

RABBI'S MESSAGE

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Looking Backward and Ahead

I led my first High Holiday services as a second-year rabbinic student back in 1973. That year, and every year since, I've approached the preparation for the Days of Awe with a sense of ... well, awe. What could I say that would bring meaning to these days that stand so apart and are so special and so important to the Jewish people?

This year, the task takes on a new meaning and becomes a unique challenge for me, as it will be my last leading TBS as your rabbi. After twenty years, what is left to say on this, our 21st High Holidays together? What new insights might I have to share about our liturgy, our history, and the very purpose of our lives?

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

September/High Holidays

Sunday, September 9, 7:30 PM: Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Monday, September 10: Rosh Hashanah First Day Service

8:30 AM: Family Service

10:00 AM: Morning Service

1:30 PM: Tashlich

Hosting: *Sweet, Emelock, Kukura, Travis

Tuesday, September 11, 10:00 AM: Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service

Hosting: *Krechmer

Tuesday, September 18, 7:30 PM: Kol Nidre Service

Wednesday, September 19: Yom Kippur Service

8:30 AM: Family Service

10:00 AM: Morning Service

1:00 PM: Yizkor

4:00 PM (approx.): Afternoon and Concluding Service

6:00 PM (approx.): Break-the-Fast Potluck

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From the President**Sara Serisky**

Welcome back, TBS! I'm sure you are all thinking the same thing as me: I can't believe summer is already over! But it's true—summer has gone by in the blink of an eye, and we are about to jump back into our TBS calendar full-swing. We kick off the year with our annual booth at the Victorian Fair and Erev Rosh Hashanah, both on Sunday, September 9. I hope you all will stop by the booth to say hi and then join us for our first High Holiday service that evening. The choir and our lovely cantor are already hard at practice!

A lot has been happening for TBS over the summer. The Rabbi Search Committee got off the ground and has met several times. You should already have received the first of their major updates in the TBS Blast. I want to personally thank the folks on the committee for devoting so much time to this endeavor. They have done an amazing job reviewing, researching, brainstorming, and pulling together the vision for our next step here at TBS. It has truly been a privilege to be part of this group and see how dedicated everyone on the committee is to steering this process responsibly and lovingly. Thank you!

In other news, a team of folks, led by Jason Levine, has been working on the website. The new design/platform was demonstrated at our first board meeting of the year, and it promises to be amazing!

The calendar team and ritual committee have also worked hard to add innovation and creativity to our services and calendar events this year. Based on the feedback from the Habonim talks, we are adding more music, intergenerational events, and fun social gatherings to our calendar. There are six Bar/Bat Mitzvahs this year, all our traditional events, and new ones like the End-of-Passover Carb Fest! So, please take the time to review the TBS calendar posted online and add these dates to your personal calendar.

And finally, planning has begun to transition Rabbi Fertig to Rabbi Emeritus with a major event at the end of the year. It will truly be something you won't want to miss! However, before that happens, please make the time to cherish this last year we have with Rabbi Fertig in his active role as our spiritual leader.

*(Continued on page 6)***The Bulletin of Temple Beth Shalom, Melrose***Anne Starr, Editor; Nancy Sweet and Ellen Collins Krechmer, Proofreaders*

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We hope that you are looking forward to starting another year

of Shalom School! It was great to see some families over the summer at our Havdalah celebration and concert with Wayne Potash in June and our second annual ShabbarBQ last week, where we got caught up with students and parents and heard about their summer experiences. We are sure there will be more stories to share when we start school in a few weeks.

A reminder for parents and families for Rosh Hashanah: We will hold family services aimed at children aged 4–7 starting at 8:30 AM on Monday, September 10. Siblings are welcome to come (along with parents and/or other care providers). During the synagogue’s main service, which starts at 10 AM, babysitting will be offered. We encourage students in 3rd grade and above to attend the main service. The younger kids will join us for the end of our service, to hear the shofar and sing closing prayers. Babysitting will be \$20 for the first child, or \$30 for two or more. We will email more information soon.

