



Temple Beth Shalom *Scroll*

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Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

2008 Relay For Life
Needham, Dedham, and Wellesley
May 17 - 18, 2008 • 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Newman Elementary School, Needham, MA

Opening Ceremonies - 3:00 p.m.
Havdallah Service - 8:00 p.m.
Luminaria Ceremony - 9:00 p.m.

The Relay For Life of Needham, Dedham, and Wellesley was first held in 2001, and since then it has raised over \$1,300,000! Every spring, these three communities gather together, rain or shine, in celebration and remembrance, united to achieve a common goal: to eliminate cancer.

Once again, Temple Beth Shalom has formed a team that will be walking to raise money for this very important cause.

Join the TBS team this year for what will surely be the best Relay season ever!

The experience is unforgettable, the sense of achievement rewarding beyond imagination.

The Relay For Life is much more than a walk around a track. It is a time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have survived. It is a night for people who have shared the same experience to comfort and console one another. Sign up today to become a part of the Relay phenomenon.

If you can not join us for the walk, please consider supporting one of our team members.

Join Team Temple Beth Shalom
www.RelayNeedham.com
or contact Team Captain Marge Cohen at
MargeCohen@rcn.com

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From Rabbi Perlman



On April 17, 2008, New Yorkers were invited to participate in a special celebration of April being National Poetry Month. On that day, the NYC Department

of Education, the Department of Cultural Affairs, and the Mayor's Office sponsored the 6th annual "Poem in Your Pocket Day." All those who wished to do so placed a poem in their pocket and carried it around with them so that they could share it with family, friends, co-workers, classmates, and even strangers on the street. Though there were several official gatherings for "Poem in Your Pocket Day," the most exciting part of the celebration was the prospect of uniting an entire metropolitan area through words of poetry. Ostensibly, a person standing next to another person at a random bus stop could turn to him or her and start a conversation simply by asking about the poem in the pocket.

Rabbinically speaking, what was most interesting to me about "Poem in Your Pocket Day" was the idea of people deciding upon a single poem that they would consider their own. What would a person choose? Something

insightful? Deep? Beautiful? Philosophical? Funny? Clearly, it would have to be something reflective of one's personality and outlook on life.

In a way, the Jewish people are now in the midst of a period of time that celebrates a genre of literary work. At the beginning of June, we will be celebrating the holiday of Shavuot. This is the festival that traditionally marks the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Throughout the seven weeks leading up to Shavuot, many in the Jewish community focus on the gift and blessing of learning. Special texts are explored, insight gleaned, and thought given to the importance of study and of Torah for our people.

And so, in celebration of this season - taking a cue from the good people of New York - I thought it might be fun to find seven personally meaningful Jewish writings - one for each week leading up to Shavuot. If I had seven pockets within which to hold some special texts - I think these are the seven that I would choose:

"And God created man and woman in God's image." (Genesis 1:27, adapted)

"Reb Zusya once taught: 'When I come to the Heavens for my judgment, they will not ask me why I was not like Moses, for I am not Moses. But they will ask me why I was not Zusya.'" (Hasidic)

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?" (Ethics of the Fathers 1:24)

"This is what the Holy One said to Israel: 'My children, what do I seek from you? I seek no more than that you love one another and honor one another.'" (Midrash Tanna d'Bai Eliahu)

"The important thing is not to stop questioning." (Albert Einstein)

"(And God says:) 'This is My covenant with you... the words which I have put into your mouth shall not depart from you... nor from your children, nor from your children's children henceforth and forever.'" (Isaiah 59:21)

"Judaism is a celebration. Being Jewish means learning how to celebrate." (Abraham Joshua Heschel)

Our rabbis were clear. The teachings of our people are intended to be kept not only close at hand (in our library, in our houses of study, or even in our pocket), but also in our heart. Once there, these words might guide us in how we live each and every day - teaching us/reminding us what it means to live lives filled with compassion, patience, appreciation, humility, love, and peace.

With warmest wishes during these weeks of Torah celebration - a pathway in time leading us all back to the base of Mount Sinai.

We are delighted that the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts will be presenting K'lal Yisrael Awards this year to Patti and Louis Grossman and their siblings, Amy and Rick Sands, Linda and Ken Polivy, and Rachel and Bryan Koplow.

This award is presented to individuals who exemplify the spirit of K'lal Yisrael and help strengthen our Jewish Community.

In addition that evening Dr. Sidney P. Kadish will be presented with the community service award for his outstanding leadership in strengthening Jewish communal life .

