

Rabbi's Message

September 2010

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"Be Rosh hahsnaha Yekatevun u ve yom Tzom Kippur Yechatemun."

"On Rosh Hashanah it is written (in the Book of Life) and on Yom Kippur it is sealed."

A new year is beginning! Our tradition teaches us that when the month of Tishrei starts — the first month of our Jewish calendar — we are supposed to prepare ourselves. It is a custom to wear new clothes and it is a custom to revise our lives. The slogan above is the theme of the High Holidays. The purpose of coming to the synagogue to pray is to ask for more life, to ask God to change our destiny, to live longer.

This theme reminds me of a story. A tale is told of one who sat in study before the zaddik Rabbi Mordecai of Nadvorna, of blessed memory (19th cent), and before Rosh Hashanah came to obtain permission to be dismissed. The zaddik said to him, "Why are you hurrying?" Said he to him, "I am a Reader, and I must look into the festival prayer book, and put my prayers in order." Said the zaddik to him, "The prayer book is the same as it was last year. But it would be better for you to look into your deeds, and put yourself in order." (Likkute Mahariah)

During September we will be gathering at Temple Beth Tikvah to celebrate a new year. We will all be pouring into our sanctuary to celebrate the High Holy Days. And celebrate we will! We will be running into people we haven't seen in a while - perhaps since last Yom Kippur. There will be a good spirit that will fill this place. It is the spirit of friendship, camaraderie, and love. It will truly be one of the high "family" moments in the life of our congregation. Indeed, our people will be here to celebrate the High Holy Days!

But while we will be here to celebrate the High Holy Days, how many of us will be truly prepared, or even somewhat prepared, to OBSERVE the High Holy Days? "Celebrate"? Yes! But "Observe"? That's another matter.

Rabbi Mordecai clearly understood that distinction. He knew that there was a dramatic and important distinction between "doing" the holy days, and observing them. For Rabbi Mordecai was saying to his student, "there is preparation, and there is preparation, and it is not enough for us just to prepare for the High Holy Days. We need to concern ourselves with how we prepare for the High Holy Days." It is essential that there be spiritual preparation as well as physical preparation.

Most Jews also suffer from an inability to strike an appropriate balance between their physical and their spiritual High Holy Days preparations. Indeed, for most Jews there simply is no balance, for the spiritual side is completely ignored until they walk into the sanctuary on Rosh Hashanah Eve. And that truly is a great misfortune for our people, for without spiritual preparation, we are only capable of deriving a fraction of the benefit of the High Holy Days.

The High Holy Days are all about enriching our lives. More than about Jewish reunion; more than about receiving a Jewish identity booster charge, the High Holy Days are about our lives and how we live them on a day-to-day basis, and how we can live them better. How God can become a part of our lives. How those Jews of the past, great and small, and most important of all - those who were closest to us - taught us important lessons for living the future. How living in a community - a community which we so readily celebrate by coming together in joy - carries with it significant personal responsibilities, each one of us to the other. How not one of us has yet achieved perfection, and therefore will sometimes make a mistake, not exercise the best judgment, will sin. How needy we all are when it comes to forgiveness. How impossible and illogical it is for us to expect to receive forgiveness when we are unwilling to grant forgiveness. How each and every one of us possesses the power to change; to change our world, to change our lives. How in order to change, we must muster the courage to confront that part of ourselves which embarrasses us; which we don't wish to lay claim to but we know all too well is there. How our lives need not be lived on a treadmill, but how we can take control of our lives and alter them for the better, with God's help and guidance.

All this, and so much more, are there for us, waiting for us, on the High Holy Days. But if we are not spiritually prepared, we barely and rarely perceive

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SHABBAT SERVICES

September 3 (7:30 pm)
Erev Shabbat Service

September 10 (7:30 pm)
Shabbat Shuvah Service

September 17 (8:00 pm)
Kol Nidre Service

September 24 (7:00 pm)
Family Shabbat Service

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of it. We lose it, and in losing it, we lose the heart and soul of those most sacred days.

