

85th Year January 2013 Tevet/Shevat 5773 No. 5

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 at the Fall River Jewish Home, Adas Israel, or Temple Emanu-El. Please see the box on the bottom of page 2 for more details.

The following letter was sent to our president, Steve Silverman, and Temple Beth El from Shirley & Allen Taradash:

Dear Steve and Temple Beth El Members,

On November 9, 2012 the Torah that Temple Beth El so graciously donated to Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas was delivered.

Congregation Beth Israel was overjoyed with this gift and celebrated its arrival in a very traditional way. The celebration started approximately one half mile from the synagogue with a parade. The Torah was carried under the Chuppah surrounded by approximately 150 members of the congregation singing and playing music through the streets of Colleyville to the synagogue. People who were unable to walk in the parade lined the streets and waved Israeli flags as the Torah passed by.



Once the Torah arrived at the synagogue more singing and dancing took place and the Rabbi danced with the Torah in the center of the circle. When the dancing subsided the Shofar was blown welcoming the Torah to the congregation. The congregants formed a line around and through the sanctuary. From the entrance, the Torah was handed from family to family as it proceeded on its way to the bimah. Once it arrived at the bimah the Rabbi held the Torah up for all to see and then placed it in its place of honor in the Ark.



The whole welcoming procedure was very traditional and very moving. At the Friday night service Shirley lit the Sabbath candles and I gave a short narrative as to how the Torah came to Congregation Beth Israel and its donation from Temple Beth El in Fall River, MA. The congregation was overwhelmed with Temple Beth El's generosity. The Rabbi spoke about the fact that now they no longer had to worry about having to return the second Torah and the fact that many generations will read from this Torah regularly. Congregation Beth Israel had a leaf inscribed honoring Temple Beth El's gift and it is placed on the Tree of Life in the foyer as you enter the synagogue for all to see.

On Saturday morning Shirley and I were given the honor of the first blessing as a member of the Congregation read from the new Torah. Everyone in the Congregation came up to us and thanked us for bringing them the Torah and asked that we relay their thanks to the members of Temple Beth El. They are extremely appreciative of this wonderful gift and will cherish it.

The weekend was celebrated with an Oneg Shabbat, a Saturday luncheon and a true Texas kosher barbeque after the Havdalah. The pictures enclosed will give you an idea of how happy this congregation was to receive your gift.

This journey has been a once in a lifetime experience for us. We greatly appreciate Temple Beth El's gift to this young, vibrant Congregation Beth Israel. We know many Bar and Bat Mitzvah children will give this Torah a new life in its new home.



President's Message

Dear Members,

As we celebrate the beginning of a new calendar year, we also look forward to a new beginning here at Temple Beth El.

As I write this article the Search Committee is working out plans to interview a new spiritual leader, but in this case the position of spiritual leader would be assumed by a couple, Rabbi Mark Elber and his wife, Cantor Shoshana Brown. If all goes as planned, Rabbi Elber and Cantor Brown will lead Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services in the latter part of January. As soon as the dates are confirmed we will get word to all of you, as we would like as many congregants as possible to attend. We would love to have enough to use the sanctuary for at least one of the services.

We continue to make repairs to the building, focusing mainly on stopping leaks and repairing water damage. Although it seems to be a never-ending challenge, we have made some significant inroads, particularly with the granite steps leading up to the sanctuary. We have also repaired many sections of the roof and a great many windows.

I would like to thank the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Foundation for once again giving us a grant for \$1000.00, which we will use in our ongoing quest to restore and maintain our magnificent building. Thanks, too, to Bernie and Arthur Miranda, who have done the majority of the work, and continue to come up with new solutions to old problems. They truly are the "Leak Masters."

> Stephen D. Silverman President

In Memoriam

ROBERT ZAIS

NOVEMBER 23, 2012 - KISLEV 9, 5773

PHYLLIS NERENBERG

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Sisterhood President's Message

Dear Members,

It is now January, and believe it or not the days are getting longer. It's that time of year when the countdown to spring begins. I can't wait to put the winter behind me. It's so good to have something to look forward to, and spring is that something.

