

TEMPLE BETH EL

Fall River, Massachusetts



88th Year

June-August 2016

Iyar, Sivan, Tammuz, Av 5776

No. 10

Regular Service Schedule

Morning Minyan (Monday & Thursday).....8:00 am
 First Friday Evening Service (1st Friday of each month)6:30 pm
 Friday Evening Services (All other Fridays).....5:30 pm
 Shabbat Morning Services.....10:00 am

SUMMER EVENTS

Special "Friday Night Live" Service

Friday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm
 followed by a Special Oneg (with dessert)
 in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Lev Elber

Shabbat Service & Bar Mitzvah of Lev Elber

Saturday, June 4th at 10 am
 Shabbat service in the Sanctuary includes the Bar Mitzvah of Lev Elber, followed by Kiddush luncheon - all are invited.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

(An Evening of Torah Study)

Saturday Night, June 11th: 8:30 to 11 pm
 at the home of Rabbi Mark and Cantor Shoshana (537 Walnut Street). The topics for this Shavuot are: "Arguing with God" and "Famous Jewish Heretics We Love." Please RSVP to the office by June 7th so we have enough cheesecake!

Shavuot Services

Sunday June 12th and Monday June 13th
 On Sunday, the service begins at 10 am, and will include the reading of the Ten Commandments (minyan permitting). Leftover cheesecake will be served at the Kiddush.

On Monday, the second day of Shavuot, the service begins at 8 am, with Yizkor beginning at approximately 9:45 AM.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, June 14th at 7 pm in the Vestry
 Election and installation of officers

Book Club Meeting

Wednesday, June 15th at 10:30 am in the Library
 "The Old Man and the Sea"

Movie Night: "Praying with Lior"

Sunday, June 19th at 5:00 pm in the Vestry
 Please note the new summer start time!

Fall River Jewish Home 77th Annual Donor Event

Sunday, June 26th
 Breakfast Buffet Feast!
 10 am in the Temple Vestry

Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Event

Wednesday, July 13th at 12 pm in the Vestry

Movie Night: "A Time of Favor"

Sunday, July 24th - 5:00 pm in the Vestry

Tisha b'Av Service

Saturday, August 13th at 8:45 pm
 at the Home of Rabbi Mark & Cantor Shoshana

Movie Night: "Goodbye Columbus"

Sunday, August 28th - 5:00 pm in the Vestry

Summer services: Note that July 1st and Aug. 5th are Friday Night Live services, starting at 6:30 pm. All other Friday services begin at 5:30 pm. Shabbat morning services will continue to meet at 10 am. The Fast of the 9th of Av begins on Saturday night, August 13th. See page 4 for more information.

A message from our Spiritual Leader,
Cantor Shoshana Brown
“*Messianic Moments*”

By the time you read this column, you may have already been present with our family to celebrate the bar mitzvah of our son, Lev. (I hope you were!) It has been an incredibly busy spring for our family, and for Temple Beth El, stretching back to March and the preparations for our Purim parody, “Politicians on the Roof.” Next came the bar mitzvah of Mason Theis; then a pre-Passover “feminist seder” in Providence which I attended along with Marilyn Sokoll and Hannah Evans; next two *real* seders – with all of the cleaning, shopping, cooking and forethought that preparing for these entails. On the 8th night of Pesach, we had our TBE community Passover celebratory meal...and then, before we even had time to finish getting out all our non-Passover dishes and cookware, Yom HaShoah was upon us. By now, you all know about the charming, talented young dancer, David Grannum, who danced to *Ani Ma’amin/We Shall Overcome*, and who likely will be finishing high school on scholarship at the Alvin Ailey Professional Performing Arts High School. Those who were at the Yom HaShoah service at Temple Beth El know that it was a unique (and uplifting!) moment in our congregation’s history: I was bursting with joy and pride at having reached out to this charismatic, gifted, and thoughtful young man, and wish him so much happiness and success for his future. Perhaps some of us shall go to see him dance in New York some day!

