

Temple Beth Sholom News


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Rabbi David Grossman

Rabbi Joshua Grossman

President Patrick Guiney

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This is the time of year of increasing holiness, of natural beauty, and as always, it's an exciting time in our Shul community. We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

B'Shalom, Rabbis David & Joshua

From the Rabbi's Office

From the distribution of *this* bulletin to the next we are all connected. Not only in our shared presence on this mailing list, but we have all been given a golden opportunity. From the second day of Pesach until the first day of Shavuot, together, we have been, and will continue to mark the seven weeks of counting the Omer. In the days of the Temple this meant a small offering of a sheaf of grains. Today, it is marked with a daily prayer along with a weekly divine attribute that we can strive to achieve.

Our sages tell us we are to perform this mitzvah of counting, not only to mark our anticipation of the giving of Torah, but as a means to increase our holiness bit by bit. We are gifted with this forty-nine-day period to rise one level in this holiness each day, mostly without even knowing it. In the midst of these weeks we find joy and sadness. Yom HaShoah marks a remembrance of the millions of lost souls during the Holocaust. Yom Hazikkaron honors fallen soldiers, and victims of Terrorism and the following day, Yom Ha'atzmaut is a joyous observance of Israeli independence. One more milepost on the Omer countdown falls on the thirty third day...

On May 16th at 4:30 we will gather at Wompatuck State Park for our own **Lag BaOmer** celebration. Traditionally, this day was chosen to mark the end of a plague that killed tens of thousands of Rabbi Akiva's students. Others believe it's the day commemorating the Bar Kochva revolt against Roman oppression. Whatever the true origin, we'll take it with gratitude! On that Erev Shabbat we will have an area of our own in the park to barbeque, sing, play games, try our hand at archery, study, and hike (rain or shine).

When we finally finish counting the Omer, we celebrate. The Festival of Shavuot falls upon us in all its dairy-based goodness. On the evening of June 1st we will have our annual Tikkun Leil Shavuot gathering to fully prepare us for the Holiday. Torah is often compared to milk, and milk to life and so we'll fill our table with wonderful dairy delicacies. The night is highlighted through learning from one another. EVERYONE is invited to offer a short presentation, with or without visual aids. All topics are acceptable with small or large connections to Jewish culture or Torah itself.

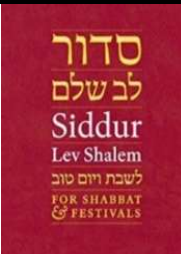
From the President

By the time you read this we should be well on our way in counting the Omer (Sefirat HaOmer), the 49-day daily counting of the time between Passover and Shavuot, and a period to explore inner growth as per Kabbalistic tradition. The Counting is a mitzvah! (Ask the Rabbis about exploring the "Sefirot"). On day 33 falls Lag B'Omer. This festive holiday will be enjoyed by the Temple Beth Sholom community at Wompatuck State Park (next to the main Visitor building) where we will enjoy lighting fires, eating BBQ, shooting arrows, eating, walking, eating, singing, eating, and learning...no matter the weather. Not only should this be a day of joy and being outside, but it is also a holiday where we are to elevate respect and consideration for each other. Bring a Jewish friend and your smiles!

The counting of the Omer concludes on day 50 with Shavuot, and it falls on the first few days of June this year. I would love to hear your brief, 10-minute or less, presentation or teaching on anything to do with Judaism and/or being Jewish when we meet. It doesn't have to be "midrash", prepare a favorite family dairy dish or do a flower arrangement.

Let either Rabbi know that you have something you want to talk about and share. Don't be shy. Moses, who had a speech impediment, was able to deliver speeches. Have courage and teach us something. You can do it, and you will be amongst friends! Looking ahead, the annual TBS Sports Breakfast, Silbert/Bernstein, and Annual Meeting are all events to look forward to. Having fun with plenty to do at your Temple Beth Sholom!

Patrick Guiney, President

MAY SERVICES	
Friday, May 2, 7:00 pm	
Saturday, May 3, 9:30 am	
Friday, May 9, 7:00 pm	
Friday, May 16, 7:00 pm	
Saturday, May 17, 9:30 am	
Friday, May 23, 7:00 pm	

Social Action

The Hull Beautification Committee held an all weekend all town clean up. The Social Action Committee thanks the following volunteers who showed up early on a Friday morning to clean up the grounds of the Temple, including the parking lot and Temple Israel for Hull Beautification weekend:

Rochelle and Jay Shoostine
Sharon Francer
Harriet Andler Guiney
Fran and Barry Barth

We collected a few bags of cigarette butts, nip bottles, leaves and other things. It certainly takes a village!

