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

October Special Services & Events

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES
First Day:  Monday, October 3rd
Shacharit Service at 9:00 am,
Torah Service at 10:00 am
Tashlich at 4:30 pm:
Meet at The Cove Restaurant Parking Lot
Second Day:  Tuesday, October 4th
Shacharit Service at 9:00 am,
Torah Service at 10:00 am

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Temple Beth El Cemetery
Sunday, October 9th at 11:00 am

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES
Kol Nidre:  Tuesday, October 11th at 6:00 pm
Morning Service:  Wednesday, October 12th
Shacharit Service at 9:00 am, Torah Service at
10:00 am (Includes Yizkor)
Mincha/Ne’ilah/Maariv:  5:00 pm
Break-Fast immediately following Havdala
sponsored by Congregation Adas Israel

SUKKOT
First Day:  Monday, October 17th at 8:00 am
Second Day:  Tuesday, October 18th at 8:00 am
Friday Shabbat Service: October 21st at 5:30 pm,
followed by Oneg in the Sukkah

SHEMINI ATZERET
Monday, October 24th at 8:00 am
Yizkor at approximately 9:30 am

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION
Erev Simchat Torah:  Monday, Oct. 24th at 5:30 pm
Simchat Torah Deli Supper follows the service
Morning Service:  Tuesday, Oct. 25th at 8:00 am

Sunday Breakfast
October 23rd - 10 am
Sahar Hassamain Synagogue
in Ponta Delgada, Azores
will become the Sister Synagogue
of Temple Beth El

For additional details please see Page 8

Shabbaton Weekend
October 28th & 29th
Please join us for a Shabbaton with
Rabbi Tsvi Bar-David
The “power of music in the spiritual life.”

For additional details please see Page 6

Our Annual Rabbi Samuel and Tillie Ruderman Lecture and Brunch will be
held on Sunday, November 6th.

Rabbi Uri Regev
“Religious pluralism in Israel - Should it concern American Jewry?”

For additional details please see Page 6
A message from our Spiritual Leader,
Cantor Shoshana Brown

These Interesting Times

May you live in interesting times. I’ve been thinking about this phrase recently, one which I had thought was a Yiddish curse. However, a website called “The Phrase Finder” states that although it is popularly thought of as Chinese, its origin is uncertain. It was made famous by Robert Kennedy, speaking in Cape Town, South Africa in 1966, when he said:

There is a Chinese curse which says ‘May he live in interesting times.’ Like it or not we live in interesting times. They are times of danger and uncertainty; but they are also more open to the creative energy of men than any other time in history.

I talk with my mother frequently, and often our talk turns towards politics and breaking news — over which I have been experiencing a great deal of anxiety. Mom says, “You should do what I do — just don’t watch the news!” Mom is always reading a good novel or biography, or some pivotal article in The Atlantic, but does not care to keep up with each day’s report of who-says-what-about-whom. “I’m too old for that!” she exclaims.

Perhaps she has a point. Teach us to number our days, the Psalmist wrote (Ps. 90:12) that we might acquire a heart of wisdom. I can see the point of not allowing one’s remaining good years to be frittered away worrying about all the insanities of politics these days. But then I think about my daughter, still just beginning her life as an adult, about Lev, still in middle school…what kind of world will I pass on to them?

And what about all those brave “soldiers” of Robert Kennedy’s day, who took such risks and made such sacrifices to advance civil rights in the U.S.? These same rights (especially voting rights) are currently under threat in some states in our nation today — who would have thought that we would someday go backwards to the days of disenfranchisement based on race?

RFK’s words seem so relevant today. These are indeed times of “danger and uncertainty”: we are witnessing the greatest refugee crisis since the Second World War; so many in the U.S. feel disoriented and threatened by the global nature of today’s economy; the internet and social media have drastically changed our work lives, our social lives, the way we get news; we are experiencing a massive nationwide opioid epidemic; the crises in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia seem to get steadily worse; earthquakes, floods, forest fires, tornadoes and droughts seem more common these days.

Yes, I am very concerned with what the future holds for our children and grandchildren. I feel we have a responsibility to keep informed, and to try to make a difference with our “creative energy,” as Kennedy calls it — to try to steer our society, our nation, our planet towards a future that is just, tolerant, peaceful and healthy for people, animals, and our whole ecosystem.

Of course no one person, no government can “fix” everything. But if we ignore certain issues — like climate change — we do so at our peril (just ask the 40,000 families whose homes were recently impacted by what was called a “thousand year flood” in Louisiana — only 11 years after Katrina). Likewise, if we tolerate a gradual erosion of our Constitutional rights, one day these rights may no longer be there for us (especially for minorities, including Jews).

