



Beit Rabban

Handbook

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“You shall take to heart these words which I command you this day. You shall teach them diligently to your children, speaking of them when you are at home and when you are on your way, when you lie down at night and when you rise up in the morning.”

(Dvarim 6:6-7)

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Dear *Beit Rabban* Families:

We are very excited to begin our fourth year of the *Beit Rabban* program at TBZ. Our main goal is to connect our children to Judaism through stimulating, interactive learning. We developed the *Beit Rabban* program to address the false notion that Hebrew school is boring and pointless. Our greatest desire is for TBZ's children to become captivated by a vibrant Judaism. We will lead our students on a journey exploring innovative new roads to Torah, to God, and to a mindful, purposeful Jewish life. In this way, each child will be encouraged to find their own place within the Jewish tradition.

In the *Beit Rabban* program we have several distinct learning goals for each group level and each individual pupil. We also envision a common goal for all students: to build a sense of community among TBZ's children and their families.

Beit Rabban classes are held once a week on Wednesday afternoons. **Please, note that we have added half an hour to our classes and they will be held from 4-6pm.** While classes are important, we believe that participating in a variety of additional children's programming provided by TBZ is necessary to achieve the goals we propose for our *Beit Rabban* students. **TBZ offers age-appropriate Yeladim activities for all grade levels, including among them: Yeladim services, Family Education events, holiday celebrations, teen youth group programming, and more throughout the year.** We urge you to consider joining us for one our most exciting family programs, **the annual Family Retreat – a kid-and-adult-friendly Shabbaton weekend where we celebrate a whole Shabbat as a community in a beautiful wooded setting in Central Massachusetts.** All of these programs supplement and enrich the *Beit Rabban* curriculum. So please check our calendar, come join us and see these programs as a vital part of your *Beit Rabban* experience.

We also encourage attending our joyous Shabbat services as a family when possible. In this way, we can teach our children to value community and prayer, and we can teach our community that our children are our present and our future.

We hope to work together with families to bring the essence of TBZ to our children. We trust that families will bring significant Jewish practice into their homes and *Beit Rabban* will do its best to provide engaging materials and family education for this purpose. We wish you a year of health and happiness.

Reb Moshe Waldoks, Rav Claudia Kreiman and Suzie Schwartz

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TBZ Mission Statement and Who We Are

Our Mission Statement (2007)

TBZ is an inclusive, dynamic Jewish congregation whose members are committed to each other, to joyful, participatory worship, and to Torah study, spiritual growth, and the pursuit of social justice.

Who We Are (excerpted from the 2000 Mission Statement)

Who We Are

We are a diverse, caring, joyful, and informal community sensitive to the spiritual needs of adults and families. With the guidance of our Rabbis, we create a rich, thought-provoking service. We practice a spiritual Judaism that is both traditional and innovative.

Community

We are open to alternative Jewish thinking.

We are soulful, enthusiastic, and committed.

We are more interested in who you are than in what you do for a living.

We seek to increase our opportunities for social action.

We are an independent Jewish community embracing the best that all denominations offer.

We are emerging and perplexed in the most positive of ways.

Worship

We are Shabbat-centered.

We are attentive when we pray.

We enjoy the creative weaving of Hebrew and English in our prayers and Torah chanting.

We add songs, music, chants and contemplative meditation to our traditional *davening*.

We embrace each other through our group *aliyot*.

We are inspired by our rabbis' continual teachings throughout our services.

Adult Education

We thirst for Jewish learning.

We wish to grow through ongoing education, with our fellow congregants and within our shul.

We learn from each other through active lay participation.

Families with Children

We provide families with meaningful Jewish learning experiences, both formal and informal, within our synagogue and in the larger community.

Participation

We are an active, not a passive, congregation.

We participate in the life of the shul, and we vary in the ways we do so.

As we grow, we strive to maintain intimacy and connectedness by creating small groups within our community.

We are a place that both CHANGES YOU and is CHANGED BY YOU.

Beit Rabban Staff

Rav Claudia Kreiman (ravclaudia@tbzbrookline.org) Rabbi Claudia Kreiman is TBZ's Associate Rabbi and has been at TBZ since September 2007. She grew up in Santiago, Chile. In 1996, she moved to Israel and entered the Rabbinical School of the Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies, the Israeli Conservative Seminary, where she was ordained in 2002. After ordination, Rav Claudia became the Rabbi for NOAM, the Masorti-Conservative Youth Movement in Israel. She was also a Rabbinic Fellow of B'nei Jeshurun, New York. In addition, she helped to build *Hokhmat Halev*, a spiritual community for secular Israelis in Ramat Hasharon, Israel. Prior to TBZ, Rav Claudia was the Jewish Studies director at JCDS in Watertown, MA. She is married to Rabbi Ebn Leader and they have a daughter, Alma.

Suzie Schwartz – Beit Rabban Coordinator (beitrabban@tbzbrookline.org) Suzie is honored to be the new *Beit Rabban* coordinator. Suzie is currently a rabbinical student at Hebrew College in Boston. Prior to rabbinical school, Suzie received a MA in Jewish Thought from the University of Chicago Divinity School, a BA in Jewish Philosophy from the Jewish Theological Seminary and a BA in American history from Columbia University. Suzie has also been a Jewish educator since college, teaching in synagogues and communities in New York City, Chicago and now Boston. Suzie is active in numerous local Jewish organizations, including Keshet, a grassroots organization dedicated to creating a fully inclusive Jewish community for GLBTQ Jews. Suzie is passionate about Torah, Jewish creativity, social justice and her new wife JoJo.

