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Services at 6:30 p.m.



## Mobilizing Jewishness Workshop

Friday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m.



## Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday August 15 at 8:00 a.m.

*See inside for details*

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Ritual Committee 8:00 pm

Sisterhood Board 6:30 pm

Yamcraft Group 5:00 pm  
Lifelong Learning 6:30 pm

Yamcraft Group 9:00 am

Shabbat Alivel BBQ and  
Outdoor Service 5:30 pm

Services 9:30 am

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BOD 6:30 pm

Finance Committee  
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Yamcraft Group 9:00 am

Yedidim Shabbat at  
Benson Park 5:30 pm

Services 9:30 am

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Yamcraft Group 9:00 am

Services 8:00 pm

Services 9:30 am

## We Need Feeders and Greeters

My midsummer bulletin column is going to be very simple. There are two things Beth Abraham needs a lot of help with, in order to be much more successful in the coming year at everything we do. We need help with **feeding and greeting**.



Rabbi Spira-Savett

A very short Torah background: Beth Abraham means “the house of Avraham and Sarah.” In the Torah, their home was a place of extreme, radical welcome to anyone. Greet and feed first, ask questions later!

We want to make sure that 100% of the people who encounter our community feel like they can belong if they choose to. We want to make sure that no one feels like they don’t belong if they don’t already know where the Sanctuary or the

bathroom is, or where to go if they arrive after something is started.

So we need greeters for everything. We need greeters every Friday night and Saturday morning for services. We need greeters when we have holy day celebrations and guest speakers. We need greeters when we are standing around or sitting down eating.

It’s a matter of walking the walk, actually being curious and interested in each other – and not taxing the small number of people who already greet.

Now I know that greeting is not a role that works for everyone. We’re not all wired to be gregarious on cue. But a lot of you can do this.

You don’t need to feel like you’re an “insider” who knows everybody and everything going on. In the home of Sarah and Avraham, everyone was an insider the moment they walked in, and everyone felt like a

bit of an outsider, even the two of them. We’ll give you everything you need to know if you volunteer once or a bunch.

Feeding – we have noticed, and it’s no surprise, that the environment is warmer whenever there is food and something to drink. We’ve had a couple of Shabbat and holy day mornings with breakfast, and it transforms the synagogue!

So we need shoppers, choppers, platers, and picker-up-ers. (Also sponsors!) Some of this work is in the background, and some is in the moment. If you can add our shopping list to yours sometime, or shop special for us once in a while, or if you can drop by on a particular day and do one task on a list in the office or the kitchen, that would be a huge help.

I can tell you that committee chairs,

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## Summer Times and Life At Temple Beth Abraham

Dear Friends,

That long winter is a distant memory as the heat of the summer rolls along. At this time, our members might be dispersed all over the planet. Several are taking trips abroad. Some are making a trip up to Israel maybe even for the first time. *Nesiah Tova* / Bon Voyage to all those who traveled or will travel this summer.



President David Sacks

Meanwhile back at the ranch, things are ramping up again. After a brief recess after the annual meeting,

the new Board will convene in July. We have many important topics to address this year.

We must achieve sustainable viability to remain relevant into the next generation and beyond. As such, top of mind for the leadership is the High Growth Committee, which for all intents and purposes is strategic planning. Led by Vice President Matthew Lee, this committee will continue to lead the way for the Board and committee chairs for identifying top priorities for the short-and medium term. Ultimately execution will fall on

the relevant committees. In some cases, new committees may need to be established for clear ownership and focus on topics that today may span multiple committees. A monthly report back to the board will keep us apprised of progress on the selected initiatives.

Another important focus for me personally, is the gearing up for the High Holy Days. Once again, we will be bringing back Eliana Light to lead our reNew YEAR service. This is a multigenerational offering geared towards learning and making

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*We Need Feeders and Greeters continued...*

program organizers, and I myself spend huge amounts of times trying to find greeters and feeders. These are high-impact volunteer roles in terms of our connecting to members and new people. We could make a quantum leap if we got 30 more people to do any of this work.

So if you think you could do something even once for us, drop a note to the office. I hope we'll make a listing of these opportunities part of our regular communication with you, whether it's via the e-blasts or some kind of online Sign Up Genius. Stay tuned on that. But let us know if you're available ever, and when you tend to be available.