As always, September will be busy. Our 6th- and 7th-graders will start class on Thursday, September 13, when they will prepare for their first visit to Chelsea Jewish Lifecare in Peabody. Students in the 4th through 7th grades interested in learning to play the shofar should come that evening at 6 PM. We won’t have the opportunity to teach shofar before Rosh Hashanah, but everyone will be able to participate in the end of Yom Kippur!

Shalom School will kick off on Sunday, September 16. We will gather as a community at 10 AM: students, parents, and teachers. After an opening program, students will attend class until 11:30 AM while parents hear about this year’s many exciting opportunities in the Shalom School. At least one parent per family is required to attend this program. Then everyone will go to Pine Banks Park for our annual Opening Day Picnic! Look out for more details: We will be in a different location this year.

On Thursday, September 27 at 6 PM, immediately after school, everyone is welcome to join us for Pizza in the Hut along with freshly made challah! We will shake the lulav and enjoy a meal together.

Every Sunday in September has a special event: both the Victorian Fair and Rosh Hashanah on September 9, the start of school on the 16th, Sukkah building and Sukkot services on the 23rd, and finally, Simchat Torah on the 30th. Please note that Sunday’s Shalom School will take place in conjunction with Simchat Torah services. We will begin at 5 PM with dinner and learning, and

SHALOM SCHOOL NEWS



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Grades 4–5: David Penn

Grade 6: Sarah Blumenthal (Sundays)

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Bnai Mitzvah Tutor: Dennis Fischman

Music: Open

GRADE TIMES

Kindergarten, First, Second: Sundays, 10 AM–noon

Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth: Sundays, 10 AM–noon and Thursdays, 4:00–6:00 PM

Seventh: Thursdays, 4:00–6:00 PM



Families enjoyed the concert by Wayne Potash back in June.

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September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	September 10: Rosh Hashanah, Day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Service, 8:30 AM Morning Service, 10 AM Tashlich, 1:30 PM 		4	5 New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM General Council Meeting, 7:30 PM	September 19: Yom Kippur <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Service, 8:30 AM Morning Service, 10 AM Yizkor, 1 PM Concluding Service, 4 PM Break-the-Fast, 6 PM 	
9 Victorian Fair, 11 AM–4 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 7:30 PM	10	11 Rosh Hashanah Day 2, 10 AM	12 New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM	Shalom School, 4–6 PM (Grades 6 and 7 only) Shofar Lesson, 6	14	15 Tot Shabbat, 10 AM
16 Shalom School, 10–11:30 AM (PreK–6); Picnic, 12 noon–2 PM Sisterhood Meeting, 4–6 PM	17	18 Kol Nidre Service, 7:30 PM	19	20 Better Together, 3:30–6 PM Shalom School, 4–6 PM	21	22
23	24 Sisterhood Book Group, 7:30 PM	25	26 New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM	27 Shalom School, 4–6 PM Pizza in the Hut, 6 PM	28	29
30	September 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shalom School, 5–6 PM (Pre-K–6) Erev Simchat Torah Service, 6 PM 					

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM General Council Meeting, 7:30 PM	4 Shalom School, 4–6 PM	5	6 Shabbat Morning Service/ Ben Taber Bar Mitzvah, 10 AM
7 Sukkah Take-Down, 10 AM Shalom School, 10 AM–12 noon (1–6) Adult Kugel Baking	8	September 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sukkah Building, 9 AM Shalom School, 10 AM–12 noon (1–6) Social Action Committee Meeting, 10:30–11:45 AM Torah Study Group, 1–3 PM Erev Sukkot Service, 6 PM 		11 Better Together, 3:30–6 PM Shalom School, 4–6 PM	12 Pride Shabbat, 7 PM	13 Tot Shabbat, 9–11 AM Parents' Night Out, 5 PM
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As I'm edging toward retirement and see a vigorous search committee setting about its task of finding my successor, I want to take you on a journey with me. Let's look back at how far we've come and what we've stood for as individuals and as a community. Where have we missed the mark, and what remains to be done to fulfill our people's sacred mission? This will be the framework for my High Holiday messages. My hope is to shine a light toward the future through the prism of past experiences, stories, and an articulation of the key values that I've held dear and tried to model throughout my rabbinic career.