Soon after Yom HaShoah, we celebrated Yom HaAatzma’ut at a seder-like Friday night meal/service. It was quite well-attended, and it continues to be one of my favorites amongst the innovations which Rabbi Mark and I have established here (this was our third time doing it). Two mornings later came the visit and talk by Matan Zamir from the Israeli Consulate in Boston, along with minyan and brunch, and now as I write this I am in the thick of bar mitzvah preparations, not to mention winding up Hebrew School for the year, and making preparations for Shavuot which will fall a mere week after Lev’s bar mitzvah! I thought that fall was the busiest time (at least for clergy) in the Jewish year, but as it turns out, it feels that spring is equally busy. Of course one does not have a bar mitzvah in the family every year, so this spring is exceptional.

In preparation for this big day, we are trying to get our home in order, sprucing up the yard and garden. On a recent day off, I was trying to put together a raised box-garden on our sidewalk around

a tree which had always had weeds surrounding it; the process of transforming this eyesore into something beautiful was one which I knew had many steps, and was daunting. In the midst of trying to complete this project, I was joined by two young men – Andrew and Tristan – who just happened to be passing by. For no reason except their deciding to do an act of kindness (and perhaps their appreciation of beauty – Andrew also happens to be a dancer!), they spent two hours of their afternoon helping me complete this project – getting the job done in half the time that it would have taken me on my own. I was overcome by their generosity of spirit to a total stranger. That same evening, we went to help one of our newest TBE members, Marcie Falconero, and her family celebrate the grand opening of their new store and warehouse, “Felicia’s Perfect Settings,” on Pleasant Street in Fall River. Somehow, those young men helping me with my garden, David Grannum dancing in the Temple, the happy event on Pleasant Street, and our ongoing preparations for Lev’s bar mitzvah have merged in my mind to create a rainbow of hope that I look to in this somewhat dark time in our world. What the summer and fall will bring for our nation, for Israel, for Europe, for the whole world...who can predict? But in the midst of an anxious time, it is comforting to know the warmth of our very down-to-earth community at Temple Beth El, heart-warming to discover kindness amongst strangers on the streets of Fall River. Elsewhere in this bulletin, you will find our TBE Hebrew School students’ “wish-list” for a Messiah. Personally, I find these small moments – of having the privilege of performing an act of kindness for another, or of receiving one – “messianic moments.” They are moments of holiness, moments of grace and deep joy, moments that give us true cause to keep celebrating life.

L’chayyim!

Cantor Shoshana Brown

Special Thanks

A special thanks to all in our TBE family who have helped to make Lev’s bar mitzvah a special, joyous day, especially the TBE Sisterhood, Norm and Anita Bolski, Marcie Falconero, and all who have come to rejoice with us.

*With deep gratitude,
Rabbi Mark and Cantor Shoshana*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As we head into summer I would like to welcome back all of our snowbirds...you were missed!

I would like to thank Matan Zamir for speaking at our Sunday breakfast earlier this month. As promised, it was very interesting, as well as uplifting. The timing was perfect, as it was the same week as Israel Independence Day. I personally felt a sense of pride when they spoke about the current state of affairs in Israel, and left feeling like the state is in good hands and moving in the right direction despite all of the obstacles they face on a daily basis.

Our Annual meeting is right around the corner, on Tuesday, June 14th at 7 pm in the vestry. I encourage all congregants to attend. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please call the office. We are always looking for new people with new ideas to help lead us into the future.

As this is the last bulletin before the summer hiatus, be sure we have your email address so we can keep you advised of goings-on here at the Temple, and also remember to check our website regularly. As you can see on the cover of this bulletin, there is a lot going on here this summer!

Lastly I would like to thank our Board of Directors for all of their help and guidance over the past year, Sisterhood for all they do to make our events special, and our fabulous staff for making my job easy.