These awards will be presented at the annual meeting on Thursday, June 5 at Temple Emanuel in Newton.

We invite you to join us in honoring this year's award recipients.

Should you be interested in attending this evening, please contact the Synagogue Council at 617-244-6506, or Suzy Tobin at 781-449-8022.



TBS Youth Service and 12th Grade *Styyum* (Graduation Ceremony) Friday, May 16 - 7:45pm.

Join us to celebrate the many accomplishments of our high school seniors as they prepare for the next phase of their Jewish lives.

This will be a wonderfully spirited Shabbat evening led by our congregation's teens!

From Rabbi Markley



Do you remember those "Calgon . . . take me away!" commercials? A stressed-out mom might walk in on the end of her kids' pillow fight... down feathers strewn

about the bedroom, and with her last ounce of energy she declared, "Calgon... take me away!" Somehow, it was not just the restful peace of a bath that would ease her troubled mind and weary bones, but the "rich moisturizing foams and pampering powders" of this magical bath soap that could create an oasis of pure bliss. If you'd like a refresher, you need only visit YouTube...they have plenty of "retromercials" up for our viewing pleasure.

While baths and particular bath-related products may or may not bring you as much enjoyment as Calgon's advertising agency suggested, I am thrilled

to report that this year, many members of our community have called out, "Temple Beth Shalom, take me away!" and we have responded. This was a year of retreats at our synagogue, and having participated in almost all of them, I am more certain than ever that such events provide a much needed reservoir of time for personal reflection, community building, learning, and spiritual growth. Two years ago, only a Sisterhood Spirituality Retreat existed. Last year, the Brotherhood began their own annual spiritual retreat weekend. This year, we added even more such opportunities: our Triple Chai group resurrected the TBS Adult Kallah (retreat) day of learning, our 6th graders participated in the first annual Bar/Bat Mitzvah Kallah, our 8th-10th graders visited camp twice for our inaugural year of retreats for their age group, and we recently returned from the URJ Eisner Camp with thirteen Beth Shalom religious school families

who collectively, parents and children, had a profound Shabbat experience with one another.

What we do within the walls of 670 Highland Avenue is extraordinary in so many ways, and we are discovering anew the power of our community to live Judaism outside of these walls as well - at retreat centers and camp settings - places where we can experience our traditions and our community in engaging, personal, and profound ways. In the year to come, as you begin to foresee all of those Calgon moments, those times when you wish a floating bubble could whisk you off to a place of comfort and peace, consider joining others from TBS in need of similar spiritual uplift. Every retreat that took place this year will be repeated in the year ahead...let us take you away!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tall A. Markley".



Religious School



Sabbatical

I wanted to drop you a quick note to let you know how much I appreciated the opportunity to have had a sabbatical and fill you in on a little bit of what I was up to.

"The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying: 'Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a Sabbath for the Lord. Six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbatical of complete rest for the land, a Sabbath for the Lord...' " (Lev. 25:1-4) The text goes on to explain that while the land lies fallow during the sabbatical year, the people are allowed to gather for themselves any fruit of the land that grows on its own without cultivation, pruning or other tending. Since Temple Beth Shalom granted me this opportunity to renew myself, as the farmers gathered the fruits of the sabbatical land, so, too, will TBS gather the fruits of my educator sabbatical. I attended to my rest partly through thoughtful exploration of best

practices of many congregations around the country and those of secular public primary, elementary and high schools. My gleanings will enrich our education program for students of all ages and abilities. I look forward to unrolling more details in the coming months.

In addition to my best practices exploration, I worked with Habitat for Humanity on the West Newton Habitat duplex, wielding a hammer, raising the second floor joists (floor supports) and helping to make two families dreams of home ownership a reality. I am very much looking forward to our Needham home getting underway! It will be a rich experience for all those who are able to engage in this project in any capacity. Timing could also not have been better for exploring the Bible through an ecological lens. This full semester Hebrew College course is the first of its kind, and it is quite fascinating discussing, debating and considering how ancient wisdom has or has not informed human behavior since creation. As TBS engages in an ecological evaluation and study of its own, the Bible is surely a rich resource to access for basing our decisions in Torah and Judaism.

School Survey

Those of you who currently have children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 in our Religious School, are aware that during February and early March, you were asked to complete a survey regarding a variety of areas of the education program. The results are still being collated and reviewed, and we are thrilled that so many of you participated in such thoughtful ways. We will be able to share more details once the information is reviewed in the next month. Thank you for taking the time to articulate wonderful suggestions and provide valuable feedback for our planning process.