We will start our High Holidays at Selichot. Selichot services are held on the Saturday night prior to Rosh Hashanah. The service itself is very moving and a wonderful prelude to the High Holy Day services. This year, Reform congregations from Connecticut will gather at Congregation B'nai Israel in Southbury to pray together and to be together.

This year will be very active at TBT. The High Holy Days should be a time of memory and reflection. The High Holiday should be a time to look to our past, to reflect and to learn from our actions and to move to a great year in which all of us will enjoy new adult education classes, new religious school curricula, new melodies at our services, new TBT family social moments, new trips for our students and families, etc. 5771 will be an exciting year! I, as your Rabbi, guarantee you!

As we approach these High Holy Days, let us heed the good council of Rabbi Mordecai of Nadvorna. Let us prepare ourselves spiritually. Let us study our deeds and put ourselves in order, and let us do so before we enter the sanctuary on Rosh Hashanah eve. Let's all of us be inscribed in the book of life.

Rabbi Claudio J. Kogan, MD, MBE, MEd

High Holiday Tickets

Admission to High Holiday services is by ticket only. High Holiday tickets will be issued only when the congregants are current with their financial obligations as outlined by the bylaws.

High Holiday tickets for congregants and requested guests will be mailed when the congregant is current with financial obligation and guest fees. If payment is received too late to allow mailing, tickets will be held for congregants at the Synagogue. Congregants and their guests will be required to present their tickets to Board members on Erev Rosh Hashanah, first day of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur morning as they enter the front door.

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President's Message

Shana Tovah! Try Something New in 5771!

Our Jewish New Year begins in just a few short weeks. High Holy days are "early" this year (ok, I know they come exactly when they should each year). Rosh HaShanah starts soon after Labor Day and just after the exciting first day of school for many of our children. At Temple Beth Tikvah, September is also an exciting time when everything starts anew, not just for the children but for adults, too. This fall, there is an especially rich array of religious, social, and educational programs planned and it's planned for all of us!

In preparation for your New Year, 5771, think about trying something new at Temple Beth Tikvah. It's time for a fresh start. Make a New Year's resolution to partake in an experience you have not had before. The most meaningful, memorable, and enjoyable times for me have occurred when I participated in something new and different. And, the pleasure wasn't just in the event or learning itself, it was experiencing the journey with others from TBT. The trip to the Mikvah in Waltham; eating our way through the lower east side of NYC; studying with my B'nai Mitzvah group of thirteen; apple-picking with the youth group; painting woodwork at a New Haven habitat build; singing with the choir, and more. These are some of my special moments, and I hope you will enjoy even more!

So as we start the New Year, choose a few new things to do with me and others at TBT. Special times are waiting for you. Come to Selichot services on September 4th to prepare for the High Holy days. Help decorate the sukkah on September 22nd. Spend one hour some Saturday morning to share thoughts on the weekly Torah portion. How about a trip to Rhode Island to visit the Touro synagogue on October 10th? Sponsor an oneg to commemorate a special birthday. Help chop some vegetables at Branford Soup Cellar. This is just a small sample of what is available.

Did you happen to read the recent New York Times article entitled "But Will It Make You Happy?" written by Stephanie Rosenbloom? She cites a Boston Consulting Group study concluding that recession anxiety had prompted a "back-to-basics movement," with things like home and family increasing in importance over the last two years, while things like luxury and status have declined." Temple Beth Tikvah is your Jewish home. Enjoy more good times with your Temple family.

Shanah tovah! May the New Year be a happy and healthy one for you and your families!

