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COMPLEXITIES OF THE HEBREW CALENDAR

A Word from Rabbi Blumberg



Rabbi Sam Blumberg

TWO DAYS OR NOT TWO DAYS?

I'll never forget this rhyme from elementary school:

*"Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November.
All the rest have thirty-one,
Except February, twenty-eight
days clear,
And twenty-nine in each leap year."*

If I were to write a similar one for the Hebrew calendar, it might go something like this:

*"Every Hebrew month hath Twenty-nine or thirty days,
depending on the moon's phase.
Seven out of nineteen years we have two of the month of Adar,
That's what keeps the holidays from moving too far."*

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President's Message



Carol Hanover

NEW LEADERSHIP @ TEMPLE BETH AM— WE NEED YOU!

As I begin this message to you, my fellow congregants, I can't help but notice that summer is coming to its end and we are in the last days of the month of Av and following that the month of Elul that will fly past, as the year progresses from 5783 to 5784 and the start of the month of Tishri. Whew!

Rest assured that your clergy and leadership have done many hours of planning for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur already. Even though Temple Beth Am's fiscal year begins on July 1, summer is a relatively quiet time, punctuated by weekly Shabbat services and the observance of Tisha B'Av. The real action begins in September with the opening of our school (morning of September 10),

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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.

PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING YOUR OWN MISHKAN T'FILAH SIDDUR FOR HOME AND ZOOM USE.

TBA no longer shares the pages of the Mishkan T'filah during Shabbat Zoom services, so we encourage all congregants to purchase your own so you can continue to follow from home.

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



[QUICK LINK FOR PURCHASING](#)

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 / 16 ELUL 5783

EREV SHABBAT SUMMER SERVICE..... 6:30 PM

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2023 / 23 ELUL 5783

PRE-NEG 6:30 PM

EREV SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE 7:15 PM

August / September Anniversary Blessing

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 / 23 ELUL 5783

Weekly Portion NITZAVIM-VAYEILECH

Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30

Haftarah Isaiah 61:10-63:9

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

SELICHOT

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 / 24 ELUL 5783

HAVDALLAH AND SELICHOT SERVICE 8:00 PM

ROSH HASHANAH

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 / 1 TISHRI 5784

EREV SHABBAT ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE..... 7:30 PM

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 / 1 TISHRI 5784

Weekly Portion ROSH HASHANAH Genesis 21:1-34;

Numbers 29:1-6

Haftarah I Samuel 1:1-2:10

SHABBAT / ROSH HASHANAH

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 AM

ROSH HASHANAH CHILDREN'S

SERVICE & PROGRAMMING 10:00 AM

(Children's Service is In Person ONLY)

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 / 2 TISHRI 5784

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE

(LAY LED WITH CLERGY PRESENCE)..... 10:00 AM

TASHLICH CEREMONY.....12:00 PM

(We will walk together following the service)

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 / 8 TISHRI 5784

EREV SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE 7:15 PM

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 / 8 TISHRI 5784

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Weekly Portion HA'ZINU Numbers 16:1-18:32

Haftarah I Samuel 12:1-13

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

YOM KIPPUR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 / 10 TISHRI 5784

KOL NIDRE SERVICE..... 7:30 PM

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 / 10 TISHRI 5784

YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE 10:00 AM

YOM KIPPUR CHILDREN'S

SERVICE & PROGRAMMING..... 10:00 AM

(Children's Service is In Person ONLY)

RABBI SPLANSKY'S YOM KIPPUR STUDY SESSION ... 2:00 PM

"What is the Meaning of Your Life" (in the library)

YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON, HEALING SERVICE,

MINCHA, YIZKOR & NEILAH SERVICE 3:30 PM

SUKKOT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 / 15 TISHRI 5784

DECORATE THE SUKKAH & BRING YOUR OWN

PICNIC SUPPER 5:30 PM

EREV SHABBAT SUKKOT SERVICE 6:30 PM

Members of the Worship Committee will participate.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 / 15 TISHRI 5784

Weekly Portion SUKKOT Leviticus 22:26-23:44;