Joanna Lubkin - Ktanim I Teacher (K-1st grade) (yonaruth@gmail.com) Joanna is thrilled to continue working with Ktanim this year. Joanna has previously substituted at Temple Emanuel's religious school (kindergarten, first, and second grade) and taught music at the JCC in Worcester. She spends her days studying at Hebrew College Rabbinical School, and is looking forward to Wednesday afternoons' joyful singing, learning, and story times. She will also be leading our Efrochim Tfilot at TBZ.

Micah Shapiro – Ktanim II Teacher (2nd – 3rd grade) (shapiro.micah@gmail.com) Micah is a rabbinical student at Hebrew College. In addition to teaching at Beit Rabban, Micah also teaches Jewish history, Jewish ethics, and Hebrew at the Sunday School for Jewish Studies in Newton. This past summer, he was the lower camp music director at the JCC Kaleidoscope Arts and Science Camp. Micah is also an active musician outside of teaching, having toured and recorded with multiple groups. He graduated from McGill University with a bachelors degree in Sociology. Micah's family lives in Israel and he has been there more times than he can count. He is excited to bring his spirit and mind to the TBZ community.

Laura Held - Tzeirim Teacher (4th -5th grade) (lauraeheld@gmail.com) Laura is really excited to continuing being part of the Beit Rabban teaching staff, now working with older students! She hails from Massachusetts and has lived in the Boston area since 1999. Laura studied abroad at Tel Aviv University in 2002, and from '03-'04 she learned at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. In 2008-2009 she was a teacher at Temple Israel in Longwood teaching 2nd graders. Before coming back to Boston, Laura lived at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center in CT, first as an Adamah: The Jewish Environmental Fellowship fellow and then as the *mashgichah* (kosher supervisor). She is now living in Needham and will be starting her second year studying at a master's program in Agriculture, Food, and Environment at Tufts University's School of Nutrition Science and Policy.

Becky Wexler - Bnei Mitzvah Teacher (6th – 7th grade) (beckywex@yahoo.com) Becky Wexler is a cantorial student at Hebrew College and a klezmer clarinetist who performs throughout the United States and Canada. She has tutored B'nai Mitzvah students since the age of 15 and has enjoyed working in many different capacities in various synagogues in the Boston area. She looks forward to her second year of learning with TBZ! Becky leads also our Tzeirim/Bnei Mitzvah Tfilot at TBZ!

Miriam Diamond – Hebrew Specialist (diamond.mir@lycos.com) Miriam Rosalyn Diamond is a Jewish educator who has studied in the U.S. and Israel. She holds a Ph.D. in Education, with coursework in Hebrew, Judaic Studies and supporting people who learn differently. Miriam has deep expertise leading children, adults and families on explorations of Judaism and its relevance to our lives. She has published books and articles on effective teaching, promoting religious literacy and fostering ethical awareness. Miriam is eager to engage all Beit Rabban students in developing greater facility and confidence with the Hebrew language.

General Judaica¹ Goals for Each Group Level for 5772 (2011-2012)

Group Level Names:

- Ktantanim I (KT I)– Grades K and 1st
- Ktantanim II –(KTII) Grades 2nd and 3rd
- Tzeirim (TZ)– Grade 4th and 5th
- Bnei Mitzvah (BM)– 6th and 7th

Below is the 5772 curriculum. As students stay for two years in each level, we have carefully designed a bi-annual curriculum that exposes students to our culture, tradition, celebrations and *tfilot*. Each level has its own primary focus and objectives, and integrated throughout all levels there is study of the Jewish Holidays, which is an intrinsic part of our program. Following the description of General Judaica Goals for each group level for this year, you will find a brief description of our Jewish Holidays curriculum and its different areas of focus across each level of the Beit Rabban curriculum.

We also invite you to look at the general curriculum for all *Yeladim* programs found at the end of this booklet (page 14).

KT I: Sacred Time and Space – Holidays, the Synagogue and Ritual Objects

In *Ktantanim I*, students will explore how Jews at TBZ and around the world celebrate holidays and Shabbat with a focus on the stories and values of each holiday and the rituals of each celebration. As students learn about the weekly and yearly cycle, they will discover and explore basic Jewish ideas and how these ideas are expressed through rituals and other actions, behaviors and prayers that make each celebration special and meaningful. A special focus is given to Shabbat, which will be touched upon several times during the year. This will emphasize to the students that Shabbat is not something that happens only once, but happens every week, all year long, and is special and different from the Jewish holidays.

Additionally, throughout the year the *ktantanim* students will explore TBZ and what it means to be a part of a synagogue. The students will also discover the Torah and what makes it so special to the Jewish people and will have a chance to see a Torah scroll up close. Finally, at the end of the year, the students will explore Jewish ritual items and other objects and see how these objects are a part of living a Jewish life.

