Regular Service Schedule, both In-Person and via Zoom

Morning Minyan (Monday & Thursday).................................8:00 am
Friday Evening Services ....................................................5:30 pm
Shabbat Morning Services................................................10:00 am

Passover Services:
In the Chapel and on Zoom

Erev Passover, April 15th: 8:00 am (siyyum for first born)
Please note: There will be no evening service on April 15th

Passover - First Day, April 16th: 10:00 am (Shabbat/Yom Tov Service)

Passover - Second Day, April 17th: 10:00 am (Yom Tov Service)

Passover - Seventh Day, April 22nd: 10:00 am
Shabbat/Yom Tov Service: 5:30 pm

Passover - Eighth Day, April 23rd: 10:00 am (Shabbat/Yom Tov Service)
Yizkor at approximately 11:45 am

For candle lighting times, please refer to the Service Schedule on Page 4.

For more information on Passover Customs, Observance, Permitted Foods and the Selling of Chametz, please see Page 7.

For Zoom links, please email the office at templebethel@comcast.net

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE JEWISH MOVIES

Please join us in the vestry for
“A WOMAN CALLED GOLDA”
starving Ingrid Bergman in her final film performance.

APRIL 24TH AT 2 PM

Please see page 5 for more details.
A message from our Spiritual Leader, Cantor Shoshana Brown

Our Calendar Points to Hope

It was remarkable – and of course agonizingly sad – that Purim came this year just as history’s latest iteration of Haman (or, if you prefer, Haman’s ancestor, Amalek) had taken world-history’s center stage in the guise of Vladimir Putin, prosecuting a war against a nation of people who had done nothing to provoke him, and, like Amalek, not hesitating to attack the most vulnerable members of that nation (even going so far as to have his forces bomb schools and a maternity hospital.)

The Purim story, as told in Megillat Esther, has a “happy” ending, in that the Jews of Shushan did not get slaughtered by Haman and his forces; but that ending is somewhat equivocal (and the musical mode of the blessing after the Megillah reading reflects that, ending on an “unresolved” note). The Jewish people are still living as “strangers” amongst the Persian people as this story comes to an end. The King of Persia is married to Esther, a Jew, but what will happen in the future to this people who live, as it were, by the “grace” of a non-Jewish king?

Notwithstanding its tentativeness, the Purim story ends with celebration; and perhaps this comes to teach us that even in cases where things seem to be soundly “resolved,” there is always a note of uncertainty as we move forward through history.

I have been thinking a lot lately about how our foundational Jewish stories inform the way we as Jews view history, and also how we psychologically process current events (especially the distressing ones). As I look through the Jewish year (excluding the Days of Awe, which focus less on Jewish history, and more on the relationship of the individual Jew to God and to a scrutiny of his/her own deeds), I see this common pattern: recalling a time of trouble, “reliving” it in a sense in our ritual life, and then experiencing joy as we celebrate and give thanks together.

When we eat matzah we re-live the time when our ancestors had only this flat “poor bread” to eat, since they had to flee Egypt in such a hurry. When we eat in a sukkah, we re-live our ancestors’ forty years of wandering in the Sinai desert. At Chanukah we recite a paragraph in the morning Amidah about how a “cruel power rose against Israel, demanding that they abandon Your Torah and violate Your mitzvot,” and then at night of course we light the candles, sing, and eat latkes or sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts). On Purim, we hear the story of the Megillah and try to drown out Haman’s name; then we feast together (or we did in pre-covid times), enjoy hamantaschen, along with perhaps a glass of wine or schnapps.

Even the two post-Holocaust observances of Yom HaShoah and Yom HaAtzma’ut, taken together, follow this pattern: although the Nazis tried to kill us all, look what happened – the modern nation-state of Israel came into being! At Temple Beth El we have been in the habit of holding a Yom HaAtzma’ut “seder” on the Friday night closest to Israel’s Independence Day: we tell the story, we sing, we pray, we say kiddush, break bread, and eat together.

