



## WELCOME CANTORIAL INTERN JEFFREY WARSCHAUER



Please join us in welcoming Cantorial Intern Jeffrey Warschauer of the Jewish Theological Seminary, who will be joining us for Shabbat services and special programming each month. Come meet Jeff and enjoy a new approach to services over the weekends of Oct. 31 - Nov. 2, Nov. 14-16, and Nov. 21-23. Stay tuned for further details and more dates!

We asked Jeff some questions to help introduce him to our congregation:

### **What drew you to becoming a cantor?**

**JW:** I decided to become a cantor for a few reasons:

First of all, I love working with individuals and groups, of all ages and backgrounds, to help them grow musically and spiritually. This might mean, for example, helping someone learn to daven or to improve their synagogue skills, or to create an opportunity for them to sing or play an instrument in a synagogue choir or band.

Second, I've been involved in many short-term residencies over the years, which have been wonderful! But I really value the opportunity to work with a community over a long period of time, as opposed to "dropping in" for a weekend or a week. A lot of creative work can only happen over time.

Third, I'm fascinated by liturgy and by synagogue music. In a sense, Cantorial school has been a sort of "finishing school" for me as a well-rounded Jewish musician and singer.

Fourth, over time I've wanted a more stable, Jewishly-observant life, which is a difficult match with the freelance, touring musical lifestyle.

Fifth, being a cantor is a great job! I just love to *daven* (pray). And I love to help others *daven*, too.

### **Tell us a bit about your Jewish and musical influences.**

**JW:** I've been immersed in Jewish music since the early 80s, particularly Klezmer instrumental music, Hasidic music and Yiddish song. I've been performing and teaching internationally, especially in Eastern and Western Europe, and across North America, with the Klezmer Conservatory Band and others, most particularly in a duo with my wife and musical partner, Deborah Strauss.

At the same time, I've become more and more involved with synagogue life and Jewish studies in general.

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## Upcoming SPECIAL EVENTS

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**Sunday, November 9**

**10:00 am**

100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Brunch  
Honoring Cantor Messerschmidt

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**Sunday, November 9**

**12:30 pm**

Interfaith Kristallnacht Event  
& Writing Workshop

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**Friday, November 14**

**5:30 pm**

Shabbat Halaila -  
Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
& Community Dinner  
Hosted by Kadima Beth El

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**Friday, December 12**

**5:30 pm**

Shabbat Halaila -  
Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
& Community Dinner  
Hosted by Kadima Beth El

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**Wednesday, December 17**

**5:30 pm**

TBE Chanukah Party  
Featuring The Casco Bay Tumblers



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## TEMPLE BETH EL'S MISSION

Our vision is to be an embracing, supportive and vibrant community which observes Judaism in the Conservative tradition and which is devoted to the perpetuation of Jewish values and culture. Temple Beth El honors the diversity of its members and is committed to their spiritual growth.



TEMPLE BETH EL

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

*All are welcome.*

Monday through Friday	6:50 am
Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat service	5:30 pm
Saturday (Shabbat) and Jewish holidays	9:30 am
Sunday	9:00 am
Secular holidays	8:30 am

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2014-2015

### Leadership Team:

Irwin Gratz - Immediate Past President

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### Ex officio:

Rabbi Carolyn Braun

Jodi Veysey

## TEMPLE BETH EL 2014-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Cantor Emeritus - Kurt Messerschmidt

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THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Irwin Gratz, Past Board President

Let's begin with a series of questions: Did you visit our Sukkah last year? Attend our Chanukah celebration? Were you at Temple on Purim? How about our mini-film festival? Did you attend a Bar or Bat Mitzvah? Or the Night of Jewish Baseball?

Each and every one of those events has something in common: It involved planning and execution by our staff and by some of us. We stage many special events here at Beth El during the course of a year (in addition to prayer services each morning, Friday nights, Saturday mornings, and holidays).

