



Monthly Bulletin

October 2018/5779

Office closed October 1, 2, and 8

FROM THE RABBI

It was wonderful to celebrate the New Year with so many of you.

In my Rosh Hashanah sermon about our tradition's teachings about the preciousness of each and every child, I mentioned 4 pressing issues in our congregation and larger society, and ways to work on them, and you will continue to hear about all of them this year.

One is extraordinarily pressing, as it is coming up for a vote in November. What I am sharing here with you about Question #3, protecting transgender people's rights, is in line with the MA Board of Rabbis, the Anti-Defamation League, and is a similar message to what many MA rabbis are sending their communities. As religious not-for-profits we not only can take stands on issues, but are called to do so by our tradition, especially concerning human rights.

Currently, the MA law protects the right to equality and freedom for transgender members of our community. In 2016, Governor Charlie Baker along with a supermajority in the Massachusetts State House signed into law that people cannot face discrimination in public places because of their gender identity. This means that a transgender person cannot be discriminated against or be refused service in a restaurant, park, or doctor's office, and can use the restroom that matches their gender.

Yet in spite of bipartisan support in the statehouse for this law and the support of over 1000 corporations, non-profit organizations, safety advocates, and law enforcement officials, Question 3 is asking voters whether we want to uphold the current law or not. Those who put this question on the ballot are hoping that voters will vote "no" so that the state will reinstate discrimination based on gender identity. Their stated concern is that transgender people will harm women and girls in restrooms. This is an unfortunate misconception. A Sept. 12 Boston Globe article shared a recent study by the UCLA School of Law that finds no relationship between public transgender bathroom access and crimes that occur in bathrooms in cities across the

country. This law does not change the fact that you will be arrested if you assault someone in the restroom, no matter what your gender identity is.

Those in support of the law hope that voters will vote "yes" to uphold the law, to ensure that transgender people have the same access to public spaces that the rest of us have. Just imagine walking into a doctor's office knowing that you could be denied service based on your gender. Imagine going out to dinner with your family and not knowing whether you could safely use the bathroom. These scenarios become possible once again if this law is not upheld.

I will add here that this law directly impacts members of Temple B'nai Abraham, and children and grandchildren of members – and my own cousin. This is not some abstract issue. This is about precious human beings, who are prone to more bullying, murder, depression, and suicide.

As you consider how you will vote this November, I ask you to weigh the above implications, as well as polling data. Unfortunately, nearly 40% of Massachusetts voters are in favor of repealing this law, and only about 50% want to uphold it. Your vote truly matters.

I also ask that you consider what Torah demands of us: A commitment to human dignity based in all of us being created in God's image. A commitment to those most vulnerable in our society.

If you are interested in learning more, the Beverly Multifaith Coalition is holding a forum on the topic on Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:30. I encourage you to attend if you have questions or desires to get involved. Our Social Action Committee also has members working on this issue.

You can also get more involved with Keshet, an organization dedicated to LGBTQI rights and inclusion in Jewish life. Go to www.Keshetonline.org for more information.

Please also be in touch with me if you have any questions.

Rabbi Alison Adler

**Calling all music lovers - Come Hear the Music Play!
Sisterhood Sponsored Brunch - Sunday October 21 at 10 AM
RSVP by October 11- Reservations Required**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

They are only chairs and a table. Beautiful, but otherwise unremarkable. Just wood and fabric. But in the first days after being installed, they transformed an ordinary day into something pretty remarkable.

This past Sunday was the first day of religious school. Children and their parents filled TBA with activity and excitement. But after the parents' meeting something amazing happened - nobody left! The lobby was filled with parents - some of whom are new to TBA - to have a cup of coffee and hang out to chat. Moms and dads clustered around talking about what parents of young children talk about.

While their kids were making friends in classrooms, their parents were building bonds around our new lobby furniture. It seems pretty simple and obvious, doesn't it. Provide a comfortable place to hang out and people will naturally congregate and build or strengthen relationships.

When I first walked into the lobby it was as if I were seeing it for the first time. The beautiful Temple Shalom ark, the antique hanging lights, and a comfortable place where we can sit, read, catch up with friends, and build the kind of community that used to be commonplace a generation ago but has slowly fallen out of fashion.

They are only chairs. But their meaning to Temple B'nai Abraham cannot be overstated. I want to thank Donna and Alan Pierce for the very generous donation of the lobby furniture which has already become the focal point of our community.

When you see me sitting there, please join me and let's catch up.