Obviously, there are all kinds of other important volunteer roles. I wanted to highlight these because we need this in bulk – and because it will make my work that much easier and more effective in the coming year!

*L'shalom,  
Rabbi Jon*

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*Summer Times and Life continued...*

the High Holy Days more accessible for those seeking something different from our traditional service. Last year was so successful that sometimes it seems daunting to now exceed expectations from those who were delighted last year. Nevertheless that will be our aim. We are grateful for a long time member who has stepped forward to sponsor Eliana's return. Please look out for reminders closer to the time to register for your preference of service so that we can plan seating accordingly.

The school is undergoing a metamorphosis under leadership of Rabbi Jon and Noreen Leibson, to become a more experience oriented educational setting. Students will be grouped for Hebrew often by competency and capability, thereby allowing all students to show mea-

surable growth over the course of the year. We know that coming to Hebrew School after a full day of traditional school can sometimes be overwhelming. The school leadership is laser-focused on transforming the experience to one that provides an exciting way of learning.

Many other fantastic initiatives are underway. A big one is the installation of the solar panels to deliver roughly 80% of our electricity needs. Please save the date for the afternoon of Sunday, September 8 for a ribbon cutting ceremony. We are hoping to have the attendance of several dignitaries including elected representatives to celebrate our renewable energy initiative which is bigger than just Temple Beth Abraham.

I also want to mention the gener-

ous donation of the herb garden and establishment of a Temple Garden Fund (under management of the board) from the Green family to provide for "farm to table" ingredients for our Temple kitchen.

Please try out the totally fun Shabbat Alive Friday night service that provides a joyful now almost monthly Shabbat experience with new melodies, instruments in an innovative service (ala reNew year).

Stay cool, while enjoying the warmer days.

*B'shalom,  
David*

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## **Break Fast and Flower Sponsors Needed**

Every year following Ne'ilah services at the end of Yom Kippur (October 8 this year) Sisterhood prepares a Break Fast for the congregation. Flowers for services in the sanctuary and at the school on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are also

provided by Sisterhood. Sponsoring the Break Fast or High Holy Day flowers are wonderful ways to remember someone or to honor someone for a special occasion.

If you are interested in sponsoring the Yom Kippur Break Fast or

in sponsoring flowers for either of both High Holy Days, please contact Diane Toth (cell 546-8611, home 943-7844, or email [ditoth@comcast.net](mailto:ditoth@comcast.net)). Both the Break Fast and flower sponsorships may be shared by multiple families.

## July / August Service Schedule

Services are held every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted), Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Monday –Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

### SPECIAL EVENT SERVICE

**August 2**

Shabbat Alive - BBQ  
Dinner at 5:30 PM &  
Services 6:30 p.m.

## Mobilizing Jewishness – An Embodied Jewish Experience With Gabriella Foster Friday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Gabriella Foster, a recent alum of Colby College who double majored in Religious Studies and Theater/Dance, is bringing her senior research to Beth Abraham. Gabriella will lead us in the exploration of what it means to be Jewish today through conversation, collaboration, and movement-based tasks. All ages and bodies are welcome! Gabriella's family are longtime members of Beth Abraham.

Followed by (optional) Shabbat dinner and Services at 8:00 p.m.

## Interested in Chanting Torah or Haftarah?

Contact Stan Juda (888-8731) to select a Haftarah, or Rabbi Jon for a Torah reading assignment.

## Community News

### Condolences to:

- Stuart Sherman on the loss of his beloved father, Herbert Sherman
- Becky Green on the loss of her beloved father, Ross Smith
- Bob Kirsh on the loss of his beloved sister, Nancy Katcoff
- Marc Sadowsky on the loss of his beloved father, Norman Sadowsky

### Best Wishes to:

- Carol Kaplan in her new home
- Debbie & Ken Wilner in their new home
- Fern and Les Getto on the birth of their grandson Harel to Seth and Rivka.

To all those people in our community who are ill we wish you a complete & speedy recovery.

## Tisha B'Av

### Services for the Fast Day Commemorating the Destruction of the Two Temples

Saturday, August 10 at 8:45 p.m.

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## Shabbat Alive!

