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The Next and the Now

As our Temple's search for my successor has been ramping up over the course of the last several months, I've often been asked: "What are you going to do after you retire?" More often than not, people inquire: "You won't be leaving us and moving from Melrose, will you?"

While I'll be retiring from TBS, I do plan to maintain my other endeavor: working with people to help advance their careers. But this can be done anywhere with a WiFi connection, which is to say, just about anywhere these days.

Gail and I look forward to some long-deferred travel, and it's likely that we'll spend a good chunk of next winter somewhere warmer than New England. But beyond that, we have not yet settled on any long-term plans. We both still cherish our involvement with TBS, and I look forward to fulfilling all my responsibilities as your rabbi right up until the time of my retirement.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

February

Saturday, February 2, 10:00 AM: Shabbat Morning Service, with Grades 4-7
Hosting: *Weieneth, Podradchik, Garber/Moreno, Shaughnessy/Andrea Gordon

Friday, February 8, 7:30 PM: Musical Erev Shabbat Service
Hosting: *Mehlman/Fortier, Simons, Martin Phillips

March

Friday, March 1, 6:30 PM: Shabbat Across America, with Grade 3
Hosting: Grzegorzewski, Levine, Myers/Weinstein, Bondi;
coordinator: Ron Serisky

Saturday, March 9, 10:00 AM: Adam Saragosa Bar Mitzvah
Hosting: *The Saragosa Family

Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 PM: Erev Purim Service
Hosting: *Garfinkel, Cohen, Roberts/Beitman, Penn

*Lead family is in bold.

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From the President**Sara Serisky**

Hello TBS family. I hope everyone is surviving the winter doldrums as best they can. If you're like me, you might find yourself wanting to hibernate and retreat from the world. If this sounds familiar, I invite you to join us and connect with your warm TBS family at one of the services coming up in February.

We kick off February with a regular Saturday morning service, one that may seem easy to skip when, of course, it will probably be freezing outside. However, we have been trying different ways to spice up the regular services. This past month, we had a lovely service where many of the teens and their parents participated. We also took part in an "Ask the Rabbi" conversation, where we discussed the nature of miracles and the current Jewish thinking on this. We are hoping to continue these trends, so please look for information to come on the first service of February. The following week, we will have a special Friday night service featuring composer and pianist Jeremiah Klarman, who will be joining our cantorial soloist Beth Purcell and the TBS choir to brighten up our winter with music. I hope to see you all there!

While we are hibernating, winter is also a great time to get into an "inside" project that had been put on the back burner. The Governing Council is engaging in just such a project. For a while, folks on the Council have felt that our bylaws are limiting the ways we can govern or make needed changes. A bylaws committee has thus been formed and is reviewing them to make suggestions. But we need to call a special meeting of the congregation to vote on any changes to the bylaws. We have already identified several details to address as we approach offering a contract to a new rabbi. Thus we will hold a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, February 10, at 5 PM to review and vote on this suggested change. (We will have wine and cheese to make this dry subject go down more smoothly.) Please look for the email that will give you both the old language and new language we are hoping to add.

In the meantime, I invite everyone to read the bylaws for themselves. You can find them on our website under the "members only" section. If you are having trouble finding them, please reach out and we can walk

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The Bulletin of Temple Beth Shalom, Melrose

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SHALOM SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a great 2019 so far. Students received the leaves they collected for the mensch tree, which they will be able to use as prize tickets at the Purim carnival. We also celebrated Tu B'Shevat through music with Taylor, and our parents had a cooking class with Matthew Wallace to learn how to make challah. Our next cooking program will be on Saturday, March 16, when TBS will turn into a hamentaschen bakery as we make the cookies for the mishloach manot gift baskets that will be handed out at Purim.

We encouraged students to participate in the Melrose MLK Day of Service/ Mitzvah Day; they helped TBS by creating posters for donation collections. On the last Sunday of the month, the PreK and Kindergarten classes made Hebrew letter (alef-bet) cookies. We hope that they saved some for their parents too! We handed out progress reports for the parents to read at home. We hope the students could see their progress this semester and are looking forward more learning this spring.