Numbers 29:12-16

Haftarah Zechariah 14:1-21

SHABBAT/SUKKOT MORNING MINYAN

AND TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM

SIMCHAT TORAH

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6, 2023 / 22 TISHRI 5784

EREV SHABBAT/SIMCHAT TORAH

& CONSECRATION SERVICE..... 6:30 PM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7, 2023 / 22 TISHRI 5784

Weekly Portion SHEMINI ATZERET Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17;

Numbers 29:35-30:1

Haftarah I Kings 8:54-66

SHABBAT MORNING/SIMCHAT TORAH,

MINYAN, TORAH STUDY & YIZKOR 9:00 AM

A Word from Rabbi Blumberg

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Not quite as catchy—oh well! Perhaps this is a reflection of the complexity of the lunisolar Hebrew calendar, which proved challenging even for our ancient ancestors.

Judaism is a religion that sanctifies time, making it ever-important to distinguish between a holy day and an ordinary day. Shabbat is easy: it comes every seven days. But holidays that are dependent on the day of the month, like Rosh Hashanah (1 Tishrei), Yom Kippur (10 Tishrei), Sukkot (15 Tishrei), Passover (15 Nisan), and Shavuot (6 Sivan), make it a little more difficult.

In the days when the Temple stood in Jerusalem, witnesses would come to the court to give testimony that they had seen the new moon, and the court would announce that the new month had begun. This meant that the day after the twenty-ninth day of the month was either the thirtieth day of the month, OR it was the first day of the new month, which wouldn't be announced until the middle of the day itself! After the court announced the new month, they would light torches on a nearby mountaintop which would signal to the adjacent community that it was a new month; that community would light a torch on their mountaintop, and so on and so forth until the news reached the Diaspora.

Unfortunately, this system was easily corrupted and could no longer be relied on, so messengers were sent from community to community with news that the new month had arrived. As you might imagine, this could take quite a while! Diaspora communities—who might not know if it was, say, the fifteenth or the sixteenth of the month until much later—began to observe two days of each major holiday just to be sure that one of them would be the correct holy day.

Rosh Hashanah, however, was unique, since it was the only holiday celebrated at the very beginning of the month. And so, Rosh Hashanah

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and Selichot then Erev Rosh Hashanah (evening of September 15) and Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre evening of September 24).

This year is very different for me, because I have become something very rare—I will be the only president of Temple Beth Am ever to serve a 5th year as president. (Howard Schwartz ended his reign at 4 years.) This was not in my long-range plans, nor in that of my family, but I nevertheless pledge to do all I can to assure TBA's successful future. Please forgive me if some of my participation will be remote from Florida since that's where my family's plan has me situated for a good part of the year ahead!

I must add that keeping a president in place for 5 years was not in TBA's plan, either. We have a leadership shortage that to be honest, has your very rare, 5th year president, stumped. I am hopeful that a more diverse group of our members will tell us that they are interested in joining a committee or becoming a chair or co-chair of a committee, possibly putting them in line for becoming president. I want to mentor my replacement because for TBA to grow, as I know it can, its leadership must grow! We are recycling our chairs and vice presidents, and each of them should be mentoring future TBA leaders, too.

We are trying to reduce the number of hours required for Executive Committee meetings and Board of Trustee meetings, understanding that our members are all busy people. We encourage the sharing of positions, to facilitate time management. We utilize Zoom meetings and facilitate communication via technology whenever possible. All of this is done in the interest of fitting temple volunteerism into hectic modern life. If

was celebrated as a two-day holiday not only in the Diaspora but also in the Land of Israel, which continues to this very day.

Owing to the ability to more easily fix and publicize the Hebrew calendar, the Reform movement by and large has done away with the second day of observance for most holidays. The exception to this rule is—you guessed it!—Rosh Hashanah, which some Reform communities commemorate in solidarity with the Jewish community in Israel.

At Temple Beth Am, the second day of Rosh Hashanah (which falls this year on Sunday, September 17th) is a very special time for our whole community. Our amazing congregants take charge, leading the vast majority of the morning service and helping us usher in a new year with prayer, song, and Torah. It is an incredible reminder to me of this community's love of Jewish ritual and learning, and I am so grateful to Wendy Schwartz and Sharon Silverman who support this service and enlist volunteers. Since the first day of Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat this year, we will cast off our sins at our reflective *Tashlich* ceremony immediately following the second day service.