Together, may we experience yet one more year of spiritual renewal and growth. May our services inspire us to renew our dedication to fulfilling the ever-present imperative of *tikkun olam*, of creating a society based on the principles of fairness and justice for every individual. And, together with all our loved ones, may we be blessed with health and happiness, blessing and peace in our New Year!

L'Shanah Tovah!

Arnie

Rabbi Arnie Fertig, MPA, DD

(SCHEDULE OF SERVICES, *Continued from page 1*)

September (continued)

Sunday, September 23, 6:00 PM: Erev Sukkot Service

Hosting: *Rubbins, Apple/Champoux, Serisky, Lerman

Sunday, September 30, 6:00 PM: Erev Simchat Torah Service

Hosting: *Starr, Serena and Adam Brown, Elise and David Brown, Goldman/Kawa

October

Saturday, October 6, 10:00 AM: Ben Taber Bar Mitzvah

Hosting: *The Taber Family

Saturday, October 20, 10:00 AM: Shari Lipman Bat Mitzvah

Hosting: *The Lipman Family

Friday, October 26, 7:30 PM: Erev Shabbat Service

Hosting: *Harak, Mark and Margie Greenberg, Panis

*Lead family is in **bold**.

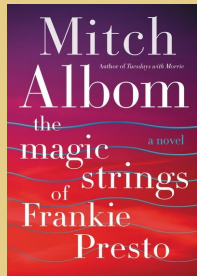
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Sisterhood News

BOOK CLUB

Time: Monday, September 24,
7:30 PM

Book: *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom



Frankie Presto was gifted with extraordinary musical abilities that shape not only his life but the lives of those around him. At age nine, Frankie meets the love of his life, Aurora; that same day, civil war tears apart his home and he is sent to America, smuggled in the bottom of a boat with only guitar and six strings imbued with the power to change lives.

Relying on music to survive, Frankie's talent weaves him through the musical landscape of the twentieth century, from Detroit's jazz scene and the Grand Ole Opry, to Elvis mania and Woodstock—all the while searching for Aurora.

If you are interested in joining the book group, please contact Fran Demiany at (781) 246-8940 or frandem1949@gmail.com.

KNITTERS' CORNER

TBS's knitting enthusiasts will be meeting informally to share ideas and camaraderie. Please contact Roberta Gertz at rtobeygertz@gmail.com if you'd like to join us. No experience necessary.

(PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, *Continued from page 2*)

In essence, the upcoming year at TBS will be a year to remember. Come to services, linger at the onegs, feast at the break-fast, dress up for Purim, and party like a rock star at our next dance party fundraiser! You all are what we are working for, so come and enjoy it!

Sara Serisky, President

Sisterhood Event

Women of Temple Beth Shalom!

Please join us for the

ANNUAL SISTERHOOD MEETING

on Sun., Sept. 16 from 4–6 PM

Please bring a nosh + some ideas to share for future Sisterhood events and activities, along with \$25 cash or check for the annual dues.

Please remember to RSVP to
susanecker@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing everyone! We missed you over the summer.

Susi and Gail

MAH JONGG

This group meets on Tuesday afternoons. Don't know how to play? We can teach you! For more information, contact Nancy Kukura at 781-665-1374 or nfkura@comcast.net.

ONEG (AND OTHER) SUPPLIES

When you were last in the Temple, did you notice that we were running low on something? There is now a supply list on the refrigerator; you can fill it out to let us know when we need everyday items from toilet paper to flatware. For more info, contact Elena Clouser at Elena@tclouser.org.