By the time you read these words, you will have already prayed that your name be inscribed in the “Book of Life” for the New Year.

It is true that some things — illness, accidents, etc. — may be “out of our hands,” but we are given a large measure of responsibility over our own fate. As Moses adjured us:

I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day: I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse: Choose life — if you and your offspring would live! (Deut. 30:19)

We are responsible not only for our own quality of life, but also for the quality of life that is possible for those who come after us.

No one can force one human being to care about another — or about the life of those who will come after them when they have left this world. Nevertheless, there have always been brave and loving souls who cared about this passionately, and we are in their debt.

At each funeral, Rabbi Mark explains that when we fill the grave of our beloved departed with earth, we are doing a mitzvah of Chesed shel emet, a deed of true loving kindness — one for which the recipient can never reciprocate. To do acts which help to make our society, our government, our planet a better one for future generations — this too is a type of Chesed shel emet.

Yes, we live in “interesting times.” But for this very reason, there are ample opportunities for those with “creative energy” — energy for doing good — to make a difference in our world during these times. Even a small deed makes a difference. It is worth taking the time to get informed — and make sure to get out and vote in November!

Wishing you all a sweet, healthy and joyous New Year,

Cantor Shoshana Brown
Sisterhood President’s Message

As we welcome the year 5777, it is time to reflect on the past, and look forward to the future. Let me wish all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

I hope to see all of you at the Temple in the upcoming days. We will be enjoying our traditional holiday services, along with the members of Congregation Adas Israel. Each year they sponsor “break the fast.” I hope you all plan to join us for this event. It always proves to be a joyous occasion. No one should be alone at this time.

The Sisterhood Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, October 19th at 10:30 am to discuss our latest book, “The Girl on the Train” by Paula Hawkins. Come join us for an interesting discussion!

Make sure to watch your e-mails. Marie does a wonderful job keeping us up-to-date with the latest goings on here at the Temple. Thank you Marie, we appreciate all you do for us.

So until next month, Shalom.

Libby Cohen
Sisterhood President

Sisterhood Gift Shop

If you are a Red Sox or Patriots fan or know someone who is, stop by (call me first) our gift shop and pick up a suede Patriots kipa/yarmulke for just $15 -- or a Patriots or Red Sox door mezuzah for only $28. Non-kosher scrolls are free; kosher scrolls are $27. If you’re unable to come to the temple, I will gladly mail it to you.

Do keep our gift shop in mind when looking for Judaica merchandise. Generally, I am at the Monday morning class. Feel free to call or email me to schedule an appointment for Monday or any other morning during the week.

L’Shana Tova!

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Service Schedule

October 2016
Elul 5776/ Tishri 5777

Note: Please refer to the bulletin cover for details about the High Holiday services.

Saturday, October 1 (28 Elul)
Weekly Portion: Nitzavim 10:00 am

Sunday, October 2 (29 Elul)
Erev Rosh Hashanah (No Service)

Monday, October 3 (1 Tishri)
Rosh Hashanah – First Day (See Cover)

Tuesday, October 4 (2 Tishri)
Rosh Hashanah – Second Day (See Cover)

Wednesday, October 5 (3 Tishri)
Fast of Gedaliah

Friday, October 7 (5 Tishri)
Candle Lighting 5:58 pm
Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 8 (6 Tishri)
Weekly Portion: Vayeilech 10:00 am
Shabbat Shuvah

Sunday, October 9 (7 Tishri)
Memorial Service at TBE Cemetery 11:00 am

Tuesday, October 11 (9 Tishri)
Kol Nidre, Erev Yom Kippur (See Cover)

Wednesday, October 12 (10 Tishri)
Yom Kippur (See Cover)

Thursday, October 13 (11 Tishri)
Yom Kippur (See Cover)

Friday, October 14 (12 Tishri)
Shabbat Service 5:30 pm
Candle Lighting 5:47 pm

Saturday, October 15 (13 Tishri)
Weekly Portion: Ha’azinu 10:00 am

Sunday, October 16 (14 Tishri)
Erev Sukkot
Candle Lighting 5:44 pm

Monday, October 17 (15 Tishri)
Sukkot - First Day (See Cover)

Tuesday, October 18 (16 Tishri)
Sukkot - Second Day (See Cover)

Friday, October 21 (19 Tishri)
Shabbat Service 5:30 pm
Candle Lighting 5:36 pm

Saturday, October 22 (20 Tishri)
Chol Hamoed 10:00 am

Monday, October 24 (22 Tishri)
Shemini Atzeret (See Cover)
Yizkor

Tuesday, October 25 (23 Tishri)
Simchat Torah (See Cover)