We look forward to bringing in a new Jewish year together, filled with holy moments and accompanied by our *kehillah kedosha*—holy community.

L'Shanah Tovah u'Metukah—With wishes for an auspicious, sweet, and healthy New Year,

—Rabbi Sam Blumberg

A note from Rabbi Blumberg



Thank you to our community members who stepped up to do the mitzvah of Welcoming the Stranger, helping provide for the families from Haiti who are seeking asylum. Because of this community's generous gifts to my discretionary fund, we were able to provide Target gift cards on behalf of TBA, so that each family could pick out some items on their own.

you are even a little curious about becoming a member of our Board of Trustees, feel free to reach out to me—there is no obligation. I promise!

I have to admit that staying in the presidency longer has advantages. It has allowed me to move further with big projects like the solar carport in our parking lot. My husband Alain calls it “Carol’s Sunroof” and I remind him that the carport and rooftop solar installation (plus new roof) was the work of many people over 4 years. I am also pleased to see the heart sculpture finally safely installed in its permanent home in our Gan Ha’Am (Garden of the People) in memory of Cantor Jodi Schechtman.

Thank you to all those who are on our Board and its Executive Committee. Your work makes it all possible. We can all look forward to a year filled with holiday celebrations, opportunities to help enhance life in our world and in Metrowest, and social events for adults and children. All of us together make TBA the center of progressive Jewish life, community and worship in the Framingham/Metrowest area, as we promise in our Mission Statement.

Thank you for this honor and for placing your trust in me to continue to lead our community forward to what I hope and pray will be a successful future. Let us all find peace and happiness together in the new year, in our families and within the warm embrace of this amazing TBA community!

L'shana tovah,

—Carol Hanover, President

Welcome Back to Religious School!



Cantor David Wolff,
Lower School
Education Director

5784 BEGINS WITH NEW HIGH HOLIDAY YOUTH PROGRAMMING, NEW FAMILIES, AND LOTS OF EXCITEMENT

We are so excited to begin another year of Jewish learning and fun with our young families in the Temple Beth Am religious school! We have been busy this summer planning an exciting year of new programming. **This year, we will have Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur morning children's services concurrent with our adult services. Our hope is that parents will be able to attend adult services in the sanctuary, while students enjoy their**

own services and programming in the education wing of the Temple. We are grateful to TBA Sisterhood and Brotherhood for underwriting this exciting new programming, and to our wonderful TBA teachers for leading our new youth programming!

All morning services, both adult and children's, will begin at 10 AM. We ask that parents drop off their children between 9:45 AM and 10 AM in the school lobby. All services will end at approximately 12:30 PM, at which time parents will pick up their children in the school lobby. Rosh HaShanah morning services take place Saturday, Sept. 16. Yom Kippur morning services take place Monday, Sept. 25. There will be no afternoon children's services. Children's services are intended for children from age 3 (pre-school) through 5th grade. Pre-school age children must be potty-trained. We strongly encourage 6th and 7th grade students to attend adult services with their parents. **If you have not yet RSVP'ed for this program, please do so (the form can be found in emails from the Temple).**

Students will have a chance to learn about the High Holidays, engaging in fun, creative, hands-on learning. Students will also attend their own age-appropriate High Holidays services; we encourage students

to dress up, just as the adults do! There will also be snacks and socializing time for students. **This programming is open to non-Temple members; if your neighbors, friends, or family members with young children are interested in joining us, please reach out to Ellen Jagher at shalom@tempbetham.org.** Friends of TBA can attend and families are charged \$36 for the services. During this most holy time of the Jewish year, we are excited for our community of all ages to come together, sharing our hopes for this new Jewish year, 5784, and taking stock of the year past – how we missed the mark, and how we can be better.

