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Temple Shalom of Newton

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Rabbi Laura Abrasley

During these troubled times in our community and country, our re-commitment to repairing the world, to *tikkun olam*, is an important path forward. We are called, as Jews, to this sacred work of repair. Thus, an update regarding the important work of our recently formed Tzedek (Justice) Task Force.

Temple Shalom has a long and deep commitment to social justice and service work in Newton and beyond. Longtime projects like the Mitzvah Mall, Potatoes and Stuffing and the annual High Holy Days food drive for the Newton Food Pantry demonstrate this dedication. We are a community of doers in many ways. We beautifully answer this call to "do" again and again. I am especially proud of our resounding answer a few years ago when we engaged in the important work of immigrant justice and the plight of Syrian refugees.

As we deepen our commitment to tzedek and to building on the success of these legacy projects, we are taking this year to reflect and refocus. Community organizing principles identify this as a natural part of the cycle: conversation, action and reflection. This is the time for reflection.

Longtime members and Social Action Committee members Carol Berlin and Marion Pollock graciously agreed to join me in this year of reflection and to co-chair these efforts on what we have designated as our Tzedek Task Force (formerly the Social Action Committee.) We are starting with conversations so we tap into those issues that we see as most critical to ourselves, our community and the larger world.

We want you to join us! I have heard so many of you ask, "What can I do?" This is the time to join our Tzedek Task Force and help shape our agenda for coming years. Email me (labrasley@templeshalom.org), Marion (mcpollock32@gmail.com) or Carol (berlinCarol@gmail.com) to join this important work!

Of course, we are a congregation of action, and we are not neglecting that, even in this year of reflection. We are working in collaboration and partnership with other Jewish social justice organizations on four key topics: Immigrant Justice, Food Justice, Gun Violence and Protecting Trans Rights. Most recently, the Task Force sponsored night of phone banking to support the efforts of Yes on 3 to protect transgender rights in Massachusetts campaign in early November. Other opportunities to learn and grow will be forthcoming in the coming months.

We have no more important work than this as a Jewish community. I am excited and inspired as Temple Shalom renews our commitment to tzedek and finds the way forward to change the world for the better.

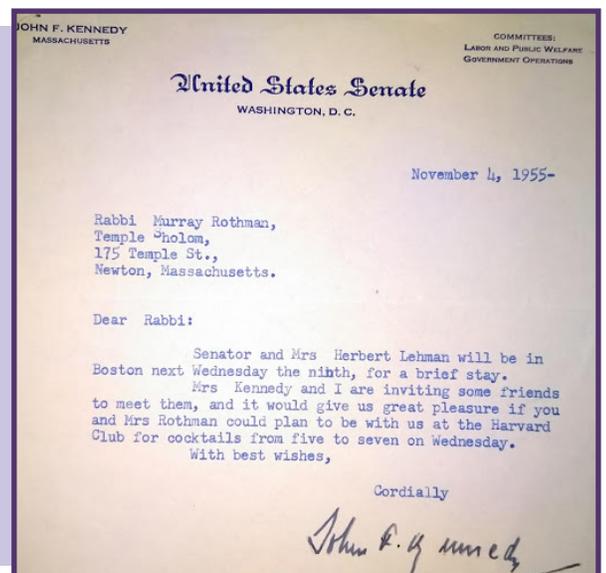


Archives group gathers Temple history

At the Temple Archives, we continue gathering and processing materials for preservation. Please check if you have in your possession:

- Program booklets
- Committee or team meeting minutes
- Year-end reports and activity summaries
- Photos from holiday celebrations, school or social action events

As we rely more on our computers and less on printed notes, help us track and preserve all the amazing events on our calendar! Please bring materials for the Archives to the Temple office. Thanks for your help, Peggy Freedman and Rhoda Ben-Gai.



Rabbi Allison Berry

As we learned on Yom Kippur, Rabbi Moses Maimonides once wrote, "there is health and illness of the soul, just as there is health and illness of the body...(and) it is an obligation in our tradition to work to heal both." (1)

At Temple Shalom, these words ring true as we deepen our work and our commitment to support those who suffer from mental illness. Since Rabbi Berry's sermon about mental health and well-being on Yom Kippur, the outpouring of ideas and stories from our community have been sad, complex and truly tremendous.

Here are two of the stories shared by members:

Dr. Laura Scharf wrote, "As a pediatrician, I see kids affected by depression and anxiety on a daily basis. Mental health issues are one of the most challenging issues that families face. I think that supporting families facing these types of issues is an important role for the Temple. We can work together to banish the stigma surrounding mental illness and provide both practical as well as emotional support for our families.

On a personal level, I lost a member of my family this summer to suicide. It has been incredibly hard to process this loss. If there are other Temple members who have experienced a similar loss, I think that meeting as a group would offer much needed support. As I navigate the joys and sadness that life presents, it is so comforting to feel my Temple community's support."

Another Temple member reminds us that we do not have to suffer in silence, as he wrote, "For those who have suffered, or are suffering, from the effects of growing up in a less-than-perfect (sometimes called "dysfunctional") family, know that there is help out there. As difficult as the struggle may be, and as long as it may take (my struggle lasted for almost 50 years), there is hope and a positive ending. Don't be afraid to reach out to friends and relatives. If that doesn't feel comfortable, we have two very caring and compassionate Rabbis and professionals in the congregation who have volunteered to help people find an entry into a confusing array of resources."

In addition to the emails and powerful stories, more than 50 people attended our Yom Kippur afternoon brainstorm session on mental health led by Dr. Jennifer Stone and Dr. Robert Waldinger. Participants raised important questions and offered ideas about how the Temple can raise awareness and become a network of support.

The new Task Force on Mental Health will work to establish priorities based on these ideas. To share just a few:

- Create a support group for those who have lost loved ones to suicide
- Become involved in advocacy for health care parity and access to affordable care
- Publish interviews with Temple members sharing their mental health and wellness stories (Our first story is published in this newsletter.)
- Establish a network of Temple Shalom members who are mental health professionals who can provide referrals and direct those in need to resources
- Offer educational workshops on aging and mental well-being

As we work to prioritize and deepen our efforts, please reach out to any of us to express interest and to get involved.

