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Rabbi's Message

Reb Moshe Waldoks

Dear Haverim and Haverot,

On the evening of May 18 we will begin the

observance of Shavuot, the second of the three pilgrimage Festivals. In the times of the *Beyt HaMikdash* in *Yerushalayim* festival pilgrims flowed to offer their *bikkurim*, their first fruits of the early summer harvest, as a sign of thanksgiving for their bounty.

At the second Seder we began the seven-week counting of the barley portion (*omer*) brought to the Temple daily. *Shavuot* is, in a way, the completion of the agricultural season that begins with *Pesach*. *Shavuot* is call the *Hag HaAtzeret*, the Festival of Assembly, and like the 8th day of *Sukkot*, *Shemini Atzeret*, the 8th day of Assembly—it bids farewell to farmers until the fall harvest, as did the 8th day of assembly bid them farewell until the following *Pesach*.

In light of the dangers to our climate and the future of the planet we are coming to re-assess our place within the natural world. We, too, as our ancestors, desire attunement to the cycles of our planet. To that end we have the interweaving of the saga of liberation and covenant within this ecological structure.

Over the layers of our agricultural past—our deep connection to the Land and its cycles—we placed the historical dimension: *Pesach*—the exodus from *Mitzrayim* leads to *Shavuot*—the giving of the Torah at Sinai. Our observance of *Shavuot* begins with an all-night vigil of learning (*tikkun ley! Shavuot*) and a sunrise service.



The freedom of *Pesach* is modulated by the giving of the Teaching—freedom without structure is anarchy. So, too, in the natural world,

especially when we ignore the “laws of nature”. Think of all the harm we do to ourselves and the planet by ignoring the necessary prohibitions and regulations we have put into place over the last decades: do not pollute, do not over farm, do not exploit natural resources etc. These “do-nots”, like the Torah’s “shall nots” are balanced by the “to-dos”: feed the land and have it feed us, drink from the streams and benefit from the produce of the earth. Our Jewish tradition is explicit that every particle of existence is there for a blessing and we utter blessings on all that we enjoy in our lives on this planet.

Our tradition sees the liberation of *Pesach* fixed forever in our relationship

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to the Divine, the Source of Life. Ours is a multifaceted approach to maintain that connection: the many *mitzvot*—acts of connection that we build within and without the community.

It is in that spirit that you received a flyer asking you to start this process of connection "one *mitzvah* at a time". We are pleased that many of you have responded. (If you cannot locate the flyer, let us know. There are also copies available at the shul in prominent places.) The *mitzvot* to choose from are what are called *mitzvot beyn adam lehavero*—*mitzvot* that connect us as humans. Many revolve around support of those who are ill or have suffered a loss. These acts of "*chesed shel emeth*" (acts of loving-kindness that are done without anticipation of reciprocal action) are actions upon which true community are built.

When we accompany a community member to the grave, make a condolence call and/or go out of our way to help someone in times of need we are indeed acting as the incarnation of God in the world. There are those who use these basic building blocks of community as a solid base for other avenues of connection to the Divine. These are the "*mitzvot*

beyn adam lamakom"—*mitzvot* that connect us to the immediacy of the *Nishmat Hayyim*, The Breath of Life. These *mitzvot* connect the past and the future through our conscious acts of devotion.

These ritual, cultural and contemplative actions guide us on a distinct spiritual path in the world. These *mitzvot*: simple ones like lighting candles on *Shabbat*, assembling for *tefila*, study and contemplation on *Shabbat*, more complicated ones like *kashruth*, and still more difficult ones like maintaining consciousness of our relationship to the Divine, are also to be taken on, especially by those who are re-entering Jewish life, one at a time.

These acts are the structure one builds on the basic building blocks of *chesed*, those acts of loving kindness that come to strengthen our connections to our traditions.

Over the millennia we have called this structure a *bayit ne'eman beyisrael*, building a faithful home in Israel, erecting an edifice that will preserve our faith through whatever we endure in this world. This *bayit ne-eman* wasn't always a house of brick and mortar—indeed this *bayit ne-eman* has survived the destruction of our physicality.

The challenges we face in the coming years are no less great than those

faced by the generations before us. What is apparently different is that the middle ground of Jewish expression is stifled by the arrogance of many who think they are the true representatives of our past and the shapers of our future and by others who have totally reneged on their commitment to the continuity of the Jewish people.

Those of us in the center must rally together to present a coherent schema for our future; a forum that provides avenues of discourse, learning, love and the open heartedness that seems to be so lacking these days. We ground this center through our everyday actions. By taking up *mitzvot*—acts of connection to both the human and the divine—"one at a time" at first; to see them as gifts to be enjoyed, refreshed, cherished and loved and passed on to those we love; to observe the Divine through love and joy is what we strive for at TBZ. This is the sweetest path we can pave. ☸

Reb Moshe

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot: Tuesday, May 18

We will begin at 8:00 pm with a Maariv Service and conclude with a Sunrise Service at 4:30 am .
Hebrew College, 160 Herrick Road, Newton Center
Co-sponsors: Hebrew College and Cong. Dorshei Tzedek.

