



REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE

Morning Minyan (Monday & Thursday) 8:00 am
Friday Evening Services 5:30 pm

*Please Note - Saturday Shabbat Services have been cancelled until July 1st with the exception of the four weekends listed below. Until that time Temple members are welcome to attend services with Adas Israel members at 9 am, or at the Fall River Jewish Home at 9:45 am.

*A message from our new Spiritual Leaders,
Rabbi Mark Elber and Cantor Shoshana Brown*

Shalom to all the members of Congregation Beth El! We are so thrilled that you have invited us to be your new rabbi and cantor and we are looking forward with much anticipation to moving up to the Fall River area, getting settled and getting to know you all better, and preparing for our first High Holidays together. Before that happens, we will be coming up four times--twice during May and twice during June (see dates below) to lead services and begin the process of becoming better acquainted with one another.

We come to you with many ideas and aspirations, but we know that our primary job is to serve you, and to help you get in touch with and facilitate the ways in which you want to be connected with other Jews, other human beings, your family, your synagogue community, and your spiritual lives. We want to learn all about the traditions of Temple Beth El, and slowly, together, craft a vision of how we can expand on these traditions, how we can reach out and draw new seekers who may be looking for something that only we can offer.

Like Avraham Avinu (cf. Gen 12), Abraham our father, 4,000 years ago who was commanded "Lekh lekha..."--pick yourself up and start a journey... we are all embarking on a journey together, on an exciting adventure in which we are partners in forging our own futures. We look forward to learning more about your visions for Temple Beth El and to working together to help our community maintain its traditions and grow into the future. We are humbled and honored to share this journey with you.

We look forward to seeing you in May and in the meantime we wish you all a Happy, Healthy, and Sweet Pesach!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our new Spiritual Leaders will be joining us for four weekends in May and June, before their official start date of July 1st. Please note that they will be holding Shabbat services on both Friday evening at 5:30 pm and Saturday morning at 10:00 am on the weekends noted below. Both Rabbi Elber and Cantor Brown will be taking turns leading services so we can really get a chance to see what each of them will bring to our congregation. Also note that Scott Tepper will continue to lead Friday evening services on all other weekends through the end of June.

May 10th & 11th -- Rabbi Mark Elber
May 24th & 25th -- Cantor Shoshana Brown
June 7th & 8th -- Rabbi Mark Elber
June 14th & 15th -- Cantor Shoshana Brown

President's Message

Dear Members,

It is my privilege to announce that Rabbi Mark Elber and his wife, Cantor Shoshana Brown, have been engaged to be our new "Spiritual Leader Team" beginning July 1, 2013. It has been a long road to get to this point, nearly a year when all is said and done, filled with meetings, phone calls, questions, answers, discussions, interviews and more. I cannot thank everyone enough for all of the hard work, dedication and support that went into not only finding our new spiritual leaders but also helping to keep the Temple running as smoothly as possible for all that time. I would also like to thank all of the congregants who turned out for services led by potential candidates. Your input was essential as we went through this critical process. For the sake of space I will not name everyone who helped in one way or another, but please know that your assistance was invaluable. Now that the process is complete, I would like to publicly thank Atty. Jeffrey Entin, whose support was unwavering and upon whose legal assistance and guidance I relied. I must also thank our outstanding staff for stepping up and handling anything and everything that came their way as we worked through such a tumultuous time. They did an amazing job, and I hope you will join me in taking a moment to thank them.

The vote to hire our new Rabbi/Cantor team was unanimous, and while change is always difficult, I hope you will join us in welcoming them into our Temple family. They are eager to begin, and we are eagerly anticipating the energy, new ideas and programs that we believe the Rabbi and Cantor will bring to our congregation. We are so fortunate to have found spiritual leaders who have so much to offer, from a love of the Torah and Conservative traditions to a passion for music and teaching. They will share the position, so some services will be led by the Rabbi, and others by the Cantor. As they say, "variety is the spice of life," so we can look forward to that, as well.

Please note that Rabbi Elber and Cantor Brown will be coming up on four separate weekends, two in May and two in June. The dates are listed on the cover of this bulletin. Please plan to come to either the Friday evening services, the Saturday morning services, or both! As of July 1st they will be conducting all of the services, teaching the Monday class, and taking the lead on all religious aspects of our Temple.

Scott Tepper will continue to teach the Monday class and lead the Monday morning and Friday evening services through the end of June, with the exception of those weekends that the Elbers will be here.

I hope you all had a wonderful Passover. While we missed having our traditional Second Night Seder this year, we look forward to bringing it back next year, along with some of the other things that we have recently had to forego. I hope you will agree that the future looks bright as we begin a brand new era here at Temple Beth El.

Stephen D. Silverman
President

Sisterhood President's Message

Dear Members,

Here we are again, it's April and we're all hoping spring will finally decide to join us. March was one tough month. Every time we turned around it snowed. I think it more than made up for last winter's lack thereof. So let's think happy thoughts of milder weather.

I hope everyone had a very happy Passover. I'm sure we all had enough matzo to last us a lifetime. Now it's time to think cook-outs and all the summer goodies.

The next meeting of the Book Club is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th at 10:30 am in the Temple Library. We be reviewing The Tell by Hester Kaplan. You've got time to pick it up and read it. This should prove to be a good discussion piece. We hope to see all of you there.

You will be hearing of a few activities that Sisterhood is planning. So read your Bulletin and watch for future mailings.

So until next month, Shalom.

Libby Cohen,
Sisterhood President

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available to all undergraduate students residing in the greater Fall River area with special emphasis on entering freshmen.

Applications are available in the Temple office and should be completed by the student and returned as soon as possible.

The Scholarship Committee must have scholarship applications in hand by May 31, 2013 (or when college finals have been completed).