Just before Rosh HaShanah, we will have opening day of religious school! **The first day of religious school is Sunday, Sept. 10.** We will begin with an opening assembly for all students and parents, followed by food for parents, and time for parents to reconnect and socialize after the summer break. **We will also have our Bereshit: Beginnings pre-school program on Sunday, Sept. 10. Please invite your friends and neighbors with children ages 3-5!**

This time of year is always one of transitions. We transition from August's heat and humidity to the crispness of fall. In the Jewish calendar, we transition from 5783 to 5784. In the lives of young families, we transition from summer break to the school year. Transitions are not always easy; students and families might bring anxiety and worries to a new school, new responsibilities, or a new schedule. Jewish ritual helps us to mark these transitions, to slow down and notice the changes in our lives. I encourage you to notice the transitions in your life, and bring your awareness to your hopes and your worries. The Shehechyanu (שְׁהַחְיָנוּ) blessing helps us to notice. Shehechyanu is traditionally recited at big moments, and when we do something for the first time in the year. We say "בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחְיָנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיַּמְנוּ לְפָנֶיךָ הַיּוֹם - Baruch atah a-donai, eloheinu melech haolam, shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh – Blessed are You, A-donai our God, sovereign of all, who has given us life, sustained us, and brought us to this time." May we all be blessed as we enter this new year, new season, and new school year.

— Cantor David Wolff

Minyan and Torah Study will resume on Saturday September 9



No services on September 2 and 16.
Minyan and Torah Study will continue again on September 23rd at 9 am.

Immeasurable Value of our TBA Community!

I am writing to thank all the many members of our Temple Beth Am congregation for their well-wishes and prayers during my recent illness. In June, I was in the hospital not once, but twice, for pneumonia. I never before appreciated how debilitating pneumonia can be, but I sure do now. I was fortunate that medication cleared the infection, but nothing but time and rest will cure the fatigue that comes along with it. As a result, I stepped back from leadership of TBA, being ably replaced by Sharon Silverman and the rest of our Board of Trustees and, of course, Rabbi Blumberg, Cantor Wolff and Ellen Jagher.

I have continued to be informed about day-to-day happenings, and expect to step back in as your TBA President, for my third term, in short order—as soon as my medical team gives me clearance.

Meanwhile, I must mention how comforting it has been to know so many of you were thinking about me and texting or emailing to “just check on me.” I really could feel the love, as could Alain, and I wouldn't trade my TBA community for anything! Thank you!

— Carol Hanover

TIKKUN OLAM @ TBA

ANNUAL HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

PLEASE
NO
EXPIRED
ITEMS



Each year during the High Holidays Temple Beth Am promotes a food drive to help those less fortunate. Please pick up your bag after the Rosh Hashanah services and bring it back to the temple filled by the end of Yom Kippur.

The donations benefit **A Place to Turn** in Natick. This food pantry takes pride in offering Metrowest clients a friendly and dignified experience. Bags will be passed out at the conclusion of Rosh Hashanah services. Please return them to the conference room (at the end of the main corridor) by Yom Kippur.

DONATION REQUEST LIST

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

- Jelly/jam, canned chicken, white or brown rice, beef stew

ALSO NEEDED - NON-PERISHABLES

- Dry pasta, beans, tuna, dry and canned soup, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese, or other side dishes, cereal, lunchbox snacks, coffee, tea, hot chocolate

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, laundry detergent, kitchen & bathroom cleaner

PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

- Deodorant, soap, toothbrushes, shaving products, feminine hygiene products
- Diapers

Thank you for
your generosity.
YOU help us fight
hunger in Metrowest!



EXCITING UPDATE!



The Social Action Committee is being re-invented and will now be known as the **Tikkun Olam Committee**. TBA is already involved with several valuable community initiatives, including TBA Cares, High Holiday Food Drive, Winter Coat Drive, and many others. The Tikkun Olam Committee will look at ways to bring these efforts together and plan new and exciting programs. We welcome anyone who is interested to join the Committee or share your ideas of programs you would like to see happen at TBA.

Please reach out to the Temple Office
(shalom@tempbetham.org) to be connected with
Andrea Geller and Robin Plitt.

Another Successful School Supply Drive!

