

TEMPLE HILLEL B'NAI TORAH

Programs & Activities

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Temple Hillel B'nai Torah is a Reconstructionist congregation that is welcoming, egalitarian, multicultural, and inclusive. We are a haimish community that is rooted in Jewish tradition and responsive to the world we live in. We actively engage our members in the creative process of bringing new perspectives to tradition and making tradition meaningful to contemporary lives.

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Registration & Donations

These pages contain the current schedule of programs and activities for 5775/2014-2015. Events are subject to change, so please take note of future announcements. Our Temple Hillel B'nai Torah community is blessed with a wealth of contacts and expertise among our own temple members. If you have an idea for a program, are interested in making a presentation or bringing in a guest speaker to present on a topic of interest to our community, please contact Craig Schneider, President, president@templehbt.org.

If you are interested in attending a class or an event, please fill out this form and mail it to the temple office or register on the HBT website, www.templehbt.org.

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EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

HBT Member Non-Member

I am interested in attending:

How did you hear about this event?

I would like to support HBT programs & activities.

Enclosed is my check for:

\$18 \$36 \$54 \$118 other _____

Events on Friday night often follow Community Dinners. You are warmly welcomed to join us. Please register and pre-pay in the office.

Welcome!

Welcome to our new year! This year, HBT makes a renewed commitment to honor and strengthen our mosaic, and to build a more welcoming and equitable environment in all that we do. We make this stronger commitment after powerful conversations about diversity and equity at the synagogue last year, following another successful retreat that let people feel more connected, cognizant of the complexity of who we are as Jews and non-Jews, and in the midst of ongoing national conversations on race and justice.

We are a diverse synagogue community, across age, race, Jewish background, sexual orientation, gender, income, family constellation and many other parameters. Our commitment means that we want to:

Share more of our stories so that we get to know each other better and feel more connected;

Strive to always be welcoming, not to assume who the “regular” member is and to make a variety of people comfortable in HBT settings;

Look at how our school and synagogue policies and practices and behaviors can be improved to build a more equitable community; and

Pay attention to how we are working on issues of race and racism within our community, in our Boston neighborhood and in the broader world.

We are aware that this is ongoing work and that we can begin with more focused effort this year, recognizing both that there is always more to do and that the work is not easy.

The themes of diversity and equity will weave throughout our programming with particular attention to storytelling and diversity in the Shabbat dinners and the book group. We hope to create opportunities for connection at every meeting and event and we welcome you to bring your ideas as well—this is all of our work.

In addition, 5775 in the Jewish calendar is a *shmita*, or sabbatical year. Every seven years, in their wisdom, our ancestors set aside debts and let their fields lie fallow, as a form of release. Chapter 25 of the *Book of Leviticus* promises bountiful harvests to those who observe the *shmita*, and describes its observance as a test of religious faith. This year our congregation has found several creative forms of expression for this mitzvah. Look for special *shmita* programming, including *Mussar* classes with Rabbi Penzner, and special workshops on *Deep Wisdom for Healing the Earth and Ourselves*, with Rabbi Natan Margalit. Our Human Rights Shabbat program will also include a focus on *Clean Air, Water and a Sustainable Planet*.

This year’s edition of the program book includes all of our special programs to date for worship, adult and family learning, celebration, and social justice for the year 5775 (2014–2015). Programs are grouped under the four headings that define our congregation: Avodah/Worship, Torah/Study, Tikkun Olam/Social Justice and Havurah/Community. We hope to see you often!

— Miriam Messinger, HBT member
— Rabbi Barbara Penzner
— Leslie Belay, Program Book Editor



Avodah (Worship)

Drawing from the well of Jewish spirituality, we seek connections to God and each other through traditional and creative approaches to ritual, celebration, and prayer.

Friday Night Programs

Dinner/Kabbalat Shabbat

Fridays, 6 PM, Knopf Social Hall

Enjoy a catered communal meal and schmooze over the Shabbat table at one of our six community Shabbat dinners. Following dinner, we will provide a variety of programs. Some months will include a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service, featuring Holy Dischord, our temple ensemble with Tracy Rich on drums, Judith Katz-Levine on flute and Rabbi Penzner leading the vocals. Some months we will also feature our Chaverim School students leading the service. Sometimes dinner will be followed by group singing or Israeli dancing. We hope you will come join us for an uplifting welcome to Shabbat.