Our 4th–7th grade classes will help lead the service on Saturday, February 2 (please join us!), so they started preparing. During our weekly Thursday service, they also learned the meaning of the words minyan, aliyah, yahrzeit, Mourner's Kaddish, and mezuza. The 6th and 7th graders have also started writing their Better Together essays, which a panel of TBS members will judge in the spring. We hope the winner will read their essay at the annual meeting again this year. During this month's visit to Peabody, the students learned the residents' stories: where their families came from, where they grew up, what they did for a living, etc. In February the focus will be on traveling: where the residents and students have been. We hope they will show these stories through pictures. This month's Tzedakah Challenge theme was "Be a Good Listener"; we raised \$48 for Listening Ally, which enables people to "read" books through recordings. February's focus will be "Be Brave." The 3rd grade will be picking the tzedakah cause.



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Grades 4–5: David Penn

Grade 6: Sarah Blumenthal (Sundays)

Grades 6–7 (Thursdays) and Better Together: Harriet Wallen and Abigail Champoux

Bnai Mitzvah Tutor: Dennis Fischman

Music: Josh Cohen, Sarah Noyovitz, Taylor Rubbins

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

February 2019

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Sisterhood Book Group, 7:30 PM		New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM	No School		Family Havdalah, 3:30 PM
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24	25	26	27	28		
Shalom School, 10 AM–12 noon (PreK–6) Torah Study Group, 10 AM–12 noon		Dialogues Workshop, 7–9 PM	New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM General Council Meeting, 7 PM	Shalom School, 4–6 PM		

March 2019

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Shalom School, 10 AM–12 noon (1–6)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> March 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shalom School, 10–11 AM (PreK–6) Purim Carnival, 11 AM–1 PM </div>		New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM <i>Purim Service, 6:30 PM</i> (Bake-off 6 PM)	No School		
24	31	26	27	28	29	30
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> March 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shalom School, 10 AM–12 noon (1–6) Charoset Recipe Swap </div>		Dialogues Workshop, 7–9 PM	New Parents Group, 10–11:30 AM	Shalom School, 4–6 PM	

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With just over four months until I lead my final service at TBS, we still have much to look forward to together. On Saturday morning, February 2, our fourth- and fifth-grade students will be leading much of our service. And on the following Friday evening, we'll have a wonderful musical Erev Shabbat service with Beth Purcell and our guest artist, Jeremiah Klarman. Many of you will remember the special moments he brought to us last year and will not want to miss his return to TBS!

I'm enjoying working with my last three B'nai Mitzvah students: Adam Saragosa, Zach Nedell, and Tobin Clouser. I'm looking forward to Purim and Pesach, our annual Holocaust remembrance service, and more.

In the meantime, I'm confident that together, we are laying the groundwork for TBS's future under new rabbinic leadership.

Let me simply say that many of us, throughout our lives, spend considerable energy looking toward—and worrying about—what's next. The next job or promotion. The next school, be it middle school, high school, or college. Or the next stage of our lives. It's only natural. But even as we do, let's not obscure the wonders and the wonderful moments that the present has to offer.

So, let's continue to come together as we have for the last 21 years to observe Shabbat and share our holidays and simchas. Let's enjoy each other's presence—and jump off the bridge to what comes next when we reach it.

Happy New Year!

Arnie

Rabbi Arnie Fertig, MPA, DD

Special Meeting of the Congregation to Vote on the Temple's Bylaws

Sunday, February 10, at 5 PM

We need you! The General Council would like to update several details in the bylaws as we prepare to offer a contract to a new rabbi. The congregation must approve these changes, so we will hold a special meeting on Sunday, February 10, at 5 PM to review and vote on this suggested revision. (We will have wine and cheese to make this dry subject go down more smoothly.) Please look for the email that will give you both the old language and new language we are hoping to add.

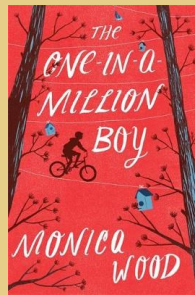
In the meantime, we encourage you to read the bylaws for yourself. You can find them on our website under the "members only" section.

Sisterhood News

BOOK GROUP

Time: Monday, February 11,
7:30 PM

Book: *The One-in-a-Million Boy*
by Monica Wood



The One-in-a-Million Boy revolves around a friendship between a 104-year-old Lithuanian immigrant woman and an 11-year-old Boy Scout obsessed with Guinness world records. For seven Saturdays, the boy has arrived promptly to do Ona Vitkus's yard chores, record her life story for a fifth-grade school project, and talk her into gunning for the record of Oldest Licensed Driver.

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

SISTERHOOD POTLUCK

Sunday, February 10, from 1–4 PM

Please join the TBS Sisterhood for a social gathering at Pamela Wise's welcoming home. Come catch up with your friends, get to know your acquaintances a little better, and meet members you don't know yet. We are a pretty awesome bunch!

