

TEMPLE BETH EL

Fall River, Massachusetts



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Iyar/Sivan 5775

No. 9

Regular Service Schedule

Morning Minyan (Monday & Thursday).....8:00 am
First Friday Evening Service (1st Friday of each month)6:30 pm
Friday Evening Services (All other Fridays).....5:30 pm
Shabbat Morning Services.....10:00 am

Sunday Breakfast with

Professor Geoffrey R. Russom,
Professor Emeritus of English at Brown University

Sunday, May 17th
Service at 9:00 am
Breakfast & Lecture 10:00 am

Prof. Russom is the author of Old English Meter and Linguistic Theory (1987) and Beowulf and Old Germanic Metre (1998). In addition to work on English verse form, Russom has published articles on the linguistic history of English, the multicultural backgrounds of Beowulf, and the artistic excellence of preliterate verse traditions. He is best known for arguments showing that rules of poetic meter are abstracted from rules of ordinary language and operate like new linguistic rules.



He will be discussing new ideas about the origin of the English language. Please join us! Please RSVP to the Temple office if you will be eating breakfast.

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

(AN EVENING OF TORAH STUDY)

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

8:30 -11 PM

Rabbi Mark and Cantor Shoshana once again invite you to their home on Erev Shavuot for an evening of Torah study, fellowship and dairy desserts!

MITZVAH: COMMANDMENT, CUSTOM, GOOD DEED, OR USEFUL SPIRITUAL TOOL?



We will study the many faces of Mitzvah through the words of the Written Torah, Rabbinic Writings, Chasidic Thought, and Modern Thinkers.

Please RSVP to the office if you plan to come - we want to make sure there is plenty of cheesecake!

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Temple Beth El

ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH
7 PM IN THE VESTRY

Election and Installation of Officers

All members are cordially invited to attend

Shavuot Services

Sunday, May 24th, First Day of Shavuot:

Services at 10 am, and will include the Reading of the Ten Commandments (if there is a minyan). There will be leftover cheesecake at the Kiddush luncheon afterwards!

Monday, May 25th, Second Day of Shavuot

Services begin at 8 am, with Yizkor beginning at approximately 9:45 am.

A message from our Spiritual Leader, Rabbi Mark Elber

Turn It and Turn It, for Everything Is in It

My father's father was drafted into the Austro-Hungarian army during World War I and my father, his mother, older sister, younger brother and gestating youngest brother all went from Poland to Vienna for the duration of the war. Consequently my father's earliest schooling was in German. When they returned to Poland after the war, he continued to go to German language schools and didn't actually learn Polish until going to medical school in France when his roommate, who was from his home town, which of course is no longer in Poland but in the Ukraine, taught him. Quite a convoluted history, don't you think?

My father would tell me about Goethe, the great German poet who towers over German literature as Shakespeare towers above the great English poets. I remember a cousin telling me that she reread Goethe's "Faust" every year. As she evolved as a person, she would understand Goethe's monumental work differently.

As I write this we are in the early stages of counting the Omer which marks the seven weeks from Passover to Shavuot (this year Shavuot occurs on May 24 and 25). Shavuot in the Bible is an agricultural holiday celebrating the "first fruits" of the wheat harvest in Israel. It wasn't until the Talmudic era that Shavuot began to be celebrated as the day marking the revelation at Mount Sinai and the receiving of the Torah. With the exile of our ancestors from Israel and the consequent Diaspora, the agricultural origins of the holiday ceased to be as compelling, while the association with the revelation at Sinai grew increasingly so. The tradition tells us that all Jewish souls were present at Sinai. I hear a statement of this nature as giving poetic expression to the sense of how deeply each of us is connected to the Torah and to G'd. There is another later teaching--that goes back to Tzfat in Israel in the 1500's--that each of us has our own "letter" in the Torah. I understand this to mean that we each have a unique way of understanding the Torah. We each have Torah to teach one another. Of course, if we don't open ourselves to the Torah and engage with it, our unique perspective will remain unexplored.

