Regular Service Schedule - In Person and Via Zoom

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

October High Holidays, Special Services & Events

**YOM KIPPUR SERVICES - IN PERSON & LIVE STREAMING**
Kol Nidre: Tuesday, October 4th at 6:00 pm
Morning Service: Wednesday, October 5th at 10:00 am (Includes Yizkor)
Mincha/Ne’ilah/Maariv: 5:30 pm

**SUKKOT - IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM**
First Day: Monday, October 10th at 10:00 am
Second Day: Tuesday, October 11th at 10:00 am

**SHEMINI ATZERET - IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM**
Monday, October 17th at 10:00 am
Yizkor at approximately 11:45 am

**SIMCHAT TORAH - IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM**
Erev Simchat Torah: Monday, October 17th at 5:30 pm
Simchat Torah: Tuesday, October 18th at 10:00 am

*Strictly for everyone’s safety, please don and remove your kippa in the foyer, or cover it completely with a hat. In this day and age we can’t be too careful!* 

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE JEWISH MOVIES!**

Sunday, October 16th at 2 pm

**TEL AVIV ON FIRE**
For more information, see page 7

**Last Nature Hike of 2022!**

Thursday, October 27th at 10 am

**Acushnet Sawmill Park**
For more information, please see News & Notes on Page 5
A message from our Spiritual Leader,  
Cantor Shoshana Brown

As I write these words, it is a few days before the new Jewish year, and so many world-shaking events have been occurring lately (the death and burial of Queen Elizabeth; mass protests of women against the “morality police” in Iran; the first institution of a draft of young men in Russia since WWII; another devastating hurricane in Puerto Rico, just to name a few)...who knows what may occur before this bulletin reaches your mail boxes?

I don’t yet know, as of this writing, whether all our holiday services will run smoothly, but if past is prologue, I don’t need to worry about that so much. But I will say that in our lingering-pandemic era (some say that the virus is now an endemic, rather than a pandemic), many of us in the world of synagogue life are feeling weary and worried.

The up side to Zoom-services is that many of our members who live too far away to attend services at the Temple can still be with us; and for any who have health conditions that make them more vulnerable to any kinds of contagious diseases, it is a great thing that we have this option.

But we are all missing face-to-face human contact. We are missing handshakes and hugs. We are missing sitting down across from one another for a meal. We are missing the feel and sound of a large group of people singing together. We do what we can, and we are thankful for these modern work-arounds, but they can’t adequately substitute for our actually being together in one another’s presence.

It is hard to live with so much uncertainty. When will we be back to “normal”? Or will we just have to find a “new normal”? What will that be like? What about the commuter train that is on its way to Fall River and New Bedford? Will it come in 2023, as we were originally told, or will it be delayed to 2024? Will the greater Fall River area become an area that is more attractive to younger Jewish families looking for an affordable place to buy a home? And if so, can we do the work that would be necessary for our congregation to be the kind of place that they would want to join?

So many questions as we head into the New Year 5783! We can be fearful, or we can try to be grateful, even joyful, for what we do have, and for our strong sense of community, despite how the “endemic” or other things might keep us apart. I think of Tevye in Fiddler singing:

“God would like us to be joyful even when our hearts lie panting on the floor –

How much more should we be joyful when there’s really something to be joyful for!”

As I write this bulletin message, it is the Friday afternoon before Rosh HaShanah, and the Torah portion, Nitzavim, contains within it those oft-quoted words, “Choose life!” When I think of Tevye, and of the difficult life the Jews lived in the Pale of Settlement before WWII, I realize that we really do have so much to be joyful for.

As we begin the new Jewish year, I wonder if we all might put on our thinking caps – or perhaps our dreaming caps - to come up with some new ways that we can revitalize our congregation, even if only a little bit. The ancient Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu taught that “the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

What could that first step be? Or perhaps we could come up with more than one step? The important thing is to let our imaginations take over, not rule things out immediately, and see what rises to the surface. What might be possible for Temple Beth El in the new year (and in the years to come)?

I don’t have any particular project in mind at the moment, but I would love to hear your ideas! Please don’t hesitate to get in touch with Rabbi Mark or me, or with any of our board members, if you have an idea for how to shake things up (in a good way) at Temple Beth El.

And once again, I want to wish you all good health and much happiness throughout this New Year that is upon us,

Cantor Shoshana

IN MEMORIAM

ETHEL WINOKOOR
AUGUST 30, 2022 - 4 ELUL 5782
MAY HER MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

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Sisterhood President’s Message

L’Shana Tova! It is now 5783, and here’s hoping we are blessed with a happy, healthy, prosperous and sweet year.

It was a pleasure to be in the Temple on Rosh Hashanah. The sanctuary looked beautiful, and was very welcoming. The flowers on the *bimah* were absolutely lovely. Thank you, Elaine Weiss Reback, for taking care of them for us. Elaine is my flower chairwoman. I’m anxious to see the Yom Kippur display. If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers, send a check to the Temple made out to Sisterhood of Temple Beth El and you will be acknowledged in a future Bulletin.

