

TEMPLE BETH EL

FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS



97th Year

September 2024

Av/Elul 5784

No. 1

Regular Service Schedule - In Person and Via Zoom

Morning Minyan (Monday & Thursday).....8:00 am
Friday Evening Services5:30 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....10:00 am

Please mark your calendars!

Nature Walk at Borderland State Park

Wednesday, September 18th, meet at 9:30 am at Temple Beth El (Locust Street Entrance)
See page 4 for details

“Make a Minyan” Shabbat Services with Torah Reading

Saturday, September 21st at 10 am
See page 4 for details

SUNDAY MOVIE, “A CANTOR’S TALE”

September 22nd at 2 pm,
See page 5 for details

Torah Blessing/Aliyah Workshop

Thursday, September 26th at 10 am in the chapel
See page 9 for details

Selichot

Saturday, September 28th at 7:30 pm at the Rabbi & Cantor’s home
See Page 9 for details

Coming in October:

Rosh Hashanah First Day

Thursday, October 3rd at 10 am

Rosh Hashanah Second Day

Friday, October 4th at 10 am

Community Memorial Service at Temple Beth El Cemetery

Sunday, October 6th at 11 am

Kol Nidre

Friday, October 11th at 6 pm

Yom Kippur

Saturday October 12th at 10 am

A message from our Spiritual Leader, Rabbi Mark Elber

I hope you've all had a restful and refreshing summer. In one month we will be entering the year 5785 in the Jewish calendar. So much has transpired in the life of Temple Beth El and in the Jewish world at large in the last eleven months - since October 7th.

I'm writing this now in a motel room in Northampton after having dropped off our son, Lev, for his senior year at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont. He was ten years old when we first arrived at Temple Beth El over eleven years ago. During the High Holidays that year, which were about a month earlier then than they will be this year in the English calendar (they always begin on the same date in the Jewish calendar: the 1st and 2nd days of Tishrei), the sanctuary was filled with many more people than it has been in the last few years. Quite a few people came from out of town to be with family or friends or stayed in Fall River until after the High Holidays.

Unfortunately, as you all know, as our numbers have diminished we have had to come to grips with the fact that the magnificent edifice which is Temple Beth El has become too expensive to maintain. I find this fact very difficult and very painful to accept and if I feel that way as a relative newcomer, I can't imagine what it must feel like for those of you who've grown up here and have generations of history connected to Temple Beth El.

I've probably mentioned this before, but about a month after we arrived at Temple Beth El on July 1, 2013, a number of Jewish Durfee High School graduates of the class of 1963 were gathering in the vestry of Temple Beth El on the Sunday of their 50th reunion weekend. Shoshana and I went to meet them. I was so struck by the fact that they all felt more attached to Temple Beth El than they did to Durfee. This was clearly a statement about how important Temple Beth El remained to them even though almost none of them lived nearby any longer. Two of that group, Barbara Zukroff Koppel and Alan Levine, joined the Temple that week in a show of support, despite living hundreds of miles away. They are both still members today.

The neighborhood in which I grew up (Sunnyside, Queens) had two synagogues: the Orthodox synagogue which my family attended (Young Israel of Sunnyside) and the Conservative synagogue (Sunnyside Jewish Center). At their peak probably 600 people attended Young Israel on the High Holidays and probably close to 1,000 attended Sunnyside Jewish Center. Neither of their buildings are still standing. It was a shock for me when I saw Young Israel turned to rubble years ago. However, both congregations still exist in the neighborhood. Virtually all of the Jewish families that lived in Sunnyside when I was growing up there left, but eventually Sunnyside began to attract new Jewish residents.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to Steve Silverman for having kept us going strong in Temple Beth El's building for so many years. Now we have a group of people working tirelessly to help us transition to the next stage in the life of Temple Beth El: Robert Falconero, Jeff Ginsberg, Leonard Lehrer, Carleen Makowski, Nancy Seibert and, of course, our new president, Rick Schwartz. Their devotion is inspiring. Our numbers have diminished, but our spirit has not.

We have been working with a *sofer* (a scribe) to repair the Torah scrolls that will make the transition with us. This is both practical and symbolic of our entering our next stage, an act of renewal and revitalization. Similarly I think the *simcha*, the joyous occasion, of Elaine Weiss Reback's becoming an adult Bat Mitzvah and chanting from the Torah nine days ago was another inspiring expression of the vitality of our community.

