

Temple Beth Sholom News


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President Patrick Guiney

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From the Rabbi's Office

At the time of this writing, we are a people heavily conflicted. We have watched, with broken hearts, as the bodies of our people were returned home to Israel. We have seen the utter brutality with which our brothers and sisters were treated while in captivity. Our sorrow deepened as we cannot understand how beautiful, young children were taken, held and killed. With all that we have learned and have seen, and felt, how are we supposed to remember that we are a people of light and love, not one of darkness and vengeance.

Answers to this question are few and often vague. However, our calendar holds one possible answer. Over the coming weeks we are instructed to allow our joy to increase with the arrival of, and throughout the month of, Adar. Adar is meant to bring joy along with warmer temperatures, and most importantly, the festival of Purim. Although Purim is a minor holiday, not yet imagined in the time of Torah, its traditions sometimes seem endless. We exchange warm welcomes, offer charity, send gifts, participate in a Purim spiel, read the entire story of Esther, dress in costume, eat hamentashen, and maybe even indulge in a bit too much alcohol. All of these special activities can be enjoyed and accomplished alongside our community in and through our Shul.

On March 13th, we will hold our annual Purim celebration. Now that it is nearly upon us, the secret can be revealed... this year we will enjoy a number of tales starring the "wise" fools of Chelm. Although there is a real city of Chelm in Poland, we are all more familiar with the entertaining stories of the imaginary fools of the town. For instance, the wise Chelmites might thank G-d for the fire in the town which provides enough light by which to battle the flames, or they might place a Tzedakah box atop a staircase so only the charitable might reach it, and not the thieves. Please join us for a night of levity (and a wonderful dinner). Come as a participant, or observer, in costume or not, hungry or thirsty and join us all for some fun.

Of course, we will never forget the horrible losses we have suffered at the hands of monsters. Yet there is a bit of balance that comes with joy perpetuating our traditions over the coming weeks in Purim and soon after, with Pesach. May we each come to see health and happiness, for us, our loved ones, and our brothers and sisters everywhere in the world.

B'Shalom, Rabbis David & Joshua

From the President

Abraham was observed to be sitting outside his tent when he bowed and greeted three angel visitors, and he honored them with a meal. After leaving Abraham's company, Lot was observed sitting outside the gate of Sodom and he bowed and greeted two angel visitors, and he housed and fed them. After having been captured and brought to Shushan, Persia, Mordechai is twice observed to be sitting just outside the King's gate. Mordechai, in the first instance, overhears two chamberlains plotting against the king. This plot is revealed by Mordchai, via Hadassah, and it is squashed. Sometime thereafter, Mordechai, at the same King's gate, refuses to bow to Haman, a very high ranking official. This is an act that breaks a known command of the king. We are not given a clear reason in the Megillah as to why Mordechai does this. Let me suggest the two former examples. Haman is not a heavenly visitor, and we, as Jews, bow and give reverence to G-d and/or his messengers.

This act of Mordechai's leads to the near annihilation of the Jewish population within the Persian empire. However, I think we can also say that his actions speak of keeping G-d before him in thought and deed, and we know he was a mensch (He took in his sister's daughter and raised her as his own and he alerted the king of the assignation plot. The very king that dragged Mordechai from the Promised Land). He was true to his core. G-d had also clearly laid the means by which the Jews could be saved from Haman's outright wickedness; namely, to wipe out a whole people simply because he did not receive the accolades he thought were due. All these years later we celebrate the failure of Haman's plot. Last month I spoke of the four mitzvahs we should strive to accomplish every year with regard to Purim. Let me add this month that we should celebrate the failure of all wickedness. Come celebrate Purim at the Temple, with gusto!

I would be remiss here by not also mentioning that we have been reading the book of Exodus during our Saturday morning services of late. This has been setting the stage for Pesach for us, and it will soon be time to get ready in our homes. Plans are already in the works for the Second Night Passover Seder at the Temple. Date and times are noted elsewhere in the pages of this Bulletin and in future Weekly email blasts. Consider joining the entire Temple community for this most enjoyable event during our Pesach holiday week.

Patrick Guiney, President

MARCH SERVICES	
Saturday, Mar 1, 9:30 am	
Friday, Mar 7, 7:00 pm	
Friday, Mar 14, 7:00 pm	
Friday, Mar 21, 7:00 pm	
Friday, Mar 28, 7:00 pm	

Membership



Our Temple Beth Sholom family continues to grow. We are happy to welcome our newest members. Diane and Vadim Zlotnikov along with their daughter Nicole.

We are very excited to have you join our community!

Cathee & Harvey Wolf, Co-chair, Membership Committee

Social Action

Thank you to all who donated to our Temple Tzedakah box. We raised \$222 for Sharsheret to help those fighting Breast and/or Ovarian cancer. Please see their website for more information <https://sharsheret.org/>

Our food drive for Wellspring begins this month. As we do our spring cleaning for Passover, consider donating any food, cleaning projects and hygiene products. There is a bin for donations at the back door of the Temple. Donations will take place until the start of Passover, April 12th.