Throughout all our units, students will have fun with new songs, learning through art and experiencing the holidays and the synagogue through interactive games and activities

Through this exploration of Jewish celebrations, rituals and objects the students will learn more about what it means to be a Jew at synagogue and a Jew in their homes, and most importantly, will begin to build and discover their own Jewish identities

KT II: Sipurei Ha-Torah: from Shmot (Exodus) through D'varim (Deuteronomy)

In *Ktantanim II*, students focus on the themes of Jewish peoplehood, holiness and covenant and what it means to be a part of the Jewish people. Understanding the challenges of coming together as a people, defining and finding holiness in our lives, and recognizing the significance of a covenant is not a simple exercise.

However, as our *Ktantanim II* students continue (or begin) their study of Torah with an emphasis on major themes in the books of *Shmot* (Exodus), *Vayikra* (Leviticus), *B'midbar* (Numbers) and *Devarim* (Deuteronomy), they will begin to grapple with these ideas, while learning important Jewish stories and exploring their own Jewish identities.

A special focus will be on retention and comprehension of Torah stories retold at grade level and exercises that emphasize the values and characters in each story. Throughout the year, students will gain skills that will help them become active readers of text.

¹ This curriculum does not include Hebrew, please see page 8 for the Hebrew curriculum.

TZ: Neviim (Prophets) and Social Justice

The *Tzeirim* curriculum focuses on Jewish values and ethics as modeled through the leadership and idealism of the Israelite prophets. The primary goal is to examine the role of prophecy in the Tanakh and draw practical conclusions that will inform the students' growing Jewish identity and sense of themselves as actors and movers for positive change in the world. Secondly, through reading prophetic texts the students will build important text skills in both English and Hebrew.

In addition to the prophecy curriculum, fourth and fifth graders also study texts, ideas and values relating to the holiday cycle, Jewish liturgy, Jewish practice and Israel that help them to find greater meaning in and facility with Jewish ritual and tradition. Throughout the year, the fourth and fifth grade students will learn about these different areas of Jewish tradition and practice through the lens social justice values and activism. Additional emphasis will be given to understanding modern issues in social justice and activism and the Jewish values that help inform our action in the world. Through text, art and experiential education, students will learn how to become prophets – Jewish actors for social change.

BM: How to Make Judaism Our Own

The *B'nei mitzvah* curriculum is an integrated exploration of Jewish text, Jewish history, and Jewish identity in different ways throughout the year. Throughout our different curricular focuses, we will be exploring the question of Jewish identity and peoplehood, giving the *b'nai mitzvah* students ample opportunity to explore their own Judaism and find community at TBZ and looking towards the broader Jewish world.

Through an integrated text curriculum, we will explore our own identities through the lens of Jewish Peoplehood as we looked at the relationship between memory (history and historical experience), *mishpachah* (family; our obligation to one another), covenant (our connection to other Jews), *makom* (place; specifically the land of Israel) and language (Hebrew).

Also, as we explore the history and ritual of each holiday, special focus will be given to how we wish to celebrate each holiday – building our Jewish identity through practical exploration and discussion in addition to our text studies.

At the end of the year each student will learn how to write a *D'var Torah*, with support given to our seventh grade students. Additionally, all students will complete an independent project that helps them build their skills while engaging in *Torah Lishma*.

NOTE: These goals can only be achieved if students regularly attend *Beit Rabban* classes and also participate in other age-appropriate activities offered by TBZ outside of *Beit Rabban*, i.e. Family Education programs, community & family holiday celebrations, *Yeladim* services, *B'nei Mitzvah* family classes, BBYO teen programming, etc.

Holiday Curriculum at Beit Rabban

Several classes this year in each group level will be dedicated to learn about the Jewish Holidays. The Holidays we will learn about include: *Yamim Noraim* (High Holidays), *Sukot*, *Simchat Torah*, *Hanukah*, *Tu B'Shvat*, *Purim*, *Pesach*, *Yom Ha'atzmaut* (Israel Independence Day), *Lag Ba'omer* & *Shavuot*.

Each group level will focus on a different aspect of the Holidays:

Ktantanim I: How and why we celebrate the holidays.

Ktantanim II: How can I celebrate the holidays as a member of the larger Jewish community

Tzeirim: What are the social justice values associated with the holidays?

Bnei Mitzvah: What do these holidays mean for me as I am entering Jewish adulthood?

Students in all levels will learn or/and practice songs, prayers and rituals connected to the Holidays.

Hebrew Curriculum at *Beit Rabban*

We understand individual students within each group level have different levels of familiarity and comfort with the Hebrew language. To address these students' varying needs, *Beit Rabban* chose to adopt the **Mitkadem** Curriculum developed by URJ. We believe this program will engage and motivate each student to achieve the level of Hebrew he or she is committed to - at a pace which suits that individual student.

A Self-Paced Approach:

The **Mitkadem** program was conceived to allow for students to work at their own pace. The curriculum materials and activities will be utilized by students within their classroom; all students will work simultaneously on their individualized Mitkadem program under the attentive guidance of their group level teacher.

