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"CHANUKAH, 5692. 'JUDEA DIES,'
THUS SAYS THE BANNER.

'JUDEA WILL LIVE FOREVER,' THUS RESPOND THE LIGHTS."

A Word from Rabbi Blumberg



Rabbi Sam Blumberg

SHINING OUR LIGHT FOR ALL TO SEE

Just yesterday Cantor Wolff and I, along with many TBA members, were at Temple Shir Tikva in Wayland to stand with over 350 others from the Jewish, interfaith, and greater community to say that hate and antisemitism have no place in Wayland, in Metrowest, or in our world after the insidious symbol of hatred itself, the swastika, was found painted on a road in Wayland last week.

We are all aware of the sudden and sharp rise of antisemitism our worldwide Jewish community has faced in recent weeks, in the wake of Israel's ongoing war with Hamas. It pains me to know that so many of us in the Jewish community, myself included, are grappling with our own questions: Is it safe to leave the mezuzah up on my door in my apartment building?

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President's Message



Carol Hanover

CHANGING THOUGHTS ABOUT ANTISEMITISM

My grandson Alex just had his 18th birthday. He's a senior in high school, and like many young persons in that category, is applying to colleges. Just talking to him brought back my own pre-college days, and all the anxiousness and excitement that comes along with them: where to apply, what to major in, what if I hate it, where are my best friends going, and much, much more.

Then there are the essays. It turns out that I am the family essay-checker. My own college major was Communications, and I dreamed of having my own byline as a foreign correspondent. Anyway, since that did not exactly happen, I am very useful when it comes time to write college application essays.

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Shabbat Services will be in person and livestreamed on Zoom.

Please check Temple Beth Am weekly email for any changes to the 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 DECEMBER 1, 2023 / 19 KISLEV 5784

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE..... 7:15 PM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2, 2023 / 19 KISLEV 5784

Weekly Portion VAYISHLACH Genesis 32:4-36:43
Haftarah Hosea 11:7-12:12

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

CHANUKAH

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7, 2023 / 25 KISLEV 5784

**LIGHT THE FIRST CHANUKAH
CANDLE AT SUNDOWN..... 5:10 PM**

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 2023 / 26 KISLEV 5784

EREV SHABBAT HALL'LU SERVICE 6:30 PM
With participation by the all-school choir
Bring your Chanukiyot to light together as a community

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 2023 / 26 KISLEV 5784
CHANUKAH**

Weekly Portion VAYESHEV Genesis 37:1-40:23
Haftarah Zechariah 4:1-7

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

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15, 2023 / 4 TEVET 5784

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE..... 6:30 PM
With participation of students in Grade 6

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16, 2023 / 4 TEVET 5784

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 22, 2023 / 11 TEVET 5784

EREV SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE 7:15 PM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 23, 2023 / 11 TEVET 5784

Weekly Portion VAYIGASH Genesis 44:18-47:27
Haftarah Ezekiel 37:15-28

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

FRIDAY DECEMBER 29, 2023 / 18 TEVET 5784

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE..... 7:15 PM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 30, 2023 / 18 TEVET 5784

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 5, 2024 / 25 TEVET 5784

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE..... 7:15 PM
Hebrew naming of Evan Freudberg

SATURDAY JANUARY 6, 2024 / 25 TEVET 5784

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**

TOT SHABBAT SERVICE 10:30 AM

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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Can I put a “We Stand With Israel” sign on my lawn without fear of vandalism or theft? Should I share my real feelings about this war with my colleagues?

I’ve always wanted to see Judaism and Jewish living as an exercise of light. To live the rhythms of Jewish life means to appreciate the joy, the beauty, and the warmth of what it means to live in community, to be part of a conversation that spans generations, and to connect with a Power which is beyond us. In times like these, that light can be difficult to harness and hold on to.