We do so many events here, that we are straining the capacity of our staff, your Temple Board, and those folks who regularly volunteer to cook, set tables, clean them off, usher at Bar and Bat Mitzvah services, deliver Shalach Manot baskets, and do so much more. We always seem short of the number of volunteers we really need. And frankly, in the long term, we worry about burnout among our core volunteers.

Our synagogue, indeed any synagogue, is a truly community endeavor. No corporate chief decided to open a conservative branch here on Deering Avenue. Rather, a group of committed Jews created this house and, now, nearly 70 years later it is really up to us to be sure it continues to function as a center of observance, learning, and, yes, fun.

So your temple leadership is asking of you, our congregants, to lend a hand during the year ahead as we once again undertake a very full schedule of events. If you're planning to attend a Shabbat dinner, or our Chanukah party, or any Temple event, please consider calling the office and letting them know you can come an hour early to help set up, or stay late to neaten up. Your efforts will be most appreciated. Volunteering will also provide you with more opportunities to form relationships with your fellow congregants. Such relationships are at the heart of our religious community. So we look forward to seeing you in the year ahead, not just in the Lewis Social Hall, but in the kitchen too. ■

## ANNUAL APPEAL

*Reminder*

If you have not yet pledged your support of TBE's Annual Appeal Campaign, there is still time to make your end-of-year tax deductible donation. We rely on your generous contributions which allow us to provide meaningful prayer services, educational and social opportunities for all ages, and support for our members throughout their lifecycle events.

**To make your donation**, please contact our bookkeeper Sheri Quint at 774-2649, or send us a check made out to Temple Beth El with 'Annual Appeal' in the memo line.

*Today Rabah* - thank you!

## MAZEL TOV מזל טוב

חודש

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Steve and Chichi Levine
- 5 Harris Gleckman and Riva Krut
- 7 Rubin and Sally Laskoff
- 7 Alan and Karen Lerman
- 11 Steven and Shelley Carvel
- 11 Arthur and Fran Jacobson
- 11 Greg and Janine Smestad
- 13 Wayne Eklund and Ginny Squires Eklund
- 18 Phil and Elizabeth Levinsky
- 19 Ross and Patty Weber
- 22 Bill Burge and Tracey Hall
- 30 Ed and Harriet Schultz

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Ernest and Diana Sturman
- 4 Paul and Sarah Muscat
- 5 Sid and Sue Steinkeler
- 16 David and Elizabeth Turesky
- 21 Larry and Wendy Kane
- 23 Jerry and Rae Malina
- 25 Larry and Joan Levy
- 29 Charlie and Ellie Miller
- 31 Natan and Orly Kahn

## ONWARD & UPWARD WITH KBE

By Melanie Weiss, Director of Kadima Beth El Religious School Program



It's been an exciting autumn at Kadima Beth El! We enjoyed learning about the High Holidays together, making Jonah-and-the-whale puppets in Morah Diana's class, working on saying that hardest word (hint: it's "sorry") in Morah Debbie's class, and exploring both the sukkah and the Torah scroll with Morah Heidi – while learning important prayers for the holidays with Morah Lisa. And, of course, we all loved tasting *tapuchim im d'vash* (apples and honey) together – and working on those words in Hebrew!

Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning about Jewish history and exploring their own Jewish pasts, while our teens are engaged in some exploration of their own. Our Teen Beit Midrash has been swimming in the sea of Talmud and learning about the intricacies of the ethical dilemmas in the politics of modern Israel. In Hebrew High, students have begun working on modern Hebrew. Plus, our *madrichim* are, as ever, hugely helpful in teaching our students.

And it's not only the big kids who are getting in on the fun! Our Kol Yeladim Early Childhood program, which serves the 0-3 year old population and is open and free for everyone (not just KBE families), had an awesome autumn as well, decorating shofars, hanging out in the sukkah, and more! Kol Yeladim meets once a month on Sunday mornings, so if you know anyone who might be interested, please pass this information along.