Benefits of this program include:

- Motivated and knowledgeable students can proceed quickly through the material. They will feel accomplished and understand that Jewish study can be challenging and stimulating.
- Students who have more difficulty with Hebrew will feel good about and grounded in what they do accomplish in their own time. They need not feel "left behind" or self-conscious about not being able to keep up with traditional class lessons.
- If a few students do fall behind or want to progress more quickly, they can do work at home with no disadvantage to those students who do not do work at home.

We encourage parents to take advantage of this approach for their own Hebrew knowledge.

A Comprehensive Approach to Hebrew:

In order to develop enduring understanding in students, a synagogue Hebrew program must be more than classroom workbook activities! In successfully learning to decode Hebrew and to practice Jewish prayer and ritual, students must have opportunities to read, listen to, and pronounce Hebrew words. Therefore, a comprehensive school program is only complete if students participate in *tfillah* (prayer) and use blessings and Hebrew words in the classroom, at shul, and at home. Also, teachers will develop a Hebrew curriculum with consultation with our Hebrew specialist that integrates Hebrew skills from Mitkadem with their primary curricular goals.

Practice—as in Routine:

Eventually, students must become independent of the school in order to make Jewish practice and living a real part of their lives. Students have to see and hear information and behavior outside of the classroom context for it to be viewed as valuable to everyday living. Parents and the home are essential to this endeavor. *Beit Rabban* will offer opportunities for parental involvement and education, homework, and application of material learned outside of the classroom.

How the Mitkadem Hebrew program will work at TBZ:

At the beginning of the year, teachers will assess their students' Hebrew level so each student can start the program at their own *Ramah* (level). The Mitkadem program includes 23 *Ramot* and they offer packages for each level. *Ktantanim* I will not use Mitkadem at the beginning of the year, but we will assess midyear.

TBZ will have packages available for students and will bill parent as students' progress and change *Ramot*. *Ramah* 1 and 2 cost \$9.45 each + shipping, *Ramah* 3 to 23 cost \$7.25 each + shipping. All students are also required to buy the Helpers Kit (\$17.95 + shipping) as the books relate to it. TBZ will order the materials, and students will receive the books and Helpers Kits in class and families will be billed accordingly.

Hebrew Specialist:

Miriam Diamond is our Hebrew Learning Specialist. She will assess each students' level of Hebrew reading, writing, comprehension and speaking. This will enable us to benchmark each their level and progress toward meeting learning outcomes. Miriam will also work individually with students who benefit from one-to-one instruction. If your son or daughter learns differently and might benefit from individualized language instruction as part of their Beit Rabban experience, please let her know. Also, please share copies of IEP documents, as that will help Miriam and the classroom teachers plan lessons to maximize your child's learning. Miriam can be reached at: diamond.mir@lycos.com.

Zman Beyachad (“Time Together”)

Once a month the whole *Beit Rabban* Program will gather together for the last fifteen minutes of the class, led by Rav Claudia, with frequent visits from Reb Moshe. *Zman Beyachad* will be held on the Wednesday closest to *Rosh Hodesh*. In this way we will celebrate as a community the beginning of the new month. Rav Claudia will teach songs and share teachings with the whole *Beit Rabban* community. Parents are invited and encouraged to join us.

Beit Rabban Class Schedule

Two hours is very little time to accomplish all the goals and learning that we would like. This is why we encourage you to bring your child on time so we can begin promptly at 4:00pm. Each week, two thirds of all available time will be given to our primary curriculum goals, while the remaining time will be focused on an integrated Hebrew curriculum. Once a month classes will gather for *Zman Beyachad* at 5:45. Classes always end at 6pm.

Attendance

If we are to meet our aims of transforming a classroom of children into a community of learners, and give our children a quality Jewish education, regular attendance is essential. We realize some absences are unavoidable, but missing class is a loss for the student and the community. If a student has frequent absences or misses 2 classes in a row, the *Beit Rabban* coordinator will contact the family to attend to the matter.

Attending other programs offered by TBZ is strongly recommended as we can only meet our goals if students and families are actively committed to learning and living Jewishly. (See the attached Yeladim calendar for program dates.)

Homework

Children lead very busy and often stressful lives. The trend in contemporary education is to give children far greater amounts of homework at far younger ages than ever before. We have tried to create a workable schedule for *Beit Rabban*, taking into account the busy lives we all lead. However, a quality Jewish education must include Hebrew literacy. In an effort to keep *Beit Rabban* class time at a manageable level for families and to promote Hebrew literacy, we have adopted the **Mitkadem** Curriculum (please see above) that combines Hebrew education in the classroom with Hebrew learning in the home. It is a self-paced, modular program that will be part of the weekly classes and will require some time spent at home.

We will be also sending at least once a month, “family homework”. A question, a small project, or something else that the family will be encourage to work on together.

Arrival & Pick-Up

We hope that parents will make every effort to ensure their child arrives to and is picked up from TBZ on time. Please note that a *Beit Rabban* staff member will remain with the children until all students have been picked up, but we want to avoid situations that repeatedly require a child to wait for a tardy parent at the conclusion of classes.

If you must take your child out of class early, please be sure to send a note with your child.