Wendy Bluemling
President, Temple Beth Tikvah

Annual Joint Selichot Service Saturday, September 4, 2010

6:00 pm Depart for B'nai Israel in Southbury, CT
7:30 pm Service begins at B'nai Israel

Temple Beth Tikvah will once again participate in a joint Selichot Service with several of our Temple neighbors including B'nai Israel (Southbury), Temple Emanuel (Orange), Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek (Chester), Congregation Mishkan Israel (Hamden) and Temple Beth David (Cheshire).

Please join us for this beautiful and contemplative service of preparation for the High Holy Days. Rabbi Rex Perlmeter, Regional Rabbi, Eastern District, URJ will be speaking on trends in Reform Worship.

This year's Selichot Service will take place on Saturday evening, September 4th and will be hosted by B'nai Israel located at 444 Main Street North, Southbury, Connecticut. Congregants interested in carpooling to Southbury should meet at Temple Beth Tikvah by 5:45 and be ready to leave no later than 6:00. Please let Robin Baker know by August 28th if you will be carpooling. Robin can be reached at 203-488-9661 or ebaker26@sbcglobal.net.

Torah Tots

Torah Tots' first meeting of the year will be **Sunday, October 3rd**, 11 to noon. Come join us for an interactive parent-grandparent-child oriented session. This month the theme is High Holidays. Open to congregants and interested community members of pre-school aged children. There will be a craft and snack. Meet the Rabbi, our school principal, Ms. Geringer, our librarian, Linda DeRusha, and our cantorial soloist and music teacher, Rick Calvert. RSVP to Sandy in the temple office.

Rabbi Kogan will be Joined by Cantor Maria Dubinsky for our High Holy Days

Cantor Dubinsky was born and raised in Moscow, Russia. In 1990, she made an *aliyah* to Israel, where she graduated with a B.M. in Vocal Performance from the Rubin Academy of Music and Dance in Jerusalem. Prior to cantorial school, Cantor Dubinsky experienced a diverse variety of professions. She served in the Israel Defense Force, worked at the Israeli Opera

and performed various solo and chamber music concerts, while also serving as a translator for television and print media. Cantor Dubinsky was invested as a cantor by the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in May 2010. During her cantorial studies, Cantor Dubinsky served as a student cantor at Garden City Jewish Center and Union Temple of Brooklyn, NY, where she was heavily involved in both religious school and adult education. In addition, the cantor implemented and organized numerous musical programs, concerts and events. She recently became active in the Russian Jewish community, as well as in early childhood education. This year, Cantor Dubinsky also worked at JCC in Manhattan and JCH of Bensonhurst, where she developed different music curriculums for young children. Last year, Cantor Dubinsky started to compose music and she is hoping to continue doing this in the future. The daughter of an Orthodox *hazzan*, Cantor Dubinsky is committed to the Reform Movement, and hopes to return to Israel to contribute her talents to the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism. Please welcome Cantor Dubinsky and her husband Arcady and their daughter Maya to Temple Beth Tikvah!



New Members Breakfast A New Year, A Time for New Friends

All new members of Temple Beth Tikvah are cordially invited to a light breakfast Rosh Hashanah morning, Thursday September 9th, at 9:00am in the Temple library. Morning services to follow at 10:00.

R.S.V.P. Sandy Walsh 203.245.7028

Shabbat Shuvah

Shabbat Shuvah literally means "Sabbath of Return," but it also reminds us of "Shabbat Teshuvah" (Sabbath of Repentance). It is the Shabbat that occurs between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and is a time for reflection leading up to the atonement of Yom Kippur. This year Shabbat Shuvah falls right on the **evening of the 2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah** – Friday, September 10th – which is of course another important day in our own history.

Please join us as Rabbi Kogan and Rick Calvert lead us in a meaningful and reflective Shabbat Shuvah, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Nursery School

The Temple Beth Tikvah Nursery School welcomes students back for their first day on Monday, September 13. We look forward to a year of growth and learning together. Our program has openings in each age group so please feel free to recommend our school to any child who might enjoy socializing, playing, creating and learning in a Jewish environment.