### Dinner at 5:30 p.m. & Services 6:30 p.m. Friday, August 2



Upbeat Shabbat evening service guided by song leaders and accompanied by several of our musicians on instruments! We'll learn some new melodies, and some brief explanations will help unlock the joy and meaning of the service to begin Shabbat.

The service will be 45 minutes to an hour. Melodies are posted on our website.

Reservations for dinner are greatly appreciated to make sure there is enough food.



## Temple Beth Abraham Annual Appeal

We are pleased to report that we have raised over \$48,000 during this year's annual appeal. The following congregants have answered our appeal.

Anonymous  
Esther & Lionel Arlan  
Michael & Ali Arnow  
Robert & Linda Baer  
Elana Bannerman & Allan Lew  
William Barry III & Helen Honorow  
Albee Budnitz & Vivian Rowe  
Richard Cohen & Carol Mann-Cohen  
Stewart & Claudine Cohen  
Mark & Sandy Dickens  
Elliot & Kathy Eisenberg  
Martin & Ann Fabian  
Benjamin Freedman & Eileen Beckhardt Freedman  
David Freedman & Laura Kahn  
Jason & Marlene Gallant  
Paul & Barbara Garnick  
Jeanne Gerard  
Charles & Beverly Gerson  
Samuel & Miriam Goldman  
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Michael & Ruth Harris  
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Nancy & Gregory Moore  
Daniel & Jessica Palmer  
Ernest & Rena Perelmutter  
Howard Price  
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Sheryl Rich-Kern  
Samuel & Esther Rosenzweig  
Martin & Debra Rothberg  
Lawrence I. & Robin Rubin  
Barry & Debra Sack  
David L. & Vera Sacks  
Paul & Rosalind Sandler  
Karl & Lynn Schenker  
Bill Schwartz  
Herbert & Harriet Shanzer  
Richard Shapiro  
Joel & Carole Shyavitz  
Dorothy Silber  
Lewis & Debrah Snapper  
Doug & Rebecca Snyder  
The Spira-Savett Family  
Robert & Naomi Steinberg  
Abner Taub & Liliane Sznycer  
Diane Toth  
Linda Trapasso  
Terre A Weisman  
Heather Winer  
Mitchell Wolper & Noreen I. Leibson  
Eitan & Gabriele Zeira  
Anatoly Zhuk

Your generous support is what makes our synagogue the strong and vibrant community that it is.  
From all of us on the Fundraising Committee to each of you, *Todah Rabbah* – thank you very much!



## New Year, “New “School!”

Even though we are in the middle of summer, my thoughts are on September. I am working with Rabbi Jon, Jessie Mocle and our faculty to plan, create and build a new school structure for our students and families. Join me to take a glimpse into the future.



Director of Education  
and Family Engagement  
Noreen Leibson

As many of you know, our school walls were built to move around to make alternative spaces. This summer Richard Bryant has begun taking down the walls to ready the space for the reNew YEAR services led by virtuoso Eliana Light. Based on the very positive feedback we received from her High Holy Day leadership last year, we asked her to return to us this coming year. She was very excited to come back to celebrate and worship with us. At this time we have already begun working with her to plan for the content of the High Holy Day services. She has so much to offer us. We hope all of our families and other congregants will join us for all or some of the holidays.

You may not think this, but bringing down the walls in the school will serve us well. Both our Sunday school and weekday school will gather in an open, multi-age classroom where teachers will co-teach and collaborate. Your children will learn along with children both younger and older than them. There will be times when same grade students will move to a corner or small room to take part in active learning with one of the teachers. Other times students

will be grouped according to their skills such as Hebrew reading. Then there will be times when everyone gathers for a full school service, activity or program.

In addition to the space changing, we are also changing some of the content and the direction we will go with our students. Jewish values will be the solid foundation that both supports and weaves through the entire curriculum. We will seek to bring out the “*mensch*” in each student. We will talk about what it means to be a *mensch* and how that connects to *mitzvot* (responsibilities).

It’s important to us to build and strengthen connections between our students. We want each child when they enter the building to feel like he or she is in a safe and amazing place. We will do that as their teachers and through the way we engage them in learning and socializing. Offering an environment where our students can make friends and have fun learning is a key goal.

