Shabbat Services for December

Saturday, December 7: Shabbat morning services @ 9:30 am

Friday, December 13: Catered Meat Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner & Services @ 6:30: Reservations Required

Saturday, December 21: Havurah service @ 10:00 am

Friday, December 27: Pot-Luck Kabbalat Dinner & Services @ 6:30
Theme is Fried Foods in Honor of Hanukkah; Sign-Up Required
From the Desk of President Ed Baron

Thank goodness Thanksgiving is over so now we can concentrate on preparations for Hanukkah.

Seriously the end of the year looms on the horizon and with it a chance to look back on the past year. It’s a cliché a couple of days late, but let’s take this opportunity to look back and be thankful. Politics aside, this has been a pretty good year. The markets are at all time highs, inflation is being held in check, weather here in the Northeast has been normal, and the future is bright. We are financially holding our heads above water here at Temple Beth Emunah. In the last few years I think we have found our unique niche. We have become a small tightly knit religious community providing BINGO to the wider community. You make up our community, and we need to see and hear from you about our future. Over the High Holidays I offered free transportation for community events but have not had any suggestions for events or trips. A year from now I don’t want to say something like “with 2020 vision” we had an opportunity and we blew it. Help us make 2020 a year we can look back on with a smile. Call me, write me, email me, or stop me at services, with ideas for specific activities. I’m always looking for ideas on how we can commune for the next 12 months. If I find an activity, you’ll know when you hear me shout BINGO.

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From the Desk of Rabbi Andrea Gouze

Are synagogues just a place to pray? Historically that has not been the case. In fact, the word 'synagogue,' which comes from the Greek, means a gathering place. The Hebrew term, 'Beit Knesset,' underscores this as it translates to ‘House of Gathering’. The synagogue is, therefore, a place for people to gather together, sometimes for prayer but also for study, for companionship, for just having a structure within which to come together for community. This month, Temple Beth Emunah is definitely living out that concept with a full schedule of events. When you peruse this newsletter, I am confident that you will find something to your liking to participate in at the synagogue. Whether it is constructing a beautiful menorah using tile and high-grade materials or having fun singing at karaoke, whether it is watching an interesting movie or sharing a Shabbat meal with your friends and community, this month we have a packed schedule of events. I invite you to participate. Gather in the gathering place and come together with your friends and community.

Hanukkah is a celebration of the rededication of the Temple after the Maccabees succeeded in defeating the Greeks and Hellenists. If they had not won, it is unclear as to whether or not Judaism would still exist as a civilization; we would have become absorbed into the larger Greek culture. By celebrating Hanukkah, we are affirming our right and our pride in being Jewish and as such, each year as we light the candles, we are also re-dedicating ourselves to our commitment to be Jews and to live our lives as Jews. The rabbis, when they set the rituals for its observance, all stated that we are supposed to place the menorah in a window for everyone to see (except when times were too dangerous to do that). As such, they were connecting the ritual with this value of pride and affirmation of our Jewish identity. As anti-Semitism continues to rear its ugly head, it is even more incumbent upon us to actively live as Jews. We carry with us the responsibility to stand up to hatred and ensure that future generations have as much right to live as Jews as did the Maccabees when they fought the Greeks and made a stand to protect their ability to remain Jewish.

So, light the candles in a window, participate in the TBE programs, and show your pride in your Jewish identity through active involvement and participation!

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December Programs:

All programs will take place at Temple Beth Emunah unless otherwise specified.

Sunday, December 8th
@ 1:30 pm
“The Band’s Visit”

Karaoke Night
$5.00/person
Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 pm

Temple Beth Emunah
A guaranteed night of music, song, laughter & conviviality.
Menorah-Making and Libations

Sunday, December 15 @1 pm
Adult Only
$5.00 / person

Come and Make a Beautiful Menorah Using Tiles and Stones while imbibing delicious Winter Drinks and Wine.

Brunch & Israel Trip Reflections

Sunday, December 22nd @ 10 am
$5.00/person

Join your Synagogue Members to Hear the Stories and See the Sights That We Explored During our Amazing Trip to Israel
2019 Chanukah Party including our Religious School Children

Chanukah Party
Menorah Lighting

Mmmmm Latkes, Latkes, Latkes

Dreidel Games

Saturday, December 28
Fun begins at 6:00 with displays of Menorah from our families, school, and a Menorah presentation by Deb Levitz. Lighting of all the menorah and lighting of our ATC menorah.

