

# The Temple Habonim Bulletin

Temple Habonim, Barrington, RI

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June/July/August 2019

# THB's 8th Annual LGBTQ Pride Shabbat Service Friday, June 7, 2019 - 7:30 pm



On the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising we will celebrate the cultural transformation from Stonewall to Marriage Equality and beyond.

Andy Klein and Adam Mastoon have been advocates and activists working on behalf of the LGBTQ community for many years.

Hear their personal stories, their remarkable coming together, and their celebration of love.

Temple Habonim is a Reform Jewish community which honors the broad range of diversity of individuals, families and communities. We welcome people of all sexual and gender identities and expressions.

THB stands in alignment with the Reform Movement's many resolutions in support of equity and inclusivity.

The Religious Action Center <rac.org>
The Union for Reform Judaism <urj.org>
The Central Conference of American Rabbis <ccarnet.org>

Worship ~ Shabbat, Holidays and Festivals

Friday, May 31 Erev Shabbat Service with Torah reading

7:30 pm Torah Portion: Bechukotai (Leviticus 26:3-27:34)

Friday, June 7 Erev Shabbat Service - Pride Shabbat

7:30 pm Torah Portion: Bamidbar (Numbers 1:1-4:20)

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Saturday, June 8 Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 am Shoshana Landow & Ethan Stein will chant Torah

Saturday, June 8 Shavuot, Yizkor & Confirmation

7:30 pm (See page 13 for details)

Friday, June 14 Erev Shabbat Service at Barrington Beach

6:15 pm Torah Portion: Nasso (Numbers 4:21-7:89)

Friday, June 21 Erev Shabbat Service

6:15 pm Torah Portion: Beha'alotcha (Numbers 8:1-12:16)

Friday, June 28 Erev Shabbat Service

6:15 pm Torah Portion: Sh'lach Lecha (Numbers 13:1-15:41)

Saturday, June 29 Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of **Gabriel Lane** 

Friday, July 5 Erev Shabbat Service

6:15 pm Torah Portion: Korach (Numbers 16:1-18:32)

Friday, July 12 Erev Shabbat Service

6:15 pm Torah Portion: Chukat (Numbers 19:1-22:1)

Friday, July 19 Erev Shabbat Service at Barrington Beach

6:15 pm Torah Portion: Balak (Numbers 22:2-25:9)

Friday, July 26 Erev Shabbat Service

6:15 pm Torah Portion: Pinchas (Numbers 25:10-30:1)

Friday, August 2 Erev Shabbat Service

6:15 pm Torah Portion: Matot-Masei (Numbers 30:2-36:13)

Friday, August 9 Erev Shabbat Service

6:15 pm **Torah Portion: Devarim** (Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22)

Friday, August 16 Erev Shabbat Service at Barrington Beach

6:15 pm Torah Portion: Vaetchanan (Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11)

### Worship ~ Shabbat, Holidays and Festivals (continued)

Friday, August 23 Erev Shabbat Service

6:15 pm Torah Portion: Ekev (Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25)

Saturday, August 24 Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of **Bryce Kupperman** 

Friday, August 30 Erev Shabbat Service

6:15 pm Torah Portion: Re'eh (Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17)

Saturday, August 31 Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 am B'not Mitzvah of **Chelsea Duncan & Bailey Duncan** 

Friday, September 6 Erev Shabbat Service - Nice & Easy Shabbat

**Torah Portion: Shoftim** (Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9)

5:30 pm Tot Service

6:00 pm Pizza Dinner (Make your reservations on www.templehabonim.org)

6:30 pm Service

Saturday, September 7 Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 am Bar Mitzvah of **Philip Stein** 

Starting on June 14th and continuing through the summer months,
Erev Shabbat Services will begin at 6:15 pm.
7:30 pm Erev Shabbat worship will resume on Friday, September 13th.
With the exception of Saturday morning B'nai Mitzvah,
weekly Torah is not chanted during the summer.

### THANKS TO OUR GREETERS

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered as a greeter these past few months. Having greeters at the door has been a tremendous help in our commitment to maintaining a sense of welcome and community while keeping our building, and all those inside, safe.

I am again inviting you to sign up to greet at a service or event. There are many open slots for the



spring and summer so just click on the link in the weekly eblast or on the home page of the Temple website. We are asking each family to greet at one service or event, if possible, per year. It's not daunting if everyone helps. If you feel you are not able to do this, for whatever reason, we do not want you to feel pressured. You must sign up via this link (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b48acab 29abf58-greeters). If you have signed up for a shift and need to make a change, you must login and delete yourself - we are not able to do this for you from the office.

Thank you in advance for your help. Please contact Alane Torf at pres@templehabonim.org or Jodi in the Temple office if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

### Rabbi's Message Rabbi Andrew Klein

### Loving, Needing and Supporting Israel - With All Its Warts and Flaws

How do modern liberal American Jews come to terms with the failures and disappointments that we see being lived out in the State of Israel today? How do I, as an American rabbi, encourage people to be part of the solution and help Israel live up to its potential and promise rather than giving up on Israel in frustration and anger?



