



Monthly Bulletin

September 2019 Elul 5779/Tishri 5780

Welcome Back Breakfast, a New Space Dedication, Opening Day of Religious School Sunday, September 8 at 9 AM

From the Rabbi

As I begin my ninth year as your rabbi, I have been reflecting on how our community can continue to be a source of strength, inspiration, and connection in these challenging times. Our tradition has always focused on learning, compassion, and action to inspire hope and joy. And so, as the Jewish New Year approaches, let's reflect and talk about what we, our children, and our grandchildren, might most need: a meaningful and relevant spiritual community.

This is the season of *teshuvah*, translated often as "repentance", but really it means "turning": Turning inward in reflection, to each other in forgiveness and healing, and to the Source of Life and Love that fills creation and is in each and every one of us. This month we come together a lot, strengthening old and new friendships. Opening Day on September 8 will be unique this year because it will not only kick off the start of Religious School, welcome new families, and offer bagels, but we will dedicate our new spaces – a ramp to the front door, our offices, and a welcome sign donated by the Class of 2018. Our "spaces" are, after all, only made holy and meaningful by the people who gather in them. Please join us for that day – and for Friday night, September 6, as we invite people to get to know our community for a nosh and musical Shabbat.

This year we are bringing more contemplative practice (mindfulness and meditation), multigenerational gatherings, and music. On Yom Kippur afternoon, Jerry Schwartz will be leading study and meditation before the afternoon service, and contemplative practice on

Sunday mornings. Cantor Grossman (who has two beautiful kids of his own) and I are creating a family-friendly version of Kol Nidre, the evening of Yom Kippur before the regular service. We hope it will be spiritually nurturing for the kids, as well as give more adults an opportunity to participate in this sacred and beautiful ritual. We will also once again have daytime High Holiday family services – all are open to the community. We will be offering more family Shabbat services as well. Any of these "family" services are opportunities for everyone – not just people with children – to learn more about what these prayers and rituals mean in an open, and inviting environment.

Please also look out for information about our new TBA Green Team, responding to the environmental crisis here at home, and the interfaith work we are doing to support immigrant communities and homeless families through the Social Action Committee. Thanks to Hebrew College, Me'ah Select will bring more amazing adult education in November, and Parenting Through a Jewish Lens will offer facilitated conversations for parents about issues that concern us all.

If you have questions about anything, please contact Deb, Ken, or me. I am always available to talk, and to take suggestions.

I look forward to seeing you soon, and may you and your families be blessed in this season.

Rabbi Alison Adler

Schedule of High Holiday Services - 5780-2019

EREV ROSH HASHANAH - Sunday, September 29

Light candles 6:11 PM **Ma'ariv – Evening Service** 7:00 PM

FIRST DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH - Monday, September 30

Shacharit — Morning service 8:45 AM, **Family Service** - 10:00 AM — Noon

Celebrate Creation at Dane Street Beach - open to the community – 4:30 PM **

Tashlich at Dane St. Beach 5:00 PM **

SECOND DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH - Tuesday, October 1

Shacharit — Morning service 8:45 AM

Family Service 10:30 AM — 11:30 AM

EREV YOM KIPPUR - Tuesday, October 8

A musical version Kol Nidre will be played 5:30 by Steve Swartz

NEW: Family Kol Nidrei with Rabbi Adler and Cantor Grossman, 5:30-6:00 PM

Community Kol Nidrei/Evening Service, 7:00 PM

YOM KIPPUR DAY - Wednesday, October 9

Shacharit — Morning Service 8:45 AM

From the President

Trying to pick my favorite TBA event is like trying to name my favorite ruggulah - I never had a bad one. However, the annual **Welcome Back Breakfast** ranks near the top of the list. This tradition is all about reconnecting with friends, catching up on everybody's Summer vacations, the start of Religious School, and of course having great conversations and a few laughs over coffee and breakfast.

This year's breakfast is on **September 8** and is going to be especially sweet because of some exciting transformations that happened at TBA over the Summer.

After many years of discussion, we finally have a beautiful ramp to make TBA accessible to everyone. People with mobility challenges can finally come into our building via the front door! Parents with children in carriages and strollers won't have to schlep them up the stairs! Completing this project was a group effort and we will be thanking the people who worked on the design, provided manual labor, or donated the funds. This ramp is a powerful symbol that TBA welcomes and supports people of all abilities.

