

# TEMPLE BETH EL

Fall River, Massachusetts



88th Year

April 2016

Adar II/Nissan 5776

No. 8

## 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

### *Communal Passover Festive Meal*

*Friday, April 29th*

Due to the timing of the Sabbath, Temple Beth El's communal Pesach celebration will not be on one of the traditional Seder nights of Pesach, but near the end of the Passover period, on Friday, April 29th (the evening marks the beginning of the 8th day).

The full-course chicken dinner, with all the Passover favorites, will be catered by The Butcherie.

Shabbat service begins at 5:30 pm,  
followed by the Passover meal.

Cost is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children under 12.

Reservations **MUST** be made by Wednesday, April 20th. Don't miss the deadline - RSVP today!

*Please join us for this special,  
festive Passover event!*



### ***Please Note:***

There will be no Shabbat service at the Temple on the first night of Passover, Friday, April 22nd.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

### Sunday Breakfast & Lecture

*Featuring Matan Zamir*

Sunday, May 15th at 9 am

Matan Zamir is Israel's Deputy Consul General to New England. He has been a member of Israel's Foreign Service since 2011, previously serving as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Israeli Consulate in Mumbai.



Zamir led a decorated career in the Israeli Defense Forces. He served in the IDF from 1999-2003 and was released as a lieutenant. During his service he trained over 1,000 cadets. In 2003, Zamir was honored for his service and received the President's medal of excellence for Israel's 55th Independence Day.

Before joining the Foreign Service, Zamir was an International Business Manager at Bezeq International, an Israeli Telecom Company (2010-2011) and the Director of the Training Department of the Israeli Supreme Court (2007-2008), a position that was part of Israel's Center for Citizenship and Democracy.

Zamir grew up in Jerusalem where his family has lived for nine generations. He is a lawyer; he received his L.L.B. from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 2008.

Though still learning the basics of America's national pastime, Zamir, too, is sure to become an adoring member of Red Sox Nation.

**If you are planning to join us for breakfast,  
please RSVP by Monday, May 9th.**

A message from our Spiritual Leader,  
Cantor Shoshana Brown

From Purim to Passover:  
a Time to Take a Stand

I am writing on the first day of Spring, with a snow-storm having just begun! Three days before our celebration of Purim, I don't yet know how our spoof, "Politicians on the Roof" will turn out. Yet I am keenly aware that, as it must have seemed for the Jews of ancient Persia, the times we are living through seem fraught, with globally important outcomes riding on words not necessarily spoken in earnest, and with the fate of our nation hinging on things hinted at but not fully revealed.

Many of us have become "political news junkies" who never were before. We watch the current presidential race, mesmerized by a spectacle that just seems to grow ever more outlandish as the weeks go by, often-times making us laugh, but also giving us reason to worry and wonder about the soul of our nation: who are we as a people? Are we a nation that welcomes the "tired," the "poor," the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free," as the Jewish poet Emma Lazarus wrote in 1883 (a time when Jews, fleeing pogroms in Eastern Europe, landed on U.S. shores in the greatest numbers that would ever be allowed)? Or are we, rather, a nation that has exhausted itself and its resources, trying to "police" an increasingly complicated and dangerous world – a nation coming under attack for our values of individualism, freedom of speech, of religion, and of the press?

Unlike with the Jewish people, the notion of "peoplehood" as it pertains to the American people does not rest in any one culture, ethnicity, religious heritage, or in any identifying genetic markers (with the exception, of course, of our original, indigenous peoples). It's not so much that we are a hodge-podge of peoples, or a "melting pot;" rather, we are a "people" forged through the crucible of ideals and historical events. Some of these events have been lofty and soul-stirring, such as the drafting and adoption of our founding documents, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, which are as defining to American citizenship as the Torah and Talmud are to Jewish peoplehood. Others of these "events" have been long drawn-out periods of ignominy, such as the two-hundred-plus years of slavery permitted in this land, and the even longer period of oppression (and sometimes genocide) of this land's native inhabitants.