- Sep 12** Open House, Kitah Zayin class dinner, Kabbalat Shabbat with Holy Dischord
- Nov 14** Dinner, Student-led Kabbalat Shabbat service (Gimel-Zayin)
- Dec 12** Human Rights Shabbat, Dinner Program and Speaker
- Jan 23** Dinner, Israeli dancing
- Mar 13** Dinner, folk singing
- Apr 17** Dinner, Kabbalat Shabbat

Community Dinner Details

- Adult \$18; Family \$48; Children, ages 7–17 \$9. Families with young children, ages 6 and under \$24. Pricing is partially subsidized by a grant from CJP for Families with Young Children.
- NOTE: No money will be accepted on Shabbat.
- Please RSVP your attendance for each Community Dinner to the HBT office at 617-323-0486.



Shira Kayam (Song like the Ocean)

Saturdays, 8:45–9:45 AM (unless otherwise noted), Chapel



Join together in using chant and silence to support your spiritual growth. If you are seeking comfort, perspective, an ability to expand love, and/or find ways to “feed your inner fire,” the chants are designed to support you in that seeking. Arrival is between 8:30 and 8:45, with a chant from the morning service. No Hebrew reading ability required. HBT members and non-members all welcome. For more information, contact Benita at 617-323-0486 or Chant Leader, Tracy Rich: tracyrich57@comcast.net

Sep 6, Nov 8, Dec 6, Jan 3, Jan 24*, Feb 7, Mar 7, Mar 21*, Apr 11, May 2, May 23*

*Shabbat Chanting Service with Rabbi Penzner and Tracy Rich, 10 AM-noon

Jewish Holiday and “Civil Religion” Programs

Knopf Social Hall

- Sat, Sep 20** Selichot 8–10 PM at Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, West Newton
- Wed, Sep 24** Erev Rosh Hashanah
- Thu, Sep 25** Rosh Hashanah Day 1
- Fri, Sep 26** Rosh Hashanah Day 2
- Fri, Oct 3** Kol Nidre
- Sat, Oct 4** Yom Kippur
- Thu, Oct 9** Sukkot service
- Thu, Oct 16** Shmini Atzeret service with Yizkor Family Simchat Torah celebration, 6:30–8:30 PM
- Fri, Oct 17** Simchat Torah service
- Tue, Dec 16** Hanukkah begins at sundown
- Sat, Jan 17** Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat

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- Mon, Jan 19** Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, Boston Convention Center, co-sponsored by Union United Methodist Church and St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, 8-10 AM
- Wed, Feb 4** Tu B'Shvat
- Wed, Mar 4** Purim Megillah reading, 6:30-8:30 PM
- Sun, Mar 8** Purim Carnival, noon-1:30 PM
- Fri, April 3** Erev Pesach, first seder
- Sat, Apr 4** Pesach Shabbat service
- Sat, April 11** 8th day of Pesach service with Yizkor
- Thu, Apr 16** Yom HaShoah Observance, 7:30-9:30 PM
- Wed, May 6** Lag B'Omer cookout, 5:30-7 PM
- Sat, May 23** Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, night of study, Congregation Kehillath Israel, Brookline, 8 PM-'til the wee hours of the morning
- Sun, May 24** Shavuot service with Yizkor
- Sun, July 26** Tisha B'Av

New! Mussar Va'ad (Study Group)

Rabbi Barbara Penzner

Monday evenings, monthly

8-9:30 PM (after Minyan), Chapel

Mussar is a Jewish practice of reflecting on and examining our behavior. At each monthly meetings of the Va'ad, Rabbi Penzner will focus on a particular *middah* (soul trait). We will study texts and learn *kabbalot* (practices) to help us work on developing as ethical human beings. Participants will be encouraged to keep a journal each month reflecting on that *middah*. At the end of the month we will share our personal experiences of learning and growth as we pay more attention to our personal impact on the world, as well as our inner life. This group is open to anyone; however we ask that participants make a commitment to come regularly so that we can build a safe group where people can speak candidly about their experiences.

Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 12, Mar 2, Mar 30, May 4, June 1

New! Spiritual Aging Workshop

Dr. Sherry Israel

Dates/times TBD, starting late Fall



Are you thinking about your life in a new way? Wondering how aging will change you? Interested in learning, with other HBT members, about ways to enrich this time of your life?

Dr. Sherry Israel, a social psychologist, retired Brandeis professor, trained spiritual director, and grandmother to nine, will lead a small group of adults in

exploring the spiritual possibilities of growing older.