Evening will include text study, body movement, music, and song.

Teachers include: Rabbis Arthur Green, Sharon Anisfeld-Cohen, Daniel Lehmann, Moshe Waldoks, Claudia Kreiman, Toba Spitzer, Alan Lehmann and others.

There will be a 10:00 am Shavuot service on Wednesday, May 19 at TBZ which will include Yizkor.

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Save the Date

Potluck, Friday, May 7th, following services

Our new GLBT Committee, in co-ordination with Keshet, a grassroots organization dedicated to creating a fully inclusive Jewish community for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT), invites the TBZ Community to its first potluck celebration.

Price of admission: A cold dairy/vegetarian dish or store-bought Kosher dessert.

Volunteers are needed for help with set-up and clean-up.

For more information please contact Valerie Samuels at: tzarina2002@gmail.com



CoPresidents' Message

Fran Shtull Adams & Jonathan Klein

With Pesach now a distant memory, we look forward to Shavuot, and the last third of the Jewish calendar. Spring is in full bloom, summer vacations begin to enter our mind, and the High Holidays are still far in future.

At TBZ, we are also approaching the end of fiscal year on June 30th, which means that, for the Officers and the Board, we take tally of how we did this year and begin planning our budget for the fiscal year 2011 which begins on July 1. In fact, the Finance Committee, under the able leadership of our Treasurer Roger Zimmerman, has been hard at work for the past two months analyzing this year's financial performance and creating a FY 2011 draft budget for the Board's consideration and adoption.

Inevitably, we will be coming to the congregation and asking for your financial contributions soon—including dues payments and High Holiday tickets, as well as requests to give generously to our Annual Appeal. We are not asking for your money yet, so you can relax for a couple more months, but in preparation we want to use this column to provide you with some of the financial basics about how TBZ operates, our membership, where our money comes from (mostly you, in various forms), and how we spend it. This may be a little dry—we apologize in advance—but we want to make sure everyone in the community has access to this information.

TBZ Membership

As we write this, our community's membership consists of 152 single adults, 117 two-adult families and 97 families with children (of which 20 are single parent families and 77 are two parent families). In addition, we have 26 complimentary memberships

(mostly elderly residents of 1550 Beacon), 11 rabbinical students and 8 "Friends of TBZ"; the latter two categories each pay \$180/year. Adding it all up, we have 387 membership households consisting of 591 adults and about 180 children—a grand total of almost 775 individuals of all ages!

TBZ Expenses

For the current fiscal year ending on June 30th, we are projecting that it will cost about \$700,000 to operate TBZ. We have a staff of about 4 "full time equivalents" on our staff. Reb Moshe, Rav Claudia and Executive Director Bob Perlman work full time; office administrator Jeralyn Ellowitz works $\frac{3}{4}$ time, and our bookkeeper, Ed Kleiman works about $\frac{1}{4}$ time. Altogether, salaries, taxes and employment benefits for our employees are about \$475,000, or 68% of our expenses. The next largest category is taking care of our building. Fortunately, our "ancestors" at TBZ paid for the building in full, so there is no mortgage. However, the maintenance and repairs, utilities, grounds upkeep and janitorial expenses are about \$90,000, or 13%. Program expenses (Adult Learning, Yeladim programs, and others) are about \$55,000, or 8%, but most of these have offsetting income. Next are our "ceremonial" expenses, including food for Kiddushes, purchasing or repairing siddurim, chumashim and our Torahs, and High Holiday expenses, which add up to about \$30,000 (well below last year, thanks to the great work of the Oneg/Kiddush Committee!), or 4%. Finally, the balance is miscellaneous and administrative expenses (such as insurance, office supplies, etc.), at about \$50,000, or 7%. All in all, we are a pretty lean operation, with salaries and building maintenance accounting for over 80% of our expenses.


TBZ Income

Almost all of our income is from our members. A little more than half, or \$355,000, comes from dues, with another \$100,000 from High Holiday ticket sales. Together these make up 65% of our income. An additional \$165,000, or 24%, comes from various donations, thanks to your generosity,

composed of \$115,000 in the Annual Appeal (a record last year—thank you!), \$30,000 in general donations, and \$20,000 in Oneg/Kiddush donations. The balance of \$80,000 is miscellaneous income, including program income (from Adult Learning and Yeladim programs) and rental income from parking and events.

In Summary

These numbers are approximations, based on where we expect to end up for FY 2010. The early draft budget for FY 2011, which includes modest increases in salaries for our hard working staff and increases in other line items to account for expected inflation, is projected to be \$725,000. Unfortunately, dues are expected to increase, although the amount has not yet been set, since the Finance Committee and the Board are still finalizing the budget.

The purpose of the column has been to give you an understanding of how we raise money, and how we spend it. If you have questions about any of these numbers or the assumptions behind them, please contact our Treasurer, Roger Zimmerman at treasurer@tbzbrookline.org or either one of us at copresidents@tbzbrookline.org. 

Wishing you all a happy spring!

B'shalom,

Fran & Jonathan



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www.tbzbrookline.org
for a link to our page.

