



Welcome!

Welcome to the first of (hopefully) many volumes of Temple Beth Sholom News. The goal is to make this newsletter a central source of information and inspiration for our community in an easily readable and brief (4-6 pages) format. If all goes as intended, the News will be provided monthly via email. In addition, the News will be posted to Temple Beth Sholom's website for easy reference.

Your patience is really appreciated as this publication is a work in progress – there will be a lot of fine tuning needed, guaranteed! Your suggestions for additional content, corrections, and comments are welcome. Please email TBSNewsHull2@gmail.com.

From the Rabbi's Desk

It's a pleasure to share some words in this initial edition of our newsletter. Many thanks to those who have made this possible, including Patrick and Mary! I also am so grateful for the opportunity to share our pulpit with Rabbi Joshua. His energy and insight are gifts that he gives to everyone, especially me!

A few words of Torah:

We will soon begin the third of the five books of the Torah, VaYikrah. The portions within this central book of the five form a user's handbook for sacred space and holy vessels. The parshiyot give us specific laws regarding the sacrificial system that was integral to early worship yet seems so strange today. Our task is to find and emphasize relevance to us as Jews today.

One of the sacrifices detailed in these sections is that of Olah, the burnt offering. It was a free-will sacrifice brought by an individual. It was not for atonement of sin, but rather served to purify the bringer's thoughts and attachment to God. The point of the offering was not the thing offered, which could be one of many species of animals. The important thing was the spirit that moved the person to approach the altar. It was considered a gift to God from a dear friend.

But there is one other significant factor that sets the Olah apart from all others. According to the laws of korbanot, every Jew, man or woman, could offer any korban. But only the Olah was eligible to be brought by a non-Jew. It was accepted by God, even if the person was an idol-worshipper. How incredible! The rationale of the Torah was the hope that the person would eventually renounce his or her beliefs and accept God's authority.

This astounding, progressive philosophy serves, I believe, as a proof text for all of our congregations to welcome people who come to Judaism for answers to life questions. It certainly underscores the importance of inclusion in any way possible in the Jewish way of life.

May our congregation embody the spirit and emotion of Korban Olah, the inclusionary, welcoming offering by all peoples.

Rabbi David Grossman

Adult Education

Greetings Friends - I want to use this opportunity, in our first TBS bulletin, to thank our community for the support and attendance at our adult education sessions over these past 6 months. Wednesday evenings have become a powerful learning experience as well as a way to build community. We sincerely hope each week's experience for you is as enjoyable as it is for us to prepare and to present.

Please remember that participants need not have any Hebrew language background or Torah knowledge to have a meaningful experience.

Looking ahead toward future adult sessions, we are excited about the directions we plan to take, including art, music, liturgy, geography, festivals and many other areas. Again, we thank all of you for your participation and for joining us in these sessions both in person and online. God willing we will have many more learning adventures to come!

Rabbi Joshua Grossman

From the President

February (Shevat into Adar) is not a dull month in Judaism, nor has it been at the Temple. We enjoyed Tu B'Shevat early in the month, a Community Dinner, and had a fun, fun, fun Trivia Night. We have also been preparing for Purim and plan on grooving to a Billy Joel music-themed Purim Spiel. I hope to see you there on March 6, wear a costume, and let's wave the grogger until our Daddy takes the T-Bird away!

In your hands is the first edition of the new monthly e-Bulletin. We hope you find it both informative and useful. If you have exciting news to share, such as a birth or marriage, please email your information and photos to the Temple office. Lastly, come to the Temple during March (Adar into Nisan) to enjoy, learn, sing, and spread some tzedakah (good vibrations?) with your fellow congregants, and beyond!

Patrick Guiney, President

Candle Lighting

Friday 3/03: 5:18 pm

Friday 3/10: 5:25 pm

Friday 3/17: 6:34 pm



Friday 3/24: 6:42 pm

Friday 3/31: 6:50 pm

Programming

The programming committee has been actively planning a variety of programs and activities designed to appeal to a variety of interests. We started the year off with an ice cream 'meet and greet' to welcome Rabbi Joshua to our community. A group trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston to see **Remember This** as part of the Jewish Film Festival was educational and it was great to join others from the Greater Boston community. More recently, a Hanukkah party was held featuring yummy latkes and other treats, magicians, the lighting of personal hanukkiot, and culminating in a community lighting of the menorah at the Nantasket Ave. bandstand. Our first trivia night since the pandemic was a fun time, with tables/teams competing to demonstrate their knowledge of a variety of topics! Thank you to all who have volunteered their time and to all who have attended.

