

# Temple Beth Sholom News

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*Rabbi Joshua Grossman*

*President Patrick Guiney*

*Rabbi Emeritus David Grossman*

## MARCH SERVICES

Saturday, March 7, 9:30 am

Friday, March 13, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 21, 9:30 am

Friday, March 27, 7:00 pm



## From the Rabbi's Office

Greetings friends,

5786 is a year of early holidays. Chanukah was so early in December it was just getting cold outside (remember warmth?). Purim is barely in March and it's hard to believe that we will soon welcome the month of Nisan. Every year, in early Spring and early Autumn, we debate about what Hebrew month represents the start of a new year. It is one of the most intriguing discussions in rabbinic records.

Is it Tishrei, as we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, literally; the "head of the year"? Or should it be Nisan as described in the book of Exodus as "the first of the months"?

In search of answers we can turn to an entire tractate of Mishnah called (what else?) Rosh Hashanah, a book of Talmud devoted entirely to the Autumn celebration. Here we find one of my favorite ideas on this topic, that notes our calendar as holding *multiple* new years!!! For example, we recently observed Tu B'Shevat our "New Year for trees", the summer months bring Elul, and the head of the year for animals, and our time of tithing. And, of course, Nisan and Tishrei.

Making the case for Nisan is the idea that all of our Torah based holidays are marked with Nisan as the starting point of the year. Nisan is recognized as our spiritual birth, our time of freedom, our time of receiving the Torah. Nisan is known as the head of the year for kings and pilgrimage festivals. All of these AND our holy land of Israel experiences the rebirth in nature during this time.

But the case for Tishrei as the true new year is also a strong one. It is the anniversary of creation itself. The time of year of shofar blasts, and our day of divine judgement. A time of reflection and repentance. On our calendar it is the season of sabbatical cycles, and agricultural harvests. Most importantly, this is the time we can find ourselves closest to God.

As we prepare for spring, for Nisan, and for Passover, perhaps we can adopt a position of acceptance. We might accept that (all four of) our New Year days are significant and complement one another. One for our history, one for all living beings, one for a universal starting point of nature and the world, and yet another for our freedoms and our Jewish identities.

We can embrace multiple layers of truth here. We do so along with the prayer that from this coming Passover to the next we will see a universal peace increase, and that we should live in health and happiness.

*B'shalom, Rabbi Joshua*

## From the President

Purim is knocking. I hope you participated in the mitzvah of Mishloach Manot and will come to the Temple to complete the mitzvah of hearing the Megillah. **Let's have some fun!**

I am currently reading the TBS Book Club selection called Songs for the Broken Hearted by Ayelet Tzabari. In this novel, the main character at one point describes her mother, "[I]t was a relatively new thing, gardening. On my last visit, I was pleased to see petunias blooming in bright pink and deep purple, red geraniums, clumps of cilantro and mint, and my mother kneeling between the flowerbeds, finding joy in something other than cleaning. A miracle. Her planting things, watching them grow, felt intrinsically optimistic. Gardening added color to her cheeks, smoothed the wrinkles in her forehead. For the first time in years, she looked happy." Something Steve Greenberg recently said to me also popped into my head, the concept that within your heart, a temple arises with each kind intention, and that every sincere action, even simple tasks, becomes a spiritual act, akin to building or servicing in a physical Temple.

I would very much like to thank The Grass Guys for all their help cutting the grass, trimming the bushes, and laying mulch in the two garden areas the past two years. No small matter. However, as stated, the two above thoughts came together in my mind, and it got me to thinking about the two garden patches on either side of the front doors of the Temple. They have been maintained, with fits and starts, but are really in need of some vision and regular attention. I would love someone reading this to take one or both patches in hand, with your vision, to bring some special beauty to the Temple from Spring to Fall. There is also a large pot in the backyard too, if that is all you think you can manage. You would not have to be on your own. Others will certainly jump in to assist as needed, me included. If you have a green thumb, and love to make things grow, I would love to hear from you.

Finally, Passover starts the beginning of April. I hope you can join us for Second Night Seder! Also, consider giving a 10-minute talk on the Jewish topic of your choice for our night of celebrating Shavuot in late in May. I want to learn from you!

*Patrick Guiney, President*



Dear Fellow Community Members,

This letter is to inform you of some developments regarding Temple Beth Sholom’s physical plant. Last spring, just after Passover, we became aware of a problem involving the heating system. During the summer months of 2025, after much investigation, we realized that the heating problem stemmed from a leaking underground pipe. It was also decided that the last of three original boilers was at the end of its productive life.