Ken Hartman
President, Temple B'nai Abraham

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

My heart is filled with gratitude and pride every time I walk into our temple. Our synagogue has always been filled with warm and wonderful people, diverse in their backgrounds and interests but connected to one another by this space. Our new foyer invites us to connect with one another, our library inspires us to learn together and our Children's Learning Center encourages us to teach our youngest. These newly remodeled spaces reflect our vision, who we are and who we strive to be.

This summer I embarked on a journey with two wonderful families. Harold and Zellie Kaplan and Alan and Donna Pierce both saw an opportunity to help TBA. I am not sure if they understood the remarkable impact their efforts would have or how moved the community would be by their generosity. This past Sunday the dedication ceremony proved to be a celebration of community, appreciation, and love. These generous families gave back to the community that cares for and supports them and together we will continue on our path, To Learn, To Love, To Life!

Deborah Schutzman
Executive Director

Religious School News

Great start to our new school year! We welcomed 10 new students and 1 new teacher to our TBA Religious school family. We are very pleased to have Phil Blue on our teaching staff sharing his creativity and passion for Judaism with our students. Our new Pre-K and Kindergarten classroom is a hit with teacher's Beti Levine and Donna Cohen and our very young learners. So far, we decorated the Sukkah and dedicated our new spaces together. This Sunday we will celebrate Sukkot and enjoy some "Pizza in the Hut". Monday evening begins Simchat Torah and together we will unroll the torah scroll, dance and hear the stories from the torah as told by our beloved teacher Dina Davidyan and this is only the beginning. We look forward to teaching our students about the joys of Judaism, how to celebrate or traditions and live Jewishly. Here is a look at what is coming up at TBA Religious School this month.

October:

Monday 10/1, 5:30 PM Pasta dinner followed by our Simchat Torah celebration

Thursday 10/4 (no Religious School)

Sunday 10/7 No School

Sunday 10/28 Pet Service 9:00 AM (Bring your pet for a special blessing & pet food & or treats to donate to the local shelters), Grade 6 & 7 Family Education with Rabbi Adler (parents & students) 10:00 AM

Adult Education

HOW DO WE TALK ABOUT ISRAEL?

It's not easy. Israel is core to Judaism. We come from different experiences and as Jews, have disparate opinions.

As Rabbi Adler spoke about on Yom Kippur we have a chance to stop avoiding a topic that can divide us, and actually deepen our relationships and strengthen our community.

Thanks to a Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) grant, TBA is bringing in Resetting the Table; facilitators to help 40 of us share, inform and listen more effectively. Respectful communication is the key. This California based group facilitates conversations across the country in synagogues, Hillels, and other Jewish institutions.

Resetting the Table builds meaningful community dialog and deliberation across differing views and background. This workshop will surface core issues of concern around Israel, strengthening TBA members' capacity to speak, listen and learn across disagreement.

If you have questions, contact a committee member:

Stacy Ames, Laura Cronin, Eli and Dina Davidyan, Linda Goodspeed, Jerry Schwartz or Rabbi Adler.

Resetting the Table:

Sunday, October 14th from 9 am to noon at TBA

Limited to 40 adult TBA participants

RSVP by October 8 to the TBA office required - call 978-927-3211 or email office@tbabeverly.org

WHAT PAGE ARE WE ON? DECONSTRUCTING SHABBAT

How did we evolve from sacrificing animals to the (much more sanitary) services we conduct today? Ever wonder about when and where and why we bow, bend, stand, or sit? Who wrote the prayers, and who assembled our prayer book? Even for minyan regulars, it can be a mystery. Join Cantor Bruce Siegel **Thursdays at 10 AM beginning September 13** and examine the history, structure, meaning, and melodies of our Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat morning services.

Me'ah SELECT COURSE: Crucial Moments in the Israeli Experience Through the Lens of Short Stories

- Meets Wednesdays, 7-9:30 pm with Dr. Jacob Meskin
- Class dates: **October 17, 24, 31; November 7, 14, 28; December 5, 12, 19; January 2.**
(Please note: no classes November 21 or December 26. January 9 & 16 reserved for a snow/sick days.)
- **Cost for 10 sessions:** \$250 temple members, \$350 non-temple members; financial aid available.

This course aims to introduce students to certain critical moments in the history of the modern state of Israel through short stories. The stories offer a perspective on many of the compelling events that have shaped the history of Israel.

Register online <https://register.hebrewcollege.edu/meah-select-beverly-crucial-moments-israeli-experience-fall-2018/>

SPECIAL THANKS

The High Holidays were a beautiful experience of prayer, reflection, and community. We have so many people to thank, whose passionate dedication made it all so meaningful. Deborah Willwerth, the Chair of our Ritual Committee, went above and beyond what that title already demands this time of year. Not only did she oversee innumerable details, but she also led Shacharit with Tom Cheatham and beautifully chanted the Haftarah on Yom Kippur. We love and appreciate you so much Deb!