High Holiday News

Parking at Temple Beth Shalom

As always, parking may be challenging during the first day of Rosh Hashanah (Monday, September 10) and Yom Kippur (Wednesday, September 19) services. Although we will remind the city of our special need on those dates, if you plan to drive to services, please arrive early to find a legal parking space in the municipal lots on either side of Main Street or along Main Street and West Foster Street.

Please note that parking is NOT permitted on East Foster Street. On Leonard Road, parking is permitted ONLY on the right side, but please be careful not to block driveways. Also, parking on Leonard Road near our kitchen-side entrance is prohibited.

The sanctuary will open at 9:45 AM after the Family Service ends.

Honors, Readings, and Aliyahs

If you would like an *aliyah* during the High Holy Day period, please contact Ron Serisky at 781-665-9667 or RSerisky@gmail.com. Ron will try to accommodate all who would like to be called to the *bimah*. *You do not need to know Hebrew* to participate. Please recognize, however, that opportunities for honors may be more available during afternoon services or on the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

Family Services

Join us for family High Holiday services for children under the age of 7 and their caregivers at 8:30 AM on Monday, September 10—Rosh Hashanah—and Wednesday, September 19, for Yom Kippur. We will tell stories, sing songs, listen to the shofar, and learn about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. All are wel-

come; there is no fee for entry. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Allison Peiser, TBS's Family Education Director, at rabbi Allison@tbsma.org.

Babysitting During the Services

Are you a parent of young children who wants to attend the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services? Babysitting will be available onsite upstairs at the Temple from 9:30 AM–12:30 PM on Monday, September 10, and Wednesday, September 19. The cost is \$20 for one child, or \$30 for two or more. Please click [here](#) to sign up your child (or children). The fee will pay for the babysitters, supplies, and snacks or lunch. The babysitters are all CORI checked. Questions? Please contact Julie Unger at julsunger@gmail.com.

Rosh Hashanah, Day 2

We want to make the Second Day service for Rosh Hashanah more exciting this year. How do we do that? With food, of course! Ellen Krechmer has graciously volunteered to lead the oneg but she can't do it alone. A few people who plan on being at this service are needed to help her and contribute a few food items. If you are willing to help, please contact Ellen at ellenk11@verizon.net.

Break-the-Fast

Join us for a potluck dairy breaking-of-the-fast immediately following the Yom Kippur concluding service at the Temple on Wednesday, September 19.

We'll need volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up. If you can help, please contact Lori Factor-Marcus at Lori_fm@hotmail.com, (781) 321-9972, or (781) 475-8907.

Yizkor Remembrances

Please send your list of names to Ellen Krechmer to be read at the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur by September 15!

SAC Corner

The TBS Social Action Committee (SAC) welcomes newcomers and standing members to our next two meetings, on Sunday mornings, September 23 and October 21, from 10:30–11:45 AM at TBS. You can roll up your sleeves and/or watch others roll up theirs as we discuss our upcoming plans. If you are interested in working on transgender awareness with Temple Shir Tikvah in Winchester and Temple Emmanuel in Wakefield, please come to our September 23 meeting to learn more.

Any and all interested TBS members are welcome to join an Interfaith Racial Justice Conversation with members of area houses of worship. The next meeting will focus on *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi. It will be held on Sunday, September 30, from 12 noon–2 PM at the First Congregational Church, 121 West Foster Street, Melrose. You're welcome to bring a bag lunch. Please read the prologue and epilogue (25 pages total), and at least one of the five sections (about 80–100 pages each), which focus on different historical periods. This book has been winning awards since its publication in 2016, and is billed as a fascinating exploration of how racist ideas developed in our country. You can register for this

interfaith Melrose discussion via Eventbrite at this [link](#).

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 12, when we convene for an informal Pride Shabbat. TBS members of all ages will be able to observe Pride Shabbat in a number of ways. We will honor and reflect the Noah flood story's rainbow by preparing and sharing colorful potluck dishes, sing Shabbat songs, learn about the personal experiences from a multigenerational LGBT panel, and welcome Shabbat with Friday night blessings. There will be plenty of schmoozing opportunities if that's your pleasure. Contact Rabbi Allison at rabbiallison@tbsma.org for more information.