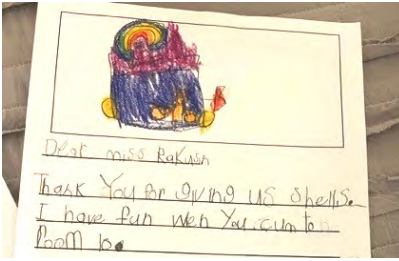
School supplies were collected during July and donated to JFS for the build a backpack program during August. A huge **THANK YOU** to **Sue Siegel** for coordinating the collection.



Your temple is here for you whether in good times or bad.
Please let Rabbi Blumberg know what is going on in your life.

rabbi@tempbetham.org

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



The Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy (GBJCL) mobilizes the Jewish community to help elementary school children discover the joy of reading by building meaningful relationships with a caring adult.

Through partnerships with synagogues, Jewish community organizations, day schools, and businesses, GBJCL engages volunteers in school-based one-to-one reading tutoring, book drives, and advocacy efforts in high-needs schools.

Participants include "empty nesters," working professionals, at-home parents, retirees, and teens. Volunteers come from all backgrounds and do not need professional training in education nor are they required to be Jewish.

There will be opportunities at Charlotte Dunning Elementary School as we continue to build our team there. GBJCL staff provide guidance and volunteer networking and development events throughout the year.



TBA volunteers (left to right, Merle Kushner, Lisa Nasch and Susan Rakusin)

If interested, please contact **Merle Kushner**, mmkushner@hotmail.com and explore the GBJCL website <https://www.jcrcboston.org/literacy/>

"The energy at the school and the creativity of the children are very exciting. I have a renewed sense of purpose previewing books and preparing for our sessions. I have had the chance to impact the students' academic achievement and social-emotional development."

- Merle Kushner, second grade reading group tutor

"It brings me great joy to work with these young children. The efforts put forth by them are so heart-felt. It is apparent in their growing self-confidence and eagerness in our meetings every week!!!"

- Lisa Nasch, kindergarten tutor

"I have had a positive and very gratifying experience supporting the students at Dunning and hope to return next fall. Although I started in the middle of the school year, I found it quite easy to adapt to the schedule and was made to feel very welcome. I learned a lot from the classroom teacher and hope that I was able to provide her with some support during the 2 hours that I visited each week. It's a wonderful program and very much appreciated by the staff at Dunning."

- Sue Rakusin, first grade classroom tutor



(GBJCL is a community engagement effort of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston. JCRC is a coalition of organizations and individuals that represents and advances the values, interests, and priorities of the organized Jewish community in Greater Boston through its network of agencies, programs and partnerships.)

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Our next program:

Monday, October 23, 2023

This program will include interviews of Cantor Wolff and TBA member Inge Baye conducted by TBA Upper School students.

Please ask to be connected with Ellie Anbinder by contacting the temple office.

On Wednesday August 9th Lizkor presented its summer movie program, "**How Saba Kept Singing**," a documentary produced by Retro Report and by Hidden Light, the production company founded by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton. The movie tells the life story of Cantor David Wisnia, called "Saba" ("grandfather" in Yiddish), from age 16 in Auschwitz to his 91st year in the United States.

You can watch the movie on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/m84Uz8A14uE>

We were quite thrilled to receive a letter from Hillary and Chelsea Clinton endorsing our Lizkor mission and program. Read the letter here:

<https://www.tempbetham.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Lizkor-How-Saba-Kept-Singing-Greeting-1-scaled.jpg>

Lizkor continues to collect information from TBA members who were impacted by the Holocaust. Please let us know if you have information about your family and the impact of the Holocaust on them and the lives of their descendants.

YOUTH

THE UPCOMING THIS MONTH

August 27th 2023 - Event for 8th graders only!!

We will be headed to Douglas Water Slides at 1:30 pm! Tickets are 20 per person and please bring a picnic lunch!

Drivers and chaperones needed! Contact the number below/reply to this email to sign up! Tickets can be paid through venmo or cash day of!

August 28th-29th- Build A Backpack with JFS!

Represent TBA by supporting the Metrowest community to fill backpacks for students in need! Contact me if you need support finding other congregants attending!