And of our course, don’t forget the spirit behind all we do. We want to support our students as they learn and practice gratitude, mindfulness and forgiveness. Together we all will work to create a sacred space, *makom kadosh*, where every person is respected, where every person is accepted, a place where each can explore their own Jewish connection and identity.

Finally, I am looking forward to being a weekday teacher. My love for teaching comes from my soul, and I am so grateful to have the opportunity to work with Morah Rina and Morah Darlene and the most amazing students in our school.

There is so much wisdom in each of them. I can see it in their eyes and the way they tune into the word. Their wisdom bubbles up from the questions they ask and the ideas they articulate.

Look for more specific information including start dates and programs in this bulletin and in late August. As soon as you send in registration along with the fee, you will receive the school calendar. If you have any questions or thoughts, please be in touch. We need you, our parents, to join us in the many wonderful events that are coming up. We need you to volunteer to help with small but important things like shopping for food and prepping in the synagogue kitchen. We also invite you to bring your skills to our students. Do you love to bake or cook? How about art projects or singing? Become a member of the team. Together we can make this the best school year ever!

*L’shalom,*

*Noreen*

### School Dates for September:

**Saturday, September 7:**  
Welcome Back Shabbat

**September 8:**  
First day of Sunday School

**September 10:**  
First day of Weekday School

## Religious School Registration

We know it is summer but believe it or not, the school registration forms can't wait until summer is over! Registration for The Philip Porter Religious School was sent to families with children that attended school last year. If this is you, you have received a pre-filled registration form for the 2019-2020 school year. Please return your registration form along with the registration fee. You can do this by printing out the form and sending it in with a check, or you can submit the registration fee online.

There was a link in the original email that will get you to where you can pay online. The actual forms need to be printed, completed and sent in.

Please help us with school planning by getting your completed forms, along with the registration fee to us no later than August 1.

If you are new to our community or if your child is primed to enter *Gan* (Kindergarten) or any other grade, please be in touch with the school, (603)-883-9844 or [school@tban-](mailto:school@tbanashua.org)

[ashua.org](http://ashua.org). We will send a registration form to you. You can also call the synagogue office, (603)-883-8184, and somebody there can help you.

If you would like to speak with the Director of Education, Noreen Leibson, please call her at the school or email her at [director@tbanashua.org](mailto:director@tbanashua.org). Noreen would love to meet with you and share the exciting elements of our learning program with you.

Now you can go back to summer living!



**Please Save The Date**  
for the  
**GALA Inauguration of Our Energy Efficiency Initiative**  
**Solar Electric Installation • LED Lighting Conversion**  
**Sunday, September 8 • 4:00 p.m.**



## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, September 7**



## Welcome Back Shabbat

**9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Breakfast of bagels, *shmeers*, yogurt, and fruit**  
**9:30 Sanctuary Service or 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Interactive Service**

**See old friends • Make new friends • See your teachers**

**Come ready to sing, clap and dance!**





# Annual Golf Tournament

## Thursday, August 15, 2019



7:30 a.m. Registration, 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start  
Souhegan Woods Golf Club, Amherst NH

### Registration Form

Please complete this form in full and return with your payment to:  
Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond Street, Nashua NH 03064



This fun filled event is open to all men and women, members and non-members  
Space is limited. First come, first served!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Four-Person Team Scramble!**

- Best Ball Format
- Raffle Prizes
- Gift Bags
- Light Lunch & Snack
- Awards Reception

#### Player Name(s)

#### Fee

\$100 per person

\$100 per person

\$100 per person

\$400 per foursome

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Ace:**

- \_\_\_\_ Tournament Sponsor (\$1,000)
- \_\_\_\_ Banquet (\$750)
- \_\_\_\_ Cart Sponsor (\$500)

#### **Eagle (\$200):**

- \_\_\_\_ Double Tee Sponsor

#### **Birdie (\$100):**

- \_\_\_\_ Closest-to-the-Pin Sponsor
- \_\_\_\_ Longest Drive Sponsor
- \_\_\_\_ Tee Sponsor

#### **Merchandise Sponsor (For 80 Gift Bags):**

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Registration(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You can also register online at [www.tbanashua.org](http://www.tbanashua.org)

## Help Save Lives At Our Community Blood Drive

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. To help save lives, Temple Beth Abraham is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, September 3 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the synagogue in the Social Hall.