I wish you and your families a healthy, safe and joyous summer.

Steve Silverman
President

Temple Beth El
ANNUAL MEETING

TUESSDAY, JUNE 14TH
7 PM IN THE VESTRY

Election and Installation of Officers

All members are cordially invited to attend

Sisterhood President's Message

Dear Members,

May has proven to be quite busy here at Temple Beth El. And June has the makings to follow suit. Rabbi Mark and Cantor Shoshana are getting ready to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of their son Lev. I hope to see many of you there lending your support to this special young man.

The Sunday morning breakfast and lecture featuring Matan Zamir was a success. I want to thank the following people that helped to make this event happen: Sylvia Eisner, Norm and Anita Bolski, Beverly Solup and our President Steve Silverman. None of these things are done by one person alone, and everyone deserves credit.

On June 15th the book club will meet to discuss "The Old Man and the Sea" by Ernest Hemingway. This should evoke a lively discussion. All are invited to attend, so feel free to join in.

On Wednesday, July 13th we will be hosting our annual Sisterhood Luncheon. So ladies save the date, and plan to attend. Watch your e-mail, as more information will be forthcoming.

In closing, let me wish everyone a happy care-free summer.

Libby Cohen
Sisterhood President

Sisterhood Gift Shop

Have you stopped by our gift shop lately to see the new merchandise? Our selection of door mezuzot make wonderful gifts for a new home or apartment.

Do you know any N.E. Patriots fans? Check out the Patriots suede kipa as well as the new knitted kipot (yarmulkes). Browse the jewelry case and our variety of new Judaica jewelry from pendants to bracelets.

Generally, I am at the temple Monday morning. Call or email me to schedule an appointment for Monday or any other morning during the week.

Have a wonderful summer!

Hannah R. Evans
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SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE**June 2016: Iyar/Sivan 5776**Friday, June 3 (26 Iyar)

Shabbat Service	6:30 pm
Candle Lighting	7:57 pm

Saturday, June 4 (27 Iyar)

Weekly Portion: Bechukotai	10:00 am
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Sunday, June 5 (28 Iyar)

Yom Yerushalayim
Jerusalem Reunification Day

Tuesday, June 7 (1 Sivan)

Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Friday, June 10 (4 Sivan)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	8:02 pm

Saturday, June 11 (5 Sivan)

Weekly Portion: Bemidbar	10:00 am
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Sunday, June 12 (6 Sivan)

Shavuot – First Day Yom Tov Service	10:00 am
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Monday, June 13 (7 Sivan)

Shavuot Second Day Yom Tov Service	8:00 am
Yizkor (approximately 9:45 am)	

Friday, June 17 (11 Sivan)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	8:05 pm

Saturday, June 18 (12 Sivan)

Weekly Portion: Nasso	10:00 am
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Friday, June 24 (18 Sivan)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	8:06 pm

Saturday, June 25 (19 Sivan)

Weekly Portion: Beha'alotekha	10:00 am
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July 2016: Sivan/Tammuz 5776Friday, July 1 (25 Sivan)

Shabbat Service	6:30 pm
Candle Lighting	8:06 pm

Saturday, July 2 (26 Sivan)

Weekly Portion: Sh'lakh L'kha	10:00 am
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Wednesday, July 6 (30 Sivan)

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Thursday, July 7 (1 Tammuz)

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Friday, July 8 (2 Tammuz)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	8:04 pm

Saturday, July 9 (3 Tammuz)

Weekly Portion: Korakh	10:00 am
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Friday, July 15 (9 Tammuz)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	8:00 pm

Saturday, July 16 (10 Tammuz)

Weekly Portion: Chukat	10:00 am
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Friday, July 22 (16 Tammuz)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	7:55 pm

Saturday, July 23 (17 Tammuz)

Weekly Portion: Balak	10:00 am
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Friday, July 29 (23 Tammuz)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	7:48 pm

