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TO ZOOM...OR NOT TO ZOOM



A Word from Rabbi Blumberg



Rabbi Sam Blumberg

10! 9! 8! 7! 6! 5! 4! 3! 2! 1!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Throngs of people from all over the world stand in the cold in Times Square for the chance to see the ball drop in New York City, ushering in a new secular year on the night of December 31. At midnight, the huge ball comes down, champagne is drunk, lovers kiss, and then... well, I'm not so sure what happens next! (That's usually when they cut the live feed and TV viewers head to bed.) Presumably, the throngs head home and a few hours later the

new secular year brings its first sunrise. The new year is here, but there is no prescribed ritual, no communal moment for moving forward as January begins.

One of the most famous debates between Beit Hillel and Beit Shammai (the study houses named for Rabbis Hillel and Shammai

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President's Message



Carol Hanover

TO ZOOM OR NOT TO ZOOM — THAT IS THE QUESTION!

As the winter winds begin to blow, and the temperature drops, each of us has a decision to make as Shabbat is about to begin. As you sit in your cozy armchair, basking in the TV's glow of the early evening news, you think, "Shall I get up, get dressed, put on boots and gloves and a coat and venture out on roads that may be icy to attend services at Temple Beth

Am in person, or stay in my nice warm, cozy home, maybe put a log on the fire, and watch Shabbat services on Zoom instead?"

To Zoom or not to Zoom, with apologies to William Shakespeare!

Your first thought, understandably, may be to Zoom and not travel to 300 Pleasant Street, but on second thought, you start to think about

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

IN PERSON: Masks are optional. Those feeling unwell or who have been near others who are unwell should enjoy our services from home, via Zoom.

ZOOM / TEMPLE MEMBERS: The link and password can be found in your TBA weekly email.

ZOOM / TEMPLE GUESTS: Please send an email to shalom@tempbetham.org to obtain the Zoom link information.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 23, 2022 / 30 KISLEV 5783

EREV SHABBAT HALL'LU SERVICE 6:30 PM

With Participation by Religious School Students and School Choir
Bring your Menorahs & 7 candles to light as a community at the service

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 2022 / 30 KISLEV 5783 ROSH CHODESH CHANUKAH

Weekly Portion MIKETZ Genesis 41:1-44:17

Haftarah I Kings 3:15-4:1

**SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN
AND TORAH STUDY** 9:00 AM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 30, 2022 / 7 TEVET 5783

EREV SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE 7:15 PM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31, 2022 / 7 TEVET 5783

Weekly Portion VAYIGASH Genesis 44:18-47:27

Haftarah Ezekiel 37:15-28

SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN AND TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM

FRIDAY JANUARY 6, 2023 / 14 TEVET 5783

EREV SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE 7:15 PM

SATURDAY JANUARY 7, 2023 / 14 TEVET 5783

Weekly Portion VAYECHI Genesis 47:28-50:26

Haftarah I Kings 2:1-12

**SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN
AND TORAH STUDY** 9:00 AM

FRIDAY JANUARY 13, 2023 / 21 TEVET 5783

EREV SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE 6:30 PM

With Participation by Grades 3, 4, 5

Simchat Siddur

Passport to Israel

SATURDAY JANUARY 14, 2023 / 21 TEVET 5783

Weekly Portion SHEMOT Exodus 1:1-6:1

Haftarah Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23

**SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN
AND TORAH STUDY** 9:00 AM

FRIDAY JANUARY 20, 2023 / 28 TEVET 5783

EREV SHABBAT HALL'LU SERVICE 7:15 PM

SATURDAY JANUARY 21, 2023 / 28 TEVET 5783

Weekly Portion VA'ERA Exodus 6:2-9:35

Haftarah Jeremiah 1:1-10, 1:8

**SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN
AND TORAH STUDY** 9:00 AM

FRIDAY JANUARY 27, 2023 / 6 SHEVAT 5783

EREV SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE 7:15 PM

January Anniversary Blessings

SATURDAY JANUARY 28, 2023 / 6 SHEVAT 5783

Weekly Portion BO Exodus 10:1-13:16

Haftarah Jeremiah 10:1-10

**SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN
AND TORAH STUDY** 9:00 AM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2023 / 13 SHEVAT 5783

TOT SHABBAT SERVICE 5:15 PM

EREV SHABBAT HALL'LU SERVICE 7:15 PM

Refugee Shabbat

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2023 / 13 SHEVAT 5783

SHABBAT SHIRAH

Weekly Portion BESHALACH Exodus 13:16-17:16

Haftarah Judges 4:4-24

**SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN
AND TORAH STUDY** 9:00 AM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2023 / 20 SHEVAT 5783