Bring your children and GRANDCHILDREN
A special thank you to our sponsors;
Diane and Robert Cohn, Arthur Arkanase, Ron Shufrin, & Rabbi J
Please bring donations of canned salmon and /or raisins for Jewish Family Table

LIGHT YOUR MENORAH

RSVP
Contact Sabine in our ATC Office.
Email at office@atorah.org
or call 781-344-8733

Ahavath Torah Congregation
Volunteer! Join Temple Beth Emunah’s Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy (GBJCL) team.

All you need is an hour a week, a warm heart and an eagerness to support students. Your donation of time and talents will help a child at the Arnone School improve their skills in literacy (and STEM), build confidence, and reach their learning goals. GBJCL volunteers work with students and teachers at the Arnone School each week (during the school day- 9am-3pm) from October through June. Anyone can volunteer, no prior experience is necessary. Training and ongoing support is provided by the Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy (GBJCL), a program of the Jewish Community Relations Council. If you’d like to join or learn more, please contact Tina @ loseley@verizon.net

The Boston House

November was a busy month at The Boston House. Patients and they carers filled every room, but there was not a home cooked meal every day. We know the guests were thrilled with our meal, as a family from Puerto Rico made dinner their lunch.

We prepared chimichurri chicken, rice pilaf, and corn. For dessert, our volunteers baked a chocolate cake with chocolate frosting, pumpkin snickerdoodle cookies, chocolate chip cookies, and cranberry bars.

All of us wish you a very happy Hanukkah, and would like to suggest one of the eight days of gift giving is giving to the Boston House Dinner Fund via the Temple. Thank you.

Sponsor a Kiddush

If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush please complete the following information below.

Name: ____________________________

Date of Sponsorship: ________________________

In Celebration of _______________________________

In Honor Of _______________________________

In Memory Of _______________________________

I have enclosed an amount of $___________

Please tear out this form and return it to the Temple Office at least 2 weeks prior to the date of sponsorship.

Temple Beth Emunah is a collection site for Jewish Family and Childrens’ Services.

We are collecting items for their Family Table program which services families in need within our community.

We have been assigned 15 cans of salmon (5 or 6oz cans are fine) and 15 boxes of raisins.

All boxes must be marked kosher.

There will be collection boxes set up at Temple Beth Emunah.
ADAM SLOTNICK FUND:
In Memory of:
Hyman Ashman
    Barbara & Stan Ashman

GENERAL FUND/NEDORIM
In Honor of:
Rabbi Werb for his NAACP Award
    Steve & Ellen Weiner
    Honey Possick
    Roz Nelson & Family
    Barry & Ellen Abrams

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lubarsky
Mazel Tov on the marriage
of Brett & Janie
    Roberta Levin

Elise & Barney in honor of your daughter’s wedding

Ava Goulston on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Arlene & Milton Wolk in honor of their new Great Grandchild

The Jacobson Family in honor of their daughter’s engagement
    Roz Nelson & Family

In Honor of High Holiday Honor:
Roz Nelson

KIDDISH FUND:
For the Recovery of:
Ethan Bourque
    Rena Hurwitz

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND:
THE SAFTLER FUND:
In Memory of:
Harold (Gene) Sampson
    Sheila Halet
    Rosemarie Hurley
    Harriet Riseman
        Mort Saftler & Anita Hunt

YAHARZEIT FUND:
In Memory of:
Bernice Nelson
    Norman Nelson
    Larry Nelson Esther Swartz
        Roz Nelson & Family

BOSTON HOUSE (RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE):
In memory of:
William Packar
    Herbert Bernstein
Marilyn Spivack
    Ruth Richman
    Ellen Myers
    Hyman Shumrak
        Roz Nelson & Family

OTHER FUNDS YOU MAY DONATE TO:
The Boston House (Ronald McDonald House)
Edward & Diane Teller Scholarship Fund
Maxine Steinberg
Rabbi Discretionary Fund
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