Those folks who attended the Hanukkah party were treated to a lovely afternoon of good food and great socialization. Scott Tepper gave us a chance to see him in action. He led us in the singing of several holiday favorites. It was great to see Joan Dermody in the kitchen. It was just like old times.

Monday morning classes have resumed at the Temple. Scott Tepper starts by leading the morning minyan and then teaches an adult education class. Those who attend enjoy it very much. If you have a chance, make it a point to stop in. He is very knowledgeable. You are sure to enjoy it.

The next meeting of the book club is Wednesday, January 9th at 10:30 am in the Temple library. We will be discussing Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn. Put it on your calendar and plan to join

So until next month, Shalom.

Libby Cohen, Sisterhood President

Temple Family

- Our condolences to the family of Robert Zais
- Our condolences to the family of Phyllis Nerenberg
- A warm welcome to our new member, Debra Sandler

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January 2013: Tevet/Shevat 5773

Friday	y, January	4 ((22)	Tevet)

Candle Lighting 4:10 pm Shabbat Service 5:30 pm

Friday, January 11 (29 Tevet)

Candle Lighting 4:17 pm Shabbat Service 5:30 pm

Saturday, January 12 (1 Shevat)

Rosh Chodesh Shevat

Friday, January 18 (7 Shevat)

Candle Lighting 4:25 pm Shabbat Service 5:30 pm

Friday, January 25 (14 Shevat)

Candle Lighting 4:33 pm Shabbat Service 5:30 pm

Saturday, January 26 (15 Shevat)

Tu B'Shevat

REMINDERS:

Book Club, January 9th

Bulletin Deadline, January 15th



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The following letter was written by Jeffrey Weissman, President of Congregation Adas Israel:

Dear fellow Congregants,

The past year has been one of confusion and turmoil for Congregation Adas Israel. We originally thought we had the synagogue building sold to Chabad of South Coast, which would have allowed us to remain in the building. After several missed deadlines, however, we realized that there was no way that the Chabad could afford the building and would not be able to obtain a bank loan.

There was an offer made by the Word of Life Church, which was always in the background, but they also had trouble obtaining a bank loan. This August we reached a new and workable agreement with the church, resulting in the final sale of the building and ONLY the building, and on November 22, 2012 the papers were signed and a bank check was received by Congregation Adas Israel.

This sale does NOT mean that the congregation was sold or disbanded; Congregation Adas Israel is and always will be a viable Orthodox congregation. Our location has changed and we have been graciously welcomed by Temple Beth El in Fall River and still have a place to conduct services, have meetings and celebrate holidays. We welcome our members to join us on Saturday mornings and holidays and also welcome the members of Temple Beth El to join us in our celebrations.

The sale of the building was done to provide for the future of the two Orthodox cemeteries in Fall River, Hebrew Cemetery on McMahon Street, and Agudas Achim Cemetery on Newhall Street. There currently are three plans that are being explored to manage the cemeteries in a cost effective manner, while allowing for the preservation of both cemeteries as they were chartered to be.

I can't emphasize enough that only our building was sold, the congregation is and always will be Orthodox, and with Hashem's blessing will continue at Temple Beth El. The memorial plaques and pictures that were in the synagogue have come with us and will be displayed in the Temple if suitable arrangements can be made. There is no plan to destroy any of the plaques or dispose of the pictures, and they will be remaining with the synagogue unless arrangements can be made with the Center for Jewish Culture at UMass Dartmouth to display them in their library. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the Board of Directors, should you have a concern.

On behalf of the board of directors of Congregation Adas Israel, I would like to thank the board of Temple Beth El for their generous offer to house not only our congregation but also many of our plaques and artifacts. Our office has been set up in their downstairs office space, we are currently holding Saturday Shabbat services in their chapel, we hold meetings in their board room, and we have the use of their kosher kitchen for our many

meals and events. While we have all had to make some adjustments, we look forward to continuing our Orthodox traditions in our new home. Again I would like to welcome all Temple Beth El congregants to join us for services and Kiddush.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the people who helped with the move, including George Haire, Cliff Lander, Renee Lipson, Barry Harwood, and Tom Gregory, the Temple's custodian. We couldn't have done it without them.

Respectfully, Jeffrey Weissman, President

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