



From the Rabbi's Desk

There is such wisdom to be gleaned from Talmud, but most of us don't feel that it is accessible. One of the most quotable personages of our rabbinical canon is Hillel. He headed an academy of Talmud Torah about twenty-two hundred years ago. that mostly prevailed in machlokes-scholarly arguments. We're told this was because he looked beyond a specific argument to see the interest of each party, the heart and soul of the issue. He also ruled with compassion and a feeling of benevolence to all. See if you don't feel some of Hillel's attributes in the following quotes. After all, his name is like Halel, greatly to be praised!

- *If I am not for myself, who is for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?*
- *Do not judge your friend until you have stood in his place, and do not believe in yourself until the day you die.*
- *The soul is a guest in the body: here today, gone tomorrow.*
- *A boor cannot be sin-fearing, an ignoramus cannot be pious, a bashful one cannot learn, a short-tempered person cannot teach, nor does anyone who does a lot of business grow wise. In a place where there are no men, strive to be a man.*
- *Do not remove yourself from the community.*
- *Do not say something that should not be heard, because ultimately it will be heard.*
- *And do not say, 'When I will have free time, I will study,' for you may never have time.*
- *If I am here, everyone is here; and if I am not here, who is here?*
- *That which is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow. That is the entire Torah, and the rest is its commentary. Now go and study.*

Rabbi David Grossman

Adult Education

Greetings friends,

At the time of this writing we look ahead only a short while to the upcoming observance of the minor holiday known as Lag Ba'omer. We stop on this day and celebrate the thirty third day of the seven weeks between Pesach and Shavout. Sadly, Lag Ba'omer is all too easily forgotten or ignored in adulthood. There are no services in the Temple, no religious customs and no restrictions from work or daily routines.

As a young student however, this was a day in serious contention for being a personal favorite holiday on the entire calendar. The cold of winter was past and, weather permitting, it was a day of outdoor fun and games. We engaged in foot races, athletics and songs and even our teachers would often join in on the fun.

These days, I find that a connection to the history and origins of the counting of the omer and the minor holiday of Lag Ba'omer is more appealing, interesting and exciting. During the forty nine day period we are in a semi-mourning state. The origins of the tradition of solemnity is a bit cryptic, and hazy, but several possible explanations do exist. Historically, it was a time of concern about the upcoming agricultural season. Tradition also tells of a plague that killed many of the great Rabbi Akiva's students due to their mistreatment of one another during these weeks.

But this single day holiday marks an interruption to the sorrowful season. Haircuts are temporarily allowed and many couples choose this day for wedding celebrations, both activities otherwise forbidden during the omer. The most widely accepted reason for joyfulness might be that this day in the middle of our counting marked a stoppage in battle during the Bar Kochva revolt against Roman oppression in 192 C.E. Today, worldwide, Lag Ba'omer is celebrated with bonfires, picnics, outdoor games and an element of enjoying nature, including planting trees.

Here in the Beth Sholom community, we will gather and mark the holiday with a leisurely walk, discussion and some time to study at Wompatuck State Park in the early evening of May 9th. Please consider joining us for what will surely be a pleasurable and entertaining experience. To all we wish a day of joy and gladness amidst this seven week period of solemn reflection.

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

Spring is in the air and Passover has passed, that must mean we are counting the Omer, or the period between Passover and Shavuot. During this time we have quite a few events happening.

On our way to Shavuot we will gather to celebrate Lag BaOmer after the first full weekend of May. During that first full weekend of May, Sue Horowitz will again lead our singing during our Saturday Shabbat morning service on May 6. Sam Horn, the former Red Sox slugger, will join us the very next morning, on May 7, for our Sunday Morning Sports Breakfast.

Shavuot is from May 25 to May 27 this year. We will have an evening of study on the first evening of Shavuot, on Thursday, May 25. As can be seen, May is another busy month at Temple Beth Shalom and we each have many chances to join in. Check out the weekly email for times and dates...and I hope to see you there!

Patrick Guiney, President

Second Night Seder at TBS

As we opened our doors for the "Second Night of Passover Community Family Seder", it was like a breath of fresh air when spring first arrives - that feeling of opening the windows, taking walks without a jacket, and just conversing with neighbors as they ready their yards for the new season. From the multigenerational family candle lighting to the father-son rabbi duo leading us through the Haggadah, Passover rituals, and reflections, to the mother and daughters managing the kitchen, to the brother and sister combo who found the Afikomen, to the delicious food and warm company of familiar faces as well as new introductions - it was a night filled with good will and a promise for many enjoyable times ahead. (See photo montage on p.5)

Like a family, it was the contributions of many that made it possible. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed: Richard Albert, Karen Augenstern, Mary & Scott Belgard, Gabriel Ben-Yosef, Jonathan Burak, Barry Cohen, Alan Colman, Steven Greenberg, Elaine & Paul Greenblatt, Rabbis David and Joshua Grossman, Harriet Andler & Patrick Guiney, Cheryl, Julia & Nadia Ruscansky, Sharon Francer, Danielle Thompson, and Chuck & Stacey Urdang.