Like any other nation or people in the world, we have things to be proud of, to celebrate, and things that we would rather sweep under the rug. We are not perfect, but the values championed in our founding documents have both shone out as beacons of hope *and* attracted violent hatred across the world. We are known for our esteeming

of individual liberties, free speech, freedom of religion and of the press, and for valuing the lives of women and girls as equal to those of men and boys. We have not always lived up to these ideals (and many times we have acted in ways diametrically opposed to them, especially in our dealings overseas with poor people in resource-rich lands). Nonetheless, these ideals – not our religion, race, or even our language – are what define us as "Americans." Without these ideals, we are indeed just a potpourri of different ethnic and cultural groups jostling elbows between two oceans, vying for cultural dominance, political power and wealth. As much as I love Judaism, Jewish culture, rituals, music, the Hebrew language and our sacred texts, I do not feel that I have the right to impose these on others, or that America would be a more attractive land to live in if everyone in the land would adopt them!

We live in a time of such global turmoil, the populations of so many lands bleeding into others. Europeans understandably feel threatened and compassion-fatigued as they struggle to cope with a never-ending flow of refugees from war-torn, famine-wracked and economically dysfunctional countries. When we look at this refugee crisis, combined with the threat of Islamic terrorism and climate change, we see more and more that all nations that pay lip service to the upholding of international human rights must work to address these crises *together*, for neither global terrorism nor extreme weather events and rising seas recognize national borders. Like Noah and his ark full of pairs of all the world's known species of animals, we are all in this boat together...the waters are rising, and we have to learn how to live together, how to share resources, how to care for one another, *and for the ark itself*, which is our planet Earth.

As we celebrate Passover, our holiday of freedom *par excellence*, I invite you to contemplate the following – that being "free" does not consist in being able to do anything we want. Rather, "freedom" comes at a cost: that of each person's willingness to stand guard over the freedom of their neighbor. It is not a state of *ease*, but of *vigilance*, something we can never take for granted. The reason that so many of us are mesmerized by politics these days is that rarely have we seen so many hugely important issues hang in the balance as they seem to today. I believe it is important to *bear witness* to this time, and also to think carefully *how to act*, that we "not stand idly by" (Lev. 19:16) while the soul of our nation teeters on a precipice. I am proud to be an American, and also a member of a more ancient people, renowned for deep thought and lively discussion—let us always remain alive to the issues of the day, standing up for the dignity, equality, and freedom of all peoples.

Wishing you all a joyous Passover.

*Cantor Shoshana*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the entire congregation, I would like to extend birthday greetings to two of our elder statesmen, Charlie Stamper and Dr. Irving Fradkin. Charlie, who continues to amaze us all at 101, is itching to get back out on the golf course. Irv is still working tirelessly at 95 to return our country to a grass-roots democracy. They are both living proof that age is just a number, something we would all do well to remember. "Biz hundert und tzvantzik!" ('til 120!)

Please join me in welcoming back Frances Horvitz and her daughter, Sharon Popovsky. It is always nice to have old friends come back into the fold, and we hope to see them on a regular basis.

I would like to ask for your prayers for my good friend Bernard Miranda. Bernie and his brother Arthur have done so much great work on our building over the past few years, most recently sealing the leaks in the towers. Bernie fell gravely ill after returning from vacation, and we are all hoping for a full recovery.

I had several nice calls last month commenting on my column in the March bulletin. They all told me how pleased they were that I had taken the time to publicly thank our staff. All I can say is that they deserve the recognition, and it was my privilege.

Thank you to all of you who have made donations to help maintain our beautiful cemetery. We rely on your help to keep it that way without increasing burial expenses or excessively draining the Temple's reserves. Thanks also to Tommy Phillipovich for doing such an outstanding job maintaining it, year in and year out.

Be sure to save the date for our May 15th Breakfast featuring Matan Zamir, Israel's Deputy Consul General to New England. It is a can't miss event.

Lastly, I hope to see you all at the Passover celebration later this month. The RSVP date is Wednesday, April 20th. This is a firm date -- the number of meals will be called in to the Butcherie on that day, and due to the timing of the Passover holiday, the number cannot be changed. We will be forced to turn away anyone who responds after the 20th, something we are loathe to do. Please don't put our staff in that awkward position -- RSVP today by either calling or emailing the office. Thank you.

In the meantime, good weather is coming, attitudes are positive, life is good. Happy Passover!

*Steve Silverman*  
*President*

*Sisterhood President's Message*

March has been a month of cold one day and nice spring weather the next. At this time we are all looking forward to higher temperatures. Longer daylight hours sure help with that matter.