Saturday, July 30 (24 Tammuz)

Weekly Portion: Pinchas	10:00 am
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August 2016: Tammuz/Av 5776Friday, August 5 (1 Av)

Shabbat Service	6:30 pm
Candle Lighting	7:40 pm
Rosh Chodesh Av	

Saturday, August 6 (2 Av)

Weekly Portion: Matot-Masei	10:00 am
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Friday, August 12 (8 Av)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	7:31 pm

Saturday, August 13 (9 Av)

Weekly Portion: Devarim	10:00 am
Erev Tisha B'av	
Shabbat Chazon	

Sunday, August 14 (10 Av)

Fast of "Tisha B'av"

Friday, August 19 (15 Av)

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

Saturday, August 20 (16 Av)

Weekly Portion: Va'etkhanan	10:00 am
Shabbat Nachamu	

Friday, August 26 (22 Av)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	7:09 pm

Saturday, August 27 (23 Av)

Weekly Portion: Eikev	10:00 am
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TBE News & Notes

Most of the news from May has been amply covered in my bulletin letter for this month, so I will just list these items briefly:

- A delightfully uplifting performance by the young dancer David Grannum at our Yom HaShoah service (and beautiful coverage in the Herald News – see photo elsewhere in this bulletin)
- An inspiring and convivial gathering for our “Yom HaAtzma’ut” Shabbat
- A fine reception for Israeli consul Matan Zamir, who was informative and extremely warm
- A new class instituted by Rabbi Mark: “Kabbalah and Jewish Meditation” (see “Adult Ed in the Summer”)
- During July, Cantor Shoshana will attend the Aleph Kallah Conference, held this year at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. This is a valuable time to network with and recharge with colleagues, and to learn from Jews from other congregations about useful congregational practices. While there, Lev will attend iDTech camp on the same campus!
- Just a reminder to look for Cantor Shoshana’s “Take a Hike” column in the Lifestyle section of the first Sunday Herald News issue of each month. (The June 5th column will be on kayaking on the Westport River.)
- Be sure to read this bulletin thoroughly for notices about our summer movies, classes, and services at TBE!

LOST & FOUND

A ladies ring was found just outside the gates of the Temple cemetery. If you think it might be yours, please call the Temple office at (508) 674-3529.

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Adult Ed in the Summer

The Rabbi’s & Cantor’s Monday Morning Adult Ed class will continue during the summer, but there will be some dates – due to holidays or the rabbi’s and/or cantor’s vacations or conferences - that class will not meet. On the following dates there will be no adult ed class: June 13 (2nd Day Shavuot); July 4th; July 11th; August 22nd.

Rabbi Mark’s adult Hebrew Classes (both Tuesday evening and Thursday morning) will also continue to meet throughout the summer, with the exception of the following dates: June 28; June 30; July 5; July 7; Aug. 16; Aug. 18; Aug. 23.

Kabbalah & Jewish Meditation

This is a brand new class (taught by Rabbi Mark) which has just started – but it is not too late to join in! Have you been curious about Kabbalah or Jewish meditation – but were afraid to ask? Then this class is for you, and perhaps for your non-Jewish friend as well (all are welcome to join). This class meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30, except for the following dates: June 30, July 7, Aug. 18.



“Jews on Vacation”: Shoshana captured this unique encounter in 2011 when she, Rabbi Mark, and Lev went camping in the Catskills near Katerskill Falls. (Lev seems to be lost in the sea of black and white!)

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Office Closed:

Monday, June 13th - Shavuot
 Monday, July 4th - Independence Day

Fall River Jewish Home

77TH ANNUAL DONOR EVENT

Sunday, June 26, 2016

10 am - Noon

Breakfast Buffet in the Temple Beth El Vestry

The featured speaker is Rabbi Ethan Adler. The Home has been responding to the needs of the community for over 90 years, and your support will ensure that we will be ready to serve the generations to come.