In the months to come, we're looking forward to spending more time with the whole KBE community, praying and eating together at our monthly Shabbat HaLaila services and communal meals, and partying together at Chanukah. To be the best that we can be, KBE needs your help! We're always looking for folks to take on the cooking – or clean-up – for a Shabbat HaLaila family service and dinner, to prepare a weekly dinner for our 7<sup>th</sup> graders, or even just to attend one of our Wednesday-afternoon open classrooms. Be in touch for more information about how you can make our school successful! You can find lots of great updates about what's going on at Kadima Beth El by checking out the TBE website at [www.tbemaine.org](http://www.tbemaine.org) ( - just click the 'Kadima Beth El' tab).

It's not just me eager to tell you about all of the wonderful things we're working on and learning at KBE. Below, you can find the update from two of our students, checking in with a dispatch about their Wednesday afternoon project. I hope you enjoy hearing from them as much as I do!

Kol tuv (all the best),  
Morah Mel

### What We Do On Wednesday

By Eden Johnson and Eleanor Gelchinsky

We are doing the project Great Debates. We choose a debate from a book and we study it. Then we all choose parts and act out the debate we chose. On each debate, we look up answers to questions in our books and we fill out worksheets about what happened in that debate. We also find out the two Jewish values in the debate. We both really find the project interesting and fun! ■

## THE UNRECOGNIZED POWER OF WORDS

By Jodi Veysey, TBE Executive Director

I occasionally find myself in the mood to take a break from the computer to read just a few sections of various books that I find in our TBE Library or from one that I “borrowed” off of Rabbi Braun’s shelf in her office. As I read a chapter or two that had an interesting title, or even just a part of a paragraph, I find myself relating it to experiences in my personal surroundings at work, home or in public. I recently read parts of a book entitled *Words That Hurt, Words That Heal, How to Choose Words Wisely and Well* by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin and found a particular anecdote and review to be something that we all should pay more attention to. The story made me think about how, when speaking to or about other people or when in certain situations, we easily fall into a pattern of speaking that we pay little attention to because it has become as familiar to us as tying our shoes. I decided to share an excerpt from this story that I found interesting... I hope you find it equally inspiring.

The following sections are paraphrased from *Words That Hurt, Words That Heal, How to Choose Words Wisely and Well* by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin:

In a small Eastern European village, a man went through the community slandering the rabbi. One day, feeling suddenly remorseful, he begged the rabbi for forgiveness and offered to undergo any penance to make amends. The rabbi told him to take a father pillow from his home, cut it open and scatter the feathers to the wind, then return to see him. The man did as he was told, then came to the rabbi and asked, “Am I now forgiven?”

“Almost,” came the response. “You just have to do one more thing. Go and gather all the feathers.”

“But that’s impossible,” the man protested. “The wind has already scattered them!”

“Precisely,” the rabbi answered. “And although you truly wish to correct the wrong that you have done, it is as impossible to repair the damage done by your words as it is to recover the feathers.”

This famous tale is a testimony about the power of speech. Words said about us can define our place in the world. Once that “place,” our reputation, is defined – especially when it is negative – it is very hard to reverse.

That words are powerful may seem obvious, but the fact is that most of us, most of the time, use them lightly. We choose our clothes more carefully than we choose our words, though what we say about and to others can define them indelibly. That is why ethical speech – speaking fairly of others, honestly about ourselves and carefully to everyone – is so important.

