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February 2013

Shevat/Adar 5773

No. 6

REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE

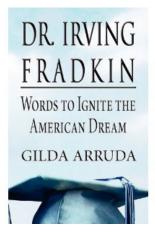
*Please Note - Saturday Shabbat Services have been cancelled until we find a new spiritual leader, but Temple members are welcome to attend services with Adas Israel members in the Temple Beth El Board Room at 9 am, at the Fall River Jewish Home at 9:45 am, or at Temple Emanu-El. Please see the box on the bottom of page 2 for more details.

Dr. Irving Fradkin: Words to Ignite the American Dream *Gilda Arruda, Author*

Gilda Arruda has written a book about our own Dr. Irving Fradkin, and there will be book signings and lectures at the following times and locations:

Sunday, February 3rd, 2:00 pm, Somerset Public Library Wednesday, February 6th, 10:00 am, Diman Vocational School Monday, February 11th, 9:00 am, Bishop Connolly High School

All events are open to the public, and Dr. Fradkin cordially invites all Temple Beth El members to attend.



The good news continues as Senator John Kerry recently presented Dr. Fradkin with a commendation for initiating a grass-roots campaign to fund scholarships forty-four years ago. The program, known as "Dollars for Scholars" has awarded over \$3 billion and has been an educational opportunity for 2 million students to go on to receive a higher education. As a result of his efforts dropout rates were reduced and scholarship monies were available to everyone. Congratulations Dr. Fradkin!

President's Message

Dear Members,

January has been a busy month for the leadership of Temple Beth El, with meetings of the Board, the Search Committee and the Finance Committee. Everyone involved with the search for a new spiritual leader has been actively working to ensure that our next spiritual leader will not only be a good fit for our congregation but also work to increase our numbers and lead us into the future on a sturdy foundation.

In mid-January we were pleased to be visited by Rabbi Mark Elber and his wife, Cantor Shoshana Brown. They lead both the Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services to a packed house in the chapel, and we received positive feedback from their visit. Thank you to those of you who took the time to come to one or both of the services, as we value your input. I would also like to thank Bill Chebot for going over our traditions and melodies with the Rabbi and Cantor as they prepared for the services, Sylvia Eisner for hosting and serving them a delicious kosher dinner at her home after Friday services, our staff for making all the arrangements for their visit, as well as all those who helped behind the scenes. We couldn't do what we do without you.

The Adas Israel move has been going smoothly. They are now leading Saturday Shabbat services in the board room, and there is an open invitation to any and all Temple members to join them for services, which begin at 9 am, and kiddush lucheon afterwards. They continue to work on hanging their special plaques and pictures on our walls downstairs. Be sure to take a moment to look at them when they are up -- many of the names will be familiar.

Please welcome George Haire to our custodial staff. George has worked at the shul for years and will assist Tom not only with cleaning and maintenance tasks but also with the cooking.

As always, the work on the building continues, and now that George has joined us we will be working on a hit list for making our beautiful building glow. If you notice anything that needs attention, please call or e-mail the office and we will add it to the list.

> Stephen D. Silverman President

Fall River Jewish Home538 Robeson St.(508) 679-6172Saturday Shabbat Service:9:45 am

Congregation Adas Israel Temple Beth El Board Room Saturday Shabbat Service: 9:00 am

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Sisterhood President's Message

Dear Members,

Welcome to the February doldrums. It's that time of the year when people are fighting off the "famous flu" and other winter ailments. This year we are being treated to the weather that we were spared from last year. So we will drink our orange juice, take our vitamins and maybe take a vacation in the tropics.

The weekend of Friday, January 18th and Saturday, January 19th we were treated to lovely Shabbat services. The married couple, Rabbi Mark Elber and Cantor Shoshana Brown, drew us into the warmth and spirituality of what Shabbat is all about. A kiddish followed Friday's service, and a nice luncheon was provided on Saturday. Those of you who were unable to attend really missed a special time.

I hope that everyone has picked up the next selection the book club has chosen. We will be discussing <u>The Racketeer</u> by John Grisham, on Wednesday morning, February 13th at 10:30 am in the Temple library. I just started it and I'm truly enjoying it. So pick it up and start reading. Hope to see everyone there.

So until next month, Shalom.