Since retiring, Sherry has focused her energies inward as well as outward, to be able to live this new chapter of her life gracefully, and wants to share this new perspective with others also interested in aging wisely.

The first group will begin in late November or December and will meet for 6-8 sessions of two hours each, every other week.

Interested? Curious? Contact the temple office 617-323-0486, hbtoffice@templehbt.org

Back by Popular Demand!

Practice Yoga, with a Jewish Flow!

Sundays, 4-5:15 PM, Chapel

Join Laurie Rotman (registered Yoga teacher) as she guides you through a slow flow (vinyassa) practice. Find your inner "Shalom" as we calm the mind and keep the body active.

The class uses themes from the Torah and from Jewish teachings and midrashim to provide intentions for the practice. The class is appropriate for raw beginners as well as experienced practitioners. Modifications using chair yoga are also available. Please bring a yoga mat, water and a towel to class. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie (laurie0406@gmail.com)

There is no cost for these classes but donations are welcomed. Yoga mats will be available for a small rental fee.

NOTE: if you have any injuries or medical conditions, please consult a medical professional before participating.



Torah (Learning)

Because study is at the heart of Jewish life, learning pervades all aspects of our temple. We make Jewish texts and traditions, ideas and values accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds.

The following programs are sponsored by the Lifelong Learning Committee (formerly the Adult Education Committee).

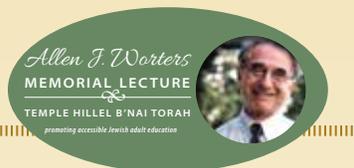
HOLD THE DATE!

Allen J. Worters Memorial Lecture

Sunday, November 9

4-6 PM

Knopf Social Hall



The Allen J. Worters Memorial Lecture honors the pursuit of Jewish learning at Temple Hillel B'nai Torah, with its mission of promoting adult education which is accessible to all, by providing a multi-dimensional exploration of Jewish identity reflecting top-notch Jewish scholarship. In 2007 HBT created a permanent endowment to support this annual fall lecture in honor of Allen Worters (of blessed memory). Our goal for the endowment is to raise \$7200 (400 x chai), so that the fund will continue in perpetuity, and provide an honorarium from the accrued interest. The endowment is now housed at Boston Community Capital, a certified community development finance institution. Please make checks payable to HBT designating the Annual Allen J. Worters Memorial Lecture Fund.



2014 Guest Lecturer: Keren R. McGinity, Ph.D.

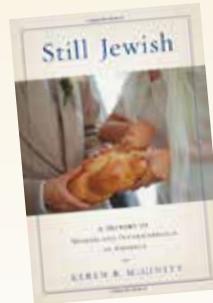
Intermarriage and Gender in Contemporary American Jewish Life



This talk will chart the ways in which intermarriage has changed over time, how gender influences the meaning and experience of intermarriage, and what we know about intermarried Jewish men and women. Based on twenty years of research about Jews and identity, Dr. McGinity will share her findings to dismantle assumptions and dispel myths, offering instead a new paradigm for understanding interfaith relationships and parenting. After the lecture, there will be a lively Q & A session and Dr. McGinity will sign copies of her new book, *Marrying Out: Jewish Men, Intermarriage and Fatherhood*.



Keren R. McGinity is an author-educator affiliated with the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute and the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University. She earned her Ph.D. in history at Brown University and was the Mandell L. Berman Post-doctoral Research Fellow at the University of Michigan's Frankel Center for Judaic Studies. Her first book, *Still Jewish: A History of Women and Intermarriage in America*, was a National Jewish Book Award finalist. She lives in West Roxbury with her daughter, practices yoga, and frequents J.P. Licks.



Me'ah Class

Medieval: Deeana Klepper, Ph.D.
Modern: TBD



Sundays, 6–8:45 PM, Knopf Social Hall

Me'ah, which means 100 in Hebrew, is a stimulating, rich study of Jewish history and ideas, from biblical times to the modern period. Me'ah is a two-year commitment, with the first year dedicated to the biblical and rabbinic periods, and the second year addressing the medieval and modern periods. Each period brings a different instructor.

The class is valuable to anyone, from beginners to those who are more knowledgeable. The Me'ah faculty includes top-notch academics from Hebrew College and area universities. Me'ah provides an excellent foundation for adult bar or bat mitzvah study, and those who take it will become part of a strong and close-knit learning community.