Please bring a dish to share. And just to spice things up a bit, we're asking those of you who shopped at Designer Circus to wear one of your fashion finds. For everyone else, come in creative or comfortable dress.

Please RSVP to Susi at susanecker@hotmail.com. She will send out Pamela's address to those attending at a later date.

DESIGNER'S CIRCUS

Last month, our enthusiastic group spent \$3,375.57 on fabulous Designer Circus outfits. The TBS Sisterhood benefited, receiving 10 percent, or \$337.55, that was "FUNraised"!



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you through it. Of course, it's not super-sexy reading material, but there are some gems in there, such as the purpose of our congregation, which everyone should read! I'm not going to give it away, as I really want you to read it for yourselves. Did you know that anyone can attend the General Council meetings? I read in the strategic planning notes that some folks think these meetings are closed, but this isn't true. So please take the time to get to know the bylaws, as we will be asking for your input.

Stay warm. . . . See you soon.

Sara Serisky, President

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

This year's Tu B'Shevat Seder was well attended, with over 50 people of all ages joining us on the cold, wintery night of January 18. The synagogue was set with festively colored tables, and laden with fruits, nuts, wine, juice, and challahs.

The Torah commands us to eat at least 15 kinds of fruits and nuts, including the seven species—the foods that were staples of the Israelite diet in ancient times—wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and honey (or dates). The festival also includes planting trees in Israel.



Thanks to the help of many people, we did all of this, including raising money for several trees. This money will be given to Shari Lipman, who will continue her Bat Mitzvah project of raising funds to plant trees in Israel.

Thank you everyone—those who helped and those who participated—for making this a wonderful evening. And a special thank you to Roberta Gertz, who organizes this seder year after year.

DIALOGUES:

A WORKSHOP ON RACE

Tuesdays, Feb. 26–March 26, 7–9 PM

Choosing to learn and talk about race or choosing to refrain from doing so is a privilege we have as white people. We welcome you to embrace the discomfort and learn some things that you didn't know you didn't know. Please join us for a five-week workshop entitled "Dialogues: Unpacking Whiteness." Open to all TBS, Sisterhood, and SAC members, this program will convene at TBS on Tuesday evenings from February 26–March 26 from 7–9 PM. As in all matters, the very process of learning will be a mitzvah.

Mishloach Manot: Purim Gifts of Food to Support Our Temple

Purim is coming! And that means mishloach manot are coming too!

We are instructed in the scroll of Esther (9:19) to send gifts to one another so friends (and prospective new friends) traditionally exchange these gifts of food, also called *shalach manos* in Yiddish, on Purim.

This year we will once again send mishloach manot within our temple community. This will give us a chance to tell our friends we are



thinking of them, while at the same time raising money to support our synagogue. We are using a new software service to manage the orders this year, so you will be able to pay when you order (though we will still accept checks as well).

Check your email soon for the details and for instructions on how to order (and how to volunteer).

The Scoop from the SAC

LOOKING AHEAD

Interested in learning about white privilege and race? Join us for our five-week workshop! See page 7 for details.

In early February, the SAC's Muslim Solidarity Committee is working with the Shalom School to bring Maya Jamaledine, a local Muslim activist, to speak to our kids about Islam 101 in an age-appropriate manner.

So far, we've raised \$400 to help California fire victims. If you want to lend a hand, it's not too late to make a check payable to the TBS Discretionary Fund and send it to Liza Weinstein at 85 Otis St., Melrose. Along with Rabbi Arnie, Liza will continue to ensure that the funds reach a California shul for appropriate distribution.

Our interfaith work with asylum seekers continues full steam ahead. If you're open to having coffee and/or a playdate with a 32-year-old woman and/or her 7-year-old daughter, please get in touch with us.

The generosity of TBS members allows us to routinely deliver donations of food and clothing to the food pantry and to Catie's Closet.

(SHALOM SCHOOL NEWS, *Continued from page 3*)

On February 3, Maya Jamaladdine will teach our students about Islam. We hope they will discover some similarities between the two religions and will be able to relate to their Muslim peers on a deeper level. Tot Shabbat will take place on February 9. Josh Cohen will be back to lead music on Sunday, February 24. (We *do* have school the last Sunday of break.)

The break makes February a short month. We will make up for it in March when we have Shabbat Across America, Adam Saragosa's Bar Mitzvah, and Purim.

