Temple Beth Sholom News



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President Patrick Guiney

From the Rabbi's Desk

Hello Friends, I am so grateful to have this forum to offer a heartfelt thank you to the entire Temple Beth Sholom family, friends and community. The Celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the magnitude of Yom Kippur, and the joys of Sukkot and Simchat Torah are still so fresh in our minds. In many ways the holidays this year were some of the most powerfully touching and inspirational that I have ever experienced. I hope that many of you feel the same way, and if so, we have each other to thank for this.

After the joyous chaos, we can all benefit from a "step back" to contemplate and consider the main intentions of these last holidays. Thinking of this season, we think of seeing one another in our beautiful buildings, attending services, and hopefully coming together with family in celebration. In an attempt to simplify the intent of these and all holidays for us Jews, I turn to our sages of the Talmudic period for inspiration.

In tractate Sukkah from the Babylonian Talmud there is a wonderful reading and lesson that can be related to our holiday season and carried into these months that follow. Our rabbis speak on the acts of charity and justice in relation to, and in place of offerings. As we know, the offerings discussed in Talmud have transformed into what we know today as prayer both communal and personal. The book of Proverbs states that "To perform charity and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than an offering".

To help us understand the meaning of this, Rabbi Elazar clarifies; Anyone who performs charity and justice is considered as though he filled the whole world in its entirety with kindness. The sages teach that acts of kindness are SUPERIOR to charity in a number of important ways. Charity can be performed monetarily, while kindnesses may be done with one's money or their person through caring, patience and understanding. Charity is exclusively for the living, while kindnesses may be extended to those we know and love today, as well as those we have lost in the past. Charity may be offered to the poor while kindnesses can be extended to both the rich and the poor alike.

For those of us that attended any of the holiday season services, either online or in person, I hope you too experienced some of the same gratification and delight as me. For this, I am so grateful to all of you, and I offer this personal note of thanks. I am optimistic about what the future will be for us all. As we read in the Haftorah during Simchat Torah; like Joshua Ben Nun, we must all be strong, be resolute and if so, our patience and care will be to all of our mutual benefit.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon,

Rabbi Joshua Grossman

Adult Education

A happy and healthy new year to everyone! I'd like to invite you to our Adult Education sessions that begin on Wednesday evening, October 11th at 6:45-8:00 PM. There is a wide range of topics to be explored: the Torah portion of the week, Prophets, arts and music, Ethics of our Elders, liturgy, history of our people, geography of the Holy Land. No prior studying or knowledge is required, and the more students we convene, the livelier the discussions! We also promise: NO Homework!

Hope to see you there! Or on zoom -

Rabbi David Grossman and Rabbi Joshua Grossman

"Acquire wisdom, acquire understanding. Do not stray from the words of My Mouth." Proverbs, Chapter 4, verse 5.

From the President

The new year does not just start with Rosh Hashanah. In a way, Simchat Torah also involves a beginning. This is when the Torah returns to The Beginning! You have a chance to celebrate this special holiday on October 7th when Temple Beth Sholom celebrates Simchat Torah at 7pm. Come dance with the Torahs. Earlier that same morning we celebrate Shemini Atzeret, or the "eighth day" of the week, with a Yizkor service during the same morning service starting at 9:30 am. The following Wednesday, October 11th, our Adult Education school year begins, starting at 6:45 pm. Later in October, we will host the annual Pink & Teal Friday Night Shabbat service. There is plenty to do this month. Plenty of chances to come together. Plenty of opportunities to nosh and learn. Pay attention to your emails, check out the TBS website (TBSHull.org), and read this very bulletin in your hands. So, let's get down (to TBS) and shake your lulav here, there, and everywhere!

Patrick Guiney, President

Candle

Friday 10/06: 6:00 Saturday 10/07: 6:57

Lighting

Friday 10/13: 5:48 Friday 10/20: 5:37 Friday 10/27: 5:26

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Saturday October 7

<u>Shemini Atzeret:</u> Morning service & Kiddush: 9:30 am; Yizkor 10:45 am

<u>Simchat Torah:</u> Family Service*: 7:00 pm
*Apples, candy and dancing!

Welcome to TBS!

Andrea Cohen Marcy Colallilo

Howard Cooper Ruthi & Michael Freeman

Michelle & Bruce Greenberg, Ryan and Zachary Jake Millen Jonathan Millen

Todah Rabbah!

We hope that you enjoyed the floral arrangements that beautified the bimah on Yom Kippur this year! A heartfelt thanks to Bruce Minevitz for his sponsorship.



