financial health of our congregation.



Our Composition:

We celebrate the diversity of our community in all of its aspects. While our membership is certainly primarily based in Needham, (83% of our households), the remaining 17% of our households come from Natick, Newton, Dedham, Dover, and other neighboring communities, as well as from out-of-state.

We also have a diverse population by age (of oldest family member): 50% of our households have an oldest family member between 40 and 55 years old, 7% have an oldest family member in the 30 - 39 year old age range, and 43% have an oldest family member 55 years of age and older.

As a complete picture of our membership, we have grown from a congregation of 540 households eight years ago to one of over 700 households

today. When we utilize comparative data from the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts, we sit in the category of synagogues with the largest number of members (500 and above) regardless of denomination (from the Union for Reform Judaism, URJ, we sit in the next-to-largest category of congregations, 500 to 1000 households).

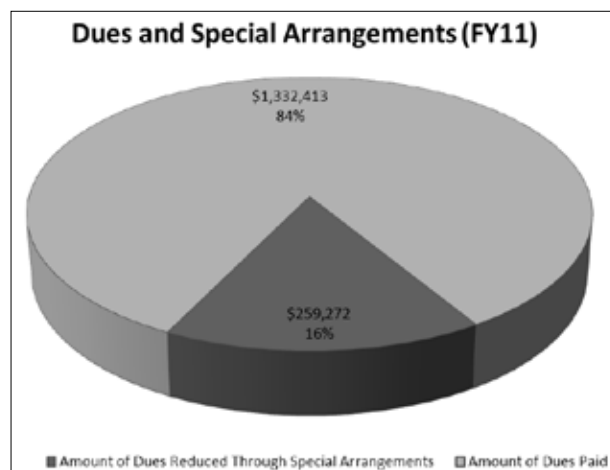
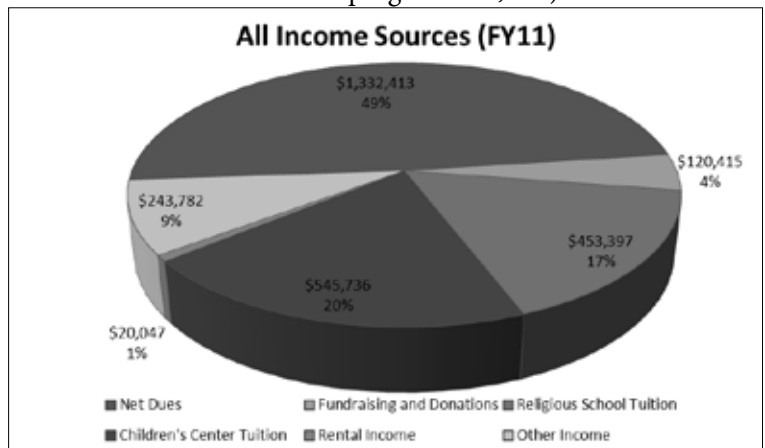
We should be proud of how our congregation has grown in size while maintaining its warm and welcoming nature. We continue to celebrate our diversity in all of its aspects, from gender and sexual orientation to religious upbringing and ritual observance.

Our Sources of Financial Support:

Our TBS Vision reads: “Membership in our congregation and education for our children are accessible to all, regardless of financial circumstance.” In our community, it is our belief that each household will contribute towards dues

as their means permit. Of the total amount of dues assessed in 2010-11, 84% were collected. The remainder of the dues was subsidized by the operating budget. This financial support is a fundamental lifeline for families who would not otherwise have sufficient resources to become or remain a part of our congregation. Our fiscal reality also requires that we grow other income sources as we cannot simply forgo revenue and continue to provide excellent programming and services to our members.

The total amount of net dues accounts for 49% of the Temple’s annual operating budget. Our next largest income source stems from Teen Program, Religious School, and Children’s Center tuitions, which amount, collectively, to 37% of all income. Additionally, we secure 4% of our annual operating income from fundraising (Taste of the Town, our Golf and Tennis Fundraiser, Elijah’s Table, High Holy Day Pledges, Fund donations), 1% from house rental, and 9% from all other sources combined (Scroll advertising, Membership Directory advertising, grant income, program fees, etc.).