The community is invited to take part in this special event and donate blood for hospital patients in our neighborhoods and across the nation. The need for blood is constant, but only 3 percent of the U.S. population donates. By rolling up a sleeve, donors can play a critical role in the treatment of accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the [American Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Completion of a [RapidPass](#)® on-line health history questionnaire is encouraged to help speed up the donation process. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

If you might be interested in donating



ing blood during the blood drive or would like additional information please complete a very short interest survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2N8R7HH>.

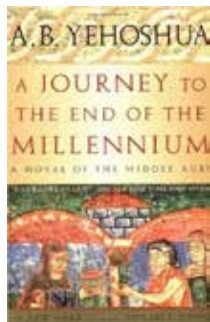
If you have questions or are willing to help with the blood drive, please contact Jeff Masors ([jmasors@gmail.com](mailto:jmasors@gmail.com)).

## Travel Through Jewish History with BABKA\*

\*Beth Abraham Book Klub Association

Please join us for our upcoming book discussions. New people are always welcome; come even if you haven't had a chance to read the book.

**08/07/19** – *Journey to the End of the Millennium* by A. B. Yehoshua



**09/04/19** – Special presentation to Beth Abraham community by Yehzekel Landau. Details to follow

**10/02/19** – *Eternal Life* by Dara Horn

**11/06/19** – *My Father's Paradise* by Ariel Sabar

**1/8/2020** *The Last Watchman of Old Cairo* by Michael David Lucas

*Journey to the End of the Millennium*, *Eternal Life*, and *The Last Watchman of Old Cairo* fictional glimpses into Jewish history, from ancient times to the twentieth century. A.B. Yehoshua's novel takes place in the year 999 in Morocco and Paris. *Eternal Life* and *The Last Watchman of Old Cairo* take place in a variety of time periods and settings, but are told from a contemporary viewpoint. *My Father's Paradise* is a nonfiction look at the author's

roots in Kurdish Iraq. All four books are intriguing and informative.

And speaking of history, BABKA begin in 2010. We have discussed close to 100 books!

Meetings are at 8 p.m. (after minyan), usually on the first Wednesday of the month. Our planning session for 2020 will take place on December 4.

Ellie Schwartz



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## **Coming Events and Programming**

**Brought to You by the Lifelong Learning Committee**

**BABKA Book Club, Wednesday, August 7, 8:00 p.m.**

*A Journey to the End of the Millennium* by A. B. Yehoshua

**Friday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m.**

Mobilizing Jewishness – An Embodied Jewish Experience  
With Gabriella Foster

**Ongoing:**

**Torah Study with Rabbi Jon and Noreen Leibson**

Resumes in September - Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to Noon

**Rabbijon.net and @TBARav**

Teachings on the weekly Torah reading and current events through a Jewish lens, podcasts, and music.

Rabbi Jon's high holy day sermons are posted.

<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/tbanashua>

Search the TBA Library catalog for a book to read

**Save the Date!**

**Special presentation to Beth Abraham community by Yehezkel Landau**

Wednesday, September 4 – Details to follow

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Men's Club, September 15**

Handshouse Studio - Gwozdziec synagogue reconstruction for the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw.

Have Ideas? Want to Help? Join Our Committee?

Contact Jeff Masors at [jmasors@gmail.com](mailto:jmasors@gmail.com) or Rabbi Jon at [rabbi@tbanashua.org](mailto:rabbi@tbanashua.org).  
Contribute to the Elizabeth Fischer Memorial Fund to support TBA's ongoing scholarly and cultural programming.

Considering sponsoring a speaker or event. Contact the office or Rabbi Jon.

## Israel Street Festival – Celebrating 27 Years!

By Ruth Harris, With Linda Trapasso

### שלום ישראל Shalom Yisrael

#### Israel Street Festival

The festival is looking for new ideas and new leadership.

*Mazel tov* to Beth Abraham's Israel Street Festival! 2019 was the 27<sup>th</sup> year that the community has celebrated Israel at this fun event.

The Fair had humble beginnings in 1992, and what was successful then continues to be a success today. A variety of activities for children, lots of music, and, of course, food! Sometimes dancing and sometimes performances by the religious school students. Also visits from the Boston Israel Consulate and our own NH *Shlichah*. And Ruth Harris has been the heart of this fair, having served as the chairperson since the beginning.

