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TBA REPRESENTING IN FRAMINGHAM GOVERNMENT

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L-R: Adam Freudberg, Julie Wolf, Jenn Moshe, and Rabbi Blumberg.

A Word from Rabbi Blumberg



Rabbi Sam Blumberg

ABRAHAM(S) AND MLK

In advance of MLK Day I've been reading a book titled *Shared Dreams: Martin Luther King, Jr. & the Jewish Community* by Rabbi Marc Schneier. While it's enlightening to read about Jewish involvement in the civil rights movement, what's most striking to me is the resoluteness with which the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lived his life. He did not waver or compromise when it came to his deepest-held beliefs and values, even and especially when those

beliefs and values contradicted popular opinion or the law. This idea is most succinctly expressed in Dr. King's August 31, 1967 speech at the National Conference on New Politics in Chicago, titled "The Three Evils of Society":

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President's Message



Carol Hanover

TEMPLE BETH AM IS YOUR COMMUNITY!

I always feel nostalgic at the beginning of a secular new year, and this year was not different, but it crept up on me in a very different way—through my recipe files.

When Alain and I got married, it was a popular custom for friends and family members to provide favorite recipes, penned on index cards. It seems kind of quaint today, when any recipe in the world can be found in seconds online, or most every food delivered to our doors by one of several delivery services. Still, reading through those recipes is an outstanding example of "*L'dor va'dor*," or "from generation to generation," via our dinner tables.

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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 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 11:00 AM

FRIDAY JANUARY 12, 2024 / 3 SHEVAT 5784

EREV SHABBAT HALL'LU SERVICE 7:15 PM

SATURDAY JANUARY 13, 2024 / 3 SHEVAT 5784

Weekly Portion VA'ERA Exodus 6:2-9:35
Haftarah Ezekiel 28:25-29:21
SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN AND TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM

FRIDAY JANUARY 19, 2023 / 10 SHEVAT 5784

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE 7:15 PM
January Anniversary Blessings

SATURDAY JANUARY 20, 2024 / 10 SHEVAT 5784

Weekly Portion BO Exodus 10:1-13:16
Haftarah Jeremiah 46:13-28
SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN AND TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM

FRIDAY JANUARY 26, 2024 / 17 SHEVAT 5784

EREV SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE 7:15 PM

SATURDAY JANUARY 27, 2024 / 17 SHEVAT 5784

SHABBAT SHIRAH
Weekly Portion BESHALACH Exodus 13:17-17:16
Haftarah Judges 4:4-24
SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN AND TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2024 / 24 SHEVAT 5784

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE 6:30 PM
Grades 3-5 will participate in the service.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2024 / 24 SHEVAT 5784

Weekly Portion YITRO Exodus 18:1-20:23
Haftarah Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6
SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN AND TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2024 / 1 ADAR I 5784

EREV SHABBAT HALL'LU SERVICE 7:15 PM
February Anniversary Blessings

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2024 / 1 ADAR I 5784

Weekly Portion MISHPATIM Exodus 21:1-24:18
Haftarah II Kings 12:1-17
SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN AND TORAH STUDY 9:00 AM
TOT SHABBAT SERVICE 11:00 AM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2024 / 8 ADAR I 5784

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE 7:15 PM
February Anniversary Blessings

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2024 / 8 ADAR I 5784

Weekly Portion TERUMAH Exodus 25:1-27:19
Haftarah I Kings 5:26-6:13
SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN AND TORAH STUDY ... 9:00 AM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2024 / 15 ADAR I 5784

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE 7:15 PM
February Anniversary Blessings

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024 / 15 ADAR I 5784

SHUSHAN PURIM KATAN
Weekly Portion TETZAVEH Exodus 27:20-30:10
Haftarah Ezekiel 43:10-27
SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN AND TORAH STUDY 9:00 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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Cowardice asks the question, "Is it safe?" Expediency asks the question, "Is it politic?" Vanity asks the question, "Is it popular?" But conscience asks the question, "Is it right?" And on some positions it is necessary for the moral individual to take a stand that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but [they] must do it because it is right.

The first Jewish person, Abraham, was called an עברי (Ivri)—a Hebrew. The root of the word means "to cross over," and it was likely the name given first to Abraham and then to our people because Abraham came from the "other side" of the Euphrates River. But in Genesis Rabbah, Rabbi Yehudah gives עברי a different meaning: "The entire world was [ideologically] on one side, and Abraham was on the other side."