EREV SHABBAT HALL'LU SERVICE 7:15 PM

The Pulpit Flowers and Oneg Shabbat are sponsored
by Jessica and Robert King

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2023 / 20 SHEVAT 5783

Weekly Portion YITRO Exodus 18:1-20:23

Haftarah Isaiah 6:1-13

**SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN
AND TORAH STUDY** 9:00 AM

MORNING SERVICE AND BAT MITZVAH 10:30 AM

Josephine King, daughter of Jessica and Robert King

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2023 / 27 SHEVAT 5783

EREV SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE 7:15 PM

February Anniversary Blessing

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2023 / 27 SHEVAT 5783

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

Weekly Portion MISHPATIM Exodus 21:1-24:18

Haftarah II Kings 12:1-17

**SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN
AND TORAH STUDY** 9:00 AM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2023 / 4 ADAR 5783

EREV SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE 7:15 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2023 / 4 ADAR 5783

Weekly Portion TERUMAH Exodus 25:1-27:19

Haftarah Zechariah 2:5-17

**SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN
AND TORAH STUDY** 9:00 AM

TBA NO LONGER SHARES THE PAGES OF THE MISHKAN T'FILAH DURING SHABBAT SERVICES ON ZOOM.

We encourage all congregants to purchase a Mishkan T'filah siddur for home use so that you can continue to follow along from home. (The online flipbook will still be available but can be difficult to navigate during the service).

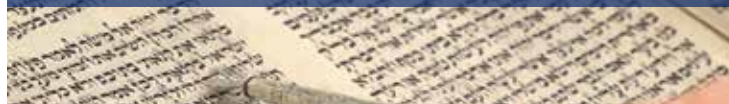
To purchase a copy of the siddur,
visit www.ccarpress.org.

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Minyan and Torah Study



Please join us for Shabbat morning Minyan and
Torah study Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM
in the Levine Library.

A Word from Rabbi Blumberg

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who lived in late antiquity) surrounds how many candles are lit as each new evening of Chanukah approaches. On the first night, should we light one candle and increase the number of lights each night, as Beit Hillel suggests? Or should we light eight candles on the first night and remove one candle for each night of the holiday, at the direction of Beit Shammai? Beit Hillel won the debate, as he most often does, but why? Arguments could certainly be made for both opinions.

The Talmud provides one rabbi's reasoning for following Beit Hillel: **"we ascend in holiness and do not descend."** In other words, once the holiday begins, we may only add to the light, which represents holiness and G-d's miracles, but we may not take away. Though the light of the candles that emanate from the Chanukiah on the first night may seem lackluster, there is excitement in knowing that as the holiday continues the light will grow, culminating in a room aglow in candle-light on the final night of Chanukah.

To quote Hayehudi Hakadosh, 19th-century Polish rabbi Yaakov Yitzchak of Peshischa, the essence of Beit Hillel's opinion that we only

ascend in holiness represents "the aspiration upward, towards improvement, rising up to the heavens above." Chanukah, then, and the lights we kindle each evening of the holiday are a reminder of our unlimited potential. With each passing night of the holiday we are inspired anew to reach to even greater heights. The sky's the limit, and the first night is only a taste of what's to come!

One lesson of Chanukah is that change is gradual; it's OK not to see results all at once. During this darkest time of the year, Chanukah is an invitation to bring more light into our world, to ascend in holiness, in joy, and with our families and communities. We had a great time celebrating Chanukah during our communal Chanukah jamboree on December 18 at Temple Beth Am, as we brought in Chanukah together with the first candle's holy light and its intimation of aspiration and ascension. *Chag Urim Sameach*—Happy Chanukah!

To a winter season filled with holy light, warm community, and unbridled joy,

—Rabbi Sam Blumberg

President's Message

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missing standing in our beautiful, inspiring sanctuary, saying the *Shema* with Rabbi Blumberg with our Torah scrolls a few feet away, reciting *T'filah* while feeling the strength of fellow congregants all around you, and singing "*Oseh Shalom*" with Cantor Wolff followed by talking with clergy and friends over a cup of coffee and the surprise treat of the week at our Oneg Shabbat. Shabbat services open the door to the joy of Shabbat and the gift that it truly is.