The Rabbi and Cantor did a nice job with the service. The new prayer books were a welcome addition. I enjoyed following along in them. They are so easy to work with.

There will be a few things coming up, so watch your e-mail. Marie does a wonderful job keeping us updated.

So, until next month, stay safe.

Libby Cohen
Sisterhood President

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**High Holiday Flower Fund**

Our Sisterhood would like to thank the following people for sending in donations to help offset the cost of the beautiful *bimah* flowers for the High Holidays. We appreciate it!

- Norm & Anita Bolski
- Bill Chebot
- Iris Katzman
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President’s Message

I want to take this opportunity to thank Rabbi Mark and Cantor Shoshana for doing a phenomenal job with the Rosh Hashanah services. I was fortunate to attend both services with my brother, and he enjoyed them too. I honestly think they were the best services I have attended in years. This was our third year live-streaming the services, while also welcoming those who prefer to attend in-person, and everything went so smoothly. I’m sure there was a lot of planning involved to streamline the services, and even some changes on the fly, but everything flowed wonderfully. It was once again nice to have Torah readings after going without for the past two years. Thank you to all who participated and helped to prepare for the services, including Tom Gregory and Arleen Bor, who once again stepped up to help during the services to make sure we had all the bases covered, and Charlie Winokoor who blew the shofar. We are blessed to have so many people willing to help make our High Holidays as good as they can be. Thanks, too, to Sisterhood, and in particular Elaine Weiss Reback, for ordering and organizing the beautiful *bimah* flowers and mums.

I am delighted to announce that we have some new members, and we hope to add a few more before the next bulletin. You may not know Joshua and Katherine Padwa, but Josh has Temple Beth El blood in his veins as his grandparents are Diana (Ziskind) & Robert Glashow, and Abraham Ziskind, for whom our auditorium is named, was his great-grandfather!

Our other new member is Nancy Horvitz Tobin, who is returning to her roots after literally growing up in our congregation. Nancy is the daughter of the late Max and Marion Horvitz, and I’ll bet many of you may remember both her and her family.

Please give a warm welcome to Josh and Katherine, and a big welcome back to Nancy!

Sadly, we lost our friend and long-time member, Ethel Winokoor, at the age of 94. She was a wonderful lady, spirited and active in the Fall River community. Our sincere condolences to Sid, her husband of over 70 years, and her family. May her memory be for a blessing.

Our Finance Committee has been hard at work under the guidance of our new Treasurer, Robert Falconero. Bob and Marie have been working together analyzing our finances, as we begin the necessary steps to create both short and long term financial plans for our congregation. Being proactive is key.

Steve Silverman
President
SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 2022: Tishrei/Cheshvan 5783

Saturday, October 1 (6 Tishrei)
Weekly Portion: Vayeilekh 10:00 am
Shabbat Shuva

Tuesday, October 4 (9 Tishrei)
Erev Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 5 (10 Tishrei)
Yom Kippur 10:00 am
Yizkor (approximately 11:45 am)

Friday, October 7 (12 Tishrei)
Shabbat Service 5:30 pm
Candle Lighting 5:59 pm

Saturday, October 8 (13 Tishrei)
Weekly Portion: Ha’azinu 10:00 am

Sunday, October 9 (14 Tishrei)
Erev Sukkot
Candle Lighting 5:55 pm

Monday, October 10 (15 Tishrei)
Sukkot – First Day 10:00 am
Candle Lighting after 6:54 pm

Tuesday, October 11 (16 Tishrei)
Sukkot – Second Day 10:00 am

Friday, October 14 (19 Tishrei)
Shabbat Service 5:30 pm
Candle Lighting 5:47 pm

Saturday, October 15 (20 Tishrei)
Chol HaMo’ed Sukkot 10:00 am

Sunday, October 16 (21 Tishrei)
Hoshanah Rabbah
Candle Lighting 5:44 pm

Monday, October 17 (22 Tishrei)
Shemini Atzeret 10:00 am
Yizkor (approximately 11:45 am)
Erev Simchat Torah 5:30 pm
Candle Lighting after 6:43 pm

Tuesday, October 18 (23 Tishrei)
Simchat Torah 10:00 am

Friday, October 21 (26 Tishrei)
Shabbat Service (On Zoom Only) 5:30 pm
Candle Lighting 5:36 pm

Saturday, October 22 (27 Tishrei)
Weekly Portion: Bereshit (Zoom Only) 10:00 am

Tuesday, October 25 (30 Tishrei)
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

Continued from previous column:

Wednesday, October 26 (1 Cheshvan)
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

Friday, October 28 (3 Cheshvan)
Candle Lighting 5:27 pm
Shabbat Service 5:30 pm

Saturday, October 29 (4 Cheshvan)
Weekly Portion: Noakh 10:00 am

Colorful flowers for Rosh Hashanah on the bimah.
Thank you to everyone who helped make our High Holiday season a great success! The sanctuary looked beautiful, and from what I have heard, everyone loves the new machzor (High Holiday prayer book). A big thanks to all of you who contributed to the fund for these new books!