Guests

We encourage our students and families to talk about our program to their friends who may be potential *Beit Rabban* students. With advance notice to the Beit Rabban Coordinator and the teacher, potential students can sit in on a class as a guest. Since visitors to the classroom change the dynamics of the classroom for both children and teachers, guests will be limited to no more than two visits unless prior arrangements are made with the *Beit Rabban* Coordinator.

Food/Snack

Each family is encouraged to send their child with a healthy snack each week. Snack should be dairy/vegetarian. We will no longer be organizing snack for the entire class, but we will have crackers and juice for anyone who does not have a snack on that day.

Safety & Health

- Safety is a primary concern to everyone at TBZ. Please be sure that your child's emergency and medical information form is complete and updated.
- Students are not permitted to be out of the classroom without permission of the teacher, and they may not enter a classroom without a teacher's supervision.
- When a child is hurt or sick at *Beit Rabban*, a parent will always be called.
- By law, we may only apply bandages, soap and water, and ice to any wounds. No medication may be given.
- If an injury occurs in which we feel it is necessary for the child to receive emergency medical attention, the paramedics will be called immediately.
- If your child becomes ill during class, we may call you to come pick him/her up as quickly as possible.
- *Beit Rabban* staff will take what measures it can to comfort a child when he/she is not feeling well; staff may, after conferring with a parent on the phone, return him/her to class.

Communication

Regular contact between parents, teachers and the coordinator is a key factor to the success of our program. Whenever you have a question or concern, please stop by, email (beitrabban@tbzbrookline.org) or leave a message from the *Beit Rabban* coordinator at 617-566-8171 x20 (Suzie works part time and she will be checking messages a couple of time a week and will get back to parents). Teachers will also send out bi-weekly e-mails informing parents about classes and homework so you can assist us in providing students with the best education possible.

Progress cards will be issued two times yearly, in December and in June This will include a summary of what has been covered in class, as well as some of the teacher's insights into your child's Jewish learning and growth.

Code of Conduct

We are committed to offering our students a quality Jewish Education. To this end, every teacher will establish a classroom *Brit*, or covenant outlining the basic rules of conduct for the classroom on the first day of class. Teachers will engage students in the drafting of these rules and in discussing what the code of conduct will look like and sound like in their classroom. Copies of this *Brit* will be sent home to all parents as well.

Every effort will be made by the teacher to resolve a student's behavioral issues in the classroom. However, if a child continues to have difficulty following the classroom *Brit* and the classroom learning environment is being disrupted, parents will be asked to meet with the *Beit Rabban* coordinator to determine an appropriate course of action.

Snow days

We live in Boston, so ahead of us a beautiful white winter. In case of a snowstorm, if Brookline schools close, we close (even if the storm ends during the day). If snow begins in the afternoon, if the TBZ office closes, *Beit Rabban* will be closed too. **Please call TBZ' snow line: 617-566-8171 ext 16.**

Tzedakah

The values of social justice and *tikkun olam* will be infused in everything we do at *Beit Rabban*. As such, we encourage your child to bring a small amount of *tzedakah* money each week to *Beit Rabban* classes to put in our *tzedakah* box. At the beginning of the year, students, teachers and parents will decide together where the year's *tzedakah* will go. At the end of the year, teachers and students will work together to send off the collected *tzedakah* and organize a trip and active social justice experience for all students.

Yeladim Calendar for 2011 – 2012

(This is a complete listing and includes all programs, though some dates may be subject to changes, consult the website at www.tbzbrookline.org for updated program listing and any schedule changes. **Beit Rabban students are strongly encouraged to participate in these program to enhance their learning and Jewish literacy.**)

Listing by Program Type:

1. *Beit Rabban* – Wednesdays 4:00-6pm
2. *T'filot Yeladim* – Shabbat: (twice monthly) all at 11:30am-12:15pm
 - *Efrochim* (babies, toddlers & preschool & K) with Joanna Lubkin
 - *Ktantanim* (1st-4th) with Suzie Schwartz
 - *T'zeirim & Bnei Mitzvah* (5th-7th) with Becky Wexler
3. Family Education program – once a month, 10:30am-12:00pm (up to 5th grade)
4. *Bnei Mitzvah* group (6th-7th) – once a month at 1pm -- Shabbat with Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia
5. *Bnei Mitzvah* and BBYO programs group (6th – 10th) – once a month on Sunday afternoon.

