



# Temple Beth Shalom *Scroll*

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## Project Ezra

**On Friday December 25, Temple Beth Shalom will once again join hands with The Needham Community Council to provide holiday dinners.**

Each year the need seems to increase, so please help us; we cannot do this mitzvah without you!

Volunteers are needed to cook the turkeys, assemble the dinners, deliver the dinners and bake "finger desserts"

***Please participate!***

Call Lois Sockol at 781-449-1226 or June Atkind at 781-449-6343

***A Mitzvah You'll Never Forget!***

Please call June Atkind at 781-449-6343 before December 21 if you know someone in Needham who needs a dinner on Christmas Day.

*Co-chairs: Lois & Ron Sockol June & Richard Atkind*

## *Looking Inside*

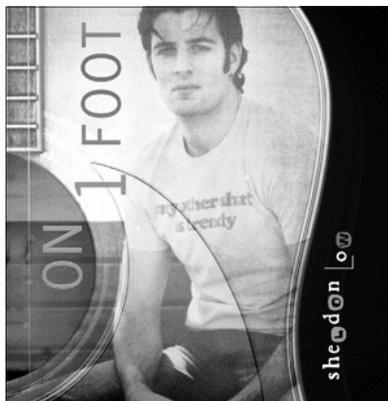
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## Temple Beth Shalom Proudly Presents an Amazing Jewish Rock Concert Featuring Sheldon Low

Sunday, November 22

Temple Beth Shalom at 11:00 a.m.

There is no charge for this concert.



Sheldon Low is the newest face in Jewish music performing rock concerts, Shabbat Services, and leading artist-in-residency weekends in Jewish communities throughout the U.S. Sheldon has an undeniable appeal to youth and family audiences, not only as a musician, singer/songwriter, and entertainer, but most importantly, as a Jewish educator and role model.

**Don't miss out!**

# From Rabbi Perlmán



**2009-2010 TBS  
"Kehillat Chesed"  
Initiative  
Enriching Our  
Congregational Caring  
Community**

*"Synagogues can be the hub of a rich community*

*life and enhance their members' lives by helping to dispel the feelings of isolation and providing support in life crises and its joy in ways that are Jewish, and essential in contemporary society.*

*The synagogue is a natural helping network with a pool of knowledge, resources, and competencies, which can be mobilized so the lives of members are strengthened and enriched as they both give and receive."*

*Harriet Feiner,  
"The Synagogue as a Support System"*

Temple Beth Shalom is proud to be a community of families, couples and individuals who have come together to share in the countless blessings of Jewish life. Together we learn, celebrate, pray, teach our children, are committed to a meaningful relationship with Israel, strive to make a difference in the broader community through social justice and Tikkun Olam, and reach out to one another during times that are both joyous and difficult.

Our outreach to one another already makes such a difference. At times of loss, calls and visits brings comfort. Members of our community lead services in our shiva homes. When we are ill, our community is there with meals, an offer of support, and a handmade "Healing Wrap" to embrace. Those who are between jobs can find support through our TBS CARES employment support program. Our temple's newest members receive a special welcome basket. And when a baby is born, a child becomes a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, someone decides later in life to become Jewish, someone in our community is experiencing a simchah – we reach out with heartfelt expressions of "Mazel Tov!", a blessing from the bima, and sometimes a special gift from the congregation. Our clergy, educators, teachers, professional and support staff are here for us always. And, at the same time, we are here for one another. These and much more, help to make ours a community of care and belonging. At the same time, though, there are always more ways for us to strengthen and support each other.

Last March, our congregation was inspired by our Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Richard Address, Director of the Reform Movement's Department of Jewish Family Concerns. In addition to leading inspirational learning sessions for our entire community, Rabbi Address also met with a number of leadership "circles" from amongst our members. There was a session held for those who work in the medical field to explore how Jewish values and tradition might help to inform how we bring healing. Our Membership Committee met to discuss how we make the experience of being a temple member an experience that is even more personal and meaningful. Our Chesed/Caring Committee met to share ideas on how best to support and celebrate one another. Our Youth Commission gathered to discuss the importance of creating a youth community culture at TBS that is nurturing and positive for both children and parents alike. And our Board of Trustees met to exchange ideas on how Jewish values of care, concern, and "kavod" ("honor") should inform all of our decision making as a congregation. It was a full weekend. And at the close, Rabbi Address invited us to consider what "next steps" we might take to continue this essential conversation and to translate our words into transformational action.

Many in our temple community embraced this invitation and stepped forward to offer their time and leadership to help us broaden and enrich our congregation's program of caring outreach. As a result, I am happy to share that we have invited Rabbi Address to serve as our "Caring Community Consultant" for the year ahead. Rabbi Address has already agreed and our "Kehillat Chesed (Caring Community) Initiative" has begun. On Sunday, October 4, Rabbi Address spent the entire day facilitating several meetings with our rabbis, educators, and lay leaders to begin brainstorming, visioning, and creating. Coordinated by Margie Glou, one of our Chesed Committee co-chairs, that day's conversations were an inspired 'kick off' to our program. To best organize our efforts, we will be working in four main working groups: **Chesed Outreach** - Though our congregation already has an extensive program of caring outreach, recognizing that there are countless additional ways to help, support, and celebrate, during the year ahead we will be looking at how best to develop our overall program. To learn more about how you can become involved, please contact Margie Glou, a Chesed Committee Co-Chair at

[mglou@comcast.net](mailto:mglou@comcast.net).

**TBS CARES** ("Community Assistance Resource for Employment Support") - Created last year as a response to the economic downturn and the many challenges faced by our members, TBS CARES has created an extensive program that includes professional counseling, networking, resources, and spiritual support. This program has become a model for other congregations across the country and will be presented nationally at the Reform Movement's Biennial Convention in Toronto this month. To learn more about how you can become involved, please contact Ken Spigle at [kenspigle@aol.com](mailto:kenspigle@aol.com), or Richard Atkind at [richatkind@verizon.net](mailto:richatkind@verizon.net).