We recently celebrated Purim here at the Temple. It was filled with tradition, frivolity and good food. Next we are planning our Communal Passover Festive Meal. It will be held on Friday, April 29th. We will be serving a full course chicken dinner, featuring all the Passover favorites. The cost is \$25 for adults and children under 12 years \$10. Please plan to join us for this fun filled evening. We must have your reservation by Wednesday, April 20th.

The Book Club is doing something special over the next few months. This year is the 90th anniversary of Ernest Hemingway's book, "The Sun Also Rises," so we have decided to read/reread a few of his most famous books. The club will meet on April 20th, at 10:30 am to discuss "The Sun Also Rises," his first commercially successful book. This should prove to be an interesting morning. Hope to see all of you there.

So until next month, Shalom.

*Libby Cohen*

*Sisterhood President*



## THE TOWER PROJECT



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*In honor of Norm Bolski celebrating  
a special birthday*

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In memory of Mrs. Fadem  
In memory of Max Meyerson*

### **Bill Chebot**

*In memory of Charles Meretsky,  
for the recovery of Richard Trieff*

### **Sheila & Frances Freedman**

*In memory of Nate Dashoff and Charles Meretsky*

### **Renee Lipson**

*In memory of Irene Stern*

### **Dr. & Mrs. Ronald Schwartz**

*In memory of Helen Babin, Irene Stern,  
and Nate Dashoff*

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

**April 2016**  
**Adar II/Nissan 5776**

### Friday, April 1 (22 Adar II)

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm  
Candle Lighting 6:53 pm

### Saturday, April 2 (23 Adar II)

Weekly Portion: Shemini 10:00 am  
Shabbat Parah

### Friday, April 8 (29 Adar II)

Shabbat Service 5:30 pm  
Candle Lighting 7:01 pm

### Saturday, April 9 (1 Nissan)

Weekly Portion: Tazria 10:00 am  
Rosh Chodesh Nissan  
Shabbat Hachodesh

### Friday, April 15 (7 Nissan)

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

### Saturday, April 16 (8 Nissan)

Weekly Portion: Metzora 10:00 am  
Shabbat Hagadol

### Thursday, April 21 (13 Nissan)

Search for Chametz (evening)

### Friday, April 22 (14 Nissan)

\*\* No Shabbat Service\*\*  
Candle Lighting 7:16 pm  
Fast of the First Born  
Erev Passover – First Seder (evening)

### Saturday, April 23 (15 Nissan)

Passover – First Day 10:00 am  
Second Seder (evening)

### Thursday, April 28 (20 Nissan)

Chol Hamo'ed  
Candle Lighting 8:22 pm

### Friday, April 29 (21 Nissan)

Passover – Seventh Day  
Shabbat Service 5:30 pm  
Candle Lighting 7:24 pm

### Saturday, April 30 (22 Nissan)

Passover – Eighth Day 10:00 am  
Yizkor (approximately 11:30 am)

## TEMPLE OFFICE

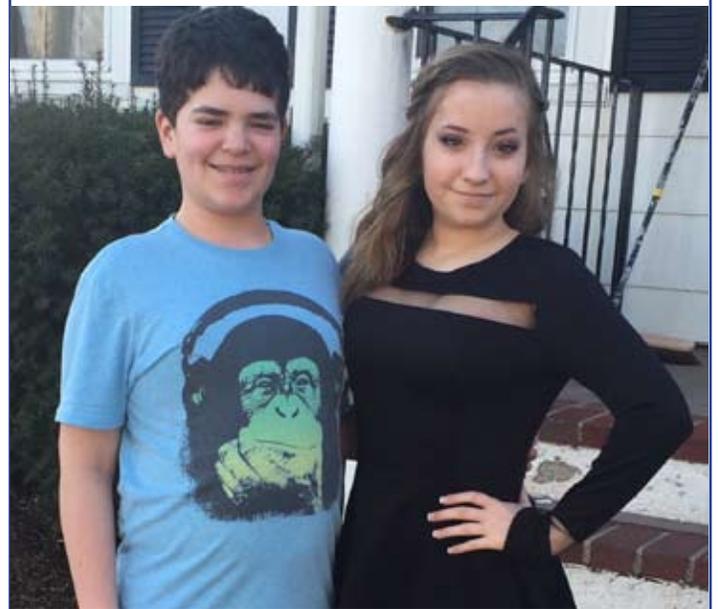
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### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday, 9 am to Noon