Thank you to all members of the Ritual Committee, Stacy Ames, Paul Weinberg, Jack Kriteiman, Bonnie Kaplan Goldsmith. Tom Cheatham, Cindy Lann, and Fred Feldman for organizing honors and all sorts of other details. Thank you to Deb Schutzman and Allison Wolper for leading our family services. Thank you to the "tappers" who helped people be on the bimah at the right time for their honors, Stacy Ames, Allison Wolper, Eli Davidyan, Arnie Cowan. Fred Feldman and Jerry Schwartz changed the Torah and reading table covers to white. Fred and Linda Feldman polished the silver. Len Allen coordinated all of the greeters. Thank you to our gabbaim, Paul Weinberg and Richard Goldberg. And our Torah readers, Cantor Bruce Siegel, and teens Maddie Katz, Elizabeth Mack, Mayan Levin, Arianna Bocchino, Leah Katz, and Ariel Greenberg.

Thank you to Jayne Gordon, Paige Katzenstein, Mardee Goldberg, Fran Baker, Sarazita Freedland, and Ruth Helman and all who helped put out the apples, honey and challah! Thank you to Cindy Lann for solicitating donations and Roberta Graffam for putting together the bimah baskets. And thank you to our new Seating Committee: Bernie and Lorraine Der, Jayne and Joel Gordon, and Paige Katzenstein.

And thank you to Deb Schutzman and Erin Lipkowitz for more than we can articulate here.

Thank you to all who participated, donated, and were present to share in these Holy days.

Many blessings to you and your families in the new year.

Rabbi Alison Adler and Ken Hartman, TBA President

Sisterhood

Come Hear the Music Play!

Enjoy a catered brunch with live jazz, Broadway and pop performances

Sunday, October 21, 2018

10:00 AM

Temple B'nai Abraham 200 East Lothrop St. Beverly MA,

RSVP by October 11

Come hear the musicians of Temple B'nai Abraham - Steve Swartz, Paul Cohen, and Judith Murray ♪ as they perform some of the best and most memorable works of

♪ *Leonard Bernstein, Sammy Cahn, Gershwin, Barry Manilow, Carole King, Billy Joel, Stan Getz.* ♪

Also, a special performance from the outstanding Beverly High School Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Adam Costa

♪ Savor a delicious brunch by Becky's Catering ♪ Enjoy mimosas with friends

\$40.00 Soloist Honor

\$54.00 Composer Honor

\$72.00 Lyricist Honor

\$90 Maestro Honor

Donation only – not attending

Please help us support Beverly Bootstraps by bringing one of the following items to:

Bootstraps Food Pantry, 35 Park St. - M-Th 8:30 AM-7 PM, Friday 8:30 AM- 4 PM

OR to TBA when you attend this event.

box/bag stuffing mix

canned green beans

cream of mushroom soup

instant mashed potatoes (family size)

French's fried onions

canned pumpkin

cranberry sauce

cake, brownie, or bread mix

canned gravy

chicken broth

please no expired food or glass containers

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the TBA book club will be at **7:30 PM on Wednesday, October 24th** at the home of Lorraine Der.

To RSVP and for directions, contact Lorraine at: lorraineder@gmail.com

We will discuss *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.



POTTERY EVENT

Adults and Teens are welcome to the Sisterhood Pre -Hanukah Pottery Event at Clay Dreaming

Sunday, November 18 from 3-5 pm

186 Cabot Street, Beverly

Paint a piece of pottery for holiday gift-giving. Judaic and non-Judaic items available.

The cost is \$10 plus the price of the item you choose to paint.

RSVP requires a \$10 deposit sent to the TBA office by November 5

Light refreshments will be served.

Social Action

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE (SAC)

The TBA website now makes it a snap to find an overview of all the Social Action Committee (SAC) activities. Just click on "Get Involved" and you'll see the link to the SAC page with descriptions of all the projects and initiatives we participate in, along with a contact person for each. **Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 11, 7 pm at TBA.** Join us! For more information on SAC, contact Marcy Ross (518-567-8996) or Jim Younger (978-397-4860).

FORUM ON BALLOT QUESTION #3

In 2016, Governor Charlie Baker along with a supermajority in the Massachusetts State House signed into law that people cannot face discrimination in public places (i.e. doctors' offices, restaurants, bathrooms) because of their gender identity. Voting no would dismantle these laws and protections. Voting yes would keep them in place.

