



B'nai Shalom



Newsletter of Temple B'nai Shalom

Bulletin: Susan Mason, Editor

Fall 2009

Shabbat Service Saturday at 9:15 AM (**except Oct. 31, No Service this day**) ***

Religious Education Classes Sunday 9-11 AM and Wednesdays at 7-8 PM

September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	11	12
13 Bagels and Budget Meeting 9:30 am	14	15	16	17	18 Erev Rosh Hashana 6:32p Candle lighting	19 Rosh Hashana 5770 7:30p Havdalah (42 min)
20 Rosh Hashana II 7:28p Havdalah (42 min)	21 Tzom Gedaliah	22	23	24	25 6:19p Candle lighting	26 Parashat Ha'Azinu Shabbat Shuva 7:18p Havdalah (42 min)
27 Erev Yom Kippur 6:16p Candle lighting	28 Yom Kippur 7:14p Havdalah (42 min)	29	30			

Temple B'nai Shalom and Temple Beth EL Celebrate 5770 Together

Again this year we will be celebrating the High Holy Days with Temple Beth EL. Last year was a big success with over 275 people on Day 1 of Rosh Hashanah and over 300 on Yom Kippur. The services with Rabbis Van Lanckton and Karen Silberman and Seth's beautiful voice resonated even more with such a large congregation. We were rich with people and rich with religion. Each and every service has special meaning and we love it when there are lots of us to worship together.

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Sisterhood Dinner 6- 8p	2 Erev Sukkot 6:07p Candle lighting	3 Sukkot I 7:05p Havdalah (42 min)
4 Sukkot II 7:04p Havdalah (42 min)	5 Sukkot III (CH"M)	6 Sukkot IV (CH"M)	7 Sukkot V (CH"M)	8 Sukkot VI (CH"M)	9 Sukkot VII (Hoshana Raba) 5:55p Candle lighting	10 Shmini Atzeret 6:54p Havdalah (42 min)
11 Simchat Torah 6:52p Havdalah (42 min)	12	13	14	15	16 Services 7:30 pm, Oneg Shabbat 5:44p Candle lighting	17 Parashat Bereshit 6:42p Havdalah (42 min)
18 Hebrew Classes Start Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	19 7pm Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	20	21 Hebrew Classes	22	23 5:33p Candle lighting	24 Parashat Noach 6:32p Havdalah (42 min)
25 Mens' Club Breakfast Hebrew Classes	26	27	28 Hebrew Classes	29	30 5:23p Candle lighting	31 Parashat Lech-Lecha No Services *** 6:22p Havdalah (42 min)

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 50th Anniversary Celebration Hebrew Classes	2	3	4 Hebrew Classes	5	6 4:14p Candle lighting	7 Bar Mitzvah Irving Adler Parashat Vayera 5:13p Havdalah (42 min)
8 Hebrew Classes	9	10	11 Hebrew Classes	12	13 4:07p Candle lighting	14 Parashat Chayei Sara 5:06p Havdalah (42 min)
15 Rummage Sale Hebrew Classes	16 Rummage Sale	17 Rosh Chodesh Kislev	18 Hebrew Classes Rosh Chodesh Kislev	19	20 4:01p Candle lighting	21 Parashat Toldot 5:00p Havdalah (42 min)
22 Hebrew Classes		24	25 Hebrew Classes	26	27 3:57p Candle lighting	28 Parashat Vayetzei 4:56p Havdalah (42 min)
29 Hebrew Classes	30		Hebrew Classes			

Rabbi Milton's Message

We moved from Upstate New York to Stoughton about eleven years ago. I have always believed that the Jewish community in Boston is strong and united, especially when it comes to Israel. That was shaken recently when the Consul General of Israel, Nadav Tamir, was recalled to Israel to explain a memo he wrote to his superiors.

Mr. Tamir informed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the foreign ministry that Israeli policies regarding the settlements and East Jerusalem were contrary to those of the American government and creating a sense of alienation. Obviously, his superiors did not agree with him, and prefer that he be silent.

The Jewish community of Boston overwhelmingly supported Tamir, but there have been some dissenting voices, notably from the Russian Jewish community here and from some orthodox groups. Some orthodox oppose compromising on the settlements in East Jerusalem because they believe that God promised this land to our people. The Russians are fervent nationalists, like their counterpart in Israel, Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, who would deny rights to Arab citizens of Israel. These are new voices who have a right to be heard. Jewish tradition is rich in dissenting voices, like Hillel and Shamai.

It is troubling to think that the present government in Israel does not permit dissent from their representatives abroad. Tamir wanted to share the feelings in Boston but his superiors did not want to hear them. That is more characteristic of authoritarian governments, not democratic governments.

We are about to enter into a new year, 5770. Year after year we have yearned for peace and security for Israel, and for us as well. Our hopes have not been realized and our dreams for peace have not been fulfilled. When will they?

I offer my prayers that perhaps this year will finally bring the peace we want. Can we help to bring it about? Leshana Tovah. Lenore and I wish each one a New Year of health and joy, and may the world realize its dreams for universal peace and cooperation.

