



Temple B'nai Abraham BULLETIN

Sivan - Av 5768

July/August 2008

Temple Hires Executive Director

Following a vote by the congregation to approve a budget amendment, Temple B'nai Abraham has hired Deborah Vozella as Executive Director.

Her key responsibilities in the position will include strategic planning for the Temple, programming, fund-raising, and administrative management.

Temple members at the June 8 Congregational Meeting added line-items to the 2008-09 budget to fund the new position. The vote was preceded by about an hour of discussion.

A proposed bylaws amendment to eliminate the Executive Committee was withdrawn.

Also during the meeting, congregants voted to approve a list of officers, directors, and cemetery trustees for 2008-09.

OFFICERS

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| Co-Presidents | Martin Greenstein Deb Willwerth |
| 1st Vice President | Herb Selesnick |
| Treasurer | Peter Gilmore |
| Finance Secretary | Eileen Edelstein |
| Recording Secretary | Deb Willwerth |

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Term Ending June 2009

Ilene Goldberg, Alan Pierce, Donna Pierce, Elissa Sireuil

Term Ending June 2010

Stacey Edelstein, Toby Karlyn, Linda Magalnick, Eric Zieff

Term Ending June 2011

Michael Grant, Larry Katz, Jeff Schutzman, Al Tartakoff

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Paul Weinberg (Chair, term ending June 2012)
Kiva Skolnick (term ending June 2009)
Fran Baker (term ending June 2010)
Jack Israelsohn (term ending June 2011)
Eli Davidyan (term ending June 2013)

Eli Davidyan replaces Saul Axelrod, who was noted for his many years of service as a cemetery trustee.

A View From the Bima

Syncing Your Soul

I am really not a fan of technology. It scares me terribly, not being able to connect with the gadgets that are made to simplify my life. For years I carried around a binder with all of my dates written by hand, in pen or pencil. It was heavy, but it was convenient. I could find what I was looking for without too much trouble. Then came the day I was convinced by a rabbinical colleague that I needed to play the part and go electronic. It looked sharper when a rabbi had a Palm Pilot in his hands rather than a book.

I used the handheld computer for several years. I have to admit that it was quite useful when I remembered to bring it with me. What always tripped me up—and the reason I missed a number of dates in that early period of getting used to the technology—was the idea that you needed to sync yourself with the computer to keep things updated, especially if you are in the habit of entering calendar information in more than one place.

I now own a telephone that has the calendar program built into it. And I still need to sync my computer with the phone on a fairly regular basis if I wish to be in the right place at the right time. Knowing how difficult it is for me to remember to do this, it is no wonder how much difficulty I have syncing with my soul on a regular basis. It is just me! We all need to do a better job of checking up with ourselves if we are to keep ourselves in step with our inner selves, with others who are important to us, and with God.

This past year I chose “finding your spiritual compass” as the theme to the work we engaged in as we studied Torah week by week. I have attempted to offer a variety of spiritual pathways to follow. Each point of the moral compass had something to offer us in relation to a spiritual direction to pursue. At times it was easy for us to connect to that source of inspiration in our lives, allowing us to pursue further our interests in serving an inner life, or in pursuing acts of *gemilut chesed*, loving-kindness. At other times, perhaps it was not so easy because certain obstacles blocked our path. I know from my own experience with my phone

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SHARE PLAN REMINDER

For the Temple year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, Temple members will be required to contribute to a Share Plan—\$300 for family members and \$150 for individual members.

Below are examples of ways you can meet your obligation. You can reduce your Share Plan number by:

- The amount you pay whenever you sponsor an Oneg Shabbat
- The amount you pay whenever you sponsor a Kiddush
- The amount you pay whenever you sponsor a post-minyan breakfast
- 5 percent of the amount you pay whenever you purchase scrip
- The amount you pay whenever you purchase a Yahrzeit plaque, minus what the plaque cost the Temple
- The full amount of your Share Plan number for the year in which you make the initial deposit when you purchase a single or double Temple cemetery lot (but not for payments on cemetery lots purchased prior to July 1, 2008)
- The full amount of any donation you make to the Temple designated “For Cemetery Purposes”
- The full amount of your Share Plan number if you are directly responsible for bringing a new dues-paying family or individual member into the congregation
- The full amount of any check you write to the Temple solely for the purpose of paying off your assigned Share Plan number (write “Share” on the bottom of the check)
- The full amount of your Share Plan number if you organize and lead a new fund-raising event for TBA that generates net revenue equal to or more than your Share Plan number