There's no doubt that for those who are far away or have limited ability to drive at night, and for those whose health might be at risk, watching our service on Zoom is a blessing. For those who can drive

or get a ride and attend in person, the rewards are many. The feeling of being surrounded by congregants who have shared their lives or welcomed you into their circle when you first came to TBA, supported you in times of trouble and congratulated you at simchas, is well worth a drive in the cold night air.

If you were at the Neilah service, at the end of Yom Kippur, and experienced the group hug at the end of a very long day, you know exactly what I mean. It's better to be present in person when you can, but better on Zoom than not at all. TBA is a very warm and inclusive community. Try to be a part of it, not apart from it.

As TBA President Jane Shapiro Chafetz, z"l, said: "See you in shul!" on Zoom or in person!

Community Chanukah Celebration

We had a great turnout Sunday, December 18 as TBA lit the first night up bright! The social hall was filled with lots of yummy food, and was bustling with fun Chanukah activities!



Finding Gratitude in Chanukah



Cantor David Wolff,
Lower School
Education Director

This year, Chanukah begins the evening of Sunday, December 18, and ends during the day on Monday, December 26. As every year, Chanukah falls in the midst of many other celebrations in this country, when there is a pervasive feeling of gratitude in many workplaces and schools. Is there space for gratitude in Chanukah, too? If we examine a few of the traditional Chanukah texts in Hebrew, we find that the answer is a resounding YES!

Blessings are an essential part of Judaism. We begin every blessing with "ברוך אתה / Baruch Atah A – donai / Blessed are you, God. When we make a blessing, it feels like we are blessing the object (the wine, the

candles, etc.), but really we are always blessing God. Every blessing we make is an opportunity to notice what is good around us, and a time to channel gratitude. We begin the first day of Chanukah with the *Shehecheyanu* blessing, thanking God for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for allowing us to reach this Chanukah season / והגיענו לזמן הזה / SheHecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'hig'yanu lazman haZeh. For families with younger children, perhaps we are also thankful for arriving at winter break. Perhaps we are thankful for the ability to gather with family after some pandemic years during which we could not. The Chanukah blessings are an opportunity for us to stop and notice what is good in our lives.

The final blessing of the *Amidah* is a blessing of thanks. During Chanukah, we add a passage to this final blessing. The passage reads *על הנסים... שעשית לנו באבותינו ביום הזה* / Al HaNisim sheAsitah lavoteinu baYamin haHem bazman haZeh. It means "for the miracles... that you performed for our ancestors, in those days, at this time." *Al HaNisim*, as it is known, thanks God for the ancient miracles of Chanukah, but also brings us to the present, to "this time." This text teaches us to notice the present moment during Chanukah, to notice small miracles in our lives. It teaches us to notice what is most special in our lives. Miracles come in many forms, some in fleeting everyday moments.

The giving of gifts is a more recent Chanukah tradition. We try to show loved ones that we care about them, and that they are important to us. Perhaps we know something, an object, that will bring this person joy. But we can also communicate our love and gratitude without going shopping. We can fix something for someone — a long-broken object in our home. Or we can say something meaningful, something that shows our gratitude and affection, and those words can be our gift.

This Chanukah, let us all notice what is good in our lives, and then express gratitude for those things. TBA had an exciting all-ages Chanukah celebration on Sunday, December 18. It was a great opportunity to express gratitude to others in the TBA community; It was wonderful to see so many people there!

OH, WHAT A NIGHT!

A
Cantor's
MUSICAL JOURNEY



Beautiful music, wonderful desserts, and a lively and appreciative crowd that filled the Sanctuary.

On Saturday, December 10, 2022, Cantor David Wolff, along with his pianist Eliko Akahori, entertained us for over an hour with his beautiful voice and her beautiful piano playing. In his selections, his love of all genres of music became clear. The mix of Broadway musical selections included a medley from *West Side Story* and songs from *Carousel* and *South Pacific*. After a brief intermission, Cantor Wolff and Dr. Akahori returned with a very different set of music that covered Yiddish Poetry and Art Song, poetry set to music. Ludwig van Beethoven's music provided the melodies for two poems: Adelaide and "An die Ferne Geliebte" ("To the Distant Beloved"). After the concert, Carol Hanover, TBA president,

presented the Cantor with a framed copy of Rob Levine's design for the program promotional piece and Dr. Akahori with a bouquet of flowers.

This musical journey was followed by a sumptuous 40' dessert buffet that offered a wide variety of pastries and cakes. The attendees stayed and enjoyed conversation with fellow TBAers and guests.

