

RABBI'S MESSAGE

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Thoughts on the Tragedy in Pittsburgh

Together we are outraged by the vicious anti-Semitic gunman who killed eleven, including two brothers and a husband and wife, and injured more while they were simply gathered for a Shabbat service and to name a newborn baby at the Tree of Life—or *L'Simcha*—congregation in Pittsburgh on Saturday.

When we gather to worship on Shabbat, we say to each other “Shabbat Shalom!” meaning, “Sabbath greetings/peace.” When we rejoice at the birth of an infant, we look ahead filled with optimism and hope, never expecting to witness or experience violence and death at that very moment. Our expectations have been upended, our joy and peace turned to dismay and sorrow.

The Talmud teaches that all Jews are bound, one to the other, an observation never truer than in times like these. We need to be together, to help one another process this tragedy, to stand with one another to confront the hatred that plagues our society, to support one another as we shed tears of grief, and to simply silently hold hands and offer a few prayers.

We share a deep sense of loss for the victims’ families and solidarity with the Tree of Life congregation and the greater Pittsburgh Jewish community. We are grateful for the many civic, religious, and community leaders and people of good will of all faiths both locally and throughout the world who have issued statements of support.

This incident occurred within a context. According to the ADL, anti-Semitic incidents in the United States surged 57 percent in 2017, the largest yearly increase since the Jewish civil rights group began collecting data in 1979. It appears that 2018 will see even greater numbers of incidents and violence. Indeed, the hatred we witnessed last year in Charlottesville continues to burn within the hearts of too many in our nation.

Rabbi David Ellenson, the interim president and chancellor emeritus of Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion shared this message on Saturday:

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for November and December.**

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From the President**Sara Serisky**

Hello TBS! I can't believe it's already November! As always this is a super-busy time of year. So I want to take some time to give a shout out to a few folks who, despite their busy schedules, are working hard to keep things running smooth at TBS: The House Committee. This important committee comprises Evans Travis, Ron Serisky, Ken Diesenhof, and Mark Rubbins. Over the last couple of months, they have updated me regarding numerous fixes they have completed including: Ron and Evans climbing on the roof to locate and remedy a water leak, replacing lights and light fixtures, and spending hours researching and testing the sound system to fix our crackling speakers. For all of this and more, I want to thank them. They always take care of our beloved shul without ever being asked, reminded, or rewarded. Thank you! So please—the next time you see any of these committee members, make sure to thank them in person.

In other news, the Strategic Planning Committee reconvened this past month to identify the next steps for our temple outside of our rabbi search. As you all may remember, the Habonim talks identified three major categories: what we love about TBS, what our challenges are, and what our ultimate dreams are. We used many of the findings to help guide our Rabbi Search Committee. However, other findings go beyond the scope of the rabbi search. After careful review of the “challenges” and “dreams” data, several major themes came to light. They include: activities, affiliation, leadership, membership, finances, music, ritual/service, and teen engagement. Without going into too many details, in general, we want more activities, music at more services (if not all), to grow our membership, develop the next generation of leaders, have more educational programs, and offer more for our teens. With the recent decision of our board to reaffiliate with the Union for Reform Judaism, many of these needs may be serviced through their programs. However, to meet the majority of these needs, we have one ultimate challenge: We need more money. To tackle this daunting challenge, we are going to need to do two things: increase our membership and fundraise. So, with that in mind, we invite anyone who is ready to help our shul make its dreams come true to reach out and join the

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The Bulletin of Temple Beth Shalom, Melrose

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I hope that your children settled into their Shalom School routine during October.

I particularly enjoyed music with Josh Cohen and our kugel baking and tasting. Taylor will be joining us again for music in November.

We also had our first two B'nei Mitzvah celebrations with Ben and Shari. As I mentioned at the beginning of the year, we encourage Shalom School students to come to services so they are aware of what B'nei Mitzvah ceremonies are like and can offer support of community members to the other students. Our next Bar Mitzvah is Samuel Buxton's on December 8. (Save the date!)