But the holiday of Chanukah, which begins on the evening of December 7, reminds us that we have a choice: we can allow the darkness to cause us to retreat, to sink into ourselves; or we can have the courage to light the candle, to bring more holiness into the world, and to proudly display our light for all to see.

I often think of the famous black-and-white photograph of a menorah lit on a windowsill facing the street in 1931 Germany, where outside a Nazi flag is hanging on a nearby building. This picture is a reminder that our people have lived through so much, and despite the pain, despite the persecution, and despite the darkness, we have found the courage time and time again to kindle light. We have chosen, no matter the circumstances,

STAND WITH US
will be presenting a program on
**RESPONDING TO
ANTISEMITISM ON
HIGH SCHOOL AND
COLLEGE CAMPUSES**

Rescheduled date:
Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023
2:00 - 3:00 pm
Temple Israel of Natick
145 Hartford St., Natick

High school and college students will discuss their experiences with antisemitism and how they responded.

Registration required.

The program is sponsored by TEMPLE ISRAEL OF NATICK
Hosted by: Temple Israel of Natick Antisemitism Task Force
Co-hosted by: Temple Beth Am, Shar'arei Shalom, TribeTalk, MetroWest Jewish Day School, Congregation Or Atid, Kulanu at Congregation Beth Elohim, Acton

**IMPORTANT PROGRAM FOR
HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS,
THEIR PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS**



**REGISTER
HERE
OR SCAN**



to share the splendor of Jewish living, through all times and all ages.

Part of the mitzvah of lighting the Chanukah candles includes displaying the lit candles for all to see. This Chanukah, may we be proud to shine our light, and may we, in

the words of the prophet Isaiah, be “a light unto the nations.”

Chag Urim Sameach— to peace, to joy, and to light,

—Rabbi Sam Blumberg

President's Message

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The first essay Alex emailed to me was about his regret at not having been old enough to discuss the Holocaust with his great-grandmother, Paula, before she passed away. Not too long ago, he was able to watch and listen to her testimony to The Shoah Foundation, a project of Steven Spielberg, but he would have liked to have been able to question her, to better understand the gradual overtaking of the Jews of her village in Poland, until they were gone to the concentration camps, most never to return.

I was startled that my first reaction to his essay was whether it would hurt or help him getting into college, to reveal at the outset that he was Jewish. I did not feel the need to correct his writing. His choice of topic warmed my Jewish bubble's heart. Nevertheless, my fear that antisemitism would negatively impact his chance of acceptance to a college and even beyond overtook all of that.

Why was that my first reaction? At this writing, the horrible events of October 7 in Israel are six weeks old, and yet I was surprised that my own thought process had been so affected. But then again, maybe I have been feeling the tension of antisemitism for a whole lot longer than six weeks.

We all watched on TV as other synagogues around the country endured attacks whose likely cause was antisemitism. Last spring at TBA, our Board of Trustees debated whether or not to create a fund to be used

for security purposes. For a few years, we had already hired armed security for the High Holidays, and perhaps should do so more often. While we did not add the Security Fund last June, we named Simms Pearl as a Board chair for Security and Antisemitism.

A few months have passed since that June Board meeting, and then the vicious attack on Israel killed 1,400 or more people on October 7, 2023. There is no longer any question that it is now time to face the need for additional security at TBA. As you are aware, we recently added an initial surcharge for security to all members' bills that will cover our expenses for now. The members of our Board of Trustees feel the responsibility of making Temple Beth Am a safe haven for its members, staff, teachers, clergy, and all who enter its doors. With Simms's help, and the financial wherewithal provided by our membership, we are making plans to do that under the oversight of a newly formed Security Committee.

Thank you for helping keep our TBA community safe. I know that you will join me in hoping that Alex reaches his goal at his #1 choice college and that the world we leave to our children and grandchildren is filled with love, hope, and acceptance.

Am Yisrael Chai!