Other types of contributions will not count toward the Share Plan because they are already included in the Temple’s 2008-09 income projection and do not represent new revenue. These include:

- Making contributions to the Temple’s General Fund, Torah Restoration Fund, Hebrew School Fund, Landscape Fund, Summer Camp Fund, etc.
- Making a contribution to one of the family funds
- Paying off a High Holidays pledge
- Making a contribution to the monthly Monday Night Supper at First Baptist Church
- Making a contribution to the Yahrzeit fund
- Making a contribution to the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
- Volunteering your time to help with a religious service, fund-raiser, social event or social action activity

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that technical difficulties have a certain way about them that unnerves the most calm of individuals.

What this comes to teach us is that some things, most things maybe, are not in our control, despite our beliefs to the contrary. I push a button and information flows from my computer to the device and from the device to the computer, and the two communicate through a wire. Not always! We feel like taking the device and showing it a thing or two about how to do this one simple thing it was created to do.

When our fortune changes, we often have a similar reaction. We want to take whatever is the source of our distress and hold onto it in the palm of our hand and not let go until it is crushed. There is this perception that the tighter we hold onto things the less frightened we will become.

Syncing with our soul is one of the ways in which we can help loosen the reins that we have created.

Summer is a time in which we can consider all of the things that are holding us back from becoming the best we can be by allowing the heat of the sun to melt away at some of those bonds. Summer is also a time of growth, not only for the seeds that we have planted in our personal gardens, but also for the seeds that were planted long ago in our hearts and in our souls. May we take advantage of the longer days to nourish that which is seeking the sun’s rays, as we sync ourselves to all that is good in the world, and that is in God.

Feel free to let me know what are some of the things that you are growing on this summer!

Rabbi Steven Rubenstein

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A ‘Thank You’ to the Congregation

I would like to thank my Temple friends for the many “get-well” wishes and cards that I received after my recent surgery. Your kind thoughts were greatly appreciated.

Harry Silverstein

Another Special ‘Thank You’

I would like to thank all the people of Temple B’nai Abraham for their caring while I was sick—for the visits that were the highlight of the day, the notes, cards, and all the good wishes. Your response was overwhelming and I am grateful.

Al Tartakoff

In the TBA Family

Mazel Tov: to Shoshana Kranish on becoming a bat mitzvah; to Courtney Kaner on becoming a bat mitzvah, and to Benjamin Alpern on becoming a bar mitzvah.

R’fu’ah Sh’leimah: Roseanne Chiusano

Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors

Many thanks to the following people who sponsored an Oneg Shabbat or a Kiddush in recent weeks: Steve Kranish and Christine Fleuriel in honor of their daughter Shoshana’s bat mitzvah; Lawrence and Kim Kaner in honor of their daughter Courtney’s bat mitzvah; Richard and Dolores Alpern in honor of their son Benjamin’s bar mitzvah.

Breakfast Sponsors

Many thanks to the following people who sponsored Sunday-morning breakfasts recently: Paul Weinberg in memory of his uncle Harold Shumsker; Abe Kaufman in memory of his sisters Florence Dexter and Charlotte Nolan.

Mitzvah Project Will Expand Recycling at Temple

To the Congregation:

For my Mitzvah project I am bringing plastic recycle bins to TBA. “Plastic” includes glass, aluminum, tin, and steel.

Here is a list of what my bins will take:

- Glass bottles and jars (all sizes and colors)
- Aluminum, tin, and steel cans and lids
- Plastic containers labeled with the recycle symbol and any number between 1-7
- Clean aluminum foil (only clean—**clean off the foil before recycling it!**)

The following items are NOT accepted for recycling:

- **NO STYROFOAM WILL BE COLLECTED**
- No broken glass, window glass, dishes, Pyrex, or ceramics
- No items containing paint, aerosol, or hazardous materials, even if “dry”
- No plastic bags

The recycling bins will be in place starting in August or September, so watch for them. My family and I will be establishing a new fund to pay for the recycling service.

Thanks for saving the environment!

Ben Huth



Shabbat by the Sea

Join us each week this summer for Friday evening services at Lynch Park, Beverly (Weather permitting; Rain location is the Temple)

Services begin at 7 P.M.

Musician Marcy Yellin will join us on July 25 and August 8

Education / Youth



Registrations are being accepted now for the TBA Religious School

School returns on Sunday, September 14, with an assembly for all students and parents at 9 A.M.

