



FROM THE RABBI

Where do we find hope and comfort in these times?

In May there were three separate arson attempts on local Chabad houses in Needham and Arlington while the rabbis and their families were at home. In Chicago, a synagogue was fire-bombed. Thankfully, in all cases no one was injured and there was minimal physical damage. Yet we know that there is damage — to our sense of security as Jews and trust in others, and to our social fabric as a country. Every attack on Jews for being Jewish, and on worshippers of any faith for being who they are, harms us all. Many of us are wrestling with our own fears and feelings of despair, in ways that seem previously unimaginable.

One of the most important steps we can take as a congregation and larger community is to deepen our commitment to and trust of each other. In our recent Town Hall Meeting, facilitated by professionals from the national organization Resetting the Table, and supported by a grant from CJP, multi-generational and multi-opinionated members came together to talk and to listen regarding issues that divide the Jewish community: The role of Diaspora Jews with respect to Israel, and the boundary between criticism of Israel and anti-Semitism. At the end of small group conversations, one of the facilitators remarked how clear it is that in this community we care about each other, even when we disagree.

We are stronger when this is the case and more able to face the challenges of our times when we are not

divided. We also are more ready to be partners with allies in our larger community who stand with us against anti-Semitism and all forms of hate. Let's deepen our bonds as a community through engagement and participation.

Here are just a few ways to do so. On June 2 at 9:30 we gather to share what we are grateful for as individuals and as a congregation for a champagne brunch and Annual Meeting. Immediately following the meeting stay to help make blintzes with Richard Dinkins. We will enjoy eating them on Saturday, June 8, at 7:00 PM when TBA members will lead reflections on each of the five books of the Torah in celebration of Shavuot. Torah study and has been an act of spiritual resistance throughout our long and complicated history, and it is taught that study leads to action. As June is LGBTQI Pride Month, we have opportunities participate as a Jewish community in local events (see inside). We also look ahead to celebrating Shabbat together at Lynch Park over the summer.

As always, I am available to talk about any questions of concerns. In the midst of everything going on, may TBA continue to be a spiritual haven and community where we continue to support and celebrate together.

Rabbi Alison Adler

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**haverim
initiative**

Our haverim initiative is up and running! Join the FUN!

Haverim means “*friends*,” and we’re in the process of matching prospective and new members of the congregation to current ones.

You would be briefed on your role answering questions, sharing information, and perhaps attending an event with your match.

It’s a small commitment with large benefits, please say **hi**.

To learn more, email Sandy Freiberg Kelliher at:
sfk824@gmail.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many of us have gone through the difficult process of dealing with our parents' possessions after they have passed away: family "heirlooms," books, documents, photos, and cheap jewelry. All have to go through the "keep or toss" evaluation.

With the passing of my mom, Janet, earlier this year, I'm going through her stuff and trying (unsuccessfully) to decide what to keep and what to unceremoniously toss. There have been some interesting finds, however.

I found my baby book written by my mom through my early childhood.

I found my parents' high school yearbooks complete with activities, honors, and handwritten notes from their friends.

Then there are the stack of photos of long lost relatives many of whom I don't recognize. Some remained in the old country and were probably murdered by the Nazis or the Communists. What if these photos are the only records of their existence? I guess I'll keep them.

I suppose if my mom saw fit to save these things, who am I to throw them out? Memories of our loved ones grow more precious with each passing day. I am developing a much better appreciation for our Jewish tradition of considering our memories a blessing. Amen.

At our congregation meeting on June 2, as we think about where we are going as a community, let's also think about how we can identify and share our history. Please consider looking through your personal archives for pictures, talk with your family about their memories and yours of TBA. We have started collecting stories of TBA's past and will continue in the fall. Look for information about opportunities to share! In the meantime, please contact editor@tbabeveryly.org with your stories, artifacts, ideas, or questions.

Ken Hartman
President

CONGREGATION MEETING AND CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH JUNE 2 at 10 AM

Join us to celebrate with gratitude the end of our fiscal year and vote on our 2019/2010 budget and new Board of Directors and Cemetery Trustees.

Proposed Slate:

Officers: 2 year terms

Alan Pierce 1st VP

Larry Taitelbaum Recording Secretary

Directors: 3 year terms

Sandy Frieberg-Kelleher

Bonnie Goldsmith

Diane Yates

A heartfelt thank you to Michael Grant for his years of service to the temple Board and Marty Greenstein who will step down from his Board position but will remain on the Board as ex-officio member.