### OFFICE CLOSED:

Friday, April 29th - Passover 7th Day



*Mason Theis will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 9th at 10 am in the Sanctuary. All are invited.*

*(Pictured are Mason and his sister Madison, who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah here in July 2014)*

Mason Theis, son of Lori and Kevin Theis is a 7th grade honor roll student at Somerset Middle School. Mason is an old soul always thinking of others. He participates in the drama club at school and just recently had the role of "Prince formerly known as the artist" in Aladdin. He loves singing as well. This year he made the select chorus at his school. He is looking forward to getting involved in the show choir when he starts high school. Mason has been playing the viola since 4th grade and is currently in the Middle School's string orchestra. Mason enjoys reading and video games. He loves to go to amusement parks and ride extreme roller coasters. His parents, brother Connor, and sister Madison are extremely proud of him and are looking forward to his big day!

*Please come and help Mason celebrate his special day!*

*Donations received through March 25, 2016*

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In memory of Helen Babin  
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### RABBI MOSHE BABIN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Helen Babin  
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In honor of Dr. Irving Fradkin celebrating a special birthday  
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 In memory of Irene Stern  
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In memory of Nathaniel (Nate) Dashoff  
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### CAPITAL FUND

**In honor of Dr. Irving Fradkin celebrating a special birthday**  
 Hilda Reiser

**In honor of our granddaughters, Heather & Sarah Morecock becoming B'not Mitzvah**  
 Elaine & Dr. Harvey Reback

**In memory of Shelly Appel**  
 Charles Stampler

**In memory of Helen Babin**  
 Irma & Carl Feldman  
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**In memory of Irene Stern**  
 Charles Stampler  
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**For the recovery of Bill Chebot**  
 Charles Stampler

**For the recovery of Richard Trieff**  
 Judy & Steve Silverman

### BERNARD HOROWITZ

#### BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

In honor of Bill Chebot for his longtime devotion to Temple Beth El  
 In memory of my beloved sister, Annette Horowitz  
 In memory of Irene Stern  
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### ANNA & MORRIS LEPES CEMETERY FUND

In memory of beloved father and grandfather, Morris Lepes  
 Ellen & Terry Shand & family

### MORNING MINYAN FUND

In honor of Charlie Stampler  
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### THE MARCIE NAWI & ROBERT FALCONERO FUND FOR GIRLS & WOMEN WORLDWIDE

In memory of Irene Stern  
 Marilyn Sokoll

### HYMAN & GOLDIE SCHWARTZ LEGACY FUND

In memory of Barry Schwartz  
 Dorothy & Lester Schwartz

### SYLVIA & ALBERT YOKEN MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of Nathalie and Rabbi Kaufman celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary  
 In memory of Evy Baum  
 In memory of Eddie & Esther Lakin  
 In memory of Atty. Barry Tinkoff  
 In memory of Irwin Weiner  
 For the yahrzeit of our beloved mother, Sylvia Yoken  
 Cindy & Dr. Mel Yoken

## Off the Shelf

Happy Spring! Happy Passover! Happy Day because we have so many new books in the library. There have been many donations of quality books plus books that have been recently purchased that it has been taking quite a while to catalog them all. Even though I am still working on the many books to be put on the shelves, there are many that are already out on display that are ready to be checked out and read. From *The Notorious RBG*, to *The Secret Chord* to a new trilogy from Maggie Anton, beginning with *Rav Hisda's Daughter*, there is lots of good reading to be had. Both fiction and non-fiction are in the new additions so come on in and take a look.

Even though space is limited in the library to display books I have brought in a new book rack to add to the visibility of the selections in a whole range of topics. It is located just past the desk on top of a small table. You can't miss it when you walk into the library.

I am normally in the library the first Monday of the month, but due to the high number of books to be worked on I have been coming in almost every Monday. If you attend the Rabbi's and/or Cantor's class in the morning, stay on and peruse the selection. If you do not make it to class you can stop by around 12:30 and I should be there. Hope to see some new faces!

Shalom,  
*Robin Fielding*



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## IN MEMORIAM

IRENE STERN

FEBRUARY 25, 2016 – 17 ADAR I 5776

NATHANIEL DASHOFF

MARCH 10, 2016 – 30 ADAR I, 5776

CHARLES MERETSKY

MARCH 14, 2016 – 5 ADAR II, 5776

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

## *Sisterhood Gift Shop*

Do stop by our gift shop to see the new merchandise. Along with a new selection of kipot (yarmulkes), we have a black suede kipa with the New England Patriots emblem. Any Red Sox fans out there? Check out the Red Sox door mezuzah as well as the other new selection of mezuzot. Have you seen our new and unique Judaica jewelry?