Libby Cohen, Sisterhood President

Camp Ramah Camperships



A limited amount of scholarship funds are available for Jewish children and grandchildren of Temple members. If you are interested, a letter of application for a scholarship must be received in the Temple office by March 15, 2013.

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SERVICE SCHEDULE February 2013: Shevat/Adar 5773

Friday, February 1 (21 Shevat)

Candle Lighting

Shabbat Service

Shabbat Service

4:44 pm 5:30 pm

Friday, February 8 (28 Shevat) Candle Lighting

4:51 pm 5:30 pm

Sunday, February 10 (30 Shevat) Rosh Chodesh Adar

Monday, February 11 (1 Adar) Rosh Chodesh Adar

Friday, February 15 (5 Adar) Candle Lighting Shabbat Service

5:00 pm 5:30 pm

<u>Thursday, February 21 (11 Adar)</u> Fast of Esther

Friday, February 22 (12 Adar) Candle Lighting Shabbat Service

5:09 pm 5:30 pm

Sunday, February 24 (14Adar) Purim

Monday, February 25 (15 Adar) Shushan Purim

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Office Closed: Monday, February 18th - Presidents' Day

Temple Beth El of Fall River

by Ada Jill Schneider

We congregate in fellowship and faith under the resplendent Byzantine dome of our beloved home away from home to thank God that we have reached this day.

As we stand before the *Bimah*, its handcarved flowers adorning the Holy Ark, we remember those who have come before us, the joyous *simchas* and Sabbath *aliyas*.

Silver-crowned, velvet-clad, precious Torahs rest behind familiar ornate doors. At the sides, ancient symbols: seven-branched Menorahs, stained glass windows for the twelve tribes.

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A letter from Rabbi Mark Elber and Cantor Shoshana Brown

To all of the community at Temple Beth El:

Mark and I want to thank you for your warmth and hospitality when we came to meet and to daven with you over the Shabbat of Jan. 18th and 19th. We truly enjoyed meeting you all, sharing in worship, study, song, and Shabbat lunch with you (and a deep note of thanks to Sylvia Eisner for providing us with a delicious Shabbat dinner Friday night). I also want to thank Bill Chebot for spending time with me beforehand going over your liturgical traditions and melodies, and Stephen Silverman and Jeffrey Entin for arranging our weekend, our travel, etc.

Mark and I were both impressed with the down-to-earth quality of your community--and of course we had our breath taken away by your magnificent main sanctuary! On a lighter note, I was delighted to discover that the Quality Inn where we stayed in Somerset was the same hotel (only then it was a Howard Johnson's) where I had stayed with my family when I was about 10 years old visiting Newport--the first hotel I had ever stayed in with an indoor pool! We also want to thank everyone in the congregation for making our son Lev feel welcome and comfortable. (Lev also enjoyed the pool!)

Thank you again, and wishing you all the best. Shalom u'vrachah (peace and blessings),

> Rabbi Mark Elber Cantor Shoshana Brown

Sisterhood Gift Shop

If you would like to browse the gift shop, I am available Monday after 12 noon or by appointment. I'm just a phone call away!

Will you be going to a bar/bat mitzvah, wedding, baby naming, or a new home? Passover starts on Monday evening, March 25 –give a gift of a beautiful seder plate or a Lucite matzo box. We have some lovely merchandise or maybe you might like to order something from one of my catalogs – just allow enough time to place an order.

Hannah R. Evans Phone: 508-674-2505 Email: hannahbecky@comcast.net

Reminders:

- ✤ Book Club, February 13th at 10:30 am
- 🗞 Bulletin Deadline, February 15th

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Friendly Visitor: Jackie Gedacht is ready, willing and able to visit the sick or shut-ins. Call the UJA office at (508) 673-7791 to schedule a visit.



Amedeo Modigliani

(July 12, 1884 – January 25, 1920) Italy Painter and Sculptor

A Sephardic Jew, Modigliani was born to a wealthy family in Lovorno, Italy, that became impoverished, losing his father when he was just a boy. Always in delicate health, he developed tuberculosis, which he struggled with throughout his life. He studied in Florence, Venice and Paris and was acquainted with famous writers and artists of the day from Picasso to Utrillo. His paintings are said to be, "dominated by his sense of linear design." Although surrounded by artists experimenting with Impressionism, Surrealism and Cubism, Modigliani developed his own unique style. He uses distortion – long, thin necks and faces – to create a delicate and gentle effect.

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