An argument for dismantling these protections states public bathroom safety. There is no relationship between public transgender bathroom access and crimes that occur in bathrooms. This law does not change the fact that you will be arrested if you assault someone in the restroom, no matter what your gender identity is.

Come learn legal, religious, and personal perspectives on this law, and why your vote matters so much.

Bring your questions and thoughts.

Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30 PM

TEMPLE B'NAI ABRAHAM

200 East Lothrop Street, Beverly

Sponsored by the Beverly Multifaith Coalition

NEIGHBORHOOD SHABBAT

Potluck dinners in community members' homes – Friday November 9

Please note: there are not regular services at TBA that evening.

Join us for Shabbat peace, good food, and wonderful people! Neighborhood Shabbat is a way to deepen connections with new and old friends in a relaxed setting.

Please contact our office to host or attend, and then you will be matched with a home and contacted by your host. **Please RSVP by Friday, November 2**

Contact Erin in the office at 978-927-3211, x 101 or email Erin at office@tbabeverly.org



The Congregation Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

GENERAL FUND

Barron Family contribution to our High Holiday Pledge Fund
Lisa Horowitz and David Huth to Paula Ivey in memory of your father
Pierre and Deena Dugan to Susan Wolper in memory of Jerry Wolper
Alice Ossoff to Rabbi Adler, thank you
Bonnie Goldsmith to Rabbi Adler, thank you for gift of tefillin
Robert and Dianne Vogler to The Gross Family in memory of Saul Gross
Select Technology to Scott Gross in memory of Saul Gross
Elaine and Paul "Dana's Parents" to Scott Gross in memory of Saul Gross
Dana and Ernie DiFiore to Scott Gross in memory of Saul Gross
The Hacker-Farnan Family to Paula Ivey and Family, sending love and condolences on the loss of your parents
Annette Kossover to Paula Ivey in loving memory of your mother

Paul Weinberg to Paula Ivey in memory of your mother, Marilyn Cohen
Jan and Rick Miller to Paula and Alan Ivey in memory of your father/grandfather, Sheldon Cohen
Jan and Rick Miller to Rabbi Adler in honor of the 10th anniversary of your ordination
Jan and Rick Miller to Helen Bloom, deepest sympathy on the loss of your dear sister, Irene
Jan and Rick Miller to Dan and Linda Magalnick in honor of your 50th wedding anniversary
Jan and Rick Miller to Len and Judi Allen in memory of your dear brother-in-law, Harold Rubenstein
Harvey Pastan to The Gross Family in memory of Saul Gross
Bonnie and Arnie Goldsmith to Paula Ivey, with deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother
Mike and Karen Stearn to Helen Bloom, sorry for your loss
Jackie and Paul Newman to Judy and Len Allen in memory of your brother-in-law, Harold Rubenstein
Linda and Dan Magalnick to Helen Bloom and Family in memory of Irene Jacobs

Linda and Dan Magalnick to Judi and Len Allen in memory of his brother-in-law, Harold Rubenstein

Linda and Dan Magalnick to Elissa Klein in memory of your father, William Klein

Linda and Dan Magalnick to the Richard Family in honor of Zoe's bat mitzvah

Linda and Dan Magalnick to Jackie and Paul Newman in memory of your sister-in-law, Diane Sager

Eric and Susan Freedland to Scott and Rachel Gross in memory of Saul Gross

Daniel Casper to the Gross Family in honor and memory of Saul Gross

Susan and Eric Freedland to the Gross Family in memory of Saul Gross

Heidi and Jeff Krugman to Alice Ossoff in memory of Joe Ossoff

MONDAY NIGHT SUPPER FUND

Karen and Mike Stearn to the Gross Family in memory of Saul Gross

Susan Wolper to Paula and Alan Ivey, Sarah and Jackson, may good memories and shared recipes make this time easier for you.

Fran and Jordy Baker to Paula Ivey in memory of your mother and father, Marilyn and Sheldon Cohen

Dina and Eli Davidyan to Paula Ivey in memory of your father and mother

Karen and Mike Stearn to Paula Ivey in memory of your parents

Dina and Eli Davidyan to Dan Ossoff in memory of Joseph Ossoff

Dina and Eli Davidyan to Paula Ivey in memory of your

Dina and Eli Davidyan to Susan and Dan Moniz in memory of your mother, sorry for your loss

Dina and Eli Davidyan to Karen and David Moniz in memory of your mother, sorry for your loss