HBT is co-sponsoring the course with Nehar Shalom Community Synagogue in JP.

NOTE: This program is in year two of the two-year cycle, so enrollment is closed.

Sep 28	Orientation 1 st Medieval class
Oct 5	
Oct 12	No session, Columbus Day wk-end
Oct 19, 26	
Nov 2	
Nov 9	No session
Nov 16	
Nov 23	Rabbi session
Nov 30	No session, Thanksgiving wk-end
Dec 7, 14, 21	
Dec 28	No session, winter vacation wk
Jan 4	No session
Jan 11	
Jan 18	No session – MLK Day wk-end
Jan 25	1 st Modern class
Feb 1, 8	
Feb 15	No session, school vacation wk
Feb 22	
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	
Apr 5	No session, Pesach

Apr 12
Apr 19
Apr 26
May 3
May 10
May 17

No session, school vacation wk wrap-up
snow day
snow day
3rd possible make-up session if needed

Torah Study

Rabbi Barbara Penzner

Saturdays, 8:45–9:45 AM, Chapel



Learn the weekly Parashah (Torah portion) with Rabbi Barbara Penzner. All experience levels welcome! Members of the group regularly lead the discussion of the Torah portion. If you would like to lead the discussion for a particular week, please contact [Rabbi Penzner](#).

Oct 18	Bemidbar	Feb 28	Matot-Mas'ei (lay-led)
Nov 1	Naso	Mar 14	Devarim
Nov 15	Beha'alotecha	Mar 28	Va'etchanan
Dec 6	Shelach Lecha	Apr 18	Ekev
Dec 20	Korach	May 2	Re'eh
Jan 3	Chukat	May 16	Shoftim
Jan 17	Balak	May 30	Ki Tetze
Feb 14	Pinchas (lay-led)		

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Brunch and Tanakh

Sundays, 11 AM–1 PM



After a successful first year of reading and discussing the stories of Kings Saul, David and Solomon the Sunday Morning Brunch group has decided to continue meeting approximately once every six weeks at each other's homes to explore the books of the Tanach that followed the Five Books of Moses (The Torah). The first session will be at the home of Merle Wolofsky. For further details call Merle at 617-879-0491 or contact her at mwolofsky@yahoo.com.

First Session: Sep 14

Torah (Learning)

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Shabbat Book Club

Saturdays, 12:45–2 PM, Chapel

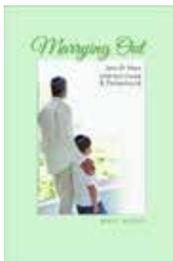
The four books chosen this year were recommended by members of the book club, Jane McNally, Rabbi Barbara Penzner (honorary member), and Paula Doress-Worters.

The Shabbat Book Club is open to everyone and strives to include a wide range of reading material, including popular novels, Israeli authors, Jewish philosophy/intellectual thought, and current events. You are welcome to attend whether you have read the books or not! Books may be purchased online at www.amazon.com. Many are available at your public library. Our discussion leader is Leslie Belay, but she welcomes members to volunteer to lead particular discussions. For more information, or to volunteer to facilitate, contact Leslie Belay ([617-460-5417](tel:617-460-5417)).

October 18

Books will be available from the temple office at a discount. Come to the Allen J. Worters Memorial Lecture on November 9 to hear the author and get your book signed.

***Marrying Out: Jewish Men, Intermarriage, and Fatherhood (The Modern Jewish Experience)* by Keren R. McGinity**

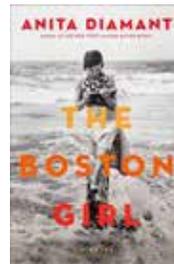


When American Jewish men intermarry, goes the common assumption, they and their families are “lost” to the Jewish religion. In this provocative book, Keren R. McGinity shows that it is not necessarily so. She looks at intermarriage and parenthood through the eyes of a post-World War II cohort of Jewish men and discovers what intermarriage has meant to them and their families. She finds that these husbands strive to bring up their children as Jewish without losing their heritage. *Marrying Out* argues that the “gendered ethnicity” of intermarried Jewish men, growing out of their religious and cultural background, enables them to raise Jewish children. McGinity’s book is a major breakthrough in understanding Jewish men’s experiences as husbands and fathers, how Christian women navigate their roles and identities while

married to them, and what needs to change for American Jewry to flourish.