In closing, we share an excerpt from an email sent to Rabbi Berry from Temple member Terry Wyszowski, "The timing of Rabbi Berry's Yom Kippur sermon could not have come at a more opportune time. During the past several weeks, it has become even more clear just how many people in this country and our world are walking around with invisible emotional wounds.

Several weeks after the holidays, a colleague at work told me she was suicidal. This is a young woman who always interacts with everyone she meets with a smile on her face. No one would ever guess just how unhappy she was and the depth of her pain. In the past, I would have never known what to do or say. Rabbi Berry's sermon emphasized how important it is to support people who are hurting by acknowledging their experiences/feelings and to go further by talking about available resources and support networks. I am grateful that Temple Shalom is taking important steps to create an even more loving and caring community."

Ken Yih Ratzon – May we continue to strengthen one another as we work to build our sacred and caring community.

Rabbi Allison Berry
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1. The first part of this statement is taken from Shemoneh Perakim 3. The second part of the statement is from: Commentary on the Mishnah, Nedarim 4:4.



Cantor Peter Halpern

"The righteous will flourish like the palm tree, grow tall like a cedar in Lebanon" - Psalm 92

Surprising as it may seem, I'd like to look at the topic of complaining as it relates to the title of this article. Let's start with a little humor.

Two parents are sitting and chatting on a beach in Florida. One asks the other, "So how's everything with you?" "Oy! How about you?" "Oy!" says the first. "Now enough about the kids."

One more. Mother Superior welcomes a new nun into the convent and explains that there is no speaking allowed, but that in five years, she will be permitted to say up to three words. Five years pass, and Mother Superior calls the nun into her chamber. "Would you like to say anything?" "Bed too hard" says the nun. "Just keep praying, and we'll meet again in five years." That time comes, and again the nun is called in. "Would you like to say anything?" asks Mother Superior. "Food not good" says the nun. "Just keep praying" was the response. Five more years go by, and again the nun is called in. "Well, would you like to say anything now?" "I quit," states the nun. "Well I'm not surprised," answers Mother Superior. "You've done nothing, but complain ever since you got here."

We Jews have a history of complaining going back to our years in the desert. So, is it actually useful to complain? I believe there are moments when sharing our irritability with someone can be very helpful. If we are fortunate enough to speak with a good listener and know we have really been heard, this can be therapeutic enough to help us move right on.

Sometimes, though, there are personal circumstances we need to learn to live with or handle for an extended period of time. Why are they there in the first place? I believe that life, God, if you will, provides us with obstacles and challenges not to torture us, but to grow us. Plants and crops endure dangers to their very existence - pollution, insects, wild animals and extreme weather conditions, but push forward, sometimes making them even stronger. In a hurdle race, objects are put in front of the runners for the sole purpose of their overcoming them quickly, but correctly.

So, how do we use these challenges to our advantage? On a societal level, there is the kind of dissatisfaction that can lead us to action and making important changes in the world. On an individual level, an anonymous rabbi states, "A righteous person who resembles a cedar is one whose attention to his spiritual growth lifts him to great heights." As important as the ethical connotation is of the word "righteous," if we look at it in a more practical way, the righteous one chooses the most effective way of overcoming the hurdle and hopefully grows in the process.

That cedar tree, used to build the Temple in Jerusalem, is a Lebanese national symbol signifying immortality.

May we recognize the difficulties in our lives as potential stepping stones.

May we accept our human bouts of complaining but push past them.

May it not take us 40 years to reach our Promised Land!



Ellie Goldman, Executive Director

On Tuesday afternoons, at 4:45, I walk upstairs to the Social Hall and take my place at table three with a group of six young men, who are participants in our MINCHA program.

Together with my co-counselor, who is one of our teens, I spend 10 minutes with my group enjoying a snack and sharing the ups and downs of our week. Our little group is called a *mishpacha*, which means family in Hebrew. Every MINCHA participant is in a *mishapacha* led by an adult member of our staff and often also a teen. It is probably the highlight of my entire week.

My guys are all different from one another. Their interests vary from sports to video games to art and music. They are very witty and so smart, but they are also kind to each other and to me. Our conversations are simple. I hear about the science test that went well, the art project that went awry, the Bar Mitzvah prep that feels both overwhelming and exciting.

They ask me questions about my week, how my work day unfolded, and then they actually listen to my answers. I cannot imagine anything less interesting to a sixth grader than the goings on in the life of a middle-aged Temple administrator, but I certainly am grateful that they are willing to engage in our 10 minutes together with respectful presence and care.

Meeting with my MINCHA *mishpacha* on Tuesdays is a wonderful reminder of the power of community – specifically, this community – and our many blessings. My day-to-day work may be paper and email, but all of it represents the flesh and blood of people who make Temple Shalom so special. Our teen programs continue to offer our young adults a place to belong and to be accepted, and our teens, in turn, continue to offer it right back to us.



STUDY AND NOSH WITH
HUC Provost Rabbi Andrea Weiss



Rabbi Weiss joins us for Torah study in honor of Rabbi Berry and Rabbi Abrasley's appointment as co-Senior Rabbis.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 9:45 A.M.
TEMPLE SHALOM OF NEWTON

Please register for breakfast and an extended study session at www.templeshalom.org.

Scott Birnbaum, President

INTO THE DARKNESS, LIGHT

Unlike the rest of my family, I really don't mind the winter. I like the crisp air and the chance to wear comfortable sweaters. What I don't like? Driving on ice and the short days. Although I've lived in Massachusetts for more than 40 years, I have yet to really get used to darkness before 5 p.m.

Like many cultures and religions, we have our own festival of lights to combat the seasonal darkness that occurs around winter solstice. To the ancient rabbis, the essence of Chanukah was "pirsuma nisa," the publicizing of the miracle of Chanukah, by displaying of menorah lights so they are visible from outside one's home. (Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Shabbat, 21b)..So important was this obligation that rabbis ruled that a poor Jew had to even pawn his or her garments to purchase oil for kindling Chanukah lights (Shulchan Aruch 671).