Date	Program	Time
9/16/11	Friday Night Service @ 1550	5:00 PM
10/15/11	Babysitting	10:30 AM-12:30 PM
9/18/11	Sunday Program: Rosh Hashanah + Adult Learning	10:30 AM-12:00 PM
9/18/11	Kickoff BBYO Program at TBZ 6th and up (teens!)	4:00-6:00 PM
9/21/11	Beit Rabban – <i>Zman Beyachad</i>	4:00-6:00 PM
9/24/11	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30 AM-12:15 PM
9/24/11	B'nei Mitzvah Group	1:00 PM
9/25/11	Sunday Program: Deliveries at 1550	10:00 AM
9/28/11	No Class- Beit Rabban <i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	
9/29-30	<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	
9/29/11	Rosh Hashanah First Day: Yeladim Services - <i>Efrochim & Ktantanim</i>	10-11 AM
9/29/11	Rosh Hashanah First Day: Yeladim Services - <i>Tzeirim & Bnei Mitzvah</i>	11:30-12:30
10/5/11	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
10/7/11	<i>Erev Yom Kippur</i>	
10/8/11	Yom Kippur: Yeladim Services - <i>Efrochim & Ktantanim</i>	10-11 AM
	Yom Kippur: Yeladim Services - <i>Tzeirim & Bnei Mitzvah</i>	11:30 AM-12:30 PM
10/12/11	<i>Erev Sukkot</i> Beit Rabban – Special Sukkot Program	4:00-6:00 PM
10/15/11	Babysitting	10:30 AM-12:30 PM
10/16/11	Sunday Program: Sukkot Program & Adult Learning	10:30 AM -12 PM
10/16/11	Sunday Program for Bnei Mitzvah & TC & BBYO: Sukkot	5:30-7:00 PM
10/19/11	No Class- Beit Rabban <i>Hoshanah Rabbah</i> <i>Erev Shmini Atzeret</i>	
10/20/11	<i>Shmini Atzeret</i> <i>Simchat Torah</i> <i>Simchat Torah</i> Program, prior to Service ¹¹⁻	5:30 PM

10/22/11	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30 AM -12:15 PM
10/22/11	B'nei Mitzvah Group	1:00 PM
10/26/11	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
10/28/11	Friday Night Service @ 1550	5:00 PM
10/29/11	Babysitting	10:30 AM -12:30 PM
11/2/11	Beit Rabban – <i>Zman Beyachad</i>	4:00-6:00 PM
11/5/11	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30 AM-12:15 PM
11/9/11	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
11/12/11	Babysitting	10:30 AM -12:30 PM
11/12/11	6th graders: Havdalah & movie	6:00 PM
11/13/11	Sunday Program: Pottery Workshop	10:30 AM -12:30 PM
11/13/11	Sunday Program: TC & BBYO	5:30-7:00 PM
11/16/11	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
11/19/11	Shabbat Family Service	11 AM -12:30 PM
11/19/11	B'nei Mitzvah Group	1:00 PM
11/23/11	<i>No Class- Beit Rabban Pre- Thanksgiving</i>	
11/24/11	Thanksgiving	
11/30/11	Beit Rabban - <i>Zman Beyachad</i>	4:00-6:00 PM
12/3/11	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30 AM -12:15 PM
12/7/11	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
12/9/11	Friday Night Service @ 1550	5:00 PM
12/10/11	Babysitting	10:30 AM-12:30 PM
12/11/11	BBYO & TC Mitzvah Proj - Cradles to Crayons	morning
12/14/11	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
12/17/11	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30 AM-12:15 PM
12/17/11	B'nei Mitzvah Group	1:00 PM
12/18/11	Sunday Program: Deliveries at 1550	10:00 AM
12/21/11	Beit Rabban- <i>Zman Beyachad</i>	4:00-6:00 PM
12/24/11	Babysitting	10:30 AM-12:30 PM
12/25/11	Sunday Program: Hanukah Party & Adult Learning &TC & BBYO (FOR ALL AGES)	3-5 PM
12/28/11	<i>No Class- Beit Rabban Christmas-New Year Break</i>	
1/4/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
1/7/12	Babysitting	10:30 AM-12:30 PM
1/11/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
1/14/12	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30 AM-12:15 PM
1/16/12	TC & BBYO MLK Service Day	TBA
1/18/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
1/20/12	Friday Night Service @ 1550 followed by Family Dinner	5:00 PM
1/21/12	Babysitting	10:30-12:30
1/22/12	Sunday Program: Mitzvah Day	TBD
1/22/12	6th graders: Visit to Mayyim Hayim	5:00 -6:30 PM
1/25/12	Beit Rabban- <i>Zman Beyachad</i>	4:00-6:00 PM
1/28/12	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30-12:15
1/28/12	B'nei Mitzvah Group	1:00 PM