December 27

***The Boston Girl*, the latest novel by Anita Diamant**



Addie Baum is *The Boston Girl*, born in 1900 to immigrant parents who were unprepared for and suspicious of America and its effect on their three daughters. Growing up in the North End, then a teeming multicultural neighborhood, Addie’s intelligence and curiosity take her to a world her parents can’t imagine—a world of short skirts, movies, celebrity culture, and new opportunities for women. Addie wants to finish high school and dreams of going to college. She wants a career and to find true love.

Eighty-five-year-old Addie tells the story of her life to her twenty-two-year-old granddaughter, who has asked her “How did you get to be the woman you are today.” She begins in 1915, the year she found her voice and made friends who would help shape the course of her life. Addie recalls her adventures with compassion for the naïve girl she was and a wicked sense of humor.

NOTE: This book will be available December 9; pre-orders available on www.amazon.com.

February 28

***Jews and Words* by Amos Oz and Fania Oz-Salzberger**

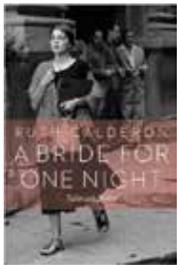


Oz and his daughter, a historian, combine their considerable talents to examine the role words and language have played in binding the Jewish people to their heritage. Although neither is religious (nor, for that matter, a believer), both find rich meaning in the words of the Bible (as well as the commentaries that followed). They theorize that the reason Judaism has survived is more about texts than faith, with “controversy built into them from the start.” Exhibiting eye-popping feats of literary

scholarship and stunning swoops into the minds of writers, readers, and rabbis, the authors clearly relish the richness of their topic. The familiar subjects are here (the role of humor in Jewish writing), but the duo goes much further than expected. The text grapples with what it means to be a Jew, especially with God optional, and how Judaism might never have survived without the decision of fathers and mothers to impress the importance (and sweetness) of learning on children early and often.

April 11

A Bride for One Night: Talmud Tales by Ruth Calderon and Ilana Kurshan



Ruth Calderon has recently electrified the Jewish world with her teachings of talmudic texts. In this volume, her first to appear in English, she offers a fascinating window into some of the liveliest and most colorful stories in the Talmud. Calderon rewrites talmudic tales as richly imagined fictions, drawing us into the lives of such

characters as the woman who risks her life for a sister suspected of adultery; a humble schoolteacher who rescues his village from drought; and a wife who dresses as a prostitute to seduce her pious husband in their garden. Breathing new life into an ancient text, *A Bride for One Night* offers a surprising and provocative read, both for anyone already intimate with the Talmud and for anyone interested in one of the most influential works of Jewish literature.

LimmudBoston 2014

Sunday, December 7, 9 AM–6:30 PM
Congregation Mishkan Tefila,
300 Hammond Pond Parkway,
Chestnut Hill, MA



LimmudBoston is more than just an all-day conference of Jewish learning. It's a happening, a Jewish learningfest of culture and identity. From storytelling, music and meditation to Torah and Talmud, LimmudBoston offers inspiration and education—engaging beginners and scholars alike. Discuss, listen, watch and wonder—in workshops that explore lifecycle, Israel, spirituality and identity. Dance and clap; sing and shop; bake and taste!

NEW!

Shmita: Deep Wisdom for Healing the Earth and Ourselves

Rabbi Natan Margalit

Thursday, Nov 20 and Tuesday, Jan 20, 8–9:30 PM

In their wisdom, our forebears designated every 7 years a sabbatical year, or shmita, meaning “release,” in order to promote a just, equitable and healthy society. Through text study, discussion and meditation, we’ll explore the deeper meanings of “release” in our busy lives, and consider how we may draw upon ancient wisdom to repair our relationship to the earth and nurture ourselves.

Natan Margalit has been a regular presenter at HBT through Me'ah and specially created courses. He received rabbinic ordination at The Jerusalem Seminary in 1990, and earned a Ph.D. in Talmud from U.C. Berkeley in 2001. He has held teaching positions at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College, RRC, and Bard College. Natan is visiting rabbi at Congregation Adas Yeshurun in Rockland, Maine as well as Spiritual Leader at the Greater Washington Coalition for Jewish Life, in Litchfield county, Connecticut.

Natan created “Organic Torah”, a “not-for-profit program-based initiative to integrate ancient Jewish wisdom as a leading-edge voice in contemporary efforts to create a healthier, more sustainable, prosperous and just world”. It combines his love of Jewish texts, concern for the environment, and interest in fostering increased awareness of our human potential by experiencing our interconnectedness. <http://organictorah.org>

Program cost \$56. Please register and pay in advance.



