# TEMPLE BETH EL



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## Regular Service Schedule - In Person and Via Zoom

Morning Minyan (Monday & Thursday)	8:00 a	am
Friday Evening Services	5:30 p	om
Shabbat Morning Services	.10:00 a	am



It is sadly time to wish our president, Steve Silverman, a happy, healthy and well-deserved retirement. As many of you know, Steve had complex back surgery at the end of 2023, and after spending several months in rehab he is finally, thankfully, back home. As he adjusts to home life he continues to work on strengthening his back, taking some time to relax, spending time with his family, and yes, enjoying his wife Judy's fabulous cooking!

Since he took the helm in 2006/2007 much has changed, as Rabbi Kaufman had just retired and Cantor Wolberg would follow suit a few years later. That led to the search for new spiritual leaders and the hiring of Rabbi Mark and Cantor Shoshana. He was instrumental in negotiating the contract with People, Inc. for the rental of the preschool, and he stayed

in close touch with their organization. He also hired Tommy Fillipovich to take care of our cemetery. And building repairs...he orchestrated so many building repairs. His knowledge of boilers, plumbing, roofing and more, combined with his ability to find the best contractor for the job, has been critical, not just during his eighteen years as president, but for years before that as the chair of the Building Committee. Over the years he also served on the Finance Committee, the Events Committee, the Scholarship Committee and the Cemetery Committee, all while balancing his family life and his business. He always said he had big shoulders, and

he was right. He wasn't afraid to make the tough decisions, and he was willing to handle any negative feedback. Above all

else, Steve felt it was his personal responsibility to keep our congregation safe. He never hesitated to call for police details, particularly on the High Holidays, while also being on the job himself. He also met with several special investigators over the years, including an FBI agent, and a security expert who gave us several ideas to make our building safer. He had state-of-the-art security cameras mounted in and around the temple and cemetery. Safety was definitely his top priority.

It goes without saying that we will miss Steve, but we thank him for his many years of leadership, his friendship, all he has accomplished, all of the time and energy he has devoted to us, and how deeply he cared about our congregation. We wish him good health and happiness and hope that before long we will once again see him in the Temple enjoying the fellowship of his temple family. Mazel Tov!



# Save the Date for Temple Beth El's Purim celebration! Sunday, March 24th

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Followed by a Purim *Se'udah* (festive meal), and our monthly Jewish movie:

Love, Gilda"





#### A message from our Spiritual Leader, Rabbi Mark Elber

The current year of 5784 is a leap year in the Jewish calendar. The Jewish calendar is quite complex. It's a lunar calendar adjusted for the solar year and works on a nineteenyear cycle during the course of which there are seven leap years. The major determining factor is that Passover must occur in the spring. In a leap year, we add an entire month, Adar II. Adar is the twelfth month of the year while Nisan, the month in which Passover occurs, is the first month of the year because it was the month of our liberation from slavery in Egypt. Purim occurs in the middle of Adar, but when there is a leap year it occurs in the middle of Adar II.

In the Talmud, Tractate Ta'anit 29a, we find the expression: *mishenikhnas Adar marbin b'simkha* (from the time Adar "enters," joy increases). This goes back to the fact that Purim occurs on the full moon of Adar (or Adar II). As the moon is waxing in the sky, from the beginning of the month of Adar, so our joy is supposed to grow, building eventually toward Passover, *z'man kherutenu* (the time of our liberation), and then seven weeks later, Shavuot, *z'man matan Toratenu* (the time of the giving of our Torah). You can see the crescendo effect of events from the time that Adar "enters."

However, this year it's much harder to feel an increase in joy because of the war in Gaza, and the potential war with Hezbollah in the north of Israel. In the Megillah of Esther, which we read on Purim, we find a story of our ancestors living in the diaspora as a minority, subject to the hatred of Haman and his desire to annihilate us. Mordechai and Esther need the support of the King, i.e. the people in power, to protect us from the violent urges of parts of the population. That has been a common theme throughout our history in the diaspora - being a vulnerable minority in the lands of our dispersion, needing the protection of people in power to save us - except when they didn't save us. In Russia and Poland, the forces in power often let the peasants take out their frustration on the Jewish population. Sometimes Jews were forced to be tax-collectors, so they would be the faces the peasants would see and resent, rather than resenting the people for whom the Jews were collecting taxes.

