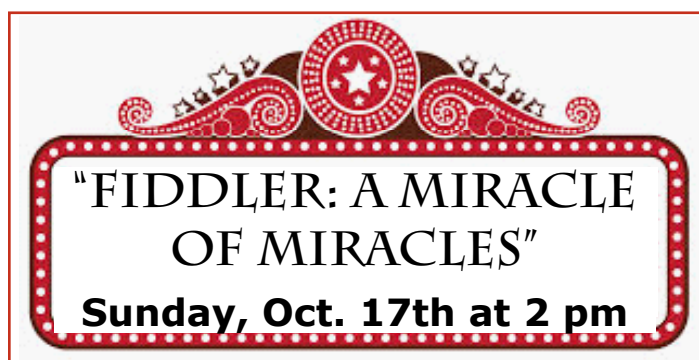




Regular Service Schedule - In Person and Via Zoom

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

*We are happy to announce that we are bringing back
"Sunday Afternoon at the Jewish Movies!"*



Please see Cantor Shoshana's "News and Notes" column on Page 5 for a synopsis of the movie, which is part of the "Great Performances" documentary series. The movie will be shown in the vestry, with lots of room to spread out! The rules regarding masks remain the same -- if you are fully vaccinated, masks are optional. If not, you must wear a mask at all times while in the building, and practice social distancing. Safety first!



There is nothing like an autumn hike in New England!

Our autumn TBE hike will be on Wednesday, October 20th at Allens Pond Audubon Sanctuary. We will meet in the parking lot at 1280 Horseneck Rd, Westport at 10 AM. Please wear sturdy shoes, but don't worry if your ability to "hike" is limited. We will make sure to fit the length of our hike to what everyone can handle!

This picture was taken there last fall, so we can hope to see lots of autumn colors. Please join us!

A message from our Spiritual Leader, Cantor Shoshana Brown

A Source of Riches and Meaning for Our Era, and for Life

As I write this bulletin letter, the date is September 23rd, but the whole bulletin will not be put together by our fabulous office manager, Marie Twomey, for another week or so, and then it has to be proofed, so it will take at least another ten days before it goes to the printer, and then gets prepared for mailing...you may not have realized how much work goes into the making of our monthly bulletins! The reason we are late getting started this month is that Yom Kippur was just over on the 16th, with only one “regular” day before Shabbat, with Sukkot falling hard on its heels. Last Sunday, September 19th, Rabbi Mark and I worked hard both getting up the framework and walls of our backyard sukkah, as well as catching up with long overdue yardwork that had been languishing while we prepared for the High Holy Days (our backyard was turning into a jungle!)...and then, having accomplished much that morning, we gave ourselves a treat: a drive out to South Wellfleet to walk on one of the National Seashore beaches (Marconi is our favorite), ending the day on a Cape Cod Bay-side beach, watching the sun set over Provincetown, while an almost-full moon was rising in the East. That almost-full moon reminded us (as if we needed reminding!) that Sukkot would start the next night. So the third Monday of the month, the day when I normally turn in all my materials for the bulletin, was a last-day flurry of preparations for Sukkot: shopping for the special foods we would be eating in the sukkah; getting the lights, decorations, and roof up on our sukkah (while our new custodian, Henry, was putting up the sukkah behind the temple); and Mark was assembling the *lulavim* that had been ordered for the temple, along with the willows and myrtle-branches, checking the *etrogim* to make sure they were all kosher.

To fully embrace and live out traditional Judaism, with all its holidays and special ritual practices is quite a lot of work! Nowadays it is rare to find Jewish families or individuals who feel drawn to the rigors of traditional Jewish observance: keeping Shabbat, all the Jewish holidays, fasting on the 9th of Av, keeping kosher, praying the daily liturgy at home or at the weekday minyan. It is probably fairly typical for North American synagogue communities that identify as part of the Conservative Movement, that mostly only the families of the clergy embrace all these practices fully. In areas with a larger Jewish demographic, you might find more Conservative “lay people” – who are actually day school teachers, religious school principals, and other sorts of Jewish “professionals” – who also keep many or most of these ritual practices; and if they have sent their children to Jewish summer camps, you invariably find more children who have fallen in love with the “enchantment” of Shabbat and the Jewish calendar, and who have parents who are willing to live according to these rhythms. (Note that with all of the days that need to be taken off to accommodate the Jewish calendar, it is no surprise that most of those who are doing so are working for Jewish

organizations.)