1/29/12	TC & BBYO Program	5:30-7:00 PM
2/1/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
2/4/12	Babysitting	10:30 AM-12:30 PM
2/5/12	Sunday Program: Family Tu B'shvat Seder	10:30 AM -12 PM
2/8/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
2/11/12	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30 AM -12:15 PM
2/11/12	B'nei Mitzvah Group	1:00 PM
2/11/12	Teen Shabbat: Shabbat Parshat Yitro	10:00 AM -12:30 PM
2/15/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
2/18/12	Babysitting	10:30 AM -12:30 PM
2/22/12	<i>No Class- Beit Rabban Winter Break</i>	
2/29/12	Beit Rabban- <i>Zman Beyachad</i>	4:00-6:00 PM
3/3/12	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30 AM -12:15 PM
3/3/12	B'nei Mitzvah Group	1:00 PM
3/4/12	Sunday Program: Purim Prep for all TBZ & Adult Learning & Deliveries at 1550, Gr 6 Hamantashen Baking	1-5 PM
3/7/12	Beit Rabban: Purim Program Prior to Megillah Reading	4:00-6:00 PM
3/9/12	Friday Night Service @ 1550	5:00 PM
3/10/12	Babysitting	10:30 AM -12:30 PM
3/11/12	TC & BBYO Program	5:30-7:00 PM
3/14/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
3/16-18/2012	4th Annual Retreat	ALL WEEKEND
3/21/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
3/24/12	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30 AM -12:15 PM
3/28/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
3/31/12	Babysitting	10:30 AM -12:30 PM
4/1/12	Deliveries at 1550 & Family Pesach Seder	10:00 AM -12:00 PM
4/4/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
4/11/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
4/14/12	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30 AM -12:15 PM
4/14/12	B'nei Mitzvah Group	1:00 PM
4/18/12	<i>Spring Break No Class- Beit Rabban</i>	
4/21/12	Babysitting	10:30 AM -12:30 PM
4/25/12	Beit Rabban- <i>Zman Beyachad</i>	4:00-6:00 PM
4/28/12	Shabbat Family Service	11 AM -12:30 AM
4/29/12	TC & BBYO Program	5:30-7:00 PM
4/29/12	6th graders: Tzitzit workshop	5:30-7:00 PM
5/2/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
5/5/12	Babysitting	10:30 AM -12:30 PM
5/6/12	Walk for Hunger for All incl. Bnei Mitzvah & BBYO	AM
5/9/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
5/11/12	Friday Night Service @ 1550 followed by Family Dinner	5:00 PM
5/12/12	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30 AM -12:15 PM
5/12/12	B'nei Mitzvah Group	1:00 PM
5/16/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
5/19/12	Babysitting	10:30 AM -12:30 PM
5/20/12	Sunday Program: Shavuot program & Adult Learning	10:30 AM -12 PM

5/20/12	Bnei Mitzvah, TC & BBYO: Program	5:30-7:00 PM
5/23/12	Beit Rabban- <i>Zman Beyachad</i>	4:00-6:00 PM
5/30/12	Beit Rabban	4:00-6:00 PM
6/2/12	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30 AM -12:15 PM
6/6/12	Beit Rabban – End of Year activity!	4:00-6:00 PM
6/9/12	Babysitting	10:30 AM -12:30 PM
6/10/12	Sunday Program: End of year picnic for Yeladim, 6th, TC & BBYO	10:30 AM -12:30 PM
6/16/12	Tefilot Yeladim Shabbat	11:30 AM -12:15 PM
6/16/12	B'nei Mitzvah Group	1:00 PM
6/23/12	Babysitting	10:30-12:30

Judaica² Curriculum at TBZ Yeladim Programs

Age Group	Theme at Beit Rabban ³	Tfilot Yeladim ⁴	Family Ed
<i>preschool</i>		Shabbat songs and tfilot + stories of Parshat Hashavua	Holidays celebration ⁵
K & 1st Year 1	Holidays + Shabbat	Shabbat songs and tfilot + Parshat Hashavua ⁶	
K & 1st Year 2	The Year Cycle + Synagogue & more Shabbat		
2nd & 3rd Year 1	Sipurei Ha-Torah: from Abraham to Joseph (Bereshit)		
2nd-3rd Year 2	Sipurei Ha-Torah: from Egypt to Israel (Shmot +)		
4th & 5th Year 1	Mitzvoth Bein Adam Lechavero ⁷ & Gmilut Chasadim ⁸	The Siddur: How to manage “the blue book”.	Bnei Mitzvah program with the Rabbis and BBYO.
4th & 5th Year 2	Prophets, Prophecy and Social Justice	The different components of shacharit: learning the words, choreography, meaning and tunes.	
6th & 7th Year 1	Torah and Midrash, Tfilah & Theology Bemitzvotav project: 13 mitzvot (torah, avodah, gmilut chasadim) ⁹	Parshat Hashavua	
6th & 7th Year 2	Bar/Bat Mitzvah skills.		

² TBZ uses the “**Mitkadem Hebrew Curriculum**”. You can read all about the curriculum at <http://urj.org/learning/teacheducate/hebrew/mitkadem/index.cfm?>

³ Specific themes for the year, for each class. See separated goals for each year. Does not include Holidays. See separate Holidays curriculum, all classes will learn the Holidays from a different perspective.

⁴ See separate detailed curriculum.

⁵ Family Ed program from Efrachim and Ktantanim includes experiential learning of Holidays and other themes with parents. Please see separate program for the year.

⁶ Children will learn the concept of Parshat Hashavua and they will focus on learning about each parasha. The Ktantanim Tfilat yeladim will be more sophisticated than the Efrachim tfilah (prior level), in its level of content and performance.

⁷ Mitzvoth between people.

⁸ Acts of Loving-kindness.

⁹ Students will choose 13 mitzvot to perform from three different categories. Ideas and guidance will be given to students. Students will be asked to journal about this mitzvot- material that will be used in their Bnei Mitzvah Divrei Torah. Bnei Mitzvah children who do not participate in the Beit Rabban program will be expected to participate in the Bemitzvotav project in their own (with the guidance of their tutors/parents).