Our Parent-Child program is looking for a few "terrific two year olds" and their parents....sign up for Tuesday or Thursday morning and enjoy a cup of coffee while your child plays. Our discussions cover potty training to favorite daytrips and much more in between.

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven offers Education Scholarships

The Jewish Federation together with The Jewish Foundation and Department of Jewish Education created the Jewish Scholarship Initiative to assist families in providing their children with a strong Jewish education.

"Learning, learning, learning: that is the secret to Jewish survival." These words stated by the Zionist leader Ahad Ha'am in 1910, are indicative of the importance of education to Jewish continuity and community development. The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven recognizes the importance of education and learning to the development of a strong Jewish community and works together with local synagogues and communal agencies to offer a wide array of educational programs to a diversity of community members. The programs eligible for scholarship include: preschool, day school, summer camp, and religious schools. For more information, see www.jewishnewhaven.org or contact Anat Weiner at the Department of Jewish Education at aweiner@jewishnewhaven.org or 203 387-2424 x313. You can also contact Jane Luyckx, our TBT Administrator, to obtain the necessary Scholarship Application forms.

News from the Besso Library

As we all gear up for the 2010-11 school year, I'm looking forward to seeing you and your children again! I hope everyone had a great summer!

The Library is staffed during the same hours as last year: Wednesday 12:30-5:15 & Sunday 9-12:15. Remember, though, you are welcome to come in, browse, read, relax and borrow materials at any time.

During the summer months, a number of new titles were added to the collections. I also had time to re-catalog some titles in the adult Religion collection. I'll be setting up a display of some of these titles for the first day of classes; stop by and check them out.

A reminder: You have improved access to the wonderful materials in our library via our online catalog. Not only can you search by author, title, and subject, but by keyword, a very useful tool. Searching instructions are posted at the catalog, or, better yet, come by when I'm here for a personal instruction session!

I encourage you to visit, and use, your library. Come discover the wealth of knowledge; the beauty of photography and art; the thought-provoking criticism and commentary; the spiritual guidance and insight; the humor; the armchair travel; the wisdom of the sages; the philosophical musings; the practical and creative ideas, instruction and recipes; the history and the future; and all the other treasures that await you in the pages of the books in the Besso Library!!

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, September 27th

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven has recently opened a Shoreline Division office in the rear building at Lighthouse Square in Guilford, CT. This office will serve our entire Shoreline/lower CT Valley region. It seeks to establish meaningful programs that make our Jewish population from East Haven to East Haddam a more vibrant community in which to live. The official opening ceremony will be held on Monday, September 27th during Sukkot. Jill Lesage, the new part-time Program Coordinator, will be your host along with JFGNH CEO Sydney Perry and additional Federation officials. The festivities will begin at 5:30pm when families with children will be invited to participate in a Sukkah inspired craft and a PJ Library book reading. The evening will continue at 7pm when everyone is invited to the Sukkah to nosh, drink, and celebrate. The event will include affixing and blessing a Mezzuzah on the doorpost of their new office. Please mark your calendar and initiate your support by attending. For additional information, contact: jwlesage@jewishnewhaven.org

Come and See the New Renovated
Gift Shop at TBT.

We are excited about the new products we carry,
the shop layout, and the new season!

SCOTCH IN THE TBT SUKKAH WHISKY TASTING EVENT!



TUESDAY
Sept 28th

6:30 CARRY-IN DINNER
7:30 WHISKY TASTING



SCOTCH IS NOT ALL SMOKE & FIRE – EXPERIENCE THE SMOOTHER, FLORAL, HONEYED, FRUITIER SIDE OF SCOTCH WHISKY WITH THE BALVENIE'S MASTER BRAND AMBASSADOR – SAM SIMMONS

This is a limited engagement – maximum 40 people.

\$20 per person plus carry-in dinner dish (dairy)

50% of the proceeds go to The Laurence B. and Elaine J. Sommer Memorial Fund for Social Justice.

