



From the Rabbi's Desk

I hope everyone will have wonderful Seders filled with family, friends, and many good questions.

As we know, every Seder begins with the statement that this year we are slaves and next year we shall be free; likewise, this year we are here in exile, next year we will be in Jerusalem. These statements allude to the fact that we are missing a key element of Pesach, that of bringing the Paschal Lamb to the Temple of Jerusalem.

We also end our Seder with the same theme, L'Shana Ha'Ba'ah Bi'Yerushalayim: next year in Jerusalem. You would think that if we so long for a return to an age that includes a Holy Temple in Jerusalem, we would have some instructions in the Seder about how we can achieve this state of heightened spirituality. The answer is that we do have such instruction; we just have to look diligently for it in the pages of our Haggadah. Let me suggest where the Haggadah provides that instruction.

We know that the Second Temple was destroyed due to the sin of Sin'at Chinam, causeless hatred. Where does the Haggadah address this sin? Our rabbis tell us that it is hidden right in the middle of the Four Questions: When a youngster asks, why do we dip our food twice on this night? That dipping is a reminder of two other dippings described in the Torah. The first is the dipping of Joseph's coat in the blood of an animal. When we recall the circumstances of the brothers' treatment of Joseph, we become aware that this incident is the essence of Causeless Hatred.

What of the second dipping? This refers to the Jews dipping a bunch of hyssop, Agudat Ayzove, into blood to mark their doorposts before the first Passover. The word agudah means unity. This reference provides an example very different from that of Joseph and his brothers. In this example, as Jews we were united to do something holy and good. That spiritual unity gives us the antidote to causeless hatred and hope for redemption from our present state of exile.

Interestingly, the modern Israeli calendar underscores this dichotomy. We commemorate Yom HaShoah in a few days. I cannot imagine any greater example of causeless hatred ever in human history. But, just a few days later, the State of Israel lovingly remembers its fallen soldiers, those who formed an agudah, a unity, those who gave up everything for the good of the country, a land we imbue with the promise of redemption for all of us.

Let us remember the question about the two dippings and try to create opportunities for ending causeless hatred and to emphasize the need for agudah, a unity that will bind all of us to each other for goodness, life and peace.

Rabbi David Grossman

Adult Education

As this bulletin reaches us, we find ourselves in the earliest days of our New England spring season. We have survived the cold, the short days, and the dreariness that comes with our winters. Now, instead of the confinement of our homes, we are thinking in terms of outdoors for relaxing and for activities.

I wanted to look back and see what our Rabbis can teach us about seasonal changes and how the weather affected them and their lands so long ago. We can pick up on a line of writings about the sun patterns and temperature changes. Our sages taught that during the four seasons of the year the sun will travel across the sky in four separate paths, each creating its own effect on the environment and the temperatures.

In the summer months the sun would travel over the settlements to warm the land and the people and to ripen the produce. In autumn it moved across the seas to dry the rivers, allowing the waters to evaporate and fill the clouds that would return to them as rain during the coming months. During the wintertime, the sun was said to travel along and over the desert. This was God's plan in order to keep its rays safely away from drying out the seeds that need to survive until they are ready to sprout. Finally in the spring season, the sun crosses the sky over the mountains to melt the snow-covered peaks to fill the rivers and help feed the vegetation. Year after year the cycle flows again and again.

I am always amazed at how far ahead of their time the rabbis of the Talmud were. Our sages clearly say that during the day the sun would travel above us below the heavens, and at night it would shine on the opposite side of the world. It seems they had understood the science of astronomy to a level closer to the truth than some of the great thinkers that would come a thousand years after them.

For me, it's enough to know that taking out the trash, or walking to the car will no longer be an event that requires layering like an Alaskan native. I pray for all of us that we will have a spring season filled with happiness and all the wonders that nature provides. This along with outdoor living and gathering that has felt too long in wait.

Adult Ed will meet on April 19th and April 26th – hope to see you there!

B'shalom

Rabbi Joshua Grossman

Candle

Wednesday 4/05: 6:56
Thursday 4/06: 7:58
Friday 4/07: 6:59
Tuesday 4/11: 7:03



Lighting

Wednesday 4/12: 8:06
Friday 4/14: 7:07
Friday 4/21: 7:14
Friday 4/28: 7:22

From the President

I said let's have fun, fun, fun in March and I think we did with Purim, our multiple guest speakers, and all that food. April will start with Passover and our 2nd Night Seder, followed by Yom HaShoah observances, and concluding the month with TBS Reads discussing a Jewish Sci-fi book.

Spring has arrived - why not consider springing into action by joining your fellow congregants at the various services, adult education classes, and special events this April (Nisan into Iyar)!