**Sacred Aging** - This new initiative will focus on how our congregation might draw upon the resources of the broader Jewish community and tradition to respond to the needs of our community's elders. "Sacred Aging" is grounded in our wish to support and assist our members as they face the challenges associated with life's later stages: caring for elderly parents and grandparents, confronting the questions of health care, understanding such end-of-life issues as hospice and wills – both legal and ethical, among others. To learn more about how you can become involved, please contact Ilene Sharp at [penclg@aol.com](mailto:penclg@aol.com).

**Youth Resilience** - A genuine "caring community" includes the entire age spectrum. This new initiative will build upon our efforts to nurture a safe, inclusive, and inspirational community for our children and teens. Our current religious school and youth program is already programmatically extensive. Our "Youth Resilience Initiative" will focus primarily on 'next steps' in supporting our families as they strive to raise healthy (emotionally, physically, and spiritually) and resilient children. To learn more about how you can become involved, please contact Anne Weinstein at [anneweinstein@yahoo.com](mailto:anneweinstein@yahoo.com).

During the next several months you will be hearing about and experiencing the work of each of these "Kehillat Chesed Initiative" working groups. It is a very exciting part of our congregational outreach for the coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Margie Glou or me at any time.

With warmest wishes and Shalom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rabbi Perlmán".

## From Rabbi Markley



There is great potential power in ritual. Whether through the rituals of prayer, of study, or those which we use to get ready for bed at night, the repetition, the regularity,

and the familiarity of routine actions can transform the way in which we see ourselves and our world. Two people in love can choose to simply live their lives together, but many choose to ritualize their commitment, and sanctify their love, by experiencing a wedding ceremony. Every child is given a name by his or her parents, but there is added meaning when that moment is ritualized through a baby naming ceremony, surrounded by family and friends. And while it is possible to bury someone with little or no pomp and circumstance, almost invariably we choose to lay our loved ones to rest surrounded by rituals that enhance our understanding of these turbulent moments.

It is because of this meaning which ritual lends to our lives that I have chosen, each year since we came to Temple Beth Shalom, to immerse myself in the mikveh – or Jewish ritual bath – during the High Holy Day season. We are blessed in the greater Boston community to have in our midst an incredible resource at Mayyim Hayyim (literally “living waters”), the liberal mikveh located on Route 16 in Newton. My experiences there are unlike any I

had before returning to the Boston area. My first visits to a mikveh were in New York, and my experience was one which is familiar and unappealing to many: a poorly lit and unfriendly environment at which I was made to feel like a trespasser as I was clearly not orthodox in my thought or practice. Those who greeted me – “the mikveh ladies” – vacillated between disinterest and outright unkindness as they ushered me towards the waters with as few words as possible. I was an outsider imposing on their sacred space.

Water fit for ritual Jewish immersion is all that our Mayyim Hayyim facility shares with those previous experiences. The space at Mayyim Hayyim is filled with light, and art, and literature which lifts one’s spirits and stirs one’s soul. The professional staff and lay volunteers guide each visitor every step of the way from the moment one enters until one departs. These individuals are kind, nurturing, respectful, and helpful at every turn. There is great thought that has been put into maintaining privacy and helping visitors to create a space for ritual experience that is reflective, safe, and peaceful.

Since its opening, thousands of people have immersed in the sacred waters at Mayyim Hayyim for a wide variety of reasons. As water is a symbol of birth, of new beginnings and fresh starts, people have chosen to immerse not only at traditional times prescribed in Jewish law (for con-

version to Judaism, or following a woman’s menstrual cycle, for example), but also: following a divorce as one begins a new phase of life, or after one has completed the final round of cancer treatments and feels a new lease on life, or in preparation for one’s wedding day, or the birth of a child, knowing that the upcoming life cycle experience will usher in an altogether new personal era. For each of these moments, and for many, many more, Mayyim Hayyim is happy to provide liturgy, poetry, and readings to enhance one’s immersion in the living waters. So too, Rabbi Perlman and I are happy to serve as teachers and guides leading up to one’s visit to the mikveh.

I choose to immerse myself in these waters at the onset of each new Jewish year – time all to myself, alone with my thoughts and with my God, to consider the year that has just passed, to celebrate and to plan for the year that has now arrived. Perhaps you have a transitional moment in your life this year... an anniversary, a recovery from illness, a new family member, or the loss of a loved one... which will prompt you to let the waters envelop you as you mark this new period of life as different from the last. There is great potential power in this ritual. Please let me know if I can help you to experience the waters... our source of life.

### Triple Chai Film Night at TBS! Sunday, November 15



### Charlie Chaplin in: “The Great Dictator”

The U.S. was not yet in World War II when Chaplin leveled his comedy arsenal at DerFuehrer by playing the dual roles of Hitler-like Adenoid Hynkel and a Jewish barber who is a dead ringer look-alike for der Nutsie. Puns, sight gags and slapstick abound as Chaplin Skewers fascism, balancing his attack with poignant scenes of a ghetto in the clutches of storm-trooping terror.

Movie begins at 4:00pm, and dinner will follow.

This event is free of charge to Triple Chai Members

Yes, I would love to attend the show on Sunday, November 15 at 4:00pm at TBS.

Cost: Free for Triple Chai Members, and \$10.00 per person for non-members

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form along with your check made payable to TBS/Triple Chai and return your reservation by November 6 to Paulyne Raemer, 120 Noanett Road, Needham, MA 02494. If you have any questions, please contact Paulyne at 781-444-8487.

# Religious School



## Students Learn to Make a Difference

In my article last month, I wrote about our fourth grade students and their explorations of what it means to be a Partner

with God. Students have been discussing in and out of class, how each one of them can be a partner in the care and repair of our world. On Sunday, October 4, many of our students traveled along with several parents to the Heifer International Overlook Farm in Rutland, MA. Through hands-on activities and talking with costumed global village hosts of all ages, students gained a sense of how their peers and others around the world live and make a life, often in very different environments than we are used to. In the Thailand village, students pounded rice from its shell, preparing it for cooking. In China, students ground barley, making it ready for a barley tea. Hosts in the United States village roasted sunflower seeds that students flavored and ate. Guatemala hosted guests to grind and taste coffee from the fire-place. A yak, the water buffalo, llamas, goats, chickens, rabbits and cows greeted us with wet noses and an interest in any grain we might have to offer. The entire day was an outstanding opportunity for our children to see parts of the world they may never visit in a lifetime and understand

that people all over the world, including right in our own backyards, need the gifts and help that every single individual can share.