Cemetery Trustees: 5 year terms

Rob Schlein

Bob Freeman Cemetery Trustee to finish the uncompleted term of Paul Weinberg who is stepping down from his position

ADULT EDUCATION

GENESIS: STUFF THEY NEVER TAUGHT YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thursdays at 10:00 AM with Cantor Bruce Siegel

If most of what you know about Genesis you learned when you were eight, it's time to take a look at this singular book through adult eyes. We'll be examining all aspects of the text as well as commentaries that span the spectrum from traditional to normative to radical to are-you-kidding! If you think that Genesis was written solely as entertainment for children, guess again. And come prepared to argue as we delve into one of humankind's greatest works of literature.



SHAVUOT

The festival of Shavuot begins this year on **Saturday evening, June 8**. The Temple is sponsoring a **Night of Learning on June 8 at 7 PM at TBA**. This will consist of D'vars presented by members of the Temple.

The learning will be followed by a delicious dessert of homemade blintzes.

We do need help making the blintzes. Cooking will take place on Sunday, June 2 after the Congregation Meeting. Please let the office know if you would like to help.

Shavuot services are Sunday, June 9 at 9 AM and Monday, June 10 at Temple Ner Tamid

Please **RSVP to this event by May 31** so we can shop appropriately:

RSVP to the temple office: Erin at 978-927-3211, ext 3, or email Erin at office@tbabeverly.org

IN THE COMMUNITY

NORTH SHORE PRIDE - STONEWALL 50: LOOKING BACK MARCHING FORWARD

Interfaith Celebration at Tabernacle Church, Salem June 20th, 7:00 PM -

More than a dozen North Shore churches, temples, synagogues, and spiritual communities will come together to celebrate our shared commitment to the values of community, diversity, and equality for all that drive our 50+ year movement.

The guest speaker, author, journalist, and longtime HIV advocate, John-Manuel Andriote, will draw from his latest book *Stonewall Strong: Gay Men's Heroic Fight for Resilience, Good Health, and a Strong Community*. Returning will be Coro Allegro, Boston's LGBTQ+ and allied chorus to lift our spirits with their beautiful music, and the Singing North Shore Rabbis including our own Rabbi Alison Adler.

North Shore Pride Parade, June 22, 11:30 AM

Line up at **Shetland Park at 11:30 AM** for the **North Shore Pride Parade** in Salem, leading to the Salem Common for the festival. Join the TBA team to march together, once again. Contact Rabbi Alison Adler to participate: rabbi.adler@tbabeverly.org Many of us will be going after Shabbat morning services.



New England Region FJMC Ride Comes to the North Shore! – June 23, 2019

Tour de Shuls is the New England Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' fundraiser for the **Tikvah** program at **Camp Ramah New England**. The **Tikvah** program at Camp Ramah in Palmer, MA, in existence since 1970, provides for the social, religious, and educational needs of campers with a wide range of disabilities.

We are looking for **volunteers** to help hand out water and snacks from 10 AM to Noon, at TBA:

RSVP to the temple office: Erin at 978-927-3211, ext. 3, or email Erin at office@tbabeverly.org

If you would like to ride, enjoy your choice of 12, 30, 52, or 81 mile routes to visit area synagogues.

This event is for first timers and experienced bikers, singles, and families.

www.nerfjmc.org/tourdeshuls

SISTERHOOD

As our fiscal year winds down to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the women who volunteer their time and energy as members of the TBA Sisterhood Board: Annette Kossover, Bonnie Kaplan Goldsmith, Deborah Greenstein, Donna Pierce, Eileen Edelstein, Jane Cohen, Linda Feldman, Lynn Duncan, Nicole Levy, Paula Ivey, and Phyllis Freeman. These women help shape the Sisterhood calendar, and then make it come alive through vision, planning, recruitment, commitment, and execution. I would also like to thank those members of the TBA community who volunteer their time helping at our events and those who help by supporting and attending. A special thank you also to Erin Lipkowitz, Deb Schutzman, and Rabbi Adler for going above and beyond to support our activities. From the New Year's Greetings Book in the summer through the Passover Seder in the spring, Sisterhood has provided opportunities for the whole TBA community to engage spiritually and socially. In addition, we have raised and donated to the temple nearly \$10,000 in cash, gifts, sponsorships and underwriting of non-budgeted expenses. So, in the spirit of gratitude for what we all do to help support TBA, thank you for another successful Sisterhood year.

Sincerely,
Judy Matfess, Sisterhood President

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

Thursday, June 20 at 7:30 PM at the home of Jayne Gordon.
We will be discussing *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See
To RSVP and for directions, contact Jayne at createcoo@comcast.net
If you have questions about Book Club, contact Judy Matfess at Judy.Matfess@verizon.net



GREETINGS BOOK

Sisterhood will soon begin our work on the **New Year's Greetings Book**. Watch for the mailing

TEMPLE REMINDERS

YAHREZEIT PLAQUES

If you are interested in purchasing a **yahrzeit plaque** for a deceased love one or reserving one, and would like your plaque available before the high holidays, please submit your application before **June 21**.

