The Shofar



Temple Beth Tikvah



Fall 2022

"But Rabbi, I'm not really religious!"

Dear Friends,

What's the Hebrew word for "religion?" It may surprise you to know that there isn't one!

There are some close analogues: dat, minhag, and purkan all convey elements of Jewish ritual and practice. But none of them means religion. Why? because Judaism predates religion. Religion is a modern concept that consigns our spiritual and material selves to separate buckets. This is an illusion. There is no "religious life" and "secular life." There is only life.

The great 20th Century American Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan thought of Judaism as a civilization. It's an ancient wisdom tradition; an ethical system; a series of practices and a roadmap for cultivating the relationships that matter the most. It's an orientation to the Mystery beyond our understanding.

But there's more: Judaism is itself a later idea in our history (c. 2000+ years ago). Before we adopted that "ism," we were a people - Israel. That identity has always come first. As a Jewish community we are connected to all Jews, past, present, and future. In parashat Nitzavim, at the end of the Torah, our ancestors assembled at Sinai to receive the Torah — everyone living and ready to enter Canaan, but also, existentially, everyone who has not yet been born. This means that all Jews are equally Jewish.

And there are so many ways to be Jewish. But the most important thing is to do, not necessarily to believe. Not sure if God exists? Okay. Light Shabbat candles with your family on Friday nights. Help a stranger in need. Volunteer with our social justice committee. Take one of my classes. Sing with the TBT Band. Attend a Kol Ami event. In short, have a joyful Jewish experience. Open your heart and your mind to something new. Judaism is much more interested in doing than believing; in relationship over dogma. If you ask me, God cares more about who we are than what we think of God.

At TBT, we're starting to do a lot more in person. I'd love to greet you in person and learn more about what excites you about being Jewish.

Bivracha (With Blessings),

Rabbi Moss

2 President's Column



Dear Friends,

A few months ago, I wrote my first president's column. I told the story of meeting with Rabbi Alpert when I was feeling uninvolved in Judaism, unconnected with TBT and just exhausted. I spoke about how he inspired me to do one small thing regularly to get the "spark" of Judaism back in my life. After Rabbi Offner read my piece, she asked me if she could send it to Rabbi Alpert. I agreed, a little embarrassed that I had

not thought of tracking him down myself. This was his response. "I am leaving for Israel tomorrow and I don't think I will need an airplane to fly there."

Not only did I make his day brighter, but whenever I think of that response, it fills me with happiness and makes me smile. Gratitude is a two-way street. It makes the giver and the beneficiary feel better. In fact, there are studies that show that keeping a gratitude journal daily is as effective a treatment as antidepressant medication. So, with these days of reflection behind us, let us think about what we are grateful for and whom we are grateful for. Let's not forget to let those people know.

I will go first. . . I would like to thank all the great Rabbis who have helped shape my life. Being president has taught me one thing for sure: being a Rabbi is a 24 hours/ 7 day a week job and it is hard. I would like to thank Rabbi Moss for his unending work and dedication to our synagogue. Starting his career as a senior Rabbi during a pandemic, during a renovation project, and a Cantor search has been a huge challenge. Just one of these things (dayenu) would have been enough. His persistence and love for TBT is clear. I am honored to partner with him.

L'Shana Tova,

Karen Goldberg

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Are you over 70 ½ years old?
You may be eligible to make a gift via an IRA charitable rollover.

Contact our office to learn more!



Shabbat Services are once again at TBT!

We are currently having services in our lower lobby come in the entrance and walk straight to get to services.

All Services are Friday evenings at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted.
Shabbat Services will also be on Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Shabbat Services will be available to watch on our YouTube channel the following morning. Please check www.tbtshoreline.org for link to our YouTube channel.

Friday, November 11

Saturday, November 12 at 10am at WoodWinds In celebration of Harrison Tore becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Friday, November 18

Friday, November 25 - On Zoom Only

Friday, December 2

Friday, December 9

Friday, December 16

Friday, December 23

Friday, December 30



To Carol & Michael Gordon, on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Gordon Ephraim, born on July 19th to Josh and Emily (Gordon) Ephraim.

To Bill & Kate Lee on the birth of their grandson, Cyrus, son of William and Pam Lee and brother to Flint, on October 13.

Do you have a simcha to share? Contact the office at 203-245-7028 or office@tbtshoreline.org.



Torah Study Live on Zoom Saturdays @9am

Check your inboxes for link.

November 12: Vayeira Genesis 18:1-22:24

November 19: *Chayei Sarah* Genesis 23:1-25:18

November 26: Tol'dot Genesis 25:19-28:9

December 3: *Vayetze* Genesis 28:10-32:3

December 10: *Vayishlach* Genesis 32:4-36:43

December 17: *Vayeishev* Genesis 37:1-40:23

December 24: Mikeitz Genesis 41:1-44:17 *Chanukah - may have special study

December 31: *Vayigash* Genesis 44:18-47:27

Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation

We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 8am on Zoom



Upcoming sessions are November 19, December 3 and December 17.