Just a Passover reminder. The lucite matzoh box makes a wonderful hostess gift. If there is anything else you need, please feel free to contact me.

Wishing you all a Happy Passover.

Hannah R. Evans  
Phone: 508-674-2505  
Email: hannahbecky@comcast.net

## Cantor Shoshana's News & Notes

Alas, we only got a few usable photos from our smash-hit political parody, **"Politicians on the Roof"** – thanks again to all who participated, and of course to **Libby Cohen and Beverly Solup** for providing us with the Purim feast. We took up a collection to help feed the poor in our own area, and were able to **donate \$100** to the **United Neighbors of Fall River**. Thanks to all who gave generously.

Make sure to join us as we celebrate **Mason Theis' becoming a bar mitzvah** on Sat. April 9th (see the insert about Mason in this bulletin).

If you haven't yet joined us for our TBE Jewish movies series, please mark your calendar to do so this month – **"Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness"** on Sunday, April 10th. It will be a very special documentary.

**Rabbi Mark recently had eight poems published** in The Jerusalem Review (Vol. 9), an Israeli English-language literary journal. He was among the 21 poets featured, and the only one from the United States – truly a great honor!

**Cantor Shoshana's March 6th "Take a Hike!" column** in the Herald News featured cross-country skiing at Borderland State Park (Easton, MA). If you want to look for her hiking articles, they will be coming out the first Sunday of every month in the "Lifestyle" section. The April 3rd article will be more spring-like: "Walks with Daffodils."

**Looking forward to seeing you at our Communal Passover festive meal** (see details on the cover)! Next year, when Passover does not begin on Shabbat, we will be able to return to the tradition of celebrating the 2nd Seder together as a community.

### Upcoming May events:

- **Yom HaShoah Commemoration** Thursday, May 5th, 5:30 in the Main Sanctuary.
- **Celebrate Israel (Yom HaAtzma'ut) Shabbat**, Friday May 13th at 5:30 in the Vestry.
- **Breakfast and talk by the Israeli consul, Matan Zamir**, on Sunday May 15th.



## SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE JEWISH MOVIES: "SHOLEM ALEICHEM: LAUGHING IN THE DARKNESS"

A riveting portrait of the great writer whose stories became the basis of the Broadway musical Fiddler on the Roof. It tells the tale of the rebellious genius who created an entirely new literature. Plunging the depths of a Jewish world locked in crisis and on the cusp of profound change, he captured that world with brilliant humor. Sholem Aleichem was not just a witness to the creation of a new modern Jewish identity, but one of the very men who shaped it.

## Temple Family

- Mazel Tov to Elaine and Dr. Harvey Reback in honor of their granddaughter, Heather Alisha Morecock becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Wishing Richard Trieff a speedy recovery
- A warm welcome to new members, Frances Horvitz and Sharon Popovsky
- Our deepest sympathy to the family of Irene Stern.
- Our deepest sympathy to the family of Nathaniel (Nate) Dashoff
- Our deepest sympathy to Shirley Meretsky and family on the loss of her beloved husband, Charles

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### Purim 2016: Politicians on the Roof!



#### CEMETERY HEADSTONE CLEANING

It's that time again -- our cemetery landscaper, Tommy Fillipovich, has once again offered to pressure-wash the headstones and foot markers using a biodegradable cleanser that won't damage the stones or the surrounding grass. The results are impressive, with the stones looking amazingly like new.

As setting up the equipment is time-consuming, Tommy has offered to do all of the pressure-washing in one day for a discounted price. Headstones will be cleaned for \$60 each, foot markers for \$15 each. In order to take advantage of the discount, we must receive your check no later than May 15th. Those stones that have been paid for will be clean and shiny in time for Memorial Day weekend. For those who miss the deadline, the cost for cleaning a headstone will be \$100, a foot marker will be \$25, and they will be cleaned at our landscaper's convenience. We plan to offer the discount day each May.

If you have any questions about this service, please call the Temple office at (508) 674-3529.

