

April-May/Nisan-lyyar-Sivan 2012/5772

Rabbi's Message Reb Moshe

Dear Haverim and Haverot:

we will

On May 5
celebrate our
bar/bat mitzvah
as a rejuvenated
congregation. I hope that
all of us will respond to the
invitation we received (or
will receive) to our simkha
that Shabbat morning.

All of us who support TBZ in their fashion deserve to feel proud of all that we have accomplished: creating this independent, progressive,

non-doctrinaire, accepting and caring community. TBZ is dedicated to open-minded learning, joyful celebration of Shabbat and all the Jewish Festivals, as well as social action.

TBZ continues to be a model of how to balance a deep connection to the Divine Presence and our everyday lives. Our hope is to foster a challenging and innovative path for us and coming generations. Building a vibrant community at TBZ is our brick in the wall in the millennial structure of Jewish experience.

Built on the foundations of Temple Beth Zion, established in the late 1940's, we are always grateful for the tenacity of our founders in keeping the Temple alive. Over the last 13 years TBZ has

grown into a stable congregation of about 550 adults and 130 children from newborn through high school. All of our participation in this growth and stability

is a blessing. It deserves recognition. Our generosity of time, talent and treasure has made the work of our hands a success. Let us join together in celebration of all we are grateful for.

In the next two months we will experience the full Pesach season celebration that concludes with Shavuot

(50 days from the second Seder) khag ha-atzeret, the Festival of Assembly, with the bringing of first fruits to the Jerusalem temple. The month of Passover-Aviv, perhaps the word for the spring barley crop—provided sustenance for one's family and livestock. For 49 days celebratory pilgrimages offering measures of barley (omer) were offered in the beth-ha-mikdash (the Temple), and on the fiftieth day, as mentioned above, the first summer fruits.

The ritual of the transfer of the first fruit to the *kohanim* serving in the Temple includes a text that we recite at the Seder every year:

My father was a fugitive Aramean. He went down to Egypt with meager numbers and sojourned there; but

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there he became a great and very populous nation. The Egyptians dealt harshly with us....We cried to Adonai, the God of our ancestors, and Adonai heard our plea...Adonai freed us from Egypt by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm and awesome power, and by signs and portents.... (Deuteronomy 26:5-8)

Our material blessings, we are told, are fruits, not only on our own labors, but of the experiences of our ancestors and their profound faith in the possibilities and opportunities of liberation.

Every one of us has his or her story of ancestors who came to this county in various waves of immigration. These stories are becoming more and more distant to those born in this generation. The obligation of the Pesach season is to reawaken us to his or her redemptive tales that offer the proper counterbalance to our ego-driven selves; to our conviction that whatever we have accomplished was due only to our own efforts.

True liberation in our tradition arises from the capacity to empathize with all those who struggle for liberation; liberation in a national sense but also liberation from demons and addictions.

For Jews this liberation is concretized in the giving of the Torah on *Shavuot*. It is this cosmic event that established the covenantal structure that required our fealty only to the Power beyond comprehension, to *melekh ha'olam—the organizing principle of reality*. Over the millennia, we as a people have suffered greatly by our refusal to bow before earthly kings. While, at times, it appears to us that our covenant has been tarnished by breaches on both sides: the silence of God on one side and our failure to engage in Torah on the other. We will have the opportunity of hearing the voice of the Divine by joining in our *Tikkun Leyl Shavuot*, a night of Torah study, the evening of May 26, the start of the *Shavuot* Festival.

This is the opportunity that the Pesach season offers us every year. As we rise from our Seders we can count the days, with reflection and retrospection, towards the renewal of the Covenant. By the time the High Holidays come upon us in the fall, our preparations this spring will permit us to be more in sync with our true and higher selves and with the Mysterious Self of the Universe.

My family joins me in wishing all of you: khag pesach kasher ve-sameyakh - a zisn un koshern peysakh- a sweet and liberated Passover.

Reb Moshe



ברוכים הבאים

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Daniel Cooper

Jeremy Eichler and Karen Naimer

Douglas and Thalia Krakower

Thank You!

 To Ginni Hamburg for taking the bulk mail

Community Meeting

Sunday, April 29, 2012 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Community Room

Join us for our semi-annual Community Meeting.

Light refreshments will be served.

We will:

- Hear brief reports about the state of the shull
- Vote on the slate of Board Members to fill the four seats whose terms have expired
- Find out about the proposed new TBZ bylaws that will change the way we govern ourselves

What changes are being proposed?

How will these changes help us promote a culture of participation, a place where you can get more involved and feel connected?