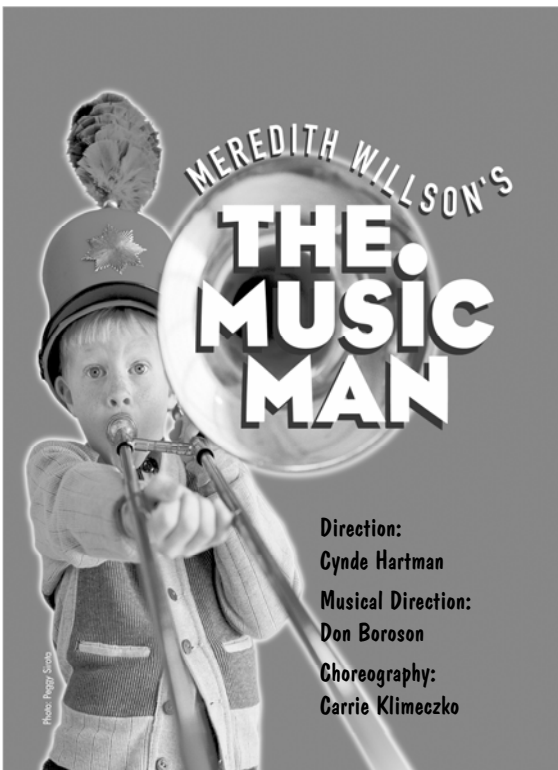
*L'shalom,
Sandy*

Registration Week for Religious School

**Sunday, May 4
10:30 am - 12:45 pm
NOTE TIME!**

**Monday, May 5
3:30 - 5:30 pm**

**Tuesday, May 6
9:30 - 11:30 am**



Direction:
Cynde Hartman
Musical Direction:
Don Boroson
Choreography:
Carrie Klimeczko

Saturday, May 3 - 8:00pm

Sunday, May 4 - 2:00pm and 7:00pm

\$20.00 Per Ticket Reserved Seating Order tickets early for best seats!

Carleton Auditorium at the

Newman Elementary School 1155 Central Avenue, Needham MA

Tickets are available by mail using this order form, or at www.ticketstage.com/TBSN.

Please mail this ticket order form and a check payable to Temple Beth Shalom to Kenneth Willis, 10 Holland Terrace, Needham, MA 02492. Tickets will be confirmed by e-mail. The e-mail confirmation will be your ticket for the show. Please print the e-mail and bring it with you to the performance. No other ticket will be mailed to you. If you do not have an e-mail address, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and tickets will be mailed to you.

For questions only (no ticket orders): Call Ken at 781-449-4315 or e-mail: tbs_musicman_show@yahoo.com.

Performance Date & Time	# of Tickets @ \$20/each
Saturday, May 3: 8pm	
Sunday, May 4: 2pm	
Sunday May 4: 7pm	
Total Amount of Order:	

Music Man is presented through a special arrangement with MTI. All authorized performance materials are also available through MTI, 421 W. 54th ST. NY, NY 10019. Phone 212-541-4684, Fax 212-397-4684. www.MTIShows.com
Book, Music & Lyrics by Meredith Willson.
Story by Meredith Willson & Frank Lacey.

Library



I bet a lot of our congregants don't realize it, but for our older children and young adults the Temple Library offers a wide variety of reading materials. Quite often these readers are left in the dust; too old for children's books, but too young for the regular adult collection. Some examples of young adult books are: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. This book in one word is amazing. I tell everyone to read it. I had the chance to meet the author at the American Library Association convention last year and he signed a copy for the temple. *Let It Be Morning* by Arab-Israeli au-

thor Sayed Kashua is an insiders view of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Lastly a brand new book to our collection, *Escaping Into The Night* by D. Dina Friedman is a moving Holocaust novel.

We also have a wonderful collection of graphic novels and graphic non-fiction titles. A few examples are: *The Story of the Jews* by Stan Mack; *Mendel's Daughter* by Martin Lemelman and *Jews in America: A Cartoon History* by David Gantz.

These books deal with issues in an artistic manner and are quite entertaining. So if you are an older reader and want to check out these and other titles please stop by the library. They are shelved all together and have the call number YA and either a blue dot or a Young Adult sticker. P.S. they are also good for adult readers.

Lisa Rothenberg



Save the Date!
Chesed Committee
Shabbat
Friday, May 9
7:45 p.m.

Please join us in honoring the
Caring, Simcha, Shiva and
Healing Wraps Committees
 and celebrating the many
 "acts of kindness"
 they have performed.