YELADIM CALENDAR by Program 2011-2012/ 5772**Tfilot Yeladim- Shabbat : ALL services 11:30-12:15pm***Efrochim (preschool and Kindergarten) with Joanna: Chapel**Ktantanim (1st grade- 4th grade) with Suzje: 3rd floor**Tzeirim & Bnei Mitzvah (5th-7th grade) with Becky: Community room*

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| • September 24 | • February 11 |
| • October 22 | • March 3 |
| • November 5 | • March 24 |
| • November 19: <u>(Family service in the Sanctuary 11-12:30 for all!)</u> | • April 14 |
| • December 3 | • April 28: <u>(Family service in the Sanctuary 11-12:30 for all!)</u> |
| • December 17 | • May 12 |
| • January 14 | • June 2 |
| • January 28 | • June 16 |

Friday night early service at 1550, 5pm (Shabbat with our neighbors at 1550 with a children friendly kabbalat shabbat)

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| • September 16 | • March 9 |
| • October 28 | • May 11 <u>(followed by Family Dinner, at TBZ, registration required)</u> |
| • December 9 | |
| • January 20 <u>(followed by Family Dinner, at TBZ, registration required)</u> | |

Bnei Mitzvah group (6th and 7th graders) Shabbat 1pm with Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia

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Yeladim Sunday programs: Efrochim & Ktantanim & Tzeirim (up to 5th graders) including Adult Learning

This year Sunday programs will have three different components in it. Five of our meetings will include a 45 minutes of class for adults as the children enjoy their own program. We will have also a Tikkun Olam component, which will include volunteering at 1550 and other places TBD.

- **September 18: 10:30-12:00:** Rosh Hashanah program for kids & Adult learning session
- **September 25: 10 AM:** deliveries at 1550 (to confirm)
- **October 16: 10:30-12:00:** Sukkot program for kids & Adult learning session
- **November 13: 10:30-12:30** Pottery workshop with Sasha (to confirm)
- **December 18: 10AM:** deliveries at 1550
- **December 25: 3-5pm** Hanukah Party including Adult learning session
- **January 22: Time TBD:** Mitzvah Day
- **February 5: 10:30-12:00** Family Tu B'shvat Seder
- **March 4: 1-5PM:** Purim prep - program for kids & Adult learning session & 1550 deliveries
- **April 1: 10:00-12:00:** 1550 deliveries & Family Pesach Seder
- **May 6: AM:** Walk for Hunger
- **May 20: 10:30-12:00:** Shavuot program: program for kids & Adult learning session
- **June 10: 10:30-12:30:** end of year picnic

Other events:

High Holidays Yeladim services: Rosh Hashanah first day: September 29 (children will be brought to the Sanctuary to hear the Shofar) and Yom Kippur day, October 8.

10-11am: preschool and kindergarten with Joanna – 3rd floor

10:11 am: first to 4th grade with Suzie – Community Room

11:30-12:30: 5th to 7th grade with Suzie – Community Room

Simchat Torah program for kids prior to the service: October 20, time TBA

Teen Shabbat: Shabbat Parshat Yitro, February 11.

Purim program prior to megillah reading as part of Beit Rabban class: March 7.

4th Annual Retreat: March 16-18, 2012

Sunday programs for Bnei Mitzvah group and BBYO: 3 groups: 6th grades; TC (BBYO teen connection): 7th and 8th; BBYO chapter: 9th and up (8th graders can join starting in January).

6th graders will meet monthly with Rav Claudia, joining at times the TC

TC (BBYO teen connection - 7th and 8th graders), will meet monthly with Casey and BBYO staff, joining at times BBYO.

BBYO Brookline chapter (to be) will meet twice a month, one on the Sunday of TC & on a day TBD by the teens.

September 18: kickoff BBYO program at TBZ! 6th and up!

4-6pm – Kickoff pool party!

October 16: **Sukkot program 5:30-7:00pm (6th, TC & BBYO)**

November 12 (Saturday): 6pm havdalah and movie (6th), place TBD

November 13: **program 5:30-7:00pm (TC & BBYO)**

December 11: **morning: BBYO mitzvah project at Cradles to Crayon (details TBA) (TC & BBYO)**

December 25: **Hanukah Party 3-5pm for all TBZ (with special programs for 6th, TC & BBYO)**

January 16: **Martin Luther King Service Day- (TC & BBYO) (details TBA)**

January 22: **5:00-6:30pm Visit to Mayyim Hayyim (6th)**

January 29: **program 5:30-7:00pm (TC & BBYO)**

March 4: **Purim prep for all TBZ (6th graders: hamentashen baking & 1550 deliveries)**

March 11: **program 5:30-7:00pm (TC & BBYO)**

April 29: **tzititz workshop 5:30-7:00pm (6th); program 5:30-7:00pm (TC & BBYO)**

May 6: **morning: Walk for Hunger for all.**

May 20: **program 5:30-7:00pm (6th, TC & BBYO)**

June 10: **end of year picnic 10:30-12:30 (6th, TC & BBYO)**

Babysitting: 10:30am- 12:30pm, 3rd floor (please check High Holidays schedule for High Holidays babysitting details).

September 17	February 4,18
October 15,29	March 10, 31
November 12	April 21
December 10, 24	May 5, 19
January 7, 21	June 9, 23

Beit Rabban dates (Wednesdays 4-6pm):

September 21	February 1, 8, 15, 29
October 5, 12, 26	March 7, 14, 21, 28
November 2, 9, 16, 30	April 4, 11, 25
December 7, 14, 21	May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
January 4, 11, 18, 25	June 6