So what has held the Jewish people, together, helped keep us going throughout all the travails we have encountered since the time of Abraham and Sarah? What is the secret of Jewish resilience and persistence?

In my opinion it is this: hope. Each story, each holiday, gives us some sense of uplift, some small spot of light to gaze towards – even if it seems to be far off. Without hope in a brighter time to come it is hard to move forward. I was thinking of this recently as I watched a video of the 7-year-old Amelia Anisovych, a Ukrainian refugee now in Poland, singing her country’s national anthem at a sold-out fundraiser for Ukrainian refugee relief before 10,000 people in an arena in Lodz, Poland on March 20th. This young girl had been “discovered” due to a cell phone video taken of her in a bomb shelter while still in Ukraine, where, despite having lost her home, and despite the falling bombs, she serenaded her fellow refugees with a Ukrainian version of the song “Let it Go” from the Disney cartoon musical, Frozen. Some of the words to this cartoon musical follow this same pattern of hope (and heroism):

Let it go! Let it go! And I’ll rise like the break of dawn.
Let it go! Let it go! That perfect girl is gone…
Here I stand in the light of day, let the storm rage on!

And again, in the words to the Ukrainian national anthem we hear this same movement:

The glory and freedom of Ukraine has not yet perished;
Luck will still smile on us fellow-Ukrainians.
Our enemies will die, as the dew does in the sunshine,
and we, too, brothers and sisters, we’ll live happily in our land.

If you know the Israeli national anthem, you can’t help but think of how similar these words are to HaTikvah:

As long as within the heart the Jewish spirit still yearns…
The hope of two thousand years is not lost:
To be a free people in our own land,
The land of Zion and of Jerusalem.

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Sisterhood President’s Message

Hello April! Spring has arrived, and we are all looking forward to warmer weather, and open windows bringing in some much-needed fresh air. Also, it signals time to observe Passover. It begins on Friday evening, April 15th. So, matzah, gefilte fish, horseradish and all the other specialties are on tap. Wine, seltzer and Dr. Brown’s soda are a must with your meal. Enjoy your holiday. I am hopeful that next year we can all enjoy it together.

I hope everyone is well. Hope to see all of you real soon. Until next month, stay happy, healthy and safe.

Libby Cohen
Sisterhood President

President’s Message

As the calendar says it is spring we will once again be looking into the repairs needed to seal the towers. As a friend, the captain of a Naval submarine, once told me, “Leaks only get worse, never better.”

I was glad we decided to reopen for in-person services, as most of the country is easing up on Covid restrictions. While the number of people attending services in person is still low, those who do come are enjoying the return to near-normalcy. We were also able to have our first funeral in the sanctuary in over two years, as we laid Marilyn Wolfson to rest. Marilyn, an active member of the congregation in her youth, knew seemingly everyone in the local Jewish community, and she enjoyed helping others make connections. She recently helped a woman in Australia reconnect with long lost relatives from Poland. May her memory be for a blessing.

I would like to thank the family of Marshal David, who passed away last June, for the generous bequest he made to Temple Beth El. His family was also active in the Temple, and we appreciate him remembering our congregation in this special way. We will use the donation toward the repair of the towers. May his memory be for a blessing.

I would also like to thank Sumner Alpert for once again stepping forward to support our congregation. At our last board meeting we were discussing the possibility of having a police detail during the Friday evening services once we reopened for in-person services. The next day Sumner sent in a generous donation to cover the cost, so we will have a police presence at least through the end of April. We are also implementing other changes to keep our building, and more importantly our people, as safe as possible.

I wish you all a wonderful Passover. Next year may we once again celebrate together.

Steve Silverman
President

Temple Family

- Our sincere condolences to Wendee Wolfson and family on the loss of her mother, Marilyn Wolfson. www.hathawayfunerals.com
- Our sincere condolences to Edythe Steinberg on the loss of her sister, Marcia Koven. www.brenansfh.com

College Scholarships

Scholarships are available to all students residing in the greater Fall River area.