Our Operating Expenses:

The largest portion of our operating expense (64%) funds salary for all of our staff, including clergy, professional and support staff (both full and part-time), as well as employee benefits. Building and Operations (which includes custodial services, building and outdoor maintenance, utilities, etc.) comprises 9% of operating expenses. Programming accounts for 7% of our annual operating expenses, whether fully funding or subsidizing costs for events such as our Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, Teen Programming, Shabbat dinners and more. Other expense categories are organizational dues - a required cost in support of our parent URJ organization (6%), interest on our mortgage debt (3%), contractors - consulting or contributing outside educators and musicians (2%), telecommunications - technology and phone costs (1%), and other miscellaneous expenses, including advertising, office supplies, printing, books, professional development, equipment, insurance and legal fees, among others (8%).

Sustainability and Financial Implications

In order for us to move forward as an organization, we need to not only benchmark where we are, but also to complete our analysis of what financial

resources will be required to move us toward our TBS Vision, adopted last year. Our Strategic Planning work is underway and we have begun to review the information outlined above, and to create big picture assessments of the gaps between our existing structures and our vision for ourselves. So too we are actively determining strategies to help us bridge our gaps. To that end, we will continue to help congregants thoughtfully grow and refine their giving relationships with Temple Beth Shalom. As part of this effort, within the next months we will be unveiling a cyclical calendar of giving. These regular giving opportunities have been designed to afford people ample chance throughout the year to share their gifts and blessings. We share this calendar with you now so that you can best anticipate the ways and times at which you want to offer support:

- Summer membership renewal will include opportunities to give the gift of sustaining membership for those undergoing financial hardship.
- Celebrate the start of our school year in the fall by contributing to scholarship funds for our Education Programs through our Golf and Tennis Fundraiser.
- During the Days of Awe, our High Holy Day appeal will allow us to

practice tzedakah...a most fitting way to start a new year together.

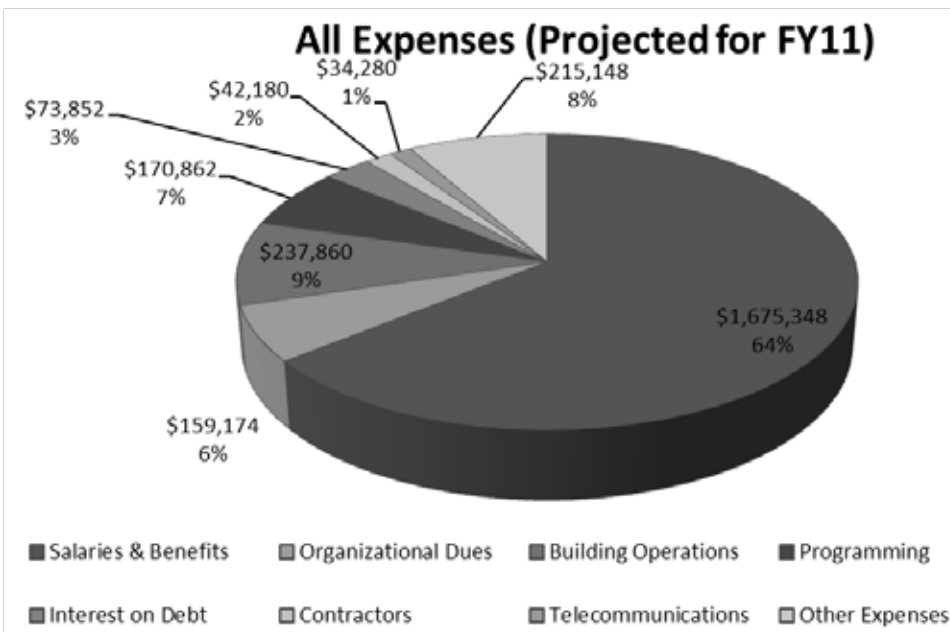
- At Chanukah, we will offer an opportunity to pledge to our scholarship endowment as we celebrate our teachers and educators who bring enlightenment to our students.
- At Pesach, we will revitalize Elijah's Table to spiritually provide sustenance through Temple membership for those who hunger for, yet require assistance with, the associated costs.
- Finally we will spring forward into the hope of new visions for our youth funded by our Taste of the Town evening of fun and celebration, which help defray the operating costs for all our learning programs.

