



Summer Shofar

The Blessing of Summer

We have discovered that the key to living in New England is embracing each of the distinct seasons – fall, winter, spring, and ice cream season. Some people like to call it summer, but who are we kidding? After making it through another freezing cold winter, the reward we New Englanders relish is the sweet, rejuvenating taste of the best ice cream in the country.

If we explore this phenomenon from an anthropological point of view, it is as if we are ritually transitioning from winter into summer with each bite of the cold, milky substance. Alas, winter will return no matter how much ice cream we eat this summer, but it does not hurt to try to focus on the present with each perfect ball, balanced delicately on our cones.

This summer, as you indulge in the myriad of ice cream shops, shacks, and shanties that dot the roads from Provincetown to Pittsfield, remember that you can make the experience distinctly Jewish. There is a blessing for ice cream! Actually, it is the blessing we recite for all foods that don't have a specific blessing of their own. It goes like this:

“Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha’olam she-ha’kol nih-yeh bid’varo – Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Majesty in the universe in which everything is created according to the Divine word.”



When we pause to recite a blessing, we make the moment holy, enrich ourselves with a sense of gratitude and wonder, and acknowledge the Divine presence in all things.

This summer, we hope you will experience many special and holy moments. And when you add the blessing before you partake of sweet ice cream ambrosia, think about your Jewish home at Temple Beth David, too. Come by to say hello. Bring a donation for Family Table. Read a good Jewish book. Join us for a Shabbat evening. Summer services have their own relaxed rhythm and wonderful spirit. And after you have made *minyan* and prayed, you will have earned a trip to Bubbling Brook!

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you soon,

Rabbi Karen and Rabbi Micah Citrin

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At the Congregational Annual Meeting in May, I highlighted two goals this year of the lay leadership, who were guided by the URJ Benchmarking and Assessment Project completed last spring. For those of you who could not attend the meeting, I would like to briefly mention these goals that we accomplished together, and which will strengthen our community and our relationships to one another.

One goal was to create a new temple vision and mission statement, which you may have seen already on our website, under the leadership of David Lapp (VP of Member Connections), Jeff Popper (Chair of the Member Connections Committee), and Rabbi Karen and Rabbi Micah Citrin.

Our Religious School Committee also created a new mission statement and goals for our religious school, led by Wendy Berliner (VP of Education), Co-Chairs Roseli Weiss and Phoebe Peabody, and the rabbis. The committee decided on a new name, as well, for our education program, "*Shorashim*", meaning "roots".

The creation of these mission statements was not simply an academic exercise. The lay leadership had not reviewed our previous temple mission statement for many years. The previous temple statement was more a reflection of our core values than a mission statement. This was an opportunity to rethink our temple and education mission to reflect who we are and who we want to be; to communicate our mission to individuals who might be interested in joining our community; and to align our programs and decision making with these mission statements.

Another goal this past year was to strengthen our administrative support. We hired two new administrative assistants, Helen Coates and Leah Graff, who have provided support to our community in many ways. I hope you have had an opportunity to meet them. Hannah Cohn, our Youth Group Advisor, has done a great job engaging with our young people, and we are very grateful to Roberto Vasconcelos for maintaining and caring for our building.

I want to extend a note of appreciation to Brotherhood and Sisterhood for their meaningful programming and constant support behind the scenes. Thank you for helping to connect the men and women of our congregation.

We are also in the process of changing our synagogue software system to *Shul Cloud*, which is a cloud-based software system which includes membership management, website hosting, email, event registration, life cycle tracking, and accounts receivable management.

We presently use multiple software programs, which will now be replaced with a single software system to increase efficiency and reduce administrative workload. After fiscal year 2018-19, there will also be a cost savings to the temple by using one system. Amy Cook and Lisa Fassberg-Weller are overseeing our transition to *Shul Cloud*. We appreciate your patience during this transition, especially when we send out dues notices at the end of June.

One other recent success I would like to mention is that our Annual Fundraising Campaign raised over \$80,000, through the generous donations of approximately 92 families! For those of you who have not made a donation, the annual campaign does not close until the end of our fiscal year at the end of June. Please consider making a donation, through our website or by dropping off a check at the temple office, for any amount that you feel comfortable. Thank you!

I wish everyone a fun and restful summer. Please join us for Friday night Shabbat Services at 6:30 p.m. beginning on June 15th. Sharing Shabbat together is a wonderful way to end the week during the summer.

L'Shalom,

Paul Greenberg



Summer Shabbat Services

All ages are welcome to celebrate Shabbat together!

All summer evening services begin at **6:30 p.m.** starting June 15. The Shabbat morning lay-led *minyan* is at **8:30 a.m.** including prayer, bagels and Torah study.

