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Temple Talk

Brought To You By Rabbi Ben: Shofar’s Call to the New Year

By: Rabbi Benjamin Chaidell

Shana Tova!

I write to you the week before our holiday season begins. We enter the new year 5785 in a darker world than when we entered 5784. This year we suffered the tragedies of October 7, the ongoing war in Gaza and recent death of six hostages, and now increasing conflict in Lebanon. Where can we find the joy to celebrate the new year and hope for a better world?

The shofar- the instrumental soundtrack to

Rosh Hashanah – offers us some advice. The Torah describes Rosh Hashanah as a “yom teruah,” or a day of calling out. The shofar in the Torah was sounded to bring the people forward- whether on the march in the wilderness, to war, or to celebrate festivals. The shofar was, and is, the call to action, the call to summon the best versions of ourselves to meet the moment at hand. According to Maimonides, the shofar exclaims, “Wake up from your slumber!”

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President’s Message

By: Linda Ungerleider

September’s services and events culminated in a strategic planning session on September 22. Todah rabah to Dina Baker for facilitating this fast-paced program. The discussions were lively and respectful. Working groups are now in formation to plan and execute the many strategies discussed to allow TBI to continue as a vibrant and welcoming community in the years to come. The full report will be available in the November bulletin. I hope you will join one of the working groups.

The Ritual Committee, Rabbi Chaidell and Cantor Band have been preparing for the upcoming, inspiring and thoughtful High Holy Day services. I look forward to seeing you in person or on Zoom as we reflect on the past and look forward to the future.

L’Shana Tova to you and your loved ones for a happy, healthy and sweet year.

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We heard the shofar in difficult times like this one as a call to gather to meet the challenge at hand. After escaping Egypt, the shofar called us to our mission as a people at Mount Sinai. The blasts of the shofar accompanied God's revelation of Torah and God's plan to elevate us and the world. The shofar reminds us we are not alone and that we have a role to play in making things better. The shofar calls us to great things.

Rabbi Sharon Brous in her new book *The Amen Effect* quotes Rabbi Shalom Noach Berezovsky, who teaches that each of us has a unique mission to fulfill. This mission addresses the time in history in which we live. He writes, "We need to recognize the importance of our mission, our obligation, and our task in this generation and we need to utilize what has been given to us, so that we do not squander the divine gifts we've received....This generation calls us to great things."

This High Holy Day season I invite you to consider the role this time and place calls you to fulfill. What does this generation call you to pursue- for the Jewish people, for your family and friends, for the world at large? What can you- and only you- do to support and sustain our Temple community and others in your life? When we do so, we discover agency in the face of fear, and we make our world a little more *to*v (good), making it a Shana Tova.

I pray that this new year bring us joy, health, and purpose as we fulfill our goals for the coming year.

Shana Tova U'metuka- may you have a good and sweet new year.

Rabbi Ben



Rosh Chodesh
Women's Group



NEW MOON, NEW MONTH, RENEWED YOU

Rosh Chodesh Group

Join Us on Sunday October 6th at 5pm for Rosh Chodesh Tishri.



We'll gain new insight on Tishrei and discuss our intentions for the new year. Bring some honey to include in our honey tasting.

Hot Topics: Jewish Views on Food for Sukkot

Sunday October 20, 10:30 AM in-person and accessible on Zoom [here](#)

On the harvest festival of Sukkot, join us to explore Jewish views on the food we eat beyond kashrut, such as the Torah's protection of fruit bearing trees and animal welfare, Kabbalistic ideas of renewable resources, and sustainable production. This class will follow minyan at 9 AM (with lulav and etrog) and breakfast in the sukkah (weather permitting).

Learn Haftarah Chanting

An initial in-person class

on Sunday October 27 at 1:00 p.m. at TBI

Free and open to everyone

Please let me know if you plan to attend
(respond in person or at SusanEHolbert@gmail.com)

You need to know the Hebrew alphabet, but you do not need to read fluently.