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Message from Rav Claudia



Dear Haverim and Haverot,

First of all I would like to thank those of you for your support and care during a rather hard time for me and my family after the earthquake in Chile. As many of you know, my father, Rabbi Angel Kreiman, lives in Concepción and is the rabbi of the synagogue in that city that was hit hardest by the earthquake on February 27th. My family and friends are doing okay and slowly the country is recuperating.

I would like to share with you thoughts about home, memory and solidarity that came to mind right after the earthquake.

I left Chile 17 years ago. This was, the first time in a long time that I realized how close I felt to my birthplace. Watching the news, being in close contact with friends and family, following the disaster closely, seeing the destruction of the place I grew up, brought the connection that I didn't know still existed and it made me think about the meaning of home and birthplace. Home and memories are connected. Though many of us don't live anymore in the places we grew up, our memories of childhood, the smells, the places, the sounds, are part of who we are. Sometimes, unfortunately we need something

hard to happen to remind us that they are still part of ourselves.

A candidate to conversion taught me something really beautiful. When during her Beit Din (rabbinic court prior to her immersion at the mikveh), we asked her why after all these years she wanted to formalize her relationship to Judaism (she was brought up Jewish but she was never officially converted), she said that as a person that has been traveling and leaving in many places through out her life, Judaism has been the only part of her self that stayed with her no matter where she was. As Jews we wander around, some more, some less. The places we live and we visit are part of who we are and part of our history and narrative as a people and as individuals. Our connection to Judaism and to our roots keep us grounded to our whole self, no matter where we are.

Through this disaster I was also reminded that there is always more than one reality. Chile was divided in two by this tragedy. The Chile that was not dramatically struck and damaged by this disaster and the Chile that lost everything. People lost their homes, their business, their boats, their livelihood everything they had. Unfortunately this is the reality of the world. Most of us, are blessed to be part of the side that gets less hurt when destruction or other kind of disasters happens, and it is our duty, not just to be thankful for the blessings we have, but to help those who are really in need.

During the weeks after the earthquake and by watching the news many memories came to mind of special places and special objects that were

part of my life and that won't exist in the same way anymore.

Material object and special places in our lives are many times vessels for memories and parts of who we are. Though after a disaster like this one should be grateful that those we love are safe and alive, I realized that the losing of material objects can be devastating from a spiritual and emotional point of view and not just financial. Things and places represent something in our life and when they don't exist any more, a part of us also gets hurt. Perhaps we learn from this to put the focus on what things symbolize and embody and not in their material value.

Finally, I would like to share how hurtful it felt to see the suffering of the people, to see a place that has developed so amazingly to be almost in ruin, to see how desperation and fear brings the bad side of human being with robbery and looting happening in the first days. But it brought hope to see the solidarity between one another that emerged from the ruins. There was a 24 hour rally the week after the earthquake to raise money to help rebuild the country that was called: "Chile ayuda a Chile"- Chile helps Chile. People all ages, all kind, stood together to work on the rebuilding of the country.

Wishing the people in Chile strength to rebuild the country and heal from this tragedy and thankful for your support.

Rav Claudia



THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE invites you to our annual

Barbecue and Barchu

FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 30 (rain date August 6)

Corey Hill Park, at the top of Summit Ave, just a few blocks from TBZ

5:30: We'll be grilling franks, with chips and soda and veggie subs

6:15: We will greet the Shabbat Queen under the open sky

For more information contact David Woodruff (davewoodr@aol.com, 617-232-4222)

Can you help set up? clean up? grill? Dave is waiting to hear from you!



Notes from the TBZ Adult Learning Committee

by Reggie Silberberg, Chair

Please join us for one of the new programs listed below and our ongoing programs: Women's Study with Rav Claudia, Beginners Hebrew with Rabbi Sam Seicol, Advanced Hebrew with Natasha Shabat, and the many study groups we have that are listed on our website and on the Koleinu calendar. And if there is something that you would like to learn that we are not offering, please let us know by emailing regsilver@aol.com so that we can plan for next year.

TBZ Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi David Lazar

April 30 - May 2

Rabbi Lazar will be speaking at our Friday night *Kabbalat Shabbat* service, *Shabbat* morning services, and he will teach our Torah study at 9:00 AM.

TBZ, the Ruah Program at All Saints Parish, and the Brookline Clergy Association will co-sponsor the following program:

"Midrash, Music and Monks: Learning Psalms with Christians in the Holy Land"

Sunday May 2nd 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Fee \$10, and \$7 for students and seniors.

The book of Psalms remains a major source for both Christian and Jewish liturgical traditions. Both faiths also have a long tradition of commentary and interpretation delving into the various literary forms of the Psalter in an attempt to bridge the gap between the ancient writings and the contemporary reader. And when members of both religions openly come together in study and prayer, the book of Psalms provides inspiration and motivation for both parties to fix this world and work towards peaceful coexistence.

Rabbi David Lazar immigrated to Israel from Los Angeles, California in 1975. He studied and did his army service in the Hesder framework at Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh. After completion of his army service he was one of the founders of Moshav Gan Or at Netzarim in the Gaza Strip. He holds a BA in Biblical studies from the Hebrew University and an MA and Rabbinical ordination from the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. He is also a graduate of the Jerusalem Fellows program at the Mandel School for Educational Leadership.