Let's start with our own country. America is far from perfect. It's clear that we are failing to live up to the claim of the U. S. Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal." We have a multitude of national sacred documents reminding us of our highest ideals and aspirations, many of which have yet to become reality after being a country for 238 years. But we continue to try and do our part to make our country better. We vote, we write letters to our elected officials, we protest, we rally. As discouraged as we can become with the reality of what we see in our country today, as much as that reality might be in conflict with our stated national values and our personal hopes and dreams for the United States, few of us throw up our hands in disgust, renounce our citizenship and move to another country in hopes of finding a better place to live. We love our country, with all its warts and flaws, and work to improve our country's daily realities.

Similarly with the State of Israel. I am a Jew. I need Israel. I love Israel – with all its warts and flaws. I love Israel enough to work to make it better so that Israel, a Jewish democratic state, the only democracy in the Middle East, will do a better job of living up to its highest ideals and aspirations.

Israel's Declaration of Independence, read aloud in Tel Aviv on May 14, 1948, includes these words, "The state of Israel will promote the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; will be based on precepts of liberty, justice and peace taught by the Hebrew prophets; will uphold the full social and political equality of all its citizens without distinction of race, creed or sex; will guarantee full freedom of conscience, worship, education and culture..." (Please google and read the complete document; it is inspiring.)

I know that Israel, too, just like the United States, is not living up to its highest values and standards. I, for one, am not willing to give up on Israel. I work tirelessly to make Israel better, and I encourage you to do the same. How?

\*\*Appreciate and respect Israel's positives and accomplishments ... including cutting-edge technology; medical, scientific, and environmental advances; and vital humanitarian work in Israel and around the world.

\*\*Donate to causes that help promote equality, pluralism and democracy in Israel for ALL people by taking its leaders to task when needed (which, just like here in the U.S., is OFTEN.) Here are but 3 of the many organizations to consider that will use your donations wisely:

### IRAC - Israel Religious Action Center - https://www.irac.org/

Addressing pluralism, freedom of conscience & religion, & individual rights for all citizens

### NIF - New Israel Fund https://www.nif.org/

Working to protect Palestinian citizens and other marginalized minorities ...

### A Wider Bridge <a href="https://awiderbridge.org">https://awiderbridge.org</a>

A North American organization working to expand LGBTQ inclusion in Israel

In the fall you will hear much more about another organization, **the World Zionist Congress**, the Parliament of the Jewish People <a href="http://www.wzo.org.il/">http://www.wzo.org.il/</a> You will have an opportunity to use your voice to grow and broaden the reach of the Reform Movement and our progressive values in Israel by voting for delegates. More details to follow in the fall.

\*\*Use your voice. Just like in this country, politicians in Israel respond to an abundance of emails and phone calls relating to issues they are deciding. **IRAC** (and others) will help you decide when and where and how to use your voice.

\*\*Visit Israel. See for yourself the accomplishments and sources of pride that exist in our Jewish homeland. Spend your leisure dollars in Israel; support their economy. I can help direct you on ways to visit there if you're interested. This summer Adam and I will send two weeks in Israel; I will have 1 week of study immersed in

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### Rabbi's Message (continued)

conversational Hebrew at HUC – nothing but Hebrew for 5 days - and 1 week of vacation. I can't wait! ... the waves of the warm Mediterranean, the scents and excitement of the open air *shuk* (marketplace) in Jerusalem, the art, the culture, the delicious food, the museums, the history, the sense of safety and security I feel being in a Jewish state, family and friends, and mostly – the Israeli personalities – a people who can sometimes be a bit prickly on the outside but are sweet and loving on the inside.

\*\*Stop needing Israel to be perfect for us liberal American Jews. Stop demanding more of them than we are willing to commit to and work for as we live our comfortable lives here in the U.S.

Please join me in being part of the solution and help Israel live up to its promise of being "a light unto the nations." Isaiah 49:6

Rabbi Andrew Klein

### President's Message

In typical New England fashion, we've transitioned from fleece to flip flops in the space of a week. Summer usually brings to mind the end of school, vacations, and a slower pace. Things slow down at Temple Habonim as well, but there are a few projects actively underway in the coming months. First, thanks to the efforts of Jenn Jageler and Michael Blane, a livestreamer will be installed strategically but inconspicuously over the summer. The streamer will allow people to watch services or events even if they cannot physically be in the building. It will generally focus on the bima and record only what is broadcast through the microphones, so private conversations will not be picked up and heard by anyone except the intended listener. Many congregations have streamed their services for years – you can check out Central Synagogue in New York or Temple Beth-El in Providence - both have livestreaming on their websites. It's a great way for relatives in other states to feel as if they are participating in a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or baby naming ceremony. It's a way for our congregants who live in Florida in the winter to see the Purimshpiel, or for out of state grandparents to participate in the confirmation ceremony. It's a way for unaffiliated Jews to see what we have to offer. I have no concerns that it will decrease membership – most people want more than a video of religious services, they want the human connection. Streaming is just an appetizer for the richness within and beyond our walls.

Another summer project is an evaluation of the use of renewable energy for our electricity needs. Harold Foster has brought this venture, organized by the Jewish Alliance of RI and accessible to Jewish organizations throughout the state, to our Board. We will be meeting in the coming weeks to discuss details, but it's an exciting prospect – decreasing our carbon footprint with a possible decrease in cost (similar to a bulk or group discount).