If you are new or don't usually attend, this is will be a particularly important and interesting meeting. We look forward to seeing you all.



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Condolences

- To Ari and Alan Karchmer on the death of their step-grandfather, Israel Aptilon.
- To the family and friends of TBZ member, Vera Mirkin.
- To Tammy Mitchell on the death of her aunt, Charlotte Fels.

May their souls be bound up in the Bonds of Eternal life.

HaMakom yenakhem otam im shear avlei Tziyon vYrushalayim.

Mazel Toy!

נזל טוב!



- To Cindy Kaplan and Marc Weisskopf on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Noah.
- To Executive Director, Bob Perlman and his wife, Lesley on the birth of their granddaughters, Alexis and Emma.
- To Dan Levitt and Ariadne Valsamis on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Zoe.



Co-Presidents' Message

Fran Shtull Adams & Jonathan Klein

The arrival of this Koleinu, after an unusually mild New England winter, nevertheless coincides with the arrival of spring. New flower buds, foliage, and growth in the natural world; renewed energy for many of us, with longer days and more sunshine to revive us. This will be the last Koleinu column from the two of us as co-presidents. We see it not as an ending, but like all the cycles that govern our lives, a time of renewal.

The last three years have been a period of change and growth for TBZ and we are proud to have been a part of that reshaping. While our membership has remained stable, we have deepened our spiritual practice, refined our identity as, perhaps, a "neo-Hasidic seeker community." and witnessed a resurgence of young families and children now filling the Sanctuary and our hearts. Reb Moshe continues to inspire and challenge us to be "observant Jews" who take the time to really observe the world around us and respond to it mindfully. Rav Claudia in the past three years grew into — and out of — her role as Assistant Rabbi and now, as Associate Rabbi, is a strong, exciting spiritual leader for all of us. We have been blessed to work closely with these two extraordinary rabbis as well as a dedicated support staff, a huge cadre of lay leaders and volunteers who oversee every aspect of TBZ life. We would like to take a moment to thank some of them.

Assuming the role of copresident meant filling some – quite literally – big shoes. Jay Zagorsky, the immediate past president, was and continues to be an important mentor. Irwin Pless, Myra Musicant, Howard Cohen & Enid Shulman are past presidents who continue to work tirelessly for TBZ. They have

modeled for us a path that simply does not let us off the hook when our term is up!

We have been blessed to work with a Board of Directors that is committed, passionate and open. Our good fortune also included serving with long-time board members such as Deborah Chassler, Reggie Silberberg, chair Larry Kraus, and many others whose wealth of experience made our job easy. At our meetings ideas flowed and opinions were often mixed. But the exchanges were respectful, and the process - while sometimes prolonged - kept things inclusive, let all sides be aired, and ultimately led to consensus and decisions we could all live with quite happily. In the past few years, with increased costs of virtually everything, our fiscal responsibility, lean budget, and the generosity of our members has kept us operating in the black during tough economic times. We are very proud that we could accomplish that while never denying membership to anyone who could not pay full dues. TBZ is a faith community that is above all about the individuals that constitute its membership.

There are too many people to name individually, but this whole enterprise could absolutely not function without the generous outpouring of time and talent from so many of us. There are committee chairs who have served TBZ for years, and others who only recently have assumed responsibility for big chunks of synagogue life, like our Yeladim programming, Development and SPC (Synagogue Practices). And what is a committee without its members? Our thanks go out to each of them, as well as all who helped prepare an Oneg or Kiddush, planned a retreat, joined a GBIO action, or supported Family Table by remembering to bring soup with them to drop in our collection box.

Other evolutions we note at this moment of transition are the strengthening of TBZ as a caring community, and our rededication to helping repair the world through *Tikkun Olam*. The latter has been gaining huge attendance at a series of meetings designed to brainstorm

how and where TBZ can make an impact on the many challenges to our world. Our community views social iustice as the heart of being Jewish. At the same time, it is becoming more and more the norm for members to understand that their presence at a shiva minyan in a member's home is of enormous value whether or not they are personal friends. We stand together in times of need, reaching out to bring a meal, drive someone to a doctor's appointment, make a hospital visit. We are all enriched by Priscilla Stein's compilation of a world of wisdom in the handbook, available to all on our website, called In Times of **Need**. These are just a few examples of our values in action. We thank each of you who has contributed to creating this TBZ culture.

You will continue to see us at TBZ, although maybe not in the first row. And as we have urged you so many times before: **get involved**. Whether it is through a class, the Men's' Group, the Rosh Chodesh Group, working for GLBT inclusion or our relationship to Israel – there are so many avenues in to what it means to be a TBZer. Find yours.