## Consecration 5770 – Celebrating Torah at all Stages of Life

Fifty-four students ascended the bima on Erev Shabbat and Erev Simchat Torah on October 9. Very excited students who are beginning religious school in grades kindergarten through grade 3 were warmly welcomed and blessed by our congregation. As the students peered into the congregation they recited the Shema for the first time! After the evening service, we continued to celebrate our children and the Torah with hakafot (Torah parades) of all our scrolls, each circle of the sanctuary lead by a different generation of members. We concluded with a very sweet oneg and

even more dancing. Mazal tov to our newest students and to their families.

## Sharing Judaism through Music

As many of you know, we are thrilled to have for the first time, a music educator who works with our students in K-6, both in all aspects of music as well as leading our bi-weekly school t'fillah. Max Chaiken has been engaging our children in Jewish music not only through voice but in all kinds of enthusiastic body movement. Students are expanding their repertoire of Israeli, Jewish rock and traditional music that moves the soul.

This month on November 22, we will also have the opportunity to share great music with Sheldon Low, the newest face in Jewish music. Watch your email for the detailed schedule for this great Sunday morning event. All students and temple families, regardless of the days of school attendance, are encouraged to join us for this fantastic concert.

*L'shalom,  
Sandy Whitecross*

## Mazal Tov to our 5770 Consecrants

Eli Bailit	Sara Kates
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Eli Blumenstein	Hannah Keselman
Sydney Braunstein	Parker Kirstein
Jenna Eiten	Justin Kline
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Logan Finn	Owen Lipchitz
Hannah Fleckner	Samuel Lunder
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Maxine Friedman	Ashley Rose
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Jakob Fruman	Nurit Schwartz
Maxwell Fruman	Benjamin Shaer
Samara Fruman	Oren Shalita
Ian Goldberg	Benjamin Shapiro
Jacob Goldberg	Samantha Shepherd
Ethan Goldstein	Alex Shifman
Bennett Grossman	Ethan Shifman
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Joshua Herrera	Charlotte Silverman
Kaylee Himmel	Sophie Small
Garrett Hirsch	Emily Stoller
Jack Idelson	Jordyn Tobasky
Daniel Kaplan	Drew Winkler
Stephanie Kaplan	Gabriella Zaff

# Children's Center Committee

## Temple Beth Shalom Children's Center

The Temple Beth Shalom Children's Center is a thriving and well established preschool serving over sixty families in our community. The Children's Center Committee supports the director, Marcie Berul, and the assistant director, Mary Conway, in their myriad responsibilities as they oversee our wonderful preschool. The Children's Center Committee consists of parents of both currently enrolled and recently graduated students, as well as a teacher and a Temple Executive Committee Liaison. We share a commitment to making our Children's Center the best environment for children that it can be. The Children's Center Committee meets regularly throughout the school year. Our work includes:

1. Assisting with policy development as related to issues, such as health and safety
2. Providing constructive feedback on current issues
3. Survey support – i.e., research involving policies/procedures of our Children's Center and other area pre-schools
4. Dissemination of information about critical CC events
5. Fielding questions and concerns from the greater pre-school community

The committee is filled for this year, but if you are interested in sitting on the Children's Center Committee in the future, please contact Melissa Gladstone at [happy.rock@comcast.net](mailto:happy.rock@comcast.net), or Margaret McConchie at [memconchie@gmail.com](mailto:memconchie@gmail.com).

*Thank You to all those who helped make our High Holy Days so special . . .*

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Richard Bookman  
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Layne and Jeff Lepes  
Jo Ellen and Chuck Levin  
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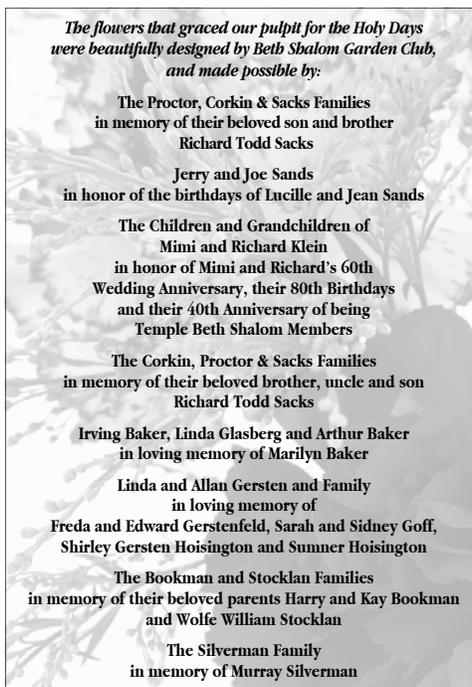
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## President's Message



As we move into the work of this year, it is extraordinary to view the gifts and contributions offered by both our professional staff and our lay volunteers. I'd like to share a piece of my Yom Kippur mes-

sage which I believe captures the flavor of these efforts:

"Our TBS community - is in so many ways a picture of health. Our membership has increased from 485 households in 1995, to 540 in 2003, and now we are 700 households strong. We have the privilege of collaborating with generous and resourceful partners, like Combined Jewish Philanthropies and The Union for Reform Judaism, our parent organization. We are considered a model congregation throughout New England and across the country. Our sanctuary, hallways, classrooms, and meeting rooms are regularly filled with congregants of all ages involved in programming consonant with our core values: Torah - learning, Avodah - meaningful worship, and G'milut Chasadim - acts of loving-kindness towards others.

At this season of turning, we consider our congregation's direction; We 'turn' towards Torah - to study, knowing that the lessons gleaned were not only for our ancestors, but are alive for us now. On many Shabbat mornings, we celebrate the passing of Torah to our children. In doing so, our children come to hold Torah, to fully own it, and thereby to embrace its life lessons about values, friendship, conflict, taking risks, and faith... The learning in our community, from preschool to Religious School to our Youth Sha'arim gateways to Adult Ed to our Triple Chai group and beyond, are all thriving.