Social Action

Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!! Because of your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity TBS Social Action Committee delivered **45 bags** of food and toiletries to Wellspring. They were overwhelmed and thrilled to receive the bags, especially since they were low on donations for this month. We hope to do another collection leading up to Pesach.

Thank you also to those who came out to help with the bags. Since there were so many of us, it took no time to organize all the donations.



For all those interested in joining the Social Action Committee, our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19th at 7:00 pm at the Temple in the old pre-school.

We are also looking for additional ideas for the Social Action Committee. If you cannot make the meeting please email any ideas to Fran Barth at franbarth@comcast.net.

Programming

Programming Meetings: New Day and Time! Going forward, we will meet on the third Monday of the month at 7PM. Our next meeting is Monday, October 16 at 7pm where our main topic for planning purposes will be the Pink/Teal Shabbat service to be held October 27, the Dewey Stone Film scheduled for November 5, the upcoming Jewish Film Festival, our planned visit to Lehrhaus in Somerville on November 12. If you wish to join the committee, please email Karen at kaugenstern@gmail.com or call 617-875-4640.

<u>Community Dinners</u> We are forming a sub-committee to organize regular dinners. If you wish to help out, even if just at one dinner, contact Patrick or Karen.

October Dates:

10/02: TBS Reads at 6:00 pm

10/15: Informational Meeting re Trip to Israel with reps from

Kenes Tours 1:00 pm (on Zoom)

10/27: Pink & Teal Shabbat & Community Dinner 10/21: Shabbat morning, Blessing of Animals

Please visit our partner organization, CSP, for upcoming online programs https://occsp.net/csp-online-zoom-events/

And in November:

11/05 at 11AM Film and Brunch "The Dewey Stone Connection: From Exodus to Independence" Tickets \$10.00 Haddassah is sponsoring the showing of the film. Read more about the film here: https://www.weizmann-usa.org/news-media/in-the-news/how-a-brockton-man-helped-create-israel/

Trip to Israel – New Pricing!

Informational Meeting on October 15 at 1:00 pm!

We have redesigned the trip and made some significant changes to the price. See the attached flyer. Remember that the prices quoted do not include the \$500 rebate per person from JNF, so subtract \$500. See the attached flyer for pricing, the itinerary is available as a separate document (click on the link sent with the Newsletter email). Or please contact Rabbi David or Patrick Guiney for information or write to Karen at tbshullprogramming@gmail.com



Todah Rabbah – Donations

Thank you to all who have made donations in honor or in memory of loved ones and in doing so support our community.

In Memory Of

Eleanor Albert Patrick Guiney & Harriet Andler

Scott & Mary Belgard
Pat & John Egan
Eric & Venus Greene
Debby & Barry Katz
Joyce Kozol

Susan Perry

Marcia & Paul Rymaszewski and family

Harvey Alford
Kenneth Cohen
Dorothy & Myron Klayman
Allen Marin
Helene Perry
Mrs. Natalie Swartz

Elaine Blaustein
Elyse & Barry Klayman
Roberta Chansky
Susan Perry
Elaine & Norman Swartz

In Honor Of

Ruth & Donald Brown Neil Gordon

Mazal Tov

Ina BroteamMarcia & Paul RymaszewskiSteve GreenbergBruce FormanSamantha HagstromSusan & Thomas Hagstrom& Mikko Zager's weddingJoan Silver

Get Well/Refuah Shlema

Amy Cohen Patrick Guiney & Harriet Andler
Marcia & Paul Rymaszewski
Casey Simons Elaine & Norman Swartz

Hello From Israel!

A quick note and some photos from our friend Rhoda Kanet:

Hi from Israel. Building the Sukkah today. While out for lunch people were going table to table selling lulavim and etrogim. Weird but this is Israel. There were hundreds at Yom Kippur services most dressed in white.



There are people in Israel who go all over helping people put up their own sukkah. They came to help Elysssa. It was just amazing the lengths people go to help other Israelis celebrate!











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As a result of our discussions and the proposed itinerary, please find our rates below. They are in U.S. dollars and are based on specific dates, hotel accommodations, room types, and number of fully paying travelers.

HOTEL

CITY	HOTEL NAME	CHECK IN	СНЕСК ОПТ	NIGHT S	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

FULLY PAYING PARTICIPANTS	RATE PER PARTICIPANT		
10-14 Participants	\$ 5,040		
15-19 Participants	\$ 4,330		
20-24 Participants	\$ 3,970		
Single Supplement	\$ 1,245		

^{*}Rates doesn't include subsidy by JNF

^{**} Rates are based on bank transfer only (for credit card charges please add 4%)