# Temple Beth Tikvah Your Shul on the Shoreline

# **OCTOBER 2023 SHOFAR**



Dear Friends,

ּוְכָל שִׁבְעַת הַיָּמִים עוֹשֶּׂה אָדָם אֶת בֵּיתוֹ עַרְאַי וְאֶת סֻכָּתוֹ קֶבַע שֶׁנֶּאֶמַר: בּסִכֹּת תִּשִׁבוּ שִׁבעת יַמִים'

All seven days of Sukkot, one renders one's house temporary, and his sukkah permanent; as it is stated (Leviticus 23:42), "In huts shall you dwell seven days."

(Maimonides MT, Laws of Sukkah and Lulav 6.5-7)

At Sukkot we consider: What makes a house a home?

We are taught to treat the spartan *Sukkah* as our permanent home during this period, humbling us to remember the vulnerability of displacement.

Many of you have been a part of the TBT Family since before the renovation. You patiently awaited returning to our own space while meeting just about everywhere else on the Shoreline. You came with your children — everyone with smiles and a can-do attitude— to our gravel parking lot for our weekly Religious School *T'filah*! You put up with zoom and in-person; and came masked and then unmasked and back again — over several years. And to those who are new to TBT, welcome! We know how much you love our new space, as well! We won't subject you to Torah-in-the-trunk anytime soon.

Finally, we are home. We have a gorgeous, comfortable, accessible building and a beautifully landscaped campus. What can we say other than *Modim Anachnu* (we are so grateful!). The wait was well worth it. I'd like to thank you all for your patience and resilience in the last few years. I'd like to offer a heartfelt *todah rabbah* (thank you very much) to all who helped with the renovation and contributed to our Capital Campaign to build our TBT home.

The truth is that this work is not yet done. In order to complete the project and plant the seeds for TBT's flourishing financial future, we need your help. Please consider a gift to our Capital Campaign so that we can cover the full cost of the most ambitious, critical project in TBT's modern history. If you haven't yet given, this is the time when we need you. If you've already given, thank you for considering another gift. Since announcing our matching gift challenge (through October 8), we have already raised \$275,000 in new donations and pledges! Won't you add your support? Please contact Karen Goldberg, Suzy Frisch, or Kim Romine for more information. And again, *Todah Rabbah*!

I hope you will join us as we say "thank you" to everyone who brought this project to fruition. Our weekend of gratitude (November 3-4) will include a special *Shabbat* evening service in appreciation of leaders and volunteers at TBT and throughout the broader community. The following night is our gala — bring your dancing shoes! Stay tuned for signup information coming soon.

Every minute in the *Sukkah* reminds us of the gifts of safety, security, family, and future. In a word, TBT. I feel so blessed to share this *Sukkat Shalom* (peaceful home) with all of you.

Bivracha (Blessings),

Rabbi Moss

# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Hi Friends,

What a magnificent High Holy Day season we just experienced together. As many of you know, I broke my wrist right before *Kol Nidre* so I am currently typing with my left hand. I will therefore cheat and share with you an abridged version of my president's address from *Rosh Hashanah*.

This season of reflection and renewal calls us to explore the essence of our faith and our values. So, I will take this opportunity to ask you about our synagogue's values. Here is my question. If you had to pick one thing that our temple should provide, what would it be?

For me, it is connections. Connections to each other, connections to our creator, connections to our heritage. The Hebrew word for connections is *Kesher*.

In a world where technology is dominating more and more of our lives, I often wonder if this brings us closer together or further apart. Did you know that Snap Chat has a new feature called a virtual friend. You can ask it questions about trivia, it can offer you advice and can help plan what to make for dinner. It gets to know you over time and changes its responses based on your likes and dislikes. That's kind of cool? Maybe kind of scary? My perspective, as a pediatrician, is that despite how technologically linked we are, teenagers are more lonely, more anxious, and more depressed than ever. I don't believe that the answer is more medicines or more therapy (although these often do help). I think the answer is more *KESHER*.

In this ever-changing world, it is our connections that provide us with stability and meaning. They remind us that we are not alone on this journey, and they give us the strength to face whatever challenges lie ahead. This is what our children need, and this is what WE need.

We at TBT want to help forge these connections, so this year, we are forming small interest groups that will meet monthly. We are calling this new program, you guessed it, *Kesher*. There are so many other ways to experience connections at TBT. Come to a Shabbat service and then stay to shmooze at the oneg. Come inside when you drop your children at religious school and join us for *T'filah*. Help our wider community through our social justice committee.