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

We held a moving service and commemoration of Yom HaShoah Wednesday, April 23, led by Rabbi David and Rabbi Joshua. We lit six memorial candles for the six million Jews who perished in the Shoah. We watched a documentary on the rise of Nazism and the slow, insidious governmental signals that foreshadowed the eventual shift from a democracy to a totalitarian state. Our community also participated in the Yellow Candle program, a nationwide commemoration of the Holocaust.

Sunday, April 27 TBS members and their families enjoyed a delicious breakfast, prepared and sponsored by Diane and Rabbi David Grossman, to learn about and discuss End of Life issues, including hospice care, burial customs and the benefits of preplanning funeral arrangements. Guest speakers included hospice nurse, Marcy Colallilo as well as Marta Castelo and Lauren Ladd from Stanetsky Memorial Chapel in Canton, MA. It was a frank and open discussion, very informative.



Photographs by Gabriel Ben Yosef

Dates In May:

Lag B'Omer Friday, May 16 at 4:30 PM at Wampatuck State Park for a hike, archery, a little learning, a brief service and a barbecue! Hot dogs, hamburgers, and vegan burgers along with salad and dessert will be served. Please **RSVP** by May 14 here <https://www.tbshull.org/lag-b-omer.html>

Monday, May 12 at 6:30PM TBS Reads will discuss *Kantika*, by Elizabeth Graver. Light refreshments will be served.



Monday, May 19 Jewish Heritage Night at the Red Sox Tix \$44.50 Red Sox vs Mets! Grand Stand 4. Includes a Red Sox jersey. Only 4 tickets left! Call the office to reserve your ticket. 781-925-0091

Wednesday, May 21 7:30PM-9:00PM Joey Weisenberg, Yoni Avi Battat and Richie Barshay for a ***Hadar in Boston concert event!*** Held at **Temple Israel of Boston**, 477 Longwood Avenue, Boston. We have 8 tickets available at **\$20** per person. Call the office to reserve your ticket. 781-925-0091

In June:

Sunday, June 1 at 6:30PM Shavuot. Join us as we engage in our annual Shavuot Tikkun Leil, an evening of fun, learning and delightful dairy treats!

Sunday, June 8 2:00PM-4:00PM Join the Hull Public Library at the Nantasket Beach Hotel as Elizabeth Graver discusses her book "Kantika" (a recent TBS Reads selection). Register here <https://hullpubliclibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/author-talk-with-elizabeth-graver/>

Sunday, June 15 at 10AM Sports Breakfast Sunday with featured speaker, **Joe Castiglione**, famous for his 42 years announcing Red Sox games. **Cost is \$10 per person, children under 18, free.**

Karen Augenstern, Chair, Programming Committee

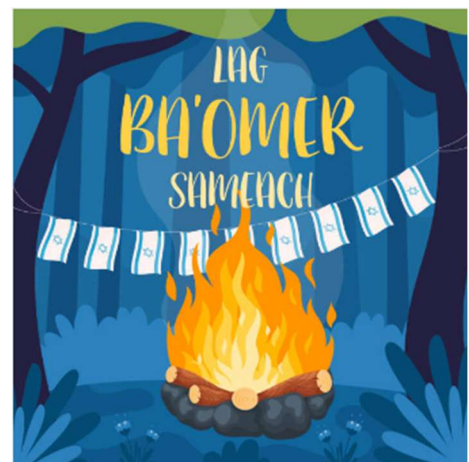
Membership



Our Temple Beth Sholom family continues to grow. We wish a warm welcome to our newest member, Susan Levine!

Susan, we are very excited to have you join our community!

Cathee & Harvey Wolf, Co-chair, Membership Committee



Second Seder

On Tuesday evening, April 13th, close to 70 friends and family gathered in the Boyer Auditorium to celebrate the 3rd annual Second Seder together. The evening began with multigenerational family candle lighting. Rabbi David and Rabbi Joshua then led us through the Haggadah, the Passover rituals and reflections. It was a night filled with warmth, smiles, good conversation and delicious food.

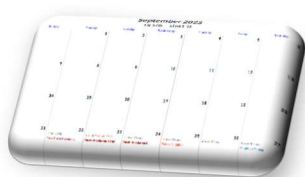
Thank you so much to everyone who helped organize and execute this wonderful evening: Co-Chairs Mary Belgard, Linda Pitler, and Alan Colman. Many hands made the evening a success and we thank Richard Albert, Karen Augenstern, Scott Belgard, Rabbis David and Joshua Grossman, Harriet Andler & Patrick Guiney. Most of all, our gratitude to Cheryl, Julia & Nadia Ruscansky for their talents in the kitchen.