He has served as Education Director at *Kehilat Mevakshei Derech* and was the Rabbi of *Kehilat Ya'ar Ramot*, both in Jerusalem. He has worked over the years in a wide variety of educational frameworks such as the TAL school system, Camp Ramah in California and Canada as well as in the NOAM and Young Judea youth movements.

David is the founding director of RIKMA: Spiritual Community Leadership Development and has just completed seven years serving as Rabbi for the *Masorti Kehilat Tiferet Shalom* in Tel Aviv. He is likewise active in many non-profit organizations such as the Israel AIDS Task Force, the Jerusalem Open House and the Rabbinical Assembly.

David and his wife Sascha are parents to five daughters.

Spiritual Journeys: Sharing and Caring with Rev. Ronald White

Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 26, and June 2,
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

TBZ members: \$72, non-TBZ members: \$100.

Pre-registration is desired. Please register by emailing the TBZ office at office@tbzbrookline.org and sending a check to TBZ or charging this course to your credit card.

This four-week excursion into his spiritual journey to the expansion of consciousness will pave the path for all those seekers of a spiritual path in their respective traditions.

Rev. Ronald White (TBZ's inimitable drummer) is a practicing psychiatrist

and a student of many spiritual paths. He serves as a Universalist Unitarian minister. He is also involved in Sufi and Jewish contemplative traditions.

ברוכים הבאים
Welcome to Our New Members!

Allen Elstein

Daniel and Jennifer Klein

Update on Me'ah

Are you interested in learning about Judaism from a Biblical, Rabbinic, Medieval and Modern historical view, touching on the cornerstones from which Judaism has evolved? TBZ has more than 60 Me'ah graduates from this intensive 2-year Me'ah program sponsored by Hebrew College and CJP in their efforts to provide an outstanding framework of learning to synagogue members and the general public.

TBZ will partner with other Coolidge Corner synagogues—Kehillath Israel and Ohabai Shalom; all three will become the new Coolidge Corner Collaborative. Temple Sinai will also join us by sending 2 or 3 students. Each of the congregations will be responsible to recruit 8 - 10 students. Me'ah will begin in the Fall of 2010. The first year will be held at KI and the second year at TBZ.

Please join us for a complimentary informational session—*A Taste of Me'ah*—on **Thursday, May 6 at 7:30 PM** at Kehillath Israel, 384 Harvard Street, Brookline.

To sign up for this session, please call Jennifer Rudin at 617-566-0079 ext 222

For more information on Me'ah please visit <http://www.hebrewcollege.edu/meah> and if you are interested in Me'ah contact Reggie at regsilver@aol.com



Save the Dates:

Across Traditions:

Judaism, Buddhism and Meditation

with Sylvia Boorstein and Joseph Goldstein

Wednesday, May 26

from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Held at the Cambridge Meeting House,

5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge, MA

Explore meditation, Judaism, and Buddhism with two of the pre-eminent teachers of our time.

Co-sponsored by the Temple Beth Zion

Adult Learning Committee.

Cultivating the Loving Heart

with Sylvia Boorstein

Thursday, May 27

from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Held at TBZ, 1566 Beacon Street, Brookline, MA

Learn the Jewish approach to chesed - lovingkindness - in an evening of teachings, meditation, and discussion.

Co-sponsored by the Temple Beth Zion Adult Learning Committee.

Save the Date

COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, May 14th following Kabbalat Shabbat

Our dinners are a great time to see old friends and meet new ones.

Adults - \$20; Seniors, 65 and older - \$10; Children, 12 and under – no charge.

We serve a delicious dinner with enough variety to satisfy our vegetarians, and lots of kid-friendly options.

New TBZ members are invited to their first community dinner as our guests; just call Jeralyn to have your name added to the list of attendees.

And EARLY reservations make it SO much easier to order.

(617) 566-8171 ext.14



Hesed Committee

by Priscilla Stein

Update: One Mitzvah at a Time

Thank you to the many wonderful people who responded to the Hesed committee's One Mitzvah at a Time survey. We have put together lists of people and tasks so that we are ready for action as needs arise.

For those of you who have not yet responded and would like to add your name, please look for the questionnaires on the tables downstairs and outside the sanctuary.

Some of you have asked why you have not been contacted even though you signed up. The simple answer is that, thankfully, we have not yet needed assistance.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to establish a functional, ongoing infrastructure of volunteers. You WILL be notified when help is required. It may not be immediately, but you are part of the team.

Others have wondered why we haven't scheduled Hesed meetings this year. We have found that most people prefer to "do the work;" that is to say, take on a discrete task, "one mitzvah at a time," rather than attend meetings.

Instead, to create a Hesed cohort, we have established the "TBZ Knitzvah Group," "TBZ Soup Day," and the "TBZ Clothing Swap." These are fun events for shmoozing and bonding during which we provide a Hesed service. Join us to meet others interested in Hesed work.