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, 2022

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SERVICE SCHEDULE
April 2022:
Adar II/Nisan 5782

Friday, April 1  (29 Adar II)
Shabbat Service  5:30 pm
Candle Lighting  6:53 pm

Saturday, April 2  (1 Nisan)
Rosh Chodesh Nisan
Weekly Portion: Tazria  10:00 am
Shabbat HaChodesh

Friday, April 8  (7 Nisan)
Shabbat Service  5:30 pm
Candle Lighting  7:00 pm

Saturday, April 9  (8 Nisan)
Shabbat HaGadol
Weekly Portion: Metzora  10:00 am

Thursday, April 14  (13 Nisan)
Search for Chametz (in evening)

Friday, April 15  (14 Nisan)
Erev Passover
Fast of the First Born
Morning Service (siyyum for first born)  8:00 am
NO SERVICES IN THE EVENING
Candle Lighting  7:08 pm
First Seder (in evening)

Saturday, April 16  (15 Nisan)
Passover – First Day
Shabbat/ Yom Tov Service  10:00 am
Candle Lighting after 8:12 pm
Second Seder (in evening)

Sunday, April 17  (16 Nisan)
Passover – Second Day
Yom Tov Service  10:00 am

Thursday April 21 (20 Nisan)
Chol HaMoed Morning Service 8:00am
Candle Lighting– Seventh Day of Passover 7:15 pm

Friday, April 22  (21 Nisan)
Passover – Seventh Day
Yom Tov Morning Service  10:00 am
Shabbat/Yom Tov Evening Service  5:30 pm
Candle Lighting  7:16 pm

Saturday, April 23  (22 Nisan)
Passover – Eighth Day
Shabbat/Yom Tov Service  10:00 am
Yizkor 11:45 am (approximately)

continued ➔
**TBE News & Notes**

Sadly, there will once again be no community seder or Passover festive meal at TBE. There are many issues preventing us from gathering for large social events these days: the lingering pandemic; security issues at the temple (which we are working to address!); and, at present, no one to run the kitchen. With God’s (and all of your) help, we will be able to take care of all of these issues soon, so that we can say “Next year at Temple Beth El, Fall River!”

But we will be showing a film this month (on Sunday, April 24th: see next column). “A Woman Called Golda” is a long film (3 hours, 11 minutes), but, based on the previews I have watched, enormously moving. And don’t worry – we will be sure to have an intermission!

Because of the great uncertainty of our pandemic times, it is hard to tell you at this point what other events will be happening at TBE, and whether they will be in a hybrid (both in-person and on Zoom) format, or in-person, or online (Zoom) only. So please keep alert for emails from the TBE office to keep you updated, and if you have any uncertainty, check with the office or on the TBE website.

Here are some upcoming dates and events to look for (check your email as we get nearer to these dates):

**Wed, April 27th:** Yom HaShoah service, beginning at 6:30 PM.

**Sunday, May 1st:** Community Interfaith show of support for the people of Ukraine (in-person only). This event (still tentative as this bulletin is going out) is scheduled to take the form of a walk from The Blessed Trinity Polish Catholic Church to St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church (both churches in Fall River’s South End, about 8/10 of a mile apart). The walk will begin at 4 PM. More info will follow by email, and should be posted to our website by the end of April.

Just a reminder that there are frequent events related to Holocaust education at Bristol Community College (that you can join either in person or on zoom). To see what events will be coming up, check their website:

https://www.bristolcc.edu/about/inthecommunity/bristolholocaustandgenocidecenter/events/

Or you can just go to bristolcc.edu, click on the little magnifying glass at the top to search, and enter “Holocaust.”

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**SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE JEWISH MOVIES!**

This 1982 made-for-TV film is outstanding – if you missed it then, don’t miss this chance to see it now! This was Ingrid Bergman’s last film performance, and many people say it was her best.