As we all know, though, we are surrounded by other types of darkness in our world and not just in the winter; darkness that no amount of candle power can diminish. So, the rabbis' dictate to publicize the miracle of Chanukah is not terribly helpful. Yet, there is another obligation in our tradition that is more suited to addressing this sort of existential, rather than seasonal, darkness. It is originally to be found in the Book of Isaiah where three times the prophet proclaims that the Jewish people are to be "or l'goim," or "a light unto the nations" (Isaiah 42:6, 49:6 and 60:3).

What does this mean and how is it relevant for us, as citizens, as Reform Jews and as members of Temple Shalom?

I suggest that being a lamp unto the nations represents, not a celebration of particularism or chosenness, but of a responsibility; a duty to try to dispel the darkness that is always present in the world whenever despots rule, poverty prevails, children suffer and justice is obstructed.

As citizens, we shed light unto the world by education and civil engagement, especially voting. As Reform Jews, we dispel darkness through acts of chesed (kindness), tzedek (justice) and tikkun olom (repairing the world). And, as a synagogue community, we harness a synergy of collective action to accomplish all the above with greater effectiveness. It is, in a very real sense, the mission of our social action activities.

The Temple Shalom logo is a stylized menorah reflecting the design of the windows of our Rothman Chapel. As we see both logo and windows, let us think how we can collectively help bring light to the world.

Adult Learning

BENEATH A DESERT SKY: GENESIS AS MYTHOLOGY

With Josh Conescu | *Thursdays, Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 7:30-9 p.m. \$18*

Angels. A world created, twice. A sly, talking snake. A boat big enough to save the world. Murderous brothers. Conniving parents. Let's look at Genesis through the lens of mythology, trying to unwrap what the stories might be telling us if they were a standalone text. Josh is a teacher at Temple Shalom.

AGREEING TO DISAGREE THE JEWISH WAY: AN INTRODUCTION TO DISAGREEING WITH CIVILITY AND RESPECT

With Rabbis Abrasley and Berry | *Tuesdays, April 9, April 23, April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21, Time TBD \$54*

Today's public discourse over heated ideological and political issues seems impossible. Are we really unable to understand and engage in constructive disagreement? Rabbis Berry and Abrasley will utilize a traditional Jewish study method and then explore the complicated Israeli-Palestinian conflict explored in Yossi Klein Halevi's *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*.



Shabbat Happenings

KABBALAT SHABBAT

Shabbat Halleilu Services

Fridays, Dec. 7 and Jan. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Halleilu, a spirited service in song, is held the first Friday of every month. Temple Shalom's Shabbat Halleilu Band accompanies the worship. This service is appropriate for all ages. Children are welcome and invited to lead Hamotzi, the blessing over the challot (two challahs) at the conclusion of the service. The service is preceded by our Shalom Nosh at 6 p.m. and followed by an Oneg Shabbat at 7:30 p.m. "Shabbat Club" babysitting is provided and free of charge.

FwYC Tot Shabbat Halleilu

Fridays, Dec. 7 and Jan. 4, 5:30 p.m.

Our Friday night family experience begins with a short Tot Shabbat service, followed by a family dinner for 0-5 (siblings invited). The larger congregation's Shabbat Halleilu service begins at 6:30 p.m. with free babysitting available for ages two and up. Come to any/all portions of the evening that fit your family!

Shir Shalom Choir sings

Fridays, Dec. 21 and Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Please join us as our Shir Shalom Choir sings at our Shabbat service. The choir is led by Music Director David Carrier and Cantor Halpern.

SHABBAT MORNING

Shabbat Mind: Mindfulness and Meditation

Saturdays, Dec. 1 and Jan 5, 9 a.m.

Join us monthly for an hour of Shabbat-inspired stillness and reflection led by members of our own community. Included will be guided imagery, meditation,



discussion and sharing. Appropriate for experienced meditators and those new to meditation as well. No registration required. Shabbat Mind is held monthly, November through June on the first Shabbat of the month. Check the Temple Shalom calendar to confirm dates.

Minyan and Torah Study

Saturdays, 8:45 a.m.

A lively lay-led minyan service is held every Saturday morning in the Rothman Chapel. The service is followed by a light breakfast and Torah study.

B'nai Mitzvah

A Saturday morning Shabbat service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with a Torah service when there is a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Homebound? Dial in to Shabbat Services!

For our members who are unable to be present at Shabbat services held in the Sanctuary, Temple Shalom offers the option of listening to Shabbat services via telephone. While you are unable to be physically present, you may connect with your community by hearing and experiencing any Shabbat service taking place in the Sanctuary.

To take advantage of this option, call (800) 846-4808 at the time of the service. When prompted, enter 99955000 on your phone. You will be connected to the line transmitting the Temple Shalom service. After you call the first time, your number will be recognized, and you will no longer need to enter the code. The Temple pays all phone charges for this service.

We hope you can be here in person, but when you can't, we hope you can "be here" by phone!

Education and Youth Engagement

It's that time of year again. Daylight savings time has ended. We all turned our clocks back one hour, and we notice the amount of daylight dwindling each day. The lack of light has a real effect on my mood and my activity level. I find it harder to get up in the morning; my morning exercise routine of running outdoors has been impacted, and at work, I find myself holding more meetings in the window-filled library during the day so that I experience some natural light.

It's no coincidence that the holidays celebrated in December around the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year in terms of daylight; all have light as part of their tradition.

This year, we will celebrate Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, beginning on Sunday, Dec. 2. It is a joyous time of year – a time to gather with family and friends and celebrate religious freedom and miracles of days gone by and of today.

The Talmud recounts a debate between the House of Shammai and the House of Hillel regarding the proper way to light the candles of the Chanukiyah (Chanukah menorah).

The House of Shammai contended that on the first day, we should light eight candles recounting the miracle of the oil and that each subsequent night we should light one less candle. The argument for this decreasing approach could be connected to the number of bull sacrifices brought to the Temple on the holiday of Sukkot – 13 bull sacrifices on the first day, 12 on the second and so on. Some also say that Shammai's candle lighting could be equated to the dwindling influence of Greek life, which had been so powerful at the time of the Maccabees.

In contrast, the House of Hillel argued for increasing the light each night. By adding a candle each night, we recognize that with each day that the oil burned, the miracle increased – the holiness increased. Of course, this is the tradition that we follow today. We light one candle on the first night, light two candles on the second night and so on.