For more information, or to be sent an invitation, please call Paul Romines at (508) 679-6172

Temple Family

- Please welcome Dr. Peter Hertz and his wife, Deanna Polin to our congregation.
- Our deepest sympathy to Charlotte and Debra Sandler on the loss of their beloved son and brother, David Sandler



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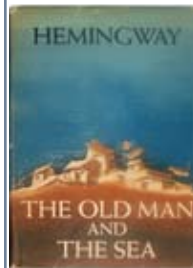
Open 5 days a week for lunch...Kosher and delicious. For reservations/cancellations call the Nutrition Office at (508) 324-4619 or (800) 293-8943 before 1:30 pm on the previous business day before you want to reserve or cancel.

Social Worker: We have a social service program for our community. If you are in need of the services of a social worker, call (508) 673-7791. Confidentiality will be respected.

BOOK CLUB UPDATE

A recent lively and informative discussion of Hemingway's "A Farewell To Arms" was insightfully led by Larry Polin. We gained a deeper understanding of the author, his life and his writing.

After much consideration, we have reduced the number of our reading selections and chose to go to the final book of our series, "The Old Man and the Sea". We will gather on June 15th, at 10:30 am, in the Temple Library, Treat yourself! Join us as Larry guides us through the life and writings of one of America's renowned twentieth century writers.



Congratulations to Mason Theis and Lev Elber on becoming B'nai Mitzvah!

Save the date:

Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Luncheon

Wednesday, July 13th at Noon

*Please RSVP to the Temple Office by July 6th
 Your paid-up dues are your ticket in!*

Thank you for your donations received through May 20, 2016

Yahrzeits

For the yearzeit of my beloved... Donated by:

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In honor of, and appreciation for, Cantor Shoshana Brown's
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In honor of Anita & Norm Bolski's granddaughter graduat-
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Elaine & Dr. Harvey Reback

In honor of Dr. Irving Fradkin celebrating a special birthday

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In memory of my beloved father, Rabbi Moshe Babin

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In memory of Doria Belovitch

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In memory of David Sandler

For the yearzeit of my beloved father in law, Isaac Soorkis

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In honor of, and appreciation for, Rabbi Mark Elber's
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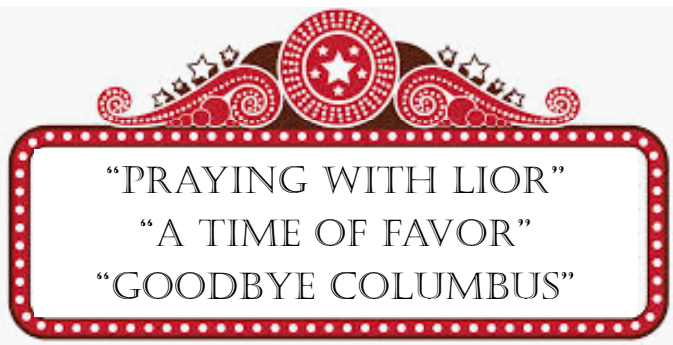
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Libby Cohen

In memory of our beloved husband, father, grandfather,
great grandfather, Edwin Solup

Beverly Solup & family



SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE JEWISH MOVIES

(All summer movies begin at 5:00 pm)

June 19th: "Praying with Lior"

An award-winning documentary, "Praying with Lior" introduces Lior Liebling, who has Down syndrome, and has spent his entire life praying with utter abandon. As Lior approaches Bar Mitzvah, different characters provide a window into life spent "praying with Lior." The movie poses difficult questions such as what is "disability" and who really talks to God? Told with intimacy and humor, Lior's story passes through both grief and triumph, and is deeply inspiring. (2008)

July 24th: "A Time of Favor" (HaHesder)