Patrick Guiney, President



Passover Community Seder

Temple Beth Sholom is hosting a **Second Night Community Passover Seder on April 6th at 6:30**

For many people this is the first multi-family Seder since before the pandemic. There's a buzz in the air as we plan to host more than 50 people - How do we set up the tables? What will we order for our kosher dinner? How much wine, juice, and cold drinks do we need? Who will help kasher the kitchen? "What can I do to help?" It's great to see so many people getting involved and even more meaningful to have the community come together to share in the traditions of our ancestors. Look for Rabbi David's write-up on Passover in the upcoming Hull Times and Quincy Sun.



Security Update

Temple Beth Sholom has received a \$3000 security grant from CJP to rekey our outdoor entries. Three companies have been contacted regarding the

work. We have an appointment with Commercial Lock and Safe which is part of Commercial Integrated Technologies in Weymouth. If the funds will cover we would also like to install door releases for the front door and the Coburn Street door. The work must be completed before June 30, 2023.

We are looking for members to join the Security Committee starting in the next fiscal year. Please call the office or let

Patrick (pgt500@aim.com) or Karen (tbshullprogramming@gmail.com) know of your interest.

Services for April

Wednesday	April 5, 6:00 pm (<i>Zoom only</i>)
Thursday	April 6, Passover 9:30 am (<i>Zoom only</i>)
Shabbat morning	April 8, 9:30 am
Thursday	April 13, Passover D8/Yizkor 9:30
Friday evening	April 14, 7:00 pm
Shabbat morning	April 15
Friday evening	April 21
Shabbat morning	April 29

Unless otherwise noted, all services are in person with Zoom available.

Friday evening services are held in the Asnes Chapel; Shabbat morning services are held in the Boyer Auditorium.

<http://zoom.us/j/6373665461>

Password: 9250091

Meeting ID: 637 366 5461

Programming

Next Programming meeting Wednesday, April 26 at 5:45PM

The Purim Spiel was successful thanks to all who participated, including those who made up the audience! We especially thank Richie Albert, Arthur Augenstern, Gabriel Ben-Yosef, Jonathan Burak, Jean Connolly, Mark & Marcia Elsner, Sharon Francer, Paul & Elaine Greenblatt, Steve Greenberg, Rabbi David, Rabbi Joshua, Patrick & Harriet Guiney, Marcia Rymaszewski, and Harvey Wolf. We also thank all of you who attended the Spiel and Megillah reading and service. It was wonderful to see so many in costumes and having fun!



On Friday evening March 24, TBS enjoyed a delicious **Community Dinner** following our Kabbalat Shabbat Services. We thank Diane Grossman for preparing the entire meal. After dinner, Rabbi Stephen Karol, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Isaiah

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of Stony Brook, NY, and formerly of Sha'aray Shalom of Hingham, was our featured guest speaker. Rabbi Karol told us of his journey from a logic-based, Talmud-trained rabbi skeptic to a rabbi who acknowledges what he calls "blessings" from God and led him to write his second book: *Embracing the Supernatural in Judaism: Signs From Our Deceased Loved Ones and Stories About the World-to-Come*. He shared personal experiences as a Rabbi and some of the stories from his book. Rabbi Karol also referred to many Jewish texts where the topic of the supernatural is referenced. Rabbi Karol held our attention, for sure! The question & answer portion of the evening was lively. The book is available on Amazon.

On Shabbat morning March 18, Sue Horowitz joined us for Shabbat morning services followed by a special deli kiddush. If you have not experienced Sue's amazing voice, please be sure to attend services the next time she is here.

On Sunday, March 10, TBS hosted three guest speakers, Irv Kemper, the son of two Holocaust survivors, Aaron Kischel and our very own Harvey Wolf. Irv Kemper and Aaron Kischel introduced the documentary film **In Our Own Hands: The Untold Story of His Majesty's Jewish Brigade in WWII**. The film was the powerful and inspirational story of the only all Jewish fighting force during WWII. Their military skills and leadership were instrumental to the then fledgling Israeli Defense Forces in the Israeli War of Independence in 1948.



Kemper also told us about the **March of the Living**, an annual educational program that sends Jewish teens from around the world to Poland and Israel to study the history of the Holocaust and to examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance, and hatred. Irv Kemper and Aaron Kischel are leaders in the Massachusetts chapter and the Kemper Family Foundation matches each \$1000 contribution, up to \$15,000. The trip starts after Passover and returns after Israel's Independence Day, with a week each in Poland and Israel. Since its inception in 1988, March of the Living has taken more than 200,000 teens (typically H.S. Seniors) on the pilgrimage. They march down the same 3-kilometer path leading from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Holocaust Remembrance Day – Yom Hashoah – as a tribute to all victims of the Holocaust. A huge thank you to Harvey & Cathee Wolf for organizing the showing of the film and our guest speakers.