Our security committee has filed an application for a grant from the RI Emergency Management Agency (which manages funds from Homeland Security) – many thanks to Joanna Mankin for helping write that grant (and getting it in on time!). We have requested funds for specific upgrades and training. In the meantime, I want to thank all of you who volunteer to greet and encourage those who haven't signed up to give it a try. We will arrange more training sessions in the summer and fall, or feel free to contact me or Jodi if you have questions.

So honestly things don't really slow down over the summer at Temple Habonim – the Rabbinic search process continues (see the update elsewhere in this Bulletin), our beach services are on the schedule, and our Pride Shabbat is in a couple weeks. I wish you all an easy summer – not too hot, not too fast – and hope you can join us in some of our programs.

### **Religious School**

David Perolman

Here at Temple we are persistently talking about building community. While the religious school year has ended, our students and families are now finding community through their school and extracurricular activities. Eventually these too will end and our young people will find community in the next summer activity in which they choose to participate. For many young Jewish youth, they attend Jewish summer camp. The immersive experience, leaning on Jewish foundations, bonds these kids together with many looking forward to it annually as a part of their identity. What communities are you part of? Do you feel as strongly about those communities as those kids do about camp?

Any community thrives when people are active and contribute to the success of the group. As my father was in the military, growing up I moved every 2 to 3 years. Back in the days before the internet, that meant that snail mail messages would have kept my distant communities in the periphery as I found my community in those physically close to me.

Within the last 5 years, things changed. I have found myself a part of online communities (Facebook "groups") that have strengthened my connections to people I have met a few times; those I see periodically at educator or music conferences. What's particularly interesting is that these connections feel (and often are) very real. We have shared immersive experiences and continued the relationships, creating a snowball community - adding more and more people because the magic of community is alive.

As I reflected on what makes these connections so strong, I kept coming back to the participation. If no one posted a new song onto the "Hava Nashira" forum (a music conference at which I attended once), the inertia would slow and our connection would be lost. Participation drives participation. When I see a question asked to the group, I see it as a chance to share my personal/professional experiences with that community. I have been able to engage in conversation surrounding the cutting edge of Jewish music and education, struggling with the importance of preserving tradition while keeping that tradition relevant in today's Jewish experience.

HaBonim means "The Builders." At Temple Habonim, our strength is our community. We are here for each other in the good times and the not so good times. The more we lean on each other and share our lives (in any way) with others strengthens these connections and builds our community. Our Religious School is a community within a larger temple community, and there are so many opportunities for you to be an active participant. While you might not have been able to help out as much as you would have liked last year, keep your eyes peeled for the many chances you will have to get involved and build our school community in the upcoming school year.

Keep your building mindset over the summer and join us when you can! Join our Facebook page for updates! Our community is stronger because you are in it.

I'm looking forward to continuing this theme of "building" as we build sand castles on September 8th during our Back to School Beach Bash!  $\sim David$ 

### Lots of fun was had at the Religious School end of year picnic











### June Bar Mitzvah

### **Gabriel Lane**

My name is Gabriel Lane. I am a 7th grader at Kickamuit Middle School in Bristol, RI. My Bar Mitzvah is coming up on June 29th. The Torah portion I will be chanting is titled "Sh'lach L'Cha" which means "Send Thyself." This Torah portion talks about the scouts that were sent by Moses to report back about the Promised Land. When the scouts came back, they told the people that the land was everything they wanted, but that they would not be able to defeat the people who were already living there. This caused the Israelites to doubt G-d. When Moses told G-d that the people were losing faith in him, G-d made the Jews wander in the



desert for forty years. Although this Torah portion does not have a fairy-tale ending, it teaches very good lessons.

Practicing my Torah portion is one of my favorite things, but I also participate in other activities. In my free time, I hang out with friends, play sports, or go out and ride my bike. My favorite activities are running track, playing baseball, and skateboarding. I also run a small lawn-care business with two friends called LGG Lawn Services.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at my Bar Mitzvah at the end of June.

### August Bar Mitzvah

### Bryce Kupperman

Hi, my name is Bryce Kupperman and I will be entering the seventh grade in the fall at Barrington Middle School. My Bar Mitzvah is on August 24th and I am really excited but mostly nervous. My favorite sport is hockey and I like playing tennis too. I also like playing basketball outside with my friends and jumping on the trampoline. For my mitzvah project I am helping out at a food bank to provide food to people that can't afford it. I love helping people and seeing the smiles on their faces when they get what they need.



My Torah portion is called Ekev and is in the book of Deuteronomy. Moses has been leading the Israelites to the

Promised Land but finds out from G-d that he is not going to make it. He gives them reminders to make them believe that they're going to get there and if they follow G-d's rules they'll be successful.

I am looking forward to my Bar Mitzvah and spending time with my friends and family on the very special day.

### August B'not Mitzvah

### Chelsea Duncan

Hello. My name is Chelsea Duncan, and in the fall I will be entering eighth grade at Barrington Middle School. My B'not Mitzvah is on August 31, which I'm super excited for. It's a B'not Mitzvah because I am doing it with my younger sister, Bailey. Our Torah portion is Parashat R'eih, and it is about the kosher laws and festivals, but my specific part is about making choices and the different consequences they can have, whether positive or negative.

I enjoy playing sports, like field hockey, and skiing in the winter. In the summer I love going over to my cousins' house to go tubing, swimming, and spending time with my family. Although, I've always been a sucker for cuddling up on the couch with a good book. I'm notorious for telling "Dad Jokes" and knowing some pretty interesting facts. Did you know that the Washington Monument is 2,216 cupcakes tall?