Over the years, there have been many milestones. In 2007, a new tradition began when the annual Jason Schenker Memorial Walkathon took place in the hour prior to the start of the Israel Street Festival. What a wonderful treat to come back to Temple Beth Abraham after



the walkathon and find all kinds of food and music and activities.

Some years the Festival coincides with *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, Israel Independence Day. When these two events meet, we read the Declaration of Israel's Independence. This makes the day more exciting and there is special programming.

Every Festival has lots of balloons and Israeli flags! The synagogue is gaily decorated with posters of Israel. The Religious School students contribute to the decorations or have a project to display at the Festival. Sometimes the students perform Israeli songs, or they may hold a fundraiser for Israel. For example, one year southern Israel was attacked by rockets, the students had a fundraiser for a playground in Sderot, "Playing for Sderot."

Some of the activities have included digging for artifacts, visiting the Kotel to send your prayers (all prayers are taken to Jerusalem), making Israeli crafts at the Israel Museum, strolling *Ben Yehuda Midrehov* (pedestrian mall), eating at Café Tel Aviv, hanging out at the Kikar Zion open mic coffee house, enjoying falafel at Sarah & Sam's King David Café, Israeli dancing in the Sultan Pool, listening to Kol Yerushalaim Radio, sing-a-longs of Israeli songs, performances by the TBA Zimria and The Raymond Street Klezmer Band, tours of different areas of Israel, and more. In the recent past, there was a Lego build of a 20 x 20-foot model of Jerusalem.

The Israel Street Festival is a wonderful event that sustains the TBA community's link with Israel. It is a perfect family event and the walkathon is a great way to get exercise and provide *tzedekah*. Everyone should come to the Israel Street Festival next year. Be sure to contact Ruth Harris if you have an interest in helping with the Festival or have ideas. The Festival would especially like to thank the Sisterhood for its generous support over the years.

## SAVE THE DATE.

Wednesday, September 4, 8:00 p.m.

Professor Yehezkel Landau, co-founder, and co-director of  
**Open House Peace Center, Ramle, Israel**  
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## Something to Think About.

In June, Buzz and I went to Israel to visit our daughter, Kate, and her family. As the girls get older, almost 16, 14, and 13, it is more difficult



Elaine Brody

to get them all in the same place at the same time. By the time you read this, they will be here visiting, but we wanted to spend time with them in their own environment. We had a great time with them environment also saw other family and friends.

Summer seems to be the time for family reunions. We had the amazing opportunity, while in Israel, to meet cousins from Russia who immigrated to Israel about ten years ago. The easiest way to explain our relationship is that Galina's maternal grandfather and my maternal grandfather were brothers. My grandfather came to the United States with two of his older sisters when the

three were teenagers. His parents, two older sisters, and two younger brothers stayed behind in Russia. The short story is that through some genealogical sleuthing, my cousin Noa, who lives in Efrat, recently wrote to the relatives still in Rostov, Russia. They responded and told of Galina and her family living in Ashkelon. We had a wonderful gathering for a barbecue in the Jerusalem Forest Park.

How did they decide to make aliyah? Galina's daughter, Julia, went to Israel on a Taglit-Birthright trip. She met Vitaly, a Russian *oleh* (immigrant to Israel), recently discharged from the IDF and working as a guard on the tour bus. They fell in love, she made aliyah, they got married, and soon her parents and brother followed.

So there we were with telling our family stories to one another in Russian and Hebrew and English.

Vitaly is the only English speaker in the Russian family. The young people speak Russian and Hebrew, Galina and her husband Aleksander speak only Russian. Buzz and I have only English, and Kate speaks English and Hebrew. Somehow, language was not a barrier. We looked at old family photos and remarked on how many similarities we found. Galina's mother was named Paulina. My mother's given middle name was Pauline. Neither of us, nor Noa the sleuth, knows of a Paulina in our family tree. After a delightful afternoon, it was an emotional parting. We look forward to seeing them again on our next trip.

The rest of the summer stretches before us. Reach out to your family...near or far. Connect or reconnect. You know, it's something to think about.

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## Men's Club Happenings

Where does the time go? By the time this bulletin hits your mailbox or in-box it will be the middle of July. Whether a dream vacation, a special concert, lazy days at the beach, and/or quality time with family and friends, the Men's Club is hopeful everyone is enjoying their summer!!