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SERVICE SCHEDULE
April 2013: Nisan/Iyar 5773

Monday, April 1 (21 Nisan)

Passover - Seventh Day

Tuesday, April 2 (22 Nisan)

Services 10:00 am
 Yizkor
 Passover - Eighth Day

Friday, April 5 (25 Nisan)

Shabbat Service 5:30 pm
 Candle Lighting 6:57 pm

Sunday, April 7 (27 Nisan)

Yom Hashoah
 Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 10 (30 Nisan)

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

Thursday, April 11 (1 Iyar)

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

Friday, April 12 (2 Iyar)

Shabbat Service 5:30 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:04 pm

Monday, April 15 (5 Iyar)

Yom Hazikaron
 Israeli Memorial Day

Tuesday, April 16 (6 Iyar)

Yom Ha'Atzmaut
 Israel Independence Day

Friday, April 19 (9 Iyar)

Shabbat Service 5:30 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:12 pm

Friday, April 26 (Iyar 16)

Shabbat Service 5:30 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:20 pm

Sunday, April 28 (18 Iyar)

Lag Ba'Omer

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Office Closed:

Monday, April 1st - Passover 7th Day
 Tuesday, April 2nd - Passover 8th Day
 Monday, April 15th - Patriots' Day

Sisterhood Gift Shop

If you are in need of any merchandise from our gift shop or you would like to order from our several catalogs, please feel free to contact me. Talleisim, kipa (yamulkes), seder plates, mezuzot are always in stock as well as many other items.

Generally, I am at the Monday morning classes with Reb Zisha (Scott Tepper) and am available before and after the class.

Generally, I am at the Temple for Monday morning classes. Please feel free to call or email me. Happy Passover.

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On a recent visit to my daughter in Florida, I was reading her temple bulletin and saw the Rabbi's article regarding Yahrzeit observance. I thought that this would be interesting for our bulletin, so I contacted Rabbi Norman Lipson at Temple Dor Dorim in Weston, Florida and asked if he would mind if we used it. He enthusiastically approved.

Norm Bolski

From the Rabbi's Study

Dear Friends,

Throughout the year our family calendars are filled with life cycle events as we celebrate births, B'nai Mitzvah, Confirmation and graduation ceremonies, weddings and anniversaries. We also commemorate, with funeral and memorial services, loved ones and friends whose lives have ended.

Within Judaism, the anniversary of a loved one's death is referred to by the German/Yiddish word: "Yahrzeit – Year's Time." Traditionally, the Yahrzeit is commemorated at home by the lighting of a 24 hour memorial candle the evening preceding the anniversary of the death (because the Jewish calendar begins at sunset), making a donation to the temple in their memory, reciting the Kaddish, and having the name of the deceased read aloud at Shabbat services.

Our temple's name, "Throughout the Generations," also embraces the memories of loved ones who have passed away and become part of eternity. We offer our families the option of choosing either the Hebrew or secular calendar for notification of an upcoming Yahrzeit. Whichever calendar is chosen, the month before the Yahrzeit, a family is notified that the name of their loved one will be read aloud at the Shabbat service closest to the actual Yahrzeit. Preceding Kaddish, the recitation of names of the deceased as well as the name of the family member who requested Kaddish and his/her relationship, is also read aloud. Upon the conclusion of reading all the names, the entire congregation, in an act of bonding and support, rises for recitation of Kaddish.

When the name of a deceased loved one is read aloud, it is sad and disrespectful when no one from their family is present to stand and recite Kaddish in their memory!

Is it a reflection of our disposal society, where even loved ones, who preceded us in death, are not given a second thought? Is it part of a life style that leaves no room for memory of those upon whose shoulders we once stood? Is it because our hearts have become hardened, much like Pharaoh, who had no room in his heart for love, for caring or for memory?

Or is it because we just don't care?

There is the story of a young Jewish couple, who never had time to celebrate Shabbat at home with their child. Every Friday evening the child would ask his parents to light the Shabbat candles, but they were always "too busy" to take time. One Friday evening, as they were out, the young child decided to light Shabbat candles for himself.

His parents returned home later that night and, horrified, found two Yahrzeit candles brightly burning on the kitchen counter. His parents rushed into his bedroom, woke him up and asked why he had lit those candles.

He replied, "Well, you wouldn't light candles for me so I lit them for you!"

In this new year, each of us should ask ourselves what tradition and memory mean to us, how we remember the past and to what degree we value it and those who came before us.

In this new year, when it comes time to celebrate a life cycle, celebrate it with a full heart; when it time to remember a Yahrzeit, let it be properly and appropriately commemorated – by the lighting of lighting of a Yahrzeit candle, making a donation to the temple and finally, honoring the memory of loved ones, by standing in their honor at temple when their name is read aloud and adding your most needed voice, in reciting the Kaddish in their memory.

Faithfully,
Norman S. Lipson, D.D.

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In honor of our dear brother, Charlie Stampler, celebrating
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In honor of Dr. Irving Fradkin's new book
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In memory of my beloved son, Barry Schwartz
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REMINDERS:

- ☞ Scott Tepper's Adult Ed Class - Mondays at 10:30 am
- ☞ Bulletin Deadline, April 15th
- ☞ Book Club, Wednesday, April 17th at 10:30 am

RSVP TODAY!

A Birthday Party/Retirement Celebration for Dr. & Mrs. Irving Fradkin will be held on Sunday, April 28th at 1:00 pm at the Venus De Milo Restaurant.

Both Irving and Charlotte will soon be celebrating their birthdays, and Irv is retiring from active participation in Scholarship America and its Fall River chapter. The ticket price for the event is \$40 per person, with all proceeds after expenses going to Scholarship America.

Please call or e-mail the Temple office to RSVP as soon as possible, and no later than April 15th.

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