Copies of the registration packet are being sent electronically to parents, and printed copies will be available in the Temple office. Registrations are due August 1.

Questions about the school may be directed to Deb Vozella, TBA's Executive Director. Contact her by phone (978-927-3211) or e-mail (schutzie@comcast.net).

Deb's summer office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 1 through August 8.

During the week of August 11, she will be attending the CAJE (Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education) conference. The trip is being generously sponsored by the Robert I. Lappin Charitable Foundation and the Alan Kaplan Memorial Fund. Deb is looking forward to bringing back new ideas for the school and sharing her experiences with other Jewish educators on the North Shore.

She will be scheduling additional office hours for the weeks of August 18 and 25.

Youth Group Update

We're going to see the show "Grease" on stage at Salem State College, on Sunday, July 20. Reservation deadline is July 1. Contact Allison Wolper for details (phone: 978-587-2112 or 978-828-0056; e-mail: clarkie95@comcast.net).

Don't forget the Monday Night Suppers at First Baptist Church. The summer dates are July 21 and August 18.

Have News for the Bulletin?

Please send your submissions to bulletin@freed.com or leave notices in the *Bulletin* envelope in the Temple office. If you have questions or suggestions, you may also call Anita Freed at 978-774-3729.

The Bulletin copy deadline is the first of each month. There is NO AUGUST BULLETIN. The next issue will appear in September.

Food for Thought

Monday Night Supper Continues This Summer



Please join Youth Group and adult members of Temple B'nai Abraham on the third Monday of each month as we prepare and serve an evening meal to those in need at First Baptist Church, Beverly.

Our summer dates are July 21 and August 18.

Hours are 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Stop by for as long or as little as you can.

These meals are funded through donations. Please make your checks out to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

In the Community

Jewish Singles Event

Join North of Boston Jewish Singles in attending a concert at Tanglewood, Sunday, July 13, at 2 p.m. See James Levine conducting and Peter Serkin, pianist. Call K+L Tours at 617-267-1905 for reservations. Cost is \$74, which includes continental breakfast, ticket in shed, and bus fare. Call Susan R. for details at 603-548-4470.

Jewish College Information

Are you a parent or student looking into college programs? The Jewish campus organization Hillel offers an interactive online guide to help make this choice easier.

The Guide to Jewish Life on Campus offers information on hundreds of colleges and universities around the world. You can learn about Jewish populations, religious life, student interest groups, Jewish studies, kosher dining, and more. The guide is searchable by region, by student population size, or type of school.

Visit www.hillel.org/guide for more information.

Help TBA: Become a Sponsor

You can celebrate a simcha or remember a loved one and help Temple B'nai Abraham at the same time.

There are many sponsorship opportunities, including:

- Friday night Oneg Shabbat
- Saturday morning Kiddush
- Sunday morning breakfast
- Sponsorship of the *Bulletin*

Please contact the office at 978-927-3211 for details.

*The congregation is cordially invited
to share in the simcha
of these b'nai mitzvah*

Sophie Israelsohn,
daughter of Linda and Joshua Israelsohn,
will be called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah
on Saturday, July 12, at 9 A.M.

Hannah Schwartz,
daughter of Tracey and Jerry Schwartz,
will be called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah
on Saturday, July 26, at 7:30 P.M.

Marisa Gamble,
daughter of Tracy and Jack Gamble,
and Benjamin Huth,
son of Lisa Horowitz and David Huth,
will be called to the Torah
as B'nai Mitzvah
on Saturday, August 2, at 7 P.M.

Eva Der,
daughter of Lorraine and Bernard Der,
will be called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah
on Saturday, August 30, at 6:30 P.M.

Kiddush to follow services

*The Schwartz family invites the congregation
to minyan and brunch on Sunday, July 27,
at 10 A.M. in honor of Hannah's Bat Mitzvah*

Calendar for Sivan - Av 5768 July / August 2008

WEEKLY MINYANS

Mondays and Thursdays at 6:55 A.M.; Sundays at 9 A.M.

SHABBAT SERVICES

Fridays at 7 P.M., Saturdays at 9 A.M.