September 30th at 6:00PM for Grades 8-12

We will be attending Kimball Farms to go mini golfing, to do bumper boats, and grab some ice cream! Tickets are \$26.50 for a round of mini golf, bumper boats, and a 10 dollar arcade ticket. Youth Programming will cover the ice cream. Drivers and chaperones needed! Contact the number on the second page/email to sign up!



UPCOMING EVENTS THIS OCTOBER

October 22nd -Cooking Event Grades 6+7-11:00 AM

Join us after religious school to do some cooking at our very own TBA kitchen! Keep your eyes out for what we will be making (and eating) together! Contact Sarah to sign up/if your child has any allergies. Pizza will be served and pick up will be at 12:30.

TO SIGN UP OR WITH QUESTIONS

Sarah Rosenthal, Youth Advisor
youthadvisor@tempbetham.org

Fun & Free

2023/
2024

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

September 10

October 22

January 21

March 3

May 5

Tot Shabbat

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

For children 7 and under

Pizza dinner served after
evening services,
refreshments following
morning services

Friday, October 13, 5:15 pm

Friday, November 17, 5:15 pm

Saturday, January 6, 11:00 am

Saturday, February 10, 11:00 am

Friday, May 31, 5:15 pm

Holiday Celebrations at TBA

SUKKOT

Come and decorate the sukkah
and bring your own picnic supper
before our evening service

Friday, September 29 / 5:30 pm

CHANUKAH

Community Celebration
Sunday, December 10, 11:00 am

PURIM

Purim Carnival - Come in Costume!
Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel
Sunday, March 2, 10:00 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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CALENDAR | September 2023

September 2023

September 2023							October 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1 12:00am Candle lighting (Framingham) 6:30pm Last Erev Shabbat Summer Service	2 8:11pm Havdalah (50 min) (Framingham)
3	4 Temple Office closed-Labor Day	5	6 7:00pm Temple Beth Am Executive Committee Meeting	7 7:00pm HiHo Choir Rehearsal	8 6:30pm Pre-Neg 6:52pm Candle lighting (Framingham) 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service; Aug. Sept. Anniversary	9 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study 7:59pm Havdalah (50 min) (Framingham) 8:00pm Selichot Service
10 9:00am Sunday Religious School Classes 9:00am School opening Day Assembly with Bereshit 11:00am School Committee	11 6:00pm Upper School Classes	12	13 4:00pm Religious School Classes 7:15pm Sisterhood Meeting	14 7:00pm HiHo Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Worship Committee Meeting (if needed)	15 6:40pm Candle lighting (Framingham) 7:15pm Erev Rosh Hashana Service	16 10:00am Rosh Hashana 5784 Service with Children's Programming concurrent 7:47pm Candle lighting (Framingham)
17 NO Religious School 10:00am Rosh Hashana Day II Service followed by Tashlich 7:45pm Havdalah (50 min) (Framingham)	18 6:00pm Upper School Classes	19	20 4:00pm Religious School Classes	21 7:00pm HiHo Choir Rehearsal with cellist	22 6:27pm Candle lighting (Framingham) 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service	23 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study 7:34pm Havdalah (50 min) (Framingham)
24 No Sunday Religious School Classes 10:00am Put up the sides of the TBA Sukkah 7:30pm Erev Yom Kippur (Kol	25 10:00am Yom Kippur Morning Service with concurrent 2:00pm Rabbi Splansky's YK Study Session: What is the 3:30pm YK Afternoon, Mincha,	26 Put branches on the sukkah (roof)	27 4:00pm Religious School Classes	28 7:00pm Temple Beth Am Board of Trustees Meeting	29 Erev Sukkot 5:30pm Erev Sukkot Picnic and Decorating Sukkah 6:15pm Candle lighting 6:30pm Erev Shabbat/Sukkot	30 Sukkot I 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study 6:00pm Youth Program: Kimballs 7:22pm Candle lighting