Marcia Rymaszewski (Seder chair)

Security Update

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 May

Friday evening	May 5
Shabbat morning	May 6 Sue Horowitz
Friday evening	May 12
Friday evening	May 19
Shabbat morning	May 20
Shabbat morning	May 27 Yizkor

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

Friday evening services (7:00 pm) are held in the Asnes Chapel; Shabbat morning services (9:30 am) are held in the Boyer Auditorium.

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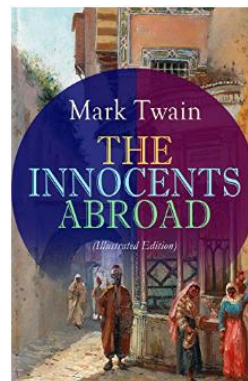
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Programming Notes

Next Programming meeting Wednesday, May 24 at 5:45PM

TBS celebrated our first annual Community Night Pesach Seder was a terrific success, with 60 people in attendance! Thanks to Marcia Rymaszewski for chairing this event.

TBS observed Yom HaShoah Sunday, April 16 with a very moving and beautiful service led by Rabbi David and Rabbi Joshua with participation by members. In addition to readings, members of the congregation lit six Yellow Candles in memory of the six million of our people who were murdered in the Shoah. The following evening, Erev Yom HaShoah, our community had the opportunity to light a Yellow Candle in our homes. We thank Harvey Wolf for his leadership in bringing the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program to TBS. For more information about this program, visit <https://fjmc.org/content/yellow-candles-home>.



TBS Reads! Met Monday, April 24 at 6:30PM for a wide ranging, interesting discussion of three stories from *Wandering Stars* by Jack Dann. We will revisit this book at a later date, since the temple owns these books, we can access them easily.

Our next meeting will be **Monday, June 5 at 6:30PM** to discuss *Innocents Abroad* by Mark Twain.

Nine books are on reserve for us and available now at the Hull Public Library. The library is aware that we are not meeting until June 5 and we will be allowed to renew these books as needed.

Temple Beth Sholom News

Please ask at the desk and mention the TBS Reads book group. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, May 6 at 9:30 AM

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



Sunday, May 7 at 9:30 AM

Join us for a sports breakfast featuring guest speaker former Red Sox slugger **Sam Horn**.

Lag B'Omer NEW DATE! And NEW PROGRAM!

Tuesday, May 9 at 5:30PM. Meet for a walk and bring your own picnic supper at Wompatuck. We'll provide soft drinks, water, and chips and cookies or brownies.

This will also kick off **our newest program: TBS Walks!** Interested in a seasonal walking club? Join us on Tuesday, May 9 at 5:30 at Wompatuck as we put together the details for the walking club or contact



Marcia Rymaszewski to provide input on preferred day and time for our walks. Stay tuned for more information!

Thursday, May 25 Shavuot-An Evening of Learning. More information to follow in a weekly email. **Yizkor** will be on **Saturday, May 27.**

May 30 - Red Sox Heritage Night Reserve your ticket for the 7:10PM game against Cincinnati and get a cool, dark blue Red Sox jersey written in Hebrew! Contact the Office at templebethhull@gmail.com or at 781-925-0091. Only 9 tickets left!

Other Dates of Interest:

Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day

May 20-21 Sat-Sun Stem to Stern Yard Sale Hull

Todah Rabbah – Donations

Thank you to those who have made donations during April 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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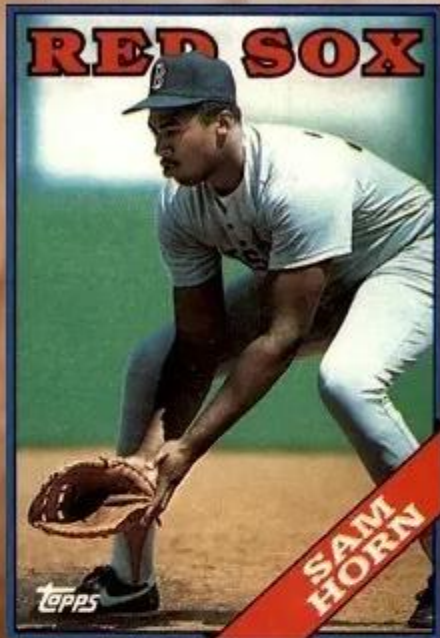
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Walking tour through Jerusalem's Old City
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- 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

PRICING

CITY	HOTEL NAME	CHECK IN	CHECK OUT	NIGHTS	ROOM CATEGORY
JLM	Harmony	March 28, 2024	April 1, 2024	4	Standard
North	Pastoral kfar Blum	April 1, 2024	April 3, 2024	2	Standard
Tel Aviv	Tal	April 3, 2024	April 6, 2024	3**	Standard

***Late Check Out at 6:00 pm*

RATES

FULLY PAYING PARTICIPANTS	RATE PER PARTICIPANT
15-19 Participants	\$ 5,200
20-24 Participants	\$ 4,700
Single Supplement	\$ 1,435