Carol Hanover, President

LEARN @ TBA

Miracles, Chanukah, and Finding Hope



Cantor David Wolff,
Lower School
Education Director

Chanukah is the festival of lights, a celebration of Jewish history, and a time to show gratitude to those we love. It is also a celebration of miracles. Against overwhelming odds, the Maccabees defeated the Greek army, regaining control of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Upon regaining control of the Temple, the Maccabees found enough oil to light the Menorah, the eternal light in the Temple, for only one day. Yet somehow this small amount of oil lasted for eight days. Miracles are infused into Chanukah liturgy and practice. The letters on the dreidl, Nun, Gimel, Hey, Shin, stand for “*Nes Gadol Hayah Sham* – נס גדול היה שם – a great miracle happened there.”

The additions to the Amidah for Chanukah are called “*Al HaNisim* – על הנסים – for the miracles.” The Chanukah blessing reads “*SheAsah Nisim Lavoteinu... – שעשה נסים לאבותינו* – Blessed is G-d... who performed miracles for our ancestors.” The rabbis of the Talmud told the story of Chanukah; נעשה בו נס והדליקו ממנו שמונה ימים – *na'aseh nes v'hadliko mimenu shmonah yamim* – a miracle took place, and from the oil the menorah was lit for eight days. We celebrate Chanukah, remembering these miracles that G-d provided for the Jewish people.

The Torah is replete with miracles: Moses parted the Red Sea; manna came down from the heavens to sustain the Israelites in the wilderness, and the burning bush was not consumed by fire. In modernity, we understand miracles to be the violations of the laws of nature — events that take place but should not be possible. How are we to understand miracles today? Amidst a rising tide of global antisemitism, a heinous act of terrorism against Israel, and a brutal war in Israel, what might be the role of miracles? Can we expect G-d to have an active hand now, in this time of need for the Jewish people, as G-d did for the Maccabees?

For most liberal Jews, we understand the universe to be an ordered place. While there is much that science still cannot explain, what we do understand makes sense to us. Yet we can still learn from the miraculous and supernatural. As we light the Chanukah candles, we remember the miracle of the oil. We relive this miraculous event, lighting candles for 8 days. We feel a sense of joy and hope on Chanukah, gathering around the flickering lights of the Chanukiyah, exchanging gifts with loved ones, and singing familiar tunes.

Chanukah can bring us light and hope this year, in the midst of a scary world for the Jewish people. We can remember the many periods throughout history when the Jewish people were attacked, but always we survived and persisted. Perhaps our very existence is a miracle: the presence of G-d and the resolve of the Jewish people. Despite millennia of persecution, *Am Yisrael Chai* – עם ישראל חי – the people Israel live. **Come celebrate hope and light with us this year at TBA, first on Friday, December 8, at 6:30pm for a Shabbat Chanukah service with our Hall'lu band, choir, and religious school students singing, and then for a joyous Chanukah party on Sunday, December 10, at 11am!**



Lifelong Learning with Rabbi Blumberg

Rabbi Blumberg will continue his class on Sunday December 3rd at 11:15am. The first class of the semester had over 20 participants on Zoom and in person. There is no prior knowledge necessary for this class. The class is held in Levine Library or on Zoom.

The topic continues to be:

“Where Was God? Theological Responses to the Holocaust”



Sundays, 11:15am-12:30pm
In person and on Zoom

January 7, 2024
January 21, 2024

TO REGISTER: Please call or email the temple office.

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JOIN US. Contact our Lower School Education Director, Cantor David Wolff
508.872.8312 or cantor@templebetham.org

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Beth Am
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ TBA

TOT SHABBAT



The first Tot Shabbat was held on November 17. There was a wonderful turnout. There were some newcomers and some who had been before. Rabbi Blumberg and Cantor Wolff celebrated Shabbat with the participants, and everyone got to enjoy a pizza supper after the service.

The next Tot Shabbat will be on Saturday January 6, 2024, at 10:30am.



Stories.



Music,



& Pizza!