Send RSVP & inquiries to Joshua Hatton by Sept 16th to: jewmaltwhisky@yahoo.com

Please send check to TBT, payable to Temple Beth Tikvah (please reference "Whisky Event" in the memo line of your check)

TBT Teen Barbara Harding Participates in “March of the Living”

by Elizabeth Friedman-Rubin

Imagine an endless sea of Jewish teenagers with arms linked in solidarity and pride as they retrace the steps of those who marched to their deaths from Auschwitz to Birkenau. They have come together from all corners of the world as part of the March of the Living program, whose mission is “to challenge a new generation of Jews with two of the most significant events of Jewish history – the Shoah and the birth of the State of Israel.”



TBT member Barbara Harding from Madison was one of sixty high school students from New England who joined thousands of other young Jewish adults on the MOL this past April. Prior to the trip, Barbara attended classes at Makom High School in New Haven. The classes prepared her for the very emotional journey that began in Poland and ended in Israel in joyous celebration. She traveled with students from Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. Later, their group joined young adults from other regions of the U.S. as well as international students.

Recently, Barbara shared her profound and deeply moving experience with teens from TBT religious school. She explained that at first she was very nervous and unsure of participating because she would be the only person from Madison on the trip but was excited to go to a different place. “I saw things that I never thought that I would.”

During the first week of her journey, Barbara traveled to Poland. The group visited the towns of Krakow, Chelm and Warsaw. They also went to various concentration camps, viewed old ghetto walls and synagogues. “Everything becomes more real, and numbers start meaning more. I didn’t expect to be that emotional.” The time spent in Poland felt like an emotional roller coaster. Barbara described “highs and lows, at times crying and then laughing.” She liked going to the old Jewish communities in Poland and “bringing Jewish life back to Poland. It was a good feeling to bring old Polish synagogues to life.”

She described the somber and heart wrenching march in Poland from Auschwitz to Birkenau following in the exact steps of fellow Jews like writer and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel. “We are the last generation to know survivors, and this trip provided a hands-on, first account learning experience.” During the march, she recalled students walking with “linked arms to show that as Jews we are moving forward.”

Following their very emotional experiences both of past and

current Jewish life in Poland, the students excitedly anticipated landing in Israel. In fact, during the last hour of the flight, the whole plane erupted into song. “People cried on arrival and were kissing the ground. I was really looking forward to visiting Israel the most.” Barbara expressed a sense of belonging in Israel and an overwhelming feeling of pride. While there, she participated in a March celebrating Yom Ha’atzmaut, Israel’s Independence Day that truly brings the MOL journey full circle. According to the MOL mission, “It will allow Marchers to educate their peers about the Holocaust and to fight those who would deny its history, while forging a dynamic link with Israel.” In her closing remarks, Barbara told the TBT teens, “Don’t be afraid to be Jewish. You will have this bond with anyone who is Jewish.”

TBT October 10, 2010 trip to Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island

In 1658, fifteen Jewish families sailed into Newport Harbor, attracted to Rhode Island by Roger William’s goal of creating a civil government committed to honoring religious freedom. Just over a century later, the Jews of Newport completed the Touro Synagogue. Discover the fascinating and historically important role of the Touro Synagogue in America’s history by joining a TBT trip to the synagogue on Sunday, October 10, 2010. We will meet in the TBT parking lot at 10:15 am, travel to Newport via bus and be given a tour of the synagogue at 1:30 pm. There will be time to visit the Synagogue’s Visitors Center and its nearby cemetery. Please use the enclosed registration form to register for this exciting trip by Monday, September 20, 2010. For a preview of what is in store, visit Touro Synagogue’s website at www.tourosynagogue.org. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Redlich (karenredlich@comcast.net) or Judith Barr (judith.barr@sbcglobal.net).