Many thanks are due to all of our sponsors. Their generosity aided greatly in keeping the cost of the evening within reason!



Photography by Scott Belgard

Temple Beth Sholom 5786 Calendar



The Temple Calendar 5786 (September 2025 – September 2026) production is now in progress!

Now is your chance to participate in this super temple-wide activity! There is a tremendous amount of work preparing the Temple Calendar; including religious holidays and Temple events for the upcoming year; as well as congregant's birthdays, anniversaries and

yahrzeits, plus many lovely business ads from area merchants who generously support the Calendar.

Your support is needed to make this calendar a financial success. If you have previously been part of the annual calendar, please let us know you would like to continue your participation! If you haven't yet participated, we are looking forward to hearing from you and including your special dates!

Contact the Temple office (781)-925-0091 if you would like to support this activity, whether by including your special dates, or by placing an ad for your business!

Jewish Culture and Conversation

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

May 7th, May 14th, May 21st, May 28th



Listen, Learn, and share your thoughts!



For a **full** list of on-line programs or to register, click this [LINK](#)

Contact Karen at tbshullprogramming@gmail.com to register for the Members Only Programs through OCCSP.

May 4 at 1:00 pm Laundering Antisemitism: Ethnic Studies, Identity Politics, University

Creation, Retaliation, Choseness and Faith: Four challenges to the Bible (4-part series)

May 6 at 1:00 pm: If the Creation story in Genesis isn't literal, what does it teach us?

May 13 at 1:00 pm: King David's Retaliation: God, Gaza and the Ethics of Shared Responsibility

May 20 at 1:00 pm: Isn't being the "Chosen People" a little bit racist?

May 27 at 1:00 pm: Emunah for Atheists: What must a Jew believe?



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.

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

Get Well/Refuah Shlema

Patti Burak	Mary & Scott Belgard
Marcy Colalillo	Karen & Arthur Augenstern
Beverly Goodman Park	Karen & Arthur Augenstern
Susan Neiman	Mary & Scott Belgard
	Harriet & Patrick Guiney
Paula Nesoff	Mary & Scott Belgard
Harvey Wolf	Mary & Scott Belgard
	Harriet & Patrick Guiney

Mazal Tov

Norman Blacker's 95th birthday	Elaine & Norman Swartz
Dana & Jordan Cohne on Lola's Bat Mitzvah	Mary & Scott Belgard
Martin Cohne on your granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah	Mary & Scott Belgard
Rabbi David Grossman on your grandson's Bar Mitzvah	Elaine & Paul Greenblatt
Linda & Marty Pitler's 40th	Mary & Scott Belgard

Todah Rabbah

Diane Grossman	Karen Augenstern
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In Memory Of

Bernice Cohne	Karen & Arthur Augenstern
	Mary & Scott Belgard
	Rachel Goodwin
	Elaine & Paul Greenblatt
	Jake & Jonathan Millen
	Philip Rosen
	Marcia & Paul Rymaszewski
	Ellen Shuster
	Nancy Swartz
	Anita Wassersug
	Cathee & Harvey Wolf
Barbara Gerson	Elaine & Norman Swartz
Judy Kalish	Wendy Alfonso
Ed O'Brien	Marlene Bloom & Family



You are cordially invited to become part of the Honor Roll

The Honor Roll board, located in the hallway near the Asnes Chapel, displays name plaques of many wonderful people. The Honor Roll has been in existence for over 60 years. It was created by many of our founding members. New Honor Roll members will be able to view your engraved nameplate when they are affixed to the Honor Roll board. The Honor Roll can also include names of parents and grandparents who are no longer with us. It also can include couples who have lost their spouse. This is a loving way to keep a loved one's name alive.

ANNUAL HONOR ROLL MEMBERSHIP is available for a donation of \$108.00 and is automatically renewed every year in the spring.

PERMANENT HONOR ROLL MEMBERSHIP is also available for a one-time donation of \$1,800.00.

MULTIPLE HONOR ROLL MEMBERSHIPS are available for those wishing to add additional nameplates in honor of or in memory of loved ones.

TO ENROLL IN THE HONOR ROLL or for more information please email the Temple Office at templebethhull@gmail.com or call the Temple Office at 781-925-0091