The meaning and richness to be found in living according to the Jewish calendar, and in following daily Jewish ritual and ethical practices, is great indeed – but it is not easy, especially when not many other people around you live this way. That is why Orthodox Jews tend to cluster together, living in the same neighborhoods (with a *shul* within walking distance) – in this way, they feel the support of others who also keep kosher, keep Shabbat, build a sukkah in their backyards, send their kids to day school, etc.

But for many of us – including Rabbi Mark and myself – the intellectual framework of Orthodox Judaism is one that we cannot embrace. We believe in modern scholarship, and that the Torah was compiled over many generations, the work of at least four different “schools” – moreover, that our sacred scriptures were ultimately written by *human beings* (some more divinely inspired, others less so). We believe in the full equality of women with men (and that this should be reflected in our ritual practices); we believe that no person should be seen as “less” or “other” on the basis of their gender- or sexual-orientation. We do not believe *literally* in the coming of the Messiah, or in the resurrection of the dead (although these *ideas* can hold life-affirming meaning). Moreover, there is an *insularity* to most Orthodox communities, a kind of fear of the “other” (or at least of non-Jewish *culture*) that most of us would find too claustrophobic-making to live with.

In this era of “identity” politics in America, we who identify as “Jewish” – but not Orthodox – may have a hard time determining where we belong. Are we Jews or Americans first? Adherents to democracy and the belief that all people are “created equal”? What comes first in our hierarchy of values? And what is “Judaism” if the vast majority of Jews do not practice it (in the traditional sense), or reserve their traditional practices to just a small number of days in the year? In Israel the majority of the Jewish population consider themselves “secular.” So is there such a thing as “secular” Judaism? Most of us would answer “of course there is!” But how does one pass a “secular Jewish” heritage on to one’s children or grandchildren, especially if one does *not* live in Israel? These are some questions I have been pondering, but do not have any satisfactory answers to.

One tradition that is *very* Jewish, but does not require great effort, is *asking questions*. As you will see in this October bulletin, there are no holidays this month, and because of the pandemic, no special events, speakers, or brunches going on at the temple. But we are still open for Shabbat services (either in person or on Zoom), and our adult ed Monday morning class is still ongoing (also in hybrid format), as well as Rabbi Mark’s Hebrew classes. We don’t have all the answers, but we remain a place, and a community, that welcomes questions and free inquiry. If you have not taken much advantage of TBE’s ongoing offerings, we urge you to give us a try – you might just discover it to be a source of riches and meaning that can help you through this difficult era, and one that will sustain you throughout life!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a whirlwind of a month September was! I can't remember the last time all of the holidays, from Rosh Hashanah to Simchat Torah, all fell in September. I am happy to report that everything went smoothly, whether people were checking in for the Temple services, or watching the live-streaming from home. Thank you to all who made it happen, including Rabbi Mark and Cantor Shoshana for leading our services, to Marie, Henry, Judy and Tom Gregory for all of their preparations, to Arleen Bor for checking in all of our attendees, to Elaine Weiss Reback for taking care of the flowers, to Andrew Polin for once again providing the hardware for the live-streaming, and to his video technicians for making the whole process seamless.

I also wanted to thank the Board of Directors of the Jewish Omni Fund for making a substantial contribution to help offset the costs of the many repairs we have made to the building this past year. With their help we were able to fix the roof above the foyer, and then repair the foyer ceiling, as well as water damage in several other locations. We still have much more to do, but with the help of the Jewish Omni Fund we will be able to keep working.