Come join Kol Ami on our hikes, movie discussions, wine tasting, or the book club. Join Haverim for whatever it is they do. Come meditate Saturday morning, and then you can be nice and relaxed for Torah Study.

So please take a moment during these High Holy Days, to reflect on one thing that you can do to deepen your connections to each other, to Temple Beth Tikvah, and to our broader Jewish community.

Our synagogue stands as a testament to these enduring connections. Over the last three years we have adapted, learned to pivot, and we have remained flexible and strong. Our commitment to our values, and to our community, has never wavered. We are here in our new sanctuary because so many of you share this love for TBT and realize the importance of supporting our Jewish community on the shoreline. We are here, more specifically, because we were able to raise over \$7 million through your donations. So, I would like to say a sincere and heartfelt *Todah Rabbah*. However, our work is not done.

During *Selichot* we heard Rabbi Offner ask for forgiveness for the delays in this building project. On *Rosh Hashanah*, it was my turn to ask for forgiveness. Many factors contributed to making this project more expensive than anticipated 4 years ago. We now have a bank loan that accrues interest every day. It is my goal to pay it back fully over the next two-three years. I am asking you all to help us meet this goal. If you are able, please contact me about an additional donation, or a first-time donation, to our ongoing capital campaign. As Theodore Herzl said, "if you will it, it is no dream."

My dream for all of us at this High Holy Day season is to achieve deep reflection, sincere repentance, and profound connection. May the bonds that unite us as a congregation grow even stronger and may the connections we form today continue to guide us on our spiritual journey in the days, weeks, and years to come. *Shana Tova*.

Karen Goldberg, President

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Religious School 9:30AM High Holy Day Sermon Roundtable 11AM jChat 12PM	2 Kesher Cooking at TBT 7PM	3	4 Pizza "in the hut" 5PM	5	6 Shabbat, Consecration, Simchat Torah 6PM	7 Minfulness & Meditation 8AM Torah Study 9AM
8 No Religious School	9 Indigenous Peoples' Day No TBT Preschool	10	11 Religious School 3:45PM Kol Ami Movie Night 7:30PM	12	13 Mahjong 1PM Young Families Shabbat 5PM Shabbat Service 6:30PM	14 Torah Study 9AM Haverim Essay Discussion 8PM
15 Religious School 9:30AM	16 Rosh Chodesh 7:30PM	17	18 Religious School 3:45PM	19 TBT Book Club 7:30PM	20 Shabbat Service 6:30PM Potluck to follow	21 Minfulness & Meditation 8AM Torah Study 9AM
22 Religious School 9:30AM Kulanu/ADL Event 10AM jChat 12PM	23	24	25 Religious School 3:45PM	26	27 Mahjong 1PM Shabbat Service 6:30PM	28 Torah Study 9AM
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All times and dates are subject to change. Please check your inboxes and the TBT Website for up-to-date information.

# **SHABBAT**

All services are Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Services in the Sanctuary are streamed live Youtube. The link can be found in your inbox and below. <a href="mailto:youtube.com/@templebethtikvah5835">youtube.com/@templebethtikvah5835</a>

Friday, Oct. 6: Shabbat, Consecration, Simchat Torah, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13: Young Families Shabbat, 5:00 p.m.; Shabbat Service, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20: Shabbat Service, 6:30 p.m.; Potluck to follow

Friday, Oct. 27: Shabbat Service, 6:30 p.m.

# **TORAH STUDY**

Coming back in person, on occasion, and live on Zoom every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (check your inbox for Zoom link)

You can find the text and *d'var Torah* at <a href="https://reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study">https://reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study</a>

Oct. 7: Sh'mini Atzeret - Simchat Torah - Holidays Deuteronomy 33:1–34:12, Genesis 1:1–2:3

Oct. 14: <u>B'reishit</u> - Genesis 1:1–6:8 Oct. 21: <u>Noach</u> - Genesis 6:9–11:32

Oct. 28: <u>Lech L'cha</u> - Genesis 12:1–17:27

#### **MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION**

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. on Zoom, and also returning to in-person on occasion.

This month, Mindfulness and Meditation will meet on October 7th and October 21st.

All are welcome.



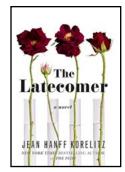
# **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Happiest of birthdays to our kids celebrating this month!