Invitation:

With this information in front of you, we invite you to offer feedback to Beth (bpinals@comcast.net) and to Daniel (dbarkowitz@tbsneedham.org) that can then be utilized in our strategic planning assessment and goal-setting. As well, please mark your calendars to join us at the Annual Congregational Celebration on Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30 pm for a comprehensive Annual Report, an election of the slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees, a vote to approve our 2011-12 budget, and a celebration (with refreshments and music) of the year's work. AND for the first time, this evening will include a ritual of welcome to our new temple leadership: we will be installing our new officers and trustees in the sanctuary at 8:45 pm.

We look forward to seeing you there and we thank you for your ongoing partnership in building a sacred community of which we can all be proud, and within which we can all find our spiritual home.

*Rabbi Todd Markley
Beth Pinals
Daniel Barkowitz*



Sisterhood

As we finally begin the warm months of summer, many of us might embark on some type of camping or hiking adventure. Anyone who has spent much time in the great outdoors is undoubtedly familiar with the Boy Scout rule of “leaving the place cleaner than you found it.” In fact, it was scout founder Robert Baden-Powell who wrote, in a letter found after his death, “Try and leave this world a little better than you found it.” As I finish my term this month as Sisterhood president I’ve been reflecting on this idea and hope that, as a caretaker of this very special “world” within in our temple, I have been able to do just that.

Looking back over the past two years, I am indeed amazed at what we’ve accomplished - some of the highlights include:

- An increase in our membership by almost 15% to over 220 women;
- The initiation this spring of our Leadership Development program to identify and help train the Sisterhood leaders of the future;
- Our first and second lay-led Spirituality Retreats, which have both been wildly successful and generated incredible excitement, as well as recognition at our WRJ Northeast District assembly with a Kol Hadash award;
- Seeing the Women’s Seder become a “signature” event, with an increase from about 35 women to 100 women attending, and the creation of our beautiful new Haggadah;
- Our new mission statement;
- The development of a more defined and targeted strategy for our financial giving, including providing our temple youth with

summer camping scholarships and several new initiatives currently in progress;

- New ways to celebrate Chanukah including both the gift of Chanukah candles to our religious school students and last December’s “Latkes and Vodka” event;
- A fundraiser for the WRJ YES Fund honoring Rabbi Michele Lenke;
- A new logo and Sisterhood Facebook page;
- Creation and installation of the Sisterhood Archive Wall;
- Sending a Sisterhood team to the Making Strides for Breast Cancer walk;
- New fundraising ideas such as our ORT Rosh Hashanah Honey Fundraiser;
- New programming ideas such as Ask the Rabbis and Movie Night;
- The development of new tools and guidelines to help our programming chairs;
- Strides in making Sisterhood an inclusive and inviting place for all the women of our congregation;
- A tremendous amount of excitement and enthusiasm in our Sisterhood community!

None of this could have been done without the dedication, participation and support of the extraordinary board members I’ve been so fortunate to work with – I cannot thank you all enough for your assistance, your warmth, your love, and the words of encouragement that you’ve offered me these past two years. From being a part of the WRJ Presidents’ Listserv and meeting other Sisterhood leaders, I know how truly blessed we are to enjoy enormous support from our clergy, temple staff and lay leaders, and the dedicated involvement of so many past sisterhood presidents – my deepest gratitude to you all

as well.

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to serve as Sisterhood president, and I’m looking forward to my new temple board position as Vice President of Caring Community, which will include serving as a liaison between Sisterhood and the board. I know I’m leaving Sisterhood in great hands with a wonderful incoming slate, and that these women will continue to make our world a little better than they’ve found it. Enjoy your time in the great outdoors and all your summer experiences!

*In Sisterhood,
Judy Ravech
President*

Thank you:

Beverlee Bookman, Roz Kushner, Arline Aransky, Jane Blauvelt, Margie Glou, Lauren Greenstein, Betty Marshak, Elise Miller, Barbara Pack, Linda Rosenberg and Betty Weiner for making our Donor Dinner a beautiful evening.