WALL of HONOR

2023 CAMPAIGN
IS VIGOROUS,
AND ENDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Sixty-one Temple Beth Am congregants and friends of our temple have generously made their annual Wall of Honor contributions to support our programs and building improvements. This extraordinary campaign is due in part to the Keeper of the Flame donation from Scott and Ronna Cohen and Family. Our sincere gratitude to the Cohen Family for their exceptional dedication and leadership to Temple Beth Am.

We urge congregants to donate to our 2023 Wall of Honor campaign in any amount. This is a tax-deductible contribution. What a heartwarming way to honor a member of your family in recognition of a milestone birthday, a life's milestone such as a B'nei Mitzvah, or to remember a loved one no longer with us.

With each Wall of Honor 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."

Our thanks to those who gave so generously to support Temple Beth Am's community to ensure our future. All contributions are meaningful, and reflect your dedication to the future of Temple Beth Am.

College Bound



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 their information to TBA College Committee, 300 Pleasant Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ TBA

TEMPLE BETH AM'S



Community

Chanukah
Celebration

Games,
sufganiyot, latkes,
dreidel contest,
construct your own
menorah, candle
making and lots
of FUN!

INVITE YOUR
FAMILY AND
FRIENDS!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
11 AM-1 PM

RSVP by Friday, December 8, to TBA office 508-872-8200 or shalom@tempbetham.org

To volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA9AE2FA7FF2-volunteer1#>



GBJCL

A PROGRAM OF JCRC

Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy

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.



If interested, please contact
Merle Kushner via the temple office
and explore the GBJCL website
<https://www.jcrcboston.org/literacy/>



**Golf,
Anyone?**

**Committee Organizing to Explore
Temple Beth Am Golf Tournament**

Thanks to the enthusiasm and drive of Temple Beth Am member **Julian Rich**, we are thrilled to explore an exciting opportunity for fundraising AND FUN in 2024: a TBA golf tournament! With his proven experience organizing and running golf tournaments, Julian has volunteered to chair this event. If you are interested in joining this new planning committee, please contact **Sue Siegel** through the temple office at shalom@tempbetham.org. Meeting details to follow.

CALENDAR | December 2023

December 2023

December 2023							January 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
3	4	5	6	7	1	2	7	1	2	3	4	5	6
10	11	12	13	14	8	9	14	8	9	10	11	12	13
17	18	19	20	21	15	16	21	15	16	17	18	19	20
24	25	26	27	28	22	23	28	22	23	24	25	26	27
31					29	30		29	30	31			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2
					3:58pm Candle lighting (Framingham) 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service; December Anniversary	E-Team Social Event 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00am Brotherhood Breakfast 9:00am Religious School Classes 11:15am LLL Class with Rabbi Blumberg	9:00am Upper School Classes 6:00pm Training Session on How to set up a Meal Train on Zoom		4:00pm Religious School Classes 7:00pm Temple Beth Am Executive Committee Meeting	Chanukah: 1 Candle 12:00am Candle lighting (Framingham)	Chanukah: 2 Candles Hanukkah (Jewish Religious) 3:56pm Candle lighting 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Hall'lu	Chanukah: 3 Candles 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Chanukah: 4 Candles 9:00am Chanukah Shopping 9:00am Religious School Classes 11:00am TBA Chanukah Party	Chanukah: 5 Candles	Chanukah: 6 Candles	Chanukah: 7 Candles 4:00pm Religious School Classes with candlelighting after 7:15pm Sisterhood Meeting	Chanukah: 8 Candles Hanukkah (8th day) (Jewish Religious Holidays) 7:15pm Worship Committee	Chanukah: 8th Day 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with Gr 6 participating	9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00am Religious School Classes 11:00am Lizkor Committee Meeting	6:00pm Upper School Classes		4:00pm Religious School Classes	7:00pm Temple Beth Am Board of Trustees Meeting	3:59pm Candle lighting (Framingham) 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service	9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christmas Eve (United States) NO Religious School Classes 10:00am Sisterhood preps dinners for Christmas	Christmas Day (United States) 9:00am Sisterhood cooks and delivers Christmas meals to area shelters		NO Religious School Classes		12:00am Candle lighting (Framingham) 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service	9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study 5:13pm Havdalah (50 min) (Framingham)
31	Jan 1, 24	2	3	4	5	6
New Year's Eve (United States) NO Religious School Classes						