Jacob Rothberg, Lucy Rapkin, Andrew Glazer, Ryder Joseph Hauser-Wilkins, Miles Sugerman, Aden Chorney, and Evie Motamedinia.



# **TBT BOOK CLUB**



Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 19th at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

This month's book club book is *The Latecomer* by Jean Hanff Korelitz.

The Latecomer follows the story of the wealthy, New York City-based Oppenheimer family, from the first meeting of parents Salo and Johanna, under tragic circumstances, to their triplets born during the early days of IVF. As children, the three siblings – Harrison, Lewyn, and Sally – feel no strong familial bond and cannot wait to go their separate ways, even as their father becomes more distanced and their mother more desperate. When the triplets leave for college, Johanna, faced with being truly

alone, makes the decision to have a fourth child. What role will the "latecomer" play in this fractured family?

#### RAISE THE ROOF

DID YOU KNOW TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH HAS BEEN BUILDING HOUSES WITH RAISE THE ROOF/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR 20 YEARS?!?!

#### **VOLUNTEER FOR BUILD DAY!!**

Sunday, October 29, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30p.m. 33 Elliot Street, New Haven, CT

Come join our day to help finish building the future house of Jessica Smalls and her four children. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with TBT friends to help complete the start-up work we did back in April.

To Volunteer: The minimum age is 16 years old. There is **NO** experience needed, as we work under the guidance of the Habitat Construction Supervisor, and there is a job for everyone. This is a great opportunity for high school students to earn needed community service. We need 10 volunteers and it is on a first come, first served basis.

Registration is Required: Go to <a href="www.raisetheroofct.org">www.raisetheroofct.org</a> and click on <a href="How to Volunteer">How to Volunteer</a> or <a href="I Want to Build</a>. This will guide you through the <a href="Volunteer">Volunteer</a> Up registration process with Habitat for Humanity. If you need help with registration you can email Heather at <a href="contactus@raisetheroofct.org">contactus@raisetheroofct.org</a> or Allison Mangles, Volunteer Coordinator, Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven <a href="manages@habitatgnh.org">amangles@habitatgnh.org</a> or call (203) 785-0794 ext. 110. For questions regarding our TBT build day, contact <a href="maintenance.">Linda Brody</a>.

#### **KESHER**

Our Kesher groups are holding their first meetings in October.

Caring for Caregivers led by Marlene Schwartz Learn more <u>HERE</u>.

Cooking the Books led by Loren Sterman Learn more HERE.

"God, I have questions!" led by David Talbot Learn more <u>HERE</u>.

Let's Sing! led by Steve Eppler-Epstein Learn more HERE.

Mountain Biking and Skiing led by Elon Boms Learn more <u>HERE</u>.

Shabbat Dinners led by Andrea SanMarco

Learn more **HERE**.

KESHER

The Zoom Where it Happens! led by Susan Lurie

Learn more HERE.

# **HAVERIM**



Haverim will meet on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. for an essay discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Rosenberg or Steven Stoll.

# **HAVERIM & KOL AMI**

The TBT men's group, Haverim, and TBT women's group, Kol Ami, will will co-host a wine and prosecco tasting at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 29th at TBT.

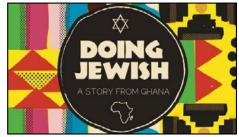


# **KOL AMI MOVIE NIGHT**

Kol Ami's next movie night will be Wednesday, October 11th, at 7:30 p.m on Zoom.

Watch *Doing Jewish* on your own on Kanopy, then join us on October 11 for a discussion.

A tiny community in rural Ghana recently discovered that the religion they have been practicing for centuries is Judaism. Filmmaker Gabrielle Zilkha explores their story from isolation to global connection and the challenges and rewards they face along the way.



Do you have a suggestion for a great movie to watch? Would you like to facilitate a movie discussion? New ideas for Kol Ami? Let us know! Contact Loren Sterman or Cher Richmond.

#### **ROSH CHODESH**



Monday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom to welcome the month of Cheshvan.

We invite all TBT Women to join us!

# **CHESED COMMITTEE**

Roughly translated, *Chesed* means loving-kindness which many Jewish scholars consider to be Judaism's primary ethical virtue. *Chesed* is a core value of TBT and our committee's mission is two-fold:

- To organize opportunities to support members of our community (in good and bad times).
- To create opportunities for members to support others (in good and bad times).



In this way we can both give and receive... Chesed.