Even while the whole world was transfixed by idolatry and the idea that the cosmos was ruled by many gods, Abraham stood alone on his side, proclaiming the One True G-d who could not be seen but who had power beyond all. Though Martin Luther King, Jr. was not Jewish, he was an עברי, one who speaks moral and ideological truths despite feeling alone and isolated.

And it's what we should aspire to as well, as the descendants of Abraham the first עברי. In a world full of strife, antagonism, and negativity, we too can stand on the other side, committing ourselves

to building a better world based on the ideals of peace, equality, and lovingkindness.

We stand on the shoulders of prophetic figures who knew what was right and stood up for their values, come what may. Thousands of years after Abraham the first עברי lived, another Abraham—Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel—would be one of the most public and outspoken Jewish leaders to stand up with Dr. King against the injustice of segregation and racism in our country. When Rabbi Heschel marched with Dr. King in Selma, he said, "I felt my legs were praying."

This MLK Day, I hope you'll join me in taking action, dedicating ourselves to the values of peace, equality, and lovingkindness that are so sorely needed in our world today. At Temple Beth Am, we are honored to host the MLK Day of Service for the Metrowest community on Sunday, January 14. Teens and families from all over will cook and bake for local homeless shelters, build desks and bookshelves for families in need, and participate in other service activities to bring more bounty, joy, and hope into our world. We will thus honor the legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the legacy of our forebear Abraham the first עברי.

In peace, equality, and lovingkindness,

—Rabbi Sam Blumberg

President's Message

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As I sat down to flip through my recipe collection, long ago having been moved from index cards to an online library, I began to think about all of the people who provided those recipes:

- My aunt Rose for her mushroom and barley casserole;
- Leslie Brenner for her Passover brownies that I always make in a double batch;
- My aunt Helen for her stuffed cabbage;
- My mother for her kosher version of chicken paprikash;
- Barbara Franklin for her butterscotch mandel bread;
- Lilliane Geffen for her chocolate rum balls that look like Munchkins but definitely don't taste like them;
- My cousin Eva in Hungary for her cucumber salad;
- My grandmother Fanny for her chopped liver and hamantaschen.

And it goes on and on, each recipe evoking memories of people in my life, some passed on and others still cooking, but all of us engaged in the desire to create **community**, even through the daily ritual of cooking and eating together.

There it is again – that word "community" that connects us to each other, to close family members and to friends. It's why my recipe file is so precious. It brings back memories of dinners long ago, with friends and family perhaps gone, but never forgotten. That's what it is about – community. That's why all we do for Temple Beth Am, no matter if it's a financial contribution or working to create Christmas dinner for group homes or helping to organize a fundraiser. It's all about community. That's why we must support each other in good times and bad – whether it's bemoaning the horror of October 7 in Israel or a celebration like the upcoming January 27 Cantor's Concert.

Let's be strong and get even stronger, holding close all that matters, as we begin another secular new year together. Get active at TBA in the coming year and experience the joy of sharing our lives.

Welcome to 2024.

May we find health, happiness, and community!

—Carol Hanover, President

The City of Framingham Inauguration

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TBA was well represented at the City of Framingham Inauguration, held in the Memorial Building (City Hall) on New Year's Day 2024. Rabbi Blumberg delivered the invocation for the event, and three members of the congregation were sworn into office during the hour-long ceremony: School Committee members Adam Freudberg and Jenn Moshe, and Library Trustee Julie Wolf. What a blessing it is to see our congregants serve the Framingham community!

Rabbi Blumberg delivers the invocation, tying the week's Torah portion to the importance of trust, responsibility, and leadership.



LEARN @ TBA

Tu Bishvat, Nature, Religious School, and Ahavat Yisrael – Love for Israel



Cantor David Wolff,
Lower School
Education Director

As always, during the lull in the Jewish calendar between Chanukah and Purim falls Tu Bishvat, usually in January or February. Tu Bishvat, “the new year for trees,” is actually named for its date in the Jewish calendar. Tu (טו) is really the number 15, and Bishvat (בשבת) means “of Shevat,” so Tu Bishvat means only “the 15th day of the month of Shevat”. The holiday is taken from the Mishnah, where it is written that there are four new years: the new year for the calendar (1st of Tishrei – Rosh HaShanah), the new year for tithes on animals, the new year for kings, and the new year for trees (15th of Shevat). In the fullness of Jewish history, the new year for

kings and animal tithes did not develop into practiced Jewish holidays, whereas the new year for trees did.