Like my cousin Hilda who read Goethe's "Faust" every year, Jews traditionally read through the Torah every year. As we grow, our understanding of Torah changes. The same stories alter in our perceptions as our experiences in life evolve. I know that my understanding and appreciation of my parents' experiences have dramatically evolved over the years as I become the age that they were when certain events transpired. My understanding of time itself has shifted. Nothing stands still.

This afternoon we inaugurated our first film screening at Temple Beth El. A number of us watched a magnificent and powerful film called "Defiance" starring Daniel Craig and Liev Schreiber based on the true story of a group of Jewish partisans during World War II. The movie is based on a book by Nechama Tec called "Defiance: The Bielski Partisans" (1993). Though the four Bielski brothers initially went into the forest to escape the Nazis, they ended up saving 1,200 people. In the bonus features on the DVD there were some documentary clips with Tuvia Bielski's (who was the leader of the group) sons, daughter, and granddaughter and one of them related an anecdote of Tuvia and his wife being on Dizengoff Street in Tel Aviv when they ran into someone whose life Tuvia had saved.

I couldn't help trying to imagine what it must have felt like for Tuvia and his wife, who was also part of the Bielski Partisans, to be on Dizengoff Street after all they had gone through. Imagine after barely surviving World War II and fighting and resisting the Nazis until the end of the war, coming to a free Jewish state with a strong army. What a miracle that must have felt like! Walking on Dizengoff, one of the main thoroughfares in Tel Aviv and only a few blocks from the Mediterranean Sea, must have been an incomparable feeling. Only someone who had lived through his experiences could experience Dizengoff the way Tuvia must have. It reminds me of Psalm 126:1 "When the Eternal One returned us to Zion (after exile) we were like dreamers." The incredibility of the experience made them feel like they were dreaming.

As the circumstances of our lives change and as different people live through different experiences, perceptions alter. As we approach the holiday of Shavuot which we celebrate as commemorating the revelation at Sinai, we all bring to it our own life experiences. One of the shortcomings of the afterschool Jewish educational system is that too often people's study of Judaism, for all intents and purposes, largely terminates at the age of thirteen. In most other areas of our lives we continue to educate ourselves and attain adult understandings of many issues. Unfortunately too often Jewish education all but retires at Bar/Bat Mitzvah and our understanding doesn't comparably evolve as it does in "secular" areas. The Jewish Tradition, in contrast, sees the Torah as a bottomless fount of wisdom worthy of lifelong study. As the Talmud says (Pirkei Avot 5, 22) "Turn it and turn it, for everything is in it."

Rabbi Mark Elber

LEADERSHIP

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sisterhood President's Message

Dear Members,

As you can tell by the cover and the size of this bulletin, there is a lot going on around here!

I hope you will all plan to come to our Sunday Breakfast on May 17th with Prof. Geoffrey Russom from Brown University. He has been nice enough to reschedule after the original breakfast was snowed out. Hopefully it won't snow this time! Please RSVP if you will be coming for breakfast.

Our new security system is now in place, and it is working well. Hopefully we won't ever need it, but it is good to know we have it. These are uncertain times we live in, so the safer the better.

Have you seen the new TV in the vestry yet? We have already put it to good use with our new "Sunday Afternoon at the Jewish Movies." Come join us for our next movie on May 31st, "The Other Son."

Please call or e-mail the office if someone you know would like a clergy visit. While both of our spiritual leaders visit the Jewish Home regularly, as well as a number of other assisted living facilities, they are not always aware when someone is admitted to the hospital. Please give them a helping hand by letting them know and they will be happy to schedule a visit.

I am still inspired by Charlie Stamper -- talk about someone who is "forever young." He is one of a kind, and we are so lucky he is a part of our Temple family. I understand he is already back on the golf course, surely the only centenarian on the links!

Our Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th at 7 pm in the vestry. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please call the office so your name can be placed on the ballot. The Board meets about 8 times per year, and serving is a mitzvah. Everyone in the congregation is welcome to attend the annual meeting as we discuss the year in review and also talk about what we can expect in the year to come.

On behalf of the Board I would like to extend my condolences to all of the families who have lost loved ones over the winter. Let's hope that the warm weather soon to come will help to keep illness at bay, and the wonderfully fresh air will bring renewed vigor to us all.

