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Summer/Fall 2019 ..... Newsletter ..... Iyyar/Av 5779

## Happy Summer!

May 3, 2019 – Guest speaker, Nir Cafri, the Israeli emissary to Rhode Island joined us for Shabbat services. (Joan and Kevin Fandel hosted the Oneg this evening.)



June 7, 2019 – Oneg was hosted by Fern and Bob Rouleau.

July 12, 2019 – Due to the Independence Day Parade, services were pushed back one week. (This Oneg was hosted by Rich and Joan Abrams)

August 2, 2019 – Oneg was hosted by Julie and Stewart Weinberg.

September 6, 2019 – Oneg was hosted by Rick and Ellen Bensusan

## *Presidents Message – Jonathan Feinstein*

I am pleased to provide my first newsletter “thoughts” as I have assumed the role of President for the Congregation. By way of background, I grew up in Providence, attended the Hebrew Day School (my father was one of the founders), before moving to East Greenwich for High School and attending URI for my undergraduate and graduate studies. I have been a Sr Principal at VHB a engineering, environmental consulting firm for the past 35 years where I have helped grow and advance our company along the East coast. My wife Carol grew up in South Kingstown, RI. and after her graduate studies in Library Science became a school librarian in North providence before we were married. We lived in East Greenwich and moved outside Boston as my company was growing and we needed to be close to our corporate headquarters. After living and growing our family (2 sons) in Ma (25 years) we moved back to Bristol RI 6 years ago to start a new chapter in our lives. Finding UBS around the corner from our house on Byfield St was a pleasant surprise! We have greatly enjoyed the new friends we have made at Temple and we have felt so blessed to have our new temple so close to our home. UBS has brought us a great sense of “community” and satisfaction since moving back to RI. The warmth of the congregation and services have become an important part of our lives and makes us very fortunate to be back in RI and most of all part of the UBS family.

I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year!

Best Regards

Jonathan

### *Daniel's Message*

*(Daniel Kertzner, Religious Leader)*



As we head into fall, a throwback to summer with the comments below that I delivered at the Patriotic Exercises before the start of the Bristol 4th of July Parade this year. The questions posed in my remarks focus on the nation, but they are relevant on a personal level as we head into the High Holiday season. Just as democracy is never a thing done, our own growth as individuals and a community is always a thing we must be doing. Like the birthday of our country, may this birthday of the world call forth our best selves and highest ideals, and may we be blessed with the courage and strength to make them real in the coming year. L'Shanah Tovah.

Oh Guardian of life and liberty, we ask on this day of  
patriotic remembrances  
What do we desire for our country?  
How do we vision the land we love?  
Let it be a land where knowledge is free,  
Where the mind is without fear, and men and women  
hold their heads high,  
Where words come out from the depth of truth,  
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards  
perfection,  
Where the mind is led forward into ever-widening  
thought and action,  
For democracy is never a thing done but always some  
thing that a nation must be doing.  
And into that heaven of freedom let our country  
awake, speedily and in our day.

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Miriam Rosenberg on the passing of her mother Anna Miriam Meservey

***WELCOME TO***

Ari Bensusan as a new member of our synagogue

***THANK YOU-To the sponsors of our most recent Shabbat Onegs***

May: Joan and Kevin Fandel  
June: Fern and Bob Rouleau  
July: Rich and Joan Abrams  
August: Julie and Stewart Weinberg  
September: Rick and Ellen Bensusan

## *Security Update for Synagogue Members*

Over the past several months the Board of Directors has been working diligently to provide increased security for our building and congregants. We have consulted with State and local experts and law enforcement officials as well as have secured funding for some of our investments. The following efforts are being implemented:

1. A security system with five cameras will be installed.
2. The first-floor windows will be reinforced with shatter resistant film.
3. An armed police guard will be stationed at the front entrance during the high holidays.
4. The rear door on the first floor has been replaced and the exit door on the second floor has been fixed.

We have a supportive group of neighbors on High Street including our Fire Department neighbors increasing our level of comfort that we live in an area where religious freedom and choice are rights we value and will be respected. We will update the Congregation with any other news on this topic as it may develop.

### *Other News:*

Join us for a fun time of Mah Jong. Don't know how to play? No problem. We will teach you. Loads of fun! Lots of laughs! Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. Don't be shy!



## *Upcoming Services/Events*

- November 1, 2019 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services
- December 6, 2019 6:30 pm Latkepalooza/7:30 pm Shabbat Services

### *Rosh Hashana*

- September 29, 2019 7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashana
- September 30, 2019 9:30 a.m. Rosh Hashana. Taschlich to immediately follow.
  - October 1, 2019 10:00 a.m. Rosh Hashana

### *Yom Kippur*

- October 8, 2019 7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre
- October 9, 2019 9:30 a.m. Yom Kippur
  - 11:00 a.m. (approx) Yizkor
  - 5:30 p.m. Neilah
  - 7:00 p.m. (approx) Break Fast