As you know, just because Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are over, that doesn’t mean that the festivities are at an end! We hope that you will attend one or more of the services during Sukkot, especially Erev Simchat Torah (Monday evening 10/17), which, although you can watch it on Zoom, will be so much more vivid to partake of together with us in the chapel.

Also, as usual, we will have a sukkah outside the Temple building during the seven days of Sukkot (and its accompanying days of Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah). After the morning services of the first two days of Sukkot (10/10 & 10/11), the Shabbat of Sukkot (10/15), the morning of Shemini Atzeret (10/17) and Simchat Torah (10/18) we will enjoy Kiddush and a light snack in the TBE sukkah (weather permitting). I remember our time in the sukkah last year as being very laid back and enjoyable – try it, you’ll like it! (Please see cover page of bulletin for the times and dates of all services.)

I am going to try one more TBE Nature Hike before the winter closes in – to a place I have been curious about for a while. Acushnet Sawmill Park is just outside of New Bedford (about a 25 minute drive from Fall River). The trail there is only ½ mile, so it isn’t an exhausting hike. If you would like to check it out online to see whether you would like to come, try this web address: https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/places-to-go/the-sawmill/. Or Google Acushnet Saw Mill Park. The physical address of the site is 32 Mill Rd, Acushnet, MA. I am offering this hike on Thursday, October 27th, which, if the weather is good, should be prime leaf-peeking season. Please meet there at 10 AM - or contact the temple before the 27th if you would like to hitch a ride with me (Shoshana).

Movie: Sunday, October 16th, Tel Aviv on Fire. See more details on page 7.

Monday morning adult ed class: We are currently reading and discussing Gonzo Judaism, by Rabbi Niles Goldstein. Because of the holidays, we have had to miss a few classes, but we will back on schedule on October 24th. Call or email the TBE office if you want to join this lively discussion, and need a zoom link for this weekly 10:30-12 noon class.
**YAHRZEITS**

For the yahrzeit of my beloved...

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In honor of the birth of Claire and Ron Caplain’s great grandson, Ezra

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In memory of our beloved father, Bernie Horowitz
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**MORNING MINYAN FUND**

In honor of cousin Nancy Cooperstein Charney being honored as a distinguished Durfee High School Alumna

In honor of Rabbi Mark Elber on his winning poetry book “Headstone”

In honor of Mark Sokoll for his 33 years as CEO of the Boston JCC

In memory of Charlotte Fradkin

In memory of Charlie Stampler

In memory of Ethel Winokoor

For the recovery of Bernie Alpert

For the yahrzeits of my beloved brother, Paul and mother-in-law, Celia Soorkin

Bill Chebot

**RABBI’S & CANTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In honor of Rabbi Mark and Cantor Shoshana for their participation in the Ukrainian Solidarity Walk
Ken Littman & family

Charlie Winokoor blows the shofar on the *bimah* with Rabbi Mark & Cantor Shoshana on the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah.

Pumpkins ripening in a field in Tiverton
**SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE JEWISH MOVIES!**

*Tel Aviv on Fire* tells the story of an aspiring screenwriter, Salam, working on a Palestinian soap opera. By chance, Salam meets an IDF officer at a checkpoint who takes an interest in the plot of the show (also called “Tel Aviv on Fire”), and who begins dictating to Salam how the Jewish characters in the story would act and how they would talk. Salam’s writing instantly improves – but now the officer, who is holding onto Salam’s ID card, begins to demand certain things happen in the plot of the show! And on the Palestinian side, Salam’s elders are dictating a different direction, more in line with their own political agenda. The show gains great viewership both with Israeli Jews and with Palestinians – but how can Salam bring the plot to its denouement without getting himself in trouble?

Tel Aviv on Fire makes you laugh out loud, but also makes you stop to think about what it is that keeps these two peoples, both with ancient roots in this small slice of land, divided from one another. The 2018 film was directed by an Israeli Palestinian, Sameh Zoabi, and co-written by Zoabi and Dan Kleinman. Premiering internationally at the Venice International Film Festival, Kais Nashef, who plays the main character, Salam, won the Best Actor award. The Israeli premiere was at the Haifa International Film Festival, where the film won the 2018 Haifa Cultural Fund Award for the Best Feature Film in the Israeli feature competition. (1 hour, 35 minutes)

*Please wear a mask if not fully vaccinated.*

*Please note that we can open the street-level door on High Street for anyone who cannot use steps, and needs to use the elevator. Just ring the High Street doorbell for us to let you in!*
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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