As mentioned in the opening remarks, it took a large community of TBA volunteers who came together to make this a hugely successful and enjoyable evening. Thanks to all of you.



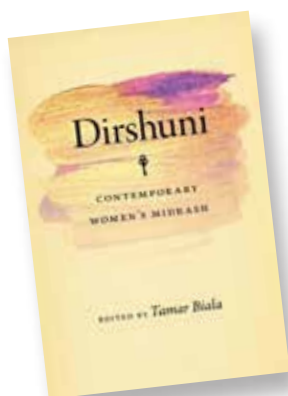
LEARN @ TBA

Lifelong Learning with Rabbi Blumberg

Sunday, January 22

11:15 AM-12:30 PM

In person and on Zoom



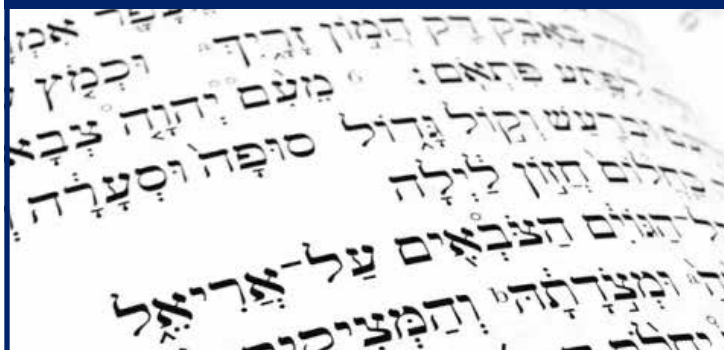
Rabbi Blumberg will continue his discussion of midrashim found in "Dirshuni" edited by Tamar Biala. January's class will focus on "The Women of the Exodus."

No prior knowledge is needed to attend the class. Each class is self-contained.

TO REGISTER:

Please call or email the temple office.

LEARN TO READ HEBREW



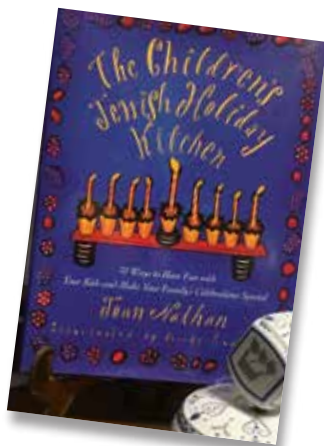
TBA president Carol Hanover is teaching a beginner Hebrew class. The class is held twice each month. Beginning in January, the class will be Zoom only.

Please contact the temple office for more information: shalom@tempbetham.org

Levine Library

THE CHILDREN'S JEWISH HOLIDAY KITCHEN by Joan Nathan

You will not want to close this book!! Included are 70 easy-to-follow recipes, covering the major holidays. A delight to browse and enjoy sharing with family. Included is a variation of the classic Hanukkah latke recipe, a colorful variation of potato-vegetable latkes.



Marsha Massey, TBA Librarian

Due to Covid 19 there are currently no regular library hours. Please contact the temple office for specific requests.

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

A Magical Musical Event

An Evening of Cello and Violin at Temple Beth Am

On November 5, the Temple Beth Am Events Committee presented the long-awaited cello and violin concert that was so generously donated by the Marsh Amenita family. Over 70 TBA members, their friends, and members of the local community were in attendance and were treated to what we believe was the first such event held in many years, if ever.

Guy Fishman, an extremely talented and professional cellist, regaled us with some wonderful selections from J.S. Bach and explained the origins of the music — and the history of his personal cello. We were also fortunate to have Renee Hemsing, violinist extraordinaire, perform following Mr. Fishman. Ms. Hemsing's performance was as beautiful to watch as it was to listen to. It was indeed an honor for all of us to witness both performances and to see the love and excitement that they feel (and demonstrate) for their music.

The performance was followed by an extravagant dessert buffet created by our congregants, and served in the social hall, which had been totally transformed by Patty Frankel and her team of assistants. The musical theme was carried out in the delicious desserts as well.

We cannot thank those who contributed to this event enough, whether by baking, setting up, cleaning up, or by coming to spend the evening together. This was truly an evening to remember; it brought so many of us together for an unforgettable evening — and hopefully is indicative of many more fun, interesting, and social events to come!