Fran and Jordy Baker to Jacobs Family in memory of Irene Jacobs

Fran and Jordy Baker to Ossoff Family in memory of Joe Ossoff

Susan Wolper to Ralph and Eileen Edelstein mazel tov on Ross' bar mitzvah

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

Gail Goldstein to Rabbi Adler in gratitude for presiding over the education and marriage of Shayna and Jake Stains

STERMAN/ISENBERG FUND

Diane Isenberg to Ralph and Eileen Edelstein congratulations on the bar mitzvah of your grandson

Diane Isenberg to Paula Ivey condolences on the loss of your father

YAHREITZ FUND

Eleanor Faye in memory of her father, Stanley Cohn

Stephen Arrington in memory of his father, Harold Arrington

Michael Stearn in memory of his mother, Rose Stearn

Michael Stearn in memory of his father, George Stearn

Karen Stearn in memory of her father, Frank Silberstein

Paul Weinberg in memory of his uncle, Hyman Weinberg

Paul Weinberg in memory of his grandmother, Lillia Shumsker

Paul Weinberg in memory of his grandfather, Abraham Shumsker

Lois Strome in memory of her son, Randall Strome

Philip Goldberg in memory of his mother, Mildred Goldberg

Richard Blake in memory of his mother, Florence Blake

Cynthia Titlebaum in memory of her husband, Elliot Titlebaum

Bonnie Levine in memory of her father, Paul Spar

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Shirley Levine in memory of her husband, Arnold Levine

Jackie Zoll and Family in memory of her husband, Nathan Zoll

Edward Goldstein in memory of his father, Daniel Goldstein

Paul Singer in memory of his father, Max Singer

Paul Singer in memory of his stepfather, Herman Shapiro

Deborah Willwerth in memory of his mother, Jean Ericson

Zelda Kaplan in memory her father, Herman Moses

Elaine Israelsohn in memory of her brother, Stephen Gelin

Beth Denisch in memory of her mother, Aurora Denish

Lynn Duncan in memory of her husband

Joan Shechet in memory of her husband, Sherwin Shechet

Owen Grush in memory of his grandmother, Helen Grushky

Rosalee Goldstein in memory of her sister, Enid Polansky

Scott Barron in memory of his grandmother, Frances Rich

Scott Barron in memory of his uncle, Robert Rich

Scott Barron in memory of his grandfather, Herman Rich

Scott Barron in memory of his aunt, Nathalie Shapiro

Scott Barron in. memory of his uncle, Marvin Jay Rich

Sarazita Freedland in memory of her husband

Jane Cohen in memory of her mother, Jacquelyn Rosenberg

Joel Black in memory of his father, Leo Isadore Black

Nancy Black in memory of her father Israel Garelick

Susan Wolper in memory of all our loved ones

Please excuse any omissions or errors

Thank you for your donations



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Monday Night Supper

Adult and youth volunteers from



Temple B'nai Abraham regularly prepare and serve dinner at

First Baptist Church on
Cabot Street, Beverly.

Please join us on the third Monday of the month.

Our next Monday Night supper date is:

Monday, October 17

We need help in the church kitchen and in the dining room anytime from 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Pardon our appearance on our website while it is being redesigned. Visit our Facebook page or watch for our weekly email with information updates.

Service Hours at Temple B'nai Abraham:

Weekdays: Mondays and Thursdays 6:55 AM

Shabbat: Friday 7:00 PM and

Saturdays 9:00 AM

Sunday: 9 AM

Temple Office Hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Upcoming Events at TBA

Deconstructing Shabbat with Cantor Bruce Seigel

Thursdays Starting September 13, 10:00 AM

Simhat Torah Celebration and Pasta Dinner

Monday, October 1, 5:30 PM

Simhat Torah Service

Tuesday, October 2, 9AM

Social Action Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 7:30 PM

Resetting the Table – How do we talk about Israel

Sunday, October 14, 9 AM – Noon (RSVP October 8)

Come Hear the Music Play Brunch

Sunday, October 21, 10 AM (RSVP October 11)

Multifaith Forum on Ballot Question #3

Tuesday, October 23, 7:30 PM

Sisterhood Book Club

Wednesday, October 24, 7:30 PM

Pet Service

Sunday, October 28, 9 AM

Family Education – Rabbi, Parents, and Students

Sunday, October 28, 10 AM

Sisterhood Paid-Up Dinner

Tuesday, November 6, 6 PM

Neighborhood Shabbat

Friday, November 9 (RSVP November 2)

Pottery Event

Sunday, November 18, 3-5 (RSVP by November 5)

If you or someone you know has been sick, in the hospital, or needs some comfort, please contact Rabbi Adler: 978-927-3211 or rabbi.adler@tbabeverly.org