I would like to wish a warm welcome to our newest members, Dr. Alvin, Andrea, Leighton, Izzy, Hunter & Shafer Marcovici, and Andrew and Patricia Shulman. Alvin, Andrea and Shafer came to our High Holiday services, and we hope to see them often. Andy and Pat Shulman live in Westborough and enjoyed the services via live-streaming, and they hope to come for a visit soon. Pat's grandparents were members, and her parents, Mildred and Al Brenner, were married here. Welcome all!

We have decided to upgrade our security system. The new high-definition cameras will be much sharper and we can monitor the system remotely, which is a huge improvement. If this is something you would like to contribute to, please note "Wish List" on your check. Thank you.

My very best wishes to Hannah Evans and Sheila Lash as they move to their new homes in Connecticut and Virginia. On behalf of the Board of Directors, our sincere thanks for all you both have done for us over the years. Please keep in touch.

I sincerely hope that next year we will once again celebrate our holidays as we have for generations. Not only will we have many more people gather together in our beautiful sanctuary for services, but we will also have a lively break-fast, Simchat Torah celebration and supper, and the lecture and festivities of the Ruderman weekend.

Steve Silverman
President

Sisterhood President's Message

As I sit here writing this, we are experiencing a beautiful early fall day. I hope all of you are well, and enjoying a modicum of normalcy.

It has been hard to plan anything, due to the restrictions put in place because of Covid and the delta variant. People are reluctant to gather in large crowds at this time. Hopefully, things will ease up, and life will move on, sooner rather than later.

In the meantime, I am sorry to say that Hannah Evans will be moving to Connecticut later this month. I can't tell you how much we will miss her, as the Sisterhood Treasurer, Gift Shop manager, Temple Board Member, Events Committee member, regular at the Adult Ed class and so much more. Above all she has been a wonderful friend for more years than we care to count. We were planning to honor her at a special Sunday breakfast just before Covid hit, and you know how that worked out. Fortunately she is still only a phone call or a Zoom meeting away.

Sheila Lash has also returned to Virginia to live with her daughter permanently. Sheila, with her exquisite taste, took care of our flower arrangements for many years, and worked with her dear friend Annie Chavenson on the High Holiday Flower Fund, too. We will miss Hannah and Sheila, and wish them both the best of luck as they begin their newest adventures.

Watch your e-mail for updates on what's happening at the Temple. This is the best way to know what's going on. So, until next month, stay safe.

Libby Cohen
Sisterhood President



Spindle-tree berries opening last October (2020) in Tiverton

SERVICE SCHEDULE
October 2021:
Tishrei/Cheshvan 5782

Friday, October 1 (25 Tishrei)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	6:08 pm

Saturday, October 2 (26 Tishrei)

Weekly Portion: Bereshit	10:00 am
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Wednesday, October 6 (30 Tishrei)

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

Thursday, October 7 (1 Cheshvan)

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

Friday, October 8 (2 Cheshvan)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	5:57 pm

Saturday, October 9 (3 Cheshvan)

Weekly Portion: Noakh	10:00 am
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Friday, October 15 (9 Cheshvan)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	5:45 pm

Saturday, October 16 (10 Cheshvan)

Weekly Portion: Lekh Lekha	10:00 am
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Friday, October 22 (16 Cheshvan)

Shabbat Service	5:30 pm
Candle Lighting	5:35pm

Saturday, October 23 (17 Cheshvan)

Weekly Portion: Vayera	10:00 am
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Friday, October 29 (23 Cheshvan)

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

Saturday, October 30 (24 Cheshvan)

Weekly Portion: Chayei Sara	10:00 am
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WISH LIST - SECURITY UPGRADE!

Our newest Wish List item is an upgraded security system. In these uncertain times the safety and security of everyone in and around our building is of the utmost importance. Our current wiring will work perfectly for the new cameras, so nearly all of the cost will be for the actual hardware. Our current analog cameras simply don't have the resolution that is needed to provide the detailed video we need. Thank you to Sumner Alpert for kicking things off with a generous \$500 donation. If you would like to make a special donation for the new security system, please note "Wish List" on your check. Thank you!

SNOWBIRD SEASON

Just a reminder that if you want your mail delivered to the correct address, please call or email the office with the approximate dates you are leaving and returning to town. Safe travels, and we'll see you next spring!