Any questions... please contact

Kim Silverman -

kimsilver@comcast.net or

Margie Glou - mglou@comcast.net.

Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Friday, May 2 at 6:15 p.m.

Simchat Shabbat Service (child friendly) at 7:15 p.m.

Sixth Graders will lead our service

Lots of reasons to come celebrate with dinner beforehand

Adults \$15.00 per person • Students age 6-12 - \$8.00

Children under age 6 pay their age.

To help us plan, please RSVP by April 29.

RSVP forms available at www.tbsneedham.org

We'll be there on May 2!

Family Name: _____

Children's Names: _____

Phone Number: _____

of People Attending: _____

Children (under 6): _____ @ pay their age: _____

Ages: _____

Children (6 - 12): _____ @ \$8.00 _____

Adults/Children over age 12: _____ @ \$15.00 pp

\$ _____ Total Enclosed

Please make check payable to:

"Temple Beth Shalom"

and return to the Religious School office by

April 29 or send to: Shabbat Dinner,

Temple Beth Shalom

670 Highland Ave., Needham 02494

Chesed Fund Established

We are pleased to announce our Board of Trustees recently passed a resolution establishing a "Chesed Fund".

Your donation to this fund will support the activities of the Chesed Committee:

- **Shiva Committee** - provides meals and support for congregants in mourning
- **Birkur Cholim Committee** - supports and comforts congregants who are dealing with a serious illness, injury or long-term health issue and need continuing care
- **Simchas Committee** - acknowledges joyous occasions celebrated by Temple congregants
- **Knitting Mavens** - knits or crochets "Healing Wraps" that are given to Temple congregants who are ill and dealing with long term treatment or recovery, as well as baby blankets that are included in the "welcome gift package" to families with a newborn.

By contributing to the Chesed Fund you support our mission of reaching out and supporting our Temple members by performing mitzvot through acts of kindness and caring.

Margie Glou Kim Silverman Deb LeClair
 Co-chairs Chesed Committee

President's Message



The 49 day period between Pesach and Shavuot - the Omer; is when we count the days and weeks between those two holidays in order to remember that our redemption from slavery was not complete until receiving the Torah. We are commanded to count up - not down - until we actually reach the 50th day; Shavuot.

The phrase "to count" which is central to the omer can be defined in a variety of ways for all of us at Temple Beth Shalom. If we stand up to be "counted" at TBS we are adding up,

checking over one by one, the people that make our Temple the sacred space that it is for so many. From the clergy, to the professional and support staff, to our volunteers; collectively we contribute to the extraordinary community that we are. Just this year, together we have produced a full scale theatrical production, fundraised for our children, created a compassionate team for Relay for Life and taught each other the meaning of caring for our earth.

"To count" can also mean to consider or to regard. Personally, I "count" every one of us fortunate to be a part of a caring community where a chesed committee wraps themselves

around people in times of need, teachers patiently teach our children about their heritage and our rabbis engage us in study and worship to nourish our spiritual lives.

"To count" in other words there is much merit, importance, or value among us. We value our congregant's personal experiences, their family structures, professional expertise and passions. It is your energy, enthusiasm and sense of commitment that counts for everything in this community. The volunteers who put together our new website have done an outstanding job after many long hours of hard work and patience. Linda Rosenberg's invaluable work on the *Scroll* and other communication pieces enables this community to remain well informed and cohesive.

Whether one (and we don't take "count") attends morning minyan, Shabbat services, Sisterhood or Brotherhood sponsored events, Religious School, Triple Chai programs, Garden Club activities or BESTY events, it is clear that for a great number of us, it is important to be a part of a community and experience significant life-cycle moments together.

With Passover behind us and being full into the Omer count, I am reminded of King Solomon's Song of Songs (Shir Hashim) that is chanted during the holiday that commemorates our exodus. It too has a variety of interpretations but it seems particularly meaningful to share it now as winter fades into a distant memory and we anticipate springtime and Shavuot.

"...For Look, The winter has passed, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; The time of Spring has come, And the voice of the dove is heard in our land."

Best wishes for a bright, warm and rejuvenating spring where everything you do counts!