#### LEADERSHIP

- Mark Elber.....Rabbi
- Shoshana Brown.....Cantor
- Stephen Silverman.....President
- Jeffrey Entin.....Vice President
- Libby Cohen.....Secretary
- William Chebot.....Treasurer
- Libby Cohen.....Sisterhood Pres.
- William E. Kaufman.....Rabbi Emeritus

#### 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 June 15, 2016.

#### Camperships

A limited amount of campership funds are available for children and grandchildren of Temple members who will be attending Jewish summer camp. If you are interested, a letter of application for a campership must be received in the Temple office by June 1, 2016.



*From the Herald News, Posted March 20, 2016:*

*To celebrate Women's History Month, we've asked women in a variety of leadership and other roles to respond to some key questions. We will publish one of these profiles per day throughout the month of March. The intent is twofold: we want young girls in our community to be inspired by these women and feel empowered to follow their dreams; and we want readers to recognize just how lucky we are, as a community, to have such dedicated, groundbreaking, accomplished and caring women helping to move us forward.*

### Women Making History:

Shoshana Brown, cantor at Temple Beth El

**Name:** Shoshana Brown

**Position/title:** Cantor (Jewish clergy), Temple Beth El

**Education/background:** Bachelor's degree in English, Smith College; Master's degree in Bible, Episcopal Divinity School; MPhil, Rabbinic Literature, the Jewish Theological Seminary; Cantorial Ordination from the Alliance for Jewish Renewal

#### 1. What woman inspires you and why?

Only one?! That's tough. I will tell you one that I knew personally, and a few more who have inspired me from a distance.

Iva Dee Hiatt was the choral director at Smith College when I was there. She died shortly before my graduation in May 1980. During my junior year I was in the Glee Club and she was battling a muscular-degenerative disease, ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). We singers watched her bravely fight on, keeping so dedicated to her singers and to music and to life and the creation of beauty. At the start of the school year she could stand at the podium and conduct us; soon she had to get an assistant and conduct from a wheelchair, but still she seemed like a powerhouse and we all wanted to give her 100 percent. By the end of the spring semester she could barely lift a baton, but still she inspired us to sing our hearts out for her. I never saw another person face disability and death so bravely, so unflinchingly devoted to her life's work, and any time that I am tempted to feel sorry for myself, all I need to do is think of Iva Dee Hiatt and I know that I should instead hold up my head and keep forging on.

Other women that inspire me are: George Eliot; Dorothy Day; Jill Kerr Conway; Ety Hillesum; Dian Fossey; Simone Weil; Ella Fitzgerald; Eleanor Roosevelt; Barbara Kingsolver; May Sarton; Gloria Steinem, Golda Meir; Alice Walker; Temple Grandin; Julia Child; Mary Oliver; Georgia O'Keefe and my mother!

2. What advice do you wish you could have given your younger self?

While in college or high school, brainstorm about how to take what you are passionate about and turn that passion into something that helps you earn a living. Staying afloat financially has been my biggest challenge, and financial instability can be a crippling experience.

#### 3. Is there a glass ceiling?

I believe that there is a glass ceiling in my profession (cantor), but since I have never aspired to be a cantor in a huge synagogue with a huge salary, the fact of that ceiling has not bothered me. However, I have experienced times when I have suspected that my outspokenness would have been better received coming from a male clergyperson than from me as a woman.

4. How are you empowering other women in your workplace or personal life?

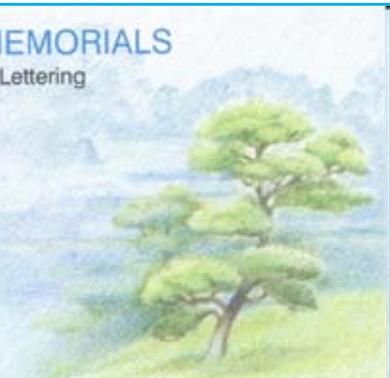
As the first female cantor in the history of Fall River's Jewish community, I hope that I inspire girls and women of all ages when they hear and see me lead the prayers on the High Holidays and throughout the Jewish year. I also teach both girls and women in our education programs at Temple Beth El, as well as delivering sermons and writing for our newsletter throughout the year. Now that I think about it, I am the only female clergyperson who contributes columns to the "From the Pulpit" page of The Herald News (and I have recently begun a new monthly column on hiking in our region), so I hope that my writing might inspire other women and girls to not be afraid to contribute to the public debate about so many important issues of our time, or just to let their more personal thoughts and passions have a public voice so that others who might share similar outlooks or life experiences will know that they are not alone.