Thanks for helping the Hesed committee to help one another!



Bikkur Cholim: Caring During Times of Illness

by Deb Stang

At one time or another we all will experience illness or injury, and need some assistance. We are fortunate to have such a caring community at TBZ, with volunteers willing to help one another during these times. Here's how it works:

Let Reb Moshe or Rav Claudia know what is going on with your health. They will then (with your permission) let me know, and I will be in touch to talk about specific needs. Or, vice-versa, contact me, and I will then let our rabbis know what is going on for you (with your permission, of course) We can help with a meal, a visit, a ride. We can help with errands or groceries. We have a list of folks who will help with one-time emergency child care during a time of serious family illness/recovery. It is easier if you know specifically what you might need, including any dietary restrictions or needs. Some folks want to have a misheberach said during Shabbat services (let us know your Hebrew name) , or just have people call to check in. Let us know what would be most helpful.

Think ahead! If you have surgery coming up, or know you will be convalescing, we can help you plan for assistance you might need. We use an internet calendar called Lotsofhelpinghands to set up longer term assistance for folks. For example, you might need help with meals a few times a week over several weeks. This calendar lets folks sign up online, and really helps with coordination. You choose a coordinator; family member, friend or TBZ volunteer. We can help

you do this, and have found it really useful. It is wonderful to see how many people will sign up to help someone in the TBZ community. Of course we cannot provide direct medical care, but can offer a break for those who do.

If you know of someone who is ill or anticipating *bikkur cholim* needs, encourage them to speak either to our rabbis or me directly. We really strive to protect people's privacy during times of illness.



TWO WAYS TO DONATE TO TBZ, for FREE!



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Joe Wilion Annual Birthday Celebration

Shabbat , May 22

Joe Wilion was a stalwart of TBZ for many years, servings in all kinds of leadership positions. He was one of the ardent supporters of the rejuvenation and transformation of Temple Beth Zion into TBZ. He was also one of TBZ's important links to the Eastern European Jewish life lost in the *Shoah*. Born in Vilna, he survived the *Shoah*, went to Palestine and fought in the War of Independence.




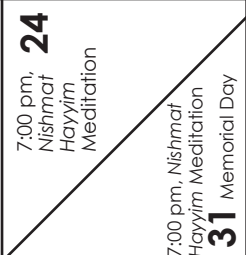

Joe was a warm, welcoming presence at TBZ and his sudden death in October 2004 was a great loss. The celebration of Joe's life will include a special *kiddush* and entertainment following services that morning.

**All are invited—the celebration should end
at approximately 2 pm.**





Thank you!

- To Zina Pelzman and Minia Moszenberg for their help with office mailings.
- To David Breakstone for "subbing" in the office.
- To Alan and Helen Leviton for organizing our supplies.
- To Jack Daniels and Alan Leviton for their help with building repairs and energy savings.
- To Julie Seeger and John Sano and their families for koshering the kitchen for pesach, and the donations of Pesach kitchen items.
- To Helen and Alan Leviton for returning the kitchen to its regular set-up.