Steve Silverman
President

Dear Members,

Well, spring is definitely in the air. We are finally being treated to some beautiful days. Truth be told, we earned them. It was as if winter did not want to let go. And with the onset of better weather, it's time to welcome back the "snow birds." Welcome home folks!

April was a busy month here at the Temple. This year we did something different. Instead of hosting a second night of Passover Seder, we had a Passover Shabbos dinner on the last day of Passover. We had a good turnout and the feedback has been quite favorable. The food was good, and the comradery wonderful. This evening was possible due to the hard work of the following people: Norm and Anita Bolski, Beverly Solup and of course Rabbi Mark and Cantor Shoshana. We must also thank Marie and Judy for taking the reservations and collecting the money. Lastly, George does a great job in the kitchen and setting up the room. His helpers, Sue and Carlton add the finishing touches to our well-oiled machine. I want to give a special thanks to all who attended, thus making the evening a success.

The next meeting of the Book Club is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th, at 10:30 am in our library. The book we will be discussing is The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown. So pick it up and start reading.

We will be hosting Sisterhood's paid up membership luncheon at the end of June. As soon as we can close out our books we will be able to finalize our plans. We would appreciate it if everyone brings their dues up to date.

So until next month, Shalom.

Libby Cohen,
Sisterhood President

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 2015: Iyar/Sivan 5775Friday, May 1 (12 Iyar)

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm
Candle Lighting 7:25 pm

Saturday, May 2 (13 Iyar)

Weekly Portion: Acharei Mot-Kedoshim 10:00 am

Friday, May 8 (19 Iyar)

Shabbat Service 5:30 pm
Candle Lighting 7:33 pm

Saturday, May 9 (20 Iyar)

Weekly Portion: Emor 10:00 am

Friday, May 15 (26 Iyar)

Shabbat Service 5:30 pm
Candle Lighting 7:40 pm

Saturday, May 16 (27 Iyar)

Weekly Portion: Behar-Bechukotai 10:00 am

Tuesday, May 19 (1 Sivan)

Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Friday, May 22 (4 Sivan)

Shabbat Service 5:30 pm
Candle Lighting 7:47 pm

Saturday, May 23 (5 Sivan)

Weekly Portion: Bemidbar 10:00 am
Candle Lighting 8:56 pm
Erev Shavuot

Sunday, May 24 (6 Sivan)

Shavuot – First Day 10:00 am

Monday, May 25 (7 Sivan)

Shavuot Service & Yizkor 8:00 am
(Yizkor will be at approximately 9:45 am)

Friday, May 29 (11 Sivan)

Shabbat Service 5:30 pm
Candle Lighting 7:53 pm

Saturday, May 30 (12 Sivan)

Weekly Portion: Nasso 10:00 am

*In loving memory of
Shirley Stampler*

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Shavuot, Second Day - Monday, May 25th

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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.

Welcome Back Jackie!

I would like to welcome Jackie Gedacht back to active duty after being off her feet for a few months following hip replacement surgery. As the Fall River UJA's "Friendly Visitor" she is very involved in the lives of those in our community who are no longer able to get about like they used to. While she was recuperating she couldn't physically make her rounds of visits, but she continued to make many phone calls each day to check in with everyone. She is now cleared to drive and has returned to a light visiting schedule. I hope you will join me in welcoming her back and wishing her a full recovery. Please call the UJA office at (508) 673-7791 if you or someone you know would like to be added to her visiting list.

Sayre Litchman
President, Fall River UJA

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Cantor Shoshana's News & Notes:

April was a busy month! After having enjoyed Passover Seders in our own homes, about 60 of us came together as a community for a combined Shabbat/end-of-Passover meal on Friday, April 10th, enjoying a delicious kosher-for-Passover meal along with festive songs. If you missed it this year, be sure to be with us next year--this may become the new TBE Passover tradition!

On Wed. April 15th we commemorated Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) with prayers, the lighting of memorial candles, writings and poetry of those who went through the Shoah, songs, and the TBE Hebrew School students' "letters to God" (see page 8).

Sunday April 19th was the first in our new "Sunday Afternoon Jewish Movies" Series. We began with "Defiance," which was powerful and inspirational. Our next movie, "The Other Son" will be shown Sunday May 31st at 4 pm.

