

# Temple Beth Sholom News

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## From the Rabbi's Office

Greetings friends! Beware: the calendars on our phones, desks, or walls may be deceiving us. The month of Mar-Cheshvan, which coincides with November, might seem calm but we should not be fooled. Thanksgiving is approaching, and our annual interfaith gathering as always is scheduled for the night before, but there is so much more. This is the season that we begin our beloved Torah over again. We turn back to the reading of creation and make our way into the lessons from our ancestors. These are some of the most exciting weeks of the year as we read about our mothers and fathers from Bereshit. During this season when all of nature seems to fade and hibernate, we Jews are blessed with this new beginning. Each week we read the most well-known and well-loved texts that we remember from our childhoods.

The greatest Torah commentator of all time, Rashi, once said that the entire book of Genesis, and half of Exodus could (and should) be removed from the Torah. He theorized that since the Torah is meant to be an instruction manual, it would be best if Torah began with our first direct commandment. He was referring to the Mitzvah of creating a calendar in chapter 12 of Exodus. Imagine a Torah without the lessons of hospitality from Sarah, or the episodes of Joseph's rise to power from slavery, or even baby Moses being saved and drawn from the Nile by the Pharaoh's daughter...

In addition to our weekly services, these wonderful scenes from the early Torah are often the focus of our Wednesday night adult discussions. I cordially invite everyone to join us, in person or on Zoom, to spend time with friends and take advantage of new insights and ideas that we always seem to uncover together. We love to have new participants and new faces during these discussions, and everyone is always welcome.

Before you know it, we will be preparing for Chanukkah, and then Purim. Pesach, and beyond. Now is the best time to take advantage of the opportunity for connection with "the greatest stories ever told." Here at TBS there is no shortage of ways to connect and we hope to see you soon.

*Rabbis David & Joshua*


## From the President

There is an old joke, with slight variations, about the guy found on a desert island and when he's rescued, he is asked about the two buildings in addition to his hut. He explains they're synagogues, one he goes to and the other one where he does not. I have chuckled at this joke over the years, in the various forms I have heard it. However, I have recently given it some new thought. First, he was apparently very committed to experiencing Judaism, even stranded on an island. Second, he did in fact support two separate Shuls! It does make me wonder why he chose to attend one Shul over the other, especially since he was involved with the creation of both? I have concluded, at this point, that it gave him the illusion of more people present, than just him. In other words, a community, or Kehillah.

Since at least by the end of Temple-based Judaism at the hands of Rome 2000 years ago, Jewish life has been focused around "the Synagogue". In addition to being a place of prayer (bet tefillah), the Synagogue is also a place of lifecycle events (such as baby namings, bar/bat mitzvahs, and weddings), a place of study (bet midrash), and place of assembly/gathering (bet kneset). To make it holy, one needs to join and be part of a minyan, and this can take place at Temple Beth Sholom, *your* Temple! There is a regular schedule of services available for you to join, regular study opportunities, times to pursue tzedakah, and times to enjoy and share in community every week, every month. Don't be on an island by yourself.

Activities at the Temple also do not occur magically, out of thin air. They take time and effort. I cannot say it any better than the Rabbis did in their recent email thanking everyone for making our High Holidays so special this year (please see their recent email), but I would also like to thank the Rabbis for their guidance in prayer and learning as well, and thank everyone who contributed and participated throughout, and during Sukkot. Just like this past month, there are special programs coming up over the course of our new year. **Join in.** Be part of the community, the minyan.

*Patrick Guiney, President*

Candle		Lighting
11/01 5:18 pm		11/22 3:58 pm
11/08 4:10 pm		11/29 3:55 pm
11/15 4:03 pm		

**NOVEMBER SERVICES**

Friday, Nov 1, 7:00 pm

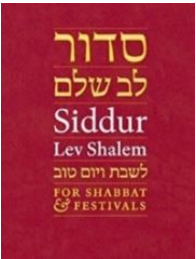
Saturday, Nov 2, 9:30 am  
(Blessing of the Animals at noon)

Friday, Nov 8, 7:00 pm

Friday, Nov 15, 7:00 pm

Saturday, Nov 16, 9:30 am

Friday, Nov 22, 7:00 pm



# Join us...

## Shattered Stars: The Power of Courage, Compassion, and Kindness



**IRENE STERN FRIELICH**  
Motivational Speaker  
Award-Winning Author

In this presentation, Irene retraces the Stern-Herzfeld family's footsteps as they escape their comfortable home in Germany on Kristallnacht in 1938 and cross the border to the Netherlands. The family lives there in relative safety until the Nazis invade and turn their world upside down.

Using photos, interviews, audio and video recordings, Irene covers the period from 1938 through liberation in 1945. She brings to life the people and places portrayed in her memoir, including a baker, a coffee roaster, farmers, clergy, and officials, many of whom demonstrated courage, compassion, and kindness to help her family survive.

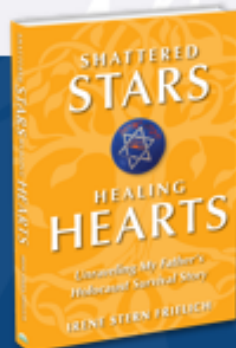
*"... inspiring and motivating ..."*

Sunday, November 3, 2024

10 am Breakfast & Program

Temple Beth Sholom  
600 Nantasket Avenue  
Hull, MA 02045

RSVP: 781-925-0091  
[tbshullprogramming@gmail.com](mailto:tbshullprogramming@gmail.com)



*"Author Irene Stern Frielich has a beautiful way of connecting past to present in this expansive and enthralling work of both biography and memoir ... a demonstration of the raw emotive power of storytelling ..."*

—K.C. Finn, Readers' Favorite



Books available for sale and signing at the event, or on B&N or [Amazon](#)  
Follow the journey on Facebook at [Shattered Stars Healing Hearts](#)

[www.shatteredstars.org](http://www.shatteredstars.org)

## Social Action

Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!! Due to your generosity, we were able to donate 40 bags to Wellspring. The bags contained much needed food and hygiene staples. Wellspring was thrilled to receive all the donations. (See Pat Martin from Wellspring below with the donated bags.)