Zionism, the liberation movement of the Jewish people, saw as its primary goal re-establishing the land of Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people where we could become a "normal" nation like all other nations i.e. be a majority no longer under the rule of some other nation where we were a minority, where we could work the land again and no type of job would be forbidden to us. We would rebuild the land and the land would rebuild us *(banu livnot u'l'hibanot)*. In a way, however, the situation of Jews in the diaspora was reproduced on an international scale. Israel has needed the support on the international stage from the United States and the West, for example, in its conflicts with the Arab world which surrounds it, and for so much of Israel's short existence, opposed its very existence. Today, however, more and more Arab countries are coming to see that it is in their best interests to have relations with Israel. I can't help but think that if the Arabs had accepted the U.N.'s partition plan in 1947, Palestinian Arabs would have been celebrating their 75th anniversary as a sovereign nation just as Israel did. Instead, so many people have died in the perpetual conflicts. As Golda Meir said, the wars will continue "until they love their children more than they hate us." Or as Abba Eban said, "the Arabs never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity." Clever quips aside, those who fight for ideological or religious reasons will probably continue as long as they have some hold on power.

The Oslo Accords, first signed in September 1993 ultimately failed, I believe, because the extremists on both sides didn't really want a two-state solution. The increase in Palestinian terrorist attacks after the Oslo Accords made fewer and fewer Israelis willing to risk the compromises that a two-state solution would entail. At the same time, the Israeli settler movement kept expanding despite the fact that there was supposed to be a moratorium on settlement growth. I was living in Tel Aviv at the time of the Oslo Accords. I felt a strong sense of hope then for the future on the part of so many Israelis – peace finally seemed within reach. Yet Netanyahu vehemently opposed the Oslo Accords, using powerful rhetoric to vilify those who supported it.

Yitzchak Rabin, a great war hero and the Prime Minister who signed the Oslo Accords on the White House lawn, was a child of the Labor Zionist movement which was in power from the founding of the state until 1977. The main opposition party (originally called the Revisionist party) led by Menachem Begin evolved into Likud. (Begin died in 1992) Likud members and other right-wing groups held anti-Oslo demonstrations - even depicting Rabin in an SS uniform or in a kaffiyeh (Arab headdress) - calling Rabin a traitor. In July 1995, Netanyahu led an anti-Rabin rally with protestors chanting "Death to Rabin." Though the chief of internal security told Netanyahu of a plot on Rabin's life, requesting that he tone down the violent rhetoric, he refused to do so. On November 4, 1995, Rabin was assassinated. Of course, Netanyahu condemned the act - but that one bullet changed history.

We cannot know what tomorrow will bring. Despite all the challenges, dangers, and conflicts, both external and internal, I still see Israel as an unparalleled beacon of hope for the Jewish future. Despite the intense internal conflicts, with the ascendancy of the far-right wing in Israel versus the vast middle, and between the ultra-Orthodox and the mostly secular society, I still see Israel as a place where Jewish culture can grow. Let us not forget that in the 75 years of the State of Israel, the Jewish population of Israel has grown from a little over 715,000 in 1948 to ten times that today, whereas in the United States the Jewish population over the same period has gone from under five million to about 6.3 million. That speaks volumes.

#### VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As Vice President of the Congregation, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you from all of us at Temple Beth El to Steve Silverman, our outgoing President.

As a very close, personal friend of Steve's, I know of the many hours and efforts he devoted to the Synagogue. Steve was regularly faced with important decisions regarding the welfare of the Temple. He negotiated favorable rates for us with the utility companies, arranged for repairs when needed, ushered at High Holy Day services, and helped Marie with Temple business almost daily. He devoted a substantial amount of time from his business and personal life to our Congregation and did so without fear or favor.

The Temple and the Congregation are deeply indebted to our past President for his many years of service. Steve is a real mensch. We all wish Steve a well-deserved retirement from Temple business. That said, as a past president, Steve has a lifetime seat on the Board, so we look forward to his input from time to time, especially as we navigate through the next phase of our journey.

> Jeff Entin Vice President

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## Sisterhood President's Message

As I sit here writing this article, my heart is heavy. We have faced a rough month at Temple Beth El. With the loss of Ken Littman, and the resignation of our beloved President, Steve Silverman, we are at a crossroads. Both of these gentlemen gave so much of themselves to our beloved Temple. My prayers go out to Ken's family and loved ones. He will forever be known as a "mensch," a smart and kind man. My special thanks go out to Steve for always being someone we could count on to take us in the right direction. Steve, stay well and get strong. If you ever need something, feel free to call on me.