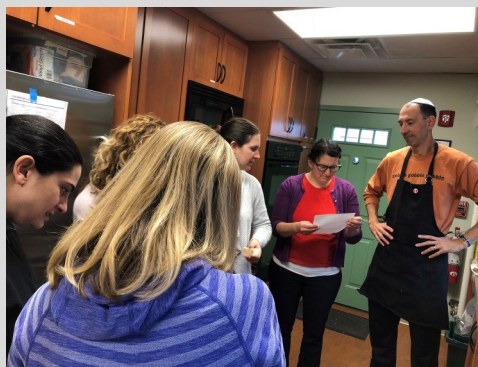
In the spirit of "Be a team player," our 6th- and 7th-grade students have decided to donate money to Children's Hospital for medical research. Please remind your kids to bring tzedakah to school every week. Each class will have an opportunity to decide where tzedakah will go during the course of the school year. Our 4th- and 5th-graders will focus on "Be a good listener" in December.

Our first Shabbat hike will be on Saturday, November 3, at 2 PM. We will meet at Charles Copland House on Woodland Rd. in Stoneham, and learn some history of the Middlesex Fells as well as have a lovely walk in the woods. There will also be a couple of group activities along the one-hour trail. And a reminder: After we turn back our clocks the next day (November 4), it will be getting dark earlier, so we will encourage students to stay inside on Thursdays as they wait for pick-up.

On November 16, our PreK–2nd grade students will participate in the evening service by singing some songs. We will hold a potluck at 5:30 PM, before the services start at 6:30. Again, all families are welcome to join us.

Since Hanukkah starts early this year (December 1!), our Hanukkah Fair (organized by the Sisterhood) will take place on November 18. We will give

SHALOM SCHOOL NEWS



Top: Music by Josh Cohen; bottom: Sharing kugel recipes at our first cooking collaborative.



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Grades 4–5: David Penn

Grade 6: Sarah Blumenthal (Sundays)

Grades 6–7 (Thursdays) and *Better Together* program: Harriet Wallen

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

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November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Shalom School, 4–6 PM	2 #Standupfor Shabbat lay-led service, 6:30 PM	3 Shalom School Family Hike, 3 PM
4 Shalom School, 10 AM–12 noon (1–6)	5	6	7 New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM Sisterhood Hike, 1:15 PM	8 Shalom School, 4–6 PM Sisterhood Film, 7 PM	9 Erev Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM (music by Beth Purcell)	10 Tot Shabbat, 9–11 AM
11 Shalom School, 10 AM–12 noon (PreK–6) Torah Study Group, 10 AM–12 noon	12 Sisterhood Film, 7 PM	13 Sisterhood Film, 7 PM	14 New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM	15 Better Together, 3:30–6 PM Shalom School, 4–6 PM	16 Shalom School Potluck, 5:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service, 6:30 PM (note early time)	17
18 Shalom School, 10 AM–12 noon (1–6) Hanukkah Fair, 10:30 AM–1:30 PM	18	20	21 New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM	22 No School	23	24
25 No School	26 Sisterhood Book Group, 7:30 PM	27	28 New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM Social Action Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM	29 Shalom School, 4–6 PM Latke Baking	30 Home for the Holidays Latke Party, 6 PM	

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 Shalom School and Hanukkah Party, 10 AM–12 noon (PreK–6)	3	4	5 New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM	6 Better Together, 3:30–6 PM Shalom School, 4–6 PM	7	8 Shabbat Morning Service/ Sam Buxton Bar Mitzvah, 10 AM Havdalah, 5 PM
9	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f0e68c; padding: 5px;"> <p>December 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shalom School, 10 AM–12 noon (1–6) • Torah Study Group, 10 AM–12 noon • Hanukkah Service, 6 PM </div>		12 New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM	13 Shalom School, 4–6 PM Social Action Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM	14	15 Parents' Night Out, 5 PM
16 Shalom School, 10 AM–12 noon (PreK–6) Sisterhood Ashkenazi Swap, 4–7 PM	17	18	19 New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM	20 Shalom School, 4–6 PM	21	22
23	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f0e68c; padding: 5px;"> <p>December 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No School • Torah Study Group, 1–3 PM </div>		26 New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM	27 No School	28	29
30 No School	24	25 Christmas Dinner, 12 noon				