We are entering 5785 with many challenges, but few have been the years that the Jewish community somewhere has not faced challenges. Yet we have always risen to meet these challenges. Admittedly this year has held more challenges than most years with the war in Gaza beginning on *Simchat Torah* last year and the rise of antisemitism throughout the world, not to mention here in the United States and particularly on college campuses. Change is constant. Nothing stands still long enough. But we have never "thrown in the towel." Nor will we now.

Israel faces challenges probably as great or greater than it has since the founding of the state. While it still has great inner resources, it remains vital that the Jewish community in the diaspora continue to support it in any way we can. Domestically, it's critical to continue to support Hillel organizations on college campuses that help fortify the Jewish identities of students and combat antisemitism on those campuses. Jewish college students are the future of our communities.

The preparation for the High Holidays begins a month prior to the holidays, starting on the New Moon (*Rosh Chodesh*) of the Jewish month of Elul. At weekday morning services we sound the *shofar* to facilitate this process. We don't sound it nearly as fully as on Rosh Hashanah, but give ourselves a taste of it at the end of the prayers. It's a kind of *forshpice* (an appetizer). On the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah we hold a short service called *Selichot* to intensify our preparation. Every year we hold that service at our house to which the congregation is invited. This year it will be held on September 28th.

Though Temple Beth El is in a process of transition, the community of Temple Beth El will survive the changes. The key word here is "community." The title of a famous Jewish book from a number of decades ago was "Life is with People." As the great early Chassidic master, Rebbe Nachman of Bratzlav, said to his followers: "*al titya'esh*" (never despair). Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy, Sweet, and Optimistic New Year. *Shana tova umetuka.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a summer! First, I would like to welcome our newest board member, Leonard Lehrer. Leonard joined the temple when he and his wife Soili moved here from the Miami area, and we have already drafted him to not only be our new vice president, but also the project manager for the whole effort to sell the temple complex and find a new home. Welcome Leonard and Soili!

I would also like to thank Jeff Entin for his time spent as our previous vice president. His help and input has been invaluable.

We began the formidable task of inventorying the nearly 100 years worth of "stuff," including artifacts, plaques, furnishings and so much more. Leonard took charge, with the assistance of his Chief of Inventory, Carleen Makowski. These two have spent countless hours on this project, but we had several other volunteers, including Miriam Babin, Judy Morgenstern, Sylvia Eisner, Linda Monchik and her two grandchildren and I'm not sure who else. Others have offered and will be called upon soon. Jeff Ginsberg has taken the lead in our search for a new home. Nancy Seibert is working with our Torah scrolls to help determine their futures. Of course the Rabbi, Cantor, Marie and Henry are all helping out as well. Please call us if you can volunteer!

A major highlight of the summer was watching Elaine Weiss Reback become a Bat Mitzvah. She did a great job and it was inspiring. It was also a treat to have it in our beautiful sanctuary. Mazel Tov Elaine!

Sadly we lost Sayre Litchman unexpectedly in July. Along with running the UJA for years he had also become active on our Finance Committee. He was on the board of the Jewish Omni Fund, and was working with Jeff Weissman and others to determine the future of the two Hebrew cemeteries that belonged to Adas Israel. Needless to say, he will be missed. Our condolences to all of his loved ones.

The Rabbi and Cantor are doing a great job. They are always looking for new ways to draw people in, whether it be through services, classes, social events, study sessions, or movies or nature walks. Come and join us in person!

We have many, many books in our library, and although we have contacted several libraries and bookstores, there doesn't seem to be much of a market for them, so we are thinking of having a book sale to help clear them out. We are looking for someone to organize and manage this effort. If you would like to help, please call or email the office. We will find helpers for you.

Now we have to prepare for the High Holidays. We hope to see you in-person, but we will have livestreaming as usual, thanks to Bill (B.T.) Hathaway of Hathaway Funeral Homes.

Rick Schwartz
President

Sisterhood President's Message

Here it is September and things are very busy at our Temple. With preparations for the High Holidays underway, along with all that needs to be done for our downsizing, there is much to be considered here. We are still fully functioning, so please come and join us for services.