We will also be installing mazzot on our newly refurbished offices. Transforming this space from 1962

to 2019 is nothing short of astonishing. The "great wall of Erin" has been replaced with modern furniture and what was once tired carpet is now beautiful wood flooring. The buzzing, flickering florescent lights have been replaced with energy efficient LED's. The "Brady Bunch" paneling is no more and the new windows will keep the offices comfortable all year. The look and feel of the offices match the chapel, library/classroom and lobby.

We will also be dedicating a beautiful granite welcome sign at the entrance to our driveway which is a gift from the Religious School class of 2019. Not only is this a fitting welcome to members and guests but will help with traffic flow during busy periods.

While not as impressive as the renovations or the ramp, you will also notice a lack of car-rattling potholes in our driveway!

There is a special energy in the air at the Welcome Back Breakfast and with the focus on community, relationships, and welcoming friends old and new, this Breakfast is a perfect kick-off to 5780 which begins in a few weeks.

Oh, and there will be ruggulah!

Ken Hartman, President

Additional Information for the Holidays

BE A SPONSOR for Bima Baskets / Break the Fast

You know we love summer—the beach, the barbecues—and, of course, Shabbat by the Sea! BUT! Fall—and the High Holidays—are fast approaching.

Every year TBA members make sure that our bima is adorned with fabulous baskets filled with food for local food pantries. In addition, they put together a fabulous Break the Fast at the end of Yom Kippur. Be a part of this tradition and help sponsor the Bima Baskets and/or the Break the Fast. Sponsorship is \$35. Remember! The baskets help feed people in our community! AND last year's Break the Fast was incredibly delicious! Contact the TBA office at 978-927-3211 X3 or by e-mail at info@tbabeverly.org for more information and/or to make your contribution. Thank you all so much! Enjoy the rest of the summer—see you in September!

Cemetery Visitation

During the month of Elul (this year beginning September 1st) leading up to Rosh Hashanah, many people observe the custom of visiting the graves of loved ones. Some say personal prayers or just observe a moment of silence in remembrance and leave a small stone or a few blades of grass at the monument indicating they have been there. This can be a great opportunity to take a photo of the monuments and let us help you determine and record the Hebrew names, particularly of deceased parents, which you may have forgotten over time. Having these names retained and readily available at the Temple can become important at times of life cycle events such as b'nai mitzvah and funerals as well as being called to the Torah for honors.

If you already know your parents' Hebrew names please forward them (phonetic spelling is fine) to the Temple office so we may record them for you. And if you don't know the names and plan to make cemetery visitations please consider taking photos and forwarding them to the Temple office so we can extract the Hebrew names and record them for you.

Happy Holidays, TBA Cemetery Trustees

In the Shul

Religious School News

Opening Day of Religious School is Sunday September 8. All students Pre-K- 7 and parents are asked to arrive by 9:00 am. Pre-k students and Kindergarten students are invited to stay the entire morning until noon. After services the community will come together to dedicate the new handicap accessible ramp at our entrance, our newly updated office area and the newly installed granite post and entrance sign. Following the dedication, the students will go the classroom and parents are invited to stay for our community Welcome Back Breakfast. Students will receive snack in their classrooms. Opening Day of Religious School is also an open house for new and perspective families. Feel free to invite friends who may be interested in checking us out. We hope you will stay for breakfast and help us welcome new families to our community.

Cantor Seigel Genesis class continues!

Starting Thursday, September 19, at 10 AM, Free and open to all!

Selichot Healing Service **Sunday, September 22 4 - 5 pm**

Our continuing healing services focusing on time to reflect on and to share about the situations of our lives that we need support, prayer, and healing for. This service coincides with Selichot when we begin our reflections and preparation for the High Holidays.

Please join us for a peaceful time that has become a regular and meaningful part of our Synagogue's community life.

Sisterhood

Sisterhood is Planning a Robust Year of Activities!

All of your favorites will be back including Ladies, Latkes, and Libations, Comedy Night, Women's Led Service and Author Brunch. Watch for more details in your dues mailing!

If you wish to become involved in planning these and other Sisterhood activities we would be happy to have you join the TBA Sisterhood Board. Please contact Donna Pierce at donna.pierce5@gmail.com.

Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year

The TBA Book Club

We will meet on Thursday, **September 12**, at 7:30 pm at the home of Jane Cohen.

We will be discussing *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

To RSVP and for directions, contact Jane at janecohen1@gmail.com Put "Book Club" in the Subject line.

In the Community

Family Promise Update

Next TBA volunteer week is September 9 – 12 at Immanuel Church in Beverly.

All volunteers need to get an updated CORI check and it is recommended that you attend a refresher volunteer training.

Many of our volunteers have completed this in August and there are more training sessions scheduled for September.

For anyone that might be interested in joining our terrific team of volunteers, this would be a great time to take the training and join us.

Family Promise Walk A Thon scheduled for October 12th. This year there will be a 2nd start time at noon to specifically accommodate those of us who attend Saturday morning services. We will be able to attend services, grab a quick bite and head over to Lynch Park for the walk. I hope that we can get a large contingent to participate in this enjoyable fund raising event. More details to follow.

Please contact me with any questions and to get on our Family Promise email list. Arnie Cowan | Phone: 508-843-7310 | arnie.cowan@hp.com

All the Best,
Arnie

The Congregation is Grateful for the Following Donations

ABE KAUFMAN FUND

Abe Kaufman in memory of Charlotte Nolan
Abe Kaufman in memory of Florence Dexter
Abe Kaufman in memory of Ruth Goding

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FUND

Ruth Helman to the Axelrod Family in loving memory of a wonderful man, Saul Axelrod

GENERAL FUND

Ruth & Harvey Maibor, thank you for relocating our family's memorial plaques to their spiritual home!
Bonnie & Arnie Goldsmith to Bruce and Anne Siegel, Mazel Tov on your 50th!
Fran & Jordy Baker to Paul Weinberg, get well wishes to you!
Bruce Kurman to Jordy Baker, wishing my cousin a speedy recovery
Fran & Jordy Baker to Richard Goldberg and Family, deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother
Bonnie & Arnie Goldsmith to Paul Weinberg, Refuah Shlema!

JERRY'S SPECIAL FUND

Ruth Helman to Susan and Allison Wolper, Mazel Tov on Jonah Wolper's Bar Mitzvah
Susan Wolper to Paul Weinberg, mend quickly & completely and hurry back
Susan Wolper to Leo Berman, Mazel Tov- I can see you grinning from ear to ear!
Phyllis & Bob Freeman to Susan Wolper, Mazel Tov on your grandson Jonah's Bar Mitzvah

ONEG AND KIDDISH SPONSORS

Deborah Willerth in memory of Saul Axelrod
Kevin Tsukroff in memory of Arnold Tsukroff
Kevin Tsukroff in memory of Ian Tsukroff
Deborah Willwerth in honor of Saul Axelrod's Bar Mitzvah Haftorah
Paul Weinberg in honor of living in Beverly for 75 years

PIERCE FAMILY FUND

Donna & Alan Pierce to Jordy Baker, wishing you a speedy recovery
Donna & Alan Pierce to Phyllis Freeman, wishing you a continued successful recovery

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sandy Freiberg Kelliher to Donna Pierce, may you continue to heal and recover wonderfully!
Sandy Freiberg Kelliher to Fran and Jordy Baker, may the two of you only fall into good health and times ahead
Joel Gordon in memory of Rose Gordon
Paula Cohen Ivey & Cindy Cohen and Family to Rabbi Adler in appreciation for your support and guidance

SAM & EVE WEINBERG FUND

Stephen Arrington to Paul Weinberg in honor of your years of service on the Cemetery Committee
Joan Heller to Paul Weinberg, speedy recovery
Paul Weinberg to The Horowitz-Huth Family in memory of David Huth's mother, Patricia Huth

STEPHEN HELMAN

MONDAY NIGHT SUPPER FUND

Joan Heller to Susan Wolper, congratulations on Jonah's Bar Mitzvah

STERMAN/ ISENBERG FUND

Diane Isenberg to Paul Weinberg, miss you-get well soon!

YAHRZEIT FUND

Phyllis Freeman in memory of Sidney Kumins
Robert Freedman in memory of Joseph Gordon
Leon Kirschner in memory of Gertrude Kirschner
Louis Tanzer in memory of Rose Tanzer
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