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Tomorrow will be a day of reckoning for the toxicity plaguing our world and how to go about repairing it. Tonight we remember the words of the *Shulchan Aruch* (code of Jewish law) that state that it may not be possible to comfort mourners in the moment of their rawest grief. Instead, we dwell in the valley of tears, recalling our fallen sisters and brothers who were killed in this horrific tragedy. *Tehyenah nafshoteihen tzrurot bi-tzror hahayim*—may the souls of those murdered in Pittsburgh today be bound up in the bond of eternal life.

We held a widely publicized gathering and discussion on Monday night, open to everyone in the community who desired to come in peace. Police Chief Mike Lyle graciously provided extra security precautions for our congregation for this community-wide event. I was glad to see that more than 200 people from our congregation and the community, including the city's leaders and people from local churches and mosques, came to share their thoughts, a poem, a prayer, or simply their silent presence. May we never need to have another meeting like this!

L'Shalom,

Arnie

Rabbi Arnie Fertig, MPA, DD

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

November

Friday, November 9, 7:30 PM: Erev Shabbat Service, with music
by Beth Purcell

Hosting: *Fuller, Levinson, Goldman/Kawa

Friday, November 16, 6:30 PM: Erev Shabbat, with preK–2nd grade

Hosting: *Wallace/Unger, Noyes, Goudreau, Bortinger

December

Saturday, December 8, 10:00 AM: Sam Buxton Bar Mitzvah

Hosting: *The Buxton Family

Sunday, December 9, 6:00 PM: Hanukkah Service

Hosting: *Leonard, Shernoff/Buksbaum, Binder, Vainer

*Lead family is in bold.

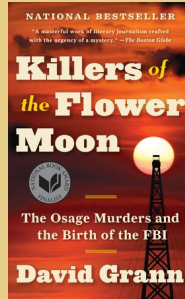
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Sisterhood News

BOOK CLUB

Time: Monday, November 26,
7:30 PM

Book: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann



In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, they began to be killed off. These mysterious murders sparked a major by the fledgling FBI.

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

KNITTING GROUP

For years, the TBS Knitters created beautiful patchwork blankets for Temple members who needed extra healing. Slowly our group numbers dwindled and the work was falling on too few hands, so we took a break. As the most recent leader, I am making a plea for more women to come on board so we can resume our mitzvot with this project, which has brought love and comfort to so many. If you are a knitter, or would like to learn, please contact me, Roberta Gertz, at rtobeygertz@gmail.com. We had been meeting once a month on Wednesday nights.

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.

Sisterhood Event

BOSTON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Join the TBS Sisterhood for the following Boston Jewish Film Festival films! If you are interested in joining us, please purchase your tickets online and meet at TBS at 6:00 PM to carpool. Please RSVP to Paula Emelock at pemelock@comcast.net to let her know you are coming. We will be attending the following films:

Annual 2018 Freshflix Short Film Competition
Thursday, November 8 at 7:00 PM
Somerville Theatre, Davis Square

Watch incredible short films at the Somerville Theatre! You choose the winners and then toast the new wave of young filmmakers across the street at Orleans Restaurant! Great short films, a filmmaker Q&A, and a post-screening party make the FreshFlix Short Film Competition one of the most popular BJFF events every year.

The Interpreter
Monday, November 12 at 7:00 PM
Capitol Theatre, Arlington

A dowdy Slovak interpreter finds a book by a former SS officer, which may have been written by the person who murdered his parents, and sets out to meet him. Instead, he finds the SS officer's son. Eager to learn more about the past, two ill-matched men set out on an odd road trip through Slovakia, full of comedic twists and tragic realizations.

To Dust
Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 PM
Somerville Theatre, Davis Square

A Hasidic cantor in upstate New York is struggling to make peace with the loss of his wife. He calls upon a community college biology professor to help him, and the two embark on a darkly comic, macabre misadventure.

For more information on the festival and the films, please visit www.bjff.org.