Ellen Felcher
Temple Beth E-team



Fun & Free JEWISH EVENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & FAMILIES

בראשית Bereishit: Beginnings

Fun preschool learning on
Sunday mornings for children
ages 3-5 and their families.
Group assembly, followed by
learning for children, with bagels
and coffee for parents

Sundays, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

January 8
April 2

Tot Shabbat

Come and welcome Shabbat with
blessings, music, and a story.

For children ages 0-7 and
their families.
Pizza for all.

Fridays, 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM

February 3
March 31
May 5
June 9

Holiday Celebrations at TBA

PURIM CARNIVAL

(costumes encouraged!)
Sunday, March 5
11:00 AM

Temple Beth Am of Framingham continues its commitment to
Jewish Learning for Young Children
with these fun FREE events!

JOIN US.

RSVP to shalom@tempbetham.org or 508-872-8300

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COAT DRIVE THROUGH JANUARY 8

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Genealogy Workshop

**Sunday, January 29
11:15 AM-1:00 PM**

Please join us for this workshop, led by temple members, that will help you begin researching your family's background, especially families with roots in Europe before WWII.

Upcoming LIZKOR program – March 15th. Details to follow.

TBA Annual Mah Jongg Card Sale Fundraiser

**Deadline
January 16**

**Please consider purchasing
your 2023 Mah Jongg card
through Temple Beth Am.**

For every card we sell we get \$2.50 back. Next year it is doubling! Temple Beth Am received a check from The Mah Jongg League in the amount of **\$1,332** from our sale of 2022 Mah Jongg cards.

This year, half of what we raise will go to Ukraine Relief Fund, and half will go to JFS to help resettle families in our area.

Please tell everyone you know who plays Mah Jongg to send in their order, no matter where they are, to Sue Clark at her Florida address by **January 16, 2023**. We can do such a great mitzvah with this fundraiser!

Thank you for your support!



**It's Time to Order
2023 Mah Jongg Cards
\$14 regular print
\$15 large print**

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Thank you for your support.



CALENDAR | January 2023

January 2023

January 2023							February 2023						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 1, 23 New Year's Day (United States) NO Sunday Religious School Classes	2	3	4 4:00pm Wednesday Religious School Classes 7:15pm Sisterhood Meeting	5 7:15pm Worship Committee Meeting	6 4:11pm Candle lighting (Framingham) 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service	7 9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan & Torah Study 5:20pm Havdalah (50 min) (Framingham)
8 9:00am Sunday Religious School Classes 9:00am Preschool Open House #3 11:00am Bar/Bat Mitzvah	9 6:00pm Upper School Classes	10	11 4:00pm Wednesday Religious School Classes 6:30pm Sisterhood Cooking Class #4	12 6:00pm TBA Executive Comm. Mtg. 7:30pm TBA Board of Trustees Mtg.	13 4:18pm Candle lighting (Framingham) 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with Grade 3-5 participation; Simchat Siddur	14 9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan & Torah Study 5:28pm Havdalah (50 min) (Framingham)
15 Martin Luther King Day of Service at TBA NO Sunday Religious School Classes	16 TBA Office closed & No School-MLK Jr. Day	17	18 4:00pm Wednesday Religious School Classes	19	20 4:26pm Candle lighting (Framingham) 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Hall'lu Service	21 9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan & Torah Study 5:36pm Havdalah (50 min) (Framingham) 7:00pm Virtual Game Night
22 9:00am Grade 6 Family Education with Rabbi Blumberg 9:00am Sunday Religious School Classes 11:15am LLL Class with Rabbi	23 6:00pm Upper School Classes	24	25 4:00pm Wednesday Religious School Classes	26	27 4:35pm Candle lighting (Framingham) 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service	28 9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan & Torah Study 5:45pm Havdalah (50 min) (Framingham)
29 9:00am Brotherhood Breakfast 9:00am Sunday Religious School Classes 11:15am LIZKOR Genealogy Program	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4