For those of you who have thanked us for our service, we have a confession to make. We got back a lot more than we gave. These years have been enriching on every possible level - personally, spiritually, intellectually, emotionally. We feel enormously privileged to have had the opportunity to serve a community we believe in so strongly and love so much. We have "shepped naches" to see TBZ continue to grow as a singular shul where we davven; celebrate; and learn Jewishly with joy at the very core. We are gratified – and relieved! — to be ending our presidency with TBZ in such good shape.

Finally, we wish to "introduce" you to two individuals who you already know. Jenni Seicol and David Cherenson, who, among many other shul responsibilities have co-chaired the Membership Committee for the past few years, are the eminently capable people to whom we will

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be passing the baton this May. Each one brings a wealth of skills, compassion and talent to their new roles as Co-Presidents. With them comes a whole constellation of changes to the structure of

leadership at TBZ. We are grateful to David and Jenni and many others who are busy reframing much of our infrastructure. We are thrilled to be in such good hands.

So, we deeply thank all of you, and look forward to entering the next

chapter of TBZ together.

Chazak chazak v'nitchazek.

B'shalom,

Fran & Jonathan

Message from Ray Claudia

Dear Haverim & Haverot,

I am writing this in the midst of the preparations for *Purim* though by the time you read this we will all be in the midst of preparations for *Pesach*. It seems that the Jewish calendar always has us preparing for something...

At the mid-point between these two holidays, on the new moon of Nissan, a new Jewish year has begun. We are used to thinking of the Jewish year beginning in the Fall, on Rosh haShanah, but that is actually a practice that the Judeans brought back with them from Babylon when they returned from exile to build the second temple. Until that point the Jewish year began in the Spring with the new moon of Nissan. The name Nissan is itself Babylonian in origin as are most of the other Jewish names of the months. In Biblical literature most months do not have names. They are referred to as the first month (Nissan) the Second (Iyyar) etc.

Essentially, the Judeans returning from Babylon in 538 BC had adopted the Babylonian calendar and made it their own. This radical cultural shift would be the equivalent of North-American Jews adopting January, February, etc. as Jewish months and celebrating the Jewish new year on January 1st.

Be that as it may, moving the marking of the new year from the Spring to the Fall has tremendous cultural implications. Have you ever wondered why the Jewish new year celebration is so somber, full of meditations on life and death, what



we have done wrong and why? This is at least partially because it is marked on the cusp of Winter. Darkness is about to descend, and with it cold and agricultural insecurity. Who will make it through the winter and who will not?

Marking the new year as Spring begins is a pure celebration of life and potential. It is the celebration of those who have made it through the winter and have come back to life as expressed so dramatically in the Easter celebrations of our Christian neighbors.

In many medieval cultures the year's end was marked by a "carnival" celebration, a limited time span in which the regular codes of behavior were abrogated, and people engaged in behaviors and activities that were forbidden throughout the rest of the year. At the end of this celebration life went back to normal and a new year could begin. We have preserved something of this in Purim, the holiday in which we masquerade, pose as others, act frivolously in the sanctuary and engage in other transgressive behaviors such as drinking.

This rule breaking is spiritually and psychologically significant in that it symbolizes that a new beginning is actually possible. Everything is

open to re-evaluation, and we begin the new year from a posture of freedom from society's expectations and perhaps even more importantly from our own expectations of ourselves.

Purim's challenge to us is—are you really brave enough to begin a fresh start? The first Holiday we celebrate in the spring, the first full moon of the new year is Pesach—the celebration of freedom. But Pesach poses a new challenge. On Pesach we do not celebrate freedom **from** something. On Pesach we celebrate the freedom to do something, to live a meaningful and significant life. Indeed, the celebration of Pesach begins our counting of the days until Shavuot, until we take Torah upon ourselves as a way of creating a meaningful life in community.

The freedom of *Purim* is meaningful mostly because it leads to the more mature freedom of *Pesach* which in turn leads to the life of responsibility and meaning which is celebrated on *Shavu'ot*.

I hope this holiday season will indeed be meaningful and joyful to all of you and your families. That Spring and the rituals of Spring that we celebrate together bring the opportunities for real renewal and fresh starts, and that we continue to create an ever-growing community together.

My family and I wish you a Hag Kasher v'Same'ah!

Rav Claudia



Reb Moshe's 10 Tips For Making Passover Both Joyous and Kosher

A Quickie Primer for First Time Pesach Preparation

If you've never kashered your home for Pesach before, don't try to do everything this year. Remember it's not "all or nothing." Most of the pleasure of Passover is all the preparation you put into it. When Pesach comes, it's easy sailing. As my Rebbe, Reb Zalman, has taught, we need "Fervor without fanaticism."