On Friday April 24th we held our second annual "Tribute to Israel" Shabbat with Israeli wines, cheese, crackers, fruit, and readings, prayers, and songs celebrating Yom HaAtzma'ut (Israeli Independence Day).

On Sunday, April 26th, Temple Beth El had a booth at the "Cribs to Crayons Expo" at the RI Convention Center in Providence, where the Rabbi and Cantor wrote peoples' names out in Hebrew for them, talked about Temple Beth El and the TBE Hebrew School, and sang a few Jewish songs. Thanks to Marcie Falconero for securing us a booth!

On Sunday May 3rd, a group from TBE will be going to the Trinity Rep. Playhouse in Providence to enjoy "Old Jews Telling Jokes."

Rabbi Mark will be the "Scholar" for the Sylvia Finger Torah Fund Day on May 14, 2015 at Tifereth Israel in New Bedford. TBE members are invited to attend.

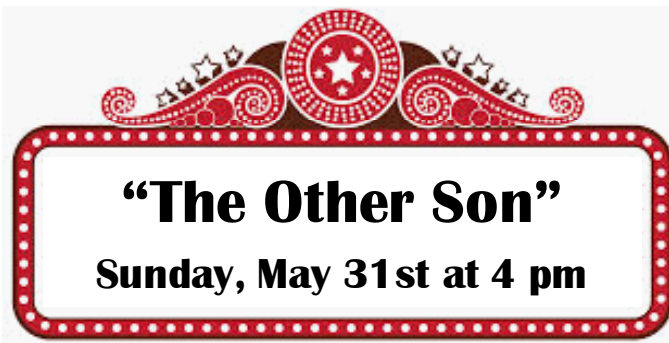
Saturday, May 16th, will be a special Shabbat morning service featuring our Hebrew school students, with an abridged Torah service. Please come to help make the minyan and support our upcoming generation of young Jewish people at TBE.

On Sunday May 17th, there will be a Sunday Breakfast with Prof. Geoffrey Russom, along with a Shacharit service at 9 AM, breakfast to follow.

Sat. night, May 23rd is Erev Shavuot. Please join us at the Rabbi's and Cantor's house for late night Torah-study (see announcement on the cover).

Sunday May 24th & Monday May 25th are the 2 days of Shavuot. On Sunday the holiday service will begin at 10 AM; on Monday the holiday service will begin at 8 AM, with Yizkor to begin at approximately 9:45.

Sunday Afternoon Jewish Movies



"The Other Son"

Sunday, May 31st at 4 pm

Two young men, one Israeli and one Palestinian, discover they were accidentally switched at birth.

Passover Greetings

Rabbi Mark received a Passover card from the Bishop of Fall River. It included the following message:

"With a desire to strengthen the bonds that exist among us as people of faith, on behalf of the Catholic clergy and people of the Diocese of Fall River, I want to extend prayerful best wishes to you and to the members of your congregation for a Happy Passover.

*Sincerely yours,
Edgar Moreira da Cunha
Bishop of Fall River*

Dear Congregation Beth El,

Todah Rabbah for the extremely generous donation to our fund supporting healthy food for our homeless families. The money will be used to provide a healthy meal for our families that are housed in motels in lieu of homeless shelters. We appreciate your continued generosity and send our wishes to you all for a Chag Pesach sameach v'kasher, a happy, healthy and kosher Pesach to you and yours.

*Gratefully,
Wendy Garf-Lipp,
Executive Director
United Neighbors of Fall River*

Thank you for your donations received through April 21, 2015

Yahrzeits

For the yahrzeit of my beloved...