You do not need to commit to actually chanting.
Learn to just follow along!

If you are interested, but can't make this class,
please contact Susan Holbert to make other arrangements.

Prayerbook Hebrew Class with Caroline Nudelman

A Zoom class for adults who wish to improve their Hebrew reading fluency and basic prayerbook word translation.

Class Begins: Thursday, October 31

Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

This 6 week class will end on December 12th. There will be no class on Thanksgiving.

Contact Caroline to sign up for this course at crnudelman@gmail.com

MOUNT AUBURN
Cemetery Tour

Sunday, November 10, 2024
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

11:00 am
Meet at TBI for hot cider, hot chocolate, and cider donuts

11:30 am
Carpool to Mount Auburn Cemetery

12:00 pm
Cemetery Tour led by Catherine Cantrell
Walking or driving at 3 mph.

COST: \$5 cash per person, pay at event

SCAN OR CALL TO SIGN UP:
<https://bit.ly/mtauburncemeteryNov10>

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Rabbi Ben's Office Hours

Wednesdays from 9:30am -10:00am will be Zoom Only.

[Click Here to enter the zoom room.](#)

From 10:00am - 12:00pm you can make an appointment or just drop in, understanding you may need to wait if someone is already with him.



DINNERS IN THE TBI SUKKAH

WEDS. OCT. 16. 2024

6:30 pm Prayers to Welcome Sukkot
6:45 pm Dairy Dinner in the Sukkah

THIS WILL BE A BRING YOUR OWN DAIRY
DINNER - DINNER.

WE WILL PROVIDE PAPER GOODS DRINKS
AND COOKIES FOR DESSERT.

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WILL ATTEND
THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE BY
RSVP'ING TO
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/TBISUKKAHOCT2024](https://bit.ly/tbisukkahoct2024)



FRI. OCT. 18. 2024

6:30 pm Sukkot/Shabbat Service
7:00 pm Dinner in the Sukkah



DINNER WILL INCLUDE
PIZZA FROM VEGGIE
CRUST, SALAD, AND
DESSERT.

COST: \$18 PER PERSON
\$54 PER FAMILY

YOU MUST HAVE A PRE-PAID
RESERVATION TO ATTEND THE
DINNER.

SIGN UP BEFORE WEDS. OCT. 16
AT NOON. CALL THE OFFICE
781 894 51456 OR PAY ONLINE

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What a great time we all had celebrating Catherine Cantrell's 80th Birthday.

The rain held out just long enough to get our Porch Sale in.



Even without rain, we were able to get flowers to grow in our gardens.



Rabbi Ben attended an Art Show in Concord featuring artwork by Catherine Cantrell.



High Holy Day Services and Schedule 5785

All services will be in person and on Zoom unless otherwise listed.

Dates and Times are subject to change.