Tikkun Olam (Social Justice)

We enlist the active participation of all our members in hands-on efforts to nurture our community, mend our society, and protect our planet.

Advocacy and Awareness Campaigns

Periodic advocacy campaigns on current public policy issues are part of the mission of Tikkun Olam at HBT. These campaigns usually involve petition signing and calls/meetings with local public officials.

Service Opportunities

Yom Kippur Food Drive

Please fill up a grocery bag with non-perishable foods for the families and children of the Failure to Thrive Clinic at Boston Medical Center. This is an annual HBT tradition for observing the Yom Kippur fast.



Family Table Sundays



Each month, HBT members contribute 35 boxes of whole wheat pasta and 35 jars of tomato sauce to feed hungry Jewish families in the Greater Boston area. Each month, one volunteer is needed to deliver HBT's collection to

Family Table in Waltham. In the Spring HBT volunteers and families of volunteers will be needed to bring the food to families. Contact our Family Table Coordinator, Keren Sammett, k.sammett@comcast.net.



Speaker Series

**Human Rights Shabbat:
Clean Air, Water and a Sustainable Planet:
Our Inalienable Human Rights**

**Saturday, Dec 13, 10 AM–noon,
followed by a Kiddush lunch and speaker**

Guest speaker TBD

This year, according to our tradition, is the sabbatical year, known as *shmita*. The theme for this year's service and presentation will focus on our basic human rights to clean air and water, and our responsibility to honor the earth that sustains us.



As in prior years, we will bring texts highlighting the importance of human rights, and, instead of chanting the haftarah, we will read from The Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

HBT is presenting this program in fond memory of Larry M. Diamond, HBT member and former head of the Tikkun Olam committee, and with generous support from the Diamond family.

**Monday, Jan 19, 8–10 AM
Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast
Boston Convention Center**



**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
MEMORIAL 44TH LUTHER KING, JR.
BREAKFAST**

Boston's oldest and biggest tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is co-sponsored by Union United Methodist Church and St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church. HBT has been the only synagogue to send a delegation to the breakfast in recent years, building on our relationship with UUMC. The speaker is always inspiring, drawing on the message of Dr. King.

Tickets are \$40. Contact the rabbi if you would like to be at the HBT table.

Havurah (Community)

We welcome members of varied backgrounds into a warm and caring inter-generational community. We support each other through all of life's stages and joyfully integrate children into all dimensions of temple life.

New! HBT Men's Group

Thursdays, 8–9:30 PM (after Minyan), Chapel

A monthly community and connection-building discussion around real-life topics.

Imagine going beneath the surface and exploring the real stuff of life—being a son and being a father, ethics in work, and making a difference in the world and more—in a Jewish context, with a group of Jewish men, in a supportive, accepting environment. Based on our first successful gathering at the HBT retreat, this group hopes to build and strengthen relationships with other men in the temple community.



Men of any age or life stage are welcome. For more information contact Ed Levy, levytish@gmail.com

Sep 18, Oct 23, Nov 13, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 19, Apr 30, May 21

Corey Street Farmers Market

Sundays, June–Oct, 11 AM–2 PM

Bank of America prkg lot, Centre and Corey Sts

Stop by each week for:

- Farm fresh, local, healthy, and sustainable fruits, veggies, eggs, and more
- Kosher Middle Eastern specialties, organic honey, and Israeli/ Palestinian olive oil
- Book sellers, craft vendors, massage
- Free music, shopping bags, prizes



Co-sponsored by: Temple Hillel B'nai Torah, Theodore Parker Unitarian Universalist Church, West Roxbury MainStreets, and the West Roxbury YMCA

Kulanu Yachad: Experiential Learning for All Ages

10 AM–noon

Kulanu Yachad (*koo-lah-noo yah-chad*) means “all of us together.”

Kulanu Yachad brings our entire congregation under one roof for Shabbat and holiday observances, tikkun olam projects, learning and community. Five times during the year we have scheduled events that include programming for all ages, families and backgrounds. Kulanu Yachad is a time to meet other members, to experience the joys of Shabbat and holidays, to deepen your connections to your spiritual life and Jewish heritage. Kulanu Yachad is meant for HBT members and non-members as well, so please bring your friends!

