Shabbat Services for February

**Saturday, February 8th:** Bible with Bagels @ 10 am

**Friday, February 14th:** Valentine’s Pot Luck Kabbalat Shabbat Services & Dinner @ 6:30 pm

**Friday, February 21st:** Kabbalat Shabbat Services @ 7:30 pm

**Saturday, February 29th:** Shabbat Services @ 9:30 am

**Sunday, February 9th @ 11:15 am** Tu B’Shevat Seder in conjunction with the Religious School
From the Desk of Rabbi Andrea Gouze

On Thursday, February 20th, we will be hosting a very special and timely program with an expert political and military analyst from Israel, Yaakov Selavan. Those of us who went on the Israel trip were fortunate to hear him speak about the complexities of the Syrian conflict and he provided insights that were both comprehensible and comprehensive. There are so many aspects to the Middle East, be it Iran and the implications of the assassination of its top general, or Gaza and the historic agreement between Israel and Hamas to provide workers’ permits to residents to work in Israel or the Lebanese demonstrations, it can be hard to comprehend how all of this impacts Israel and its security. The situation is fluid; just this past Sunday morning, an agreement was signed which allows Israelis to fly directly to Saudi Arabia and Yaakov Selavan has the expertise necessary to speak to the changing realities and put them into a context that provides a glimpse into the larger picture.

I strongly encourage all of you who are able and free on Thursday morning, the 20th to plan on attending this important discussion. A light breakfast will be served. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for further information.

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The Geo-Political and Military Situation Facing Israel within the Current Middle East Quagmire

Thursday, February 20th at 10:00 am

Yaakov Selavan
Founder and Program Director of Slingshot, Israel will offer his in-depth analysis of the issues surrounding Israel as a result of Syria, Gaza and the stalled election process.

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$10.00/ per person
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Happy and Healthy New Year to you and your family.

We all watched proudly as our students led Friday night Services for our congregation and from Temple Beth Emunah. Their skill and enthusiasm was evident. They will soon begin to prepare for our Shabbat Class Service to be held on Saturday, March 14th.

Our Chanukah Party was very enjoyable. The children recited the blessings, led some Chanukah songs, and performed a short play. Thanks to all those who helped.

The Tu Be’Shevat Seder will be held on Sunday, February 9th. We will celebrate and taste many “fruits”, especially those grown in Israel. The Torah praises seven fruits—barley, wheat, figs, pomegranates, dates, grapes, and olives.

The older class is participating in a program called Hebrew in Harmony. We examine prayers, talk about their meaning, recite them, and relate them to our lives. We are finishing the first three lines of the Sh’mah and will go on to the V’Ahavtah after the break.

We are also involved in an interactive, program called Hebrew Alive, a conversational study guide. They have learned some basic skills such as how to ask a persons name and how to ask how they are feeling and answer these questions. They are now learning to count to twelve.

The younger children have continued to learn to read and write Hebrew. It is amazing to see how far they have progressed. They made hand Menorahs and actual Menorahs that they can use for many years to come.

Thank again to all who help make our School run so smoothly. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Please spread the word about our School. If you know anyone who might be interested, please give me their contact information and I will give it to Bob Cohn so he can contact them.

Please feel free to contact Rabbi Gouze or Madeleine Lewis with any questions or suggestions.

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**Celebrating Tu B’Shevat**

Please join the Ahavath Torah Rabbi Gerson and Temple Beth Emunah Religious School as we celebrate on Sunday morning, February 9th for any and all activities:

10:00am: Watch the movie: The Lorax.
10:45am: Tu B’Shevat activities
11:15am: Tu B’Shevat Seder
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

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

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

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**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
Nedorim

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Matthew Riseman on his engagement to
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Thank you for the honor of my Aliyah
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