TBT BOOK GROUP

The upcoming TBT Book Group read will be:

September - Songs of the Butcher’s Daughter by Peter Manseau

We plan to discuss books for future meetings at the August meeting, which was to take place after the deadline for this issue of the Shofar.

Meetings are usually the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Shoreline Diner in Guilford. For further information please contact Myra Josephson at standj_992003@yahoo.com or 203 488-3350

A Spiritual Journey Through the Five Megillot

Have you ever wondered about the connection of certain biblical books with specific Holy Days? Jewish tradition provides spiritual insights into our life's journey through the emotional experiences addressed in the collective texts known as the Five Megillot.

The Five Megillot: Ecclesiastes (Sukkot), Esther (Purim), Song of Songs (Passover), Ruth (Shavuot) and Lamentations (Tisha B'Av) offer us insights into our emotional state of mind through our calendar year. All are welcome to Join Rabbi Hesch Sommer, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Counseling Services, in an exploration of these emotional themes and how they impact on our lives. You are invited to participate in all sessions or in any of the sessions. The dates, times and locations for each session are listed below:

Ecclesiastes: Timing is Everything or "Man Plans and G-d Laughs"- Life's Fragility
September 20, 2010 (Monday) at Mishkan Israel (Hamden)

Esther: The Fragility of Jewish Identity
March 2, 2011 (Wednesday) at Temple Beth Tikvah (Madison)

Song of Songs: The Redemptive Power of Love
April 13, 2011 (Wednesday) at Temple Emanuel (Orange)

Ruth: Sharing the Journey in Times of Joy and in Times of Heartache
June 2, 2011 (Wednesday) at Congregation Sinai (Milford)

Lamentations: Communal Sorrow and Personal Sorrow- Mirror Images
August 3, 2011 (Wednesday) at Temple Beth David (Cheshire)

Join us as we explore these texts and use their wisdom and insights to prepare us for the ups and downs of life's path. Each session will run from 7:00-8:30pm. There will be no charge for the sessions, but people are asked to contact Rabbi Sommer (203-389-5599 ext.117) to register. This course is made possible through the support of the Jewish Family Service of New Haven and the Greater New Haven Federation.

Rosh Chodesh 5771

Our Rosh Chodesh celebrations for women will resume for 5771 in Cheshvan (see the schedule below for dates and themes). We will begin the New Year with a celebration of the Hebrew month of Cheshvan on Thursday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. at TBT. A discussion on "Transitions in our Lives" will focus on life transitions and the changes and uncertainties they create for

women. This first session of the year will also include a short discussion of TBT leadership for the joint session in March and any other additional opportunities the group might be interested in.

Rosh Chodesh is a biblical holiday that sanctifies the appearance of the first sliver of moon each month, symbolizing renewal and the cycle of life. Since the Middle Ages, it has been set apart as a holiday particularly important to women, for a variety of historical and religious reasons. Rosh Chodesh offers a varied forum for prayer, study and discussion of issues of particular concern to women. Each monthly celebration is led by a different group member or members. There is no fee to participate. All services begin at 7:30 at TBT.

For further information, please contact this year's logistical coordinator, Claire Morduch, at clairemorduch@gmail.com or 203-457-9410.

Cheshvan/Thursday, Oct. 7

Theme: Transitions and changes

Kislev/Sunday, November 7

Theme: Women and family relationships

Tevet/Wednesday, December 8

Theme: Hanukkah lights – art midrash

Shevat/Thursday, January 6

Theme: Tu B'Shevat – How do you feel (figuratively) nourished?