L'Shalom
Jonathan



Come be a part of our annual **PMC NEWTON/NEEDHAM KIDS RIDE**

This year Newton/Needham have joined forces to make it the best ride ever! We are looking for 500 children, ages 3 to 15, to ride their bikes to raise money for the Jimmy Fund/Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

When? Sunday, June 15th, 2008 at 9:30 AM

Where? Wells Office Park | Newton, MA

*** NEW THIS YEAR.... TEEN CHALLENGE RIDE
ON A SEPARATE ROUTE: AGES 13 -15**

(Ride will be followed by exciting events which include... music provided by Siagel Productions, Inc., raffles and silent auction with many fantastic prizes!)

Space is limited, so riders should register as soon as possible!

There is a \$10 registration fee plus a minimum fundraising donation of \$50

YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE AT KIDS.PMC.ORG REGISTER BY MARCH 15TH AND YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE TO WIN A BIKE!

For more information to ride, volunteer, or sponsor a rider log onto KIDS.PMC.ORG



Sisterhood

It's May! Spring is here. It is a hectic time of year filled with end of the year events, getting ready for summer, etc. Well, Sisterhood isn't any different. We've been busy with several upcoming events and planning ahead for next year.

Much of our attention has been on our upcoming **Donor Dinner** being held on the evening of Thursday, May 15 at the Temple. This is a time for all paid-up members to come together, socialize, review our past activities and prepare for the upcoming year.

We are fortunate that Lisa Channen and Elissa Grebber volunteered to chair the Dinner. They, along with their committee, are putting together what promises to be another fabulous night. We will be celebrating Israel's 60th birthday with Israeli food, boutiques featuring Israeli items, and, to finish off the evening, Israeli dancing! So bring your dancing shoes and join us.

To prepare for next year, we will conduct some business - we will be voting on the proposed slate for the Sisterhood Board and for the 2008-2009 budget.

Donor Dinner is also our major fundraising event. Why do we need to raise money? Because Sisterhood dues does not cover all the programs we run during the year. Where does the money go?

To Temple Beth Shalom:

Annual Gift to the Temple
Weekly Oneg Shabbats
Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation gifts
Sisterhood Spirituality Retreat
Jerry Aransky Passport to Israel
Senior Citizen's Luncheon
Guest Speakers for Sisterhood Programs
Purim Carnival
Women's Seder
BESTY

To National & World-wide Interests:

Women of Reform Judaism's YES Fund
(Youth, Education & Special Projects)



World Union for Progressive Judaism
The Jewish Braille Institute
We want to continue as we have in the past and hope to expand our programming. The money raised through the Dinner, whether from the women who attend or those who cannot, enables Sisterhood to do our part in working to meet the ever-changing needs of our Temple community and those locally and around the world. Invitations have been mailed. If you have not received yours, please contact either Lisa at earlcamp@rcn.com, or Elissa Grebber at grebbers@comcast.net. I hope to see you on the 15th.

*In Sisterhood,
Betty Weiner
Co-President*

Essential Dates:

Thursday, May 1 - Wendy Perlman and Amy Kaufman have been working hard on our annual Senior Citizen's Luncheon. It promises to be another wonderful afternoon for our guests.
Sunday, May 4 & Monday, May 5 - Yes! The Spring Rummage Sale is almost here! By now you should have had time to gather your donations for the sale. Bring them to the Temple Sunday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. The sale takes place Sunday and Monday. We can always use more volunteers. Let Bonnie Littman know that you'll be there to help; email her at bonh1@aol.com.
Monday, May 12 - There are not too many Board meetings left this year. So make sure to come to this one. Remember all Sisterhood members are welcome. We'll be meeting in the Temple Library at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 15 - Lisa Channen and Elissa Grebber have rounded up a great group who are busy planning our annual Donor Dinner.

Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18 - Walk with us! Sisterhood, along with the Temple, will be participating in this year's Relay for Life. Help us raise money to find a cure and awareness to support the American Cancer Society in its lifesaving mission to eliminate cancer as a major health issue. Go to www.relayforlife.org/findevent, find Needham Walk, and join Team Temple Beth Shalom.

Thank You:

Lisa Channen & Amy Kaufman for providing the goodies at the Purim Carnival. Marge Cohen, Judy Ravech, Julie Bailit and Lisa Channen for all they did in coordinating another fabulous Women's Seder.

Brotherhood

Essential Dates:

Thursday, May 8 - Brotherhood Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the temple. All are welcome.

Brotherhood Musings:

This has been a great "sports" year for Brotherhood! We started back in November with the Leroy Davis Sports Breakfast. It's currently Basher season, and our Temple Brotherhood softball enthusiasts comprise not one but two squads, under the watchful eye of Jon "I'm not paid like Tito" Cohan. We have enjoyed two Celtics games at the new Gahden. And

coming up next month, we have tickets for the Paw Sox Family night which will be Saturday evening, June 7 at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, RI. The action begins at 6:05 p.m. Tickets are an amazingly reasonable \$10 each and it is a great way to bond with members of the TBS community. To book your tickets, please contact Ed Schreider at edschreider@yahoo.com or call him at 617-965-9672.

