TEMPLE BETH EL

FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

92nd Year October 2019 Tishrei/Cheshvan 5780 No. 2

Regular Service Schedule

Morning Minyan (Monday & Thursday)	8:00	am
Friday Evening Services	5:30	pm
Shabbat Morning Services	10:00	am

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, October 6th at 11:00 am at Temple Beth El Cemetery

ROSH HASHANAH

th at 6:00 pm (please note updated time)
Morning Service: Wednesday, October 9th
Shacharit Service at 9:00 am, Torah Service at 10:00 am (Includes Yizkor)
Mincha/Ne'ilah/Maariv: 5:00 pm (please note updated time)

SUKKOT

First Day: Monday, October 14th at 10:00 am Second Day: Tuesday, October 15th at 10:00 am Shabbat evening service with Kiddush in the Sukkah, Friday, Oct. 18th, 5:30 pm

SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday, October 21st at 10:00 am Yizkor at approximately 11:45 am

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Erev Simchat Torah: Monday, October 21st at 5:30 pm Simchat Torah Deli Supper follows the service - RSVP by Friday, October 11th! Morning Service: Tuesday, October 22nd at 10:00 am



Special Event featuring Television News Correspondent and Anchor

Morton Dean

Sunday, November 3rd at 2 pm

On Sunday, November 3rd at 2 pm we will be hosting the prize-winning journalist and documentary film-maker, Morton Dean (Dubitsky), a native of Fall River, who will introduce and then show his film, "American Medevac."

During the Vietnam War, CBS News correspondent Morton Dean and cameraman Greg Cooke flew on a harrowing medevac mission to rescue three wounded infantrymen from an enemy-infested rice paddy. Dean long wondered what had become of the medevac crew and the bloodied men who were airlifted to safety on that day in 1971. Now, the documentary "American Medevac" tells the story of their reunion, more than 40 years later.

Mr. Dean will be on hand to take questions after the showing of the film. Light refreshments will be served. Bring your friends!

A message from our Spiritual Leader, Cantor Shoshana Brown

"Finding Balance in the New Year"

September's "Sunday Afternoon at the Jewish Movies" was truly special. I was so glad that we had a sizable turnout for our showing of the original (1927) version of "The Jazz Singer," starring Al Jolson. I had heard of this film for years, but, knowing that it was the first featurelength "talkie" of film history, I had assumed that it would be hard for a modern person to feel engaged with, that it would be of inferior or "primitive" quality, and so I had never watched it until about 9 months ago. I was happily surprised, when I watched it at home, at how wrong I was, how engaging and moving the film actually is. But when we recently watched it as a community at the Temple, it was even better: I could feel the energy of everyone on the edge of their chairs while the main character, Jakie Rabinowitz (aka "Jack Robin") agonized over whether to keep his contract to sing on opening night of his first Broadway show, or to break it in order to fill in for his father as the cantor to sing "Kol Nidrei" at his home shul - his father being on what might be his death bed. Much of the film is still like a silent film: we see characters move their lips, but hear no sound, and then read the words on a screen following their silent talking. But for some reason, this did not detract from the drama. We all felt both for the aging, traditional parents of this "jazz singer," and for the young man with so much talent who loved his parents but did not have the desire in his heart to be a cantor. When the lights came up, there wasn't a dry eye!

The next day, one of the members of our Monday morning adult ed class was still talking about what a great film it was, and so I began to wonder: what is it about this film that packs such a powerful punch? And is there something in it (aside from the obvious references to Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur) that especially touches a Jewish audience as we head into the High Holidays?