At Beth Shalom, we 'turn' towards Avodah - for contemplative prayer - moments that create space away from the bustle of daily life - for the sacred. We appreciate the opportunity to reflect on a moment of awe in our children's development, or a milestone in the life of our community. On Shabbat and holidays our sanctuary comes to life with vibrant song, prayers of the heart, and even a trip back to the 70's this past Purim.

Avodah is also translated as service - and recently we've undergone an accounting of our sacred work.

Our clergy, under the leadership of Rabbi Perlman and our now Associate Rabbi Markley, along with Rabbi Lenke, and our Senior staff - Sandy Whitecross, Marcie Berul, Allie Klein and Sandy Hain provide us with the wisdom, the inspiration and the tools to flourish. Strengthening our work are Nate Karol, Mary Conway, Tiziana Getz, and Rufina Kotlyar. We also express our gratitude to our attentive custodial staff, Jose Mendoza and Nate Medrano, and welcome home our devoted friend Leandro Restrepo. In partnership with our staff, we have an estimated 400 lay volunteers helping to shape our worship, lifelong Jewish learning, finances, building oversight and more. They fill our usher corps, ensure parking lot safety, grace our bima with exquisite floral design, and under the direction of Joe Policelli, enhance our worship with beautiful melodies. Congregants offer gifts in every venue of temple life, and some of our sacred work also touches both our natural environment and the lives of those in the Needham and greater Boston community, as will our High Holy Day Food Drive collection today.

At Beth Shalom, we also 'turn' towards G'milut Chasadim - seeking opportunities to both offer and receive acts of loving kindness. Each day our congregants offer

hugs in the form of new baby baskets, healing wraps, a meal for someone who is homebound, a shiva call, a prayer. Our children and youth are learning in their classes about being sensitive and giving to others. Many of them are also out offering help in the community - in soup kitchens, animal shelters, and schools. The members of Social Action, Chesed, our Sacred Aging and Youth Resilience initiatives and our TBS Cares career assistance program are full time agents of kindness.

So - yes - our Temple 'body' is thriving. And, like all of us, it needs constant nourishment and renewal."

As we continue to grow, we want to create meaningful ways for each of you to feel at home and to offer your gifts. You'll notice that we occasionally survey our membership to take a pulse of interests and needs. Your feedback is important in creating directions for growth. We will also be developing programs addressing the history and workings of TBS, and the 'basics' of Temple leadership. As we reach out to you, please know that we always welcome your questions, ideas, service in projects small or large, and most importantly your presence as part of our TBS family.

L'Shalom,  
Beth

## SAVE THE DATE!

*The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom,  
Temple Aliyah Sisterhood and Needham Hadassah present a*



## MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

**Thursday, January 21, 2010**

**Doors open at 6:30 pm • Start time: 7:00 pm**

**Temple Beth Shalom  
670 Highland Avenue ♦ Needham**

# Sisterhood

As I sit down at my computer to write this, we have just celebrated our High Holy Days and are looking forward with a sense of renewal to the year ahead. We are off

to a busy year in Sisterhood with many events in October including:

- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer – a 5-mile walk along the Charles River to raise funds for breast cancer research
- Lilith Salons – our quarterly meeting to discuss a variety of interesting articles from the Summer magazine issue
- A New and Prospective Member Open House & Book Swap – an opportunity for new members to mingle with “veteran” members while sharing coffee, dessert and some of our favorite books
- Book Club – a discussion of the popular and riveting novel Sarah’s Key
- Membership Dinner – an evening to reconnect with old friends while meeting new ones, enjoying shopping at a variety of interesting boutiques and entertainment by our members modeling beautiful fall and holiday fashions from Clothes Call/ETCETERA
- Fall Rummage Sale – as always, a huge event for Sisterhood, made possible by the tremendous effort of Bonnie Littman and our many volunteers.



Heading into November, a team of delegates from Sisterhood will be heading to Toronto from November 4-8 for the 47th WRJ Assembly. I’m excited to report that

we’ll have a group of five women representing Temple Beth Shalom: Patti Grossman, Betty Weiner, Trina Novak, Lisa Channen and me. Congratulations to Patti and Betty, who have been nominated respectively this year to the WRJ Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. We’re all looking forward to this wonderful opportunity for leadership and spiritual development, meeting our contemporaries from congregations around the world, and the experience of sharing Shabbat with over 5,000 Reform Jews! I’ll be sharing highlights from the assembly in next month’s Scroll.

Send in your reservation now for our 12th annual Spirituality Retreat, January 29-31 at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis. This is truly a “not-to-be-missed” weekend. Our theme for this year’s retreat is “Exploring spirITUALity Through Ritual and Relationships” and our committee has tapped into the talent of our own incredibly knowledgeable clergy, staff and membership to create our program. The theme of “ritual” will be explored and developed during the weekend through prayer at

services, study using Torah text and The Women’s Commentary, and opportunities for individual creative expression through writing, art or movement – all in a unique women-only setting allowing us to connect with each other while enjoying the beautiful facilities and spa of our new venue.

While our Jewish community has recently celebrated the harvest holiday of Sukkot, with the upcoming secular holiday of Thanksgiving this month, I’d like to express my thanks to all those in Sisterhood who enable us to make what we do possible, and to all our members for being part of our very special community of women. I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving filled with abundant food, the joy of friends and the love of family!

*In Sisterhood,  
Judy Ravech  
President*

## Essential Dates:

**Wednesday, November 4 - Sunday November 8** - 47th WRJ Assembly in Toronto, Ontario.

**Tuesday, November 10** - Our monthly board meeting starts at 7:30 pm in the Library. All Sisterhood members are welcome.

**Wednesday, December 16** - Start reading now and join Book Club for our next meeting; we’ll be discussing *A Pigeon and a Boy*, A Novel by Meir Shalev at 7:30 pm. Location is to be announced.