I want to welcome our new President, Rick Schwartz. We are lucky to have such a qualified individual in our arsenal. Thank you for accepting the challenge. If you need any help, I'm here for the asking.

On Sunday, March 24th we will celebrate Purim. There will be a reading from the Book of Esther, followed by a brunch. If you are unable to attend in person, it will be available on Zoom. Please RSVP by Monday, March 18th if you will be joining us for brunch.

Make sure you read all your e-mails. Marie does an awesome job keeping us informed of all goings on.

So until next month, stay safe and warm. The days are getting longer, and that means more vitamin D. Spring is in the air.

Libby Cohen Sisterhood President

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Service Schedule		Thank you for your donations received through Feb. 26th	
March 2024: Adar I/Adar II 5784		YAHRZEITS	
<u>Friday, March 1 (21 Adar I)</u>		For the yahrzeit of my beloved	Donated by:
Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	5:18 pm 5:30 pm	Mother, Helen Babin Grandfather, Isaac Bolski	Miriam Babin Norm Bolski
<u>Saturday, March 2 (22 Adar I)</u> Weekly Portion: Ki Tisa	10:00 am	Mother & Grandmother Elena Cohen Father, Louis Galitsky	The Cohen/ Novek Families Howie & Sheila
		Grandmother, Selma Juda	Galitsky Joyce Juda
Friday, March 8 (28 Adar I) Candle Lighting	5:26 pm	Mother, Edith R. Kusinitz	Edith K. Getchell
Shabbat Service	5:30 pm	Mother, Edith R. Kusinitz	Enid K. Lomax
		Father, Sidney Lechan	Norma Lechan
<u>Saturday, March 9 (29 Adar I)</u> Shabbat Shekalim		Mother, Ruth Levine Mother, Ruth Goldberg Levine	Alan Levine Rick & Wendy
Weekly Portion: Vayakhel	10:00 am	Wother, Ruth Goluberg Levine	Levine
		Father & Grandfather Charles Novek	
Sunday, March 10 (30 Adar I)		Parents, Helen & Louis Nulman	Sybil Michelson
Rosh Chodesh Adar II		Mother, Dorothy Schwartz Father, Milton Weissman	Rick Schwartz Jeff Weissman
<u>Monday, March 11 (1 Adar II)</u> Rosh Chodesh Adar II		Brother-in-law Morris Wilner	Marion Wilner
		<b>BUILDING FUND</b>	
<u>Friday, March 15 (5 Adar II)</u> Shabbat Service	5:30 pm	In memory of Ken Littman	
Candle Lighting	6:34 pm	Libby Cohen Sisterhood of Temple Beth El	
<u>Saturday, March 16 (6 Adar II)</u> Weekly Portion: Pekudei	10:00 am	CAPITAL FUND	
Weekly Polition. Pekudei	10:00 am	For the recovery of Steve Silverman Robert Falconero	
<u>Thursday, March 21 (11 Adar II)</u>		For the recovery of Dick Wolfson	
Fast of Esther		Anita & Norm Bolski	
Friday, March 22 (12 Adar II)		Sayre Litchman	
Shabbat Service	5:30 pm	In honor of Richard Wolfson's 90th bi Tilden Bogus	rtnuay
Candle Lighting	6:42 pm	In memory of Ken Littman	
Caturday March 22 (12 Adar II)		Judith Bell & William Knapp	
<u>Saturday, March 23 (13 Adar II)</u> Shabbat Zakhor		Susan Bender	
Weekly Portion: Vayikra	10:00 am	Anita & Norm Bolski Tom & Karen Cummings	
Erev Purim		Jeff Ginsberg	
		Sayre Litchman	
<u>Sunday, March 24 (14 Adar II)</u> Purim		Carleen Makowski	
Reading of the Megillah in the mornir	ng 10:00 am	Nicholas Venier Williamsville Board of Education	on.
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<u>Monday, March 25 (15 Adar II)</u> Shushan Purim		Farias. Anita & Norm Bolski	
		In memory of Jordan Richman	
<u>Friday, March 29 (19 Adar II)</u> Shabbat Service	5:30 nm	Anita & Norm Bolski	
Candle Lighting	5:30 pm 6:50 pm	In memory of Anna Shabshelowitz Marcia Smith	
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<u>Saturday, March 30 (20 Adar II)</u> Shabbat Parah		SPECIAL GIFT	8
Weekly Portion: Tzav	ا 10:00 am	In memory of Ken Littman Jewish Omni Services	
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#### TBE News & Notes