In August, Sisterhood celebrated our annual luncheon at the Old Grist Mill. It was a pleasant afternoon of good food and lively conversation. I want to thank Elaine Weiss Reback for helping me to set the day in motion. She can always be counted on to make sure the tables look perfect. Those of you who missed the event, we hope to do it again next year.

Last week I had the pleasure of being involved with Elaine Weiss Reback's Bat Mitzvah. I must congratulate her on the beautiful job she did. She took this recommitment to Judaism so very seriously, it's to be admired. It was nice to be at the Temple for a joyous occasion.

Sisterhood is planning on sponsoring a "Make a Minyan" Shabbat on November 16th. So please save the date, and plan to attend. I hope to greet all of you there.

So, until next month, make sure to open all your emails from the Temple. Marie does a great job keeping everyone updated on everything that's happening here. Stay safe and healthy.

Libby Cohen
Sisterhood President

High Holiday Flower Fund

If you would like to make a donation toward the beautiful flower arrangements on the bimah, for the High Holidays, please send your check to the Temple office made out to Temple Beth El Sisterhood and note "Flower Fund" in the memo. Or, go to our website www.frtemplebethel.org, click on the Donate button and choose Flower Fund from the dropdown menu. Include a note if you would like to add a "Memoriam" for the October bulletin. Thank you in advance for your support, and many thanks to Elaine Weiss Reback for organizing and ordering the flowers.



Libby Cohen

Service Schedule

**September 2024:
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Tuesday, September 3 (30 Av)

Rosh Chodesh Elul

Wednesday, September 4 (1 Elul)

Rosh Chodesh Elul

Friday, September 6 (3 Elul)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	6:51 pm

Saturday, September 7 (4 Elul)

Weekly Portion: Shoftim	10:00 am
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Friday, September 13 (10 Elul)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	6:39 pm

Saturday, September 14 (11 Elul)

Weekly Portion: Ki Teitzei	10:00 am
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Friday, September 20 (17 Elul)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	6:27 pm

Saturday, September 21 (18 Elul)

Weekly Portion: Ki Tavo	10:00 am
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Friday, September 27 (24 Elul)

Shabbat Service:	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting:	6:15 pm

Saturday, September 28 (25 Elul)

Weekly Portion: Nitzavim-Vayeilekh	10:00 am
Selichot	7:30 pm

IN MEMORIAM

MARCIA SMITH

June 4, 2024 - 27 Iyar 5784

PATRICIA SHULMAN

July 2, 2024 - 26 Sivan 5784

SAYRE A. LITCHMAN

July 24, 2024 - 18 Tammuz 5784

May their memory be for a blessing

TBE Nature Walks

Wednesday, September 18th:

Borderland State Park, Easton, MA

Wednesday, October 30th:

Simmons Mill Pond, Little Compton, RI

We meet at 9:30 on the sidewalk outside the Locust St. entrance to TBE to carpool to location. Make sure to wear sturdy shoes with socks, a hat, and bring a small bottle of water. If you have questions about the hike, due to weather, or if you want to meet us at the location, you can call or text the cantor or call the office at (508) 674-3529.

The picture below shows Carleen Makowski, Sylvia Eisner, and Cantor Shoshana at our June TBE Nature Walk at Blithewold Gardens in Bristol, RI. The beech trees there are HUGE!! It was a hot day but we had it "made in the shade."



"Make a Minyan" Shabbat Services - with kiddush lunch -

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at the upcoming summer Shabbat services either in-person in the chapel or on Zoom. The service begins at 10 am, but please be sure to arrive before 11 am in order to be counted. It has been so nice being able to chant Torah at these monthly services!

Saturday, Sept. 21, service begins at 10 AM. This is a special Shabbat for us because we will be chanting from our newly-repaired/refurbished Torah scroll that has been in the *Sofer* (scribe) workshop for many months. Help us welcome our old friend (this Torah scroll) back home to Temple Beth El!

Saturday, Oct. 26, service begins at 10 AM. Come join us as we begin the Torah's story all over again, as we chant from the story of Creation, *Bereshit*.