## Thank you to:

Daryl Cohan and Sarah Keselman, Membership Dinner co-chairs, and their committee

# Garden Club

## Essential Dates:

**Monday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.** - Board Meeting

**Sunday, November 8 at Needham High School from 10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Antiques Show & Sale** - All are welcome to attend the show

Admission: \$6.00, \$5.00 with ad (located on page 17)

**Monday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m.** - Workshop: Part One

**Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

Program: Floral Designs by Club Members

**Monday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m.** - Workshop: Thanksgiving Centerpiece

**Monday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.** - Board Meeting for December

As you can see by the number of “Essential Dates” listed above, November is a very busy month for Beth Shalom Garden Club. Our most important event is our only fundraiser for the club, the **Antique Show & Sale** at the Needham High School from 10:00 am. - 4:00 p.m. There are enough antique dealers to fill two gymnasiums with valuable antiques that are in excellent condition. A special feature is a verbal appraisal by Coyles Auction Gallery from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. There is a slight charge of \$5.00 per item. The Garden Club provides refreshments of snacks and lunch in the café, a bake sale with lots of treats, and a raffle from many donors. Tickets are available at the door for \$6.00 or look for the tickets in the Temple lobby or in various businesses around town. With the ad in the Scroll or a ticket picked up beforehand, admission is \$5.00. Support your Garden Club. Hope to see you there and enjoy the show!

The reason for the fundraising is to provide funding for the Vietnam

Memorial plantings, donations to the high school, and speakers to train our members in flower arranging. Our Temple members see the results of the training every Friday night when a Garden Club member designs a bima arrangement or flowers for the Oneg Shabbat. Special occasions occur during the year when the Garden Club provides flowers to adorn the Temple. To continue our education in flower arranging this month, our Garden Club will feature two workshops and a program. On November 16, Marisa McCoy will teach us how to interpret art with flowers in preparation for our 2nd Art in Bloom on March 5. On November 23, Marisa McCoy will again teach us how to arrange flowers for a Thanksgiving centerpiece. These hands-on workshops for our club members teach us how to use color, line, texture, and various flowers that are critical in designing bima arrangements.



On November 17, Beth Shalom Garden Club will be celebrating our 50th anniversary as a federated garden club. Several members of our club will interpret the theme of our 50th anniversary for different locations within the home and then explain their thinking as they complete the design. Some members of other Garden Clubs may join us. Garden Club is an arm of the Temple, but it is also a member of the Massachusetts and National Federated Garden Clubs. Last year our club was honored when Barbara May completed her presidency of the National Federated Garden Clubs. All are welcome to attend our celebration.

If you have any question about Garden Club or if you have an interest in joining Garden Club, please email me at [calhal71@comcast.net](mailto:calhal71@comcast.net).

*Carol Gershman  
President*

## Brotherhood

When we look at the state of Brotherhood in terms of strength, direction and vibrancy we can see and feel it first hand at our annual October retreat. This year's 4th annual retreat was no exception as an enriching and socially bonding experience was had by all. Without the continued leadership and dedication of Michael Herman, our retreat would not continue to grow and become more successful and gratifying from year to year. Thanks Michael!

What do sports, science and spirituality have in common? Join us at our annual Leroy Davis Breakfast, Sunday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m. to learn more about the invisible energies that scientists are now studying, including everything from team chemistry and the energy of crowds, to prayer and spiritual experiences among us. The Boston Red Sox and Red Sox Nation are examples of these forces, as described by local psychiatrist and TBS member Rick Leskowitz in his upcoming documentary film **"The Joy of Sox: Weird Science and the Power of Intention"**. Visit [www.TheJoyOfSoxMovie.com](http://www.TheJoyOfSoxMovie.com), for more information. As our featured Leroy Davis

speaker this year, meet Rick and learn more about this fascinating topic.

With the return of Kevin Garnett and the addition of Rasheed Wallace, the Celtics again look like a strong contender in the very competitive Eastern conference. In anticipation of an exciting season, Brotherhood has reserved a block of 40 seats for our annual Celtics Game Night. Mark the date of Tuesday evening December 22 vs. the Indiana Pacers on your calendars. Tickets are \$45.00 each and are available on a first come/first serve basis. To reserve your seats today, contact Ken Davis at [pkedavis@aol.com](mailto:pkedavis@aol.com) or 781-444-0342.

Brotherhood is an active arm supporting various TBS community events and committees. We are always looking for new members with a fresh perspective on programming ideas. If you'd like to express your thoughts, feedback or ideas please feel free to contact Jon Cohan at [jon-coco@yahoo.com](mailto:jon-coco@yahoo.com) regarding programming or Greg White at [greg@nbtgroup.com](mailto:greg@nbtgroup.com) for membership information.

*Jim Winterman*

### "THE SEARCH FOR MEANING IN A POST HOLOCAUST WORLD"

Tuesday evenings, for 16 weeks  
Beginning November 3,  
from 7:30 - 9:00 pm

This fall, Temple Beth Shalom and Temple Aliyah are pleased to help launch **"Meah in Focus,"** a new program which will provide an opportunity to focus in-depth on contemporary Jewish issues and concepts. The first class in this series is entitled, **"The Search for Meaning in a Post Holocaust World"**. This is a 16 session course which will explore various responses to the Shoah/Holocaust and how these responses help to shape our understanding of contemporary Judaism. Taught by Meah faculty member **Rabbi Dan Judson**, the class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at Temple Aliyah beginning on November 3. Although the class is designed for graduates of the "Meah" program (the CJP sponsored two year, 100 hour adult learning program), all are welcome. For more information please contact Nate Karol at [nkarol@tbsneedham.org](mailto:nkarol@tbsneedham.org). Flyers and registration information are available at the Temple office, on the table in the atrium, or by request. "Meah in Focus" is offered in partnership with Hebrew College and Combined Jewish Philanthropies.



Save the date  
Brotherhood/Sisterhood event  
Saturday, January 23, 2010

Details will follow . . .