As you can see, if you have gotten this far in the bulletin, **Purim** is coming soon! Alas, there won't be any Purimshpiels (Purim skits) this year, but it is still important and comforting to come together for this annual reminder of how Jews have fought off danger to our people in every age. Purim is a combination of a sober look at the potential danger of living as a minority in the world, and an inebriated, comedic view of life that allows us to cope with this danger in a way that keeps us smiling. So please join us on Sunday, March 24th for our Purim celebration, followed by a communal meal and a movie that is sure to put both a smile on your face and leave a tear in your eye. (Please remember to bring along a little cash to donate to the traditional collection we take up on Purim to help the poor of our city- this is one of the mitzvot of Purim.) Please note that our March movie will be part of the entertainment at our Purim celebration.

I am happy to report that since we began our TBE monthly "Make a Minyan" services (March of 2023) we have maintained an unbroken record of getting a minyan! This project (for which we have our newest board member, Nancy Seibert, to thank, since it was her idea) of making sure that the Torah is read from the scroll at least once a month, followed by the fellowship of a communal Shabbat lunch, is so important for keeping our congregation viable and authentic. As sad as we all are at the thought of losing our beautiful, beloved building, remember that it is the *people* that make the community first of all - and we would love to see you at our next "Make a Minyan": Saturday, March 30th, service beginning at 10 AM; Torah service at 11. (We will count you if you come on Zoom, too!)

Although it is too early to report on all the goings-on behind the scenes, there is a core group of members working on ways to keep our congregation financially afloat, and to prepare for whatever transition is in the works for us. I feel strongly that whatever happens, as we downsize, we will remain vibrant and relevant. If you want to be one of those who help by serving on a committee, or in any other way, please contact the temple office with your contact information and we will be glad to have your input!

## TEMPLE FAMILY

- Congratulations to Gladys Rosofsky on the birth of her great-grandson, Jamie Edward.
- Our sincere condolences to the families of Ken Littman and Diane Greenfield.

#### Purim 5784 (2024) at Temple Beth El



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## "Love, Gilda"

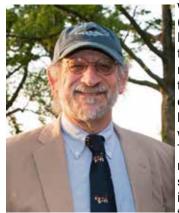
The late Gilda Radner (who passed away in 1989) was a groundbreaking Jewish woman (kind of like Queen Esther) daring to go where other women had not in the male-dominated world of American comedy of the 1970's. In this 2018 documentary, comedienne Gilda Radner, in her own words, looks back and reflects on her life and career. Weaving together recently discovered audiotapes, interviews with her friends, rare home movies and diaries read by modern day comediennes, *Love, Gilda* offers a unique window into the honest and whimsical world of a beloved performer whose greatest role was sharing her story.

Please RSVP to the office by March 18th if you plan to join us for the festive meal!



#### A TRIBUTE TO KEN LITTMAN Eulogy by Rabbi Mark Elber

When confronted with the painful reality of someone's passing, the traditional Jewish response in Hebrew is three



words: *Barukh Dayan Ha'emet* (blessed is the judge of truth). Probably the central thing that these few words express (to my mind) is our acknowledgement that certain things are beyond our comprehension. As I stand here and look at the first row where board members of Temple Beth EI are sitting, I remember how many times I saw Ken sitting there. It's nearly impossible for me to accept that he is not sitting there now.

His presence was always so calming and reassuring. As his sister-in-law, Ann, said on Friday when I was meeting with the family: "I lost a rock in my life."

The community is heartbroken and in shock. Ken was so loved and respected. He was always so welcoming, warm, and friendly. He would so often come to services on Friday evening straight from his law office in Fall River. After services we would often hang around in the vestry downstairs and talk for a long time. We first connected by speaking about music and who would be playing at the Narrows. Ken was often the last congregant to leave the building because we would keep talking.

I remember when Kenny would talk about his parents on their yahrtzeits, the anniversaries of their passing. Kenny had a wonderful way of talking about things. There was always a great natured humor in the manner in which he described things and a sense of caring, empathy, and love.

In short, Ken was the quintessential mensch, the type of deeply good, compassionate person which we all strive to be.