It was critical that the work be completed before the cold temperatures returned. During the fall months, with the help and skill of Jake Millen and our friends at R-Chee Plumbing, the leaking water pipe was successfully bypassed, two new, modern boilers and a new on-demand water heater were installed, as well as new zone thermostats. This was a lot of work, and our home is again safe and warm.

This project came with expenses. The Temple costs are over \$41,000 dollars for this entire project (it would have been much more expensive without the help and generosity of R-Chee Plumbing). To raise the capital needed, and to avoid any additional assessments or dues increases, we are embarking on a fundraising campaign.

We ask that you support the **TBS Heating System Campaign** during this year and give what you can as we continue to restore the integrity, security and beauty of our Temple. These are the following suggested donation levels:


- **Chamim** (warm & cozy).....**\$5,000 or more**
- **Shpatzir** (leisurely stroll in warmth)...**\$2,500**
- **Hasakah** (central heating).....**\$1,000**
- **Moked** (place of fire).....**\$500**
- **Shamash** (helper candle).....**under \$500**

Please note that your donations are tax deductible.

We, the Officers and Board members of Temple Beth Sholom, value everyone’s membership in our community, and we take pride in a vibrant, warm, and affordable temple as we move forward while improving our infrastructure.

B’Shalom,

Board of Directors  
Temple Beth Sholom

Candle		Lighting
3/6 5:21 pm		3/20 6:37 pm
3/13 6:29 pm		3/27 6:45 pm

## Programming

March is a busy month – full of community, food, and fun! And while we enjoy ourselves and continue to build community, we will also prepare for Passover -first seder is April 1<sup>st</sup>!

**Monday, March 2 at 6:00 pm** Join our Purim celebration for the Megillah reading. For those who enjoy costumes our theme this year is Superheroes/villains from Shushan and from the world of DC & Marvel Comics. Dinner to follow for those who made reservations (\$36 per adult)



**Saturday, March 7 at 9:30 am** Nosh ‘n Learn Shabbat morning.- Join us for a nosh and discussion before services begin, followed by a delicious Kiddush lunch.

**Monday, March 9 at 6:30pm** TBS Reads will meet to discuss *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. Please join us!

**Friday, March 13 at 6:00 pm** – Shabbat Across America & Membership Shabbat! Join your community in celebrating Shabbat and welcoming new members. Watch your email for details!



**SAVE THE DATE!** Our annual community seder will be held on APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> – always a fun and meaningful time – see you there!



**The Holocaust: A History of Decisions, Places, and Moral Collapse -Prof. Stephen Berk.**

Sundays March 8, 15, 22 & 29 and April 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2026  
1:00-2:00 PM EDT

**The Israeli Soundscape: A Journey Through Jazz, Pop, and Rock - Yael Cherni**

Tuesdays March 17, 24 & 31, 2026 1:00-2:00 PM EDT

Temple Beth Sholom is a member of CSP; there is no cost, but you must register in advance to attend the on-line events. Zoom software is needed to participate.

Many other offerings are available on different weekdays, for a **complete** list of on-line programs or to **register**, go to

<https://occsp.net/csp-online-zoom-events/>

Contact Karen at [tbshullprogramming@gmail.com](mailto:tbshullprogramming@gmail.com) to register for the Members Only Programs through OCCSP.

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 pm

**Nominating Committee Meeting**  
Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am



# שטר הרשאה למכירת חמץ תשע"ט

## Document of Authorization for the Sale of Chametz 5786

*Note: If possible, all chametz – food not acceptable during Pesah (Passover) or materials containing such unacceptable foods – should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the chametz may be stored in such a way that you are sure not to use it and its actual ownership be transferred to a non-Jew for the duration of the holiday. In order to properly do so, please sign the contract below.*

**KNOW ALL PEOPLE BY THESE PRESENTS:** That I, the undersigned do hereby make and appoint **Joshua L. Grossman** my true and lawful representative to act in my place and stead, for me in my name and in my behalf, to sell all chametz owned and possessed by me, knowingly or unknowingly, as stated in the Torah and defined by the sages of Israel (e.g., chametz; hashash chametz –suspect chametz; and all kinds of ta'arovet chametz – chametz mixtures); also, chametz that tend to harden and to adhere to the surface of pots, pans, and other cooking or eating utensils, of whatsoever nature - but not the pots, pans, and other cooking or eating utensils themselves - and to lease all places wherein the aforementioned chametz owned or possessed by me may be found, especially in the premises located at the address listed below.

**Joshua L. Grossman** has the full authority and power to sell said chametz and to lease said place or places where in said chametz may be found, upon terms and conditions as discretion dictates. **Joshua L. Grossman** has the full power and authority to assign or appoint a substitute or substitutes to act in my behalf with all the same powers and authority that I have invested in the Rabbi and I do hereby ratify and confirm all that **Joshua L. Grossman** or a substitute lawfully does or causes to be done by virtue of these presents.