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Membership Committee and/or the Fundraising Committee. We need you! The folks on the board, the Strategic Planning Committee, and the Rabbi Search Committee are all at capacity and need you to put the frosting on the cake. Please get in touch with me at president@tbsma.org if you would be able to help us! Thank you, and see you all soon!

Sara Serisky, President

Latkes Needed for Home for the Holidays/TBS Open House

On Friday, November 30, TBS will welcome the entire Melrose community for an open house and evening of family fun. This event will begin at 6 PM, following the tree-lighting during the citywide Home for the Holidays festivities. We need latkes—in large quantities—and we will need help during the event. We encourage you to fry now and freeze for later—but please deliver your latkes already defrosted!

This is a wonderful event for outreach to the community, and in past years, we have entertained 300–400 Melrosians. Please deliver your defrosted latkes to the Temple after 5 PM on Friday, November 30, or call to make other arrangements.

Can you help serve, sing, lead dreidel games, or mingle with our guests? Please let us know. Thanks in advance to all for helping to make this very special annual event a great success!

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Mistretta at laurie.mistretta@yahoo.com.



Sisterhood Event

HIKE TO BEAR HILL TOWER, MIDDLESEX FELLS

Wednesday, November 7 at 1:15 PM

Come enjoy a two-hour introductory hike to the highest point in the Middlesex Fells: Bear Hill Tower. We'll take the rocky Skyline Trail from the Sheepfold to Bear Hill Tower and explore a bit beyond. You must be comfortable on rocky, possibly muddy, uneven terrain. Hiking boots or other footwear with good grip is required; hiking poles are optional. Bring a small pack with water and a snack, and most of all, a sense of humor. The hike should be done before dark.

Meet at the Sheepfold (upper) parking lot kiosk at the entrance to dog park and hiking area. Be ready to hike at 1:15 PM. Rain cancels. The leader is an AMC certified, three-season leader with wilderness First Aid certification.

Please send questions to the hike leader, Marlene Heroux, at hike917@gmail.com, by the day before.

Habonim News: TBS rejoins the URJ

After a Governing Council vote, Temple Beth Shalom decided to rejoin the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). Our services have always been delivered in the Reform style, and this affiliation means that our congregation can now draw upon the many benefits that the URJ offers, which will help us incorporate member input from our Habonim process into our Temple's culture and function. It's a great step forward in our strategic plan.

The URJ's resources include assistance with our search for a new rabbi; incorporating programs for teens, social action, and sisterhood; and expanding our network of congregations so that we can support each other. Mark Greenberg and Ellen Shore will be initial liaisons with the URJ as we develop our relationship with them. Stay tuned for more information on this new partnership.

SAC Corner



Reverend Isaac Seelam from Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM) would like to contact anyone from TBS who participated in the ESL training on Mitzvah Day in 2017 and 2018. They are in dire need of volunteer tutors for their ESL program. Please contact Reverend Seelam at seelam@tabcom.org for more information.

Christmas is just around the corner! The Christmas Dinner Committee is starting to plan this wonderful community event, which takes place on Christmas Day. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with soliciting donations from Melrose businesses and individuals. If you are interested, please contact us at tbschristmasdinner@gmail.com. Keep an eye out next month for more information on volunteering at the event on Christmas Day.

Please remember to bring donations for the bins in the lobby: clothing for Catie's Closet and nonperishable food items for Bread of Life.

Our next SAC meeting will be Wednesday, November 28 at 7:30 PM at TBS. Please contact Sue Herz with any questions at susaneherz@gmail.com.



Our first annual Pride Shabbat was a big success! *Top left:* Our panelists who shared their stories. *Bottom left:* People got creative for our rainbow potluck. Photos by Susan Margot Ecker

#SHOWUPFORSHABBAT

Friday, November 2 at 6:30 PM

Being with our community and TBS family feels particularly important during this challenging time. This prompted several TBS members to organize an impromptu, brief, family-friendly, lay-led Shabbat service on Friday, November 2. An oneg with generous snacks will follow. Our TBS community will join many others that are participating in the American Jewish Committee's #ShowupforShabbat Campaign. Click [here](#) for more information about this campaign.