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TBE News & Notes

As we get a running start into the High Holiday season, we are really picking up steam with various events and pre-High Holiday services during this month, continuing into October. At the request of several of our members, I have listed two months of these events together: **"Make a Minyan"** Shabbats; our **Jewish Movies** film series; and our **TBE Nature Walks**. Please refer to these events on these two pages.

Once again, Rabbi Mark and I will be holding a **Selichot** service at our home. See page 9 for details.

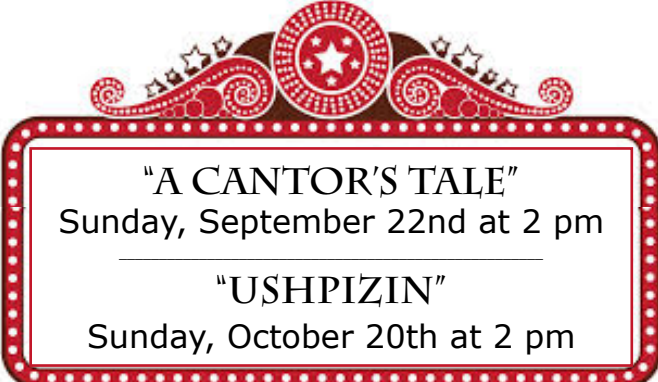
Due to weather and other complications, we only had one **TBE nature walk** over the course of the summer, but what a lovely one! In June, we explored the gardens and the home at Blithewold Gardens in Bristol, RI. I had not been there for years – it is still just as lovely as ever; if you have never been, I highly recommend it! (See photo on page 4.)

On Monday, August 12th, we held a service for the Fast Day of the **9th of Av** at our home (and on Zoom), filling up our living room with fellowship, candlelight, and the sound of ancient, mournful chanting. Alas, although we were chanting words from well over two and a half thousand years ago, some of the concerns for the safety and continued well-being of Zion are still relevant today; please keep Israel in your prayers!

Our **Monday morning Adult ed. Zoom class** is still going strong: We just finished one book (*Judaism Disrupted: A Spiritual Manifesto for the 21st Century* by Rabbi Michael Strassfeld), and will be starting a new one on Monday, Sept. 9th. If you would like to join our wonderful rapport of reading and conversation, please join us! The book we will be starting on Sept. 9 is **David: The Divided Heart**, by Rabbi David Wolpe; please contact the TBE office to ask for the Zoom link to the Monday morning class, which runs from 10:30 to noon.

As our son **Lev begins his senior year at Champlain College** in Burlington, VT, Rabbi Mark and I want to thank the TBE Scholarship Committee and the Chavenson Family for the generous scholarships that they have made towards Lev's college tuition every year – we are deeply, deeply grateful.

Finally, I am very excited to report that we have finally had one of our most-used Torah scrolls repaired and refurbished by the *Sofer* (scribe), Rabbi Kevin Hale, who visited us last winter. We will be reading from this newly-restored scroll at our **"Make a Minyan" service on September 21st** – please join us to welcome the scroll back into our midst!



"A CANTOR'S TALE"
Sunday, September 22nd at 2 pm

"USHPIZIN"
Sunday, October 20th at 2 pm

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE JEWISH MOVIES

Sept. 22: A Cantor's Tale, 2 PM: This deeply enjoyable, award-winning 2005 documentary about Cantor Jacob (Jackie) Mendelson explores the American roots of *hazzanut* (cantorial music) while taking us on a musical voyage that spans the Atlantic, from Brooklyn to Jerusalem – a great way to get us in the mood for the Days of Awe. (Yes, we did show this film quite a few years ago, but if you missed it then, be sure not to miss it this time!) 95 minutes.

Oct. 20: Ushpizin, 2 PM: Moshe and Mali are broke and praying for a miracle. Suddenly they find an abandoned sukkah, Moshe is the beneficiary of charity, and two escaped convicts arrive to be their ushpizin – their specially-invited spiritual guests for the holiday of Sukkot. Winner of the 2004 Best Actor award at the 2004 Israeli Film Academy for writer-star Shuli Rand, directed by Giddi Dar. (1 hr, 32 minutes)

TEMPLE FAMILY

- Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Marcia Smith.
- Our sincere condolences to Andy Shulman on the loss of his beloved wife, Pat Shulman.
- Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Sayre Litchman.
- Mazel tov to Elaine Weiss Reback for becoming a Bat Mitzvah!