Husband, Melvin Belford
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Dear friend, Irving Zukroff

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Memorial Endowment Fund

In memory of Mildred Trieff

In memory of Gloria Udis

For the yahrzeit of my beloved father in law, Bernard
 Goodman

For the yahrzeit of my beloved uncle, Max V. Silverman
 Sumner Alpert

Rabbi Moshe Babin Memorial Fund

In memory of my beloved father, Murray Klein

In memory of my beloved husband, Rabbi Moshe Babin
 Helen Babin

In memory of my beloved father, Rabbi Moshe Babin
 Atty. Miriam Babin

Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

In honor of Fishy Sokoll celebrating a special birthday

In memory of Hon. Aileen Belford

In memory of Sally Cohen

In memory of Joan Felder

For the yahrzeit of my beloved father, Norman B. Chebot
 Bill Chebot

Capital Fund

In honor of the marriage of Erica Bolski & Ivan Rozowsky
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In honor of Dr. Ronald Schwartz celebrating a special
 birthday
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In memory of Peter Reitzas
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In memory of Mildred Trieff
 Cindy & Mel Yoken

In memory of Gloria Udis
 Iris & Harold Katzman

For the recovery of Dorothy Schwartz
 Iris & Harold Katzman

Temple Family

- Our deepest sympathy to Bernice Solup on the loss of her beloved brother, Steven Goldstein
- Condolences to Eleanor Lechan on the loss of her beloved brother, Dr. Gerald Morganstein
- Our deepest sympathy to the family of the Honorable Aileen Belford
- Condolences to Melvin Cohen on the loss of his beloved wife, Sally Cohen
- Our deepest sympathy to Lois and Gary Reitzas on the loss of his beloved brother, Peter Reitzas.

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Tylda Schwartz

For the yahrzeit of my beloved father, Barry Schwartz

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For the yahrzeit of Barry Schwartz

Dorothy & Lester Schwartz

For the recovery of Dorothy Schwartz

Tylda Schwartz

IN MEMORIAM**HON. AILEEN BELFORD**

APRIL 13, 2015 – NISAN 24, 5775

SALLY COHEN

APRIL 14, 2015 – NISAN 26, 5775

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING

Camperships

A limited amount of campership funds are available for children and grandchildren of Temple members who will be attending Jewish summer camp. If you are interested, a letter of application for a campership must be received in the Temple office by June 1, 2015.

Sisterhood Gift Shop

Keep us in mind when shopping for meaningful gifts for bar and bat mitvahs, weddings, showers, anniversaries, etc.

Call or e-mail me to schedule an appointment so I can show you what we have on hand, as well as what we can order.



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**College Scholarships**

Scholarships are available to all undergraduate students residing in the greater Fall River area with special emphasis on entering freshmen.



Applications are available in the Temple office and should be completed by the student and returned as soon as possible.

The Scholarship Committee must have scholarship applications in hand by June 15, 2015.

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TBE Students' "Letters to God"

(Read at our Yom HaShoah Service)

Dear God,

I think that all people should be free, and God—please be nice and let us go free. Sometimes you might need to be mean to the Egyptians or to the Nazis when they would not let us go. We need your help to be strong and fight against evil in the world. Please help us! Amen

Zoe

Dear God,

Why would you let this happen? It does not matter if that was in the past. Approximately 6 million, 1/3 of the world's Jews were killed. Please—prevent this from happening in the future! We can't let Jews be killed just because they're Jews—or any other people because of their religion or color or anything else.

Oh, I have a couple of questions. Please—change our hearts. Make world peace. And God—stop people from being evil. This has happened twice. Fight back—fight against evil in the world. Be strong—fight against evil!!

Love, Jonah

Dear God,

When I think about the Holocaust, I feel that it was atrocious, and wrong. But I also think that people shouldn't underestimate us, because we formed our own country, and now Israeli Jews must train, and go into the military, and people like ISIS will think twice before they mess with the Israelites. Mostly, God, I want to thank you—and not thank you. I want not to thank you because of the tragedy. But I thank you that we have to think about our identity and our history—for this has made us a force to be reckoned with.

Zach

Dear God,

When I think of the Holocaust, I feel so sorry for the lives that were lost. It makes me very sad. I also now think of Anne Frank because I watched a movie based on her diary. She was Jewish too. She is now dead. She died at 15. God, I wish these things never happened, and I'm glad I wasn't born at that time. Can you help us to make sure that these kinds of things never happen again?