Selichot	Saturday, Sept. 28	7:00 pm 8:30 pm	Havdalah, Meaning and Melodies of the High Holy Days Selichot Service
Erev Rosh HaShanah	Wednesday, Oct. 2	6:45 pm 7:30 pm	Dessert Reception Evening Service
Rosh HaShanah Day 1	Thursday, Oct. 3	9:00 am 2:30 pm 3:30 pm	Morning Service Lunch at TBI (Prepaid and Reservations Required) Tashlich & Family Service at Watch Factory South Dock, Crescent St across from Robbins St.
Rosh HaShanah Day 2	Friday, Oct. 4	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Morning Service Tashlich (Rain Date)
Shabbat Shuva	Saturday, Oct. 5	9:30 am	Shabbat morning service
Sunday Minyan followed by Cemetery Memorial Service	Sunday, Oct. 6	9:00 am 10:30 am	Services (at TBI) Tzom Gedalia Service at Beth Israel Memorial Park, 190 South Street (IN PERSON ONLY)
Erev Yom Kippur	Friday, Oct. 11	5:15 pm 5:40 pm	Doors Open Kol Nidre Service (promptly)
Yom Kippur	Saturday, Oct. 12	9:00 am 11:30 am 2:45– 3:30 pm 4:00 pm 6:50 pm	Morning Service Yizkor (approximate time) Discussion w/Susan Holbert Mincha, N'eilah, Ma'ariv, Havdalah Shofar and Break the Fast
Build the Sukkah	Sunday, Oct. 13	4:00pm	We could use your help!
Erev Sukkot	Wednesday, Oct. 16	6:30 pm 6:45 pm	Kabbalat Chag (Welcoming Sukkot) Dairy Dinner in the Sukkah (BYO)
Sukkot Yom Tov Day 1	Thursday, Oct. 17	9:30 am	Morning Service/Kiddush in Sukkah
Sukkot Yom Tov Day 2	Friday, Oct. 18	9:30 am 6:30pm	Morning Service/Kiddush in Sukkah Service and Dinner in Sukkah
Hol Hammoed Sukkot	Sunday, Oct. 20	9:00am	Minyan, Breakfast and Hot Topics
Hoshanah Rabbah	Wed., Oct. 23	7:00am	Minyan at Temple Reyim
Shemini Atzeret / Erev Simchat Torah	Thursday, Oct. 24	9:30am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	Services and Yizkor (approx. 11 am) Snacks Maariv/Simchat Torah Celebration
Simchat Torah Morning	Friday, Oct. 25	9:30 am	Morning Service: Complete Torah Cycle and Begin Bereishit/Genesis
Shabbat Bereshit	Saturday, Oct. 26	9:30 am	Shabbat Morning Services

If you are planning to attend services for the High Holy Days, please send in your membership contribution or seat contribution then click on the link or scan the QR code.

<https://bit.ly/HighHolyDays2024>



Portraits - Willy Schild

April 2024 written by Willy Schild

My life began in Belgium. My grandparents had moved to Antwerp in the 1920s. My mother was one of five girls and a boy all of whom, except for the boy, survived the Holocaust. My kid brother and I were smuggled out of Antwerp as infants. We were helped by diamond smuggler who switched to smuggling people as the war began. We spent one night in a brothel where my mother said the 'ladies' were very kind to my brother and I!

A number of Jewish children were "adopted" by ordinary Belgian couples thereby saving them from the Nazis. One of them, a cousin of mine, was sheltered by a simple peasant couple. (A lesson to be learned about the morality of everyday folks) She was located after the war by one of my uncles who brought her to NY and raised her. My grandparents survived the war in Antwerp due to a special arrangement the Queen made with the German occupier.

We managed to get to Cuba where a dictator named Batista was willing to give Jews refuge -for a price. Life in Havana was pretty normal for our little Jewish community.

Given my early years I regard my life as uniquely precious – some of my close family were not spared. I have been drawn to philosophy because of its concern with ultimate questions.

My family managed to get a sponsor (a requirement to get a visa) that enabled us to come to Miami at the end of the war. From there we made our way to upper Manhattan where we settled. My parents were orthodox so my father insisted my brother and I go to yeshiva. The only one he found acceptable was on the lower East Side which entailed a good hour's subway rides. I must say I resented my years at the yeshiva – though I valued the friends I made there. The rabbis who taught us were unable to relate to us as modern teens who were part of the American culture. In my case I began to distance myself from Jewish thought and action- in particular reading philosophy and science.

I began my studies at City College and then continued getting my Masters at New York University. Though I had no Zionist leaning, as it turned out I met a girl who had been born in Israel and wanted to go back to her birthplace. We decided to give it a shot. I was able to get an appointment at the Weizmann Institute where my background in math and computers dovetailed with their needs as they were developing their applications in computer science. I spent a year there but the relationship with my girlfriend did not work out and I returned to New York.