AND THE WINNER IS...

Congratulations to Meryl Novek for being the first person to send us her Hebrew name!! If you would like avoid having people guess what your Hebrew name might be (which includes your parents' Hebrew names), please let us know and we will keep it in our files.



Lulav and etrog in Rabbi's and Cantor's home sukkah

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NEWS FLASH - NEWS FLASH - NEWS FLASH

The December issue of the Temple Beth El bulletin will be the final issue that will be sent out via bulk mail. Beginning with the January 2022 issue, the bulletins will be sent out first class. For those of you who are non-members, and would like to continue to receive the paper bulletin, we are requesting an annual donation of \$25 to offset the costs. Otherwise, we invite you to read the bulletin on our website for free!

NEWS FLASH - NEWS FLASH - NEWS FLASH

Marie and Sheila Lash enjoyed a nice visit in Newport before Sheila headed off to Virginia to live with her daughter Alison. Take care, Sheila dear!



Autumnal path near North Watuppa Pond

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TBE News & Notes

Whew! Once again we have made it through all the awesome and autumnal Jewish holidays! Thank you to all who helped make our holidays run smoothly, kept us safe, organized, helped our on-line services run without a hitch, made sure we had flowers, and a sukkah at the temple. Special thanks are due to both our current custodian, Henry Parker, and our beloved former custodian, Tom Gregory, who helped out with lots of last-minute fixes before the holidays, and assisted Henry (who was new to this holiday) in putting up the TBE sukkah - thanks guys!

For the foreseeable future, all our adult ed classes and services will remain available both on-line and also in person if you choose to join us at TBE.

Our autumn TBE hike will be on Wednesday, October 20th at Allens Pond Audubon Sanctuary (meet in the parking lot at 1280 Horseneck Rd, Westport) at 10 AM. Please wear sturdy shoes, but don't worry if your ability to "hike" is limited. We will make sure to fit the length of our hike to what everyone can handle!

Sadly, we have had to cancel plans for the Rudermand Weekend again this year (due to the pandemic), but we are offering a Jewish film viewing this month in the vestry. (As with services, please do not come if you are not feeling well, and if you are not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask).

Sunday afternoon at the Jewish Movies returns – Sunday October 17th, 2 PM, with the "Great Performances" documentary *Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles*:

Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles is the first documentary to chronicle the complete story of the international Broadway blockbuster musical "Fiddler on the Roof" by exploring the unexpected richness of its themes as well as its extensive reach across time and cultures. Featuring rare archival footage, the documentary also includes personal experiences and insights into the show's timeless impact from "Fiddler on the Roof" composer and lyricist Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick as well commentary from former cast and creative members along with famous fans impacted by the musical, including Joel Grey, Topol, Harvey Fierstein, Harold Prince, Itzhak Perlman, Stephen Sondheim, Lin-Manuel Miranda, and many others. (2019, running time one hour and thirty almost-full moon over

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We wish Rabbi and Cantor, Judy and Marie, and all our fellow congregants health, safety, happiness, peace and love in the new year.

Arthur & Barbara Sheer

Camp Noquochoke Reunion



In the last bulletin we had an article about the Boy Scout reunion to be held at the old Camp Noquochoke in Westport, MA. Having heard stories from Bill Chebot about their boy scout troop meeting in one of the rooms in the Temple towers, I hoped he would be able to attend. As you can see above, he did, along with his son Jeff. We hope you had a great time reminiscing!

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- Welcome to the Marcovici family, Dr. Alvin and Andrea, and their kids Leighton, Izzy, Hunter & Shafer.
- Welcome to Pat and Andy Shulman.
- Best wishes to Hannah Evans and Sheila Lash in their new homes. We will miss you!

High Holidays Flower Fund

Thank you for your donations to the Flower Fund!

Susan Bender

In memory of my grandparents

Tilden Bogus

Bonnie Elber

With appreciation for being able to attend High Holiday services via Zoom - and with love and appreciation for Rabbi Mark Elber and Cantor Shoshana Brown.

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