Bonnie Littman and all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make our Spring Rummage Sale a huge success! You truly mean so much to Sisterhood.

Essential Dates:

Thursday, June 9: Our New Board/Old Board meeting, the last board meeting of the year, is always a great evening as we welcome our new board members and say goodbye and “thanks” to our departing ones. The meeting will be preceded by a casual dinner starting at 6:00 pm and a special Sisterhood Installation ceremony starting at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to Judy Ravech at jravech@rcn.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2011-2012 SISTERHOOD BOARD

OFFICERS

Lisa Channen	President
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Marcy Hirschen	Vice President, Programming
Susan Patkin	Recording Secretary
Jennifer Green	Corresponding Secretary
Elissa Grebber	Membership Secretary

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Emily Aransky	Kate Basch
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Gail Lustig	Amy Willis

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Jane Blauvelt	Catering Coordinator
Sandy Jacobs	Communications
Marsha Moller	Leadership Development
Roberta Gerson	Lilith Salons
Gail Lustig	Mah Jongg Tournament
Emily Aransky & Linda Mesnik	Membership Committee
Kate Basch & Christine Shusterman	Membership Dinner
Sarah Mesnik	Purim Carnival Concessions
Bonnie Littman	Rummage Sale
Susan Brisk	Senior Citizens' Lunch
Alison Davis	Social Action Liaison
Janet Zaval & Barbara Pack	Spirituality Retreat
Elise Miller & Amy Willis	Women's Seder

TBS Jewish Film Series presents

AVALON

Sunday, June 12

4:00 p.m. Simon Hall

Barry Levinson's funny, sentimental film about the immigrant experience is based on his own family's history. The story follows a family from the grandfather's arrival in Baltimore in 1914 through prosperity in the suburbs after World War II. The ensemble cast includes Armin Mueller-Stahl, Elijah Wood, Lou Jacobi, Kevin Pollak, Joan Plowright, Aidan Quinn and Elizabeth Perkins. The family's loyalty to one another, traditions, and conflicts are likely to bring to mind our own families' immigrant experiences.

From Cantor Jonas



I have diverse taste in music. It is most apparent when I turn on my mp3 player and see the assortment of tunes ranging from Abba

to ZZ Top and everything in between. According to iTunes, I can listen to my music library for more than 13 days and never hear the same song twice...As you might expect, this rather extensive collection includes a vast assortment of Jewish music: everything from contemporary to traditional, from nusach (traditional chant) to Torah cantillation.

As soon as the weather turned nice enough that our road was cleared of snow banks and debris from the winter, I headed outside to absorb some sunshine and spring air. I brought my mp3 player and I was ready to move to the beat... what would pop up if I selected "Shuffle" on my iPod? What, I wondered, would be the first 10 songs randomly selected from my music library?

Brotherhood

A Message from Sandy Epstein

The men of Brotherhood, our Board, and I would like to thank the Temple Beth Shalom membership for their support during my Presidency. During this time we have seen Brotherhood reach out to the Temple community and now welcome all men post bar mitzvah into the flock. Our scheduled activities from the Sukkah building, sports breakfast, participation in the Scholar in Residence program, going to the Celtics and Bruins games have sold out. Our Men's Retreat had new participants and received positive feedback as we began planning more than six months in advance.

Our membership has worked as a team; helping the Temple each Shabbat whether it be ushering or directing

Here is what came from that experiment:

1. **Lemon Tree** (Peter, Paul and Mary- I grew up listening to folk music and this trio's crooning came in handy during my kids' elementary school days)
2. **Romemu** (Craig Taubman-we sing this each week during our Torah service)
3. **Walking on Sunshine** (from the cast of Glee; I am a proud "Glee")
4. **Hamavdil** (by the group Pharaoh's Daughter-contemporary setting from Havdalah)
5. **Ballad of Easy Rider** (Byrds-on a Harley Davidson Motorcycle CD)
6. **Give Peace a Chance** (John Lennon)
7. **Popular** (from the Soundtrack "Wicked")
8. **You Raise Me Up** (Josh Groban)
9. **Welcome to the Future** (Brad Paisley- A little country in there)
10. **On Sacred Ground** (Yanni)

The range of music genres is wide and also diverse; even though it didn't show up on this "shuffle," I also have an ample array of Classical music.