If you have any ideas for the Social Action Committee and/or would like to get involved, please email Fran Barth at franbarth@comcast.net.

Fran Barth, Chair, Social Action Committee



Programming

Our **Motown Musical Shabbat Shirah** was a great success on February 7! Thanks so much to Paul Doolittle, Chazan Robbie Solomon, Rabbi David and Rabbi Joshua for a fabulous Motown experience! That evening we also welcomed our newest members, Robbie and Helen Solomon and Diane and Vadim Zlotnikov. After the service, we honored Jonathan Millen for his donation of a Magen David he designed and crafted for our shul! Finally, we enjoyed a delicious Kosher chicken piccata or tofu taco meal catered by Zaydes. Thanks to everyone who helped make that evening so wonderful!



We had a lively **Tu B'Shevat Seder** on February 12 where we enjoyed a yummy baked potato bar with a variety of toppings, the seven species of fruit, fresh and dried, wine, nuts, chocolate and ice cream. Thanks to everyone who helped but especially to Mary Belgard and Linda Pitler for running the potato bar, to Alan for making sure we had all the different wines needed, to Patrick Guiney and Harriet Andler and Rabbi Joshua for sourcing the fruits, dried fruits, nuts, chocolate and ice cream! Thanks to Rabbi Joshua and Rabbi David for leading the seder- it was fun, educational, and tasty!

This month: Thursday, March 13: Purim Celebration followed by Prime Rib Dinner. Doors will open at 5:30PM. We'll begin at 6PM – our Megillah service will include some Purim comic relief in the form of silly skits. Come in your favorite costume as we celebrate Purim together. A Kosher Prime Rib dinner will follow the Megillah service. Please RSVP [here](#).

Monday, March 24 TBS Reads will meet to discuss the book *The Flying Camel: Essays on Identity by Women of North African and Middle Eastern Jewish Heritage* by Loolwa Khazzoom. Light refreshments will be served.

Save the Dates! Sunday, April 13: Pesach Second Night Seder 6:00pm Wednesday, April 23: Yom HaShoah 6:45pm

Karen Augenstern, Chair, Programming Committee

All are Welcome!

Community PASSOVER SEDER
Tuesday, April 13 6:00 pm

Join your Temple Beth Sholom community in celebrating a Family Friendly Second Seder led by Rabbi David & Rabbi Joshua Grossman

Retell the story, Enjoy the music, Drink the 4 cups, Partake of a Kosher for Passover dinner prepared by Zayde's (with Vegan option)

Adults - \$40 Children 12 y.o. and under - free
RSVP by April 2nd at <http://www.tbshull.org/second-seder-rsvp.html>
(or call the Temple Office)

Please consider sponsoring - help to defray the cost of this program
Gold - \$144 (includes 2 dinners)
Silver - \$72 (includes 1 dinner)

Jewish Culture and Conversation

Join Rabbi Joshua on Wednesdays at 6:45 pm (in person or on zoom)

March 5th, March 12th, March 19th, March 26th

Book of Samuel

Book of Kings



Listen, Learn, and share your thoughts!



For a full list of on-line programs or to register for any of the above, click this [LINK](#)
 Contact Karen at tbshullprogramming@gmail.com to register for the Members Only Programs through OCCSP.

CSP Online Event

with **Simona Di Nepi**, live on Zoom from Boston, MA
Dedicated in honor of Phyllis Schwartz

INTENTIONAL BEAUTY

Envisioning & Curating Boston's First Judaica Gallery

Tuesdays March 25 & April 1, 2025 1:00-2:00 PM EDT

To learn about upcoming events this month, visit www.occsp.net. To view past CSP events, check out our [YouTube channel](#) as well as our [podcast](#) and enjoy many sessions at your leisure.



The Second World War: From Global Conquest to a New World Order (4-Part Series) - Sundays 7:00 pm March 2, 9, 16, 23
Translating the Bible: How, Who & Why (3-Part Series) - Thursdays at 3:30 pm March 6, 20, 27

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.

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In Memory Of

Judy Kalish

The Amir Family
 Patrick Butler
 Arlene Cohen
 Alan Colman
 Paula & Ed Eriksen
 Dori Gillman
 Amy Goodblatt & Lawrence Kahn
 Elaine & Paul Greenblatt
 Rabbi David & Diane Grossman
 Harriet Andler & Patrick Guiney
 Irma LeFever
 Roslyn Nadler
 Carol Segal
 Jane & Rocky Tenaglia
 The Visnick Family
 Margaret & John Underwood

In Memory Of

Diane Nieman Mary & Scott Belgard
 Rhoda Kanet
Roselynn Plotkin Mary & Scott Belgard

Mazal Tov

The birth of Sloane Capri Fallon Mary & Scott Belgard
 Alan Colman
Irene Hershman's Birthday Nancy Stuchin-Gluck
 Susan Hagstrom
 Marcia & Paul Rymaszewski

Get Well/Refuah Shlema

Rosalie Fishman Mary & Scott Belgard
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Todah Rabbah

Rabbis David & Joshua Grossman Linda Pitler
Mary Belgard Alan Colman & Patrick Guiney
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