**And to this hereby affix my signature on this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 2026**

Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Location(s) of chametz: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions for accessing chametz: \_\_\_\_\_

**It is customary to include a contribution to our community's *Maot Chitim* (wheat money). *Maot Chitim* is an ancient custom in which Jews provide funds to other Jews in need for the purchase of Passover foods.**

**Inspired by the passage from the Haggadah, "*All who are hungry, let them enter and eat; all who are in need, let them come celebrate Pesach*"**

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Maot Chitim (*checks may be made out to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund*).

Please complete this form and return no later than **March 31, 2026**

# **All are Welcome!**

# **COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER**

## **Tuesday, April 2 6:00 pm**

Celebrate a Family Friendly Second Seder led by  
Rabbi David & Rabbi Joshua Grossman

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

Adults - \$40 Children 12 y.o. and under - free  
**RSVP by March 19** 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)

Join Rabbi Joshua and your fellow congregants  
**Wednesdays** at 6:45 pm (in person or on zoom)

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>**  
***Listen, Learn, and Share your thoughts!***





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

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR ONLINE REQUEST FORM](#)

**Mazal Tov**

Rachel Goodwin & Family on your new great grandchild      Rhonda Albert

**In Memory Of**

Byron Solomon      Alan Colman  
Elaine & Paul Greenblatt

Kenneth Goodman      Mary & Scott Belgard  
Alan Colman  
Marcia & Paul Rymaszewski

Pearl Needel      Nancy Needel

**Get Well/Refuah Shlema**

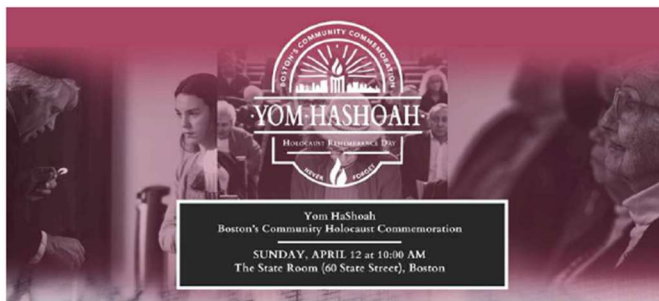
Phil Schnipper      Mary & Scott Belgard

**February Kiddush/Oneg Sponsors**

Harriet Andler  
Mary Belgard  
Rabbi Joshua  
Michael Wish  
Diane Zlotnikov

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**JCRC Boston Community Holocaust Commemoration**



Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – in person or virtually  
The State Room 60 State St., Boston; concluding at the New England Holocaust Memorial  
Register in advance - <https://www.tfaforms.com/5213111>

# MARCH YAHRZEITS

From 3/1/2026 to 3/31/2026 (Adar 12, 5786 to Nissan 13, 5786)

The practice of observing the Yahrzeit for a loved one connects us, not only to those we have lost, but to thousands of years of tradition. The candle we burn, and the lights we light can be for friends, family, and most often a beloved parent. These acts of remembrance and lovingkindness might be made in our homes, or in our Shul.

The Yahrzeit date corresponds to the Hebrew date of loss, and therefore we keep in mind observance in terms of the secular calendar changes each year. For those who are able and open to do so, we encourage you to join us for Erev Shabbat services where we publicly name and recall those we have lost. Each week, for those who wish, we allow a space to share some of what we cherish in the memories of our lost loved ones.

We take this ancient practice from chapter 20 of our holy book of Proverbs which states: "Ner Adonai Nishmat Adam" – "God's light is the soul of every person"

