



Monthly Bulletin

May 2018/5778

Annual Congregation Meeting Thursday May 17 at 7 PM

### From the Rabbi

We are in the season of graduations, and will once again be celebrating the children of our Religious School as well as our High School Seniors on Friday night, May 11. We are also in the season of several b'nai mitzvah celebrations. And on May 17, we will hold our Congregational Meeting, hopefully welcoming a new Board and voting on a bylaws change to extend membership to non-Jewish partners of our members. (If you want to talk to me about this proposed change, please reach out or come to a meeting on May 10 to discuss it.)

All of these transitions happen in line with a remarkable time in the Jewish calendar. We are counting the omer, marking each day from Passover to Shavuot, the 49-day journey from leaving slavery to standing at Mt. Sinai to receive the Torah.

The Sfat Emet, Yehudaha Leib Alter – a Hassidic Rebbe late 19<sup>th</sup> century Poland taught the essence and meaning of Shavuot and of Torah.

He wrote that there is a single inward goodness, or divinity, of which God, Torah and our souls all partake, are all connected to. Each year Shavuot can remind us that our essence, our souls, are the very same goodness that is at “the root of all being”. He also taught that we are also responsible for taking up our

unique role in this world, our unique Torah - which is also goodness.

In other words, Shavuot is a reminder that we channel divine goodness through our actions, which are guided by the ethics of Torah. We have a chance to remind ourselves of this, to renew our commitment to act as conduits of goodness and divinity.

With all that we struggle with personally and collectively as a people and as human beings, our tradition teaches us over and over again: You matter, your actions matter. Imagine what difference we can make if we all open ourselves to being channels of Divine goodness and love.

Mazel tov to all celebrating simchas. And may our community go from strength to strength, channeling goodness and love.

**Rabbi Alison Adler**

Join us in honoring our own:  
**Dave Carnevale**  
**Marcy Yellin**  
at

## Shabbat Alive!



**Friday,  
May 4,  
6:30 PM**  
with **Idan Irelander**  
and Special oneg

sponsored by Annette Kossover  
in memory of her loved ones



**Menschions**

**Mimosas**

Honoring individuals in our community  
who make exceptional contributions  
close to home and around the world:

**Sunday, May 6, 2018, 11am-1pm**  
Temple B'nai Abraham, 200 East Lothrop St., Beverly, MA  
*Bagels, Lox and Mimosas will be served*

For further information, please contact Steve at  
978-745-4111 x130 or email: [rsvp@jewishjournal.org](mailto:rsvp@jewishjournal.org)

## From the President

Recently, I was talking with some friends about the upcoming congregational meeting. These folks, who are not Jewish, were surprised that Synagogues are run as democracies and not “theocracies” that govern some other faith communities. The fact that our membership votes on all important Temple matters such as leadership, budget, bylaws, and spiritual leader is pretty special.

May 17, is our annual congregational meeting. As I mentioned in last month’s newsletter (that I’m certain you all read), the Finance Committee has been working on next year’s budget. The nominating committee worked to identify a fantastic person to fill one open Board spot. A group of congregants met to discuss ways of improving inclusion for non-Jewish partners of members (an outstanding article on this topic appeared in last month’s bulletin) and drafted changes to our bylaws which will also be coming up for a vote.

We all have an equal voice in deciding the future of our community. We all have an equal right to have our opinions heard either in committees, monthly Board meetings, or the annual congregational meeting. This right is so important it is clearly spelled out in our by-laws. I would be hard pressed to find another organization where the members have as clear and direct impact on how that organization is run as ours. Temple B’nai Abraham is OUR community. We decide our future. We are free to express our opinions, to argue, to compromise, to disagree, and to vote for what we believe. Temple leadership and staff take direction from our membership – not the other way around.

May 17’s congregational meeting is about more than approving a budget or by-laws changes. It’s about the congregation coming together and deciding what kind of community we want to make for ourselves. This is a very powerful and special concept. I am looking forward to seeing you all there on May 17.

**Ken Hartman**  
President, Temple B’nai Abraham

## Annual Congregation Meeting Thursday, May 17 at 7 PM

Join us at the May Congregation Meeting where we will vote on

1. the operating budget for the coming year
2. the slate of officers
3. amendment of by-laws which will extend voting membership of a non-ritual nature to partners of Jewish members who are not Jewish.

The proposed amendment has been mailed each member’s home and is available in the temple office.