TALLIT TALES

By Merle Kushner

A “fringe benefit” of my participating in the choir during the High Holidays was appreciating the beauty of each other’s Tallitot and hearing of their provenances. So welcome to the first “Tallit Tales.” Congregants are invited to share a photo of their Tallit and its story: some words about its history, how they acquired it, and any accompanying sentiments.

My childhood recollection of services at Temple Beth Am was that only clergy and men on the Bimah wore Tallitot. As the years went on, prayer shawls became available to congregants, and people (still mostly men) were encouraged to wear them if they chose. Eventually I saw a blooming field of tallitot and often coordinating kippot for all.

The Tallit featured here, which I borrowed for second-day Rosh Hashanah services, was a gift to my daughter on the occasion of her B

Mitzvah from former TBA member Barbara Moudy z”l. I met her daughter Karyn 50 years ago when we were partnered together to become B Mitzvahs (and went on to be each other’s maid/matron of honor). Barbara inspired me as she became an adult B Mitzvah at the age of 71. She passed away on September 3. She loved shades of pink and purples.



Please “Tallis All About It” and submit your photo and “Tallit Tale” to shalom@tempbetham.org.

YOUTH

YOUTH PROGRAMMING DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING THIS MONTH December 10th- White Elephant Grades 6-12 11:00AM

At the temple Hanukkah party, teens will participate in a gift exchange. Similar to a Yankee swap, buy a gift for under 20 dollars and wrap it. We will number the gift and each person will pick a gift or have the opportunity to swap gifts. Every teen will go home with a gift.

December 10th - Dreidel Tournament Grades K-5 11:00AM

We will be having a Dreidel spinning tournament for grades K-5 hosted by our older students. There will be a prize at the end!!



UPCOMING EVENTS THIS

UPCOMING NEXT MONTH

January 6th- Apex Center 5:00-8:30-Grades 8-12

Join us as we head to the Apex Center in Marlborough to have some fun!! Teens will be able to do many different activities and have some yummy food!

January 20th - Dave and Busters 5:00-7:00-Grades 6-7

Teens will be able to play some games and have some yummy food with friends.



Events Coming Up This Year

December 10th - White Elephant Gift Exchange- 8-12
December 10th - Dreidel Competition - Grades K-7
January 6th - Apex Center- Grades 8-12
January 20th - Dave and Buster’s- Grades 6-7
February - Potential JFS Service Event- TBA
March 9th - Kings Bowling - Grades 8-12
March 17 - Mini Golf- Grades K-7
April 7th - JFS Farm to Pantry Initiative - Grades 8-12
May/June - Waterfire - Grades 8-12
May 17 - Ice Cream Party- Grades K-12

Contact Sarah at:
youthadvisor@tempbetham.org
508-309-0496

SISTERHOOD

A MITZVAH ON CHRISTMAS DAY



ALL ARE WELCOME to help your Sisterhood family on Christmas morning for our long-standing tradition of cooking and preparing full turkey dinners for people in need of support during the holiday season.

Though we don't mandate masks at TBA any longer, we will still follow safe food practices! There will be a limited crew safely cooking full Christmas dinners, Jewish maven-style...lots of food, lots of fun, and lots of chatter! Everyone cooking or handling food will need to wear gloves.

Because every delicious turkey dinner deserves a fabulous dessert, you can also help by dropping off yummy desserts on Christmas Day. Make or buy a dessert, bring it to TBA on Christmas Day morning, and enjoy a schmooze with the TBA Sisterhood chefs.