I have my favorites that I listen to on Friday afternoons, preparing for

traffic to insure that our membership and guests are safe. Their helping hand is seen whether leading a Shiva call, working closely with our Sisterhood to assure specific Temple activities get done, or setting up for the Purim carnival.

New activities such as the Brotherhood Poker Night, participation in Temple Beth Shalom's Golf Tournament, and reaching out to other Temple groups such as a men's cycling group, the Brotherhood is always changing to make itself stronger. I felt it was an honor to serve this key group that is a large part of Temple Beth Shalom's lifeline. Our incoming Board and new president Jim Winterman welcome all and please let us know how you want to be part of us.

Best wishes and have a great summer,

Sandy Epstein

Shabbat, and I have my favorites for the month preceding the High Holy Days, or the weeks preceding Passover, and every so often I search a favorite Jewish music on line site to add to my collection. But what I so appreciate in my extensive musical collection is that at any time, I may hear Billy Joel, or Beethoven, Jan Peerce or Craig Taubman and to me, that variety is all good. In much the same way, it is important to appreciate not only the diversity in our surroundings, but to open ourselves up to the tastes and preferences of our community. By being receptive to new ideas, songs or even people, we give our lives a chance to be greatly enriched. There is value and beauty in being aware of, and open to, diversity in its many forms.

What are you listening to? Let me know your favorite music both Jewish and Secular. Classical or Contemporary. And if you are beginning to create your personal Jewish music playlist, let me help you find music!

*B'shir,
Cantor Marcie Jonas*

Upcoming Brotherhood Events:

Tuesday, June 14 - Brotherhood Monthly Board Meeting, 7 - 8 pm TBS Library
All TBS men are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, June 18 - Pawtucket Red Sox Annual Family Game Outing, 6:05 pm
Tickets are \$10.00 and available now.
Please contact eschreider@yahoo.com

There are only 12 Tickets left

Thursday, June 23 - Presidents BBQ, 6 pm
Jim Winterman's House (New Location)
Please join us for a fun evening as we get together and present next year's board. This is a **free** event featuring live music from TBS' own, "This Crazy Thing" with tons of food, beer and all the fixins'. The new address is 20 Peacedale Road, Needham. Thanks for all your RSVPs.

Sunday, June 26 - Charles River Arc Ice Cream Social, 12 noon to 3 pm

We are looking for a few volunteers to help out at this event.

Jim Winterman

Garden Club

June is the month when our formal club activities and responsibilities to the Temple end, and our club members look forward to enjoying the outside, relaxing, and tending to our gardens.

As club president for the past two years, I will be ending my term of office this June. I have had two wonderful years as president, and I am proud of all of our members for their loyalty and club participation. I am especially grateful for my Garden Club Board of Officers who have faithfully fulfilled their duties: 1st Vice President, Penni Jenkins; 2nd Vice President – Marlene Cohen; Treasurer – Gail Bor; Recording Secretary – Bobbi Niss; Corresponding Secretary – Babs Moss; Membership Representatives – Karen Gorton & Sharon Mills; Nominating Committee – Judy Levine - Chair, Debbie Kraft, Joan Berman, Jill Goldberg and Amy Liss.

Our club is also fortunate to have twenty-three talented Committee Chairs. As there are too many to list here, I will mention a



few: Antique Show – Sue Kaplan & Penni Jenkins; Historian – Joan Bycoff; Installation Dinner – Marjorie Golden & Sylvia Golden; Needham's Art in Bloom – Sue Kaplan & Allison Shapiro; Publicity – Joan Wasserman; Workshop Registration – Fawn Hurwitz.

Most of our Temple members are aware of our weekly floral arrangements for the Sanctuary. Our club has ten talented floral designers who devote their time to shop, condition, and arrange the flowers that you see beautify our sanctuary. We thank them for sharing their special gifts with the Temple community. Behind the scenes are two dedicated members: Marilyn Stein and Judy Belgrade who organize and maintain the schedule. Our club is grateful for their continued support.