### *Welcome New Temple Members*

We welcome the following  
new members to our  
Temple Beth Shalom community

Deborah & Barry Lipsett  
and their children  
Aaron & Jason

Daryl & David Frischling  
and their children Sarah & Eli

Sandra & Bruce Beutel  
and their children  
Benjamin, Joseph & Beatrice

Arlene Wolk  
and her children  
Michael, Daniel, Deborah

Lauren & Jeffrey Greenstein  
and their son Max

Dana & Joshua Lewis  
and their children Rachel & Adam

Ida & Dimitry Gorenberg  
and their children Jacob & Eva

Tracey & Jeffrey Maimon  
and their sons Adam & David

Judith & David Brezniak

Shelley Lane & Philip Benjamin  
and their son David

Esther & Jonathan Zaff  
and their daughter Gabriella

Amy & Brian Finn  
and their children Logan & Avery

Lisa & Brian Levine  
and their sons Gabriel & Zachary

Carole & Henry Mittelman

Susan & Dror Shalita  
and their children Elan, Oren & Arie

# Children's Center



Young children learn very early how powerful words can be. Many are just learning words or just stringing words together, while other children are learning complex

vocabulary. That can be empowering! What is most important in terms of their social-emotional development is how we can guide and teach the children in using those words.

There is a wonderful book entitled "Words That Hurt, Words That Heal: How to Choose Words Wisely and Well" by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. One of the stories he writes about is one that Rabbi Jay and Rabbi Todd tell the children in the Children's Center each year. It is about a man, a long, long time ago, who went around a town saying some things that were "not very nice" about another person in the town. He wasn't sure that what he was doing was really all that terrible. And so, some of the people in town convinced him to go to see the Rabbi. The man ex-

plained his position and asked the rabbi what harm his words could possibly cause. And so the rabbi then told him to take a feather pillow from his home, cut it open, scatter the feathers around the town, and then come back to see him. When the man went back to see the



Rabbi Todd teaches the TBSCC children about Simchat Torah as he unrolls the Torah into their hands and laps.

Rabbi, he asked, "Now what is it you would like for me to do?" "Now, go and gather all the feathers." "But that's impossible," said the man, "The wind has blown them all around." "That's right," the Rabbi said, "And the same is true of the words that we speak. They come out of our mouths and are then scattered in directions that we couldn't possibly imagine. And," the Rabbi continued, "it is impossible to get

them back."

The visual created by this tale for the children, and even for us as adults, makes it easy to realize how powerful words are and how they really can hurt someone. We talk to the children about using kind, caring words, rather than words that can make someone feel sad or hurt. We say that at school, we want people to feel safe and happy, and if words are being used that make people feel sad, than that won't feel safe and happy. Our hope is that while the children are here in pre-school, we can form a bubble around them, and create a caring, nurturing community.

It is through many class meetings and great conversations, as well as good modeling, that we've heard, "Can I have a turn when you're done," followed quickly by a response of, "Yes, when I'm done," and "Hey! That girl did a mitzvah for me!" Children in our center love to point out when someone else has been kind to them ~ which is wonderful! Of course, not all conversations go that smoothly, yet with quick redirection, so many do!

This Shabbat, take a moment to go around your table and have everyone express a kind word or two for another member of the family. May your family have the blessing of witnessing the spread of joy and gratitude created by the power of words!

L'shalom,  
Marcie

## Temple Beth Shalom Proud to Accept Invitation from CJP to Begin New "Israel Action Initiative"

The following is taken from a letter received by Rabbi Perlman from Nancy Katz at Combined Jewish Philanthropies

Dear Rabbi Perlman:

As you know, Combined Jewish Philanthropies has made a major commitment to increasing Israel activism in synagogues. Our long term goal is to make Israel more central to synagogue life. In year one of this multi-year effort, we want to launch experimental projects in a handful of carefully selected synagogues. Temple Beth Shalom is one of those synagogues. The pilot programming will vary greatly from synagogue to synagogue, depending on the synagogue's needs, values, history, and demographics. Based on our conversations with you, we propose the following for Temple Beth Shalom in 5770:

- CJP will employ an exceptionally talented community organizer, who has substantial experience organizing in synagogues, to work with a subset of lay leadership starting in the fall, 2009.
- CJP will provide most of the necessary administrative support. This includes designing an on-line survey for the entire congregation, to gauge their attitudes and desires regarding Israel.
- In the summer of 2010 CJP will help to make it possible for a number of TBS "Israel Initiative" task force members to participate in a partly-subsidized mission to Israel.
- By the end of 5770, with the community organizer's help, the lay leaders will produce a concrete proposal for making Israel more central to the life of Temple Beth Shalom.
- CJP staff will then work closely throughout the following year with TBS leadership to help in implementing your congregation's proposal.

All the best,  
Nancy

TBS's Board of Trustees unanimously accepted CJP's invitation and Rabbi Perlman shared information about this new program with our community on Rosh Hashanah morning. We are thrilled to once again be working in partnership with CJP and grateful for the opportunity to do so. If you are interested in becoming involved in our "Israel Action" Initiative – either as a member of the task force or by supporting the overall work in other ways, please contact Rabbi Perlman at [jperlman@tbsneedham.org](mailto:jperlman@tbsneedham.org).





## Yahrzeits



**NOVEMBER 6**  
 Robert Blum  
 Harry Bookman  
 Howard Bramson  
 Sylvia "Tibby" Brenner  
 Seymour Cooper  
 Charles Friedman  
 Samuel G. Goldenthal  
 Gertrude Gorodetsky  
 Trosi Kaplan  
 Amy Kappel  
 Terry Krieger  
 Abraham Kublin  
 Leonard Pasternak  
 Lena Pearlman  
 Louis Strasberg  
 Floyd White  
 Harold Yampolsky

**NOVEMBER 13**  
 Milton E. Bernstein  
 Abraham Berkson  
 Patricia "Patsi" Cibella  
 Morton Cohen  
 Mamie Davis  
 Barney Drooker  
 Lillian Drooker  
 Anne Goldberg  
 Selma Muriel Goldman  
 Nancy Grebber  
 Edward Kaplan  
 Martin Katzman  
 Max Kerner  
 Bernice Leventhal  
 Shirley Lezberg  
 Maurice Bondy Peyser  
 Meriam Rodman  
 Sarah Rosenblatt  
 Myer Sack  
 Albert Sonsino  
 Sophie Taks  
 Frieda Tarlin  
 Stacy J. Tishman  
 Abraham I. Weiss  
 John Werner