Light represents miracles and hope. Adding more light into the world helps people to not feel so fearful or alone. There are many ways to bring our light to others in our community and beyond.

We can volunteer our time, our resources and our unique talents for organizations and causes we care about. We can educate others about issues that are important to us and encourage them to get involved. All the ways that we bring light into the world works toward making it more whole, the Jewish value of *tikkun olam*. Rabbi Tarfon (Pirke Avot 2:16) would say, "It is not your responsibility to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it."

How will you and your family bring more light into the world this year? We'd love to hear about the things you care about and the important work you are doing to heal the world.

Wishing you and your family a Chanukah filled with light!

Hag Urim Sameach!

Kim Bodemer, Senior Director of Education and Youth Engagement



Mark your calendar: Jan. 25 - SHACHARIT Shabbat Dinner

SHACHARIT

Liz Shiro, Director of SHACHARIT

SHACHARIT has had a fabulous start to the year! We have 175 students enrolled in our K-5 program. The education team has worked hard to create a program that balances the fun and the learning with building community and connecting to Temple Shalom. Here are some highlights so far:



- Family T'filah kicked off with a fabulous Simchat Torah program where we unrolled the Torah
- Kindergarten kids have been creating new friendships and learning about the holidays
- 1st graders are creating a mitzvah tree to talk about acts of chesed (kindness) in their everyday lives
- 2nd graders were introduced to a Hebrew mnemonic system to help them learn their letters (shin shakes right)
- 3rd graders began exploring their Jewish identity through learning the stories of their names
- 4th graders have started exploring Jewish texts through the idea of Big T referring to Torah and little t referring to Jewish texts that aren't in the five books of Moses
- 5th graders are creating timelines of Jewish history
- Kids in grades 3-5 chugim (electives) are exploring Jewish Identity through several lenses, including Krav Maga, yoga, clay art and needlepoint
- Small Group Hebrew kids in grades 3-6 are using a multi-sensory approach to learning Hebrew by making letters with Playdough, playing movement games to mark the number of syllables in words, listening to new tunes of familiar prayers and practicing reading and chanting Shabbat morning and evening prayers

Our SHACHARIT Education Program is growing and we are thankful to the parents and lay leaders of our community who support our program. We are thrilled that SHACHARIT is an innovative, warm and inclusive environment for so many children and families.

Upcoming Events

Week of Chanukah, Dec. 3-6: Monday through Thursday
Chanukiah lighting at 4:30 everyday- Please join us in the lobby!

Saturday, Jan. 12: Family Game Night and Havdalah
Come join us for dinner, Havdalah and an evening of games



Celebrate our children as they begin their Jewish learning

First Grade Consecration
Dec. 7, 2018

5:45 Dinner

6:15 Class Picture

6:30 Shabbat Service/Consecration Ceremony

7:30 Oneg Shabbat

Questions? Contact lshiro@templeshalom.org

Families with Young Children (FwYC)

We have loved seeing your smiling faces at our Families with Young Children programs! Most of our programs are free, and we welcome members and non-members. Please bring a friend to come experience our vibrant and warm community of young families. As winter is upon us, we are offering some great opportunities to explore, sing, dance and make new friends.

Becca Yudkoff, Program Director for Families with Young Children



DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS



Tot Shabbat Halleilu

Fridays, Dec. 7 and Jan. 4, 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

Meet in the chapel for a musical tot service, then make your way downstairs to room 101 for a delicious vegetarian dinner! Free and no registration necessary.

Musical Matzah Balls

Saturdays, Dec. 12 and Jan. 12, 10-11 a.m.

Join our experienced music teacher, Jackie Nudelman, for musical Saturday mornings at Temple Shalom! This fun class for children ages 0-5 will incorporate movement, musical instruments and songs with a Jewish twist to get your weekend started! No registration necessary.



Little Explorers (1.6-5)

Sundays, Dec. 16 and Jan. 12, 10-11 a.m.

Taught by our amazing Nursery School teacher Sabrina Burke, this program is designed for families to learn, laugh and explore hands-on topics together. Children ages 18 months to 5 years are invited to come explore our monthly themes! Everyone welcome.



NATURE EXPLORER SUMMER CAMP

Cold weather is upon us, but summer is coming! For children 18 months to entering kindergarten, we offer a summer of fun! Registration for Summer Camp opens on **Dec. 3** for Temple members and Nursery School families! Public registration begins on **Dec. 17**.

Email Camp Director, Becca Yudkoff at byudkoff@templeshalom.org with any questions!

Youth Programs

We have had a wonderful fall in Youth Engagement full of community, learning and lots of fun. We are looking forward to so many exciting events and programs coming up in the next few months.

Marriah Vengroff, Director of Youth Engagement



MINCHA

6th and 7th graders have spent the fall exploring Jewish identity through a variety of interest and program-based classes. Participants and staff were excited to share their final semester 1 projects with their families at the MINCHA presentation and celebration day on Nov. 27. The greater Temple Shalom community will have the opportunity to view their work throughout the winter. Keep an eye out for further details.

MA'ARIV

Over the course of this fall, 8th-12th graders have been examining Jewish identity through art, cooking, discussion and interactive activities. The first unit culminated in cooking a full meal together made up of important family recipes that contribute to our individual sense of Jewish identity. It was enjoyable and delicious!

Taste of Camp (Grades K-5)

Taste of Camp has had several weeks of community building with super fun activities based on themes such as fall, a camp day in the life and spa day! Kids have been making new friends and bonding with their counselors who are teens from the Temple Shalom community.

SHAFTY

SHAFTY is off to a great start! They helped to plan our very first 8th-12th grade family night in September, hosted our first SHAFTY lounge and enjoyed a chill movie night complete with PJs and Popcorn! On Nov. 1, SHAFTY went to Temple Shir Tikva in Wayland to phone bank for YES on Question 3 to uphold transgender rights. Also in November, SHAFTY hosted its second annual Friendsgiving & Food Drive on Nov. 18. On Dec. 12, don't miss the SHAFTY Chanukah Party and Cookie Exchange! SHAFTY is looking forward to the great times continuing into 2019!