Judaism holds nature (and fruit trees in particular) in high regard. Fruit trees are seen as life-sustaining, and as sweet, miraculous gifts from G-d. We bless G-d, creator of grapes, with every Kiddush. We bless G-d, creator of the fruit of the tree, when we utter the blessing “*borei minei haEitz*,” every time we eat apples at Rosh Hashanah, and in fact every time we eat tree fruit. The Torah is rife with rules and laws of planting and harvesting food; ancient Israel was an agrarian society with advanced knowledge of agriculture. We are taught to not cut down fruit trees in a war (the Torah asks, can trees escape as humans can?). There are specific rules for when to harvest fruit from newly planted trees, and rules for allowing fertile land to lie fallow. Ancient Israelites thought deeply about how to care for their environment; it kept them alive!

In medieval times, Tu Bishvat celebration developed into a ritual meal (a Seder!) during which we eat the seven species mentioned in the Torah; “for G-d is bringing you into a good land, a land with streams and springs and fountains... a land of wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olive trees, and dates” (Deuteronomy 8:7-8). Jews were spread all over the globe, and the seven species – *shivat haMinim* – שבעת המינים – connected them to the holy land, and to thousands of years of Jewish history.

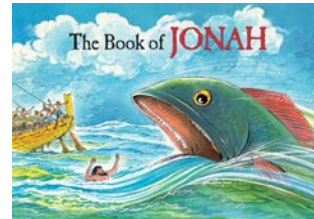
So too for us! Tu Bishvat falls on January 24-25 this year. During religious school on Wednesday, January 24, religious school students will take part in a Tu Bishvat Seder. Students will taste the bounty of the land of Israel. At a time when Israel is under attack, it is so important for our young people to be reminded of our beautiful and unique connection to Israel. When I lived in Israel, I was amazed by the wild, exotic fruit trees that grow all over the country; go on a dry hike in Israel, and you are likely to come upon wild, beautiful fruit trees! During our Tu Bishvat Seder, students will also think critically about how they can show gratitude to the environment (and drink lots of grape juice!).

This winter, I hope that all of us find time to experience the peace and power of the environment, and that we are all reminded of our connection to the land of Israel. All Jewish people are part of Am Yisrael – עם ישראל – the people Israel, and the land of Israel binds us together.

Lifelong Learning with Rabbi Blumberg

For the second semester of Lifelong Learning Rabbi Blumberg will be teaching *The Book of Jonah*. There is no prior knowledge necessary for this class. The class is held in Levine Library or on Zoom.

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



Class meeting dates:
February 4
March 3
April 7
May 5

TO REGISTER: Please call or email the temple office.

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508.872.8312 arcantor@templebetham.org

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ TBA

6th Grade Erev Shabbat Service



Each grade in the TBA religious school leads an Erev Shabbat service. The 6th grade class was the first class this year, and led most of the erev Shabbat service on Friday, December 15. Sixth grade teacher Sheindl Spitzer-Tilchin, as well as Lilly McNulty, prepared the students with their specific parts and had the class work in the sanctuary to feel more comfortable on the Bima. The members of the class that participated were CeeCee Fishman, Carly Lane, Rebecca Plitt, and Ethan Plitt. They did a wonderful job at the service!

A H A V A

Songs about Love

An Evening of Opera,
Musical Theater,
and Art Song with
Cantor David Wolff

JANUARY 27, 2024 ~ 7:30 PM

Advance ticket purchases are required
https://tempbetham.shulcloud.com/event/cantors_concert_2024

Scan code
for tickets

METROWEST MLK DAY OF SERVICE 2024

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024
1:00-3:30 PM
TEMPLE BETH AM, FRAMINGHAM

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TEMPLE BETH AM OF FRAMINGHAM
LIZKOR: TO REMEMBER PROGRAM PRESENTS

Sylvia Gutmann
Holocaust Survivor,
Public Speaker and Author

Sylvia Gutmann
***A Life Rebuilt:
The Remarkable
Transformation of a
War Orphan***

Wednesday, January 17, 2024
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
 At Temple Beth Am
 300 Pleasant Street, Framingham

Please join us and hear Framingham resident Sylvia Gutmann share her personal journey from a WWII war orphan to the life she fought for and pieced together despite tragic loss, trauma, and humiliation. Her memoir, "A Life Rebuilt", was published in 2018 recounting over 60 years, is a testament to the resiliency of the human spirit.