Please <u>click here</u> for the link to our survey.

# TBT wants You!

A temple is both a spiritual home and a community, in times of need and to share fun.

To really feel a part of TBT, you'll want to know your fellow congregants and join in --- whatever your interests.

You don't need a buddy or a friend to join. New friends are waiting for you! Just call the office or contact us - and we'll put you in touch with the right person.

#### HERE ARE SOME ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

- . KOL AMI WOMEN'S CLUB
- . HAVERIM MEN'S CLUB
- KESHER CONNECTION GROUPS
   WWW.TBTSHORELINE.ORG/KESHER-GROUPS
  - o CARE FOR CAREGIVERS
  - o COOKING CLUB
  - o GOD, I HAVE QUESTIONS
  - · LET'S SING
  - o MOUNTAIN BIKING AND SKIING
  - o SHABBAT DINNER CLUB
  - o ZOOM WITH NEW FRIENDS
- BOOK CLUB
- . FILM CLUB
- HIKING GROUP
- · CHOIR
- . SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
- PROGRAM COMMITTEE
- FINANCE COMMITTEE
- TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
- . RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
- . YOUTH ACTIVITIES
- ADULT EDUCATION AND TORAH STUDY
- . EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We are a community reaching out to you - reach back! Membership Co-Chairs

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# ANSWERS QUESTION

your background, the Miller Intro to Judaism Program, developed by American Jewish University, is here to guide you on your Jewish journey. This everybody-friendly program has provided more than 15,000 students with a path to Jewish life. Whether you're soul-searching or seeking your you've got questions—so do we—and we

This program was made possible through a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven















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Sponsored by the New Haven Board of Rabbis and Cantors Classes begin 7:30 pm, Wed., 10/04/23, most meetings via Zoom Contact eelai@tegnh.org for more info. Sign up at https://bit.ly/ITJ5784



Miller Introduction to Judaism Program OF AMERICAN JEWISH UNIVERSITY

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Join Rabbi Moss at TBT for Young Families Shabbat

Friday, October 13, 2023 5:00 p.m.

We will share Shabbat Blessings, have a visit from the dinosaur, and more!!

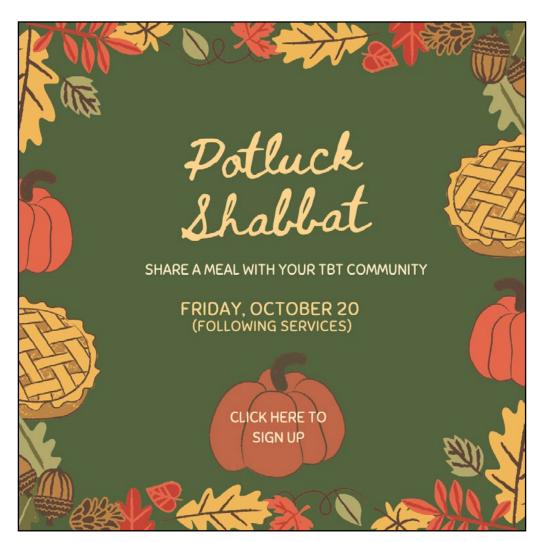
For children 5 and under, and their families.

All are Welcome.



Please RSVP to Kim, admin@tbtshoreline.org.

If you will be staying for Pizza dinner after the family service, please also click **HERE** to send in your contribution of \$8.00 per person.





The Temple Beth Tikvah ADL, Kulanu Committee Invites adult congregants to join us for

# Dare to Lead: Brave Conversations

Have you or your family members frozen in the face of an antisemitic or hateful comment?

With the rise of antisemitism and hate, we are increasingly confronted with difficult and challenging conversations. Please join the Beth Tikvah Kulanu Committee for this special interactive program led by a trained ADL Facilitator. When you participate in **Dare to Lead: Brave Conversations**, you will leave feeling empowered to respond and lead by example.

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Temple Beth Tikvah 10:00am - 12:00 p.m.

196 Durham Road, Madison, CT

Space is limited - RSVP by October 13th to admin@tbtshoreline.org

Please reach out to Nancy Fliss at nancyfliss@gmail.com with any questions.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Temple Beth Tikvah

Nov.

Thank You Shabbat

**3** 6:30 p.m.

A service of appreciation for everyone who helped us reach this day.

Nov.

Gala

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Celebrate a generational milestone with food, drinks, and dancing.

7:00 p.m.