Winner of Six Israeli Oscars including Best Picture, "A Time of Favor" is a taut thriller about the tense relationship between messianic religious nationalist soldiers - who want to return the Temple Mount (the area on which the Dome of the Rock stands) to Jewish hands - and the Israeli military and security forces. Both a political-psychological drama and a love story between a passionate woman and two best friends, "A Time of Favor" raises important questions about loyalty to one's religion, duty to one's nation, and love for oneself. (2002)

August 28th: "Goodbye Columbus"

One of the most popular films of its day, "Goodbye Columbus" stars Richard Benjamin as Neil Klugman, and Ali McGraw as Brenda Patimkin. Home for the summer, Brenda, a wealthy "Cliffie" (Radcliffe student) and Neil, an intelligent, working-class army veteran and student at Rutgers, fall in love. They face many obstacles to their relationship, due to the opposition of Brenda's family, differences in class, and assimilation into the American mainstream. Other conflicts include propriety and issues related to premarital sex and the possibility of pregnancy, and Mrs. Patimkin's envy of her daughter's youth. (1969)



Congratulations!

Aaron Reynolds recently graduated from Southeast Missouri State University Law Enforcement Academy. He will be working in Caruthersville, Missouri as a Caruthersville police officer in Pemiscot County. Aaron is the son of Kim and Mark Reynolds, and the grandson of Libby Cohen.

Officer Reynolds is a veteran of the US Army, and lives in Missouri with his wife and baby girl. Mazel tov!



A heartfelt thank you to Durfee sophomore David Grannum for his beautiful liturgical-dramatic interpretive dance during our Yom HaShoah service. It was a moving tribute that will not soon be forgotten. Bravo David!

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The following was read by Cantor Shoshana and the Hebrew school students at the Yom HaShoah service on May 5th.

If the Messiah Were to Come

Introduction (Cantor Shoshana): Last year, in our Temple Beth El Hebrew School, we did a unit on the Shoah, the Holocaust, and –needless to say- that was not the most cheerful of Hebrew School topics, however necessary it is for every school child, Jewish or not, to become aware of this dark period of world history.

*This year, I decided to introduce our students to a topic in Jewish theology that we liberal Jews do not talk about too much, even though the language of it is laced throughout so many of our prayers: the idea of the Messiah – **M'shiach**, a purported figure who should arise one day to do almost-miraculous things – things that we have been longing for as Jews, things that the whole world needs...*

Most of us these days are too “modern” to believe that there will ever be one super-hero-type figure who will solve our world’s problems, so instead we talk about our longing for a “messianic era”...and even this, we know, can only come about as a result of a concerted effort on the part of all, or at least most of the world’s inhabitants. Can the outrages of genocide, human slavery, and other egregious human rights violations ever be stopped once and for all? Can we count on God, or some god-inspired figure to help us? If we patiently wait for “God” to solve the problems that seem too overwhelming for us tackle, is that not giving up, a sin against those who suffer today, and also against future generations?

*With these questions in mind, I asked my students to express out loud what – if such a person as **M'shiach** were to enter upon the world stage – what would they desire the **M'shiach** to fix first?*

So here are Mason, Zach, and Lev to share with you their wish-list for the Messiah:

Mason: Help all our forests thrive and all its animals be healthy.

Lev: Stop global warming.

Zach: Cure cancer and other terrible diseases.

Mason: Help developing countries.

Lev: Help humanity make world peace.