Adar I/Sunday, February 6

Theme: Loss, grief and mourning

Adar II/Sunday, March 6

Theme: Joint session with Chester/Chabad/Shoreline Hadassah

Nisan/Tuesday, April 5

Theme: Religious observance in a secular world

Iyar/Thursday, May 5

Theme: Legacy food

Sivan/Thursday, June 2 - Theme: Interfaith community

TBT Cooks

Calling all cooks! TBT Cooks is looking for more volunteers to cook at the Community Dining Room for the 2010-2011 year. All months are open, from September and beyond. It's fun, only takes a short time, and does a lot to help feed our shoreline neighbors in need. If you have already cooked and want to volunteer, or if you have never cooked and want to be paired with an experienced cook, please contact Amy Eppler-Epstein (457-9650; aeppler-epstein@nhlegal.org) and Claire Morduch (457-9410; clairemorduch@gmail.com). Thanks! Amy & Claire



Hebrew Marathon

Sunday, September 26
9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Could you imagine yourself running a marathon? Yes, you can do it! Participants of our Hebrew Marathon will learn the whole Hebrew Alphabet in one day! This will be a great opportunity to start to learn our sacred language, and will help you to recognize the Hebrew letters at our services and get to know our sacred language. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Bruce Alpert, a member of TBT and soon to be a rabbi of Israel, will be teaching this class. Every participant will receive materials. Please, RSVP as soon as possible so that everyone will enjoy this great day.

Social Justice

Back to School

Thanks to the generous response to this drive, we have been able to provide 55 backpacks each to Guilford and Madison Youth Services. We have also provided erasers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, three ring binders, filler paper and highlighters for 100 Guilford students. There is still an urgent need for library books for the Wexler-Grant School in New Haven; donations are still needed.

High Holidays Food Drive

The Holidays are very early this year and our Food Drive is in full swing. Grocery bags with "wish lists" are available in the lobby and they can also be obtained during Rosh Hashanah services on September 8th, 9th and 10th. Please bring filled bags to the morning service on Yom Kippur, September 18th.

Madison Cares

The dedication for the sixth build took place on July 18th. In addition to the help and support provided by TBT, a 13 piece set of cookware was given to the new residents of the house. Ground breaking for the next build takes place on September 25th. The five TBT build dates will be announced soon.

IRIS

On October 7th at 7:30 pm, IRIS is sponsoring a presentation at the Cooperative Arts and Humanities High School at 177 College Street in New Haven. The presentation will be The Bill of Rights, a choral setting of the first ten amendments of the Constitution of the United States of America. This performance will feature readers, instrumentalists and a large chorus of area singers. A dessert reception will follow.

Crop WALK

The Crop Walk will take place on Sunday, October 3rd.

Please consider joining us on the Social Justice Committee. We participate in many enjoyable and rewarding projects. For more information, please contact Kate Lee at falkon181@aol.com, or Ellen Goldfarb at erg1021a@aol.com.

Celebrating a Bat Mitzvah at TBT...

by Elizabeth Friedman-Rubin

Alana Friedman is a 7th grade student at Polson Middle School in Madison. I caught up with her just as she returned from Camp Laurelwood and was looking forward to her Bat Mitzvah on September 4th.



What are your hobbies?

I like tennis, theater and singing.

Tell me about your family.

I live with my mom, stepdad, sister and stepbrother in Madison. They are both going to be seniors at Daniel Hand High School. My dad lives in Upstate New York with my stepmom and new baby daughter.

What does your Bat Mitzvah mean to you?

It means that I am an adult in the Jewish community.

What is your Torah portion, and what is it about?

Nitzavim, and it's about choosing life.

What is your Mitzvah project?

I am donating curriculum with lessons and stories of Holocaust survivors to the TBT Religious School. The Museum of Jewish Heritage in NYC put together the material. I hope future Bar/Bat Mitzvah students read and use these books to learn about the Holocaust just as I did. I also visited the museum which further taught me the history of the Holocaust, and also explained Jewish traditions. I learned how survivors found new lives in other places.

What is your favorite Jewish holiday?

Passover because you get to find the Afikomen!

Do you have any Bar/Bat Mitzvah advice for your classmates?

Study hard and be prepared. Don't worry what other people think, and do your best. Have fun!