CALENDAR | February 2023

February 2023

February 2023							March 2023						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4
			4:00pm Wednesday Religious School Classes	Groundhog Day (United States)	4:44pm Candle lighting (Framingham)	9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan & Torah Study
			7:15pm Sisterhood Meeting	7:15pm Worship Committee Meeting	5:15pm Tot Shabbat Service #3	5:54pm Havdalah (50 min) (Framingham)
					7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service; Refugee Shabbat	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00am Sunday Religious School Classes	Tu BiShvat		4:00pm Wednesday Religious School Classes	6:00pm TBA Executive Comm. Mtg	12:00am Prep hamantaschen for Purim deliveries	
11:00am Tu B'Shvat Seder for parents & students	6:00pm Upper School Classes		6:30pm Sisterhood Cooking Class #5	7:30pm TBA Board of Trustees Mtg	4:54pm Candle lighting (Framingham)	9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan & Torah Study
					7:15pm Erev Shabbat Hall'lu Service	10:30am Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Josephine King
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Prep hamantaschen for Purim deliveries 7:00pm		Valentine's Day (United States)	4:00pm Wednesday Religious School Classes	7:00pm School Committee Meeting	12:00am Candle lighting (Framingham)	9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan & Torah Study
Lincoln's Birthday (United States)			7:00pm Look Who's Talking (LWT): LGBTQ		7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service; Feb. Anniversary Blessing	6:12pm Havdalah (50 min) (Framingham)
9:00am Grades K-2 Family						
9:00am Sunday Religious School						
11:15am LLL Class with Rabbi						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
NO Sunday Religious School Classes	TBA office closed-President's Day		NO Wednesday Religious School Classes		5:11pm Candle lighting (Framingham)	9:00am Shabbat Morning Minyan & Torah Study
9:00am Brotherhood Breakfast					7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service	6:21pm Havdalah (50 min) (Framingham)
26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4
NO Sunday Religious School Classes	6:00pm Upper School Classes					

BROTHERHOOD

A Great Turnout to MEET THE MAYOR!



GO PATS!

Approximately 30 people attended this great event on November 20. Members of TBA and the Brotherhood joined together to watch the Patriots battle the Jets. Although the game was a bit of a sleeper, the great company and food made it a fun time for everyone. And then of course who can forget the last 20 seconds?



SISTERHOOD



Robin Kalis

Robin has worked for 20+ years in restaurants, hotels, catering & teaching classes. She has experience in event planning & management of social & corporate events. Robin has taught hundreds of cooking classes at Sur La Table, Create-a-cook, TBE & Newton Community Adult Education. Robin's true passion is sharing her knowledge for cooking by teaching people how to provide healthy home cooked meals. She believes that whether you are cooking for one or 100, your meal should look, taste and feel like it was made with love.

SISTERHOOD TEMPLE BETH AM 2022-2023 COOKING CLASSES via ZOOM!

Six 90-minute cooking classes will be offered monthly, October through March via Zoom by local professional chef/instructor, Robin Kalis.

Each month will have a different theme:

4TH SESSION / JANUARY 11TH AT 6:30 PM

Wed. Jan. 11, 2023: Spinach & Ricotta Ravioli

Wed. Feb. 8, 2023: Dessert—TBD

Wed. Mar. 8, 2023: Passover & Everyday—TBD

- Classes will run from 6:30-8:00 pm
- Classes are open to all! Invite your friends & family. Zoom makes it easy!

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Questions?

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A MITZVAH ON CHRISTMAS DAY - 2022

Sisterhood will once again continue their tradition of preparing meals for area shelters. Volunteers are needed to assist in cooking, delivering, and making dessert treats. Wendy Schwartz is once again chairing this wonderful mitzvah.

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SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Name	Years
2/22/1968	Jeff and Barbara Sands	55

All couples celebrating a January wedding anniversary will be blessed at a service on January 27 at 7:15 pm.
All couples celebrating a February wedding anniversary will be blessed at a service on February 17 at 7:15 pm.
Please call the temple office if you are planning to attend.

THE TEMPLE REJOICES WITH:

Stuart and Sherri Sheinhait on the birth of their first grandchild. **Reuven Lev Sheinhait** was born on December 12, 2022, at 6:13 am. He was welcomed by his parents, Rabbi Evan and Micaela Sheinhait. The proud aunts are Erika and Amy Sheinhait.

David and Marilyn Rothberg on the birth of their 3rd grandchild. **Bennett Zachary Rothberg** was born on November 3, 2022. He was welcomed by his parents, Aaron and Katherine Rothberg, and his big sisters, Emelia and Palmer.

IN MEMORY

We record with deep sorrow the names of those who have died since our last bulletin. May their memory be for a blessing.

THE CONGREGATION MOURNS WITH

Lorraine Cotton, on the loss of her brother, **Fred Grossman**

Ken Cotton, on the loss of his uncle, **Fred Grossman**

Susan Bonder, on the loss of her cousin, **Edith Orenberg**

We mourn the loss of our friend and temple member

Dr. Rodica Emanuel

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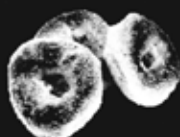
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