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## PASSOVER CUSTOMS

The Rabbi will be the agent for the sale of your Chametz which can be done either by mail or in person prior to Friday, April 22 in the morning. Please see the reverse for the official form for selling Chametz. Siyyum Bekhorim for first born sons will take place on Friday, April 22nd at 8 a.m. First born sons become exempt from the obligation to fast before Passover by attending the Friday morning service at which a Jewish unit of study is completed.

The principle of Jewish law involved is that one who engages in one mitzvah – completing a book of study and celebrating with refreshments – is exempt from the simultaneous performance of another mitzvah – fasting.

### OBSERVANCE

The ceremony of searching for and removing leaven (Bedikat Chametz) is to take place Thursday, April 21st, in the evening.

The Passover home atmosphere is created each year by the traditional practice of thoroughly cleaning the home in all its parts and by the removal of all Chametz prior to Passover, both at home and when away.

### FOODS DURING PESACH FORBIDDEN FOR USE:

Leavened bread, cakes, biscuits and crackers, cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rice, peas and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

### PERMITTED FOODS:

- a) Requiring no “Kosher for Passover” label: The following foods are permitted in unopened packages or containers: natural coffee, sugar, vegetables (except peas and beans), string beans being permitted.
- b) Fruits and those vegetables normally permitted for Passover use are permitted in their frozen state.
- c) If certified Kosher for Passover use by a Rabbinical authority: Matzah, matzah flour, Passover noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, milk, butter, cheese, jams, jellies, vinegar, wines and liquors, kosher gelatin, relishes, salad oils, dried fruits, shortening – are permitted if Rabbinical authority indicates that these items of food have been manufactured and wrapped free from contact with Chametz. (Labels and tags marked “Kosher for Passover” are of no value unless they bear a Rabbinical seal.)

### UTENSILS

Only dishes and utensils especially reserved for Passover should be used with the following exceptions:

- a) The silverware, knives, forks and spoons made wholly of metal, if used during the year, may be used on Passover if thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. All table glassware is permitted after thorough scouring. Fine translucent chinaware, if not used for a year, is permitted.
- b) Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes only (but not for baking) if made wholly of metal, though used during the year, may be used on Passover if first thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water.
- c) Utensils used for baking during the year cannot be used during Passover. (A dishwasher machine may be used for Passover after thoroughly cleaning it and running it through one cycle empty.)

*Note: If you have any questions, please consult the Rabbi or check on the following website:  
[Rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide](http://Rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide)*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELLING CHAMETZ

Jewish law prohibits owning or handling Chametz during Passover. Thus all foods and beverages must either be consumed before erev Pesach (by Friday, April 22nd at 10:25 am), destroyed or sold to a non-Jew. You can sell the Chametz by filling out the form below and sending it back to me at the Temple by Thursday, April 21st (it must reach the Temple by then). If you wish to arrange for the sale of Chametz in person, the deadline is Friday, April 22nd before 8:15 am. I will buy the Chametz back for you after the holiday is over on Saturday night, April 30th at 8:45 pm. This is a legal transaction and together with all the necessary Passover cleaning, will enable you to fulfill the commandment of “Not having or seeing Chametz (in your possession).”

Best wishes for a happy and kosher Passover.

--Rabbi Mark Elber

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OFFICIAL FORM FOR SELLING CHAMETZ

I, the undersigned, empower and permit Rabbi Mark Elber of Temple Beth El to act in my place and stead, and in my behalf to sell all Chametz (leaven) and all products containing even the smallest percentage of Chametz possessed by me knowingly or unknowingly as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein the above mentioned products owned by me may be found, especially premises located at:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Rabbi Mark Elber has the full right to sell and to lease the above by such transactions as he deems fit and proper for such time as he chooses. The authority which is hereby given is meant to be in conformity with the Torah and Rabbinic laws and regulations, and also to be in acceptance with the laws of the State of Massachusetts and of the Unites States of America.

To this I do hereby affix my signature on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Our website has been updated with a number of new articles written by Cantor Shoshana and Rabbi Mark,

Book Club lists and the upcoming Ernest Hemingway schedule, the service schedule for April, links to local speaker series and much more!

*Go to [www.frtemplebethel.org](http://www.frtemplebethel.org)*

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