Reading Sylvia's memoir prior to this event is optional. Her book can be ordered on Amazon.

**This is a
FREE
event!**

Sylvia Ruth Gutmann was born in 1939 in Antwerp, Belgium, where her Jewish parents had fled from Berlin. She lived as a Hidden Child in Europe until she was seven, when the war ended, and she was brought to America to live with her aunt and uncle, also Holocaust Survivors. Deeply traumatized, Sylvia was forced to keep silent and struggled to understand her past. In 2007 she was reunited with a French nurse who saved her and her sisters from being deported to Auschwitz in 1942.

ATTEND IN-PERSON OR VIA ZOOM

Register by January 12, 2024
 Temple Beth Am office
shalom@tempbetham.org
 508-872-8300

Temple Beth Am
Framingham

LIZKOR:
TO REMEMBER

Temple Beth Am Lizkor: To Remember mission is to hear from those who can speak directly about the impact of the Holocaust on their lives, honoring our past for future generations.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ TBA



TOT SHABBAT



Music,

Stories,
& Pizza!



Temple Beth Am had the first Tot Shabbat of 2024. Rabbi Blumberg and Cantor Wolff invited everyone to come on a Saturday Morning at 11:00am. They sang songs, read stories, and marched with the Torah. Parents and children enjoyed bagels and muffins. The children had time to color and use Play-Doh.

**The next Tot Shabbat will be
Saturday morning February 10, 2024 at 11:00am**

WALL of HONOR

Temple Beth Am's Wall of Honor achieved record-breaking donations, totaling \$85,805 in committed donations. This represents 43% or \$25,806 more than we budgeted. Eighty-eight TBA congregants and friends participated, all of whom believe in the future of our community, our mission to be an inclusive and welcoming spiritual place to call home.

"It takes a village," and members of our congregation and friends of Temple Beth Am allowed our campaign to reach new heights. Thank you to every single contributor. As a result of the Wall of Honor campaign, Temple Beth Am is in a much more secure financial position, and will be able to assist our congregants, support programs, and update our facility.

In the spring of 2024, we will dedicate our Wall of Honor, and acknowledge our donors at a special Shabbat service, whether in-person or livestreaming. This will be a special evening to come together to celebrate this amazing accomplishment.

A special shout-out to Rabbi Blumberg, Cantor Wolff, Temple Beth Am President Carol Hanover and our Board of Trustees, Ellen Jagher, Mary Robinson, and TEBEAM designer Rob Levine for "bringing it home" in supporting the Wall of Honor.

**We Did It!
And
it's all
Thanks
to You!**



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 | January 2024

January 2024

January 2024							February 2024						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 31	Jan 1, 24 New Year's Day-Temple Office closed (United States)	2	3 4:00pm Religious School Classes 7:00pm Temple Beth Am Executive Committee Meeting	4	5 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service-Hebrew Naming of Evan Freudberg	6 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study 11:00am Tot Shabbat Service 6:00pm Youth Program: Trip to Apex
7 9:00am Brotherhood Breakfast 9:00am Gr. 6 B'nai Mitzvah Informational Meeting during Religious School Classes 11:15am LLL Class with Rabbi	8 6:00pm Upper School Classes 7:00pm School Committee Meeting	9 7:15pm Sisterhood Meeting	10 1:00pm JFS Memory Cafe 4:00pm Religious School Classes	11	12 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Hall'lu Service	13 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study
14 NO Religious School Classes 9:00am MLK Day of Service	15 Martin Luther King Jr Day-Temple Closed	16	17 4:00pm Religious School Classes 7:00pm Litzkor Program	18 7:15pm Worship Committee Meeting	19 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service; January Anniversary Blessing	20 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study 6:00pm Youth Program: Dave and Busters
21 9:00am Bereshit Program 9:00am Religious School Classes 9:00am School Committee Parent Engagement 11:00am Camp Fair at Conclusion	22 6:00pm Upper School Classes	23	24 4:00pm Religious School Classes; Tu B'Shvat Seder during school	25 Tu BeShevat (Jewish Religious Holidays) 11:30am Cantor Wolff dress rehearsal for concert in social 7:00pm Temple Beth Am Board	26 10:00am Set Up for Cantor's Concert on 1.27.24 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service	27 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study 7:30pm Cantor's Concert in the Evening
28 SNOW DATE: Cantor's Concert 9:00am Religious School Classes 9:30am B'nai Mitzvah Torah Parasha Class	29 6:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Class	30	31 4:00pm Religious School Classes	Feb 1	2	3