- 1. Make at least one counter and one kitchen cabinet *Pesadik*. The counter can be covered in thick clear plastic, available on a roll at most hardware stores (used to cover windows). The cabinet should be cleaned and new shelving paper put down. Simply tape all cabinets you're not using. Heavy duty aluminum foil works well, and is more widely available. Don't forget to cover and tape plastic or foil down against splashback and under counter to hold firm.
- 2. Use only paper plates and cups and good plastic utensils (forks, knives, serving trays, etc. (available in party stores) that can be washed and used again. If you have all-metal silverware, it is very easy to kasher it for Pesach. Call us and we'll provide the details. You can purchase new GLASS dishes cheaply in separate colors to become your Pesach dishes for years to come.

- **3.** Clean out your fridge. (It's about time, don't you think?) Toss all of the non-Pesach stuff. (Closed items can be part of a Mazon food drive that donates non-Passover staples to food pantries in the Greater Boston area). Microwaves can be koshered, as other appliances. Call us for details
- 4. Make Passover week a time for fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh fish (fins and scales), low fat or regular dairy products, and whole-wheat (or regular) matzah, egg-white or regular omelettes, etc. Eating healthy can make this Passover a very positive experience. Elders and children with digestive issues are permitted egg matzos (made with juice). Nothing really beats a whole-wheat matzah shmeared with Temptee whipped cream cheese. Avoid soda and juices made with corn syrup. Polar and other brands use cane sugar for their Passover sodas. My kids love whole wheat matzoh shmeared with Pesach marinara sauce and mozzarella microwaved into instant Pesach pizza. There is now spelt matzah for those with wheat allergies.
- **5.** Stop & Shop (and others) have kosher-for-*Pesach* products under their own labels (this means savings). Coffee, tea, sugar, salt, and most spices are OK for Passover if you start fresh containers.

- **6.** Brown-bag to work. A recent discovery of quinoa, a non-hametz grain can serve as a base for a great veggie ratatouille, or guacamole, etc.
- **7.** Avoid whiskeys, etc. Stick to wine. There are now many Italian and French and California brands that do Passover pressings. Red wine is good for the heart.
- **8.** Drink spring water. (Passover is, after all, the festival of spring.) This will also help the system deal with all those *matzot*. Dried fruit compote won't hurt either.
- **9.** Try to enjoy at least one different sweet Passover treat every day. You deserve it for going through all of this.
- **10.** Let the HEAVY DUTY aluminum foil roll. Double wrapping will maintain the *Kashrut* of ingredients cooked in any oven. (This doesn't mean you should not try to clean the oven. Whether it needs it or not, it's good to do it at least once a year).

This year *Pesach* begins at Sundown, Friday evening, April 6th.

Save the Date

Mekhirat Hametz - Selling of Hametz

Remember to sell your hametz through the shul.

A form will be available to you for a week before *Pesach*, until 3:00 pm, Wednesday, April 4th. The form will be both in the office, and on our website *tbzrookline.org*. This is for all utensils and large amounts of liquor you are putting away for the duration of the holiday. When you sell your *hametz*, you will have an opportunity to contribute to the Rabbis' Discretionary Funds, which will help those in need to have a joyous *Pesach*.

The Rabbis will sell your *hametz* on Thursday, April 5th at noon, and it will not be officially yours until Saturday, April 14th, at 10 p.m.



Since Passover Falls on a Friday night there will be **no Kabbalat Shabbat service** at TBZ that night. Candle lighting will be at 6:58 p.m.





The Counting of the Omer, from Pesach to Shavu'ot

"You shall count seven weeks, from Passover to the next festival, Shavu'ot, the "Feast of Weeks." Leviticus, 23:15

Counting of the Omer, or Sefirat Ha'omer, is a verbal counting of each of the forty-nine days between Pesach and Shavuot. This mitzvah derives from the Torah commandment in Leviticus, 23:15, to count fortynine days beginning from the day on which the Omer, a sacrifice containing an omer-measure of barley, was offered in the Temple in Jerusalem, and ending on the day before an offering of wheat was brought to the Temple on Shavuot. The Counting of the Omer begins on the second day of Passover (the 16th of Nisan) and ends the day before the holiday of Shavuot, the 'fiftieth day'.



