



## TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

Lifting the Spirit  
Embracing Community  
Rooted in Tradition

July 15, 2010

Dear Members of Temple Beth Israel,

This letter contains several important announcements from the Search and Religious Committees, Officers and Board of Directors of Temple Beth Israel.

### ***Welcome, Rabbi Tracy Nathan!***

We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Tracy Nathan will be joining us as our new Rabbi, beginning August 1. Many of you met Rabbi Nathan when she interviewed with us in April, and found the service she lead to be spirited, and her sermon inspiring. Rabbi Nathan received her ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, in 2003.

After serving at Congregation Beth Sholom in San Francisco, Rabbi Nathan and her family moved to the Boston area in 2006. She has taught at the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston; at Genesis, Brandeis University's summer program for high school students; and Tufts University, where she also facilitated interfaith programs. She lives in Brighton with her husband Rabbi Scott Slarskey, who is on the faculty at the Solomon Schechter Day School in Newton, and their five-year-old son.

Your first opportunities to meet Rabbi Nathan will be at our Monday and Thursday morning minyan services that she attends in August. We will welcome her at our congregational meeting on Sunday, August 22; her first Shabbat morning service with us will be August 28, and you will also have a chance to meet Rabbi Nathan during the Selichot program and service on Saturday evening, September 3. After the High Holidays, we will organize several informal gatherings where you can meet Rabbi Nathan in a smaller setting.

### ***Renew Your Membership***

It is time to renew your Temple Beth Israel membership for the coming year. We thank you for your continued support of the institution that has served and represented the Jewish community of Waltham for the last century.

Membership dues for 2010-2011 are \$300 per person and \$600 per family. Despite a nominal increase, the first in several years, our synagogue's dues are among the lowest in the area. Annual synagogue dues cover less than 50% of the synagogue's operating costs. We try to keep costs low. If you have a financial hardship, please contact the President or the rabbi to make appropriate arrangements. Our first commitment is to building community. We will not

turn anyone away. At the same time, expenses increase, so we encourage you to voluntarily increase your dues pledge by an additional amount as an affirmation of the value that Temple Beth Israel brings to you, your family, and the greater Waltham Jewish community.

Please return your dues form by August 15, so that we may begin to process your High Holiday tickets and send them to you in time. If you need to purchase additional tickets for guests, please indicate as such on the membership form.

***High Holidays***

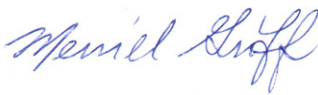
We are pleased that Cantor Ellen Band will be returning to lead services with Rabbi Tracy Nathan. The High Holidays come early in September this year. Selichot, the service to open the High Holiday season, is Saturday September 3. Join us for a special program presented by Rabbi Nathan at 9:00 pm, refreshments, and the Selichot service which will end around midnight.

Erev Rosh Hashanah is Wednesday, September 8, continuing Thursday and Friday, September 9 and 10. Kol Nidre is on Friday, September 10, and Yom Kippur day services are on Saturday, September 11. Watch the August/September Temple Newsletter or visit the Temple's web site at [www.tbiwaltham.org](http://www.tbiwaltham.org) for a complete schedule of High Holiday Services. For the first time in decades, we will be using a new prayer book, *Mahzor Lev Shalem*, published this year by the Rabbinical Assembly, at our services.

If you would like to participate in our High Holiday services by volunteering for an aliyah, ark opening, English prayer, or other honor, please contact Andrea in the Temple office by August 10, so that we may try to accommodate your request. If you will need babysitting for your children or grandchildren while you are at services, please contact Andrea so we can notify you of arrangements.

We look forward to a new year and several new beginnings this fall at Temple Beth Israel, and we welcome your participation.

Sincerely,



Merrill Griff  
President



Mark Frydenberg  
Co-Chair, Religious Committee

***Mark Your Calendar***

Saturday, August 7	9:00 a.m.	Shabbat Morning Services led by Cantor Ellen Band
Saturday, August 14	9:00 a.m.	Shabbat Morning Services led by Cantor Ellen Band
Saturday, August 21	9:00 a.m.	Shabbat Morning Services (Member-Led)
Sunday, August 22	4:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting and Cookout; Meet Rabbi Tracy Nathan
Saturday, August 28	9:00 a.m.	Shabbat Morning Services welcoming Rabbi Tracy Nathan
Saturday, Sept. 4	9:00 a.m.	Shabbat Morning Services (Member-Led)
Saturday, Sept. 4	9:00 p.m.	Selichot Program and Services led by Rabbi Tracy Nathan and Cantor Ellen Band



# TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2010-2011

## *About You*

Adults

	Member #1	Member #2
Name		
Birthday		
Email		
Phone	Home	Home
	Cell	Cell
Address		
City, State, Zip		

Children

	Child #1	Child #2	Child #3
Name			
Birth date			
Religious School Experience			

Please contact me by email regarding Temple news and events.

If you are a new member, what are you looking for that led you to Temple Beth Israel? How can we welcome you? How did you hear about us?

***Get Involved***

Please list the names of those on this application who are interested creating, volunteering for, or participating in any of these opportunities:

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah	
Adult Education	
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Training	
Book Club	
Build the Temple Sukkah	
Cultural Activities, Guest Speakers	
Family Programs	
Fund raising	
Help prepare a Friday night dinner or Shabbat lunch	
Holiday Programming	
Offer a ride to a member who doesn't drive	
Religious School	
Sisterhood	
Social Justice / Social Action	
Temple Publicity or Community Outreach	
Visit members who are ill or unable to get out	
Weekday Minyan, at 7:00 a.m. followed by breakfast: (circle the days)	Mon Wed Thu Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> If you call me
Other	

Please list the names of those on this application that are willing and able to participate in our services. Also list the names or check of those skills you would like to learn.

	Can Do	Would Like to Learn
Lead Weekday Minyan		
Lead Shacharit on Shabbat		
Lead Musaf		
Read Torah		
Read Haftarah		
Give a D'var Torah		
Read Hebrew		

What other special skills, talents, or hobbies do you or your family members have that you would be willing to share with the Temple?

Please indicate who listed above is interested in serving on these committees:

**Payment Form**

Please complete the worksheet to determine the amount of your check.

Name(s)

Item	Total Amount
<p><b>Membership Type:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$300)    <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$600)  <i>If there is a financial hardship, please contact the Temple office.                      Everyone is welcome! No one is ever turned away.</i></p>	
<p><b>Contributions</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Annual synagogue dues cover less than 50% of the synagogue's operating costs. I wish to make an additional contribution.</p>	
<p><b>Guest Tickets</b>                      Individual membership includes 1 reserved High Holiday seat. Family membership includes 2 reserved seats. Tickets for out-of-town relatives or guests may be reserved as follows:                       Child Guests: ____ at \$85 per child (under age 18)                       Adult Guests: ____ at \$150 per adult</p>	
<p><b>Mahzor Dedications</b>                       We will place a label in the front cover of a new mahzor acknowledging your donation to the Goldstein/Gordon Prayerbook fund in honor or in memory of your loved ones. Please write your requested inscriptions on the reverse side of this form.                       Number ____ at \$36 each</p>	
<p><b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b></p>	<p>\$ _____</p>

**Please send your payment to Temple Beth Israel, P.O. Box 540182, Waltham, MA 02454-0182. To ensure you have the same assigned seats as last year, we must receive a deposit of \$100 by August 10.**