**NOVEMBER 20**  
 Israel Aronson  
 Jacob Averbach  
 Samuel Barsky  
 Bradley Bartman  
 Faye N. Bennett  
 Samuel Bor  
 Norman Cetlin  
 Israel Chudnofsky  
 Samuel Cohen  
 Heidi Cutter  
 Selma Dagen  
 Annette Feldman  
 Ronald Fournier  
 Harry Goldberg  
 Ida Gottlieb  
 Morton S. Grossman  
 Jeanette Kams  
 Beryl Katz  
 Joseph A. Katz  
 Albert Krinsky  
 Isadore Levine  
 Dexter Levy  
 Max Lezberg  
 Stanley Lipman  
 Paul R. Reich  
 Rudolph Robinson  
 Alexander Rumpier  
 George Schultz  
 Samuel Shaffer  
 Anne Shenkman  
 Rose Shulman  
 Daniel Shusterman  
 Charlotte Simons  
 Bessie Steer  
 Theresa Gibgot Voss  
 Anna Wein  
 Sylvia G. Wolfson  
 Adrienne Zieve

**NOVEMBER 27**  
 Phillip T. Alperin  
 Arthur H. Baker  
 Louis Bello  
 Rosa Berman  
 Roberta Bloom  
 Susan Burke  
 Morris Charloff  
 Ruth Cutler  
 Maxwell Field  
 Benjamin Ford  
 Joseph Goodman  
 Sarah Goodman  
 Rose Green  
 Berta Gutmann  
 Inge Gutmann  
 Natan Gutmann  
 Allen Jacobs  
 Paul Karger  
 Sam Kaye  
 Frances Klebanow  
 Burton Komins  
 Chester Landy  
 Eva Marcus  
 Jeremy David Metnick  
 Maurice Noon  
 Bertha Peck  
 Harvey Potter  
 Rose Racusin  
 Arthur Reinbach  
 Manuel Rosen  
 Barbara Samuels  
 Susan Schulman  
 Frances Schumacher  
 Edythe Shafton  
 Daniel P. Shapiro  
 Israel (Jack) Sohmer  
 Sol Spector  
 Henry Streisfeld  
 Rita Teplin  
 Benjamin Weintraub  
 Bernard Wiener  
 Zachary David Zeiger

## Sharing Our Lives

We extend our sympathy to **המקום ינחם**

Michael and Verna Gurwitz, Laura and Nina  
on the passing of their father and grandfather  
Norman Gurwitz

Vera Alperin, Steven and Krista Alperin, Jillian, Annee, Noah and Nellie  
on the passing of their brother, uncle and great uncle  
Michael Shulman

Susan and Richard Brisk  
on the passing of their cousin  
Michael Levy

Lewis and Denisa Weinstein, Carly, Jacob and Joshua  
on the passing of their father and grandfather  
Joel Weinstein

Mary Blumenthal, William Gallagher, Jack and Jane  
on the passing of their sister and aunt  
Kay Blumenthal

Marjory Lippman Ryrie, Iain Ryrie, Kenneth Lippman & Steven Lippman (z"l)  
on the passing of their father  
Herbert Lippman

We extend Mazal Tov to **מזל טוב!**

Vera Burtman on the birth of her first great-grandchild,  
Savannah Brielle

Remember your loved ones with a permanent plaque on  
the Sanctuary Memorial Boards as a Blessed Memory.

For information, please contact:  
Tiziana Getz in the Temple office 781-444-0077.

## Annual Leroy Davis Sports Breakfast

Simon Hall

Sunday, November 15

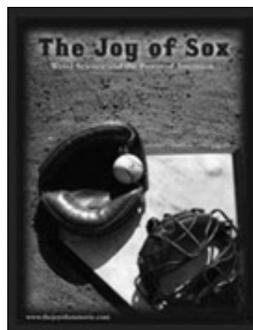
9:00 a.m.

Featuring:

**Dr. Rick Leskowitz**

Producer of the Upcoming  
Documentary:

*"The Joy of Sox": Weird Science  
and the Power of Intention*



Bagels and Lox will be served

Cost: \$5.00 for TBS Brotherhood members and  
children 13 and under  
\$8.00 for all others



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please contact Bonnie Littman at  
781-449-8793 or bonh1@aol.com.

# Social Action

5770 has started off with a flurry of activity for the Social Action Committee. Our first project was the High Holy Day Food Drive. We would like to thank the countless number of volunteers who helped paste labels on the shopping bags, distributed the bags and collected the bags filled with food. Through the generosity of our congregants, we donated 431 bags of food to the Needham Community Council. Sandy Robinson, Executive Director of Needham Community Council, was thrilled with not only the quantity of food donated but also the quality, just what they really needed to stock their shelves.

Our volunteers are getting ready to return to the Mozart School in Roslindale. Our team is part of the Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy. If you have an hour or more per week and want to make a dif-



ference in the life of a young student, contact Nancy Krieger at 781-444-2032 or [npkmk@hotmail.com](mailto:npkmk@hotmail.com). Enrich your life by tutoring with a student.

Thanks to all who have been bringing in the empty medicine bottles. We now have all we need. But the tuna baskets are empty! We are committed to bringing 90 cans of tuna each month to **Jewish Family & Children's Service's Family Table**. So instead of the medicine bottles please bring a can or two of **tuna** when you come to the temple. The basket is outside the office. If you want more information about Family Table or would like to help with this effort, contact Lori Thomas at [lorithomas@mail.com](mailto:lorithomas@mail.com).

Planning has started for our Pie in the Sky campaign as well as planning for our mini Tikkun Olam Days. In addition to these and the programs that run throughout the year (Coalition for Literacy and Family Table), we have one-time events.

**These include:**  
**African Baobab Project Ezra**  
**Coats For Kids**  
**Coalition for the Homeless Furniture Drive**  
**Belle of the Ball Bike Not Bombs**  
**Relay for Life**

We need volunteers to make some of these initiatives happen. They do not require a long-term commitment. Whether you have an hour or a day to help, you can be a part of these programs.

*Howard Ostroff & Betty Weiner*  
*Co-chairs*

### Upcoming Opportunities:

Want to know more about the various Social Action initiatives? Join us on Monday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 15 for our committee meeting. New members are always welcome.