I hope everyone has a wonderful February break (and that it is truly a break),

All the best, *Rabbi Allison*

LOOKING BACK

We had another successful Mitzvah Day. See page 11 for a wrap-up and some photos.

A good number of TBS members accepted the invitation from the SAC's Muslim Solidarity Committee to attend a ribbon-cutting and Open Mosque Day for the new Islamic Cultural Center in Medford on Saturday afternoon, January 26.

NEXT MEETING

Everyone is welcome at the monthly SAC meeting at TBS on Sunday, February 3 from 10–11 AM. If you can't make the meeting but want to join the Committee, just let us know.

Please contact Sue Herz at SusanEHerz@gmail.com if you have any questions about the SAC's doings.



In Loving Memory

The next time you are in our sanctuary, please look at our Memory Wall to see that Edith Smolens' name has been recently added. Edith, of blessed memory, belonged to TBS for 56 years, and was a teacher at Melrose's Winthrop School for 24 years. Because she believed in creating a more just community, she became a founder of the MLK community potluck dinner and program and served on the Melrose Human Rights Commission as well as the Melrose Interfaith Committee. Edith was the loving mother of TBS member Karen Smolens; her husband Irving and daughter Joanne predeceased her. Edith's name will always bless our sanctuary and community.

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Fri., March 1 at 6 PM

Turn an ordinary Friday night into something extraordinary!

Join members of hundreds of synagogues across the continent in a national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews: Shabbat! Everyone is invited—singles, couples, and families. All ages are welcome.

This event is Shabbat Across America and an Erev Shabbat Service all rolled into one! We will serve a Shabbat dinner and enjoy the evening's special rituals together. The Shalom School students from grade 3 will help out with the festivities.

This annual program will give you a taste of Shabbat. Explanatory services, traditional rituals,

a delicious meal, and lively discussions are all important components of the Shabbat experience, along with the opportunity to spend the evening with fellow congregants, friends, family, and guests.



Fees: Adults \$12, children (under 13) \$7. Please send your check to Temple Beth Shalom, 21 East Foster St., Melrose, MA 02176; attn.: Shabbat Across America. You can also pay at the door.

RSVP to rabbi@tbsma.org by Friday, February 22. Please reserve early, as spaces are limited.

Don't Stop Believing!

Second Annual 80s Dance Party
Saturday, April 6, 7:30 PM



Tickets \$36 in advance (\$45 at the door), include a drink and appetizers

To purchase tickets, visit www.tbsma.org

MUSICAL SHABBAT

Friday, February 8 at 7:30 PM

Talented composer and pianist Jeremiah Klarman returns to TBS on Friday, February 8, at 7:30 PM for a Shabbat service filled with song. Cantorial Soloist Beth Purcell and our choir will lead joyful musical settings of the prayers written by Jeremiah and other composers. Oneg Shabbat to follow.

Jeremiah is a rising composer of classical and Jewish music. A recent graduate of New England Conservatory, he has been commissioned to write choral works by Zamir Chorale and by Temple Emanuel in honor of their



75th anniversary; his music was also featured at Shalsholet's Jewish Liturgical Music: The Next Generation festival in NYC. An ASCAP award winner, he has performed on NPR's "From the Top"; his music has been performed by the Boston Pops, Boston Modern Orchestra Project, Landmark Orchestra, and others.

Remembrances

Remember Your Loved One on Our Memory Wall

Honor the memory of your loved ones by inscribing their names on the Memory Wall in our sanctuary. For more information about this meaningful and lasting tribute, please contact Ellen Krechmer at Ellenk11@verizon.net.

Yahrzeit Observance

(Light the candle the night before)

February

- 3 Bessie Salmonson
- 4 Mae Brooks
- 5 Jacob Kaplan
- 8 Joyce Molly Kaplan
- 8 Fannie Travis
- 9 Alan Fox
- 9 Aaron Schindler
- 10 Leonard Eskin
- 12 Israel Dilyock
- 13 Flora Silverman
- 16 Abraham Joseph Aronson
- 19 Harold Finn
- 23 Nathan Greenberg
- 23 Irving Weinswig
- 24 Samuel Lofchie



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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A Hanukkah donation from Mark and Alice Golub

Simcha

Congratulations to Grandma and Grandpa Travis on the birth of their first grandchild, from Sandy and Karl Geller

Memorial

In memory of George Rumelt (z"l), father of Karen Rumelt, from Sandy and Karl Geller