Now more than ever it's important to make this Christmas holiday bright and cheery for everyone in the Metrowest community. Going away for the holidays? No problem: We can use help shopping for the ingredients prior to Christmas. Can't make a dessert? No problem there either: Store-bought is perfectly fine.

This is a great opportunity to teach your children about giving to others!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

Prior to Christmas Day:

1. Shop for the groceries
2. Pick up donated frozen turkeys – by Friday, 12/15/23
3. Help prepare turkeys to put in oven (Christmas Eve day)

Christmas Day:

1. Prepare & cook the meals (limited shifts range from 8:00 am-noon)
2. Contactless delivery of meals between 12:00-2:00 (minimum 2 people)
3. Drop off home-baked or store-bought desserts to TBA by 11:00 am.

If you'd like to assist in the cooking, preparing, or delivering process, please go to

<http://www.PerfectPotluck.com>

Coordinator Last Name: Schwartz Password: xmas

This project is the essence of Sisterhood! Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful mitzvah!

Wendy Schwartz, Chair

TIKKUN OLAM @ TBA

**TIKKUN OLAM:
REPAIR THE
WORLD
ONE MITZVAH
AT A TIME.**



Our committee oversees a variety of events and projects, many of which have been taking place for years, while others come up when needed. Some of the projects that our TBA Community is involved with are the Diaper Drive at Purim, High Holiday Food Drive, Winter Coat Drive, JFS School Supply and Summer Food Drive, Christmas Dinner, and Youth Programming activities. We also have coordinated different food and supply drives for recent refugees to the Metrowest area.

Do you have an idea for ways to repair the world? Maybe there is something you are doing that you would like to share and get others involved. Please contact Ellen Jagher to be connected with Andrea Geller and Robin Plitt to coordinate efforts or start a new project.



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



**Meal Train®
TRAINING**

Monday, December 4, 6pm on Zoom

As our Caring Committee expands its role to help our community, we will be offering meals to those who request this support. If you'd like to learn how to create a Meal Train for our congregants, we are holding a training session on Monday, December 4 from 6pm-7pm on Zoom.

RSVP to Ellen in the office (shalom@tempbetham.org) for the link. If you can't make the meeting, please reach out to Victoria Felson through the temple office for training at an alternate time.

Creating a Meal Train does not obligate one to provide a meal; it simply creates the mechanism that allows others to offer support via meals. This training session is twofold — for those who want to create a meal train and for those who may only want to send a meal.



Donate warm winter coats for children and adults at Religious School Entrance



Coats only, please. All sizes welcome!

antons.com/cfk

Donated coats are professionally cleaned by Anton's and distributed to families in need through a network of local social service agencies.



LifeCYCLES

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.

Stuart and Helen Slavid
9 Gryzboska Circle
Framingham, MA 01702

THE TEMPLE REJOICES WITH

David and Marney Howes on the birth of their daughter, Lara Lee Howes. She was born on November 7, 2023.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

All couples celebrating a December wedding anniversary will be blessed at a service on December 1 at 7:15 pm. Please call the temple office if you are planning to attend.

DATE	NAME	YEARS
12/22/1973	Michael and Tamar Lev	50
12/22/1963	Norman and Sheila Weinstock	60
12/29/1963	Rabbi Donald and Greta Lee Splansky	60

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

Bill Rabkin, on the loss of his brother, **Ira Rabkin**

We mourn the loss of our friend and temple member **Ann Holzman**

Our condolences to her children and grandchildren,
 Simon Holzman, Amy Holzman Boulter,
 and Joseph Holzman
 May her memory be for a blessing.

We mourn the loss of our friend and temple member **Richard Constant**

Our condolences to his son, Andrew Constant,
 daughter-in-law Rachel, and grandchildren
 May his memory be for a blessing.



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 (\$1,000) will support continuing growth projects in the future. Pledge cards are available in the temple office.

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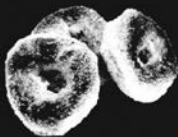
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