Not to be left out, your Men's Club Board has been enjoying its summer downtime. But we are not resting on our laurels as we are also busy planning our 2019-2020 programming! We are coming off a great season of activities under the leadership of outbound President David Fox. Incoming President, Don Gorelick, will not let us become complacent!!

Our breakfast calendar for 2019-2020 has been finalized!! While we are still planning various programs throughout the year, we are pleased to confirm that our first breakfast event of the year will be held Sunday morning, September 15 and is open to the entire community!!

We are equally pleased to announce that once again we will open with a superb collaborative program with the Life Long Learning Committee. Please mark your calendars for what

is sure to be a fascinating breakfast and presentation as the Men's Club and the Life Long Learning Committee welcome Rick and Laura Brown of Handhouse Studio, who will share with us their pursuit to restore a historic synagogue and the making of their documentary, "Raising the Roof", [www.polishsynagogue.com](http://www.polishsynagogue.com). Joining Rick and Laura will be our own Liliane Szyner and Abner Taub and Becky and Alan Green, who have visited the synagogue site and will add their colorful commentary!

"Rivalling the greatest wooden architecture in history, the synagogues of 18th-century Poland inspired artists Rick and Laura Brown of Handhouse Studio to embark on a 10-year pursuit—to reconstruct the elaborate roof and painted ceiling of the Gwoździec synagogue. Leading over 300 students and professionals from 16 countries, the Browns grapple not just with the echoes of World War II when these buildings were destroyed by the Nazis, but also with warped timbers, tricky paints, and period hand tools. By the end of the project, they have done more

than reconstruct a lost synagogue: they have recovered a lost world. The Gwoździec roof was unveiled in 2014 as the centerpiece of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw."

More on this exciting breakfast event will be coming during the summer including how to RSVP, but like last year the Men's Club will host an optional breakfast at 9:30 a.m., with the presentation starting at about 10:15.

While you have your calendars out, please note the follow dates as Men's Club breakfast dates for the coming season: October 13; November 17; December 15; January 12; February 16 March 1 – Annual Children's Breakfast; March 7 – Evening event, Purim Ball; March 22; April 19; May 17.

For updates on Men's Club activities, to learn more about joining the Men's Club, or to learn how to pay your Men's Club dues, visit us at [www.snhjmc.org](http://www.snhjmc.org) or join our Facebook group by searching **SNHJMC: Southern NH Jewish Men's Club!**

## New Office Hours

We have some changes in our day-to-day operations! Judy Goldstein, our Office Manager, is moving toward retirement and working three days each week, typically Monday through Wednesday. Jessica Stern is staffing the main office on Thursdays and Fridays.

Our standard office hours are now:

Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

On Thursdays after 2:30 p.m., Jessica will typically be working in the Religious School office but monitoring the main office and main phone as well.

There is someone every day to answer the phone or retrieve messages at the front desk, (603) 883-8184. Whoever is in the main office will check the e-mail there too, [office@tbanashua.org](mailto:office@tbanashua.org).

During the school year, Noreen Leibson, Director of Education, will usually be available by phone or e-mail on Sunday mornings, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Jessica Stern will be working in the school office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. If you need to speak to someone about the school on other days, call the main office or Rabbi Jon.



# How To Be President Forums Kick Off Successfully!

*By Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett*

On July 2, former U.S. Representative John Delaney spent an hour at Beth Abraham in Nashua in a different kind of conversation about his candidacy for president.

In front of 75 people, he spoke with me, Rev. Sally Newhall of the Nashua Presbyterian Church, and Michael Reinke of the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. Together with Rev. Allison Palm of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua, we are the leadership of HowToBePresident. Our tagline is “Transforming How We Learn About Candidates By Asking Better Questions.”

We believe that candidates too often have to present themselves as people of perfect experience and judgment with knowledge of every issue and a plan for everything. We as citizens collude in this illusion. We believe that journalists and citizens don’t ask enough of the reflective questions about leadership and about preparing for a job with powers, burdens, and complexities unlike any other. So we are inviting candidates from any party to come and speak with us. We don’t ask about specific issues – there are plenty of places you can hear them speak about issues and their resume.