In memory of Michael Kivel, beloved son, brother, and uncle, from Marcia Camac

In memory of Michael Kivel, from Amy Purpel

In loving memory of Anna Bastian, a pillar of the Melrose community and longtime supporter of Temple Beth Shalom, from Nancy Sweet

Mitzvah Day

What's a mitzvah? On this year's sub-freezing, ice-filled Martin Luther King Day, some 80 to 100 people of all ages and walks of life offered examples. Some entered our shul on Mitzvah Day and made about 60 cards for patients at the Melrose Wakefield Hospital. Some five people took a course enabling them to teach English to area refugees. Some donated about six boxes of paperback books for prisoners; two giant, brimming "Catie's Closet" boxes of clothes and personal items for homeless kids; about 50 magazines for area hospital patients; about seven jumbo bags of towels, sheets, and blankets for abused and neglected animals; and about three jumbo bags of clothes, food, and personal items for a newly arrived refugee family. All the while, TBS members generously donated time before, during, and after Mitzvah Day's official hours. The bottom line: We're enjoying heartwarming days at TBS.



If you want copies of the photographs of you or your kids, you can obtain them at sizes up to 11 by 14 inches, still retaining the quality. Please contact Sue Herz at SusanEHerz@gmail.com, who will put you in touch with Michael Roberts, the photographer who so beautifully captured many of Mitzvah Day's priceless moments.



Thank you for participating

Upcoming Programs

Tot Shabbat

Our next Tot Shabbat will be Saturday, February 9. 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 for this fun and educational program for families with children up to age 6. No RSVP required. Contact rabbiallison@tbsma.org for more information.

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. Questions? Please contact Julie Unger at julsunger@gmail.com.

JNorth Program for Young Adults

Events are in the works for our JNorth group! 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. Please contact rabbiallison@gmail.com for more information.

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Melrose Cultural Council Supports TBS Concert

The Melrose Cultural Council awarded TBS's "Keeping Jazz Alive" concert with one of its 21 Local Cultural Council (LCC) grants. Organized by longtime Temple member Bruce Gertz, these concerts were inspired by Irving Smolens, a Temple elder and avid jazz fan, who passed away in 2015. Bruce and other Temple jazz fans believe there is no better tribute to Irving than to fill our sanctuary with the music he loved. The concert will be held in June.

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 next two meetings will be on Sunday, February 3, from 1–3 PM at the Temple and Sunday, February 24, from 10 AM–12 noon at Joel Moses's house, 152 Lincoln Street, Melrose.

We'll continue reading in the first chapters of the Book of Kings 2, which include great stories about the prophets Eliyahu (Elijah) and his successor, Elisha. Many of the miracles attributed to these two holy men foreshadow the miracles attributed to Jesus.

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.

The Interfaith Clergy Council of Wakefield
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Sunday, March 3 at 3 PM

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Tickets will be sold at the door beginning at 2 PM. Donation \$10 each (3 to 93 years old) or 4 for \$35. For information: 781-245-1359

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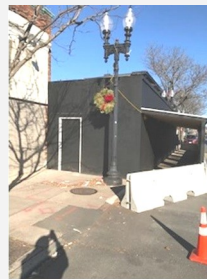
Our Annual Swimsuit Issue

Did you actually think that we'd show scantily clad TBS members here? Silly PS reader! As PS is the column that sells the Bulletin each month, we were told to "headline like the Herald"—but alas, just like SI, we're pushing the swimsuit issue to May. And so, on the same theme, we must say that it's "high"-ly unlikely if you think:

- it's going to be a cakewalk for TB12 and Co. this Superbowl Sunday
- the Oscar host later this month is going to be either Kevin (Hart or Spacey)
- the building going up on Main St. will house the newly licensed *CannaBreads* and *Cannabis of Ireland*—offering the famous scones that will make Melrosians even happier than before.

And finally, if you think anyone else can do a more aesthetically tasteful yet insensitively (PS: The proof-

reader changed this—it was submitted as "intensely") hilarious job at this Parting Shot schtick each month—BTW, Anthony Scaramucci wrote this one just after he did the fandango, yet again exiting the Big Bro Celeb Edition after only 3 days, beating his previous 11 days to fandango from the White House and the shortest press secretary tenure ever (yet another "best-ever" Trump accomplishment), and yes, our *Bulletin* editor did fire him—then we're back to the same old hilariously tasteful PS next month . . . unless someone else steps in it. We dare you!



In the photos: What will most likely not be the location of Melrose's licensed pot shop.

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