If you weren't able to help with the construction of the **Habitat for Humanity** house in Needham, you're in luck. Our next building date is Thursday, November 19. If you are interested in getting involved, or have any questions, please contact Michael Cohen at 781-444-1830 or [mbcwc@verizon.net](mailto:mbcwc@verizon.net).



## 12th Annual Sisterhood Spirituality Retreat

January 29 – January 31, 2010

**Resort and Conference Center At Hyannis**

[www.capecoderesortandconference.com](http://www.capecoderesortandconference.com)

**Are you looking for a way to recharge your social, spiritual, and creative batteries in a Jewish setting?**

The women of Temple Beth Shalom have a unique opportunity to come together for an exciting weekend retreat filled with learning, laughter, creativity, worship and song.

We will share our stories, make new friends and reconnect with old friends.

**This year's program is going to be inspiring and thought-provoking, in a warm and friendly environment.**

**Our theme for the retreat:**

**Exploring SPIRITUALITY Through Ritual and Relationships**

Whether this is your 12th retreat or your 1st retreat, this is a weekend you won't want to miss.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there someone with whom you'd like to room? \_\_\_\_\_

**Price includes lodging, meals, and program**

	<b>Sisterhood Member (Dues paid)</b>	<b>Sisterhood Member (Dues unpaid)</b>	<b>Non-temple member</b>
Per person, double occupancy	\$240	\$285	\$294
Per person, single occupancy	\$330	\$375	\$384

To reserve your space, please send a \$120 deposit (payable to Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom) ASAP to:  
 Amy Willis, 10 Holland Terrace, Needham, MA 02492  
**All women are welcome. For more information, or if interested in**

**being on this year's committee please contact**

**Barbara Pack at [barbpack@yahoo.com](mailto:barbpack@yahoo.com) or**

**Emily Aransky at [emilya6461@aol.com](mailto:emilya6461@aol.com).**

**Scholarships are available; Please contact Judy Ravech at 781-856-8200 or [jravech@rcn.com](mailto:jravech@rcn.com).**

**Space is limited to 40 participants – first come, first served!**

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** No refunds will be provided at any time unless a replacement can be found by the retreat committee. If a replacement is found, all but \$50 will be refunded.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Group

Sunday, December 13 from 3:00 - 4:30pm

Chanukah fare will be served

At the home of Trina Novak 33 Gilbert Road  
RSVP to Trina: 781-449-6747, [kermittf@rcn.com](mailto:kermittf@rcn.com)

**Rosh Chodesh:** Female-centered **Rosh Chodesh** observances vary from group to group, but many are centered around small gatherings of women, called **Rosh Chodesh** groups.

These groups engage in a wide variety of activities that

center around issues important to Jewish women, depending on the preference of the group's members. Many **Rosh Chodesh** groups explore spirituality, religious education, ritual, health issues, music, chanting, art, and/or cooking.

**Rosh Chodesh** is a monthly holiday based on the new month. We will celebrate the beginnings of the month in our own unique way as the new group comes together to form its own traditions. Enjoy a spiritual and social gathering to create connections and relationships among your sisterhood friends. Be a part of shaping this group into an exciting new addition to your spiritual life in Sisterhood.

Mark your calendars for upcoming **Rosh Chodesh** dates:  
February 7 and April 11.

There is no charge for this event. Please contact Trina if you can help with refreshments.



## “Advance Directives for You and Your Loved Ones”

Thursday, December 8

7:30 pm

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### Learn how to prevent a medical or financial crisis by planning in advance

Leading elder law Attorney Rebecca J. Benson, of the firm of Margolis and Bloom, will address the need for both medical and financial advance directives - these include Healthcare Proxy and the Power of Attorney. She will also discuss how to avoid guardianship issues by having the proper advance directives in place. With healthcare and aging issues in the forefront for many right now, this issue could not be of greater importance.

Rebecca Benson's practice focuses on estate planning, Medicaid eligibility, planning for beneficiaries with special needs, and advocating for nursing home and assisted living residents. She is the author of several works on estate planning and elder and disability law. Ms. Benson has been published in the Journal of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, the RIA treatise on Estate Planning law and Taxation; and MCLE's Estate Planning for the Aging or Incapacitated Client. A graduate of Harvard Law School and the University of Pennsylvania, Ms. Benson is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, the Academy of Special Needs Planners and the Massachusetts Bar Association.

Please RSVP, for planning purposes, to Ilene Sharp at 508-975-4192.



## Sisterhood Book Club

Our next meeting is Wednesday,  
December 16 at 7:30 pm  
to discuss

**A Pigeon and A Boy:**  
**A Novel, by Meir Shalev**



The author interweaves two remarkable personal stories: Yair Mendelsohn, a middle-aged Israeli tour guide and a new American client who fought in a clandestine military force in Israel's 1948 war of independence.

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Rabbi Michele Lenke for bringing so much Torah to our High Holy Days at TBS  
Roger & Coral Ambuter for helping to make our Masonic Hall services possible  
Jeremy Serwer, Sharon Rosenberg & the team of ushers for making our High Holy Day experiences at both sites so pleasant for all Garden Club for the beautiful floral arrangements at both TBS & Masonic Hall during the High Holy Days  
Margaret McConchie & Tracy Winkler for running a fantastic High Holy Day babysitting program  
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# Temple Calendar - November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																		
<b>1</b> 8:45 AM RS T'fillah/Music-Sanct. 12:00 PM Intro to Judaism-CR	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Rabbinical Study Grp-LIB 9:30 AM TBS/JVS Job Club-SH 7:00 PM GC Bd Mtg-GCR 7:30 PM Fall Sparks of Insight w/ R.Soriano-CR 7:30 PM RS Comm Mtg-Rm 12	<b>3</b> 7:30 PM Israeli Folkdancing - SH No RS or CC	<b>4</b> 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-SH	<b>5</b> 3:30 PM T'fillah/Music-Sanct. 5:40 PM Sha'arim Hebrew I-Rm 14 No RS	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM ADL Mtg-Rm 15 7:45 PM Shabbat Service (Lay-Led)-Sanct	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Shacharit Service-CR 9:00 AM Torah Study-CR																																																																																																		
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