As outgoing president, I wish the new board much success in the coming year.

*Carol Gershman
calhal71@comcast.net*



2ND ANNUAL TBS GOLF & TENNIS FUNDRAISER

Monday September 12, 2011
Blue Hill Country Club
Canton, MA

Please join us for a day of fun and fundraising on the links and courts of Blue Hill Country Club in Canton, MA for the 2nd Annual TBS Golf & Tennis Fundraiser.

Last year's event was an tremendous success and we're back for more!

Don't miss this opportunity to schmooze with friends and help make a difference in the lives of TBS children.

All proceeds from this event will help establish a scholarship endowment to make Jewish learning a reality for many of our temple's youth.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<http://www.tfaforms.com/163888>

ENJOY
YOUR
SUMMER!

got knitting needles? like to knit? want to do a mitzvah?

While sitting by the pool or beach, relaxing on vacation and enjoying the slower pace of summer, share your knitting skills with members of our congregation.

Knitting a "Healing Wrap" is an easy and rewarding way to let someone going through a difficult time in their lives know that our Temple community is thinking of them by sending a "hug" with one of our beautifully knitted wraps.

You can also share a joyous simcha by knitting a baby blanket that will be included in our "Simcha Packages" that are delivered to the newest members of our congregation.

If you enjoy knitting, please join our Knitting Mavens and share your talents.

We will supply the yarn, needles and instructions (basically knit 3, pearl 3).

Of course, if you have your own favorite needles, you may use those as well. All you need to provide is your time, your skills and your love!

For more information, contact Margie Glou at 781-444-0943 or mglou@comcast.net.

need a hug?

Do you know a member in our Temple Beth Shalom family who is experiencing an illness, recuperating from an accident or major surgery, rehabilitating in a nursing home or recuperative center?

The Knitting Mavens would like to give them a "hug" with a hand-made "healing wrap" and personalized note.

Please call Margie Glou 781-444-0943.

Thanks to you, impoverished people who might not have been able to wash their hands will now benefit from 53,000 handwashes! Your generosity contributed 100 pounds of new and used soap that is now at Isaac's Moving and Storage en route to Clean The World in Orlando, Florida. From there it will go to Haiti and other places in need of handwashing to prevent the spread of disease.

Special thanks to Isaac's Moving and Storage (www.isaacsmoving.com), a local moving company that does local, national, and international personal and corporate moves, for donating their moving services to ship the soap we collected to Florida to Clean The World (www.cleantheworld.org).

Social Action

Religious Action Center
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RAC CONSULTATION ON CONSCIENCE

I was honored to represent Temple Beth Shalom last month at the RAC's (Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism) Consultation on Conscience and 50th year celebration. I had the opportunity to gather at the nation's capital with committed advocates for social justice – inspired by our faith and our commitment to tikkun olam, repairing our broken world. It was a chance to hear from politicians, policy experts and advocates who presented their perspectives on such issues as the budget, reproductive rights, international human rights, Israel and the environment. How awesome to be in the company of such driven and committed individuals! I left energized and inspired.

It is difficult to relate all that we heard, but here are some highlights of what some of our speakers shared.

OPENING PROGRAM – What a way to start a conference! After an afternoon of workshops, we went to Washington Hebrew Congregation, one of the largest Reform congregations in the nation and the originator of Mitzvah Day. The program began with a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Mitzvah Day. There was a tribute to those who led the RAC for the past 50 years and the premiere of the RAC's 50th anniversary tribute video. The high point of the evening was the keynote address by Vice President Al Gore. While Vice President Gore did talk about the environment, he spoke about prayer and the choices we make. He noted prayer should involve commitment – “When you pray, move your feet.” One's moral judgment is based on conscience and then translates into action. The way we act can be good or bad choices of conscience – blessings or curses.

PLENARY SESSIONS

Ben Jealous, President of the NAACP, thanked the RAC for what it has done for all people. The RAC has been a strong supporter of the NAACP since its inception, walking alongside Rev. Martin Luther King in the walk to Selma. He noted that the Pledge of Allegiance is an aspiration. It is the most optimistic view of the country.