Anyways, being Jewish has always been a big part of my life. Not only have I made lifelong friends through Hebrew School, but I constantly find myself looking forward to the next holiday. I love the way my family comes together to celebrate, making the holidays one of my favorite times. I know my B'not Mitzvah will be one of those special moments, and I am looking forward to celebrating with everyone.

### Bailey Duncan

Hi I'm Bailey Duncan. I am very excited to share my B'not Mitzvah with my sister Chelsea on August 31. We're only 18 months apart so we do a lot together so it seems only natural to do this special experience with her.

I have been playing soccer for many years and it is my favorite sport. This year I have been playing on two year-round competitive soccer teams. I also play on a competitive lacrosse team with a lot of my friends and I enjoy that too. Also, I like to paint, perform in plays, and to bake. I like spending my free time outside, with friends, and with family. With my B'not Mitzvah at the end of the summer, I will be starting 7th grade right after at the Barrington Middle School.



Parashat R'eih is the portion for my Bat Mitzvah but my specific part I will be chanting is about being kind and giving to others. It talks about when someone is being bad, or unkind, you must find out what they need and help them with that.

I am very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah, especially with my sister because it will be a great experience doing it together.

### September Bar Mitzvah

### Philip Stein

Hi, I'm Philip. I am preparing for my Bar Mitzvah, which will take place on September 7th, nine days after my 13th birthday. My portion is called *Shof'tim*, and it teaches us about justice and the way we should govern ourselves in the land of Israel. I have the honor of chanting two very famous lines in the Torah, which are "Justice, justice, you shall pursue" and "Eye for eye, tooth for tooth." When I picked this portion, I thought it would give me lots of good material for my D'var Torah, which I am working on this summer.

In the fall, I will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Barrington Middle School. I love to read fantasy books like Harry Potter or Ready



Player One, play board and card games like Magic the Gathering and Pandemic, and play Dungeons and Dragons and Minecraft with my friends. I sing in the Rhode Island Children's Chorus, and I am on the club team at the RI Fencing Academy and Club. I love my family, including my Mom, Dad, my brother Malcolm, my grandparents, cousins, Aunts and Uncles, who I hope will come to my Bar Mitzvah, many from out of town. I am new to the Temple Habonim community – we just joined this year after I graduated from the Jewish Community Day School of RI. I am thankful to Rabbi Klein and David for helping me, and I look forward to completing my Bar Mitzvah preparation and having my Bar Mitzvah next fall!

### SANCTUARY CONGREGATION

Any city can claim sanctuary status.

But it takes an organization with dedicated participants to convert that statement to a reality. The First Unitarian Church of Providence has done so. After a meticulous planning period to consider ethical, practical, and legal issues, a classroom and bathroom were converted to a bedroom suite adequate to house a small family. The program went live last fall offering shelter and time to sort out legal options to a mother with three children after the father was arrested by ICE and deported.

The First Unitarian Church is seeking other congregations with which to form a coalition as well as individual volunteers from other congregations to help staff the sanctuary on a 24/7 basis when a family is in residence. Two volunteer hosts are required for each five hour shift in the day, longer at night, with the responsibility of being present to notify the church elders and record events by cell phone if ICE should arrive, offering neither information, assistance, nor resistance. In reality each shift involves packing a sandwich and water bottle, a book and perhaps a laptop and sitting on a sofa for a few hours with the frisson of possible though unlikely action, the chance to interact with the family in residence if they appear, and the feeling of doing good.

Our Temple hosted an exploratory meeting for our congegants who might be interested in volunteering on May 23 at 7:00 pm. Anne and I have done this, and had hoped to be available to answer questions but were out of the country. A sanctuary member from the church was at the meeting for short presentation and to answer questions. Please contact us if you are interested in being part of this sanctuary team.

Evan Cohen



The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island will hold its Eighth Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 12th, from 7-9 pm at the Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence. Jamie Pious will be installed as the fourth Chair of the Board of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island. Jamie has a long history of leadership, passionately devoting over 15 years in numerous roles at the Jewish Federation and the Alliance. In addition, he has served on the boards of the Bureau of Jewish Education and Camp JORI, in addition to Temple Habonim.

Harold Foster will serve as Vice Chair of Jewish Life and Learning (programming)

**Marilyn Kaplan** will serve as Treasurer, Jewish Federation Foundation Board (endowment)

Adam Greenman – will continue to serve as President & CEO

Rabbi Andrew Klein - Installing Officer



Jamie Pious



Harold Foster



Marilyn Kaplan



Adam Greenman

### **High Holy Days 5780**

It's not too early to think about whether or not you'd like to be involved in this fall's High Holy Day worship services. If you would like to have an English reading part, chant Torah, or in any way have a role in services this fall, please contact Rabbi Klein and let him know.

### **Caring Committee**

Roni Phipps

The Caring Committee is here for our Temple community. We help those who are sick, organizing meals or rides, offer support to those who have lost a loved one and welcome new babies. We send cards to anyone who would benefit from good thoughts and are happy to add anything else that would assist our members. Please support the success of the Caring Committee. If you hear of or know of a congregant (or you) who could use some help, please let Jodi know, office@templehabonim.org or 401-245-6536, or the Rabbi if you prefer, so we can help in the most appropriate way. If you would be interested in helping out, also please let us know.

