Shabbat Service schedule:

**Friday, May 3:** Taka Taco Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner at 6:30pm
Chris Roberts will be providing guitar accompaniment for Kabbalat Shabbat services and afterwards, we will come together to make our own Tacos. $5/person.

**Friday, May 17:** Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 7:30pm

**Saturday, May 25th:** Brandon Large’s Bar Mitzvah and Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am

Save the Date

**Friday night, June 14th:** Shabbat at the Chateau: Join us for our Second Annual Shabbat night out. We will be celebrating our graduates during dinner. More information to come

The kitchen was kasher for Passover. Thanks to Reva Stickler, Ed Baron, Dave Wolfthal, Howie Shore and Rabbi Gouze.
From the Desk of President Ed Baron

“Spring is here
The grass is riz
I wonder where SHA VOUT is?” (June 9)

Well, by the time you are reading this Passover is over. I hope for your sake the Passover dishes and pots and pans, and silverware and glasses and everything else is safely stored away waiting for next year.

From the presidential desk things are moving along. Susan Wolfthal and her bylaw committee have worked tirelessly to update our by-laws. Changes and proposed amendments are about to be mailed out for you to look over before the special BY-LAW MEETING scheduled for May 19th at 10 am. Please mark your calendars today.

I’m looking for members who would like to be on the nominating committee for the coming year’s board of directors. This is a pretty sure way to make sure your name is not on the nomination list. Please consider joining with us this weekend as we share Shabbat. It is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with our community.

Ed
edithepres@templebethemunah.org

TBEE Schedule

No School on Sunday, May 12, Sunday May 19th or Sunday, May 26th.

There will be Tuesday religious schools during those weeks.

Attention all families of Graduates:

If you have someone in your family who is graduation high school or college this year, please call the synagogue office with their name and graduation information so that we can honor them on Friday, June 14th.
From the Desk of Rabbi Andrea Gouze

I don’t consider myself an alarmist and for years, I dismissed anti-Semitic incidents as isolated events that did not reflect the true values of most Americans. When Gershon would describe his teenage years and how he needed to guard Jewish cemeteries on Halloween in order to protect them from vandalism, I ascribed it to his living in Brooklyn and how his world view was skewed so that he saw everything through a negative filter. However, over the last couple of years, I have needed to re-adjust my understanding and acknowledge that there have always been anti-Semitic tropes that have existed covertly in this country. Unfortunately, the rhetoric and the divisiveness that currently exists has allowed these themes to re-emerge into the light and they have been given a legitimacy that is frightening. They have also been strengthened by the rise in sectarian and religious hatred that is increasing across the world. The shootings at a New Zealand mosque, the bombings in Sri Lanka of the churches and the killing of a priest at a French church days after the tragic fire at Notre Dame all speak to a return of religious sectarianism and violence not really seen since the medieval period. The church fires that occurred down South evoke memories of the Jim Crow days of yesteryear.

The shooting at the Chabad synagogue in Poway, California occurred six months to a day of the Tree of Life Shooting in Pittsburgh. Religious places of worship have always been viewed as sacred and holy sites; the word sanctuary, which is used to describe the room in which people gather and pray, also carries with it the nuanced meaning of security and safety. These incidents, which are on the rise, (The Anti-Defamation League documented a 57 percent surge in anti-Semitic incidents in 2017, especially at schools and on college campuses. Meanwhile, FBI statistics released this month show reported hate crimes jumped 17 percent last year. The Washington Post), are not being carried out in a vacuum. Over the same weekend as the latest synagogue shooting, the New York Times International Edition published a political cartoon that satirized the relationship between President Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu, which clearly used anti-Semitic tropes that were reminiscent of Nazi and other anti-Semitic propagandistic literature. While there is no direct connection between the shooter and the cartoon, the very fact that a mainstream, reputable newsletter utilized such images speaks to a disturbing trend of allowing anti-Semitic acts, language and depictions to become part of the normal rhythm of American life.

We cannot treat these increasing acts of violence and terror as isolated incidents perpetuated by “lone-wolf” terrorists or gunmen any longer. They are symptoms of a much larger and more complex issue that is not only insidious but is also one that is eroding the social fabric of our country and erasing much of the social values that have made this country strong. We have a collective responsibility to determine what kind of country we want to live in and then take the steps, big and small, to help get us there. We need to stand up and collectively demand that our leaders find ways to tone down the hateful rhetoric, to return to civility and civil respect in order to heal this country. We need our leaders to send the message that the United States was built on the values of diversity, religious pluralism and freedom, and the welcoming of the stranger, and are the very foundations that have made the United States such a strong and vibrant country. These values, originating in the US Constitution, are the core of who we are as Americans and by moving away from them, by allowing our fears of the other and our anxieties about the future to subvert us, we are doing not just a disservice to each other but are also undermining everything that the United States has stood for. Your words and actions can help create an inclusive and healing society. Be aware how you phrase comments so that even within your own social circles, you start the healing by toning down the rhetoric, the negativity and the divisiveness.

In honor of Lori Gilbert Kaye, and to combat anti-Semitism, Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein, the Rabbi at the Chabad Synagogue of Poway, has called on everyone to attend synagogue this Shabbat. “We need to fill up those rooms, we need to show them that terrorism and evil will never prevail,” he said. “Let’s fill up the synagogue, let’s stand tall, let’s dance together.” I look forward to seeing you this Friday night. We need to send a message of unity that acts of terror are not going to deter us from being strong Jews and living our lives fully - with faith and intention.

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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

The pineapple is a very old symbol of hospitality, and although we didn’t use pineapple in our menu, we did provide a wonderful supper for the guests at Boston House.

We baked chicken with chimichurri sauce, and we cooked garlic and herb rice pilaf, and for a vegetable, spring vegetable medley. For dessert there was abundance of choices: chocolate chip cookies, dump cake, oatmeal raisin toffee cookies, and a chocolate frosted cake.

To help us continue this mitzvah, write a check in any amount to the Temple and write Boston House on the memo line.

For runners, why not join the Falmouth Road Race and be part of the Boston House Team? Look for the flyer in this bulletin.

Todah rabbah

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 amt 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
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.

August 18, 2019
@9am

2019 celebrates the 47th annual New Balance Falmouth Road Race, a 7-mile route along the shore from Woods Hole to Falmouth Heights.

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 Temple thanks you for your support
Nedorim donation – $5.00
Minyan Circle Donation - $10.00
Chai Circle Donation - $18.00
Silver Circle Donation - $25.00
Special Gifts Donation - $50.00+

Please help us expedite matters by making all requests in writing, with complete names and addresses, including zip codes.

Yom HaShoah Service

Please join us along with the other congregations from the South Area

Wednesday May 1st 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Temple Sinai
25 Canton Street, Sharon, MA

Maariv will be davened after the event around 8:30 pm
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