The idea of counting each day represents spiritual preparation and anticipation for the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai at the beginning of the month of Sivan, around the same time as the holiday of Shavuot. The Sefer HaChinuch states that the Jewish people were only freed from

Egypt at Passover in order to receive the Torah at Sinai, which we celebrate on Shavuot. Thus the Counting of the Omer demonstrates how much Jews desire to accept the Torah in their own lives.

Check out the bookstores for the many wonderful books and web sites for more information, from the traditional to the kabbalistic. There are also many websites, including the colorful kid-friendly version on HomerCalendar.net and an omer meditation source http://www.aish.com/h/ o/t/48969716.html



Seder Matching

"All who are hungry, let them enter and eat.

All who are in need, let them come celebrate Pesach"

These are among the first words we recite from the Hagaadah.

They encapsulate the *mitzvah* of hospitality so necessary to a real observance of the Seder. How can we truly celebrate our freedom with those inside our house knowing there are others outside with nowhere to go?

At TBZ there are people who might be alone during Pesach and others who may have room to set another place at their Seder table. If you are a host with room, or someone looking for a Seder to join, please let us know! Include details such as how many people (kids or adults); which Seder night (1st or 2nd); and whether you are kosher or have other dietary needs. We will do our best to match up every request!

Contact the membership committee as soon as possible at: membership@tbzbrookline.org

Celebrate TB1's Bar/Bat Mitvah

Saturday, May 5, 2012

We invite you to join with the entire TBZ community as we celebrate 13 years of rejuvenation! Whether you have just joined TBZ or have been a long time member this is a unique opportunity for all of us to celebrate this milestone in the growth of our community.

We will also be honoring our co-Presidents, Fran Adams and Jonathan Klein. Shabbat Services will be followed by a festive Bar/Bat Mitzvah Kiddush with food, music and festivities!

Look for information on upcoming classes to help us prepare for our Bar/Bat Mitzvah followed by invitations to the May 5 celebration.

We look forward to seeing you!

TBZ Bar/Bat Mitzvah Committee



Adult Learning at TBZ

by Reggie Silberberg, Adult Learning Committee Chairperson

Our vibrant Adult Learning at TBZ continues to thrive. April and May are filled with many opportunities. We hope that you choose to participate in the variety of study options we provide. Fuller descriptions will follow by email, and will be available on our website, *tbzbrookline.org*.

B'nei Mitzvah Study Sessions

Sunday, April 15, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

How to Write A D'var Torah with Reb Moshe 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. & 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.

Come learn how to delve into the weekly parsha and express yourself! We will teach skills on how to write *Divrei Torah* and provide members with an opportunity to teach Torah to our congregation.

The Structure of the Shabbat Morning Service with Rav Claudia 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. & 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.

Learn the basic structure of the *Shabbat* morning service and its profound meaning. Focusing on some of the central prayers, we will practice the *nusach* (the tunes used for the prayers) and discuss the intention and significance of these prayers.

Women's Study Group with Rav Claudia
Monday – April 16, Wednesday – May 16, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the chapel.

Shabbat Afternoon Meditation with Bobbi Isberg and Yoheved Katz Saturday, April 21, 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Piyutim: The Poetry, Song, and Music of Jewish Liturgy, Part 2 with Rav Claudia Mondays, April 23, 30, May 14, 21, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Piyutim are liturgical poems. Many of the prayers we sing and love at TBZ are piyutim. In this class we will learn the tunes, words, and the meanings along with some historical background of known and no so known piyutim, mostly, from the Sephardic tradition. We will continue to enjoy the beauty of these new tunes as we reclaim the traditions of our brothers and sisters from Jewish communities all over the world by bringing more of these new sounds into our prayers. Come ready to sing, clap and dance with your heart.

Special Adult Learning Session on Shavuot during the Family Education Program Sunday, May 20, 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

Why TBZ is Unaffiliated: The Birth of Jewish Denominations with Reb Moshe Wednesdays, May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the chapel.

During April we will prepare, through study, to celebrate the Bar/Bat Mitzvah of the TBZ Community, to be held on May 5, Shabbat Kedoshim. Yes, TBZ is now 13 years old! The adults of our community will learn the same kinds of teachings that our children learn for their Bnei Mitzvah. There will be two prep days with two classes/workshops on each day. Come take advantage of these new learning opportunities.

Building your Spiritual Toolbox Wednesday, April 18, 7:00 – 9 p.m. Tzitzit and Tallit, Laying/Wrapping Tefillin with Reb Moshe and Ray Claudia

This workshop will begin with a study session about ritual garments and objects worn during prayer, followed by a conversation on the challenges these evoke within each of us who are new to wearing these. The study session will be followed by two hands-on workshops: one to make your own Tzitzit and Tallit and the other to unravel the mystery of wrapping Tefillin. Following the above discussions, we will divide in 2 groups:

- Tefillin Workshop: Learn about tefillin and explore this ritual in greater detail including the laying/wrapping of tefillin. If you have tefillin, please bring them, if you don't, we will have some for you to use as you learn this ritual.
- Tallit Workshop: Make a new tallit
 Put new tzitziot on an old tallit
 or simply learn how to tie tzitzit.