Services throughout the summer will be held in the Beit Simcha or outside on the patio, weather permitting. Check the weekly Shofar email and temple website for details.

*Mazel Tov to Max Bean who will become Bar Mitzvah on June 16 at 10:30 a.m.
Mazel Tov to Rebecca Starling who will become Bat Mitzvah on June 23 at 10:30 a.m.*

Friday Night Calendar:

June 15 – First Outdoor Service (weather permitting) & June Birthday Blessing

Blessing for graduating high school and college seniors; blessing for kids going to summer camp

June 22

Grasfield 60th Wedding Anniversary Blessing

June 29

Service led by David Wang and Hannah Cohn

July 6

Service led by Rabbi Emeritus Hank Zoob

July 13, 20, 27

August 3, 10, 17

August 24

*With Cantorial Soloist
Batya Ellinoy
Celebrate the end of summer
with an Oneg after the service
at Bubbling Brook.*

High Holy Days 5779

Selichot: September 1

Erev Rosh Hashanah: September 9

Rosh Hashanah 1st Day: September 10

Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day: September 11

Kol Nidre: September 18

Yom Kippur: September 19

Erev Sukkot: September 23

Simchat Torah: September 30

Save the Dates:

Interfaith Walk for Hunger on September 23

Adult Education Continuing in the Fall:

- Parenting Through a Jewish Lens
- Me'ah Year 2

(see the temple website for more information)

Temple Beth David Congregational Retreat

May 5th and 6th, 2018





Donations



GENERAL DONATIONS

Michael Zoob
Michael and Marilyn Brier
Michael and Marilyn Brier
Barbara and Robert Price

Patricia Aronson
The Hornstein Family

In memory of Rose Zoob
In memory of Marilyn's father, Joseph Isaac Sargon
In memory of Marilyn's mother, Dorothy Cohen Sargon
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Price Swartz from his
Grandma and Papa Price
In memory of my mother in law Gloria Aronson
In memory of Mickey Allen

RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mel and Carol Bernstein
Jay Wasserman
Sandy and Ken Morris
Marc Silk
Clyde and Sheryl Heckler
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In memory of Howie Allen's mother, Miriam "Mickey"
In memory my father Dr. Allan Wasserman
In memory of Abraham Epstein

In memory of Stuart Rosenberg, brother of Taube Weiner
In honor of Lois Bienstock's 80th birthday
In honor of the birth of our granddaughter, Ada Walton
Panzarella; proud parents and big sister are Tracy and
Bernard Panzarella and Marie

PRAYER BOOK FUND

Linda G. Kipper and Lawrence Stone
Alan Paster

In memory of Lillian Stone
In memory of James Paster

LIBRARY BOOK FUND

Marcia Colagiovanni

In memory of my stepmother, Shirley Colagiovanni

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Adam, Rachel, Owen and Mae Ziegler

In appreciation of Rabbis Karen and Micah and the teachers
for a good religious school year

ART, DECORATING AND LANDSCAPING FUND

Nelson Tarr
Jeffrey and Alyson Popper
Anne Heller

To support Isaac Popper's Eagle Scout Project
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ONEG SHABBAT FUND

Dan Weller and Lisa Fassberg Weller
Linda G. Kipper and Lawrence B. Stone

In memory of Richard Fassberg
In honor of Lois Bienstock's birthday

BRICK PAVER

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In memory of Henry Wellins

FRIEDMAN YOUTH FUND

Bill and Edie Selles

In honor of Ben Hanau's Confirmation

NATHAN AND LILLIAN HOFFMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Bill and Edie Selles
Marshall and Birgitta Hoffman

In honor of Danielle Hanau's Bat Mitzvah

VAN DAM MUSIC FUND

Cantor Treitman

In memory of my father Dr. Lawrence Egbert, on his second Yahrzeit

We mourn the loss of...

Miriam (Mickey) Allen, mother of Howie Allen, mother-in-law of Peggy Allen and grandmother of Nathan and Jason Allen

Mazel Tov to...

Sheryl and Clyde Heckler on the birth of their Granddaughter, Ada Walton Panzarella on March 12th. Proud parents and big sister are Tracy and Bernard Panzarella and Marie.

***SHORASHIM Religious School Registration
is open for 2018-2019!***

Please use this link to register:

<https://tbdwestwood.wufoo.com/forms/zh7093117po20m/>

*The opening session is **Sunday, September 16.**
Please speak with the Rabbis or see the temple website for more information.*



2018 Confirmation Class



***Beneath the Surface Pre-Bat Mitzvah
Program at the Mayyim Hayyim Mikveh***