The following is a customer review of this film taken from the IDMB “customer reviews” website:

“This is one of those rare films in which you do not see an actor or actress performing a role—you see only the character they become… In playing Golda Meir, Ingrid Bergman becomes the character, and all traces of Bergman disappear. Very few performers have that ability.

The fact that the film tells a real story about a real person and real events simply makes the movie all that much better.”

I am old enough to remember some of the events portrayed in this movie, but I watched it with someone who was not, and who, moreover, had never learned anything about the history of the modern state of Israel in school. Which is why this film should be a must see for everyone.

(1982; 3 hours, 11 minutes)
Thank you for your donations received through March 23rd

YAHZREITS

For the yahrzeit of my beloved...

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BEQUESTS

In support of Temple Beth El
The Estate of Marshal David

Cantor’s column continued from Page 2

As I write this column (mid-March) we are so weary of this pandemic; we are wary of rising antisemitism (and are trying to figure out how to keep us all safe at the temple); and now we are in distress over what is going on across the world, with Putin having turned mercilessly on Ukrainian civilians, and with his possible willingness to use unconventional weapons (chemical, biological or nuclear).

It is hard to maintain positivity when our ability to gather together in both mourning and celebration is so curtailed. The pandemic has made this clear: we need each other. We need to be able to come together to keep one another’s spirits up. As I write this, we are open again for Friday night and Shabbat morning services, although we are not yet holding special events that involve sitting down to eat together. (We do have a police detail for Friday nights, and adjustments are underway to make our building more secure.)

Rabbi Mark and I both look forward to getting back to a time when we can gather and celebrate at meals together with all our TBE community. Yet one more Pesach with no community celebration – this is difficult to take, but we have to keep looking to the horizon for that spot of light. We as a people have been through darker times than this one before, and we just have to hang on to tikvah – to hope – for our community, for our nation, for Israel, for the whole world. Of course there are actions you can take to try to help people at all these levels – but in order to have the energy and resolve to act, you must remember to never lose sight of hope. Truly, this is what has kept the Jewish people going, and I would guess it is also what keeps people around the globe able to help one another, and to affirm life in spite of everything.

Wishing you all a sweet Passover, and may you keep up hope!

Cantor Shoshana

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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, email, or in person prior to Friday, April 15, 2022 at 9:30 am. Please see the official form for selling Chametz. Siyyum Bekhorim for first born sons will take place this year on Friday, April 15, 2022 after morning services, which begin at 8 am on Zoom. First born sons become exempt from the obligation to fast before Passover by attending the 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 14, 2022 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: coffee (without additives), 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 meal, 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.)

### 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 15, 2022 at 10:30 am), destroyed, or sold to a non-Jew. You can sell the Chametz by filling out the attached form and sending it back to me at the Temple by Friday, April 15, 2022 at 9:30 am (it must reach the Temple by then). If you wish to arrange for the sale of Chametz in person, the deadline is Friday, April 15, 2022 by 9:30 am. I will buy the Chametz back for you after the holiday is over on Saturday night, April 23, 2022 at 8:30 pm. This is a legal transaction and together with all the necessary Passover cleaning, will enable you to fulfill the Mitzvah of “Not having or seeing you after the holiday is over on Saturday night, April 23, 2022 at 8:50 pm. This is a legal transaction and together with all the necessary Passover cleaning, will enable you to fulfill the Mitzvah of “Not having or seeing you after the holiday is over on Saturday night, April 23, 2022 at 8:50 pm.

This year on Friday, April 15, 2022 after morning services, which begin at 8 am on Zoom. First born sons become exempt from the obligation to fast before Passover by attending the morning service at which a Jewish unit of study is completed.

### 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 United States of America.

Signature: __________________________

Date: __________________________
Our website is constantly changing, so be sure to check it out regularly. There are links to articles written by Rabbi Mark and Cantor Shoshana, updated service schedules and upcoming events. You can also see the bulletin there first, especially if you live outside the greater Fall River area! Go to www.frtemplebethel.org

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Early buds of red maples - spring is coming!