## Erev Shabbat Services at Barrington Beach 6:15 pm

Friday, June 14th Friday, July 19th Friday, August 16th

When there is an outdoor service, the Temple Sanctuary is closed.

In case of rain, outdoor services will be canceled

and held in the Sanctuary.

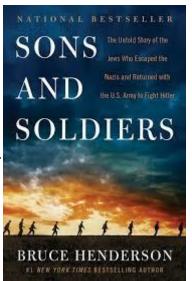
If we need to move indoors, we'll post a notice on the Temple website as well as facebook, and will leave a message on the Temple phone system.

### **Temple Library** ~ *The Library Team*

On the *New Books* Shelf: "Sons and Soldiers", by Bruce Henderson.

They were young Jewish boys who escaped from Nazi-occupied Europe and resettled in America. After the United States entered the war, they returned to fight for their adopted homeland and for the families they had left behind. Their stories tell the tale of one of the U.S. Army's greatest secret weapons.

These young men—known as the Ritchie Boys, after the Maryland camp where they trained—knew what the Nazis would do to them if they were captured. A postwar army report found that nearly 60 percent of the credible intelligence gathered in Europe came from the Ritchie Boys.



Sons and Soldiers draws on original interviews and extensive archival research to vividly re-create the stories of six of these men, tracing their journeys from childhood through their escapes from Europe, their feats and sacrifices during the war, and finally their desperate attempts to find their missing loved ones. Sons and Soldiers is an epic story of heroism, courage, and patriotism that will not soon be forgotten.

### **BCTY**

This past month, BCTY was busy with our 80's Open Mic Night. On May 18th, we had an amazing night with many great talents showcased at the Temple. Members from all aspects of our community were present and helped raise money for future BCTY events. We saw many talented musicians, comedy from one of our presidents, and guided meditation from the treasurer.

Moving forward, BCTY is getting ready to send off their seniors. Our co-presidents Meredith Kaplan and Ryan Silverman along with our social action chair Tamar Wolfson will be heading off to college next year. We have had a great time with them and wish them the best for years to come. BCTY is also looking forward to seeing our 10th graders confirmed on Saturday, June 8th at 7:30 pm for anyone who wants to come out and support them.

The annual elections are coming up, where BCTY will discuss the year and what they will do moving forward. New positions will be decided, officers will be elected, and BCTY will be ready for its next chapter. We would like to thank the Temple Habonim community for its support, now and in the future.

Tyler Buka Communications & Social Media Chair







Please join us for Shavuot, Yizkor & the Confirmation of:

Laila Alssid
Jamie Boylan
Sydney Duncan
Talia Jellinek-Knight
Xan Maddock-Mark
Jared Silverman

Saturday, June 8th at 7:30 pm

# Nice & Easy Shabbat ~ Friday, September 6th

Life Can Be Hard, Shabbat Should be Nice & Easy

5:30 pm - Tot Service

6:00 pm - Pizza Dinner

(make reservations on the Temple website)

6:30 pm - Restorative One Hour Shabbat Service

The warmth of community
The prayers and songs we know
The sweetness of desserts
(bring your favorite to share)

### **Lesley Lunin Mehlman Children's Library** *Lois Kemp*

There are many people that I need to thank in this, my first Bulletin article. We all owe a tremendous thank you to Sandy Rosenberg for her dedication to this library for many years. Sandy organized and maintained the Lesley Lunin Mehlman Children's Library since its inception, and has created a very valuable resource for all of us. The library has expanded tremendously, and we couldn't keep up with shelving our new (and old) acquisitions, until we sought help from our wonderful Madrichim one recent Sunday morning. Todah rabbah to Xan Maddock-Mark (who spread the word), Tyler Buka, Rachel Kovach-Fuentes, Xiao Maddock-Mark, Simon Robbins, Elana Sheinkopf and Ryan Silverman, who amazed us by totally completing the task of shelving all the books, including rearranging and moving some sections!

Now that summer is here, please take a look at this library, located in the hallway of the Religious School, and borrow some books! You'll be surprised at the tremendous diversity of our collection (despite everything having some Jewish connection): fiction, non-fiction, picture books, chapter books, Hebrew books, and Young Adult literature.

Have fun, relax, and READ!



### Report from the Rabbinic Search Committee Nicole Jellinek and Alan Buff, Co-Chairs

As we write this article, we are half-way through our schedule of small group meetings and other aspects of self-study. By the time this bulletin is mailed, most of the meetings will have been completed and we will be processing the information you provided. Given this timing, we don't have all your input yet. Still, there have been several recurring themes in each of our meetings.

Our members believe that Temple Habonim is an inclusive and welcoming community. Temple Habonim is a warm, friendly, haimish congregation of approximately the "right" size. We have strong social justice values and an inclination for advocacy. We are a somewhat siloed community where our younger members and "more mature" members don't have a lot of interaction.

We want a congregation that responds to world events and gives us the vehicle for communal response to happy and sad occurrences. We want strong educational opportunities for all age groups. We value music in our services. Temple Habonim members enjoy intellectual and spiritual challenges and look to our rabbi to engage us in these areas.

We want a rabbi with compassion, warmth and leadership skills. Our next rabbi should be transparent and a good communicator. We want a teacher, a preacher and a beacher (beach services!). We want someone to help us connect to our spirituality, to urge us to be our better selves.