Temple youth enjoying time at Taste of Camp:



Nursery School

A few days ago, I had lunch with our Parparim students, a group of three years olds.

They all looked content munching food lovingly packed by their families, cheeks blushing after playing outside in the cool air. After a few quiet minutes of chewing, a lively conversation sparked, "Today I go home after Andrew, and Lulu goes home at the same time." Other children chimed in, "I will go home at the same time because I am on the blue color. Emily already left because she is on the red color."



The "Time to go home" graph

As the children mentioned more of their classmates, I grew more curious: "How do you remember so well who goes home when?" One boy jumped out of his chair. "I can show you!" He ran to the classroom board and pulled down a colorful grid with pictures of the students: "If you are on red, you go home first, if you are on blue, you go home next, and if you are on purple, you go home after blue!"

One of the most important developmental tasks for preschool years is to master a variety of symbolic systems (letters, numbers, shapes and patterns are just a few examples), but simple recitation of the alphabet or recognizing written numbers is not enough

to develop intelligence. Our teachers know that successful learning is impossible without the ability to interpret, manipulate and express ideas in symbols. Our program is carefully designed to stimulate these fundamental skills.

Symbolic thinking is engaged every time one reality is used to represent another. That's why pretend play, mark making, drawing, clay molding, graphs and models are used in the classrooms with deep teaching intentions. Children learn to represent and communicate meaning with various symbols.

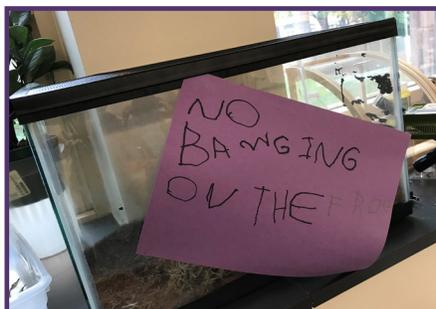


Pretending to write names in the attendance list (Just like teachers do!)

Lucy Banerji, Director of Temple Shalom Nursery School



Using the paper model to represent areas of the classroom



Using written words to represent rules



Pretending to read a book to the stuffed animals

Artist-in-Residence Amy Kurzweil is back!

Visual storyteller Amy Kurzweil, author of the graphic memoir *Flying Couch* will share stories from her book about three generations of a family, including a grandmother who survived the Holocaust, and a granddaughter coming of age. Amy's comics appear in *The New Yorker*. Her short stories have appeared in *The Toast*, *Washington Square Review*, *Hobart* and *Shenandoah*.



Friday, Dec. 14
7:30 p.m., \$20/pp.

Book talk, conversation and
dinner follow services

Sign-up for this memorable evening at templeshalom.org.



Temple Shalom

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Erev Hanukkah 9:30 a.m. SHACHARIT 10:15 a.m. Interfaith Family Dialogue: Holiday Edition 10:15 a.m. SHACHARIT Parent Advisory Group 10:15 a.m. Parenting Through a Jewish Lens 12 p.m. Taste of Camp 2 p.m. Yours, Mine and Ours	3 Hanukkah 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew	4 Hanukkah 1:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 4:30 p.m. MINCHA 6:30 p.m. Grade 6 Parent Meeting/Social 6:30 p.m. MA'ARIV 7 p.m. Intro to Judaism 7:30 p.m. Jewish Mysticism of the Early Hasidic Masters	5 Hanukkah 12 p.m. DOWNTOWN STUDY 3:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7:30 p.m. Shir Shalom Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting	6 Hanukkah 1 p.m. Mah Jongg 3:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Tutoring 3:30 p.m. Small Group Hebrew 7 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah	7 Hanukkah 9:30 a.m. Nursery School Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat Hallelu 5:45 p.m. FwYC Dinner 6 p.m. Shalom Nosh 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Hallelu with Consecration	8 Hanukkah 8:45 p.m. Minyan and Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Theo Hill
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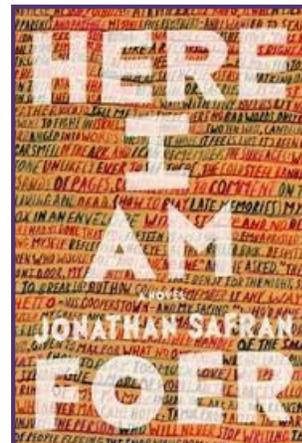
Get Involved

Book Club discusses Foer's "Here I Am"

**Monday, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. at home of Richard Morrison
108 Glen Ave., Newton Centre**

Temple Shalom's Book Club will grapple with Jonathan Safran Foer's massive and thought-provoking novel *Here I Am*. In his third book, published in 2016, Foer explores what it means to be Jewish given the complexities arising from our current atmosphere of religious pluralism and consumerist freedom of choice.

Maureen Corrigan, in her NPR radio book review of *Here I Am*, said: "Foer's title 'Here I Am' is taken from one of the most disturbing passages in the Bible where God commands Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. That passage begins when God calls out to Abraham, and Abraham answers, 'hineni' - 'here I am.' The core question that Foer's novel explores is to whom do we respond here I am when called - our families, our religious communities, our country? Who or what do we show up for?"



As always, Temple Shalom's Book Club meetings are open to all Temple members.



Spirituality Discussion Group explores together

Monday, Dec. 10 and Thursday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m.

Are you interested in exploring some of the spiritual aspects of your life? This open and welcoming group meets monthly for meditation and guided imagery, discussion of topics related to spirituality and personal sharing. Each member of the clergy will join us for one meeting in March through May and lead a discussion. For information/RSVP/meeting topics, contact Karen Kramer (karen@spacetobreathe.net).

Sisterhood/Families with Young Children paint the town red

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m.

Start the New Year right by tapping into your creative side. In a relaxed social setting with great music, the Paint Bar's instructors will guide us step-by-step to create paintings as we enjoy drinks and dinner. No experience necessary! Space is limited. So, save the date, and stay tuned for the registration link.

Sisterhood mixes Merlot and Midrash

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Merlot & Midrash is back! Save the date for an evening of wine, women and learning with our Rabbis at a Sisterhood member's home. We'll enjoy each other's company as we explore together how we might make our own version of midrash for the next generation. More information to come in January.