Preparation for Tallit/Tzitzit Workshop

Make your own tallit

- Look around in your closet or in stores, and find a shawl you think you would love to wear as a *tallit*.
- Buy some matching cloth, cut into four squares (4 x 4 inches) and sew on the four corners of the shawl for reinforcement.
- The tricky part bring to a tailor, or do it yourself - sew four button holes (around 2 inches from the corners of the shawl).
- For more detailed explanations from The Jewish Catalogue, check out this website: http://www.myjewishlearning.com/life/Life Events/BarBat Mitzvah/Practical-Aspects/Planning Guide/Personalizing Through Art.shtml
- If you have any "tailoring" question, please contact Linda Rosen at phone: 617-645-0781; lindarosen@ comcast.net

More Learning Opportunities:

TBZ Community Book Read

A Book of Life, by Michael Strassfeld, author of the Jewish Catalogue.

A date will be scheduled in June

Yom HaShoah Guest Speaker Thursday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. (details to be announced)

4th Annual Brookline Community Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Saturday, May 26, 9:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. (times may vary)

To be held at the KI on Harvard St.

Join us for this amazing event.
Our rabbis will be teaching as will many other rabbis and scholars. This learning event is a collaborative effort shared by Brookline and greater Boston area synagogues and *minyanim*. We will conclude with a sunrise service.

Details to follow.



Yom Haßhoah

The Greater Boston Holocaust Commemoration • Faneuil Hall, Boston

Sunday Morning, April 29th from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. (come early to get a seat)

Creating Community: Mosaics, Music and Memories

The Annual Greater Boston Holocaust Commemoration is a project of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) and many other synagogues and Jewish communal organizations.

Reb Moshe has been asked to return to preside over this event, and we urge as many of our TBZ family to attend as possible. As there are fewer and fewer survivors, it is incumbent upon us to uphold their memories and the memories of those murdered in the *Shoah*.

Speakers:

• Jeremy Burton, Executive Director, JCRC • Shai Bazak, Consul General of Israel to New England • Frederick Lohr, Consul General of Germany to Boston • Rena Finder, a survivor saved by Oscar Schindler • Shenani Ganns (Gann High school youth choir) • Terezin Music Foundation director, Mark Ludwig • Hatikvah Soldier's Mission



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Friday	Erev Pesach - 1st Seder	NO Kabbalat Shabbat - First Seder	Pesach Day 7	6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat	20	6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat	27	6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat	A A A			
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Wednesday	4	4:00 pm, Beit Rabban	Pesach Day 5 Chol HaMoed	4:00 pm, Beit Rabban 7:00 pm, Torah as Spiritual Experience w/ Rabbi Sendor	18	7:00 Tzitzit & Talit Workshop (see pg. 9) 7:00 pm, Torah as Spiritual Experience w/ Rabbi Sendor	Yom Hazikaron 25	4:00 pm, Beit Rabban				
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Monday	2	7:00 pm, Interfaith Class @ First Parish Congregation 8:00 pm, Yeladim Committee	Pesach Day 3 Chol HaMoed		16	7:30 pm, Women's Study Group w/Rav Claudia	23	C. C.	7.30 pm, Plyulim W/Kav Claudia (see pg. 8)	30		7:30 pm, Piyutim w/Rav Claudia (see pg. 8)
Sunday	10:00 am, 1550 Pesach Deliveries	1-3:00 pm, BBYO Connect, volunteering at Cradles to Crayons 5:00 pm, Board Meeting	Pesach Day 2 8		15	3.4:30 & 4:30-6:00 pm, How to write a D'var Torah & Structure of Morning Service (see pg. 8)	22	1-8:00 pm, Boston Food Conference (See pg. 17)		10:30 am, Holocaust Commemoration (See pg. 9)	3:00 pm, Community Meeting (see pg. 2) 5:00 pm, BBYO Connect & Tzitizit Workshop	7:00 pm, Rosh Hodesh Group