The NEXT STEP in the process is an online survey which will be launched in mid-late May. This survey is a critical element of our search process. You will receive email notification with links to the survey when it is ready. Whether you have participated in a group discussion or not PLEASE GO ONLINE AND COMPLETE THE SURVEY.

Over the course of the summer, we will be putting together our application and the materials that will accompany the application extolling the virtues of our congregation and our area.

As a committee, we learn more about what the congregation wants, needs and expects with each conversation and survey. We welcome any off-line feedback you wish to offer. Our email address is rabbisearch@templehabonim.org.



Wear Orange weekend (June 7-9) is already BIG. Nearly 3,000 people have joined more than 600 community events across the country for Wear Orange weekend to raise awareness about gun violence in our country.

The color orange has a long and proud history in the gun violence prevention movement. Whether it's worn by hunters, Moms, or students across the country, orange honors the 100 lives cut short - and the hundreds more wounded - by gun violence every day.

On **Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**, National Gun Violence Awareness Day, wear orange to Temple.



### **Temple Habonim**

Monday, July 15, 2019

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Social Hall 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington

1 donation helps up to 3 patients in a local hospital! For questions on donating please call 401-453-8307.

Don't forget to bring your driver's license or another form of identification when you donate.

Visit <u>www.ribc.org/drives</u> to make an appointment, Sponsor Code **1566**.



www.ribc.org

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### **Temple Habonim Loves to Travel**

**THB's Discover Cuba Trip**, January 19, 2020 – January 26, 2020, is a definite go. So far 26 people have already signed up. If you're interested in being part of this adventure, contact Rabbi Klein

**THB's Civil Rights Journey**, March 12 – March 15, 2020, is also looking good. We won't ask people to sign up for this trip and commit until the fall. If you'd like to be on the list of people who have expressed interest and receive trip updates, please contact Rabbi Klein.

### Sisterhood Gift Shop

June Poses

Are you looking for a gift from Israel? Do you need personalized kippot or a tallit for an upcoming Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah? Shop local.

You'll see an Israeli shofar and a lovely Armenian designed seder plate made in Jerusalem in the display case. Also a variety of mezuzot and sterling silver jewelry are always available for purchase.

The Sisterhood Gift Shop can help you with kippot, tallitot or Judaica gifts. It's easy and convenient. And a gift shop purchase is a direct donation to the Sisterhood and its important Temple activities.

Just call June Poses at 401-245-0904 or email: <u>junejan12@cox.net.</u> Thanks for supporting the Sisterhood.



Climate change and rising sea levels pose a threat to the entire country, especially in states along the coast, like Rhode Island. The **URJ** (Union for Reform Judaism) and the **RAC** (Religious Action Center) are confronting this issue with a program called **The Higher Ground Initiative.** Congregations interested in this issue are participating in conference calls, gathering information and bringing what they learn back to their congregations. They are also exploring the role of diet in climate change.

Researchers estimate that by the year 2050, 499 houses of worship in the U.S. will stand on land projected to flood at least once a year, on average, if warming emissions continue to grow unchecked. Houses of worship can help by taking adaptive measures against flooding. They can also reduce their own emissions by improving their energy efficiency and generating renewable electricity on-site. Because more than two-thirds of Americans attend religious services at least a few times each year, the examples of environmental stewardship set by congregations can resonate far beyond their walls.

If you have any interest in being part of the **URJ** and **RAC's Higher Ground Initiative** national team, please contact Rabbi Klein and let him know. It would be wonderful to have a representative from our congregation, which is located on the beautiful waterfront of the Barrington River, have a place on this important team.

**Sophie Schaerf** is the third generation of her family who is currently a member here at THB. She became a Bat Mitzvah here, she is actively involved in our youth group, BCTY, and she will be in Confirmation Class (tenth grade) next year. Sophie's mother, Miriam Schaerf, grew up at THB, and her grandmother, Shula Schoenfeld, still participates in many THB activities, such as Lunch & Learn. Shula showed me this article that Sophie wrote, and I asked Sophie if we could have her permission to print it in our upcoming bulletin. Fortunately for all of our readers, she said, "Yes."

Sophie, a 15-year old student at Barrington High School, wrote this essay to convey a point regarding the importance of understanding mental health. With May being national mental health awareness month and just passing, we should all keep those affected in our minds and never underestimate their worth.

Rabbi Andrew Klein

A heart beating A brain working A tear falling

Misjudged Misunderstood Mocked

This is life for many individuals who suffer from mental disorders. In the United States alone, one in five adults suffers or experiences some sort of mental disorder in a year, and each year approximately 1 in 25 adults in the United States suffers from a serious mental disorder that can interfere with his or her daily life. In addition to adults, millions of children suffer from diagnosed disorders ranging from ADHD to anxiety to depression.

It is a basic fact of life that no two children learn the same way. However, our world today often seems to dismiss that fact, and these children are deemed "difficult" or treated differently from their peers. Walking around a public school you hear countless comments such as, "I finished this show and now I'm depressed," or, "I wish I had Tourette's so I could just scream right now." If children were educated not only would our world be a more accepting place, but countless lives would be saved as well.