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Thank you for your donations received through August 24th

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Mother & Grandmother,

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In appreciation of Steve Silverman's service to the Temple

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In honor of Elaine Weiss Reback becoming a Bat Mitzvah

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In memory of my dear friend, Marcia Smith

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For the recovery of my beloved brother, Larry Meyerson

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In memory of my beloved mother, Emma Loef Dondis, my beloved sister, Annette Horowitz, and my beloved father, Philip Dondis.

Arlyne Dondis

MORNING MINYAN FUND

For the recovery of my son, Jeffrey Chebot

In memory of Sayre Litchman

Bill Chebot

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SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND

Mazel Tov to our cousin, Elaine Weiss, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Gayle & Maury Cohen

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For the yahrzeits of my parents, Antoinette & Jack Hochberg

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In memory of my beloved...

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Aunt, Anna Ruth Packer

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Friends, Tylda & Izzie Schwartz

Friends, Arlene and Sumner Alpert

Rabbi Sam & Tillie Ruderman

Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi

Bahira H. Sugarman

Touching Moments

As I was raised Catholic, I had only been to one Jewish service, a wedding, before coming to work at Temple Beth El. Since then I have attended a variety of services and celebratory events. The one thing I had not experienced was a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Who would have guessed that my first would be for a dear friend who happened to be just 64 years older than most? Inspired by several other women in her life who became B'not Mitzvah later in life, Elaine Weiss Reback was determined not only to learn how to chant from the Torah, but to get it right. And that she did! She studied and studied and when the time came, she managed to get the butterflies in her stomach to fly in formation, and off she went. What an inspiring thing to be a part of! When she spoke later about why she decided to become a Bat Mitzvah, it was very touching...until she broke up the room by declaring that she is a very shy person. Her granddaughter and I looked at each other and laughed! Mazel tov Elaine!

Another touching moment came shortly afterwards in the vestry, when Rabbi Mark led the *Kiddush*. Rabbi Mark and Cantor Shoshana's son, Lev, stood beside his father and not only joined him but belted out the words with gusto, and the whole room joined in. I only wish I had taken a picture to capture that fleeting moment. Next time!

Marie Twomey

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Monday, Sept 2nd - Labor Day

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Just a reminder that the suggested donation for High Holiday seating for non-members is \$25 per person per holiday for the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Please send a check to the Temple office or go to our website at www.frtemplebethel.org and click on the Donate button.

Book of Remembrance

There is still time to make a donation for the Book of Remembrance, which will be available in the back of the sanctuary for Yom Kippur. Send your check with the name(s) of those you are remembering, or go to our website at www.frtemplebethel.org and click on the Donate button. Be sure to choose "Book of Remembrance" from the dropdown list, and include the names in the note section. Thank you in advance for your support, and thank you to those who have already made a donation! *Deadline for submissions is Sept. 13th.*

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Above: Libby Cohen and Elaine Weiss Reback, organizers of the Annual Sisterhood Luncheon at The Old Grist Mill Tavern.

Below: The Sisterhood ladies enjoying a delicious lunch filled with laughter and camaraderie.

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 headstones 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 October 1st*. We plan to offer the discount day each fall.

If you have any questions about this service, please call the Temple office at (508) 674-3529 or email templebethel@comcast.net.



Selichot:

We begin our spiritual preparation for the Days of Awe with a Selichot service (service of repentance) on **Saturday night, September 28th**. This service will be held at the Brown/Elber home at 537 Walnut St., and will begin at **7:30 PM** with a Havdalah service. We will also offer a Zoom component, beginning at **7:45 PM**.

Torah Blessings/Aliyah Workshop:

Cantor Shoshana will be offering a refresher course on having an *aliyah*/chanting the Torah blessings on **Thursday, September 26 at 10 AM** at Temple Beth El in the chapel. You don't have to register – just come!



Cantor Shoshana and Rabbi Mark on the Mile High Bridge at Grandfather Mountain while on vacation in North Carolina



Just before sunrise in the North Carolina mountains, where Cantor Shoshana said her prayers while on vacation.

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Go to www.frtemplebethel.org

YAHREZEITS

9/3/2024 30 Av 5784

Bryan Henrique
Irving Lovit

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Burton Ginsberg

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