## *TBA gala!*

PLEASE JOIN TEMPLE B'NAI ABRAHAM IN  
HONORING DEBORAH & MARTIN GREENSTEIN

# MAME

BILL HANNEY'S  
NORTH SHORE  
MUSIC THEATRE

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 • \$80 PER PERSON

TICKETS INCLUDE:  
5:30 PM HORS D'OEUVRE RECEPTION & SILENT AUCTION  
IN NORTH SHORE MUSIC THEATRE'S STUDIO ONE  
7:30 PM PERFORMANCE OF MAME  
INTERMISSION, DESSERT RECEPTION

FOR TICKETS CONTACT: DEB SCHUTZMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR • 978-927-3211

## *RSVP by May 25*

## Kibbitz and Nosh

(formerly Ladies Night Out)

Wednesday, May 9  
7-9 PM

At the home of Alyssa and Amato

Bocchino

103 Grover St. Beverly

508-843-1535

All 21 and older are invited

Bring appetizer to share if you wish but  
not required.

## Earth Day Celebration

**Sunday May 6, 9 AM**

200 East Lothrop St. Beverly, MA 01915

Phone: 978-927-3211

**For all generations!**

Celebrate and thank our beautiful earth

Special minyan/prayer service at 9 AM

Plant in our Pe'ah Garden – Produce is

donated to people in

need or integrated into

educational and holiday

programs

Enjoy **extra-large** bubble

making, music with Marcy Yellin, snack,

and MORE!



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## Celebrating our Graduates!

Religious School Graduation

And Moving Up Ceremony

**Friday, May 11, 6:30 PM**

### Religious School Graduates

Kayla Bello, Chloe Bendoris,  
Evan Bocchino, Kyla Creamer,  
Zoe Richard, Ian Visnick, Tess  
Wallerstein, Sophia Zigelbaum



### High School Graduates

Benjamin Ames, Kayla  
Faby, Amy Freed, Jacob  
Gamble, Lilly Goodspeed,  
Jacob Grant, Samantha Hano,  
Kevin MacDonald, Andrew Schutzman,  
Arieh Soffer, Jonathan Soffer, Zehava  
Younger, Mae-Lou Zaleski



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## Kevin MacDonald

**awarded**

### The Derek Sheckman Award

From its inception, the Sheckman Award has sought to recognize teens in the Jewish community, challenging young leaders to understand the power, impact and importance they have in the life and future of the North Shore's Jewish community.

Sheckman Award recipients receive seed money towards a service project (up to \$1000) as well as guidance and support to develop and implement their own vision

Kevin's project will educate the residents of Beverly about the dangers of single-use plastic bags on the environment. This award will allow him to create flyers and stickers for businesses to display to show that they are plastic-bag free. He also plans on making reusable bags out of donated fabric and t-shirts and give them to citizens to prepare them for the upcoming change.

## Shavuot



Shavuot 1<sup>st</sup> Day, Sunday, May 20  
services at Temple Ner Tamid at 9:30 AM  
Shavuot 2<sup>nd</sup> Day, Monday May 21,  
services at Temple Ner Tamid at 9:00 AM

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## Sisterhood

The late spring is when the TBA Sisterhood Board turns its attention to the upcoming year. The Temple's calendar requires significant effort and forethought to ensure that a robust but not overly crowded schedule of events and activities is planned.

As we think about Sisterhood programming for 5779, we are open for any new ideas or old ideas with a new twist. What past events have you enjoyed? Are there events that you think are worn out? What new programming would you like to see from Sisterhood?

Please email me at [judy.matfess@verizon.net](mailto:judy.matfess@verizon.net) or call me at 978-887-1390 with your thoughts.

Thank you,

**Judy Matfess**

**President, Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Abraham**

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## Passover Thank you!

Nearly 100 members of the extended TBA family joined us for our third annual Community Seder last month. We had young families with eager afikomen seekers (the sanctuary is a great place to hide afikomen!), couples, singles, and extended families celebrating together.

Everyone really enjoyed Rabbi Adler's family-friendly seder as well as a delicious meal, including horseradish from our Peah Garden!

In true TBA fashion, several meals were delivered to those who were unable to join us. A Passover Seder is a mammoth undertaking, especially since we are all trying to have our own family gatherings.

Our thanks to Rabbi Adler and all who shopped, set-up, cleaned, washed, prepared, packed and especially to our generous friends and supporters who helped us ensure that all could attend regardless of financial situations.

Thank you to our fellow volunteers:

Stacey Ames, Jane Cohen, Erin Lipkowitz, Judy Matfess, Judi Swartz, Kevin Tsukroff and Deb Willwerth.