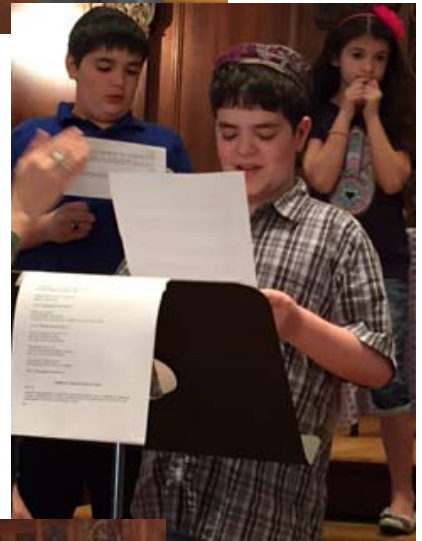
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Dear God,

I have many questions about the Holocaust. Why did you let this happen and kill so many of your creations that fought in Egypt for their freedom? Why did you help them escape then but didn't bother to help them thousands of years later, and let the Nazis kill over 6 million of the Jews? I just don't understand why you didn't help them when they needed your help in this state of peril. Your miracles saved us in Egypt, but many many years later we were just taken by Nazis and were put in camps with the worst conditions. Yes, eventually it stopped, but only some of us survived. So, this is why I ask you God the reason for letting 6 million get slaughtered and cremated by Nazis during the Holocaust. Can you answer my questions?

Mason

Our TBE Hebrew School Students participated in the Yom HaShoah Memorial Service by singing "The Butterfly" and reading "letters to God" that they had written after learning about the Holocaust in Hebrew school. Pictured below are: Zoe and Jonah Grajeles, Mason Theis, and Lev Elber. Zach Phillips could not be present, but his "letter" was read at the service.



CEMETERY HEADSTONE CLEANING

It's that time again -- our cemetery landscaper, Tommy Fillipovich, has once again offered to pressure-wash the headstones and foot markers using a biodegradable cleanser that won't damage the stones or the surrounding grass. The results are impressive, with the stones looking amazingly like new.

As setting up the equipment is time-consuming, Tommy has offered to do all of the pressure-washing in one day for a discounted price. Headstones will be cleaned for \$60 each, foot markers for \$15 each. In order to take advantage of the discount, we must receive your check no later than May 15th. Those stones that have been paid for will be clean and shiny in time for Memorial Day weekend. For those who miss the deadline, the cost for cleaning a headstone will be \$100, a foot marker will be \$25, and they will be cleaned at our landscaper's convenience. We plan to offer the discount day each May.

If you have any questions about this new service, please call the Temple office at (508) 674-3529.

Joan Felder's family asked us to publish her obituary, as it was not published in the local papers.

Joan Felder, daughter of William and Rose Felder, passed away in Scottsdale, Arizona on Wednesday, February 25 at the age of 80. After graduation from college, she worked for a time with the Ford Foundation Cultural Lag Program in Spanish Harlem, New York. She returned to her home town of Fall River, Massachusetts to become a faculty member at Southeastern Massachusetts University (now University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth) in the Department of Medical Technology and Biology. There, she became adviser to the Medical Technology students in 1963 and a leader in the American Society for Medical Technology (now the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science), holding both elected and appointed offices at the local state, regional, and national levels. She claimed that her most important vote while a member of the ASCLS Board of Directors was to establish an independent certification agency for pathology laboratories. She was the recipient of the three most prestigious awards in the society: Member of the Year, Past Presidents' Award for Outstanding Service, and the Robin H. Mendelson Award. She was a national speaker on government regulations, microbiology, infectious diseases, and curriculum development. On campus, she created an independent Department of Medical Laboratory Science. Her curriculum design for the major degree program has been copied across the country. She was a long-time member of both the UMass Faculty Federation and the Faculty Senate. She was a strong advocate of personalized mentoring for her students. She retired with the rank of Chancellor Professor.

Joan was a world traveler with a life-long interest in culture, the arts, and education. In retirement, she founded and administered an adult education program to serve her community in Chandler, Arizona.

Joan is survived by her brother Dr. Martin Felder, her sister Avis Burger, and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.



Photos from the Yom HaShoah Service, courtesy of Lori Theis

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Links to the websites with the latest information, including Rabbi Mark's Passover article in the Jewish Voice, Cantor Shoshana's article in the Herald News, and more. Go to www.frtemplebethel.org

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