After digesting what Rabbi Telushkin was discussing, it seemed that expressing ourselves appropriately has as much to do with how what we are saying is perceived by others as it does about getting our intended message across. Have you even said something and then wondered “Why did I say that?” or “I wish I had said that in a different way.” It also seems clear that not only should we be more cognizant of how we choose our words when discussing a person or event, but additionally how we respond to those who speak to, or about, us or others. We have often heard that we should listen to the underlying message and respond to that intention, not only to the words being spoken. Based on that ideal, your Temple Beth El staff meets weekly to not only discuss upcoming events and building needs, but also to discuss how best to help, speak with and attend to all of your inquiries, phone calls and emails in the most appropriate manner. Through this weekly discussion we hope to achieve a consistent manner of welcoming you in a courteous and understanding way. ■

## ADULT JEWISH LEARNING COMMITTEE

### Judy Gatchell, Chair

Temple Beth and the Adult Jewish Learning Committee were pleased to have Rabbi David Freidenreich present a four session series on the Ethical Dimensions of the Israel / Palestine Conflict through November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rabbi Freidenreich is the Pulver Family Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Colby College.

On Sunday, December 14, at 10:00, at Temple Beth El, Rabbi Rachel Isaacs will present a discussion entitled "Exploring Israel's Secular-Religious Divide through Popular Media." Rabbi Isaacs is the Rabbi of Beth El Congregation in Waterville and the Jewish Chaplain at Colby College. Using clips from some of Israel's most popular dramas and comedies, we will explore social and political schisms in Israeli society. We will watch scenes from the internationally renowned drama *Srugim*, the beloved comedy *Arab Labor*, and the uproariously funny, *What is this Nonsense with Adi Ashkenazi*. All are welcome.

Finally, the Temple Beth El/AJLC Winter Film Series returns for the third year. Three classic films will be shown on Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm, each touching on different aspects of the Jewish experience:

**Saturday, January 10 - *The Pawnbroker***

**Saturday, January 24 - *Hannah and Her Sisters***

**Saturday, February 7 - *Sophie's Choice***

Our goal with the series is to provide a social experience in an informal venue. Discussion will follow the screenings. Please join us in the Social Hall. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. All are welcome. ■

## YAD L'YAD COMMITTEE

### Becky Delois, Chair

Thanks to the efficiency of those who work in the office, we are made more aware in a timely fashion of births, deaths, those who are ill, in hospital, etc than ever before. Kudos to TBE's kind staff! They are the best in every way.

Also, I cannot emphasize enough how much Yad L'Yad needs willing volunteers to deliver meals, to help make a meal for those sitting *shiva* or families with a newborn baby, to visit those who are alone, to take people to Temple services, etc. We will have a busy time this fall with knee surgeries, and meals will be cooked in our homes to bring to those who are not well or recovering. It takes involvement from many to pass this caring program and all it offers on to the next generation. We need you, dear Temple members, yes we do. Stay warm and healthy this winter. ■

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

### Daniel Gatchell, Chair

The following were addressed over the summer and early fall. Thanks to all who helped.

The loose floor tiles in the social hall were repaired by Geoff Hindall, who also performed a preventative maintenance check throughout the building.

Terry Veysey and Gil Dichter began the process of winterizing the office windows.

Some of you may have noticed the scaffolding in the sanctuary this summer. This was a process that resulted in identifying and repairing areas that have been causing roof leaks for several years. Repairs were made around the duct work and HVAC systems. Interior damaged areas have also been fixed.

Our Executive Director, Jodi Veysey coordinated the repair of a kitchen refrigerator and freezer. She made certain that cracks in the parking lot were patched in time for the holidays.

The IT room, where our dedicated volunteer and house committee member Tom Berman spends so much time keeping things running smoothly, received a small heating and cooling unit. This helps to assure that the temperature is optimal for the systems to function efficiently.

The house committee worked with a tree specialist to trim the trees surrounding the building. It has helped to keep the area safe, beautify our space and lengthen the life of the trees.

The big storm in August resulted in a flood in the boiler room. Rabbi Braun, Jodi and Terry Veysey, and our custodian Bob Bradbury came in during the night to control the flooding and clean up the mess. In the morning they ensured the equipment was checked for damages.

Thanks to Tom Berman for his persistence and research resulting in new, brighter and more efficient lighting has been installed in the small chapel.