For our annual High Holiday food drive, be on the lookout at Rosh Hashanah services for paper bags to fill with nonperishable food items to donate to a local food pantry. Bring your filled bags back to TBS on Yom Kippur.

As we welcome the New Year and return to TBS on a relatively regular basis, we gratefully remind one and all to revive those healthy habits of bringing donations to the containers in the shul's front foyer for the food pantry and Catie's Closet.

If you have questions about the Social Action Committee and its activities, please contact Sue Herz at SusanEHerz@gmail.com or 781-307-6007.

Make Your High Holiday Donation Online!

You can now make a donation to TBS for the High Holidays—or any other time—online. Click [here](#) to use a debit card, credit card, or PayPal.

UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFO!

Have you moved recently? Changed your email address? Canceled that landline and changed to a cell phone? Jeff Lipman is updating the master membership list and would like your current contact information. Please send it to him at jeffj081971@gmail.com. Please include your children's names and birthdays if they are in the Shalom School, as well as the year you joined the Temple if you know it.

then attend services starting at 6 PM. During class, we will hand out gifts to our new students! We request that families help pay for dinner so we don't need to worry about the logistics of a potluck. Students and parents are expected to attend.



We held our second annual Shabbat BBQ to kick off the new Shalom School year.

We plan to continue our Tzedakah Challenge this year. Please remember to bring tzedakah every week. Each class will choose a tzedakah cause during the year based on one of our five Shalom School Commandments: "Be Kind," "Be Brave," "Be a Good Listener," "Be a Team Player" and "Be Safe." We look forward to seeing what the students decide on for this upcoming year.

We are still looking to hire a few teachers. If you or someone you know is interested in working with the Shalom School, especially for music and 1st/2nd grade, please let me know!

See everyone in 5779!

Shana Tova u'metukah (a good a sweet year),

Rabbi Allison

TORAH STUDY GROUP

The Temple Beth Shalom Torah Study Group, the Torah Bagel Scholars (TBS), meets year-round to discuss and debate the Bible. Our first meeting for the fall will be held on Sunday, September 23, from 1–3 PM at TBS. At this meeting, we'll plan our schedule. We usually meet twice a month at the Temple. We're currently reading in the Book of Samuel 2 about the disintegration of David's family. It's deeply dramatic and highly psychological storytelling.

The group reads from the *The Jewish Study Bible*, the Jewish Publication Society's *Tanakh* Translation—a clear, straightforward version with excellent footnotes and maps. You need not own a copy. Our approach is to explore the Bible (in English) in light of what historians, archeologists, and other scholars have learned about who/where/when/what/why this compelling library of books was written.

Please contact Tug Yourgrau at (617) 797-9674 or tyourgrau@gmail.com if you'd like to attend. Come and check us out. We'd be delighted to have you with us. No preparation or long-term commitment necessary.

Sukkah Building

Join the

Less Than Able

Body Builders, Local 18

on

Sun., Sept. 23 at 9 AM

to build and decorate our sukkah.

For information, contact Ken Diesenhof at streetlawyer2@yahoo.com.

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and upcoming events.

Remembrances

Remember Your Loved One with a Memorial Plaque

If you have lost a loved one either recently or in the past, consider a memorial plaque in their honor. Bronze plaques remain permanently mounted on the Memorial Wall in the sanctuary. The Rabbi recognizes each individual so memorialized when reciting Kaddish during the anniversary month of his or her passing. Your loved ones' names also will be included in the monthly *Bulletin* every year during the month of the yahrzeit and read aloud during the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur.

Year after year, the congregation will join you in remembering your loved ones and honoring them according to Jewish tradition. The cost of the engraved plaque is a one-time fee of \$400.

For information, please contact Barbara Greenberg at 781-245-5279 or bargree83@gmail.com.