The story is not about "religion," or even God, per se. It is about a family, and ancient traditions, about the displacement of an older culture in a new world, about the love between parents and son, and the discovery of the younger generation of a separate, exciting identity that calls them into a different path. There is also a striking element of race/ethnic consciousness in the story: Jack Robin, as a "jazz singer," appears on stage in blackface, and rather than this being a comical or degrading use of assuming an African-American identity, we feel instead its pathos. Just as black Americans in 1927 were still treated as people outside the "mainstream" of American society, so Jack/Jakie knew that he too was from a people that had been marginalized. We see him putting on blackface in his

dressing room, looking in the mirror, and seeing behind his reflection a vision of his father in his cantor's regalia singing in the synagogue. The message seems to be that "modernity" and being in the "mainstream" of popular culture are fine things – but that there are things that are truer, deeper. To stay connected to one's heritage and identity might sometimes hold one back in life (especially then), and it might also cause one pain (because there is so much painful history to be conscious of) – but it makes one a more deeply rooted, authentic human being. You can go through life avoiding pain and pitfalls, the story seemed to tell us – but suffer instead from being a shallow shell of a self, never feeling inwardly "rich" or complete.

Another element that touched many of us who watched the film was the love and understanding of Jack/Jakie's mother. She was the character who bridged the "old" to the "new" world – not through any sophisticated understanding of sociology on her part, but simply through her pure love for her son, and her concomitant ability to see who he really was, what made him tick, and even to be able to see the goodness in it. After hearing him sing one of his "jazz" songs onstage, she said to him, "God gave you your voice, but you belong to the world now, Jakie."

I think, then, that what made this film so poignant for those of us who watched it on Sept. 15th was that it encapsulates what so many of us as American Jews feel today, almost 100 years after it was first released. We are moved by the beauty, warmth, depth and mystery of our ancient traditions, prayers, rituals and music that we associate with the synagogue – especially around the High Holy Days. And yet we are modern people who mingle freely with friends and neighbors in our mostly non-Jewish society, trying to find that balance between rootedness in our ancestors' ways, in our Jewish identity, and the freedom that our open American way of life has afforded us to follow our individual passions – be they jazz-singing, mahjong-playing, environmentalism, the writing of poetry, or what-have-you.

As a member of the Jewish clergy, I of course always hope that a few of you who come to synagogue primarily on the High Holy Days will hear or feel something this year that will move you profoundly enough that you will want to join us more often throughout the rest of the year. I believe that our gatherings on Friday nights and Shabbat mornings offer much to enrich and uplift your lives all year long. But just as Al Jolson's character had to find his own way, his own balance, I have to trust each of you to also find your own way, whether inside or outside of the synagogue.

Sending you all blessings for a New Year of health, happiness and fulfillment,

Cantor Shoshana

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this article we are just days away from the New Year, and it is as busy as a beehive at the temple as we prepare for all of our special services and events.

I hope as many of you as possible are planning to join us for the High Holidays, but also for our many other services and events. As you saw on the cover, October is chock-full of things to do, but it doesn't end there -- on November 3rd we have Morton Dean coming to show his documentary, "American Medevac" followed by the Rabbi Samuel & Tillie Ruderman Shabbaton Weekend, November 8th-10th. Please note that the Morton Dean event begins at 2 pm.

Surely there is something for everyone, and we hope to see you here often!

Please join me in welcoming our three new members, Jeffrey Ginsberg and Larry & Paula Meyerson. Jeff grew up here, and has recently moved back to the area from Chicago. Larry & Paula have been to a number of special events here, as the guests of Larry's sister, Anita Bolski. Welcome all!

I also want to congratulate Eric and Melissa Cohen and the entire Cohen family on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Vivian Ruby Cohen. The family has scheduled a baby-naming ceremony at our Shabbat service on Saturday, October 12th, and invite our congregants to attend and welcome little Vivian into her new Temple family.

Here's to starting anew...a new year, new members, and a new baby! Shanah Tovah!

Steve Silverman President



Sisterhood President's Message

L'shanah Tova! As we enter the year 5780, I want to wish each and everyone of you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. May you all enjoy this holiday season.

There are several activities coming up, and I hope you will join in and support them. They range from our annual "Break the Fast", Simchat Torah, Morton Dean and the Ruderman weekend. A lot of work and planning goes into these events, so please make every effort to attend. You won't be disappointed.

So until next month, stay safe and don't forget to watch your e-mail.