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students an opportunity to visit the fair during school to pick out gifts for their friends and family.

On November 29, we will have our second cooking collaborative: making latkes. Between Home for the Holidays and our Hanukkah celebration, it will be a busy weekend, so we hope that parents will make the time to help make latkes At TBS (and then you won't have to deal with the overpowering smell of oil in your own kitchens!).

We hope you enjoy November!

Kol tuv (all the best), Rabbi Allison

Sisterhood Event

Please join the TBS Sisterhood
for our annual

HANUKKAH FLEA MARKET AND CRAFT FAIR

**Sunday, November 18
10:30 AM–1:30 PM**

(Set-up: 9:00 AM; breakdown: 1:30–2:00 PM)

*Hanukkah items • Crafts • Baked goods
Flea market table • Vendors selling their wares*

Some of our very own artistic, creative, and talented members will be showing and selling their artwork at the Temple. We will also have a table filled with fun holiday gifts that are new or gently recycled items priced to sell on the Flea Market table. The Shalom School may also hold a book and bake sale.

If you have artwork and/or crafts you would like to sell as a vendor, please let us know what type of work you're submitting, so we can provide you with the appropriate-sized table. We are also looking for fun items you can donate to the Flea Market table. We will price these items so they are affordable for both kids and their parents to purchase. It should be something nice that you might like yourself but no longer want or need. Can't wait to see what you come up with!

Please contact Susi at susanecker@hotmail.com if you would like a table, if you have flea market items to donate, or if you would like to volunteer.

A MUSICAL SHABBAT

Join us on **Friday, November 9 at 7:30 PM** for an Erev Shabbat service that will be enhanced by Cantorial Soloist Beth Purcell's beautiful singing.

Upcoming Programs

Parenting Through a Jewish Lens

We are offering Parenting Through a Jewish Lens for the second time this year. Join us for interesting conversations and lots of useful information. The class begins on December 16. For more information, visit hebrewcollege.edu/parenting or email parenting@hebrewcollege.edu. Supported by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies.

Tot Shabbat

Our next Tot Shabbat will be Saturday, November 10. This year we have a new format: We will begin with singing and storytelling from 9–9:45 AM, which will be followed by bagels and a craft. We hope the earlier start time will enable more families to join us. Join us for this fun and educational program for families with children up to age 6. No RSVP required. If you have any questions, please contact rabiiallison@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 know about this group. 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! We're planning a Hanukkah celebration in December. 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 rabiiallison@gmail.com.

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)

NOVEMBER

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| 5 | Bessie D. Lofchie |
| 7 | Janet Mann |
| 7 | Samuel Silverman |
| 9 | Paul Seidman |
| 10 | Abraham E. Chesler |
| 15 | Florence D. Levine |
| 15 | Lillian Rogers |
| 18 | Philip Kinberg |
| 24 | Gertrude Schurgin |
| 27 | Alice R. Kline |

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.

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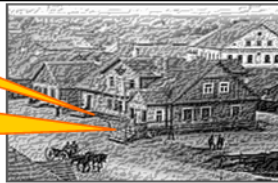
Max & Hilary Buxton

Pamela and Allan Bond

Shtetl News

So, vos nu?

Oy, let me
tell you...



Congratulations to Dorothy Hoyland on her retirement! Here, she is celebrating with some of her TBS friends.

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to receive insights, articles, videos,
and upcoming events.

Melrose Alliance Against Violence (MAAV) Community Mentoring Program Seeking Volunteer Mentors

MAAV's Community Mentoring Program provides guidance and support to middle school students in both a group setting and on a one-to-one basis. The organization is currently seeking mentors aged 21 and older for a group that will begin in early 2019.

TORAH STUDY GROUP

The Temple Beth Shalom Torah Study Group, the Torah Bagel Scholars (TBS), meets year-round to discuss and debate the Bible. We will hold one meeting in November, on the 11th, from 10 AM–12 noon, at the home of Joel Moses, 152 Lincoln Street, Melrose. Our December meetings will be on the 9th from 10 AM–12 noon and 23rd from 1–3 PM, both at the Temple.