Yahrzeit Observance

(Light the candle the night before)

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Gertrude R. Miller
- 3 Shirley Schindler
- 5 Howard Appledorf
- 15 Irene Gati
- 18 Alan Arnold Hoyland
- 18 Nathan Purpel
- 26 Maurice E. Aronson
- 30 Pearl Silverman

Contributions

Do you have a special event coming up? Someone you want to thank? Someone you want to honor? The entire congregation and many others in the community receive and read the Temple *Bulletin*. Can you think of a better way to show you care? A donation of any amount remembering a loved one or congratulating family, friends, or neighbors results in a timely mention in the *Bulletin*.

Prayer book donations are \$40 and include a book plate bearing your name and the name of your honoree in one of our prayer books.

Just send a note and your donation to:

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If you have any questions, please email Karen at knewman25@yahoo.com.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Edith Smolens and Gadi Vainer's mother, from Ellen and Dan Krechmer

In memory of Edith Smolens, from Margaret and James Driscoll

SIMCHAS

A donation in honor of our granddaughter, Sarah, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah and in appreciation of Rabbi Fertig, Dennis, and Rabbi Allison's wonderful help, from Diane and David Podradchik

Thank you, Rabbi Arnie, for blessing our mezzuzot installation! From the Grzegorzewski family

GENERAL

David and Kathryn Daiell



Making a High Holiday donation? You can now do it online! Click [here](#) to use a debit card, credit card, or PayPal.

DUES NEWS YOU CAN USE

Bills for dues for the upcoming year will be going out soon. Here are the current rates:

Membership level:

Single: \$1,175 Senior Single: \$975
Family: \$1,875 Senior Family: \$1,250

Shalom School Rates for School Year 2018–2019:

PreK: \$470
Kindergarten and Grades 1–2: \$750
Grades 3–6: \$1,010
Grade 7/B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring: \$1,680

Activity donation of \$25 for all grade levels is appreciated.

Please contact Financial Secretary Jeff Lipman to make payments or payment agreements, or to discuss alternative options. Payment agreements are made on a yearly basis. Please confirm payment plans each year.

Help us update our files! Please contact Jeff with any address, phone, email, or other contact information changes.

Please mail your forms (including your updates, if needed) with your first payment to:

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Questions? Contact Jeff Lipman at 781-608-2992 or finsec@tbsma.org.

TBS Website Redesign

Temple member Jason Levine is working on the new design of the website and is almost done! He is working with committee chairs to review what is on the website before transferring content. We hope to have our first version up before the Victorian Fair, so please check it out then!

ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE TBS CHOIR!

The TBS Choir is seeking new members. The group sings mostly on the High Holidays and occasionally at other services during the year. An ability to sing on-key is required. Some experience with group singing is preferred but not necessary. Please contact Cantorial Soloist Beth Purcell (beth.purcell@rcn.com) for more information.

Upcoming Programs

Tot Shabbat

Our first Tot Shabbat of the year will be a trip to Brooksby Farm for apple picking! On Saturday, September 15, we'll meet at the farm at 3 PM. We will regroup at 4 PM and hold a brief service. Join us for this fun and educational program for families with children up to age 6. No RSVP required. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact rabbiallison@tbsma.org.

New Parents Group

Our new parents group meets every Wednesday from 10–11:30 AM at the Temple. This program, sponsored by Jewish Family and Children Services, is an opportunity for new parents to meet, socialize with other parents, discuss topics relevant to their lives, and create a support network. Please tell any new parents you might know about this group. It is free and open to the public. Contact Julie Unger at julsunger@gmail.com with questions.

JNorth Program for Young Adults

Events are in the works for our JNorth group! If you are interested in participating, watch your Facebook feed for invitations to and news about upcoming events. All 22–40-year-olds are welcome! This program is free, but we encourage donations and membership. For more information, contact rabbiallison@gmail.com.

Dear Friends,

In the New Year, if you or any of your friends need real estate assistance—whether buying or selling a property, seeking a market value for your home, or just exploring your options in today's market—please call me.