John Prendergast, Co-Founder, Enough Project (human rights projects) spoke about the situation in the Sudan, Darfur and the Congo. He feels that we need to focus on the symptoms and not the causes of what is happening in each of these countries. How does one get people involved in a cause? According to a survey, the top three reasons are #3 – Good advertising, #2 – Celebrities, #1 – Friend or family appeal – ASK!

Jack Lew, Director, White House Office of Management and Budget, feels that the federal budget and budget decisions are a reflection of our nation's values and priorities. He addressed the impact of the current Republican budget plan on society as well as listing the administration's new plan to reduce the debt by up to \$1 billion.

Cecile Richards, President of Planned Parenthood and daughter of former Governor Ann Richards of Texas, energized the attendees. Ms. Richards believes that health care is central to great Jewish traditions – “Whoever saves a life, saves the world.” – and we must heal the people who save the world. When discussing the impact of the budget, Planned Parenthood provides a full range of health care and serves more than 3 million people at more than 800 centers. Ms. Richards emphasized the importance of getting the vote out and the need to organize the youth, developing the next generation of leaders. She offered three arguments on why not to cut Planned Parenthood funding: 1) It's bad for women's health care; 2) It's bad fiscal policy. It will cost \$200 million to cover the costs of what Planned Parenthood provides; 3) It's bad politics.

Rep. Rosa DeLauro (Connecticut) addressed domestic and international women's rights. Rep. DeLauro, as many other speakers expressed, feels that the budget debate is a values debate and reflects which values to prioritize. The 2012 budget threatens the health and lives of women. The budget tried to eliminate Title 10 that funds women's health.

Sister Helen Prejean, Anti Death Penalty advocate & author of *Dead Man Walking*, spoke of how community awakens us, comforts us, and confirms us. The Jewish covenant is a gift of God, and is a commitment that happens through conscience. Unfortunately, culture and prejudice take over when deciding on the death penalty – Are you worth more than the act you have done? When hatred

and killing are sanctioned, they become legitimate. For the past 50 years, the RAC has been working on connecting justice with faith.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (California) came to us between votes in the House. Once more we heard that what is important to us should be reflected in our budget; it is a statement of our values. Our budget is a critical threat to the freedom of women in such areas as family planning, abortion and cancer screening. Rep. Pelosi noted that the RAC is on the side of justice and social action for all individuals. It helps people not because the people they are helping are Jewish but because the people of the RAC are Jewish.

Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (New York) gave one of the most moving speeches of the conference. She spoke of the Long Island Railroad shooting in 1993 when her husband was killed and her son shot in the head. This terrible incident spurred Ms. McCarthy to run for Congress and become a strong advocate for gun control. She has proposed a bill which would no longer allow large magazines for rifles and suggested a limit of a 10-clip magazine. She will also be proposing a bill requiring that everyone who buys a gun must have a background check. Ms. McCarthy is a shining example of how one person can make a difference.

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, (Florida) Chief Deputy Minority Whip was the keynote speaker at the RAC's 50th Anniversary Gala. She said that the RAC shows us what Jewish values bring to our community. RAC also continues its work in creating a more just society. She added that Jews are vocal advocates – giving love and kindness without expectation of something in return. Ms. Wasserman Schultz feels that we must continue to be the light and conscience of our world. Repairing the world is an attainable goal if we each do our part.

May you too be inspired by the words of these great leaders. As Hillel said:

*If I am not for myself,
who will be for me?*

*But if I am only for myself, who am I?
And, if not now, when?*

Wishing you a summer of rest, rejuvenation, and fun!

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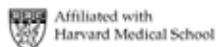
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We are all looking forward to the summer months, a welcome change from our busy routines. May this time afford our families the opportunity for more relaxation and less stress, a real chance for sharing and self-awareness. Please do not hesitate to contact me at: cweisman-cohen@chyten.com or at **617-559-9931** during June, July, and August, as well as, of course, next fall. I would enjoy answering your questions about testing and tutoring.

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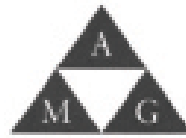
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