Friday, October 28 (26 Tishri)
Candle Lighting 5:26 pm
Shabbat Service 5:30 pm

Saturday, October 29 (13 Tishri)
Weekly Portion: Bereshit 10:00 am

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Office Closed:
Monday, Oct. 3rd - Rosh Hashanah 1st Day
Tuesday, Oct. 4th - Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day
Monday, Oct. 10th - Columbus Day
Wednesday, Oct. 12th - Yom Kippur
Monday, Oct. 17th - Sukkot
Tuesday, Oct. 18th - Sukkot
Monday, Oct. 24th - Shemini Atzeret
Tuesday, October 25th - Simchat Torah

In Memoriam

Col. Everett Marder
August 28, 2016 – 24 Av, 5776

Jeanne Lawson
September 6, 2016 – 4 Elul, 5776

May their memory be for a blessing

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Do you own a shofar?

You are invited to join me on the bimah for the final “Great Shofar Blast” at the conclusion of Yom Kippur!

Don’t be shy - join me and have a blast!

Bill Chebot

Bristol Community College Holocaust Center

The BCC Holocaust Center sponsors a variety of interesting programs throughout the year. Please see the link on our website for more information. The first two programs are as follows:

Thursday, October 6th at 7 pm
“The Consul of Bordeaux”
A new film about Aristides de Sousa Mendes, Portuguese consul in Bordeaux who saved over 30,000 lives from Nazi persecution

Thursday, October 20th at 7 pm
Crypto Jews in Spain & Portugal
Speaker Professor Pedro Bicudo

L’Shanah Tovah Tikateivu
Wishes for a Sweet and Healthy New Year from Cantor Shoshana and Rabbi Mark

Temple Family

- Our deepest condolences to the families of Col. Everett Marder and Jeanne Lawson
- Our best wishes to Florence & Martin Schlam in their new home in New Jersey, and to Gloria & Jerry Baskin in their new home in Texas. We will miss you!

Sound System Project
Thus far we have received two donations toward our new state-of-the-art Sound System. Thank you!

Anonymous Donor
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Save the Date!

Our Annual Rabbi Samuel and Tillie Ruderman Lecture and Brunch will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6th.

Rabbi Uri Regev

“Religious pluralism in Israel - Should it concern American Jewry?”

Rabbi Uri Regev is an internationally renowned spokesperson for religious liberty, and advocate for religious pluralism in Judaism in his native Israel and around the world.

Currently Rabbi Regev serves as the President and CEO of a new educational and advocacy Israel-Diaspora partnership, “Freedom Of Religion for Israel” and of its Israeli counterpart, “Hiddush – For Freedom of Religion and Equality”.

A cum laude graduate of Tel Aviv University Law School and the Hebrew Union College-Institute of Religion in Jerusalem, where he was ordained in 1986, Rabbi Regev served in the IDF (Israeli Defense Force) as an assistant legal advisor in the Gaza Strip and Sinai, and as military prosecutor for the Israeli Navy. He retired from military service with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife, Garri. Their son, Yonatan, and daughter in law, Lara, are studying for the rabbinate at the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, and their daughter, Liron, is a student at the Culinary Institute of America.

Rabbi Regev is an exceptionally dynamic speaker – please make sure not to miss his talk to us on this very important topic!

Please join us for Minyan at 9 am and Brunch at 10 am. Please RSVP to the office if you will be eating with us!
Cantor Shoshana’s News & Notes

As you can see, we have an extremely busy calendar for October (and early November):

In addition to all of the Jewish holidays, and our annual Simchat Torah Deli Dinner (see notice), on Sunday, October 23rd we will be hosting the mayor of Ponta Delgada in the Azores for a ceremonial event where Sahar Hassamain becomes our “Sister Synagogue.”

On Oct. 28th-29th we will enjoy a return engagement of Rabbi Tsvi Bar-David (see announcement on page 6).

On Sunday Oct. 30th we will be showing the outstanding Israeli film Ha-Sodot,

And on Sunday Nov. 6th we will host Rabbi Uri Regev as our Rabbi Samuel and Tillie Ruderman guest lecturer!

News from Summer and September

In July, Cantor Shoshana attended the ALEPH Kallah, whose theme this year was “Hilulah!: Celebrating the Joys of Jewishing.” This bi- (this time tri-)ennial event was held in Fort Collins, CO on the campus of the State University of Colorado. It was a remarkable gathering-together of both clergy and lay-Jews who have an interest in the legacy of Jewish Renewal. Cantor Shoshana led two services at the Kallah, and performed in Kallah Talent Show. Here is a picture of the amazing Kabbalat Shabbat service, led by an Israeli musical group, Nava Tehilah:

While Shoshana went to "Jewish camp," Lev attended an iD Tech camp on the same campus, joining Shoshana for Shabbat.