CALENDAR | February 2024

February 2024

February 2024							March 2024						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2 Groundhog Day (United States) 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service Gr.3-5 participation	3 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study
4 9:00am Religious School Classes 9:00am Gr. 6 B'nai Mitzvah Informational Meeting during 11:15am LLL Class with Rabbi Blumberg	5 6:00pm Upper School Classes	6 7:15pm Sisterhood Meeting	7 4:00pm Religious School Classes 7:00pm Temple Beth Am Executive Committee Meeting	8 7:15pm Worship Committee Meeting	9 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Hall'lu Service; February Anniversary Blessings	10 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study 11:00am Tot Shabbat Service
11 Youth Program Service Project 9:00am Brotherhood Breakfast 9:00am Family Education Gr. 6 9:00am Religious School Classes 11:00am Uzkor Committee	12 7:00pm School Committee Meeting	13	14 Valentine's Day (United States) 1:00pm JFS Memory Cafe at Temple Beth Am 4:00pm Religious School Classes	15 7:00pm Temple Beth Am Board of Trustees Meeting	16 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service	17 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study
18 NO Religious School Classes	19 Temple Closed-President's Day	20	21 NO Religious School Classes	22	23 Pack Hamantaschen for Delivery 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service	24 9:00am Shabbat Minyan Service & Torah Study
25 NO Religious School Classes	26 6:00pm Upper School Classes	27 Pack Hamantaschen for Delivery	28 4:00pm Religious School Classes	29	Mar 1	2



TALLIT TALES

By Rabbi Blumberg



I really didn't need the Tallit, and I hadn't intended to buy one. I had a perfectly good Tallit that my grandparents had purchased for me for my Bar Mitzvah just five years before. But when I found myself face-to-face with this Tallit on my first trip to Israel with Birthright Israel, I knew I just had to have it.

We had been given time to shop at Yad LaKashish, whose mission is "to give Jerusalem's needy elderly a sense of purpose, self-worth and connection to mainstream society through creative work opportunities, essential support

services and a warm community environment." When I saw the beautiful music notes and warm fall colors, I was immediately drawn to this Tallit and have worn it as my main Tallit ever since.

While the Tallit and its accompanying bag have seen better days, my Tallit is a nostalgic reminder to me of my very special first time in Israel. It was the first time I felt such an emotional pull towards a piece of Judaica, and I will treasure it and the memory it conjures as long as it stays together!

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



YOUTH



UPCOMING THIS MONTH

January 6 - Apex Center
5:00 pm-7:00pm / Grades 8-12

Join us as we head to the Apex Center in Marlborough to have some fun! Teens will be able to do bowling, 30 minutes of arcade time, and have nachos, mozzarella sticks, and hamburger sliders for \$20 a ticket. Chaperone needed!

January 14 - MLK Day of Service
1:00 pm-3:30 pm

<https://jloftboston.org/mlk/> to sign up!

Will take place at TBA with a variety of community service activities!

January 20 - Dave and Buster's
5:30 pm-7:00 pm / Grades 6-12

Teens will be able to play some games and have some yummy food with friends. We will have access to the crispy chicken bites, mac and cheese, soft drinks, burger sliders, pizza and fries as well as a 20 dollar power card for \$22.99 a person. We need a 15-person confirmation for our booking. Chaperone needed. You are able to purchase more power cards onsite if desired! Please confirm by January 9!

UPCOMING THIS YEAR

January 6 - Apex Center - Grades 8-12

January 14 - MLK Day of Service

January 20 - Dave and Buster's -
Grades 6-7

February - Potential JFS Service Event -
TBA

March 9 - Kings Bowling - Grades 8-12

March 17 - Mini Golf - Grades K-7

April 7 - 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



Artist Studio Tour

Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 PM

Barbara Marder's art studio

Artisans Asylum in Allston/Brighton

Join us for a tour, demo, and a hands-on project!