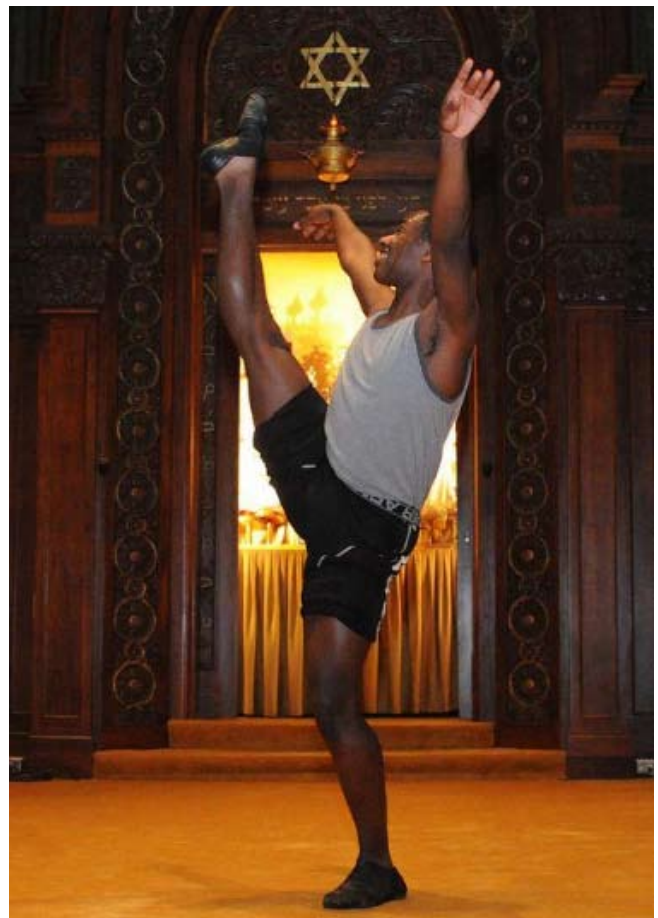
Zach: Stop world hunger.

Mason: Give us all hearts that are not afraid to share our stuff so that everyone has enough.

Lev: Find a cure for mental illness.

Zach: Make our minds so efficient that we would never need to do homework!

*And as teacher, I take the prerogative of adding my own wish to this list: That a **M'shiach** – or the miraculous spirit of a messianic era- would help us to see God's image in all people, while at the same time valuing our unique and varying identities – not experience them as wedges between one another. Also, the **M'shiach** would teach us to care for all of the Planet with all of its creatures and ecosystems, so that it might shine again as it did long ago in Eden.*



David Grannum with Hannah Evans above and to the left sporting his new Chai 5 cap, and during his interpretive dance at the Yom HaShoah service

The following poem is one of eight written by Rabbi Mark that were recently published in "The Jerusalem Review." This poem is based on the "fictional memory" of his brother being born in Pittsburgh or Vienna, when, in fact he was born in Bukhara, Uzbekistan.

Pittsburgh

My brother never set foot in the Pittsburgh of his birth
 The Pittsburgh of overwrought rivers and chain smoking stacks
 Chuffing illegible signals in the pig iron dawn

It was a bloodless birth in a traumatized decade
 A household of fictional memories
 An impossible future
 Half Looney Toons, half Zyklon B

My brother never beheld the Vienna of his birth where the sweet string sections
 went badly out of tune a decade earlier
 Though his first words emerged in German under his blond head
 Though he picked wild berries in the Austrian hills for our father
 Shy, delicate, blue
 Before I was even an afterthought, a bookmark in a travelogue stalled in the
 borough of Queens

Approaching America
 My brother sat on our mother's lap inhaling the fine spray as the brine clapped
 against the steep cold sides of the ship slipping into Boston Bay
 The summer solstice only weeks away
 The assault of English on his four year old ears

But first the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society housed them in a room on
 Manhattan's Lower East Side
 Soot caking the burgundy bricks
 The stew of accents
 The relief of hydrants, black and fluted, in the humid summer streets
 The incessant hacking of the boy next door

I can't blame Pittsburgh for our nervous coughs
 Our mother's contagious fears
 Our father's unremitting expectations
 Our failed first marriages

My brother could not outrun the burden of the first born in whom all hope is
 placed
 Because Hitler showed no mercy
 Because our mother relentlessly recalled each lost brother and parent
 And even though she would never see the landscape that mined and smelted
 ore
 Stealing the west
 Pulverizing rock
 Pittsburgh was a safe place to be born
 Even after the fact

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