Sun, Sep 21

Rosh Hashanah:
Prepare for the Jewish New Year

Sat, Dec 20

Hanukkah Havdalah: Bring your family Hanukkah, 6–8 PM

Sat, Jan 31

Shabbat with lunch: Welcoming new members, 10 AM–1 PM

Sun, Mar 29

Pesach: Matza Baking

Sat, May 30

Shabbat with lunch:
Student-led service, 10 AM–1 PM



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PROGRAMMING FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

New! PJ Library



We are pleased to offer three "PJ Library" themed events this year thanks to Temple Hillel B'nai Torah being selected as a PJ Library/Synagogue Pilot institution by CJP.

Thur, Sep 25 A PJ Library Rosh Hashanah, 10:15–11:30 AM

Come join us for a musical, engaging Rosh Hashanah family program geared at children ages 2 to 5! We will sing, dance, and celebrate together. Listen to a PJ Library story book, touch and feel our shofar "petting zoo," and decorate your own jar for honey. For snack, we will taste and compare apples and honey for a sweet new year.

Sun, Oct 26 PJ Library Fall Festival, Featuring the Vegetable Circus, 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

This fun event will be held in conjunction with the Temple HBT-sponsored Farmer's Market around the corner on Centre Street. We will explore our connection to the earth and our roles as its caretakers. There will be an interactive performance by the fabled Vegetable Circus, earth-themed face painting, a mystery fruit/vegetable "feely" box, and more!

Sun, Feb 8 PJ Library Winter Concert, 10:30 AM–noon

Come in from the cold and kick up your heels with a lively winter concert! This event will feature fun, kid-friendly live Jewish music.

Shakin' Shabbat

Rabbi Barbara Penzner
Fridays, 5:30–6 PM, Chapel



Shakin' Shabbat is our monthly musical, interactive family program for parents with young children 6 & under. Led by Rabbi Barbara Penzner, this short, fun service is engaging for young children, free, and open to all and followed by a Temple HBT all-community dinner. Special dinner pricing available for families with young children.

Sep 12, Nov 14, Dec 12, Jan 16*, Feb 27*, Mar 13, Apr 17, May 15*

*followed by pizza dinner

Parenting Through Our Differences

Rabbi Barbara Penzner
Sundays, monthly, 10:15 AM–noon

This group is intended for any adult couple who are raising young children and who come from different backgrounds. Namely, anyone! This year we will explore the question of raising moral children. How do we determine the values that we want to convey? What happens when our values conflict? How do we teach, guide and model the behavior we seek for our children? We will explore specific moral issues through a Jewish lens.



Topics will include: taking care of animals, respecting the elderly, honoring parents, tzedaka (giving).

Nov 23

Dec 14 Our annual Hanukkah and Christmas check-in

Jan 25, Mar 1, Apr 12, May 3

(NOTE: childcare will be provided as needed)

B'nai Mitzvah Dates

Saturday mornings, 10–12:30 PM

Each celebration of a bar or bat mitzvah at HBT is a special occasion for our community, as well as for the student and family.



As we witness each student rising to the bimah with pride and confidence, we are assured of the future of our congregation and the Jewish people. This is also an opportunity for each student to appreciate what it means to be part of a larger, loving community.

We encourage all members, as well as visitors to HBT, to join in our b'nai mitzvah celebrations. Please plan to arrive before the service begins at 10 a.m. so that we may greet the family and their guests into our community. And please plan to stay for the festive kiddush (at roughly 12:30).

The following students will be called to the Bimah this year:

Sep 20	Morgan Frost
Oct 25	Ben & Matt Reinstein
Nov 8	Jonathan Stolow
Nov 22	Jaden Rosenlev
Jan 10	Zoe Kronberg
June 13	Nathaniel Coben

Meetings and Community Gatherings

Congregation-Wide Community Gatherings

Sun, Nov 16	Semi-Annual Meeting, 10 AM–noon
Wed, Mar 18	Annual Meeting, 7–9 PM
Sat, Mar 21	Annual “Spring Fling” Fundraiser, 7:30–10:30 PM

Meetings of the HBT Board of Directors Wednesdays, 7–9 PM, Knopf Social Hall

Sep 17, Oct 22, Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 11, Apr 15, May 6, Jun 17

While Board meetings are specifically meant for elected representatives, all are open to temple members. Minutes are available in the temple office, and temple members are encouraged to communicate with Directors and Officers about agenda items and issues of concern.





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