Links are in your inbox. All are welcome.

B'nai Mitzvah



Jackson Eder September 10, 2022

Jackson Eder became a Bar Mitzvah Saturday September 10th at his grandparents' home in Guilford CT.

Jackson worked diligently with Rabbi Moss and Ms. Kahrimanis to prepare for this important day. We would like to thank them both and are very grateful for the special friendship Jackson has developed with Mama K.

As part of Jackson's Mitzvah project Jackson volunteered at The Columbus House annual golf tournament and was able to tour one of their shelters. He plans on continuing his project during the coming year volunteering in their kitchen and put-

ting his cooking skills to use!

Jackson's family is so proud of his perseverance and growth during his studies and thoroughly enjoyed celebrating his accomplishments as a congregation.



Harrison Tore November 12, 2022

Harrison Tore will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday November 12, 2022 at 10am at Woodwinds in Branford. The Tore family and friends are proud of Harrison and how much time and effort he has put in to achieve this special milestone.

We would like to thank the TBT religious school, Rabbi Moss, Dr. C and Cantor Boyle for their time and dedication.

Harrison sadly lost his grandfather to Alzheimers disease 4 years ago. During his final days, Harrison had at the opportunity to spend time with him in memory care where he saw how much his grandfather and others enjoyed music. For Harrison's Mitzvah Project, he decided to bring joy to the residents at The Hearth at Tuxis Pond in Madison by performing guitar and singing for them. He learned a set list of requested big band classic songs and had them clapping along, singing and dancing. He enjoyed doing this so much that he scheduled to go back for another performance.

Harrison is excited to celebrate with his family and friends. The entire congregation is welcome to attend and we are excited to see you there!

Building Community

Campaign for Temple Beth Tikvah

November 2022 the TBT Renovation





Front Entrance



Finishing columns with cypress



Laying subsoil for final surface of veranda



Installing ceiling grid in the sanctuary

New in November!

- o Town officials have completed inspections that will permit sheetrock installation in the sanctuary and all adjoining spaces to begin.
- o If you haven't had a chance to sign the wall for posterity, now is the time! Call the office to make an appointment!
- The main entrance siding and columns are being completed. The columns are clad in cypress.
- o The veranda is being leveled in preparation for the final surface.

Have you joined us in Building Community?

If you haven't donated or pledged to the TBT Capital Campaign yet, TBT Needs You!! **Don't' miss your chance to say,**

"I helped to build the future of TBT and the Jewish community!"

Questions? Please reach out to Bruce Topolosky, John Lesage, Suzy Frisch, or Karen Goldberg – We would love to discuss the building project and how you might support the renovation and our future.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our capital campaign!

Backpack Drive Donors - Thank You For Your Generosity!

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Raise the Roof Your Shoreline Habitat Connection

139 Weybosset Street becomes a Home to the Tirado Family.

Dedication Ceremony -The official passing of the hammer symbolizing home ownership responsibility. Congratulations to Alicia and her daughter Dalilah in this new exciting chapter of their lives.



This was the 19th Raise the Roof sponsored Habitat for Humanity home. Thank you to our Temple Beth Tikvah members who supported this build. For more information contact raisetheroofct.org or Linda.brody@comcast.net



TBT Book Club

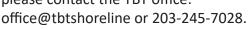
TBT Book Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm, currently on Zoom.

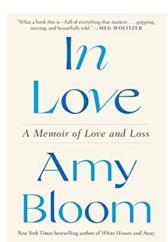
November's discussion of

"Jerusalem Beach" by Iddo Gefen, is on Thursday, November 17th.

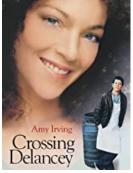
December's book is "In Love: A Memoir of Love and Loss" by Amy Bloom. Our discussion will take place on Thursday, December 15th.

All members who enjoy reading are encouraged to join us on Zoom. For additional information, or to get the Zoom link, please contact the TBT office:





New Members Welcome!



Kol Ami Movie Night November 30th at 7:30pm

Our film this month is *Crossing Delancey*.

As always, watch the movie on your own first and join us for the discussion on Zoom.

The movie is available at many local libraries and on digital streaming platforms.

Contact Kol Ami Co-Presidents Loren Sterman, lorensterman@gmail.com or Cher Richmond, cherrilyn.richmond@yale.edu with any questions.



High Holiday Flower Donations

Our High Holiday Flowars are made possible by an endowed gift in loving memory of Gloria Sack by Ed Sack and the Sack Family.

Thank you also to:

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Jimmy Shure, in honor of, and gratitude for, his children and grandchildren

In Memoriam

Frank Toscano, 8/27/22 father of Linda Nedell

Lester Horwitz, 8/30/22 father of Ethan Horwitz

Annette Baslaw Finger, 9/10/22 *mother of Robin Baslaw*

Audrey Walzer, 10/8/22 mother of Jan Walzer-Etzel

Sau**l Gordon**, 10/11/22 beloved member of TBT

Henry Gettenberg, 11/4/22 husband of Helenne Gettenberg



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