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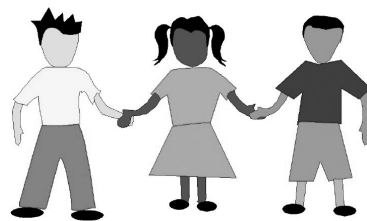
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Parshat Emor Rabbi David Lazar (see pg. 6) 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - babysitting available 1:00 pm, Shabbat Hebrew Class
2 Lag B'Omer 8:00 am, Walk for Hunger (see pg. 16) 5:00 pm, Board Meeting 7:30 pm, Rabbi David Lazar Program (see pg. 6)	3 7:00 pm, Nishmat Hayyim Meditation	4	5 4:30 pm, Beit Rabban 6:15 pm, Advanced Hebrew with Natasha Shabat 7:00 pm, Spiritual Journeys w/ Rev. Ronald White (see pg. 6)	6 6:00 pm, Beginning Hebrew with Rabbi Seicol 7:15 pm, Bridge Class 7:30 pm, Taste of Meah (off-site) (see pg. 7)	7 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat - Hilltop School at Services 7:00 pm, GLBT/Keshet Community Dinner (see pg.3) 	8 Parshat Behar-Bechukotai 9:30 am, Torah Study 11:00 am, Family Service 1:00 pm, B'nei Mitzvah Group 1:00 pm, Shabbat Hebrew Class
9 Mother's Day	10 7:00 pm, Nishmat Hayyim Meditation	11	12 Yom Yerushalayim 4:30 pm, Beit Rabban 6:15 pm, Advanced Hebrew with Natasha Shabat 7:00 pm, Spiritual Journeys w/ Rev. Ronald White (see pg. 6)	13 6:00 pm, Beginning Hebrew with Rabbi Seicol	14 Rosh Hodesh Sivan 5:00 pm, Oneg at 1550 Beacon 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm, Community Dinner (see pg. 7) 	15 Parshat Bamidbar Ruth Messenger - speaker 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - babysitting available 1:00 pm, TBZ Men's Group
16 10:30 am, Family Education (see pg. 12) 7:00 pm, Rosh Hodesh Group	17 7:00 pm, Nishmat Hayyim Meditation 7:30 pm, Women's Roles in Jewish Tradition with Ray Claudia	18 Erev Tikun Leyl Shavuot 8:00 pm, Tikun Leyl Shavuot @ Hebrew College (see pg. 2)	19 Shavuot Day 1 4:30 am, Shavuot Sunrise Service @ Hebrew College (see pg. 6) 10:00 am, Shavuot Service including Yizkor	20 Shavuot Day 2	21 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	22 Parshat Nasso 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 10:45 am, Yeladim Tfilot Joe Wilion Celebration (see pg. 9) 8:00 pm, TBZ Movie Night
23	24 7:00 pm, Nishmat Hayyim Meditation  7:00 pm, Nishmat Hayyim Meditation 31 Memorial Day	25	26 4:30 pm, Beit Rabban 6:15 pm, Advanced Hebrew with Natasha Shabat 7:00 pm, Spiritual Journeys w/ Rev. Ronald White (see pg. 6) 7:00 pm, Across Traditions (off-site) (see pg. 7)	27 6:00 pm, Beginning Hebrew with Rabbi Seicol 7:00 Cultivating the Loving Heart with Sylvia Boorstein (see pg. 7)	28 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	29 Parshat Beha'alotcha 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 4:30 pm, Beif Rabbani 6:15 pm, Advanced Hebrew with Natasha Shabat 7:00 pm, Spiritual Journeys w/ Rev. Ronald White (see pg. 6)	3	4 5:30 pm, Yeladim End of Year Celebration (see pg. 12) 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	5 Parshat Sh'lach Bar Mitzvah - Jacob Harris/ Aufruf - Rosenbaum/Ventura 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - babysitting available 1:00 pm, TBZ Men's Group
6 B'nei Mitzvah Group/ BBYO End-of-Year Celebration	7 7:00 pm, Nishmat Hayyim Meditation	8	9 6:15 pm, Advanced Hebrew with Natasha Shabat	10	11 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	12 Parshat Korach - Rosh Hodesh Tammuz Adult B'nei Mitzvah - Lahav/Shapiro 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 10:45 am, Yeladim Tfilot 1:00 p.m. B'nei Mitzvah Group
13 Rosh Hodesh Tammuz B'nei Mitzvah - Wen Wen Fisher/Rafi Michaels/ Dylan Frank	14 7:00 pm, Nishmat Hayyim Meditation	15	16 6:15 pm, Advanced Hebrew with Natasha Shabat	17	18 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	19 Parshat Chukat 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - babysitting available
20 Father's Day	21 7:00 pm, Nishmat Hayyim Meditation	22	23 6:15 pm, Advanced Hebrew with Natasha Shabat	24	25 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	26 Parshat Balak Marcus Ross - Bar Mitzvah Aufruf - Rabbi Alison Adler 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
27	28 7:00 pm, Nishmat Hayyim Meditation	29	30 6:15 pm, Advanced Hebrew with Natasha Shabat	<p><i>July:</i> Services in July will be held at the usual times: Fridays at 6:00 pm • Saturdays: Torah Study at 9:00 am Shabbat Services at 10:00 am • Tisha B'Av Service (reading of Eicha) will be on July 19. • Also Join us for Barbecue & Barchu on Friday, July 30 (see pg. 5)</p>		

**Pinat Yeladim:
Children's Corner**

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YELADIM PROGRAM FOR MAY-JUNE 2010

GROUPS:

Preschool: Efrochim
K-3rd grade: Ktantanim
4th -5th grade: Tzeirim
6th -7th : B'nei Mitzvah

Tfilot Yeladim Shabbat

- Efrochim with Jessica: 10:45-11:20 a.m.
- Ktantanim with Jessica: 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- Tzeirim & Bnei Mitzvah with Sarah Bracha:
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

May 22 & June 12

Family Shabbat Service for All (Efrochim, Ktantanim, Tzeirim, & BBYO)

May 8: 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Please join us on May 8th, *Shabbat Behar/Bechukkotai* for a joyful, fun and vibrant service in the Sanctuary! The service will include a shorter-than- usual *Shacharit* Service and Torah service with some story telling. It will be welcoming for children and adults alike.

Please note this is NOT a children's service, but a Family Service for ALL! The whole community will celebrate *Shabbat* together.

Torah study will begin at 9:30 a.m. due to the late start of the Family Service.

Family Ed Program - Sundays 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Efrochim and Ktantanim)

May 16 – Special Art Project with Sasha Bergmann Lichtenstein (Details to follow).

Bnei Mitzvah group Shabbat:
**1:00 p.m. with Reb Moshe and
Rav Claudia**

May 8 & June 12

Bnei Mitzvah group and BBYO (6th, 7th and up) with Rav Claudia and Malki

Sunday, **May 2** (Walk for Hunger)

Sunday, **June 6** - Canoeing & End of year celebration with Malki Karkowsky, BBYO Coordinator. (Time & Details to follow).