*L'shalom,
Eric Luskin
Corresponding Secretary*



Save The Date!
The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom
invites you to celebrate Israel's 60th birthday at our
Annual Donor Dinner
Thursday, May 15
Temple Beth Shalom, Needham
Hors d'oeuvres and boutiques at 6:30pm
Dinner at 7:30pm
Bring your dancing shoes and join us for
Israeli dancing after dinner!
3% of dinner proceeds will be donated to
Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger.



The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom
is proud to offer for sale products from Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ)

The newly released
The Torah: A Women's Commentary
 and
Packages of cards & envelopes
 (5 or 8 per package) for \$7.50
Packages of place cards (15 per package) for \$7.50
 to benefit WRJ's YES
 (Youth, Education and Special Programs) Fund.
 Stop by the display case by the Library.
 For information or to place an order, contact
 Trina Novak at
 kermittf@rcn.com or 781-449-6747

Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood
is asking for your help

To help defray costs and foster an increased sense of community, we would like to include a congregation sponsored Oneg following every "Simchat Shabbat" Service

generally held the first Friday of every month.

We are asking that families volunteer to bring 3-4 dozen cookies, brownies, pastries, etc., a cake or a fruit platter.

Feel free to bake or buy.

These are "special, musical and spirited services" appropriate for all ages, typically followed by an Oneg with music and dancing.

Please respond as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.

Tear off the sheet below and mail to:

Michelle Zaff 134 Damon Road Needham, MA 02494
 Contact Michelle with any questions at 781-453-2328
 or mzaff@rcn.com.

Please bring the food to the Temple that day on a disposable platter if it is convenient.

(If not, it's okay to bring it wrapped up before 7:15pm when the service begins).

Please consider choosing the Sisterhood Oneg Fund when making donations.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please select which Simchat Shabbat service(s) you'd like to help sponsor:

5/2 6/6

Please select what you would like to bring:

3-4 dozen cookies, brownies, or pastries cake fruit platter

Sisterhood Membership Form

Your membership assists us with many important programs and activities throughout the year.

Please mail this form along with your check,
 payable to

Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood

— \$45 for temple members

— \$54 for non-temple members

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Interested in getting more involved?

We'd love to know.

Please call Daryl Cohan, VP Membership

781-433-9867

daryl_cohan@hotmail.com



The Senior Citizen

Community Luncheon

sponsored by Temple Beth Shalom

Sisterhood takes place

Thursday, May 1

from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

We need volunteers to set up, serve, or clean up.

Helping out is a wonderful way to meet new people and get involved. All temple members are welcome to volunteer. Let us know if you are willing to do all or any of the following on May 1:

Set up: 11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Serve: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Clean Up: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Please email or call Wendy Perlman at

bostonperl@comcast.net, 781-444-8477 or

Amy Kaufman at

lancasterfran@gmail.com, 781-444-4641

Children's Center



I am writing this month's *Scroll* article following my return from Temple Beth Shalom's first annual "Family Kallah/Retreat." Families with children ranging from pre-school

through sixth grader spent the weekend learning about and celebrating Shabbat, as we all bonded together through prayer, song, fun, food and good ol' fashion schmoozing! It was an incredible weekend for me, both as a Jewish adult and as a Jewish educator. I was so moved by the experience that I would like to share my thoughts.

During Friday night Shabbat services, I looked around the room to see the radiant faces of Children Center children singing songs and prayers with confidence and sheer enjoyment. I saw

school age children chant the V'Ahavta prayer with poise and confidence. Families welcomed Shabbat with prayer and song together. Our service was held in the Camp Eisner library - a warm intimate, and beautiful setting for this magical moment.

Saturday morning, my role was to lead the youngest of our Kallah participants in Torah study. We explored the power of "words." For them and for me, the simple idea that they could have "Torah Study" - just like the adults - was exciting! As always, I was in awe by what the children taught me about the depth of their understanding and respect for Torah. We talked about "holy words," "nice words," and "not so nice" words; and how on Shabbat, it's even more important to be aware of the words that we are using with others. The children came up with lists of words that were nice words, such as "love," "help," and

"are you okay?" and whispered just a few words that were not so nice. We talked about those words and how terrible those words can make us feel. We brainstormed what to do when someone says those kinds of words to us. They had some great ideas, such as walk away, ignore them, and ask an adult for help.