**Bonnie Kaplan Goldsmith and Donna Pierce**

# Celebrate Israel's 70th Birthday!

Featuring one of Israel's singing treasures, Gitit Shoval

**SUNDAY, MAY 6**

**4:00PM AT THE LARCOM THEATRE IN BEVERLY, MA**



**VIP Tickets: \$100/person includes light hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine and reserved seating**

**TICKETS:**  
**\$25/Adult • \$10/Junior (ages 10-17)**  
*Under 10 FREE*

**A FAMILY FRIENDLY  
EVENT FOR THE  
ENTIRE COMMUNITY**

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VISIT [JCCNS.ORG](http://JCCNS.ORG).**



## The Congregation Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

### GENERAL FUND

Sandy Frieberg to All the TBA students involved with the BHS production of "A Little Princess". Thank you for thoroughly entertaining us.

Bonnie and Arnie Goldsmith to Amato Bocchino & Alyssa Handler, Mazel Tov on Arianna and Evan's b'nai mitzvah

Jayne and Joel Gordon to Lenore Gordon & Family in memory of Thelma Rubenstein

Amy Blake and Family to Leslie Colten in memory of your father

Bonnie and Arnie Goldsmith to Leslie Colten, deepest sympathy on the loss of your dad

Sandy Frieberg to Leslie, Rick, Benjamin, & Ella Colten on the loss of your beloved father and grandfather

Joni Shechet to Ben Weiss on the loss of your beloved grandmother

Joni Shechet to Phyllis Freedman, hope your recovery is easy

Barbara and Joe Younger to Lenore Gordon & Family in memory of Thelma Rubenstein Dreezer. A sisterhood friend from the 1960's- intelligent, beautiful, gracious

Valerie Buchman to Lenore Gordon & Family in memory of Thelma Rubenstein Dreezer

Marcy & Russ Grand to Lenore Gordon, David Rubenstein, Raymond Dreezer and Family in memory of Thelman Rubenstein Dreezer

Robert Freedman, Joan & Joel Joseph, Bonnie Delp & Sons, and Len Joseph & Family to Diane And Steve Berlow, Mazel Tov on the birth of your first grandchild

Sandy Freiberg and Tim Kelliher to Tom Cheatham wishing you a speedy recovery

### SAM & EVE WEINBERG FUND

Paul Weinberg to David Rubenstein and Lenore Gordon in memory of your mother, Thelma

### STERMAN/ISENBERG FUND

Diane Isenberg to Peter Lappin, condolences on the loss of your mother, Mimi

Diane Isenberg to Lenore Gordon, truly a "women of valor"

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Deb Willwerth to Rabbi Alison, congratulations on the anniversary of your Ordination! So Proud!

Susan Wolper to Lenore Gordon, David Rubenstein, & Family, Thelma -a beautiful "lady" Smile and enjoy your memories

Robert Freedman, Joan & Joel Joseph, Bonnie Delp & Sons, and Len Joseph & Family to Gary Bowmile, so sorry for the loss of your wife, Francine

Cindy Lann to Tom Cheatham, wishing you a speedy recovery

Cindy Lann to Ruth Sweeny in memory of your sister, Karlyne Horgan

### YAHREZIT FUND

Robert Toll in memory of his mother, Beverly Toll-Plaskov

Lisa Horowitz in memory of her mother, Marian Horowitz

Cynthia Titlebaum In memory of her mother, Ida Nirenberg

James Cohen in memory of his grandmother, Gussie Cohen

James Cohen in memory of his uncle, Julian Cohen

James Cohen in memory of his father, Norman Cohen

Lois Strome in memory of her brother-in-law, Jack Stome

Harold Kaplan in memory of his father, Louis Kaplan

Betsy Visnick in memory of her grandmother, Molly Green

Bruce Kurman in memory of his grandfather, Abe Kurman

Bruce Kurman in memory of his mother, Peggy Kurman

Nancy Black in memory of her mother, Lillian Garelick

Brian Freeman in memory of his mother, Jeanette Freeman

Marshall Sterman in memory of his mother, Esther Sterman

Robert Brilliant in memory of his grandmother, Sarah Peres

Robert Brilliant in memory of his mother, Dorothy Miller

Cynthia Sterman in memory of her mother, Esther Sterman

Abe Kaufman in memory of his sister, Nelle Herr

Abe Kaufman in memory of his father, Charles Kaufman

Owen Grush in memory of his aunt, Marion Rosenberg

Gail Sinitski in memory of her father, Israel Toll

Ellen Eisen in memory of her mother, Lee Sidell

Please excuse any omissions or errors

**Thank you for your donations**