I continued my studies switching to Philosophy which had been my first interest since I was a teen. I continued my strong attachment to Israel and Zionist ideology. The seeds were planted in my first visit. So when I completed my PhD and was now married, we went on aliyah settling in Haifa where I was a staff member at an IBM Scientific Center. Life in Israel is a roller coaster of emotions with almost daily events that impact everyone. Shortly after our arrival the Yom Kippur war broke out. With a feeling of needing to do something I became a citizen and was soon called to reserve duty. I had previously served as a reservist in the US army – but the IDF was nothing like it. (My daughter Aliza was born there – she now lives in Phoenix – regrettably too far for frequent visits.)

Again, marital issues became a problem and we returned to the US after 6 years. The marriage ended and I subsequently remarried. We decided to adopt. To avoid complications with local laws we arranged to go to Brazil. A tense 3 months as we had to maneuver around a foreign language, culture, and judicial system. Some examples: each judge decides on when to hold court, a rumor that foreigners were coming to steal babies and selling them for spare parts, any native can interfere with a foreign adoption and claim a child – the result we had to keep a low profile- avoid being seen with our child ... In the end we arrived with our precious Rebecca who has grown into a vibrant spirited adult. She is happily married, works as an early childhood teacher and enjoys performing as singer and dancer. My own life for the last 12 years has been immeasurably enriched by my partner Joan whose love is a gift.



Donations

Saturday Kiddush Donations

Oct 5 - Susan Baron

Oct 26 - Trager Ufruf

Nov 2 - Catherine Cantrell, in memory of her mother

Nov 23 - Catherine Cantrell, in honor of her Bat Mitzvah anniversary

Sharing a light lunch after services each week strengthens and creates community. \$200 sponsors one Shabbat lunch for up to 40 people. Contact the office to reserve your week today!

Thank You

Thanks to those who read Torah, Haftarah, led a portion of the service, were a gabbai, or gave a D'var Torah recently.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer to be gabbai, to read from the Torah or chant a Haftarah, or sponsor a kiddush or contact Mark Frydenberg or Rabbi Ben if you would like to give a D'var Torah in the coming months.

General Fund Donations

In Memory of Arthur Marion From:

- Phyllis Werlin
- Merrill and Carol Griff
- Bruce Trager
- Mark Frydenberg

In Memory of Ed Kaufman From:

- Phyllis Werlin
- Merrill and Carol Griff
- Bruce Trager
- Mark Frydenberg

Diana Korzenik, in honor of Rabbi Ben's terrific first year as our Rabbi.

Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one listed on our yahrzeit page, or in honor of a special someone's life cycle event. You can use the form on page 11 and send in a check or donate online at our website using a credit card.

Programs coming in future months

- Israeli Rabbi Guest Speaker
- More Portraits, Yiddish Literature and other fun Saturday afternoon programs
- Hanukkah on Christmas
- Candle Lighting at City Hall

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To date we have collected \$30

We wish a long life to our members who are observing a Yahrzeit in the coming weeks.

If your loved one is remembered here, we remind you that it is customary to acknowledge the yahrzeit with tzedakah. TBI appreciates any gift you wish to make in memory of your loved ones.

October Yahrzeits

- Oct 2 - Steven Zieff, in memory of James Zieff
- Oct 6 - Stephen Etkind, in memory of Jack Victor Itzkowitz
- Oct 8 - Karin Kriegsman, in memory of Stefanie Claire Handel
- Oct 8 - Judith Isaac, in memory of her father, Shimone
- Oct 13 - Alan Corman, in memory of, Mary Sullivan
- Oct 14 - James Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their grandfather, Louis Baron
- Oct 14 - Carl Weinstein, in memory of their grandfather, Melvin Cohn
- Oct 16 - Miki Abelow, in memory of her father, Arthur Abelow
- Oct 17 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of Cynthia Ullman
- Oct 19 - Beth Cormier and Susan Furman, in memory of their mother Florence Furman
- Oct 22 - Dina Baker, in memory of her mother, Zelda Wolfman
- Oct 23 - Dianne Levine, in memory of her mother, Bertha Popolow
- Oct 26 - Miki Abelow, in memory of her mother, Claire Abelow
- Oct 31 - Catherine Cantrell, in memory of her mother, Miriam Bowra
- Oct 31 - Roni-Beth Shapiro and Elaine Shapiro, in memory of their mother, Ruth Shapiro