Caring Community seeks volunteers

Caring Community volunteers support and connect with congregational families who may be celebrating a birth, suffering a loss or coping with an injury or illness.

Please take a few minutes to think about how you might find time to deepen your connection with fellow congregants. The ways you might connect and the time commitment are flexible. Get started today by filling out the online form at templeshalom.org/caringcommunity. Please update your areas of interest and availability even if you have expressed interest or volunteered in the past. Thank you!



Get Involved

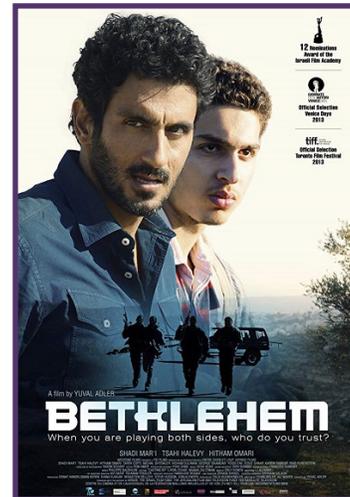
Israel, Anti-Semitism film courses coming in '19

Film lovers rejoice because Temple Shalom will present two fantastic film courses from January through March.

Starting on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, "Israel in the 21st Century" is the theme of the Temple's increasingly popular "Monday Nights at the Movies," presenting eight films from Israel. The course will explore the many facets of modern day Israel through the medium of film. All of the movies selected for this year's presentation have been made since 2010.

The films are:

- Jan. 7 - *Past Life*
- Jan. 14 - *Bethlehem*
- Jan. 28 - *Junction 48*
- Feb. 18 - *Zero Motivation*
- Feb. 25 - *The Flat*
- March 4 - *Fill the Void*
- March 11- *A Borrowed Identity*
- March 18 - To be announced



This course will provide those attending an opportunity to discuss each film from the perspective of what it says about life in beleaguered Israel today as well as each film's artistic merits and quality.

Each showing will begin at approximately 7:15 p.m., ending before 10 p.m. Our instructor will begin each session with background information about the film and the actors and director(s) involved with its making.

Beginning on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, Temple Shalom will, for the second year in a row, present a film series, "The Many Faces of Anti-Semitism," which takes an in depth look at some aspect of our history as Jews.

Our 2019 Sunday afternoon course consists of five movies starting with two films about the Blood Libel and ending with a film about the early stages of anti-Semitism in Nazi Germany.

The films are:

- Feb. 3 - *Memories of a River*
- Feb. 10 - *The Fixer*
- March 3 - *Goya's Ghosts*
- March 10 - *Day of Wrath*
- March 17 - *Crossfire*

This year's course will be open to the Greater Boston community and Temple Shalom members.

Each program will commence promptly at 3 p.m. with introductory material about the issues raised in the movie. Following each film, a discussion will be held. A substantial number of articles and research material will be provided as part of the course.

All films are free.

Mark your calendar
Adult Kallah weekend coming Jan. 11-13



We need your blood...Register Now!!!

**Annual Temple Shalom Brotherhood
American Red Cross Blood Drive
Sunday, March 10, 2019
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

*Please join us and bring your friends and family
to help us meet our goal of 60 pints. Blood and
Platelet donations are welcome.*

To choose a donation time, you can:

Call: Allan Cole at 617-240-6314
Email: brotherhood@templeshalom.org
Online: www.redcrossblood.org
Enter sponsor code: TSNewton

Bagels, Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Getting to Know You *with Loretta Zack*

I first met the Forbes family over 10 years ago when they became members and neighbors of Temple Shalom. Zoe and Brian, along with their 3 sons, Jake (16), Samuel (14) and Jesse (12), moved here from Wellesley.

Zoe and Brian met at the Jewish Law Association of Northeastern Law School. Brian was in his third year, while Zoe had just started. Brian continues to practice law in Boston specializing in class action litigation. Zoe said, "I only practiced for one year as I had Jake and knew it wasn't for me."

"I always loved flowers, container gardens, evolved floral design and permanent botanicals. I built up a business with events, pop-up shops and always wanted my own store."

Finally, Zoe found her shop, Fleuri, which is situated in The Street at Chestnut Hill, and was preparing to open when she received a phone call that crushed her family. "My sister had suffered for many years with mental illness. She had a brilliant mind and wanted to help the world."

I read Zoe the article about her sister, which was published in the New York Times: Amy Valor Meselson dedicated her career as a lawyer to defending hundreds of vulnerable immigrants from deportation and successfully lobbied for a special juvenile section in immigration court. This article goes on with a much longer list of her achievements in her working life.

"She was never the same when she returned (from the Syrian refugee camp in Greece). She had been mentally and physically damaged by everything she had witnessed at the refugee camp, and she came back with PTSD and was scared."

"She talked about ending her life and how she would do it," Zoe said, adding, "She lived with us for a while, but returned to New York, which is something I did not want her to do, and she finally did it."

It is important to note what her

mother, Sarah (who has struggled with mental health issues), said at the funeral service: "I want to emphasize what everyone already knows – that it is not always possible to comprehend the level of suffering that others may be experiencing, especially when they appear to be successful and to excel to the extent that Amy did. I want to applaud my daughter for all that she accomplished despite her mental illness."

In all my years at TS working on life cycles, especially funerals, I have managed to keep my composure, but on the day Zoe and her mother came in to make funeral arrangements, I was desperately trying to hold it together. The minute they left, I wept bitterly. No parent should bury a child; it's just not the right way round.

"When my sister passed away, Rabbi Allison Berry and Loretta Zack guided us through the preparations, and the Sisterhood stepped in and took care of all the details of the shiva," Zoe continued. "I felt as if this community was literally and figuratively holding us up at an impossible time. THANK YOU!!!"

Zoe, Brian and the family opened their shop. Zoe's work is creative, innovative, beautiful, and it is hard to tell the faux flowers from the fresh. I have been there on three occasions and each time, I see breathtaking designs. I urge you to go and visit. The shop is inviting. The merchandise is fabulous. They will be offering classes and events throughout the year.