Then, we talked about holy words. The children came up with words like God, Shabbat, Torah, and then interestingly, someone said, "Friend." I asked, "Do you think friend is in the Torah?" One child replied that she didn't know, since she has not read from the Torah yet. Many of the children said that they thought friend was, in fact, in the Torah. Developmentally, this makes sense. To a young child, friends are the first close connections they are making outside of their families and they are incredibly meaningful, sacred. So much so, that in a four year old classroom, children will choose an activity based on which children are playing there rather than on what they truly want to be doing.

For young children to acquire and maintain these friendships, they need new skills such as the ability to problem solve, put themselves in "someone else's shoes" (a real challenge for anyone, let alone a young child), how to engage another person in play, and how to resolve conflicts. If we think about it, many of these skills can be challenging for adults as well! As children are engaging in the thought processes necessary to interact in these complex relationships, they are developing a self-image, figuring out what makes other people "tick" and learning to trust others. This is an intense internal process. Perhaps this is why the children thought that friend was a holy word!

Since young children, as well as older children, feel that friendships are holy, we as adults should respect these relationships as such and support children in developing the problem solving skills, and the analytical and observational skills that our children will need to support them in choosing friends that they can trust and respect and those friends who will respect them! I found that this was a great topic for our Shabbat retreat together. I can't help think that it might be a good topic for any Shabbat table talk.

Marcie Berul
Director, Children's Center



Shomrei Adamah's Green Tip of the Month

Reduce Hot Water Use and Save Money!

For most homes, approximately 15% of home energy use goes to heating water.

Installing low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators is the most effective way to conserve water and electricity at once. You can reduce your home water consumption by as much as 50%, and cut energy costs for heating the water by the same amount.

For maximum water efficiency, select a showerhead with a flow rate of less than 2.5 gpm.

Showerheads installed before 1992 may have flow rates as high as 5.5 gpm.

Typically, new kitchen faucet aerators restrict flow rates to 2.2 gpm, whereas new bathroom faucet aerators restrict flow rates from 1.5 to 0.5 gpm. For maximum water efficiency, purchase aerators that have flow rates of no more than 1.0 gpm.

Fix leaks in faucets, showerheads or pipes. Check for a toilet leak by putting a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank.

If, after 15 minutes, some of the coloring seeps into toilet bowl, there is a leak.

Washing Tips:

Fully load washers before running. For significant additional savings, hang dry laundry and air-dry dishes. When possible, wash laundry in cold water.

Shift energy intensive tasks, such as laundry and dish washing, to off-peak energy demand hours (late evenings and weekends).

When replacing old washers, look for Energy Star models.

Consider solar when replacing your water heater. On average, a solar water heater will reduce your water heating bills from 50%-80%. Also, because the sun is free, you're protected from future fuel shortages and price hikes.

Check out www.nesea.org to get started, or call 508-785-8318.



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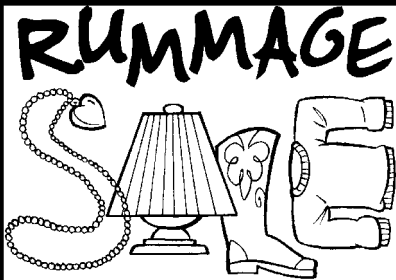
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Youth Education



Over the weekend of April 11-13, I had the pleasure of traveling with a group of our eighth and ninth graders to New York City. We spent two and a half very full days

exploring the city, learning about the Jewish experience there, and eating many, many delicious bagels.

Our weekend began early Friday morning, when we departed Boston, armed with luggage, cameras... and bagels. We arrived in New York and quickly began our touring - we headed far downtown to take the ferry to Ellis Island. After waiting in a very long line (during which time we were able to enjoy a rousing rendition of Hava Nagila on the steel drums, as per our group's request) we finally boarded the ferry. Once we arrived at Ellis Island, we had the opportunity to witness firsthand the immigrant experience coming to New York during the early 1900s. The kids had a chance to explore the grounds and the many exhibits, and some even discovered information about members of their own family who came through Ellis Island. The excursion perfectly framed what would be our discussion over the rest of the weekend - the New York Jewish experience over the past 100 years.