Thanks to Sue Siegel for arranging and to Barbara Marder for offering her time and expertise!

BROTHERHOOD

December Breakfast Recap



The Brotherhood breakfast in December welcomed our own **Lino Covarrubias**, Chief Executive Officer, Jewish Family Service of Metrowest.

Lino spoke in front of a crowd of about 75 people, discussing JFS and their work in the Metrowest community and the history and current situation with refugees from various countries, including Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Israel.



TEMPLE BETH AM BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

February 11, 2024

9:00-11:00 AM



Karen Spilka, our state senator and president of the Massachusetts Senate, will be our speaker.

Annual dues which include admission to all breakfasts are \$90/senior rate \$65. Dues can be sent to Brotherhood c/o Temple Beth Am or can be paid at the breakfast. Checks should be made payable to Temple Beth Am Brotherhood.

Nonmember / Guest fee for breakfast is \$15.

Breakfasts and Brotherhood membership are open to the public.

NOTE: In case of inclement weather the breakfast will be cancelled if Temple Beth Am Religious School is cancelled.



Please join us for Great Speakers & Delicious Food



Breakfasts for the remainder of 2023/24 are scheduled for: 3/17, 4/7, 5/19, 6/9

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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.

GBJCL-TBA Partnership

By Merle Kushner

By the time this article is published, we will probably have just passed the half way point for the school year and the second year for the TBA team at the Charlotte Dunning Elementary School in Framingham. The school's top priority is the students, and we now have tutors at almost all grade levels.

This year I again run a group with several 2nd graders. It is a delight to help them define new words and express their creativity as they imagine themselves in the shoes of the characters in the books we are reading.

Returning tutor Susan Rakusin stayed with a teacher as she moved from 1st grade to kindergarten instruction. "My role has been to assist when the children break into small-group academic activities. I'm looking forward to becoming more familiar with the students so that I can better meet their educational needs."

Some students benefit from a one-on-one experience. Regarding a 1st grader, Lisa Nasch shared, "This year he pops out of his seat when I walk in the room, yells "Hello"

Mrs. Nasch' and runs to the book corner to choose a book to read together." With a 4th grader, she focuses on vocabulary and comprehension, noting, "It is such a pleasure exchanging ideas and talking about world travel, landmarks, and science fiction."

Interests and abilities of perspective tutors may be matched with those of the students; thus, David Gottlieb was connected with the school's math coach and is assisting 2nd, 4th, and 5th grades "on enrichment with some remedial work. The students are a pleasure to work with, polite, and eager to learn. The staff is also very supportive and appreciative of my effort."

Enrollment and training for tutors is ongoing. If you are interested we'll work with you to get you started when you are ready, like Carol Mamlok who recently

returned to the area: "I am looking forward to volunteering for the GBJCL program ...working with fifth graders."

Please contact mmkushner@hotmail.com for more information, and stay tuned for events this spring, including Read Across America Day and a book drive.



LifeCYCLES

IN JOY

THE TEMPLE REJOICES WITH

Karl and Robin Wagner on the marriage of their daughter Jenny Wagner to Mike Hall.

Lou and Lynne Frank on the birth of a new granddaughter. Maxine (Maxie) Sylvie Reichman is the daughter of Ben and Alyssa Reichman.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

All couples celebrating a January wedding anniversary will be blessed at a service on January 19 at 7:15 pm. Please call the temple office if you are planning to attend.

DATE	NAME	YEARS
1/18/1964	William and Joyce Green	50
1/26/1969	Leonard and Tammy Levy	55

There are no special anniversaries in February.

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

Hilton Magier and Marcia Huston, on the loss of their grandson, **Jayden Samuel Eisenberg**

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Phyllis Levin Wagner, mother of Karen Eglitis and Karl Wagner, August 28, 2023~11 Elul 5783

Ann Holzman, mother of Simon Holzman, Amy Holzman Boulter, and Joseph Holzman, November 14, 2023~1 Kislev 5784

Herbert Holzman, uncle of of Simon Holzman, Amy Holzman Boulter and Joseph Holzman, July 12, 2020~20 Tammuz 5788



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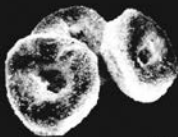
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