Libby Cohen Sisterhood President

Sisterhood Gift Shop

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Looking for a shower, wedding, house gift or just feel like giving a gift for no reason?!?! You're just in time for our gift shop's **best sale ever.** Most of the merchandise is 50% off! Books are reduced by 33%! Check out our seder plates, menorahs, talleisim, jewelry, etc. (Door mezuzot and New England Patriots kipot are not on sale, but they are still very reasonably priced!).

I will be available at all upcoming Temple breakfasts as well as after the Rabbi's and Cantor's Monday morning class. If these dates are not convenient, please feel free to contact me to arrange another morning.

Shana tova,

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October 2019: Tishrei/Cheshvan 5780

Please refer to the bulletin cover for more details.

Tuesday, October 1 (2 Tishrei)

Rosh Hashanah-2nd Day Shacharit 9/Torah 10 am

Wednesday, October 2 (3 Tishrei)

Fast of Gedaliah

Friday, October 4 (5 Tishrei) Shabbat Service Candle Lighting	5:30 pm 6:04 pm
Saturday, October 5 (6 Tishrei) Weekly Portion: Vayelekh Shabbat Shuva	10:00 am
<u>Tuesday, October 8 (9 Tishrei)</u> Kol Nidre	6:00 pm

Wednesday - October 9 (10 Tishrei)

Yom Kippur Yizkor

Erev Yom Kippur

Friday, October 11 (12 Tishrei) Shabbat Service Candle Lighting	5:30 pm 5:51 pm
Saturday, October 12 (13 Tishrei)	
Weekly Portion: Ha'azinu	10:00 am

Monday, October 14 (15 Tishrei)	
Sukkot – First Day	10:00 am

Tuesday, October 15 (16 Tishrei)	
Sukkot – Second Day	10:00 am
Friday, October 18 (19 Tishrei)	

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Shabbat Service - Chol Hamo'ed	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	5:41 pm
Saturday October 19 (20 Tishrei)	

Chol Hamo'ed Sukkot	10:00 am
Monday, October 21 (22 Tishrei)	
Shemini Atzeret	10:00 am
Yizkor (Approximately 11:45 am)	

Tuesday, October 22 (23 Tishrei)
Simchat Torah
10:00 am

Friday, October 25 (26 Tishrei)	
Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	5:31 pm

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Saturday, October 26 (27 Tishrei)

Weekly Portion: Bereshit 10:00 am

Tuesday, October 29 (30 Tishrei)

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

Wednesday, October 30 (1 Cheshvan)

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

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OFFICE HOURS:

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OFFICE CLOSED:

Tuesday, October 1 – Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Wednesday, October 9 – Yom Kippur Monday, October 14 – Sukkot First Day
Tuesday, October 15 – Sukkkot Second Day Monday, October 21 – Shemini Atzeret Tuesday, October 22 – Simchat Torah

PLEASE NOTE:

On November 5th I will be having a total knee replacement, so the office hours will be slightly different from early November through mid-December. Judy will be overseeing the office with the help of Hannah Evans, and the office will be closed on Fridays. As always, when the office is closed all emails and voicemails will be monitored, so please leave a detailed message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. I will literally be taking care of business remotely while working on rehabbing my knee as quickly as possible!

--Marie

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TBE News & Notes

October is a busy month! Please consult the front of this bulletin for our October ritual events and holiday celebrations.

A Sukkot Nature Walk: All those interested in a walk at Allens Pond (on the Westport/Dartmouth line) during what should be great fall color, meet in the Vestry on Thursday morning, Oct. 17th at 9:45 (later than usual because the morning service will run longer during Sukkot). Please pack a sandwich or a snack, and after the walk, we will return to Fall River and share a bite in the Brown-Elber sukkah. If you have questions about the weather, call the TBE office on that morning.

October's "Sunday Afternoon at the Jewish Movies" will feature "The Septembers of Shiraz" (2016, one hour and 50 minutes): Set during the turbulent days of the Iranian Revolution, this tense drama chronicles the true story of a wealthy Jewish family whose patriarch is arrested, brutally interrogated and accused of spying for Israel. – Sunday, October 27th, at 2 PM.