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Best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year to you and yours. *L'Shanah Tova!*

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TBS at Melrose's Victorian Fair

With your help, TBS will participate in Melrose's annual Victorian Fair on Sunday, September 9 from 11 AM to 4 PM. Please volunteer to sit at our booth for an hour or two of schmoozing with other members and offering information about our Temple and our Shalom School to those walking up and down Main Street that day. This is one of our best opportunities to gain visibility and goodwill in the Melrose community, so we appreciate your help.

SHIFT 1: 11 AM to 1 PM (includes setting up the booth)

SHIFT 2: 1 PM to 3 PM

SHIFT 3: 3 PM to 4 PM (includes breaking down the booth).

Interested in volunteering? Please contact Liza Weinstein at l.weinstein@neu.edu or (617) 959-1246. We hope to see you there!

Rabbi Search Committee Update

The Rabbi Search Committee (RSC) met a number of times during the summer, and in August, made a presentation to the TBS Governing Council on the direction the search is going. Using results from a member survey from a few years ago, the recent Temple Talks, and other documents, the RSC is crafting a job posting for a full-time rabbi with education director responsibilities. The RSC believes that this is the best approach, given the diverse needs and interests of the community, and the clear desire for a more consistent clergy presence at TBS. Many small U.S. synagogues use similar models. The rabbi search will intensify after the High Holidays, with more updates to come.

The Rabbi Search Committee members are Aaron Beitman, David Brown, Serena Brown, Yael Mazor Garfinkle, Ellen Krechmer, Emily Levine, Michael Panis, Ron Serisky, Sara Serisky (*ex officio*), Jim Taber, and Elizabeth Vainer.

If you have specific questions, please reach out to rabbi.search.tbs@gmail.com.

PARTING SHOT: Seating for Everyone at High Holiday Services

Nothing says High Holidays at TBS like the Improved Choice Seating Chart v.2.0. As is the tradition, TBS does not charge for tickets. This year, the new Board has solicited and received suggestions for seating sections. So in addition to our award-winning "Kibbitzing" and "Kvetching" sections, the new seating sections include:

- "I Can't Think of Why It Would or Wouldn't Be": Dedicated to the top issues, changing daily, including: "truth isn't truth," "no way he's testifying now," collusion, obstruction, getting Hamilton tickets, indictments, plea deals, related pardons, revoked security clearances, more tariffs, parades, space (cadet) force, signing up for the TBS Nite at the Everett Casino, and of course, the issue that started it all, Russian election meddling.
- "Departures Every Month": As we can't keep up with all those memorable departures since our last seating chart, including the Chief Strategist, Secretary of State, Secretary of HHS, National

	Bimah	
General Kibbitzing	No Kibbitzing Or Kvetching	General Kvetching
Sports	Stocks	The Economy
The "T"	Traffic	Parking
I can't think of why it would or wouldn't be.	Too Hot Too Cold Part Time Or Full Time	Departures leaving every month
Less Hebrew	Kibbitzing	More Singing
Services Are Too Long		
 Just back from Turkey 		
  		
Note: Services are Too Short, More Hebrew, and Less Singing now in the front classroom.		

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PARTING SHOT *(Continued)*

Economic Council Director, EPA Chief, and many, many more—and, as an added bonus, the latest gossip from tell-all books released in the last few months, including Scaramucci’s short story, covering all 10 days of his White House employment.

Those interested in kibbitzing on part-time vs. full-time should plant themselves in the respective sections.

Those just back from visits to Turkey are asked to file into the 2nd-to-last row and not pay attention to the last row, which is reserved for men in dark suits with

earpieces whispering into their hands. Co-sponsored by the Turkey Tourism Board and the TSA. Note: Not related to the “Quiet Skies” program.

The “Services Are Too Short,” “More Hebrew,” and “Less Singing” sections will continue to be in the front classroom where there will be live streaming of services, TBS drone permitting. As many of these sections will be popular, to avoid disappointment and to avoid the passive/aggressive ushers, PS suggests you bring this column to services with your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices circled.

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