You can see the full hour of our interview with Rep. Delaney on YouTube – go through our website, [howtobepresident.org](http://howtobepresident.org). The whole point of the series is to go into depth, so I hesitate to summarize and defeat our purpose! But here are some things we touched on.

We asked Rep. Delaney about what part of America farthest from his home base or comfort zone he has really gotten to know. He spoke



to us about growing up in urban New Jersey in a union household and meeting his future wife and her family – April grew up on a farm in Idaho. He spoke about the difference between how he himself and voters in his congressional district perceived aspects of his life experience differently.

We asked him about how he is preparing for the responsibility of life and death the world over. Rep. Delaney spoke about the different spiritual, ethical, and analytical approaches he would have to integrate. I found this one of the most original and unexpected parts of our conversation.

We asked Rep. Delaney how as a businessperson who has to negotiate strategically, withholding parts of his true position and goals, he avoids becoming a dishonest person. He had some interesting reflections on the ethics of negotiating, and how one does business with people whose own ethics and behavior make one’s blood boil.

One of our goals is to make sure that every candidate has to answer questions like these not just for an hour but as part of campaigning in New

Hampshire. So we have published our own list of questions on our website, [howtobepresident.org](http://howtobepresident.org). Ask them, and post your own recordings or reporting about them, tagging them #howtobepresident. Share them with our Facebook page ([facebook.com/howtobepresident](https://facebook.com/howtobepresident) – like and recommend our page!) or e-mail them to us at [info@howtobepresident.org](mailto:info@howtobepresident.org).

Our videos will continue to be uploaded on our YouTube channel, called HowToBePresident. Subscribe to the channel! If you’d like to be notified by e-mail of upcoming forums, e-mail us as well.

We are working on forums with at least one Senator and I got a personal promise from Vice President Biden to do this as well. We are reaching out to candidates in both major parties.

Four years ago, our group in Greater Nashua tried to get candidates to come to our forums and no one accepted. The only fruit was my moment speaking to Secretary of State Clinton at a CNN televised town hall in Derry. It went viral, because it was a unique moment. Let’s make it not so unique this time around.

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## Your Jewish Connection

Brought to you by the Lifelong Learning Committee – *Written by Linda S Trapasso*

### Get Ready for Video!

This month I looked at Jewish on-line videos. There is quite a lot out there. Jewish videos cover a variety of topics – religious, secular, music, learning, children, adults, nature, women, inspiration, documentaries, food, prayer, and more.

Let's start with [Chabad.org's Jewish TV](http://Chabad.org's Jewish TV). Here you can find many topics or channels along with



courses, *parsha* videos, and a list of speakers. These are all available to you in the menu near the top of the page.

How about kid videos? Chabad.org has a [JewishKids.org site](http://JewishKids.org site) with plenty of variety. You can find videos plus games, stories, music, and more. For videos, filter by topic or scroll down the page to find something that catches your eye, or your kid's eye.

Another good site for kids is [BimBam](http://BimBam). This site has several hundred videos, mostly for kids. The videos use



stories to impart Torah wisdom. There are also videos for adults. Unfortunately, this organization announced in April 2019 that it will be closing as there is not enough funding to sustain it. Eventually the videos will move to [ReformJudaism.org](http://ReformJudaism.org).

[Aish.com](http://Aish.com) is another place with videos, and has videos on spirituality, Israel, relationships, and more. Be sure to check out the humor section!

Are you interested in learning Torah through videos? Then you may like [Torah Live](http://Torah Live), a site with a mission to “take the entire Torah and translate it into the language of our generation.” Note that this site requires a membership, and a

free membership does have access to all the available videos, as do the paying memberships. Browse the site before you sign up to see if it's what you're looking for.

And then there is [Hidabroot](http://Hidabroot), which bills itself as the “world's largest Jewish TV network.” Open the Video page and see a list of categories on the left, or scroll down the page to see what's available.



Many museums and similar organizations have video libraries, but not all have the videos available online. Similar to videos are podcasts, which can be audio, or video, or some other format.

If you do a search for Jewish online videos (or podcasts), there will be many other choices. So take the plunge and get ready for video!

Our own Rabbi Jon is online already with some podcasts (find them at iTunes) and YouTubes. He tells us many more are coming this summer and fall!



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