Next time you are in the building, take a closer look at some of these areas. It will give you an appreciation for the dedication of our staff and house committee volunteers. ■

## TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

**Tara Gingerich and Carolyn Turcio-Gilman, Co-Chairs**

The TBE community continues to be very generous! Since July, the TBE community has donated, and the Tikkun Olam Committee has delivered, approximately 15 bags of food, toiletries, and household items and 23 bags of food to the Preble Street Resource Center, the Jewish Family Services Food Pantry, and the ASPIRE program. Please keep those donations coming – they are making a difference in people’s lives!

We launched a cold-weather clothing drive in September, and have already received many donations of winter coats, clothing, and accessories (hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks). We will be continuing this drive through November, so please donate any items you can. Families with rapidly growing children: as you buy your children new gear for this winter, please bring in the clothing and gear that are too small!

The committee has created a list of over 30 local organizations and companies that accept donations of or will recycle various items from electronics to eyeglasses to blue jeans. The list is available on the TBE website or in hard copy in the front lobby.

Did you know that 15% of families in Maine don’t know the source of their next meal? The committee has been engaged in conversations with NCJW (the National Council of Jewish Women), Congregation Bet Ha’am, and Jewish Family Services about a new NCJW-led initiative to address the rising problem of food insecurity in Maine. This effort was kicked off on October 19<sup>th</sup>, in an event held at TBE featuring Amy Regan Gallant, Preble Street Maine Hunger Initiative and Advocacy Coordinator, who discussed the issue of hunger in Maine, current programs, legislation, and advocacy. The Tikkun Olam committee co-sponsored the event with NCJW. ■

## WELCOME JEFFREY WARSCHAUER

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So my Jewish musical influences include Klezmer instrumental music, Hasidic music, Yiddish song, Sephardic, Israeli and Middle Eastern Jewish music, and of course, Cantorial and synagogue music old and new.

As a teenager and young adult I played and sang professionally in all sorts of American styles: Bluegrass, Country, Rock, R&B, Soul, Classical and Jazz. I like bringing those styles into the shul too!

### ***What do you hope to contribute to Shabbat services and congregational life at TBE?***

**JW:** I want to help make the services at TBE as beautiful, moving, spiritual and participatory as possible, and I intend to bring everything that I have - knowledge, skills and passion - to help achieve that. Both inside and outside of services, I want to help the community at TBE flourish spiritually, intellectually, musically and artistically.

I say “artistically,” because I like to think of synagogue participation as a creative, artistic pursuit. We are all artists -- kids, adults, seniors, everyone -- and we all have unique and precious gifts to offer to our community. A big part of my job as a cantor is to help nurture those creative contributions, and to help our members grow in their approach to Judaism and to synagogue life.

### ***Please share something fun about yourself - special interests or skills.***

**JW:** Fun fact 1: I have deep connections to Maine! I grew up and went to conservatory in the Boston area, and I spent a lot of time hiking and climbing all over Maine and New Hampshire. And saltwater taffy at the Goldenrod in York Beach was a major feature of my childhood.

Fun fact 2: Deborah and I are Yiddish speakers, and for many years we have been researching and collecting Yiddish and Hebrew songs and instrumental melodies in North America, Europe and Israel. ■

## NEW MEMBERS



Michael Goldman and daughters Eliana and Eva

Verne & Tracey Weisberg

Stanford & Sylvia Schneider

Dan & Mandy Rosenfeld and daughters Sydney and Lilah

Karl Schatz & Margaret Hathaway and daughters  
Sadie, Beatrice & Charlotte

Julie Michals



## CONDOLENCES

Our sincerest condolences to **Sarah Muscat on the loss of her mother, Carmel Leah Myers Davy**, who passed away on Tuesday, August 19. Carmel will be sadly missed by Sarah and Paul and their daughters, Rachel, Claire and Emily. *Zichrona l'vracha* - May Carmel's memory be for a blessing.