A **trip to Israel** is in the planning stages for March 28-April 6 2024. This is certain to be the trip of a lifetime! See the enclosed itinerary; cost is dependent upon the number in our group.

'**TBS Reads**' started up again earlier this year. We meet in person and Zoom to discuss books of interest, some fiction, some non-fiction. We are currently reading **Who by Fire: Leonard Cohen in the Sinai** by Matti Friedman. Books are on reserve for us at the Hull Public Library. Also, available on Libby and Hoopla to download. Join us for a light snack and lively discussion. All are welcome!

For **Purim**, the spiel is a Billy Joel parody Shushan State of Mind. Your TBS thespians are practicing hard – it promises to be enjoyable. Come in costume, eat, drink, and be merry!

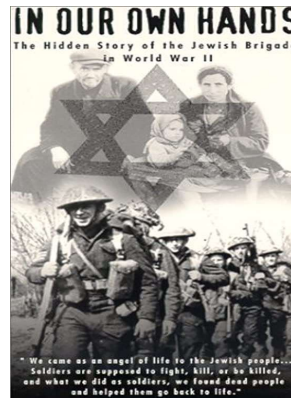
Shabbat HaChodesh – **Sue Horowitz** joins us for Shabbat morning. Sue is a Jewish singer/songwriter with three CDs of original Jewish music and more recently a new CD of original folk music. Sue's beautiful guitar skills and vocal interpretations add another level of Kavanah to our service. A special Kiddush is planned.



Enjoy a preview of Sue's talent at www.suehorowitz.com

A special Sunday afternoon brings the documentary **In Our Own Hands: The Hidden Story of the Jewish Brigade in WWII**. The film tells the story of His Majesty's Jewish Brigade, the only all-Jewish fighting unit in the World War II. Amidst the chaos of post-war Europe, the young Jewish soldiers mastermind one clandestine operation after the next: forming secret vengeance squads to assassinate Nazi officers in hiding, engineering the rescue and illegal

movement of Holocaust survivors to Palestine. Later, in 1948, Brigade veterans help organize and lead the fledgling Israel Defense Forces in their new country's War of Independence. In our Own Hands unravels the thrilling tale of young Jewish soldiers who carried the weight of a people on their shoulders.



Join us for the **film and discussion with guest speakers from Friends of the March of the Living** who will also introduce us to this important program. In addition, and thanks to our TBS member Harvey Wolf, our community will learn about The **Shoah Yellow Candle Holocaust Remembrance Program**. Candles will be distributed to those interested in participating.

Spring holds even more variety – please join your Temple Beth Sholom family in programs that are educational, entertaining, and that bring us together. See the **Dates** section below for March programs... and some teasers for April!

Save These Dates

March 1st (Wed) - **Adult Education @ 7:00 pm**

March 6th (Mon) @ 6:00 pm – **Erev Purim!** Spiel (Shushan State of Mind), Costume contest & Megillah

March 18th (Sat) @ 9:30 am – Shabbat HaChodesh with **Sue Horowitz**

March 19th (Sun) @ 2:00 pm – Documentary **In Our Own Hands; Panel Discussion** **In person only, no Zoom option

March 20th (Mon) @ 7:00 pm – **TBS Reads: Who by Fire: Leonard Cohen in the Sinai AND**

April 5th (Wed) – Passover begins

April 6th (Thu) – Community Second Seder*

April 17th (Mon) – Yom HaShoah



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Refuah Shlema

Rhoda Kanet Rabbi David H. & Diane Grossman

Mazal Tov

Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Burak on Scott & Mary Belgard the birth of their Granddaughter

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Tu B'Shevat Patrick Guiney & Harriet Andler

Trivia Night Rabbi David H. & Diane Grossman

Passover – Second Seder*



Passover is right around the corner! The first Seder is Wednesday April 5th. This year, Temple Beth Sholom is planning to host a Second Seder where we can celebrate together as a community. A separate email will be sent with additional details – but mark your calendars now for **THURSDAY APRIL 6TH** – Join with your Temple family in creating a new community tradition!

**Please note: a minimum of 20 attendees will be needed to hold this program.*

Services for March

Friday evening	March 3
Shabbat morning	March 4
Friday evening	March 10
Shabbat morning	March 18 with Sue Horowitz
Friday evening	March 24
Friday evening	March 31