Studies show that when people are bullied as children by their peers it can cause further mental issues such as anxiety and/or depression that in some cases lead to suicide. One in three US children are reported to be bullied in school. Students who suffer disorders that may cause them to act different from their peers such as Tourette's syndrome or ADHD, in which those who suffer may say or do certain things involuntarily. While this should be excused, children will mock their peers and make them feel lesser for who they are because they have no idea what they are truly going through.

Some may be able to excuse this lack of understanding coming from children who might not know better, but the same thing can happen with adult educators. Students who are fidgety or may have outbursts are often simply labeled "behavioral issues" and ostracized by their classmates

and even their teachers. This is why our society needs to be more aware of the different and beautiful types of minds we have around us.

One of these people, these children, could hold knowledge more powerful than we could ever imagine. They could cure millions of diseases, stop hatred, or do countless other miracles that could change our cold, harsh world, but we may never know, because their school told them they weren't good enough.

Sophie Schaerf





For more than 130 years, the non-profit Jewish agency HIAS has helped refugees all over the world. For the past 3 years Temple Habonim has been one of more than 400 congregations in The HIAS Welcome Campaign. The sign on the Temple lawn is why we are part of that Campaign.



Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island helps refugees and other immigrants rebuild their lives in RI.

Supporting Dorcas is how we commit to being in The HIAS Welcome Campaign.

Donate online at www.diiri.org/
Send a check to DIIRI at 645 Elmwood Ave, Providence RI 02907
Make Dorcas a choice online at https://smile.amazon.com/
Donate usable household goods and clothing to Dorcas just off RT 95 / Exit 17
Become an adult mentor or tutor
When your business hires a worker, ask Dorcas about a refugee

"Welcome the stranger in your midst, for you were once strangers in the land of Egypt."

(Deuteronomy 10:19)

Oneg Shabbat, literally the Joy of Shabbat, is the time after service when we are able to have a little nosh and catch up with old friends & new. Thank you to our April Oneg sponsors:

Fran & Stephen Glatt, in memory of their friend, William Manger
Rozanne & Jeffrey Jacobson, in memory of Rozanne's father, Philip Butcher
The Family Travelers to Israel, in honor of the opening of the Israel Trip Photo Exhibit
Pat & Alan Buff, in memory of Pat's father, Harry Gordon Shirey
June & Roy Poses

The Goncalves family, in honor of Sam Weiser's Bar Mitzvah
The Duncan family, in honor of Chloe & Jason Buka's B'nai Mitzvah

Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat is a nice way to celebrate a special occasion - marking a yahrtzeit, a birthday, an anniversary, wedding, or graduation - and do a mitzvah for the community. Or consider making a donation to our Oneg Fund which provides an oneg after Shabbat services when there is no sponsor.

If you are interested in sponsoring an Oneg in honor of a simcha or in memory of a loved one, please call Jodi in the Temple Office (245-6536).

### In the Temple Family

#### **Todah Rabbah ... a Thank You to:**

Michael Blane, Santina Ventimiglia Fortunato, Lisa Freda, Heather Glassner, Michelle Goncalves, Leslie Katz,

Lois & Bob Kemp, Joanna Mankin, Michael Mintzer, Alane Torf & Toby Weiser: for greeting during May services

Jill Glickman: for greeting during Sunday Religious School

Larry Berren, Steve Buka, Andy Reich & Ivan Wolfson: for such beautiful music at THB's Jazz & Wine fundraiser

Pat Buff: for arranging such a beautiful Wine & Dine evening

Jodi Blankstein & Adam Dehner: for their inspirational music at Wine & Dine

BCTY: for a very fun and successful 80's Open Mic Night

Christopher Lane: for organizing the end of year Religious School picnic

Christopher Lane & Michael Blane: for cooking at the picnic

### Mazel Tov to:

Alane Torf: for an immensely successful Annual Congregation Meeting

Michael Blane: for explaining in understandable language our new dues system at the Annual Congregation Meeting

All of our graduating High School seniors

Maxine Richman: for another successful conference by the Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty

**Sophie Schaerf:** for chanting Torah on the 2nd anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah **Ryan Silverman:** for chanting Torah on the 5th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah **David Perolman:** for chanting Torah on the 22nd anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah **Alane Torf:** for organizing such a fun and successful Jazz & Wine fundraiser

Sam Weiser: on being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah BCTY: for such a fund and entertaining Open Mic Night Chloe Buka: on being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah Jason Buka: on being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Miriam & Charles Shana: on the engagement of their son, Daniel Shana, to Crystal Salter

Roberta Segal: on her exhibit, "Celebrating Color," opening at the Providence Art Club on Sunday, June 2nd from 2-4pm

Please keep us informed of all your family's simchas and celebrations so we can list them in our Bulletin

### **Donations**

### **General Fund**

To support programming and activities that strengthen our community

Anonymous: in support of the brunch after the Annual Congregation Meeting

Ellen & Larry Berren: in support of Jazz & Wine

Yvette Yatchmink & George Burman: in memory of Louis Katz, father of Judy Katz and father-in-law of Grant Rhode

Linda Nici & Lloyd Feit: in support of Jazz & Wine

Lois & Bob Kemp: in honor of the engagement of Daniel Shana, son of Miriam & Charlie Shana, to Crystal Salter

Lois & Bob Kemp: with appreciation for Jodi Sullivan
Lois & Bob Kemp: in honor of Jerry Weinstein's birthday
Lois & Bob Kemp: in memory of Louis Katz, father of Judy Katz