On **November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm**, the Social Action Committee is holding a new event, chaired by Amy Gruber. Please join us at the Temple to make blankets for Wellspring to give out during the holidays. We will have the Patriots game on, so no one needs to miss that. And, if you do not enjoy crafts, just join us for the game. Questions? Email Amy at [amygruber24@gmail.com](mailto:amygruber24@gmail.com).

Besides the blanket, the Social Action Committee will be holding our annual collection of hats, gloves and scarves for Wellspring. We will start leaving a bin outside in the back to make it easy for you to drop off your donation.

The holidays are a busy time for all of us, especially gift giving. We do not want to forget our older adults at the Hull Council on Aging. The Social Action Committee is preparing to put together Hanukkah gift bags for the Jewish members. Hanukkah this year falls on Christmas, so it will be nice for the seniors to be able to join in the celebration.

As for our Temple Tzedakah box, we are collecting for Sharsharet. Sharsharet, a national non-profit organization, improves the lives of Jewish women and families living with or at increased genetic risk for breast or ovarian cancer through personalized support and saves lives through educational outreach. Our collection begins now and will continue until the Women's Friday night services on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in joining the Social Action Committee, please contact Fran Barth at [franbarth@comcast.net](mailto:franbarth@comcast.net). We are always looking for new ideas. **Fran Barth, Chair, Social Action Committee**



### CSP Programs in October:

- Sunday Nov. 3 @ 1:00 p.m. **The Age of Empires**
- Tuesday Nov. 5 @ 1:00 p.m. **Mouth Create Worlds: A Vocal Mystical Journey**
- Thursday Nov 7 @ 3:30 p.m. **Images of a People: Jews in Art (Part I)**
- Sunday Nov 10 @ 1:00 p.m. **Character and Complexity: Writing Multi-Dimensional Figures in Theatre**
- Tuesday Nov 12 @ 1:00 p.m. **From Center to Periphery: Redefining Israel's Cultural Landscape**
- Thursday Nov. 14 @ 3:30 p.m. **Images of a People: Jews in Art (part 2)**

For a full list of on-line programs or to register for any of the above, click this [LINK](#):

## Programming

### November 3 at 10 AM Kristallnacht Presentation

Guest Speaker: Award winning author, Irene Frielich of *Shattered Stars, Healing Hearts: Unraveling My Father's Holocaust Survival Story*.



Please join us as we remember Kristallnacht where guest speaker and author Irene Frielich will take us on a multimedia journey of her father's

Holocaust experience which began on Kristallnacht in 1938 in Bocholt, Germany.

Irene will have copies of her book, *Shattered Stars, Healing Hearts* for sale and for signing. A continental breakfast will be served. There is no charge. Donations will be accepted. Please RSVP at <https://www.tbshull.org/kristallnacht-rsvp.html>.

See the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter.

**November 4 at 6 PM** TBS Reads will discuss *My Name is Barbra* by Barbra Streisand. Refreshments will be served.

**Friday, November 15 at 7 PM** Kabbalat Shabbat Services and Installation of Board of Directors and Officers of TBS. Join us for a special, enhanced Oneg after services.

**Boston Jewish Film Festival November 6-20** some in theaters, some online.

<https://ticketing.bostonjewishfilm.org/websales/pages/list.aspx?epguid=01e7333b-55f9-4cbf-92ca-d39f611c443d&>

### Save the Date:

Chanukah Party Saturday, December 28 at 4 PM

New Member Welcome Shabbat Dinner Friday, February 7 at 6 PM

**Next Meeting - November 18 7PM** at TBS & on Zoom

**Karen Augenstern, Chair, Programming Committee**

### 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.

	<b>In Memory Of</b>		<b>Get Well/Refuah Shlema</b>
<b>Shirley Francer</b>	Marcy Fertel Shuster Helene Wartel	<b>Harriet Andler</b>	Alan Colman
<b>Bluma Lanner</b>	Barbara & Bob Corcoran Susan Perry	<b>Mary Belgard</b>	Augie & Karen Augenstern Elaine & Paul Greenblatt Harriet Andler & Patrick Guiney
	<b>In Appreciation Of</b>		
<b>Rabbi David &amp; Joshua</b>	Patrick Guiney Phyllis Richman	<b>Jim O’Brian</b>	Augie & Karen Augenstern
	<b>Happy Birthday</b>	<b>Nancy Swartz</b>	Mary & Scott Belgard
<b>Arthur Augenstern</b>	Alan Colman		

*Listen – Learn – Share your thoughts!*



#### ADULT ED/DISCUSSION

Join Rabbi Joshua on Wednesdays at 6:45 pm  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>

Let People Know You’re Thinking of Them with a Donation to Temple Beth Sholom  
Cards will be sent on Your Behalf

*Happy Anniversary*

*Happy Birthday*

*Condolence*

*Get Well*

*Mazal Tov*

*In Appreciation*

*Honor*

*In Memory of*



*Thank You*

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