SISTERHOOD



Sisterhood members gathered in the social hall at the temple for an end of the year event on June 14. Attendees brought donations for Joe and Lucy's Food Pantry and gratitude for being together. The buffet dinner table was laden with mezza platters, chicken kabobs, cauliflower shawarma and other delights from Mediterranean Turkish Cuisine and supplemented by homemade tangy tzatsiki and hummus from the kitchen of Wendy Schwartz and a refreshing Israeli salad from Sue Siegel. Lovely blue and white floral

table overlays and other décor were provided by Patty Frankel who also supplied her signature sweet treats. Longtime Sisterhood member Cheryl Bird put together an entertaining and informative interactive program as she demonstrated techniques of belly dancing including the use of veils, explained its meanings and benefits, and had everyone on their feet, donning bangled hip scarves and feeling the joy of the music and the company. The festivities continued with warm conversation and a dessert of fresh fruits and a sampling of baklavas courtesy of Sisterhood President Sharon Silverman from the Original George's (most like her family recipe) and Korbani's Bakeries of Methuen. Though a year end event, the positive energy held the promise of many good times to come. Hoping you will take part in 2023-2024.

Thank you to Cheryl Bird, Lyn Cron, Victoria Felson, Patty Frankel, Merle Kushner, Wendy Schwartz, Sue Siegel, and Sharon Silverman of the Sisterhood Steering Committee for making this evening possible and to Cantor Wolff for setting up the audio system.

Sisterhood 2023-2024 Calendar

Wednesday, September 13, at 7:15 PM:
Sisterhood meeting

Thursday, October 5, at 6:30 PM:
Sisterhood Dinner in the Sukkah

Wednesday, October 11, at 7:15 PM:
Sisterhood meeting

Sunday, October 22, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM:
Sisterhood Welcome Back Event - Day Trip
to Touro Synagogue

Wednesday, November 8, at 7:15 PM:
Sisterhood meeting

Wednesday, December 13, at 7:15 PM:
Sisterhood meeting

Sunday, December 24,
Xmas Dinner Prep

Monday, December 25,
Xmas Dinner Cook & Deliver

Wednesday, January 10, at 7:15 PM:
Sisterhood meeting

Tuesday, February 6, at 7:15 PM:
Sisterhood meeting

Friday, March 8, at 7:15 PM:
Sisterhood Shabbat Service

Wednesday, March 13, at 7:15 PM:
Sisterhood meeting

Wednesday, April 10, at 7:15 PM:
Sisterhood meeting

Wednesday, May 8, at 7:15 PM:
Sisterhood meeting

Thursday, June 6, at 7:15 PM:
Sisterhood meeting

Wednesday, June 19, at 6:30 PM:
End of Year Event

WHY YOU NEED SISTERHOOD OF TBA

Sisterhood of TBA is the collective identity of the women in our congregation. It provides us with a strong presence and voice. Sisterhood provides an outlet for the creative energy, talent and leadership potential of the individual Jewish woman. It also gives our members a worldwide identity and connection through our affiliation with Women of Reform Judaism, an agency for more than 500 Sisterhoods of Reform congregations with over 75,000 members throughout the world.

**If you have questions about events
or membership please email us at
sisterhoodtba300@gmail.com**



IN JOY

WE WELCOME

The following families have joined the temple since the last issue of the TEBEAM and we welcome them into the temple family.

Jay Needleman and Johanna Vostok

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WELCOME BACK

**Michael and Jodi Rubin
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SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

All couples celebrating an August or September wedding anniversary will be blessed at a service on September 8th at 7:15 pm. Please call the temple office if you are planning to attend.

DATE	NAME	YEARS
8/17/1963	Paul and Harriet Wolf	60
9/1/1963	Mel and Wendy Bloomstein	60
9/2/1973	Bruce and Susan Rakusin	50
9/5/1993	Bill and Tracey Karger	30
9/9/1973	David and Suzanne Gottlieb	50
9/17/1978	Stuart and Eileen Fialkow	45