Our sincerest condolences to **Lawrence Levy on the loss of his father, Phillip Levy**, who passed away on Tuesday, September 2 in Delray Beach, Florida after 91 years of a well-lived life. Phil will be sadly missed by Larry and Joan and their children, Rachel, Samantha and Noah. *Zichrono l'vracha* - May Philip's memory be for a blessing.

Our sincerest condolences to the family of **Charles "Chuck" Wolfe**, who passed away at the age of 71 on September 2. Charlie Miller has said that, as the consultant for our Temple Beth El Endowment Fund, "Chuck was a one of a kind who gave Temple Beth El the confidence needed to create our strong Endowment and helped us meet goals that we never thought possible. We were all better for knowing and working with him. He will forever be remembered as having had a huge impact on our Temple community." *Zichrono l'vracha* - May Chuck's memory be for a blessing.

Our sincerest condolences to the family of **Carl Lerman**, who passed away on Sunday, October 19 in Portland. Carl had a passion for singing and was a longtime choir member at Temple Beth El. He was predeceased by his wife Shirley and will be sadly missed by his sister, children, grandchildren and great grandchild, as well as by his nephews Alan (and Karen) Lerman and Larry (and Sandy Goodman) Brown. *Zichrono l'vracha* - May Carl's memory be for a blessing.

Our sincerest condolences to the family of **Marcia Schweg Cutler**, who passed away on Monday, October 20 in Boynton Beach, FL. Marcia was the beloved sister of Rita Weisberg, sister-in-law of Abraham Benjamin and Edward Richman, and aunt of Karen Lerman and Ken Silver. *Zichrona l'vracha* - May Marcia's memory be for a blessing.

## TODAH RABAH

Todah Rabah to **Barbara & Gil Dichter** for sponsoring a Kiddush in honor of their anniversary, the anniversary of Gil's bar mitzvah, and in memory of Gil's father, Abraham.

Todah Rabah to all those who participated in our Shabbat and holiday services: **Tom Berman, Margie Berman, Abbie Brier, Barbara Dichter, Rabbi David Freidenreich, Naomi Freidenreich, Sara Kahn Troster, Judy Gatchell, Morton Gold, Rafi Halpern, Jeff Halpern, Eden Johnson, Yoni Kahn, Debbie Kanter, Samuel Kemmerer, Tova Kemmerer, Joy Krinsky, Carol Nemeroff, Sam Nemeroff, Rabbi Lawrence Troster, Kaspar Wilder, Norm & Judy Wilson, Ellie & Charlie Miller, Paul Greene, Michael Peisner, Robert Aranson, Lisa Berman, Jon Brier, Mark Aranson, Jonathan Dunitz, Caleb & Robert Levine, Rabbi Joel Klein, Les and Toby Klein, Paul Muscat, Clara Purinton, Hedy Cohen, Sandra Kornblum Peggy & Steve Shapiro, Armand Lucier, Rachele Mack, Simon & Jonathan Handelman, Dan Skwire, Bob Tabachnick, Bill Burge, Tracey Hall, Tony Paratore, Elaine Kerachsky, Stan Elowitch, and Ken Silver.**

Todah Rabah to the following High Holiday volunteers: **Robert Aranson, Karen Lerman, Geoff Hindall, Terry Veysey, Jodi Veysey, Sherri Quint, Tracey Hall, Isabelle Cohen Johnson, Eden Johnson, Joy Krinsky, Adam Arens, Barbara Dichter, Barbara Epstein, Dan Skwire, Debbie Kanter, Hedy Cohen, Jay Collins, Rabbi Braun, Sandra Kornblum, Kate Foye, Rhettta Huttman and Drew Stevens.**

Todah Rabah to the following for bringing treats to the TBE office for staff during the busy High Holidays time: **Karen Lerman, Robert Levine, David Jacobs, Karen Hindall, and Mel Weiss** and to **Kaspar Wilder & Karen Hindall** for harvesting the TBE garden.

Todah Rabah to **Fran & Arthur Jacobson** for their donation of hedge trimmers to TBE.