Rabbi Van Lanckton's Message

For the second year we will observe the High Holy Days together in Quincy with the Beth EL congregation, beginning with Erev Rosh Hashanah on Friday evening, September 18. I am looking forward once again to leading services with my colleague, Karen Silberman, and I am grateful for the guidance I have received from Rabbi Milton Feierstein in preparing the services. Seth Grossman will also again this year be providing his inspiring cantorial leadership that so much enhances the beauty and spiritual engagement of our prayers.

Each year some aspects remain the same, such as those mentioned above, and others have changed. Since we were last together as two communities I have had the honor of completing my rabbinical studies and being ordained by Hebrew College Rabbinical School on May 31 of this year. The lay leadership of B'nai Shalom has also undergone some change, with Peter Kurzberg becoming our new President, while Marylou Fishman continues to play a leading role in the organization of our High Holy Day services together with Janice Fine.

My heart is full of gratitude for all the efforts of these and others who make our services meaningful each year and for the opportunity to serve this wonderful congregation. Alice and I look forward to greeting each member of our temple family personally during these High Holy Days. May we all enjoy a good and sweet year - *Shanah Tovah Um'tukah*.



President's Corner

Each year as we approach the High Holy Days, we have heard people say that the High Holy Days are either early or late, but never on time. This year, the High Holy Days seem to be on time. I look forward to seeing everyone at services as we reunite with our temple family and friends and pray for a better year ahead.

I have a few things to report since the last bulletin came out. We had a wonderful turnout at the barbeque/open house on Aug. 9. As a result four new members will be joining the temple. Also, on August 15, Alyse Baker-Boncaldo had her Bat Mitzvah. She was an inspiration to any adult wanting to have a Bat Mitzvah for the first or second time. On August 29 Anton Kobrin had his Bar Mitzvah. Anton studied hard this past year and did a terrific job. Congratulations, Alyse and Anton!!

Now, for some not so good news. As a result of all the rain this summer, the temple had significant flooding in the basement causing extensive damage. Both sump pumps have been replaced and we will need to renovate the entire basement level. We are waiting for estimates and settlement with the insurance company for the necessary repairs. We hope to have more information for you about the repairs in the near future. However, we are looking forward to getting a facelift in time for our Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration on November 1.

By now you should have received your membership dues bill in the mail. Our dues continue to be extremely reasonable as we do everything to maintain our temple with minimal expenditures. For those of you who decide to pay your dues in full at the beginning of the year, we thank you. For those choosing to pay on a monthly basis, I would encourage you to make payments automatically by your bank. This would be helpful to us and convenient for you. If you do not use your bank to make payments you should consider looking into it. It is very simple, and in most cases, does not cost you anything and will save you postage and time.

It is that time again for our annual **meeting and approval of the budget for the 2009-2010 year**. It is very important that that you attend this meeting on **Sunday morning September 13 at 9:30 am**. One of the topics for discussion and vote will center on continued membership in The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ). Your vote is important, and I urge you to attend this meeting.

Finally, I again encourage you to attend at least four Shabbat Services this year beyond the Jewish Holidays. Circle four Shabbat dates on your calendar or the calendar in the bulletins and come to shul on those dates. Consider choosing a yearzeit or a special occasion and sponsor a Kiddush. We need your support, but more importantly, we want your company.

Wishing you and your family the very best for a Happy and Healthy New Year and looking forward to seeing you soon. **Shalom, Peter Kurzberg**

Nifty Fifty (1959-2009)

Our Temple Celebrates Its 50th Year
Join us Sunday November 1st, 2009 for Brunch 11-2 at Temple B'nai Shalom.

Religious Class Update

Teachers: Seth Grossman & Solomon Borocov

Temple B'Nai Shalom is now offering Religious School classes twice a week for 3 hours.

Where: Temple B'Nai Shalom- 41 Storrs Ave. Braintree MA.

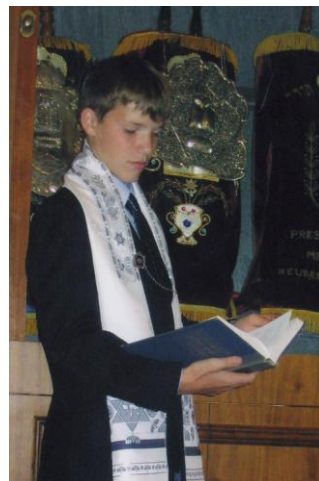
When: Classes start on Sunday, Oct. 18th 9:00-11:00am

Beginning Hebrew and Jewish Living will be held each Sunday 9:00-11:00am and Wednesday evening at 7:00-8:00pm. Parents of Bar/Bat Mitzvah students, adult temple members and non members can also participate. Contact Solomon at sol007@yahoo.com for more information.

Class topics will include:

1. Aleph Bet
2. Hebrew Counting
3. Hebrew Vocabulary
4. Numerology
5. Jewish Holidays and Traditions
6. Shabbat
7. Shabbat Service Prayers
8. The 10 Commandments
9. The Synagogue (religious objects)
10. Israel's Geography and History

Anton Kobrin's Bar Mitzvah



Alyse Baker-Boncaldo's Bat Mitzvah



Alyse with Janice Fine and Marylou



Fishman

Our Temple Picnic/BBQ on August 9th

The Tubman family & Ruth Starr-Swartz



Chefs Solomon and Manny