In light of Temple Shalom's Mental Awareness Initiative and especially Rabbi Berry's sermon on this subject at the Kol Nidre Service, I asked Zoe if she was comfortable talking about the issues within her own family.

All three of their sons attended Hebrew school at Temple Shalom and are active members of their communities. Jake is a junior at Newton North and is a member of the varsity golf and gymnastics teams and is the sports editor for the school



newspaper. Sam is a freshman at the Gifford School, a therapeutic day school in Weston, where he has a number of close friends. And Jesse recently started the sixth grade at Day Middle School where his community has converged into a mix of neighborhood, Camp Chickami and Temple Shalom friends and baseball buddies.

While the boys are settled into their routines, they each face separate physical or mental health challenges. Zoe herself has struggled with depression. That said, Zoe and Brian are lucky in that their parents live nearby and are involved in so many ways.

I asked Zoe if she had three wishes what would they be. "Well my first one is obvious that I want my boys to be well. My second wish is that this shop will not be just a shop, but also a place for community gathering, hosting workshops and events so that the space can be rented for small gatherings that are garden inspired. Also a familiar meeting place to go to as a community, recognized and known as welcoming.

For this business to continue to run as a family business as Jake has joined us here." She then added: "I am so lucky to have Brian."

Please visit our website and read Rabbi Berry's sermon on mental health. Remember, this is a subject we need to talk about, not whisper about, and the most important message is that no one need be alone. Visit a list of mental health resources in our community on the Generation to Generation page of this bulletin.

Engagement

Among the many meaningful moments of this year's High Holy Day services, one experience was especially remarkable - watching our long-time members stand before our congregation for an aliyah on Rosh Hashanah morning. They are Temple Shalom's past, present and future and hold a special role in the history of our congregation. They are our Cornerstone Members.

The Torah teaches us to share traditions and connections l'dor v'dor - from generation to generation. Our founding members are the pillars of our congregation, the ones who hold our history and our legacy and share it with all who enter our community. Many of them have children and grandchildren who now have their own Temple Shalom stories. To witness the connection and love that is passed down through the years from our Cornerstone Members is nothing short of inspiring.



On March 2, 2019, we will be hosting our first Cornerstone Member luncheon. As we look forward to the many new lifecycle events that will take place in our updated Sanctuary and Social Hall, we are honored to take the time to reflect with our Cornerstone Members and enjoy the company of those who have played such a pivotal role in shaping the foundation of Temple Shalom as we know it today.

Our Cornerstone Members received invitations to our March 2 community luncheon by mail. All responses can be made to Caroline Dorn at 617-969-3518.

We look forward to gathering as a community of Cornerstone members, to look back and to look forward together.

Caroline Dorn, Congregational Engagement and Relationship Manager.



SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE CANTOR ROSALIE BOXT IS COMING TO TEMPLE SHALOM | MARCH 7-9



Cantor Boxt is the Union for Reform Judaism Director of Worship. Prior to coming to URJ, she was Cantor at Temple Emanuel in Kensington, Md. for 16 years.

The weekend will include Shabbat dinner, services and much more.

More information coming soon at www.templeshalom.org

Donations

Rabbi's Service Fund

In Appreciation/Honor of

Rabbi Berry's assistance during the passing of Arline Harris

By Michelle and Marc Harris and family

Rabbi Berry officiating at the baby naming of Kora Dahlia Hess

By Delores Kimmel and Shelby Kimmel Hess

Rabbi Berry officiating at the baby naming of our granddaughter, Alexa

By Nancy and Andrew Frieze

The Gutman/Roberts marriage

By Eva and Joshua Gutman

With our thanks for asking us to be part of the group aliyah on Rosh Hashanah

By Phyllis and Jerry Briskin

Rabbi Berry and Rabbi Abrasley becoming co-Senior Rabbis

By Deborah W. Garnick

Lisa Berman for the wonderful and meaningful shiva service for Myra Fineman

By Peggy and David Fineman

Rabbi Berry's support of Alex as he became Bar Mitzvah. Thank you for all you did to make it a phenomenal experience!

By Aimee and Eric Sprung

Rabbi Berry, in honor of your accomplishments. We are so very proud of you!

By Karen and Barry Small

In Memory of

Lea Almuly

By Ena Lorant

Sue Blaustein

By Robin and Daniel Matloff

Myra Fineman

*By Ellen and David Rosenblatt
Jane and David Ryter*

Paddy Matloff

By Robin and Daniel Matloff

Harry Floyd Meade

By Erica Schwartz and Harry Meade

Howard A. Parven

By Carol Parven Hutter

David Rolbein

By Ethel and Gary Furst

Elliott S. Topkins

By Joanne Topkins

Cantor's Service Fund

In Appreciation/Honor of

Cantor Halpern's support of Alex as he became Bar Mitzvah. Thank you for all you did to make it a phenomenal experience!

By Aimee and Eric Sprung

In Memory of

Sumner Dane

By Harriet Dane Mandell

Anita Winer "Open Your Eyes" Fund

In Honor of

Sam's Bar Mitzvah and in appreciation of the entire family

By Mimi Winer

The births of Susan and Michael Epstein's newest grandchildren, Lucy and Jonah

By Arlene and Kurt Pressman

In Memory of

Arthur Kaplan

By Ellen Kaplan

Herbert Siegal

By Beverly Siegal and Richard Peiser

Bronson Youth Scholarship Fund

In Memory of

Gordon Bronson

Irma Bronson

By Phyllis J. Bronson

Building Fund

In Honor of

Sarah Abrams, Michael Grill and Jason Korb, for all your hard work and dedication to our capital project planning

By Ellie Goldman

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Donations

Building Fund

In Memory of
Kathleen H. Berman
By Robert S. Berman

David Silen
By Ruth and William Silen

Caring Community Fund

In Honor of
My Temple Shalom family for everything they do
By Loretta Zack

In Memory of
Myra Fineman
By Arlene and Kurt Pressman

Martha Gudema
By Susie and Marc Gudema

Arline Harris
By Michelle and Marc Harris and family

Samuel Shulman
By Irene Laursen

Beverly Weiss
By Sanford N. Katz

Endowment Fund

In Honor of
Jeff Winik's retirement
By Arlene and Kurt Pressman

Fine Arts Fund

In Memory of
Natalie Wolf
By Barbara Holzman

Frieze Passport to Israel Fund

In Memory of
Joan Druker's birthday
By the Druker-Brophy family

Frieze Social Justice Fund

In Memory of
Philip Frieze
By Linda and Michael Frieze

Garden Club/Temple Beautification Fund

In Memory of
Sarah Resnick
By Robin and Ernest Krieger

General Fund

By Pamela and Alan Goldman

In Honor of

Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Steinberg
By The Rashi School