Social Action/G'milut Chasadim: Food Drive: we will be collecting **dry and canned goods**on Kol Nidre to donate to a local food pantry. This
is an especially apt mitzvah to participate in on the
eve of the Day of Atonement. Cartons for your contributions will be in the foyer of the sanctuary beginning at Kol Nidrei.

Coat Drive: United Neighbors of Fall River is looking for lightly-used, **clean winter coats** to help keep people warm this winter. You can bring coats either to their office at 209 Bedford Street, #401 (call first: 508-324-7900), or to the large cardboard box in the hall at the back of the vestry at the Temple. Please follow these guidelines:

"... we can only accept clean coats that'll fight our harsh New England winters. This means that we can't accept windbreakers, trenchcoats, sweaters, sweatshirts, or hoodies. We're also appreciative of new or used gloves, hats, and scarves. You can donate these items at either the United Neighbors office or The Swansea Mall until January 15th [or at Temple Beth El]."

There will also be a number of **special events** in **November**:

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Save the date for the Samuel and Tillie Ruderman Memorial Shabbaton Weekend! November 8th-10th. Please see notice on page 7.



SUNDAY AT THE JEWISH MOVIES

"The Septembers of Shiraz"

Based on true events, *The Septembers of Shiraz* follows a Jewish family caught in the turmoil of the 1979 Iranian Revolution. When Isaac (Adrien Brody) is suddenly arrested, his wife (Salma Hayek) is left to make sense of what happened. Prior to the Iranian revolution Shiraz was a place where people of all religions were allowed to flourish. This is the story of a prosperous Jewish family who abandons everything before they are consumed by the passions of revolutionaries.

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OFF THE SHELF

It has been a beautiful fall weekend. Gorgeous weather for the last of the hummingbirds to fill up before they head south. I, for one, am not unhappy that the hot and humid days of summer are almost gone. I did get in a lot of reading over the last few months though.

Quite a few books have come into the library and are out on the shelves and displays. As usual there is a nice variety of fiction and non-fiction. I've even taken home some older books and have read through them as well. We have so many good reads in our little library.

As a reminder there are also a few DVD movies that are available to borrow as well. They are located on the shelf right in back of the light switch to the library. Just remember to take out the library/patron card that is on the back of the DVD case, sign your name and leave it on the desk. This is the same procedure everyone should be doing with any books that are borrowed. It makes keeping track of everything a whole lot easier, and is much appreciated!

Robin Fielding



LimmudBoston is the annual Jewish learning festival of culture and identity which includes everything from food demos and performances to panel discussions and individual talks. LimmudBoston workshops offer nearly 100 learning presentations and hands-on sessions on Torah, text, Jewish identity, movement, meditation, music, Israel, food, life cycle, theory and practice—and more.

Sunday November 17th from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm at Congregation Kehillath Israel, 384 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA. www.limmudboston.org

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The Rabbi Samuel & Tillie Ruderman Shabbaton-Weekend When: November 8-10, 2019 Theme: "L'Dor VaDor" Speaker: Rabbi Ron Koas



Save the date for this year's Ruderman Shabbaton-Weekend! This year's theme will be "L'Dor VaDor" – "From Generation to Generation". Our featured guest for the Shabbaton will be Rabbi Ron Koas, an Israeli-born rabbi, Jewish educator, children's book author and former captain in the IDF (Israel Defense Forces). Our brunch on Sunday will be in honor of our Jewish war veterans, followed by the showing of the film "G.I. Jews." Please look for more information in your November bulletin, on our website, and in emails about upcoming events at TBE. If you would like to learn more about Rabbi Koas, you can find it at: www.rabbikoas.com or simply go to our website (frtemplebethel.org) and click on the link!







The colors of early autumn in Fall River's Southeastern Mass Bioreserve (above) and at Westport's Mill Pond Conservation Area (right).





Temple Family

 A warm welcome to our newest members, Jeffrey Ginsberg and Larry & Paula Meyerson.
 Jeff grew up here, and Larry happens to be Anita Bolski's brother. Welcome all!





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

shana, 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.org

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10/11/2019 12 Tishrei 5780 Michele "Shelley" Fox Edward Singer

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10/15/2019 16 Tishrei 5780 Dr. Harry Levine

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