After we left Ellis Island, we had the opportunity to attend Shabbat services at congregation B'nei Jeshurun on the city's Upper West Side. As a part of ser-

vices, the kids sang and even danced through the aisles of the sanctuary with members of the congregation. With a special greeting from the rabbis there, we felt welcomed into what was truly a unique, meaningful Shabbat worship experience.

We awoke the next morning to begin a day packed with sites to see and things to do. After our all-important New York bagel breakfast, we once again traveled downtown, beginning our day on Wall Street. There, we talked about the "American dream" - a dream that so many of those same ancestors who came through Ellis Island were trying to obtain. From Wall Street, we walked a few blocks over to Ground Zero, the former site of the World Trade Center towers. We walked through the memorial currently at St. Paul's church across the street from the site, and we were able to talk to the kids about their memories of September 11th, and how much this tragedy has since affected all of our lives. In the face of reminders of such tragedy, it was truly a beautiful moment to see how much our kids came together as a group to think back and reflect on what had happened.

We then traveled to the Lower East Side, Chinatown and Little Italy to continue our talks about both the Jewish immigrant experience and also today's immigrant experience in the city. After some delicious gelato (no bagels here!), shopping and free time, we headed back to our hotel to prepare for our night on

the town - seeing the Lion King on Broadway and late-night dessert at the Stardust Diner. Lion King was incredible, and the Stardust Diner - the quintessential kitschy New York diner, right in Times Square, where the waiters and waitresses stand on tables and sing show tunes with full patron participation - was the perfect, fun way to unwind after a long day of walking and learning.

We got up the next morning for our final outing - a walking tour of Jewish Harlem. Certainly, not your typical tourist destination. The tour was a wonderful way to cap off our weekend with a somewhat different view of New York. A special tour guide met us there, an incredibly knowledgeable, impressive educator who introduced himself to us simply as "Joe." Joe led us through Harlem, to see sites of old synagogues, former Kosher restaurants and stores, and even to Langston Hughes' former home. It was the perfect way to end our weekend of learning and exploration.

The trip truly was a wonderful experience. After sadly having to decline requests to "just stay another day or two if we call our parents and they say it's ok?" we boarded the bus and headed back home to Needham, our stomachs full of bagels and our heads and hearts full with new knowledge and insight, new friendships, and most of all, an ever-heightened appreciation for the expression "I ♥ New York."

*L'Shalom
Allie*

Annual Congregational Meeting

As per article VII, Section 2 of the Temple Beth Shalom By-Laws, you are cordially invited to attend the

Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on:

Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 7:30pm

in the Community Room.

This meeting includes a year in review report by the President and Rabbi, a look at the budget for the upcoming year, and presentation of the new slate of Trustees.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us.

All members of the congregation are welcome.

Israel Shabbat

Friday, May 9 at 7:45 p.m.

Dr. Motti Inbari

Fellow at the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University will be speaking at our Shabbat Service.

The title of his session will be "Israel's 60 Anniversary Achievements and Challenges."

Dr. Inbari will discuss the most essential issues facing Israel today, including: the security situation, the prospects of peace, ethnicity in Israel, and the current state of Israel's economic success. A delicious Israeli food buffet will be served during our oneg!



Social Action

Celebrate! Remember! Fight Back! That's what the American Cancer Society' Relay For Life is all about! This year's Needham/Dedham/Wellesley Relay For Life takes place on Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18 at Newman Elementary School. Relay For Life is more than a fundraiser - it raises awareness of how cancer affects families and it is a show of support for those touched by cancer. You can make a difference by signing up for Team Temple Beth Shalom (led by our team captain, Marge Cohen) or one of the 44 other teams in this year's Relay, or pledging to a team member. Show your support by joining us at Newman for the Relay. Opening ceremonies are at 3:00 p.m. on May 17 and the touching luminaria ceremony is at 9:00 p.m. We will be joining other congregations for a special Havdallah service as Shabbat ends. The Relay runs through the night, ending at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 17. There is no formal



structure to the relay itself but it is inspirational to see teams doing the relay throughout the night (and there are free movies!). We would love to have Team TBS on the field all night! You can sign up to join Team TBS (or any team) or pledging to a team member by going to the Relay website at www.RelayNeedham.com. If you have problems logging on (there have been difficulties with the website) or if you have questions or would like to help in any other way, contact Howard Ostroff at hostroff@rcn.com or 781-329-8488. So many of our Temple Beth Shalom families have been affected by cancer and this is a great opportunity to show our support as a community.

The May meeting of the Social Action Committee is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14. Please join us as we get ready for the Relay and start to work on next year's social action program.

Howard Ostroff - hostroff@rcn.com
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