If you have any questions, please contact the office:
Erin at 978-927-3211, ext. 3, or email Erin at office@tbabeverly.org

The Congregation is Grateful for the Following Donations

ABE KAUFMAN FUND

Abe & Anita Kaufman to Joan Heller in memory of our dear friend George Heller
Abe & Anita Kaufman to the Axelrod Family in memory of our seatmate at many years of services, Saul Axelrod

GENERAL FUND

Alison Edelstein to Susan Grant in memory of your mother
Bette Siegel to the Axelrod Family in memory of Saul Axelrod
Norman Dobson to the Axelrod Family in memory of Saul Axelrod
Judy & Mark Arnold to the Axelrod Family in memory of Saul Axelrod
Jayne & Joel Gordon to the Axelrod Family in memory of Saul Axelrod
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Klapper to the Axelrod Family in memory of Saul Axelrod
RosaLee & Edward Goldstein to the Axelrod Family, sorry for your loss
Fran & Jordy Baker to the Family of Saul Axelrod, in memory of a beloved friend, Saul Axelrod
The Family of Julia Goldstein in honor of Saul Axelrod of blessed memory
Susan & Michael Grant to the Axelrod Family, in memory of Saul Axelrod, a special man
Melody & Jack Kriteiman to the Axelrod Family in memory of Saul Axelrod
Joan Heller of Phyllis Freeman, have a speedy recovery
Joan Heller to the Axelrod Family, so sorry for your loss
Joanne Smith to the Axelrod Family in memory of Saul Axelrod, a fine gentleman, scholar, & friend
Marcia Edison & Tom Taylor to the Axelrod Family in memory of Saul Axelrod

KITCHEN FUND

Linda & Sam Migdole to Phyllis Freeman, best wishes for a speedy and full recovery
Miriam Yorks to Larry and Benjamin Strauss on the 1st anniversary of the passing of Myra Strauss

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Zellie & Harold Kaplan to Suzanne & Fred Myerson and Kim & Joel Myerson in memory of Doralie Myerson
Jan & Rick Miller to the Axelrod Family in loving memory of dear Saul Axelrod
Jan & Rick Miller of the Heller Family in memory of very special George Heller
Paula Cohen Ivey and Cindy Lann and Family to Rabbi Adler in appreciation for all you do
Zellie & Harold Kaplan to the Axelrod Family in memory of Saul Axelrod
Zellie & Harold Kaplan to Judy and Mark Arnold, in memory of your beloved Uncle Saul Axelrod
Deb Willwerth to Kevin Tsukroff, congratulations on your graduation from Southern New Hampshire University – so proud of you
Susan Wolper to Bruce Siegel, congratulations on your Journal recognition – well deserved

STERMAN/ISENBERG FUND

Diane Isenberg to Kevin Tsukroff, congratulations on your graduation

YAHRZEIT FUND

Leon Kirschner and Family in memory of Israel Toll
Gail Sinitski in memory of Israel Toll
Scott Barron in memory of Abraham Barron
Annette Kossover in memory of Steven Kossover
Annette Kossover in memory of Barry Kossover
Annette Kossover in memory of Florence Kossover
Neil Todreas in memory of Anna Todreas
Linda Magalnick in memory of Arron Sager
Edward Goff in memory of Lillian Goff
Richard, Amy & Max Blake in memory of Sidney Price
Sandra Zigelbaum in memory of Joel Zigelbaum
Lee Levin in memory of Jon Levin
Harold and Zelda Kaplan in memory of Alan Kaplan
Zelda Kaplan in memory of Shirley Moses
Ruth Helman in memory of Anne and Louis Blumenthal
Fred Feldman in memory of Bernard Feldman

Please excuse any omissions or errors

Thank you for your donations

We would like to thank
Calareso's Farmstand in Reading, Massachusetts
for their donation of produce for over five years for our Monday Night Suppers.



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June 14

Send your content to: editor@tbabeverly.org

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, June 17

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

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
Saturday 9:00 AM

Sunday: 9 AM

Temple Office Hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Upcoming Events at TBA

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 2, at 9:30 AM

Night of Learning

Saturday June 8 at 7 PM/RSVP by May 31

Shavuot Services

Sunday June 9, at 9 AM - TBA

Monday, June 10, at 9 AM – Temple Ner Tamid

North Shore Pride Interfaith Celebration

Thursday, June 20, at 7 PM

Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, June 20 at 7:30 PM

Yahrzeit Plaque Reservations due:

Friday, June 21

Pride Parade Salem

Saturday, June 22, at 11:30 AM

Tour de Shuls – Water Stop helpers

Sunday, June 23, at 10:30 AM- Noon at TBA

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