At our last meeting, we read First Kings, Chapters 10 and 11, concerning the visit of the Queen of Sheba and the demise of Solomon, who is portrayed as an epitome of wisdom and wealth. We'll pick up at Chapter 12, which begins the story of the breakup of a united kingdom into two states, Israel and Judah.

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.

We welcome all newcomers; no preparation or knowledge of Hebrew is necessary. Come check out a session. You'll be among friends. Just call Tug Yourgrau at 617-797-9674 or email at him at tyourgrau@gmail.com. To let him know you're coming.

The commitment is roughly 4 hours per month. Activities include game nights, photography projects, community service outings, and guest speakers. Training and supervision are provided, and group meetings are facilitated by a licensed social worker. To learn more or apply to be a mentor, please email mentoring@maav.org, visit MAAV's website at www.maav.org or call Alison Bryer, Program Coordinator at 781-662-2010.

Sarah Podradchik Nominated for a Kindness Award

Temple member and recent Bat Mitzvah Sarah Podradchik received accolades this past spring when her design was selected for HomeGoods' annual charity shopping bags. The bags quickly sold out at stores across the country, raising over \$2 million dollars for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Jimmy Fund. For this impressive accomplishment, Sarah was nominated as a finalist in the Mary Jo Brown Foundation's annual Kindness Campaign.

Now in its fifth year of conducting this competition, the Wilmington foundation seeks nominations of children up to the age of 18 years who have selflessly gone above and beyond to help others, and who best embody the organization's mission of "spreading smiles through acts of kindness." The grand prize winner receives a trip for four to Disney World. All four finalists receive a framed certificate, a personalized book, and a \$250 Visa gift card. This year's winner was announced at the foundation's annual luau on Sunday, October 14.



In an unusual twist, the organization's board president, Christina Brown, was called upon to cast a tiebreaker vote because each of the other four board members chose a different child for the top spot. Although Sarah did not win the grand prize, the foundation's board decided that the Class of 2018 nominees were of such a high caliber that all of them would be awarded a trip to Disney World.

Mazel tov to Sarah and her family. May this be the first of many triumphs for this talented young lady!

Left: Rabbi Arnie donated a number of bags with Sarah's design to the Social Action Committee for use in this year's High Holidays food drive; *top right:* The Podradchik family at HomeGoods when the bags first went on sale; *bottom right:* The competition finalists.

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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.

TBS Website and Logo News

Our newly designed website was up and running in time for the High Holidays thanks to the efforts of Jason Levine. If you haven’t already checked it out, please do so by clicking [here](#).

Along with the new website, we are also looking to update our Temple logo. At the Yom Kippur Break Fast, we unveiled some designs that Tom Champoux has put together to help freshen up our look. We will share those designs with the congregation for a vote electronically. We look forward to receiving your feedback.



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PARTING SHOT

Our Gala Non-Election Issue: Are We *That* Latke-Intolerant?

The Parting Shot Desk presents the following information about Home for the Holidays (H4TH) on Friday, November 30, which should *not* in any way assist in your understanding of this year's Tuesday, November 6, election:

Question 1: If the Temple didn't have enough latke-makers for H4TH, and as a result there aren't enough latkes, would it be better to make do with what we have or make everyone else who needs a latke go to another Temple farther away that probably burns the latkes anyway?

Question 2: Do we want to form a commission that will spend a lot of gelt investigating how much gelt is spent on latke-making, or would we rather not form the commission, save our gelt, and just kvetch about it like we currently do for the MBTA?

Question 3: Do we have a problem with people who are born tolerant (because everyone is born tolerant) but become fixated on which bathroom people use, especially the latke-intolerant, because as we all know, the latke-intolerant people spend more time and make a bigger mess in there and also sometimes plug up the toilets—and our election process.

If you think these questions are ridiculous, you ought to get out and VOTE—and make sure it's for the real deal and not some clown. Let's leave the clowning around to Parting Shots!



In the photo: The most interesting person in the world, who says "I don't always eat latkes, but when I do, it's in tolerant communities like Melrose!"

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