Babysitting: Saturday mornings: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

May 1, 15 & June 5, 19



Yeladim Families Shabbat Dinner and End of Year Celebration

Friday, June 4th

5:30 p.m.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service in the
Community Room

6:15 p.m.

Shabbat Dinner & Yeladim Program

End-of-Year Celebration

Families with Children of ALL ages are welcome to participate in this lively Kabbalat Shabbat service and celebrate Shabbat and the end of our formal Yeladim programs for this year.

TBZ-BBYO teens visit to Boston Rescue Mission on March 21st

by Malki Karkowsky, New England Region BBYO Program Director

I am still on a high from March 21st visit to the Boston Rescue Mission. Our group had a fun and meaningful time feeding dinner to 100-150 hungry individuals.

We showed up at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday and had to defrost all the food that had been frozen since our cooking expedition on February 21st. We put all the frozen lentil soup into two HUGE pots and heated it up, all while negotiating 2 broken and one spotty stove to heat up the lasagna, Balkan eggplant bake, spicy potatoes and roasted root vegetables.

While everything cooked, we asked Tracy, one of the Mission's employees, to tell us more about what the mission does and who receives its services. The teens got to find out more about the people who were eating during the different dinner shifts:

4:30 p.m.—residents/clients of BRM eat. These are men and women who are transitioning out of detox or prison; there are approximately 50-60 of them

5:00 p.m.—anyone who needs food can come eat

7:00 p.m.—BRM acts as a shelter, so this last dinner spot is for the men who sleep on the floor of BRM

The teens were more than up to the challenge of serving as many hungry people as possible and to ensure that the dining experience could be a positive one; *yasher koach*

(a job well done) to Wen Wen Fisher, Noa Dotan, Noah Lankton, Jacob Harris, Sam Sano, Emma Klapper, Will Notelovitz, Marcus Ross, Dylan Frank, Rafi Michaels and Rebecca Zagorsky.

It was so amazing to see so many teens and parents willing to volunteer their time and I am so thankful and proud of everyone who participated. A big thanks to all the parents (Beth Harris, Ellen Klapper, and Kim Myers) and Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia who came to help out.

I also would like to thank all the parents and kids that help with the cooking on February 21st. A big *Yasher Koach* to Tzviyah Rosenstock who led us in the kitchen!

I am looking forward to continue working with the teens as we strength this age group creating a BBYO chapter at TBZ and as we continue doing acts of *Hesed* and *Tikun Olam* together.



Teens at Work

TBZ 2nd Annual Family Retreat

by Jane Daniels

In spite of a relentless rains, the spirits of 90 TBZ members of all ages could not be dampened on the weekend of March 12th through 14th at the TBZ 2nd Annual Family Retreat at Prindle Pond Conference Center in Charlton. Inspired by our wonderful Rav Claudia to find out "How to Make Shabbat Happen" (this year's theme), we experienced a joyous, restful, meaningful Shabbat together with old and new TBZ friends. Families with children ages 1 (Rav Claudia's little Alma!) to 15 years old, as well as members with no kids came along, and "the diversity of the attendees" was considered one of the best parts about the weekends by some in the feedback.

The weekend began with arrival and check-in at the beautiful Prindle Pond Conference Center situated at a nature education camp tucked in verdant woods of Central Massachusetts. At dusk, we began our journey together celebrating a full 25 hours of Shabbat together with spirited singing and candle-lighting. A lively Kabbalat service was followed by a scrumptious Shabbat dinner and schmoozing into the wee hours. Saturday included many ways to worship in small groups and all together, as well as workshops for adults, programming for each age group of children, as well as plenty of rest and socializing time. The jubilant and sometimes raucous skits at the Parsha Players were a highlight for many. Saturday evening fun included havdallah, a musical jam session, a movie, karaoke, and late night games and snacks.

Our ebullient leader, Rav Claudia was supported by a wonderful Retreat staff of Jessica Meyer, Jeff Amshalem, Sarah Braha Gershuny, Dan Berman, Lila Veissid, and Rabbi Ebn Leader who aided in leading or co-leading various

services, study sessions, and workshops. They all participated in an interactive chanting/storytelling of *Parsha Vayakhel/Pekudei* at the Torah Service. Throughout the days and evenings, our able babysitting staff of Meirav Schatz, Eli Zimmerman, and Rebecca Kaim took great care of our little ones, and gave the grown-ups time to enjoy a workshop and hangout and talk.

This year's Retreat co-chairs Jane Daniels, Sara Smolover and Amy Voorhees oversaw all the myriad details involved in making an all-ages community-wide Shabbaton happen. With the help of a fantastic, can-do committee, each facet of the Retreat from food shopping and working with the caterers to running kids' activities to setting up the babysitting schedule and organizing countless other tasks was deftly coordinated. The Retreat Committee included Jane Liebschutz, Cindy-jo Gross, Ellen Krause-Grosman, Debbie Korn, Naomi Ribner, Jessica Wilan, and Wendy Caplan. Programming and organizing help also came from Rachele Rosi-Kessel, Katherine Gergen-Barnett, John Daniels, Yossi Veissid, and Larry Kraus.