Todah Rabah to **Linda Jacobs** for her ongoing help with accounting.

Todah Rabah to **Rorie Lee, Clara Purinton, and Ross Goldberg** for their continued maintenance of the sanctuary plants.

Todah Rabah to **Riley, Eden & Isabelle Cohen-Johnson and Sandra Kornblum** for polishing all of the silver prior to the High Holidays.

Todah Rabah to **Stephanie Cummings, Sandra Kornblum and Isabelle Cohen Johnson** for their help with the High Holiday Shofar newsletter mailing.

Todah Rabah to **Bob Bradbury** for assisting with the Book Burial Ceremony at Mt. Sinai Cemetery.

Todah Rabah to **Tom Berman** for troubleshooting some computer issues.

Todah Rabah to **Isabelle Cohen-Johnson, Judy Gatchell, Sandra Kornblum and Tracey Hall** for preparing a delicious dinner for our Shabbat HaLaila program.

Todah Rabah to **Sherri Quint** for cleaning (and **Kelsie Camire** for assisting) the *Ner Tamid* (eternal flame) in the Sanctuary prior to High Holidays.

Todah Rabah to **David Jacobs** for leading the drive to remodel the handicap-accessible bathroom in the Rabbi's office.

Todah Rabah to **Terry Veysey** for sprucing up the entrance doors prior to High Holidays.

Todah Rabah to those that assisted with assembling the TBE Sukkah: **Karen, Geoff & Emma Hindall, Tom Berman, Leticia Huttman, Clara Purinton, Tracey Hall & Kaspar Wilder.**

Todah Rabah to **Norm Wilson** for tending to the new plantings at the Slivka Memorial.

Todah Rabah to **Isabelle Cohen Johnson and Leticia Huttman** for baking delicious pizzas, and to **Kate Foye** for set up and clean up during KBE's 'Pizza in the Hut' event.

Todah Rabah to **Barbara Dichter** for repairing the trim-work on the Bimah cover.

Todah Rabah to the **Tikkun Olam Committee** for co-hosting the Food Insecurity event with NCJW and for providing breakfast.

Todah Rabah **Ernie & Toby Wallach** for volunteering with the Gift Shop setup.

## MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to TBE Communications Director **Deena Schoenfeld and her husband Josh** on their son Ben's Bar Mitzvah celebrated in July in Israel.

Mazel Tov to **Andre & Daniela Skalina** on their daughter Nicole's wedding to David Altszuler. Rabbi Braun officiated at the ceremony held in Southport, Maine on Aug. 31.



TEMPLE BETH EL'S ANNUAL

# CHANUKAH PARTY



Wednesday, December 17  
5:00 - 7:00 pm

- Delicious fresh latkes, soups & desserts
- Chanukah candle lighting
- Live music with the Casco Bay Tumblers
- Fun for the whole family!

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If are an expert potato peeler or latke fryer, or if you can help with party set up or clean up, please contact the TBE office at 774-2649 or [events@tbemaine.org](mailto:events@tbemaine.org).

## SHABBAT HALAILA

*You're invited!*



*Join us for our monthly*

### FAMILY KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE & COMMUNITY DINNERS

TBE's religious school program, Kadima Beth El, invites the entire congregation to our special monthly Family Shabbat Service & Community Dinners. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to celebrate Shabbat together with old friends and new over a joyous Shabbat meal prepared by our amazing volunteers! To RSVP or volunteer, please contact the TBE office at 774-2649.

FRIDAY EVENINGS at 5:30 pm: Nov. 14 • Dec. 12 • Jan. 9  
Feb. 13 • March 13 • May 8

## Teen BEIT MIDRASH

Sunday mornings,  
twice a month

Starts September 14<sup>th</sup>

A TBE learning group  
for 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders

Contact Mel Weiss  
at [education@tbemaine.org](mailto:education@tbemaine.org)  
for more information.



