Service Schedule:

Tuesday, July 9th: Minyan & Ice Cream Crescent Ridge Creamery, 355 Bay Road, Sharon, @ 7:00 pm

Friday, July 12th: Kabbalat Shabbat Services @ 7:30 pm

Saturday, July 20th: Havurah Services @ 10:00 am

Friday, July 26th: Kabbalat Shabbat services and Dairy Pot Luck Dinner @ 6:30 pm
From the Desk of President Ed Baron

Ok here we go

I’m writing the last Bulletin Presidential Rambling.

Hard to believe it’s been a year. I’ve learned so many things as your president and so many people have helped me is so many ways. For example, did you know I was elected for a 3-year term? Just when I was writing my fair well speech someone pointed out to me that I have two years to go. Thanks Howie.

All in all I think its been a pretty good year. We have a hardcore group of dedicated Temple Beth Emunah regular shabbat attendees. The numbers may vary with the seasons but just like the swallows they return in the spring. We manage to gather a minyan when we need it. We discuss and question and debate Jewish issues and ideas, and we have become a small tight Jewish congregation. I certainly would like us to be a larger congregation, but we are what we are.

By the time this is published we will have had our congregational meeting. I’d like to thank all of you who attended and rose to take a seat on the board or other elected position.

The Bulletin and I are going to take a vacation for a few months, and we will resume publication in late August or early September. Enjoy the Summer.

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From the Desk of Rabbi Andrea Gouze

The history of why we wear a Kippur (Yarmulke in Yiddish), is an excellent example of how Jewish customs take on the force of obligation and even, becomes a more observed ritual than many that are actually legally mandated by Jewish law. There is no Biblical injunction about covering one’s head as there is about a wearing tzitzit, putting on tefillin or affixing a mezuzah. In the early Talmudic period, only the sages wore a head covering of some sort. And yet, as part of a whole discussion on Judaism, astrology and stories of how people staved off evil happenings through the merit of good deeds in the Talmudic tractate Shabbat, there is the following narrative:

As Chaldean astrologers told Rav Nahman bar Yitzḥak’s mother: Your son will be a thief. She did not allow him to uncover his head. She said to her son: Cover your head so that the fear of Heaven will be upon you, and pray for Divine mercy. He did not know why she said this to him. One day he was sitting and studying beneath a palm tree that did not belong to him, and the cloak fell off of his head. He lifted his eyes and saw the palm tree. He was overcome by impulse and he climbed up and detached a bunch of dates with his teeth. Apparently, he had an inborn inclination to steal, but was able to overcome that inclination with proper education and prayer.

Over time, this custom of covering one’s head became a fixed ritual and one that assumed more importance as a way of exhibiting not just one’s faith in God but one’s identity as a Jew. It is understood as a way of showing our humility before God and our acceptance that there is a Power that is above us to whom we owe allegiance and loyalty.

Traditionally, only men wore kippot; when women covered their heads, it was for the reason of modesty and not showing their hair (which was understood to be the basis of their beauty) to other men besides their husbands. Today, people have different customs as to when to wear a kippa: more traditional Jews wear them all the time while others wear them when eating, praying, studying Jewish texts, or entering a sacred space such as a synagogue or cemetery. With our move toward a more egalitarian observance of Judaism, women within the liberal movements, such as Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform, have begun to wear kippot as well.

Many synagogues, like ours, don’t require women to wear kippot or a head covering except when they come up to the bima to accept an honor. For some women, the traditional kippa does not feel ‘right’ and so they wear a lacy circular cloth instead. However, I have noticed that many fold this into a small triangle and wear it in the back of their head, which does not really translate into covering one’s head, which is the basis for the wearing of a kippa. I would like to encourage you to try wearing a more traditional kippa when entering the sanctuary or coming up to the bima or, at least, wear the lacy cloth on the top of the head. Honey Possick crocheted many beautiful kippot that are more feminine in nature and she has graciously donated them to the synagogue for people to use. While they might not feel comfortable or natural when one starts to wear them, I would posit that this is the point: one should be more aware of one’s physical body. Feeling that pressure on the top of one’s head might bring one’s awareness to the space above, and to the presence of God.

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Social Action

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.

To celebrate Flag Day and a beautiful mid-June week, the Social Action Committee prepared an eat-in or eat-out picnic. We met up again with the Michigan family who were delighted we were cooking for them. A dad from upstate New York, who has been at Boston House for six months with his child, was so very pleased he didn’t need to prepare that night’s dinner. Although his child could not eat the uncooked salads, the child could indulge in our chicken.

For this meal we prepared chicken baked with bourbon bbq sauce, cole slaw, and potato salad with whole grain dijon vinaigrette dressing. Our much anticipated desserts were chocolate cake with vanilla frosting, chocolate chip cookies, white chocolate orange cookies, and a cream cheese pound cake.

Help us continue our mitzvah by writing a check in any amount to the Temple and writing Boston House Dinner Fund on the memo line. Thanks so very much.

Sponsor a Kiddush

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.

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.
THANK YOU for the wonderful meal you provided to the guests at
The Boston House

T.J.

Thanks for the very summery meal (and the matzah.)

Thank you for the yummy meal! magic fun!

Thank you for the wonderful meal. it is much appreciated!
Run Falmouth for The Boston House

Hope & Healing for Children with Cancer

The Boston House is now registering runners to join our New Balance Falmouth Road Race team. Since 1979, we’ve provided a home-away-from-home for children with cancer and their families. So much more than a place to stay, The House offers a respite from hospital life, comfortable home-like setting, and a community of support.

Every year in August, our staff, volunteers, and runners meet in Falmouth to enjoy the scenic 7-mile course and fundraise for The House, which so many have called “home.” We provide team jerseys and host a post-race cookout for all. It’s one of our favorite days of the year. Together, we can make life just a little bit easier for families as they face the life-changing realities of childhood cancer.

Join Our Team!

Our fundraising minimum is $1,200. The Boston House will pay for your $175 race entry fee, team jerseys for all runners, and a post-race cookout. Contact Mike Emerman run@thebostonhouse.org if you are interested in running. Preference goes to teams of two or more. Get your friends and family involved!

Non-runners welcome

Even if you can’t run Falmouth, you can still support The House and join our party at Falmouth! We’ll help you create a CrowdRise page that makes it easy to fundraise over email and social media. Contact us to learn more.

Learn more about the race online: falmouthroadrace.com
THE ADAM SLOTNICK FUND:
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Please help us expedite matters by making all requests in writing, with complete names and addresses, including zip codes.

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