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Saturday	TBZ @ 13 (see pg. 7) NO Torah Study Shabbat Services (babysitting available) 1:15 pm, Men's Group	12 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 11:30 am, Tfilot Yeladim 1:00 pm, Bnei Mitzvah Group w/Rabbis	Parshat Behar-Bechukotai 19 Bat Mitzvah - Emma Rybeck 9:00 am, <i>Torah</i> Study 10:00 am, <i>Shabbat</i> Services (babysitting available)	Parshat Bamidbar Erev Shavuot 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 1:15 pm, Men's Group 9:00 pm, Tikkun Leyl	Shavyor at ki on the share of the state of the share of the species (see pg. 9)
Friday	6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat	5:00 pm, Child- friendly Kabbalat Shabbat @ 1550 Beacon (see pg. 13) 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Family Yeladim Dinner (see pg. 13)	6:00 pm, Kabbala†	55 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat	
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Monday		7	7:30 pm, Piyutim w/Rav Claudia (see pg. 8)	21 7:30 pm, Piyutim w/Rav Claudia (see pg. 8)	Shavuot Day 2 28 Memorial Day No Service
Sunday		Walk for Hunger - TBZ & will walk together 5:00 pm, Board Meeting	Mother's Day 13	Yom Yerushalayim 20 10:30 am, Family Ed Program on Shavuot (see pg. 8) 5:00 pm, Gr. 6, TC & BBYO Connect go bowling 7:00 pm, Rosh Hodesh Group	Shavuot Day 1 27 Sunrise Service (see pg. 9) 10:00 a.m. Service including Yizkor

Katherine Gergen Barnett, Evonne Meranus Co-Chairs, Yeladim Committee

Family Tu B'Shvat Seder

Pinat Yeladim: by Beth Silverberg Marx

Children's Corner Tu B'shvat was a wonderful celebration at TBZ this past month. Becky Wexler and Rav Claudia did an amazing job at getting everyone to participate in the fun. Who knew that at a Tu B'shvat seder one drinks four cups of juice just like at a Passover seder? We learned that each cup of iuice introduces us to a different season. To introduce the first season, Winter, we sang the classic song "Turn, Turn, Turn" and clapping and tapping with Becky's guidance, we felt as if we were in the midst of the most wonderful rainstorm. For the second cup, Spring, the Tree Lady from Elmo's World showed us the value of trees and how

they grow. For the third cup, Summer, Becky led us in a tree orchestra. For the last cup, Autumn,

Rav Claudia, Becky and I performed a skit based on a story from the Talmud about an old person named Choni, who plants a tree. When she's asked why she is doing so since she won't be able to enjoy the fruit of the tree, Choni replies, "I won't be able to enjoy the fruit of the tree, but my children and the children of my children will. There are so many trees out there that I didn't plant. It is my job to plant trees for the next generations." That our sages understood the importance of protecting and caring for the environment and the responsibility of the older generation to create a sustainable world for the generations to come, shows that while the Tu B'shvat seder is quite old, its message is most definitely a modern and vital one.

When is a "Vay" a Vowel?

by Miriam Rosalyn Diamond, Beit Rabban Hebrew **Learning Specialist**

This year, Beit Rabban students have expanded opportunities to develop their Hebrew literacy. As Hebrew Learning Specialist, I work with learners to increase their knowledge and confidence reading and understanding basic Hebrew. From identifying letters and vowels to reading and comprehending prayers directly out of the siddur, students are growing in their grasp and appreciation of our ancient holy language.

The year began with an assessment of each student's skill level with Hebrew. Based on the findings, advanced students as well as some who are catching up meet with me individually or in small groups. They read, write, complete worksheets, play games and - in the case of the youngest children - do related artwork. Because the sanctuary is our meeting space, we explore how these language building blocks connect to the big pictures: Shabbat and holiday observance, Torah and history, traditional Jewish values.

I also enjoy working in the classrooms, supporting students completing assigned tasks as part of the teachers' creative language lesson plans. Beit Rabban has a dedicated team of instructors and leaders, ensuring that the next generation of TBZ-ers is acquiring skills they can contribute to our vibrant community.





Purim 2012: Follow the Yellow Brick Road

Yeladim Events: April-May

May

April

Sun. 4/1	Passover Deliveries at 1550	10:00 a.m.
Sun. 4/1	BBYO Connect volunteers at Cradles to Crayons	1-3:00 p.m.
Wed. 4/4	Beit Rabban	4:00 p.m.
Wed. 4/11	Beit Rabban	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 4/14	Tfilot Yeladim	11:30 a.m.
Sat. 4/14	Bnei Mitzvah Group	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 4/21	Babysitting	10:30 a.m.
Fri. 4/20	BBYO Connect 6-8th Graders	5-7:00 p.m.
Wed. 4/25	Beit Rabban	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 4/28	Family Service w/ Charlotte Reuben's Bat Mitzvah	11:00 a.m.
Sun. 4/29	BBYO Connect & Tztitzit Workshop	5:00 p.m.