For more information: www.tbtshoreline.org
Call 203.245.7028 or e-mail office@tbtshoreline.org



Our students have had a fabulous first month getting back to school! We are looking forward to the firetruck visit this month and we will be exploring all things fall with apples and pumpkins!

We enjoyed our visit with Rabbi Moss, and went outside to listen to him blow the Shofar!

If you are interested in enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year, please contact our director, Jennifer Casillo, at 203-245-8039 or NSDirector@tbtshoreline.org.

Follow us on Facebook @tbtpreschool to see what we are up to.





Campaign for Temple Beth Tikvah

#### TBT RENOVATION UPDATE

- The Madison Building Department has provided a certificate of occupancy for the Preschool and Temple.
- We are in the final stages of completing the outside lighting of the campus and parking lot.
- Upper parking lot has been regraded and we are awaiting final surfacing.



Campus Lighting

Regraded Parking Lot



Certificate of Occupancy for Temple Building and Preschool Issued

#### Have you joined us in Building Community? Now is the Time!

If you haven't donated or pledged to the TBT Capital Campaign yet, <u>TBT Needs You!!</u>

Help us finish the campaign, and don't miss your chance to say, "I helped to build the future of TBT and the Jewish community!"

#### Questions?

Please reach out to Suzy Frisch at sgfrisch@aol.com, or to Bruce Topolosky, John Lesage, 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!

# Thank You!

Since our Match Challenge was announced, we have received over **\$275,000** in new donations and pledges!

Won't you join the match and help to close the Capital Campaign?

We hope you enjoyed being together in our new sanctuary during our Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services.

On the first morning of *Rosh HaShanah*, our temple president, Karen Goldberg, reminded us that the work is not yet done. As she said, many factors contributed to the renovation costing more than we expected. Now let's finish paying for our new home!

# \$500,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

Every New Gift will be **DOUBLED!** 

- ➤ Donations made now through Simchat Torah, October 8, will be doubled by a generous donor who is offering a \$500,000 (total) match challenge.
- Make an outright gift (or a pledge for up to three years) Your new gift (or first pledge payment) must be made between now and *Simchat Torah* for it to be matched dollar for dollar.
- ➤ Help reach our capital campaign goals as we reenter the building and enter the new year of 5784.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to double your gift!

Whether you have already made a contribution, or this is your first, we **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

YOU DONATE

2 THEY MATCH

3 DOUBLE THE IMPACT



SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK HERE TO MAKE A DONATION

# CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY FOR TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH

Maintaining the vibrancy and strength of our Jewish community is of the utmost importance to many of us. How do we ensure that our synagogue continues to exist for future generations and remains financially stable to meet current and future needs?

Endowments are an essential element of every Jewish organization's financial stability strategy. Legacy giving can transform TBT by assuring that we build an endowment that can ensure our future.



By partnering with the LIFE & LEGACY<sup>TM</sup> program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and with the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, TBT has joined hundreds of Jewish organizations across the United States in creating a program to secure legacy commitments that will help us secure a thriving Jewish future. Our "Create a Jewish Legacy" committee, chaired by Sabrina Maurer, is striving to integrate legacy giving into our philanthropic culture, and to provide you - our generous and forward-thinking members - with the opportunity to express your commitment to sustaining a strong future for TBT.

Our legacy donors are congregants, just like you, who understand TBT is the future our founders imagined and want to ensure that we continue to be the supportive and vibrant community we are today. Please join us!





# LOOKING FOR A WAY TO...

Celebrate a milestone?

Honor a loved one?

### CONSIDER SPONSORING

A Shabbat Oneg

It's fun to do with friends and the Religious Activities Committee will help with details. If you're interested in sponsoring, please contact Lydia in the TBT office.



No previous experience required. Bring your enthusiasm and excitement and we will provide the rest!

Choir will meet on Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



# **CONTRIBUTIONS TO TBT FUNDS**

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

David Moss in honor of Baby Levi Moss

Robert & Lesley Landau

Louis E. King & Peggy Britt

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Walter & Esther Stutzman in loving memory of Beatrice Friesner

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# **SPECIAL THANKS**

To **Bennett and Arlene Paul**, and their team, for the delicious and memorable Break-the-Fast they hosted this year.

Thank you to the many people who donated in support of our High Holiday flowers, music, technology, children's programming and memorial book. You will each be recognized in the November Shofar with gratitiude.

#### TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH SHOFAR

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