## KOL YELADIM

TBE'S Early Childhood Education  
Program for children ages 0-3 years

Sunday mornings, 9:15 - 10:00 am

**STORIES \* CRAFTS \* MUSIC**

Monthly Kol Yeladim events:

Nov. 2, 2014 | Dec. 14, 2014  
Jan. 11, 2015 | Feb. 1, 2015  
March 1, 2015 | March 29, 2015  
May 17, 2015



Kol Yeladim (Hebrew for "voice of the children"), TBE's early childhood program, is a positive, fun and educational introduction to the joys of Judaism, Hebrew, Shabbat and Jewish holidays, for children ages 0-3 years and their families.

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## Cheshvan - Kislev 5775

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 9:30 am Shabbat Services with Jeff Warschauer 6:14 pm Havdalah time
<b>2 Daylight Savings Ends</b> 9:00 am KBE Minyan & Bagels 9:15 am Kol Yeladim 12 Jewish Music Jam 1:30 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> grade HHRC	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 3:30 pm KBE 6:00 pm 7th grade	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 4:05 pm Candle lighting time 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services	<b>8</b> 9:30 am Shabbat Services 5:05 pm Havdalah time
<b>9</b> 9:00 am Minyan & Bagels 10:30 am Messerschmidt Birthday Brunch 12:30 pm Interfaith Kristallnacht Event	<b>10</b>	<b>11 Veterans Day</b> 5:30 pm TBE Executive Committee Meeting	<b>12</b> 3:30 pm KBE	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 3:58 pm Candle lighting time 5:30 pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat Services & Dinner with Jeff Warschauer	<b>15</b> 9:30 am Shabbat Services - with Jeff W. 11:45 am Anniv. & Birthday Kiddush 4:52 pm Havdalah time
<b>16</b> 9:00 am KBE Minyan & Bagels 1:30 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> grade event	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm Board Meeting	<b>19</b> 3:30 pm KBE 6:00 pm 7th grade	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 3:52 pm Candle lighting time 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Jeff Warschauer	<b>22</b> 9:30 am Shabbat Services 4:51 pm Havdalah time
<b>23 Rosh Chodesh</b> 9:00 am KBE Minyan & Bagels	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27 Thanksgiving</b> <b>TBE closed</b> 8:30 am Minyan	<b>28 TBE closed</b> 8:30 am Minyan 3:48 pm Candle lighting time 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services	<b>29</b> 9:30 am Shabbat Services 4:47 pm Havdalah time

# DECEMBER 2014

# Kislev - Tevet 5775

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 3:30 pm KBE 6:00 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 3:46 pm Candle lighting time 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Jeff W.	<b>6</b> 9:30 am Shabbat Services with Jeff Warschauer 4:46 pm Havdalah time
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<b>14</b> 9:00 am KBE Minyan & Bagels 9:15 am Kol Yeladim 12:00 pm KBE B'Yachad Event-Cedars 1:30 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>15</b>	<b>16 Erev Chanukah</b>	<b>17 Chanukah II</b> 3:30 pm KBE 5:00 pm TBE Chanukah Party	<b>18 Chanukah III</b>	<b>19 Chanukah IV</b> 3:48 pm Candle lighting time 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Guest Rabbi Aaron Weinger	<b>20 Chanukah V</b> 9:30 am Shabbat Services with Jeff Warschauer & Rabbi Aaron Weinger 4:48 pm Havdalah time
<b>21 Chanukah VI</b>	<b>22 Chanukah VII Rosh Chodesh</b>	<b>23 Chanukah VIII Rosh Chodesh</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 (Christmas) TBE closed</b> 8:30 am Minyan	<b>26</b> 3:52 pm Candle lighting time 5:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services	<b>27</b> 9:30 am Shabbat Services & Karen Hindall Bat Mitzvah 4:52 pm Havdalah time
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1 JANUARY (New Years Day) Fast of 10 Tevet TBE closed</b> 8:30 am Minyan		

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