I would like to quote a few comments that people left in the guestbook section on Hathaway's website. They capture so well how people from so many walks of life felt about Ken and how widely he was respected and loved.

One person wrote that Ken was: "A one of a kind gem who gave of himself freely, who will be terribly missed by anyone who knew him."

A couple from Jamestown said: "Ken was a bright light in Jamestown and truly a 'give back' person." I'm sure most of you here know that for many years Ken was a volunteer for the Jamestown Fire Department Emergency Services and served n the Jamestown Town Council for eight years including two years as President.

Another couple from Jamestown wrote: "Ken was a great

man, unique, one-of-a-kind treasure. He will be missed by many."

A fellow lawyer from Fall River wrote that "Ken was a true and kind human being with a heart of gold."

I'm confident that everyone sitting here today would echo all of these words. We all recognize how true and accurate they are.

Kenny was so generous emotionally (and financially too). He was an extremely principled person. I asked Ken's beloved wife, Susan, out of curiosity, what made Kenny want to become a lawyer. And Susan and the rest of the family immediately answered that Ken became a lawyer because he felt compelled to give everyone a chance to have a fair trial and to be heard. He was driven by his sense of fairness and integrity. Susan said that Andy Griffith was one of Ken's heroes because of his moral compass - that Kenny was extremely ethical. The ring tone on his cell phone was the theme song to Perry Mason. Susan's sister Ann said that "the judges respected him. They said if Mr. Littman told you it's raining outside, you don't have to look out the window." I want to quote a short passage from the obituary on Hathaway's website that beautifully articulates Ken's career as a lawyer. It said that Ken was "compassionate in serving the legal needs of hundreds of people with intellectual, behavioral, and physical disabilities, often as their legal guardian, ensuring that they received the services that enabled them to live in this difficult world."

Speaking with Ken's family on Friday, it was so obvious how filled with love this family is. Ken was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Ken's daughter Abbey said: "he was such a good dad, all her friends would say that too." He coached all his kids' sports teams and went to virtually every game.

Yesterday's Torah portion which we read during services was called "Terumah" which means a gift or an offering. Literally it means "to elevate" or "to lift up." Ken was always offering the gift of himself, of his presence, of being there for you, of kindness. He helped lift us up as a community.

Last night as I was trying to articulate something worthy of Ken, I watched his talk during the 95th anniversary celebration of Temple Beth El held in the vestry this past June 11th. Ken expressed his deep connection with and commitment to Temple Beth El. Having grown up on June Street not far from Temple Beth El, but later having moved away from Fall River like most of the Jews of his generation, Ken rejoined Temple Beth El in the 1990s. As you know he became a Board member of the Temple and, in addition, became President of the Fall River Jewish Home and President of the Jewish Omni Fund not to mention secretary of the Fall River United Jewish Appeal. While reminiscing about growing up at Temple Beth El in the 1950s and 1960s and amidst his wit and humor he got very serious and said: "We must acknowledge the reality of the Jewish community demographically ... " and added that "though the future of

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the physical space of this magnificent structure may be uncertain, the continuity of our community will never be in doubt – we're resilient people." Ken seemed very emotional at that point. It is obvious to all of us here that this resilient community is greatly diminished by the loss of our beloved Ken, Kalman ben Avraham.

I can't accept that I will never again see Ken walk into the chapel on Friday night, his presence such a blessing for all of us. He'd come in, put on the Kippa that he carried in his pocket and after the service he would sometimes take out the bottle of kosher wine he had brought to share at the kiddush for those who preferred it to the usual grape juice. I cannot accept that I will never run into Ken in the parking lot of CVS on President Avenue, or at the Narrows, or at some other event.

Ken was a pillar of the community – so kind and warm, so friendly and welcoming, so down to earth, always ready to pitch in whether being called up to the Torah, being on Temple Beth El's Board, or playing the role of a sailor in this past High Holiday skit based on the Biblical book of Jonah.

I began by saying that the traditional Hebrew response upon hearing of someone's passing was *Barukh Dayan Ha'emet*, blessed is the judge of truth. Ken was a person who devoted much of his life to trying to bring true justice and compassion into this world.

Another phrase expressed traditionally at a funeral is: *Adonai natan* (The Eternal One has given) *VAdo-nai lakakh* (and the Eternal One has taken). *Y'hi shem Ado-nai m'vorakh* (May the name of the Eternal One be blessed). These traditional words said at the loss of a loved one, recognize the gift that was the life of our loved one and acknowledge our deep loss.