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

Nicole Sweet, on the loss of her mother, **Nancy Sweet**

Mark Stetson, on the loss of his aunt, **Joan Stetson**

Ilena Williams, on the loss of her dear friend, **Hank Dorfman**

Sisterhood TBA, on the loss of **Anne Wadness**,
past Sisterhood president

Lisa Apostol, on the loss of her father, **Daniel Malamud**

Marcia Hanfling on the loss of her cousin, **Lance Lipton**

Merle Kushner, on the loss of her cousin, **Lance Lipton**

Hersch Clopper, on the loss of his father-in-law,
Nathan Price

Susan Siegel, on the loss of her dear friend, **Jonah Chesen**

Hersch Clopper, on the loss of his father-in-law,
Nathan Price

Bill Bluestein on the loss of his sister, **Barbara Karmelin**

Sally Spector, on the loss of her cousin, **Rosalie Roush**

Donna Salett, on the loss of her cousin, **Rosalie Roush**

Luba Volfson, on the loss of her sister, **Natasha Nisnevich**

Olga Morgovsky, on the loss of her aunt, **Natasha Nisnevich**

We mourn the loss of our friend and temple member
GAIL KRASNOW

Condolences to her son, Neil, and brother Owen Wyman
May her memory be for a blessing

We mourn the loss of our friend and temple member
PRISCILLA ALPERT

Condolences to her husband, Howard, and her family
May her memory be for a blessing

We mourn the loss of our friend and temple member
LORRAINE COTTON

Condolences to her children, grandchildren,
and great great-grandchildren
May her memory be for a blessing

We mourn the loss of our friend and temple member
PHYLLIS WAGNER

Condolences to her children and grandchildren
May her memory be for a blessing

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Gail Krasnow, mother of Neil Krasnow,
May 29, 2023 ~ 9 Sivan 5783

Priscilla Alpert, wife of Howard Alpert,
June 22, 2023 – 3 Tamuz 2023

Susan Needel, dear friend of Jack and Louise Barron,
April 10, 2023 – 19 Nisan 5783

WALL of HONOR

2023 CAMPAIGN
KICKING OFF SOON

**Temple Beth Am's Wall of Honor
2022 raised \$65,000,
which exceeded our expectations!**

We continue to give thanks to those who gave so generously to support Temple Beth Am's community, and to insure our future.

As we are approaching 5784, Temple Beth Am will be kicking off our 2023 Wall of Honor campaign. With each campaign, we are reminded again of Rabbi Tarfon's teaching, ***"It is not incumbent upon you to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it."***

Shortly, our congregation will be receiving our letter inviting you to contribute to our Wall of Honor, and to make a tax-deductible donation at any level. Rabbi Tarfon lived by this teaching, and we must work to continue this tradition at Temple Beth Am.



FUNDRAISING @ TBA

WEBSITE DONATIONS JUST A CLICK AWAY!

The TBA website can now accept credit card donations.

Please take advantage of this new capability on our website to acknowledge the memory of or to honor an accomplishment of a friend or a loved one.

Go to www.tempbetham.org — Click on DONATE

TREE OF LIFE

The TREE OF LIFE mounted on the wall of the temple lobby is a favorite way for members to commemorate "simchas" and honor family members and friends. Your gift of leaves (\$300) and stones (\$1000) will support continuing growth projects in the future. Pledge cards are available in the temple office.

SPONSOR FUTURE ONEGS

This is a great opportunity for your family to honor any type of special occasion or Kiddush.

Sponsorship is a \$100 donation.

For more information contact Patty Frankel via the TBA Office.



The temple would like to send holiday packages and the monthly Tebeam to your students away at college. Please email your student's name, college address and email to **shalom@tempbetham.org** or mail your information to TBA College Committee, 300 Pleasant Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

In order for your child to be included, please submit their name and correct address at this time. If your student will be going abroad at any time during the upcoming year, please advise the temple so that packages are not sent for the holidays.



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for his help and guidance in assisting Emmie becoming a Bat Mitzvah

for his kindness, caring and support during a difficult time.

and in honor of the naming of Zazi Ayelet HaShahar

for the lovely naming ceremony of our granddaughter, Merida Burke

and in honor of the 10th wedding anniversary of Rabbi and Amalia Blumberg

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and in honor of the Hebrew naming of our daughter, Merida Burke (Malka Rivka)

for all he does for Temple Beth Am

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