**Helen & Fred MacDonald** 

Ruth Oppenheim: in honor of Rose Phipps' graduation from law school

June & Roy Poses: in support of Jazz & Wine

**Roberta & Paul Segal:** in honor of the installation of **Jamie Pious**, Chair of the Jewish Alliance of Greater RI; **Harold Foster** Vice Chair, Jewish Life & Learning; **Marilyn Kaplan**, Treasurer of the Jewish Federation Foundation; and installing

officer, Rabbi Andrew Klein

Myra Shays: in support of Jazz & Wine

### **Religious School Fund**

**Lisa Denny & Steve Buka:** with thanks to David Perolman for your warmth, musicality and guidance with Chloe and Jason Buka in preparation for their B'nai Mitzvah

**Michelle & Manny Goncalves:** with appreciation for David Perolman's help and encouragement in preparing Joe for his Bar Mitzvah

**Ronald Urso** 

### **Donations** (continued)

#### Music Fund

**Judy & Richard Goldstein:** in memory of Joe Shansky **Lois & Bob Kemp:** in honor of Marilyn Strauss's birthday

#### **Lesley Lunin Mehlman Religious School Library Fund**

To honor her lifelong love of education

**Edwin Mehlman:** with gratitude to Sandy Rosenberg for years of service to the Lesley Lunin Mehlman Religious School Library

### **Library Fund**

To purchase books and other educational materials for our library **Ruth Oppenheim:** in memory of Louis Katz, father of Judy Katz

#### **Oneg Fund**

Pat & Alan Buff: in memory of Pat's father, Harry Gordon Shirey

Barbara & Al Glucksman: in memory of Barbara's parents, Lillian & Sam Isenberg

June & Roy Poses

Ilse Schaler: in memory of her husband, Albert Schaler

### Joe Shansky Purim Spiel & Musical Theater Fund

To fund future Purim spiels and other musical/dramatic productions at THB

Marilyn & Steve Kaplan: in memory of Joe Shansky, Carol Sholler & Erica McKeown

Lois & Bob Kemp: in memory of Erica McKeown

### **Rabbi Klein Discretionary Fund**

To fund tzedakah, educational and professional development and Temple Habonim programming

Lisa Denny & Steve Buka: with thanks to Rabbi Klein for your wisdom, kindness and generous time spent with

Chloe & Jason Buka in preparation for their B'nai Mitzvah Michelle & Manny Goncalves: in honor of Joe's Bar Mitzvah

Lois & Bob Kemp: in honor of Marilyn Strauss's birthday & in memory of Carol Sholler

Lois & Andy Pink: in memory of Andy's dad, Joseph Pink

Ilse Schaler





Amazon shoppers! Did you know that Temple Habonim can be the beneficiary of your Amazon shopping at no extra cost to you?

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### https://smile.amazon.com

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Temple Habonim-Barrington Jewish Center as the organization you are supporting; .5% of your purchase will be sent along to support our synagogue.

Each time you shop, be sure you go to https://smile.amazon.com and your donation will be made as you purchase.

Thank you!!

### **Board of Trustee Meetings**

Temple Habonim Board of Trustees' monthly meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning at 7:00pm (dates are listed below). Board meetings are open to all THB members in good standing, and all are welcome to attend. On a very few occasions, there may be some confidential information that needs to be discussed, but generally meetings are open.

June 12, 2019

Because of privacy laws, THB is not notified when someone enters or is discharged from the hospital. Please call the Temple to let us know if a member of the THB community is hospitalized or in need of assistance.

If you need assistance at a time when the office is closed, please call the THB office and leave a message on Rabbi Klein's line,

401-245-6536, ext. 13.





### Tzedakah Reminder

For the past few years we have asked everyone to remember to bring a non-perishable food item for Tap-In each time you enter the building.

During these times when so many people are in need of food and daily nutrition, this is especially important.

Let's all try and remember to make this a priority.

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June/July/August 2019 ~ lyar/Sivan/Tamuz/Av 5779						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 June	3 June	4 June 7:15 pm Confirmation Class only	5 June	6 June 12:00 pm Lunch & Leam	7 June 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service Pride Shabbat (See front cover for details) National Gun Violence Awareness Day - wear orange to Temple (see page 15 for details)	8 June 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Shoshana Landow & Ethan Stein will chant Torah 7:30 pm Shavuot, Yizkor & Confirmation (see page 13 for details)
9 June	10 June	11 June	12 June 7:00 pm Board meeting 7:00 pm Jewish Alliance of Greater RI Annual Meeting (see page 11 for details)	13 June 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn	14 June 6:15 pm Erev Shabbat Service at Barrington Beach (see page 12 for details)	15 June
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7 July	8 July	9 July	10 July	11 July	12 July 6:15 pm Erev Shabbat Service	13 July
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Saturday night, July 20th at 6:15 pm
- Margaritaville Night followed by Jimmy Buffet-themed fireworks

We have reserved 40 awesome seats!

Tickets are \$12 which includes a \$3 credit that can be used at the concession stands.

To sign up just click on the flyer on the home page of the Temple website or send your payment to the Temple office

Deadline to sign up is July 12th

This could be your last chance to see the Paw Sox in Pawtucket before they move to Worcester!!

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