Ken's passing is a great loss not only for his deeply loved family and his many friends, but certainly for Temple Beth El's community and the wider community as well.

We're gathered here on this sad day, not only to say farewell, but also to proclaim: *T'hi Nishmato Tzrura Bitzror HaKhayim* – may Ken, Kalman ben Avraham's soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life. May Kenny's memory always be a source of comfort, strength, love and blessing to those who know and love him, *Zikhrono Livrakha.* 

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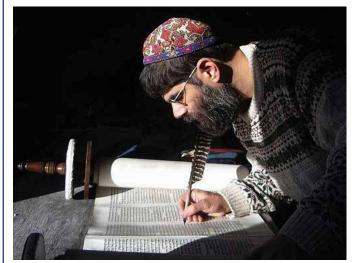
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While Passover tells the story of a powerful, nationforming liberation, Purim poignantly speaks to the ongoing reality of the vulnerability of the Jewish people in diaspora. This applies, to some degree, even to our existence as a sovereign state among the nations of the world. Exactly a month apart, it is a mitzvah to hear the reading of the Megillah on Purim, just as it's a mitzvah to celebrate Passover. We hope you'll join us for Purim at Temple Bet El and rejoice in our millennia-old traditions.

#### What's in a scroll? Sofer Kevin Hale aims to find out!



**Exciting news!** Our Torah scrolls at Temple Beth El have recently been paid a visit by **Sofer** (scribe) **Kevin Hale**, of Leeds, MA. Rabbi Hale (he is also a Reconstructionist rabbi) is a friend of both Rabbi Mark and myself through our Jewish Renewal clergy association, OHALAH. Kevin is taking an inventory of our wealth of *Sifrei* Torah (Torah scrolls), evaluating which ones are still kosher, which ones *pasul* (needing repair and not kosher to use for services), and also helping out with the Jewish Omni-owned *Sifrei* Torah to evaluate their state and value.

While Kevin was here (for over six hours), he showed us some very fascinating aspects of some of our Torah scrolls, such as one that he thinks is over 200 years old, and was penned by a "kabbalistic" scribe. It has some very fancy flourishes on some of its letters, the likes of which we had never seen before. We are hoping that at the end of this process Sofer/Rabbi Hale can participate in some kind of ceremony with us for putting the final touches on one of our repaired scrolls, and teach us more about the fascinating scrolls that we own, and about the scribal arts in general. Something to look forward to!

Cantor Shoshana



**Nebside** Our website is constantly changing, so be sure to check it out regularly. There are links to articles written by Rabbi Mark and Cantor

Shoshana, updated service schedules and upcoming events. You can also see the bulletin there first, especially if you live outside the greater Fall River area! Go to www.frtemplebethel.

3/1/2024 21 Adar I 5784 Abraham Trieff

3/2/2024 22 Adar I 5784 David Chavenson Marian Cohen

3/3/2024 23 Adar I 5784 Edwin Macy

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3/5/2024 25 Adar I 5784 Thelma Greenberg Lillian Lepes

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Frederick Kaplan

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3/9/2024 29 Adar I 5784 Hadley Wilkinson

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3/11/2024 1 Adar II 5784 Regina Elber Richard Shore

**YAHRZEITS** 

3/12/2024 2 Adar II 5784 Rose Presser Myer N. Sobiloff

3/13/2024 3 Adar II 5784 Max Jacob Packer

3/15/2024 5 Adar II 5784 Clara Freedman Irene Kassler Jones Charles Meretsky

3/18/2024 8 Adar II 5784 Ida Glickman

9 Adar II 5784 3/19/2024 Rita Minkin

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3/21/2024 11 Adar II 5784 Marilyn Wolfson

3/26/2024 16 Adar II 5784 Miriam Horvitz

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3/28/2024 18 Adar II 5784 Benjamin Cohen

3/29/2024 19 Adar II 5784 Israel Waksler

3/31/2024 21 Adar II 5784 William Meyerson Elsie Pollock

## "Make a Minyan" **Shabbat Service**

Please join us on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 am in the chapel or on Zoom. It has been wonderful to hear Torah chanted at these special services, and we can't do it without you! Nice Kiddush-luncheon to follow!

Please mark your calendars and be sure to arrive (in person or on Zoom) before 11 am!



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