Rabbi Mark, meanwhile, spent another 10 days as part of his “residency requirements” for his Low Residency MFA Program in Writing Poetry at Warren

Wilson College outside of Asheville, NC — eventually the whole family got together for an 8-day vacation in Vermont (see Shanah Tovah greeting) in August.

Both Rabbi Mark and Cantor Shoshana continue to contribute to the Herald News’ “From the Pulpit” columns on Sat. mornings. If you missed them, you may find their articles on our Temple website.

Cantor Shoshana also continues to write her articles for the Herald News on hiking, biking (and one on kayaking) in the South Coast area. She recently rode the entire East Bay Bike Path from Bristol to Providence and back, and was delighted to discover some sights not visible from I-195, such as the Pomham Rocks Light (see picture on page 5).

Ha-Sodot ("The Secrets"): a 2007 Israeli film directed by Avi Nesher, nominated for 8 awards by the Israeli Film Academy:

In “The Secrets,” two brilliant young women discover their own voices despite a repressive Orthodox culture where females are forbidden to sing, let alone speak out. Naomi, the studious, devoutly religious daughter of a prominent rabbi, convinces her father to postpone her marriage for a year so that she might study at a yeshiva for women in the ancient Kabbalistic center of Tzfat. Naomi’s quest for individuality takes a defiant turn when she befriends Michelle, a free-spirited and equally headstrong fellow student. When the pair encounters a mysterious, ailing foreigner with a disturbing past named Anouk (the iconic French actress Fanny Ardant) they begin a risky journey into forbidden realms. In the hopes of easing her suffering, Naomi and Michelle secretly lead Anouk through a series of Kabbalistic purification rituals. The process opens up overwhelming new horizons for the girls who find themselves caught between the rigid male establishment they grew up in, and the desire to be true to themselves, no matter the cost.

Please note that this film includes nudity and other adult material.

Cantor Shoshana adds: “This film has outstanding music!”
Sunday Breakfast
October 23rd - 10 am

Sahar Hassamain Synagogue
in Ponta Delgada, Azores
will become the Sister Synagogue
of Temple Beth El

Local and Azorian dignitaries will be on hand to talk about the recent renovation of Sahar Hassamain, and to receive a custom-made Torah cover from Temple Beth El to cover one of the Azorian synagogue’s historic Torahs.

Coffee and refreshments will follow. Please RSVP to the office by Sunday, October 16th.

Please come and support our sister synagogue!

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HATHAWAY
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Simchat Torah Supper
Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7 pm
Come join us when we complete the Torah and start anew!

Services in the Vestry begin at 5:30 pm
Supper immediately following
Hospitality: TBE Sisterhood
Temple Members Free of Charge
Non-Members $10
Sponsored by the Dr. Isidore Shogam Memorial Fund

RSVP by Sunday, October 16th
Please call the Temple Office at (508) 674-3529 or e-mail templebethel@comcast.net
No reservations accepted after the deadline.

Autumn arrives at Walkers’ Farm Stand,
Little Compton, RI

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For the yahrzeit of my beloved father, Philip Dondis
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For the yahrzeit of my dear mother in law, Celia Soorkis
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Fall River United Jewish Appeal
Ben Yakir Village
This month’s featured charity supported by the Fall River United Jewish Appeal is Ben Yakir Youth Village.

Ben Yakir Youth Village provides a warm and supportive home and educational setting for up to 120 “at risk” young men ages 12-18. Of the current enrollment 54% are of Ethiopian origin, 32% come from single parent families, 86% come from families with extremely difficult socio-economic situations. Ben Yakir ensures that these boys receive the scholastic, social and personal support they need to achieve success.

The Village adheres to a strict Orthodox Jewish lifestyle with prayers three times a day and observance of religious holidays and Shabbat, to strengthen the boy’s Jewish identity and bring structure to their young lives. Constant counseling support is available to help students overcome issues such as lack of confidence, low achievement, peer group and family relationship problems. The students are encouraged to work towards completion of their high school examinations and eventually enlist in the Israeli Defense Forces.

The Jewish agency thanks Fall River Jewish Appeal for our $15,000.00 allocation which has enabled 35 young men at Ben Yakir to attend Passover Camp, which is a fun and educational experience. The camp is a wonderful opportunity for these boys who come from severely disadvantaged backgrounds and have difficulty going home during school breaks. Besides having fun they have a wonderful outdoor living experience.

The Fall River UJA has had a close relationship with Ben Yakir since its inception.

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Celebrating Over 60 Years of Dedication to Excellence
Our goal for the new year is for each and every congregant to recruit one new member this year. We all know Jews who live in the greater Fall River area who are no longer affiliated with a synagogue. Do you have anyone in mind? Let’s get them on board!

New Member Challenge!