Schedule of Services

Friday, September 3

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services
Torah portion: Nitzavim/Vayelech (Deuteronomy 29:9–31:30)
TAMC, rev. ed., p. 1373; TAMC, 1st ed., p. 1537; Hertz, p. 878



Saturday, September 4

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:00 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Alana Friedman, daughter of Julie and Mark Danetz
7:30 p.m. Joint Reform Congregations **Selichot Service** at Temple B'nai Israel in Southbury

Wednesday, September 8

8:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 9

10:00 a.m. First Day Rosh Hashanah Service (parallel youth service)
Torah portion: Rosh Hashanah: Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 (Gates of Repentance, p.192-196)
2:00 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Children's Service
3:30 p.m. Tashlich

Friday, September 10

10:00 a.m. Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service
Torah portion: Genesis 22:1-19 (Gates of Repentance, p.124-126)
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Shuvah Service
Torah portion: Ha'azinu Shabbat Shuvah (Deuteronomy 32:1-52)
TAMC, rev. ed., p. 1400; TAMC, 1st ed., p. 1556; Hertz, p. 896

Saturday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Minyan

Sunday, September 12

10:00 a.m. Memorial Service at TBT Cemetery

Friday, September 17

8:00 p.m. Kol Nidre Service

Saturday, September 18

10:00 a.m. Yom Kippur Service (parallel youth service)
Torah portion: Deuteronomy 29:9-14; 30:11-20 (Gates of Repentance, p.342-344)
2:00 p.m. Yom Kippur Children's Service
3:00 p.m. Afternoon, Yizkor Services
Torah portion: Leviticus 19:14; 9-18; 32-27 (Gates of Repentance, p.452-454)

Friday, September 24

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service
Torah portion: Hol Hamoed Sukkot, Exodus 33:9-23
TAMC, rev. ed., p.; TAMC, 1st ed., p. 657; Hertz, p. 361

Saturday, September 25

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:00 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Abrams, son of David Abrams and Lisa Fenton

Thursday, September 30

9:00 a.m. Last Day of Sukkot Service (Yizkor will be read)

The *Chumash* (Torah Commentary) contains the Hebrew text of the Torah (the first section of the Bible) with vocalization and punctuation. The *Chumashim* we use at TBT also contain English translations and commentaries. In addition, they carry the text of each Haftarah, a portion from the Prophets (the second section of the Bible). The three *Chumashim* referred to above are:
TAMC, rev. ed. = The Torah: A Modern Commentary, revised edition (2005)
TAMC, 1st ed. = The Torah: A Modern Commentary, 1st edition (W. Gunther Plaut, ed.) (1981)
Hertz = The Pentateuch and Haftarahs (J.H. Hertz, ed.) (1937)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SUKKAH DECORATING, SHARED CARRY-IN DAIRY DINNER AND SUKKOT SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5:30pm – Sukkah Decorating and Sukkot Service
6:15 pm – Shared Carry-in Dairy Dinner

I would like to invite everyone to a fun evening of celebration as we create wonderful artwork to decorate our Temple Beth Tikvah Sukkah. After we've hung our colorful decorations we will join together for a short Sukkot service followed by a shared carry-in dairy dinner in the Social Hall at 6:15 pm.

CARRY-IN DAIRY DINNER

Last Name Beginning:
A-N (Main Dish), O-Z (Salad or Side Dish)

For more information or to volunteer to help with the Sukkah set up please call or email

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William Fogelman, founding member of TBT

Mi Shebeirach list update



Our Mi Shebeirach list, which is an important way of recognizing and keeping in our prayers those struggling with illness, tends to get longer and longer each month. To prevent keeping people on the list who may not need to be there still, Sandy Walsh will send out a monthly request, through e-mail and in the Shofar, for names. After this request goes out, the old list will be discarded and the new will include those names sent to her by e-mail, tbt sandy@sbcglobal.net. You can also contact Sandy by phone at 203-245-7028. Names will remain on the list for one month unless otherwise specified.




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