## In Memory Of

Name	Yahrzeit Date	Hebrew Date
S. Ruth Bass (Rachale bet Kivi)	Sunday, 3/1/2026	Adar12,5786
Pauline Gale Bloom	Sunday, 3/1/2026	Adar12,5786
Mildred Greenblatt	Sunday, 3/1/2026	Adar12,5786
Howard R Harrison	Monday, 3/2/2026	Adar13,5786
Sheppard Norman	Monday, 3/2/2026	Adar13,5786
Jacob Rosenbaum	Monday, 3/2/2026	Adar13,5786
Isadore Arthur Smith	Monday, 3/2/2026	Adar13,5786
Marc M. Albert	Tuesday, 3/3/2026	Adar14,5786
Jeffrey Millen (Yosef ben Abraham Velvel)	Tuesday, 3/3/2026	Adar14,5786
Sophie Segol	Tuesday, 3/3/2026	Adar14,5786
Morris Krasnoff	Wednesday, 3/4/2026	Adar15,5786
Gerald Nirenberg	Wednesday, 3/4/2026	Adar15,5786
Judith Sandra Rosen	Wednesday, 3/4/2026	Adar15,5786
Dora Lakin	Thursday, 3/5/2026	Adar16,5786
Jacob Leon Seidel	Thursday, 3/5/2026	Adar16,5786
Leo Appelstein	Friday, 3/6/2026	Adar17,5786
James Goodwin	Friday, 3/6/2026	Adar17,5786
Charles Goldstein	Saturday, 3/7/2026	Adar18,5786
Rebecca Stein	Saturday, 3/7/2026	Adar18,5786
Ida Swartz	Saturday, 3/7/2026	Adar18,5786
Maurice Bernard Zerner	Saturday, 3/7/2026	Adar18,5786
Lawrence Hartman	Sunday, 3/8/2026	Adar19,5786
Pamela Cadoff	Monday, 3/9/2026	Adar20,5786
Helen Cohen	Monday, 3/9/2026	Adar20,5786
Elizabeth Rosenberg	Monday, 3/9/2026	Adar20,5786
Harold Cohen	Tuesday, 3/10/2026	Adar21,5786
Freda Goldberg	Tuesday, 3/10/2026	Adar21,5786
Saul Goodman	Tuesday, 3/10/2026	Adar21,5786
Mark Whitcomb	Wednesday, 3/11/2026	Adar22,5786
Mitchell J Albert	Thursday, 3/12/2026	Adar23,5786
Alan Cohen	Thursday, 3/12/2026	Adar23,5786
Saul Gilman	Thursday, 3/12/2026	Adar23,5786
Sylvia Goodman	Thursday, 3/12/2026	Adar23,5786
Myer Kendall	Thursday, 3/12/2026	Adar23,5786
Mary Oscow Waldman	Thursday, 3/12/2026	Adar23,5786
Harry Bassinor	Saturday, 3/14/2026	Adar25,5786
Sarah Goldman	Saturday, 3/14/2026	Adar25,5786

Name	Yahrzeit Date	Hebrew Date
Bernard Norman	Saturday, 3/14/2026	Adar25,5786
Sherry I. Satter	Saturday, 3/14/2026	Adar25,5786
Barbara Beckerman	Sunday, 3/15/2026	Adar26,5786
Sadye Demerer	Sunday, 3/15/2026	Adar26,5786
Shirley Gaber	Sunday, 3/15/2026	Adar26,5786
Morris Gillman	Sunday, 3/15/2026	Adar26,5786
Blanche Samick	Sunday, 3/15/2026	Adar26,5786
Miriam Banks	Monday, 3/16/2026	Adar27,5786
Fannie Fair	Tuesday, 3/17/2026	Adar28,5786
David Louis Gan	Tuesday, 3/17/2026	Adar28,5786
Barbara A. Bernstein	Wednesday, 3/18/2026	Adar29,5786
Mollie Weinberg Paisner	Wednesday, 3/18/2026	Adar29,5786
Morris Gilbert	Thursday, 3/19/2026	Nissan 1, 5786
Anne Alpert	Friday, 3/20/2026	Nissan 2, 5786
Edward Appelstein	Friday, 3/20/2026	Nissan 2, 5786
Harry Greenblatt	Friday, 3/20/2026	Nissan 2, 5786
Jessie Silver Lipton	Friday, 3/20/2026	Nissan 2, 5786
Mickey Uchenick	Saturday, 3/21/2026	Nissan 3, 5786
George Bernstein	Sunday, 3/22/2026	Nissan 4, 5786
Harry Rosenfield	Sunday, 3/22/2026	Nissan 4, 5786
Iris Smith	Monday, 3/23/2026	Nissan 5, 5786
Lester Bass (Eliezer Ben Avraham)	Tuesday, 3/24/2026	Nissan 6, 5786
Dr. Charles Green	Wednesday, 3/25/2026	Nissan 7, 5786
Saul Stoloff	Wednesday, 3/25/2026	Nissan 7, 5786
Morris Tobman	Wednesday, 3/25/2026	Nissan 7, 5786
Marlene Beverly Andler	Friday, 3/27/2026	Nissan 9, 5786
Harry Goldberg	Sunday, 3/29/2026	Nissan 11, 5786
Jacob Weisenberg	Monday, 3/30/2026	Nissan 12, 5786

## We Remember You

Rabbi Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer

In the rising of the sun and its going down,  
We Remember You.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,  
We Remember You.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,  
We Remember You.

In the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,  
We Remember You.

In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,  
We Remember You.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,  
We Remember You.

When we are weary and in need of strength,  
We Remember You.

When we are lost and sick of heart,  
We Remember You.

When we have joys and special celebrations we yearn to share,  
We Remember You.

As long as we live, you too shall live, for you are a part of us.  
We Remember You.