Being able to attend High Holy Day services at
Temple Shalom
By Estelle Sugarman and family

In Memory of

Herman Brightman
Shepard Brightman
By Saul J. Brightman

Charles Broner
Nathan Kramer
By Emily Rubenstein

Morton Canter
Phyllis Canter
By Steven Canter

Myra Fineman
Shirley Frant
By Stephanie and Fred Cohen

Roslyn Karelis
John Marcus
By Joan and Jeff Karelis and family

Ira Lerner
By Henry Lerner

Phyllis Levine
By Joseph Cynamon

Marion Likoff
By Nancy and Andrew Frieze

David Morningstar
By Betty Morningstar and Jeanette Kruger

Max Nelson
By Elinor Nelson and Robert Bargar

Enid Paul
By Lee and Steven Paul

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Alfred Prokop
Akiva Weisman
By Marian Prokop and Robert Weisman

Clara Slate
By Pat and Lester Slate

Marion Steinberg
By Andrea and Mark Trachtenberg

Library Fund

In Honor of
Dick Morrison, thank you for your much-needed help making Selichot a success
By Ellie Goldman

Dick and Dottye Morrison for hosting such a lovely wine tasting in their beautiful home
By Caroline Dorn

Music Fund (Worship)

In Memory of
Shirley Frant
By Arlene and Kurt Pressman

Charles Kahn
By Phyllis and Jerry Briskin

Herbert Kruger
By Jeanette Kruger

Haig Sahagian
By Carol and Martin Glazer

Lillian Swack
By Terry and Harvey Swack

Nursery School Scholarship Fund

In Memory of
Pauline Parker
By Ellen and Stephen Parker

Sisterhood Fund

In Memory of
Dorothy Koskoff
By Susan and Neil Glazer

Richard Yale Lieff
By Barbara and Robert Fierman

Social Action Fund

In Honor of
The wedding of Eric Berlin and Katy Bensen
By Marion and David Pollock

In Memory of
Joan Di Leo
By Judy Di Leo

Bonnie Zeitlin Klotz
By Paula and Steve Zeitlin

Yahrzeit and Remembrance Fund

In Memory of
Harry Carleton
By Donna and William Carleton

James Danziger
William Levy
By Sara and Robert Danziger

Sofia Haim
By Lica Brill

Milton Holzman
Mollie Holzman
Blanche Paul
By Barbara Holzman and family

Ralph Howard
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By Mila Margul

Rita Lerner
By Joan, Michael and Sienna Weinstein

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By Annette Cohen

Geri Pollock
By Marion and David Pollock

Robert Rosenblatt
By Frances S. Rosenblatt

Mary D. Sokol
William Sokol
By Ruth Graff

Generation to Generation

Births

Ayelet Ben-David, b. Sept. 11, 2018
Daughter of Danielle and Maor Ben-David
Sister of Ari Ben-David

Noah Harvest Carr, b. Aug. 6, 2018
Son of Karina Dossantos and David Carr

Anna Caroline Fein, b. Sept. 4, 2018
Daughter of Elissa Lapide and Dan Fein
Granddaughter of Betty and Larry Lapide

Dylan Yehuda Frenkel, b. May, 2018
Son of Nedira Salzman Frenkel and Ziv Frenkel Grandson
of Betty and Andrew Salzman
Great Grandson of Nancy and Edwin z"l Salzman

Tania Shira Friedman, b. Sept. 1, 2018
Daughter of Yamit and Rabbi Elisha Friedman
Granddaughter of Judy and Jeff Remz
Sister of Eden Friedman

Jonah Malcolm Saft, b. Sept. 29, 2018
Son of Molly Epstein and Gordon Saft
Grandson of Susan and Michael Epstein

Eliana Wagner, b. Sept. 21, 2018
Daughter of Ariel Tichnor-Wagner and Nicholas Wagner
Sister of Adina Wagner

B'nai Mitzvah

Theo Hill
Son of Rachel Zoob Hill and Douglas Hill

Jacob Tomaneng
Son of Jennifer and Jeffrey Tomaneng

Theo Teszler
Son of Heather Alker and David Teszler

Olivia Gordon

Daughter of Dina Ciarimboli and Kenneth Gordon

Isabelle Craine

Daughter of Michelle Menken and Joshua Craine

Weddings

Eli Meltz and Hilary Oran
Son of Barbara and Norman Meltz

Deaths

Our beloved members....
Natalie Wolf, our lifetime member

We also remember....

Michele Brown
Mother of Jason Brown

Myra Fineman
Mother of David Fineman

Shirley Frant
Mother of Barbara Hecht

Marion Likoff
Mother of Mark Likoff

Roberta Ann Simon Koses
Mother of David Koses

Beverly Weiss
Sister of Sanford N. Katz

Arnold M. Zaff
Father of Jonathan Zaff

David Zarkower
Brother of Lori Seuch

Mental health resources in our community

American Federation for Suicide
Suicide prevention lifeline
800-273-TALK (8255)

Colony Care Behavioral Health
Mental health/substance abuse therapy
781-431-1177 x210

Crossroads Counseling
Mental health for adults, couples and
families
781-431-2277

Jewish Family & Children's Services
Services for families, children and seniors
781-647-JFCS (5327)

Mass Men
Mental/behavioral resources for men
800-322-1356

Riverside Emergency Services & Outpatient
For children, adolescents and adults
781-769-8674 (emergency)
617-969-4925 (outpatient)

Samaritans Suicide Hotline
If you or someone you know is in crisis
877-870-HOPE (4673) (adult)
800-252-TEEN (8336) (teen)

William James Interface
Free referrals to licensed mental health
providers
888-244-6842 x1411

For immediate help, always call 911

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