This year, we tried to involve all retreat participants with hands-on volunteer assignments at the site so that everyone could have a chance to help and everyone would have a chance to rest too! In the feedback, many people said they enjoyed pitching in and having a way to help. Of course, the one of the main goals was to provide an opportunity for TBZ people to meet new people as well as enjoy and learn more about old friends. Throughout all the feedback people stressed one of the best things about this Shabbaton weekend was to be able to just hang out and get to better know others from TBZ community. We look forward to making next year's Retreat just as sensational!



Photos from the retreat!



Maypole Ritual



Naomi and Rebecca



Marc



Lila and Yossi



Gabriel and Mark

**More photos from the
retreat!**



Ebn and Alma



Amy and Selwyn



Jane Daniels



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Beit Rabban Next Year

We are excited to begin planning next year Beit Rabban program (TBZ Hebrew School). We will continue meeting on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Classes for K-7th grade will be offered. Our curriculum includes Judaic studies and Hebrew. If you have questions please contact Rav Claudia at ravclaudia@tbzbrookline.org. Registration details to come soon.

Thank you and B'Hatzlacha!

The whole TBZ community, especially the children would like to thank and bless with *Hatzlacha* (success), our teachers and Tfilah leaders who will be spending next year in Israel: Tiffany Gordon and Sarah Bracha Gershuny.

We also wish *hatzlacha* to Jessica Kate Meyer who will be in Israel for 3 and a half months and will join us back in mid-January 2011.

Walk for Hunger!

May 2—Join the TBZ Brookline team at the Walk for Hunger!

To join the TBZ team, log onto our team's web page:

http://www.projectbread.org/site/TR/Walk/General?team_id=56490&pg=team&fr_id=1130

For more information contact Amy Voorhes at amy@voorhes.net or Jane Daniels at janemdaniels@yahoo.com.

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- Stuart Books and Judith Haber IHO the *yahrzeit* of Stuart's mother, Mary Books.
- Joel Kirschner and Sheine Wizel IHO the *yahrzeit* of Joel's brother, Bruce Kershner.
- Mara and Stephane Acel-Green and George and Andree Acel IHO the naming of their daughter and granddaughter, Emma Rose Acel-Green. *Mazel Tov!*
- Valerie Samuels IHO the *yahrzeits* of her beloved parents, Myrna and Irving Samuels.
- Anneke and Omri Dotan IHO the *Bat Mitzvah* last week of their daughter, Noa.
- Steve E. Lewis IHO the *yahrzeit* of his father, Samuel Lewis.
- Len and Linda Rosen IHO the *yahrzeits* of Len's parents, Esther and Sidney Rosen.
- Larry Diamond IHO the *yahrzeit* of his mother, Bertha Diamond.
- Jacques and Denise Telio IHO the naming of their granddaughter.
- Ashley Davidoff and Naomi Fisher Davidoff IHO the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Daniella.
- Amit Segal and Barrie Wheeler and Sandy and Joe Wheeler IHO the first birthday of their son and grandson, Eitan.
- Wendy Caplan and Lenny Marcus IHO their *aufruf* and forthcoming wedding. *Mazel Tov!*
- Lilly Pelzman and Joshua, Benjamin, and Anna Levitt IHO the *yahrzeit* of father-in-law and grandfather, Saul Levitt.
- Paul and Virginia Hamburg IHO the *yahrzeit* of Paul's mother, Anna Hamburg.
- Dan Kirschner and Sue Kahn IHO the 5th anniversary since they met at TBZ.
- Zina Pelzman's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren IHO her birthday. Happy Birthday Zina!

Mazel Tov!

מזל טוב!



- To Galit and Daniel Schwartz on the birth of their son, Raphael.
- To Barry and Jane Siegel on their new granddaughter, Mari.
- To Katie Briton and Allan Telio on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Irene.
- To Wendy Caplan and Lenny Marcus on their wedding.
- To Boris Zbarsky and Emma Smith Zbarsky on the birth of their son, Danile Benjamin.
- To Ted Bloomstein and Tzviyah Rosenstock on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Noah.
- To Beth and Mitchel Harris on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Jacob.
- To Richard Fischer and Judy Epstein Fischer on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Wen-Wen.
- To Curtis and Yvonne Frank on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Dylan.
- To James Ross and Irene Colestos on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Marcus.



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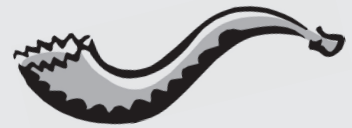
- To Naomi Fisher Davidoff, Ashley Davidoff, and their children, Arielle, Talya, Aaron and Daniella on the death of Naomi's sister, Andrea Fisher.
- To Debbie Lipton on the death of her aunt, Roslyn Machalow.

May their souls be bound up in the Bonds of Eternal life. HaMakom yenakhem otam im shear avlei Tziyon vYrushalayim.



The High Holidays are (almost) upon us!

Rosh Hashanah begins Wednesday evening,
September 8th, right after Labor Day.



You will be receiving information in June, and we hope that you
will take the time to respond before your summer plans begin.

Many thanks in advance!

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