November Yahrzeits

- Nov 1 - The Kaplan family, in memory of Ben Moldoff
- Nov 3 - Alan Dechter, in memory of Harry Kovitz
- Nov 7 - TBI Friends, in memory of Hillel Stavis
- Nov 9 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of Bertha Grossman
- Nov 9 - Roni-Beth and Elaine Shapiro, in memory of Harold Shapiro
- Nov 10 - Hannah Snyder, in memory of Len Snyder
- Nov 12 - Andrea Baron, in memory of her father, Allyn Abramson
- Nov 13 - John Fine, in memory of Saul Fine
- Nov 16 - Erika Cohen, in memory of Arpad Viltschek
- Nov 16 - Bruce Trager, in memory of his grandmother, Rose Fox
- Nov 18 - Joel Weiner, in memory of Edward Weiner
- Nov 22 - Merrill Griff, in memory of Daniel Griff
- Nov 23 - Helen Lewis, in memory of Manny Yavelow
- Nov 26 - Linda Ungerleider, in memory of her husband, Stanley Ungerleider
- Nov 27 - Jim Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their grandmother, Madeline Kaplan
- Nov 29 - Anita and Alan Kennen in memory of their grandfather, Max Katz
- Nov 30 - Jim Baron and Audrey Kennen, in memory of their father, Herbert Baron



Temple Beth Israel Memorial Park

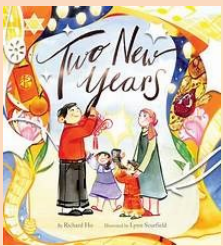
Temple Beth Israel has maintained a cemetery for its members since 1951. Beth Israel Memorial Park is located on South Street, between the Stanley Elementary School and Children's Hospital. Graves are available in Section A (the right side as you enter the cemetery), Section B (the left side as you enter the cemetery) and in Kulanu (the left side, after Section B). The cost to purchase an individual grave in Sections A or B for Temple members is \$2,200 (\$4,400 for two). The cost for non-members is \$3,600 per grave, which includes one year of membership.

You must be a Temple member for two or more consecutive years to take advantage of Member pricing; Non-member pricing applies to all others.

Kulanu is dedicated to serving the needs of Jewish Temple members who are married to a non-Jewish spouse. Graves in the Kulanu interfaith section are sold in lots of two, at a total cost of \$4,400 for members. The cost for non-members is \$7,200 for a lot of two, which includes one year of family membership.

If you are interested in purchasing one or more graves, please contact **Jay Trilling** of Menorah Cemetery Management Corporation at (857) 636-9440.

—Jim Baron and Alan Levine
Cemetery Committee Chairs



TBI Bookshelf

By Marilyn Racette

Two New Years, written by Richard Ho and illustrated by Lynn Scurfield, is a bright and beautiful children's book showing how one family celebrates two New Years, Rosh Hashanah in the fall, and the Lunar New Year in the spring. While showing how each holiday has its own distinct customs, representing different peoples with different histories, this lovely book also depicts the many things each have in common—the desire for new beginnings, family joining together for celebration, sharing symbolic foods, and good wishes. A treasure in itself, this book could also provide a wonderful starting point for discussions about the ways that our many cultures around the world are different and amazingly similar.

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For your convenience, please use this form to make your donations and send to: Temple Beth Israel, 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA 02453. You may also donate online at <http://tbiwaltham.org/donate>. The minimum donation amount is \$10. Please add additional information on another sheet.

Attached is my donation check in the amount of \$ _____. Please allocate it to the following funds.

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This donation is being made ____ in honor of ____ in memory of _____.

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