We are planning a **Yom HaShoah program for Sunday, April 16 at 6:30PM** at TBS. More information will be coming in an email closer to the date

Harvey Wolf has also initiated a **new program** for all of us at TBS: **The Holocaust Remembrance Yellow Candle**. By now, you should have received your candle and a letter that explains the program.

Yom HaShoah is often commemorated in communities and synagogues with large gatherings. While these gatherings are important, the FJMC (*Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs*) has



long understood that Holocaust Remembrance needs to also take place in the home. For over 40 years, families have come together to light the Yellow Candle™, to remember, to teach, and not to forget. We are so grateful to Harvey for bringing this very moving program to our shul. **Please light your candle on the evening of April 17, 2023.**

Trip to Israel: Our plans for a community trip to Israel in **March 2024** are coming along. The tour company, Kenes Tours, has created a flyer for us (included in this edition of TBS News). Stay tuned regarding the next informational meeting.

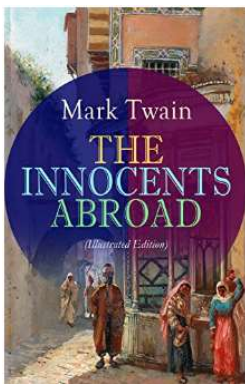
Contact Patrick Guiney (pgt500@aim.com) or Karen Augenstern (tbshullprogramming@gmail.com) with questions.

Greater Boston Community Event:

On **Sunday, April 16 at 2pm**, JCRC and partners invite you to the annual **Community Holocaust Commemoration of Yom HaShoah at Faneuil Hall**. This year, the planning committee has selected the theme of 'Remembering Our Past, Meeting this Moment, Ensuring our Future.' "Over the last year, we have seen hateful rhetoric against Jews and others espoused by celebrities and other influential people spreading wildly. Their comments are often rooted in conspiracy theories and stereotypes that date back thousands of years. We will be joined by faith leaders from Greater Boston, and we will hear from local Holocaust survivor Jack Trompetter, who will share his story of survival during the Holocaust. For more information, go to <https://www.jcrcboston.org/event/annual-yom-hashoah-commemoration/>



TBS Reads will meet Monday, April 24 at 7PM to read and discuss one or more stories from *Wandering Stars* by Jack Dann. *Wandering Stars* is an anthology of science fiction stories, including stories from Isaac Asimov, Bernard Malamud, and Isaac Bashevis Singer among others. Books are ordered and have been donated by Alan Colman. Contact Karen at tbshullprogramming@gmail.com or drop by the office to sign out a book.



Our next book will be Mark Twain's *The Innocents Abroad*, "one of the most prominent and influential travel books ever written about Europe and the Holy Land." In it, the collision of the American "New Barbarians" and the European "Old World" provides much comic fodder for Mark Twain—and a remarkably perceptive lens on the human condition.

Coming in May... Save the Date



Sunday, May 7 Sports Breakfast at 9:30 AM at TBS

Guest Speaker will be former Red Sox slugger Sam Horn. More details to follow in a future weekly email.

Lag B'Omer: Join us Monday **May 8 at Wompatuck** for a walk. This will be our second annual Lag B'Omer walk. Bring your own picnic supper; we'll enjoy the outdoors together. We'll provide soft drinks, water, and chips and cookies or brownies.

FYI, Don't forget - Sunday, May 14 is **Mother's Day**

Tuesday, May 30 Jewish Heritage Celebration at Fenway Park

Todah Rabbah - Donations

Thank you to those who have made donations during March in honor or in memory of loved ones. Thank you also to those who have supported TBS programs as well. If by chance your donation was omitted from the list, please accept our sincere apology for the oversight. Do let us know by either calling the TBS office, or emailing TBSNewsHull2@gmail.com

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- Visit Yad Vashem
- Experience the sights, smells, and tastes of Mahane Yehuda in Jerusalem and Sarona Market in Tel Aviv
- Discover serenity and security in the North from the top of Mount Bental; Nature hike of the Banias and Mount Hermon; Jeep tour and wine tasting in the Golan Heights
- Visit Umm el Kanatir - a 5th-century synagogue
- Discover the Templar Tunnels and Crusaders' Fortress
- Discuss the challenges in the South by visiting Sderot and meeting Ethiopian Jews.
- Tour of ancient Jaffa and the mystical Allies
- Visit Peres Center for Peace and Innovation and ANU: The Museum of The Jewish People
- Walk through colorful Neve Tzedek and stroll down the Nachalat Binyamin pedestrian mall.
- Celebrate Havdalah overlooking the Mediterranean Sea

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