FRIDAY SERVICES AT LYNCH PARK, WEATHER PERMITTING

SHABBAT CANDLE TIMES

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| Friday, July 4 | Light candles, 8:06 P.M. |
| Saturday, July 5 | Shabbat ends, 9:14 P.M. |
| Friday, July 11 | Light candles, 8:03 P.M. |
| Saturday, July 12 | Shabbat ends, 9:11 P.M. |
| Friday, July 18 | Light candles, 7:59 P.M. |
| Saturday, July 19 | Shabbat ends, 9:06 P.M. |
| Friday, July 25 | Light candles, 7:53 P.M. |
| Saturday, July 26 | Shabbat ends, 9 P.M. |
| Friday, August 1 | Light candles, 7:45 P.M. |
| Saturday, August 2 | Shabbat ends, 8:52 P.M. |
| Friday, August 8 | Light candles, 7:36 P.M. |
| Saturday, August 9 | Shabbat ends, 8:43 P.M. |
| Friday, August 15 | Light candles, 7:27 P.M. |
| Saturday, August 16 | Shabbat ends, 8:33 P.M. |
| Friday, August 22 | Light candles, 7:16 P.M. |
| Saturday, August 23 | Shabbat ends, 8:22 P.M. |
| Friday, August 29 | Light candles, 7:05 P.M. |
| Saturday, August 30 | Shabbat ends, 8:11 P.M. |

MEETINGS

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| Tuesday, July 8 | Board of Directors, 7:30 P.M. |
| Tuesday, August 5 | Ritual Committee, 7 P.M. |
| Tuesday, August 12 | Board of Directors, 7:30 P.M. |

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Saturday, July 12 | Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Israelsohn, 9 A.M. |
| Monday, July 21 | Monday Night Supper, 4:30 to 6:30 |
| Friday, July 25 | Services with Marcy Yellin, 7 P.M. |
| Saturday, July 26 | Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Schwartz, 7:30 P.M. |
| Saturday, August 2 | B'nai Mitzvah of Benjamin Huth and Marisa Gamble, 7 P.M. |
| Friday, August 8 | Services with Marcy Yellin, 7 P.M. |
| Saturday, August 9 | Erev Tisha B'Av; services 9 P.M., at Gloucester Chamber of Commerce |
| Saturday, August 30 | Bat Mitzvah of Eva Der, 6:30 P.M. |
| Monday, August 18 | Monday Night Supper, 4:30 to 6:30 |

Donations

The Congregation Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

Abe Kaufman Fund

Anita and Abe Kaufman to Harry Silverstein, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery

Alan Kaplan Fund

Fran and Jordy Baker to Zellie and Harold Kaplan in memory of Alan, beloved son, brother and uncle

Zellie and Harold Kaplan to the Fred Myerson Family remembering Doralie and Marvin Myerson, with love

Zellie and Harold Kaplan to Joel Myerson and Family remembering Doralie and Marvin Myerson, with love

Zellie and Harold Kaplan to Harry Silverstein, best wishes for a speedy recovery

Zellie and Harold Kaplan to Al Tartakoff, thinking of you and wishing you well

100th Celebration

Lila Rosenbaum to Eileen and Ralph Edelstein in honor of your many years of dedication and donations to Temple B'nai Abraham

General Fund

Linda and Dan Magalnick to Al Tartakoff, best wishes for a speedy recovery

Joan and George Heller to Harry Silverstein, wishing you a speedy recovery

Anita and Phil Freed to Harry Silverstein, wishing you a complete and speedy recovery

Anita and Phil Freed to Al Tartakoff, wishing you a complete and speedy recovery

Karen and Mike Stearn to Harry Silverstein, get well quickly

Sheila and David Katz to Karen Stearn and Family, our sympathy on the deaths of Aunt Jennie and Cousin Leah

David and Sheila Katz to Marjorie Cohn, our thoughts are with you

Hebrew School

The Huth Family to Bethany MacDonald in honor of your bat mitzvah

Anita and Phil Freed to Deb Vozella, in appreciation of all that you do

Kitchen Fund

Roslyn and Louis Tanzer to Marge Cohn and Family in memory of a great guy, Arlen Cohn

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Fran and Jordy Baker to Peggy Adler, wishing you a complete recovery

Anita and Phil Freed to Rabbi and Lynn Rubenstein, in appreciation of all that you do

Fran and Jordy Baker to Harry Silverstein, our love and best wishes to you for a full recovery

Laura and Wade Goldman to Rabbi Steven in appreciation for the time and energy you spent preparing Ben for his bar mitzvah

Torah Restoration Fund

Paul Weinberg to Harry Silverstein, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery

Sam and Eve Weinberg Fund

Ruth Helman to Roberta Graffam in memory of your sister, Sally Martha Blake

Ruth and Elisa Helman to Al Tartakoff, wishing you a very speedy recovery

Anita and Phil Freed to Paul Weinberg, in appreciation of your support for the children of Temple B'nai Abraham

Yahrzeit Fund

Irene Kravetz in memory of her husband, Heman Kravetz

Ruth Helman in memory of her mother, Anne Blumenthal

Thelma R. Dreezer in memory of her brother, Jerome Sheiffer

Ellen Eisen in memory of her father, Arthur Sidell

Bonnie Levine in memory of her mother, Shirley Spar

Joseph Ossoff in memory of his father, Israel Ossoff

Paul Weinberg in memory of his grandfather, Morris Weinberg

Florence Novak in memory of her mother, Esther Ginsberg

Edward Goff in memory his mother, Lillian Goff

Paul Weinberg in memory of his uncle, Harold Shumsker

Philip Goldberg in memory of his sister, Donna Gold-Gulko

Neil Todreas in memory of his mother, Anna Todreas

Neil Todreas in memory of his grandfather, Nathan Todreas

Warren Lederman in memory of his mother, Elizabeth Lederman

Geraldine Palmer in memory of her sister, Ellen Toll Katz

Scrip Purchasers

Scrip is our easiest fund-raiser. Pay face value for these supermarket gift cards, and TBA earns 5 percent of sales.

Thank you for purchasing Scrip!

May 20 through June 12

Eddie and Faye Glichouse

Elaine and Jack Israelsohn

Rabbi Steven and Lynn Rubenstein

Marjorie and David Sheris

Paul Weinberg

Susan and Jerry Wolper

TBA Religious School

Roslyn and Louis Tanzer

Don't Forget Our Share Plan!

Beginning July 1, scrip purchases count toward the Share Plan. Whenever you purchase scrip from the Temple, 5 percent of the amount you pay will go toward meeting your Share Plan contribution.

TEMPLE B'NAI ABRAHAM WISH LIST

Synagogues are always in need of cash contributions for specific purposes as well as in-kind donations of particular items. *TBA is no exception.* The following is our wish list:

Cash Contributions for Specific Purposes

- New sign showing name of Temple and year of founding, relocated to front lawn to be visible from East Lothrop Street (\$2,000)
- New energy-efficient double-pane glass windows to replace all of the aging single-pane windows plus repair of loose exterior slate window sills (\$85,000)
- Re-surfacing of entire asphalt driveway and parking lot to eliminate cracks, frost heaves, and sinkholes (\$30,000)
- Repair/replacement of the front and rear lower roof flashings and drainage systems, re-grading and re-capping of these roofs with rubber membranes as needed to eliminate pooling and water infiltration into exterior side walls, and connection of all downspouts to below-grade drainage systems (\$20,000)
- New cabinets and flooring for the TBA kosher kitchen (\$12,000)
- Replacement of the sanctuary, social hall, and front lobby chandelier bulbs with energy-efficient bulbs and re-wiring of all chandelier fixtures for dimmer switches (\$5,000)
- Replacement of cracked front cement walkway with attractive brick walkway matching front portico bricks (\$15,000)
- Renovation of all bathrooms to meet code standards including required accommodations for disabled persons (\$20,000)
- Three large sofas, one large coffee table and one large area rug for the front lobby area (\$4,000)
- Remodeling of the Temple library (\$10,000)

In-Kind Donations of Particular Items

- One or more personal computers for placement in the Temple library and for use by TBA members
- Pot holders, oven mitts, two can openers and/or aprons for the TBA kitchen

*Your tax-deductible, in-kind item donation can be dropped off at 200 E. Lothrop St., Beverly.
To arrange for drop-off of larger items, please call 978-927-3211, Ext. 10.*

From everyone at Temple B'nai Abraham: THANK YOU

TBA SCRIP ORDER FORM

Scrip may be purchased at the Temple during office hours. Or, you can send this form by fax (978-922-5281) or by mail, 200 E. Lothrop St., Beverly, MA 01915. Make your check out to TBA and write "Scrip" on the memo line.

YOUR ORDER:

Shaw's (\$25's and \$50's) _____ Stop & Shop (\$25's, \$50's, \$100's) _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

_____ I will pick up my order at the Temple during office hours / _____ Please mail my order to me

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to learn about our
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