Wed. 5/2	Beit Rabban	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 5/5	Babysitting	10:30 a.m.
Sun. 5/6	Walk for Hunger (Details to come!)	TBA
Wed. 5/9	Beit Rabban	4:00 p.m.
Fri. 5/11	Kabbalat Shabbat at 1550 followed by Family Dinner	5:00 p.m.
Sat. 5/12	Tfilot Yeladim	11:30 a.m.
Sat. 5/12	Bnei Mitzvah Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed. 5/16	Beit Rabban	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 5/19	Babysitting	10:30 a.m.
Sun. 5/20	Family Ed Program – Preparing for Shavuot (includes Adult Learning)	10:30 a.m.
Sun. 5/20	Gr. 6, TC & BBYO Connect go bowling	5:00 p.m.
Wed. 5/30	Beit Rabban	4:00 p.m.

Family Shabbat Service For All Celebrating Charlotte Reuben's Bat Mitzvah

April 28, 2012 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Please join us on April 28th Shabbat Parshat Tazria-Metzora for a joyful, fun and vibrant service in the Sanctuary.

The service will include a shorter-than-usual Shacharit and Torah service.

It will be welcoming for children and adults alike.

Charlotte will be celebrating her Bat Miztvah during the Family Service.

This is NOT a children's service, but a Family Service for everyone.

The whole community will celebrate Shabbat together.

Because of the later start, Torah Study will be held from 9:30-10:30.



Family Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner

May 11, 2012

5 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat at 1550 Beacon St., next door to TBZ

6 p.m. Dinner at TBZ

Please join us at 5:00 p.m. for *Kabbalat Shabbat* Services at 1550 Beacon Street, with residents of the Senior Home. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the TBZ community room.

Online registration will be available soon or you may call the office at 617-566-8171 ext 14.

Deadline: Noon, Tuesday May 8. Reservations will not be accepted after this date.

Adults: \$20/Children 3-16: \$10/ Children under 3: no cost

1550 Residents: \$10

If you would like to help set up or clean up contact Beth Silverberg Marx at bethsmarx@yahoo.com or llana Fleisher at ilanamargalit59@gmail.com.



Photos from the Purim Play













Baking Hamentashen

























CELEBRATE, HONOR AND REMEMBER THROUGH A GIFT TO TBZ

What better way to celebrate special days or to honor friends or loved ones than making a gift to TBZ? And what better way to remember a loved one who is no longer with you than to make a gift to TBZ in his/her memory.

This is a "win/win" for everyone involved. You get to acknowledge your connection to someone you love, and TBZ gets to grow stronger through that love.

As co-chairs of the TBZ Development Committee we are working hard to make sure that TBZ remains a vital, caring and joyful community. Honoring and remembering friends and loved ones through your gifts will strengthen TBZ's commitment to continue the vibrancy and inspiration of our community.

In the words of one of our members: "I make gifts to TBZ to celebrate a simcha or in honor or memory of a dear one because it gives me a meaningful connection between my life and the life of the community that I love."

If there is a life event you are celebrating or if there is someone you'd like to honor or remember through a gift to TBZ, please be in touch with the TBZ office at

(617) 566-8171or go on-line at <u>www.tbzbrookline.org/donations/commemorativegifts</u>.

Thanks so much.

Sue Kahn and Carol Kamin Co-Chairs, TBZ Development Committee





TBZ Women's Retreat

On February 12, close to 60 TBZ women joined together for a day of learning and friendship at the 1st TBZ Women's Retreat.

We would like to give special thanks to:

Our Presenters: Diane Balser, Debbie Cohen, Joyce Friedman, Lauren Garlick, Bobbi Isberg, Yocheved Katz, Rav Claudia Kreiman, Pninah Lahav, Judith Rosenbaum, and Barbara Sternfield.

Our Retreat Planning Committee: Diane Balser, Lauren Garlick, Suzanne Gelber, Rachel Kalet, Pninah Lahav, Enid Shulman, Beth Silverberg Marx, and Barbara Sternfield.

The program sessions included:

Cultivating Receptivity—a Yoga workshop with Debbie Cohen

Engaging—Finding Meaning from Your Life Experience with Barbara Sternfield

Banishing Israeli Women from the Public Square with Pnina Lahav

Meeting our Matriarchs: Dynamic, Interactive and Personal Encounters with Lauren Garlick

Bread and Roses: Jewish Women and Labor Activism with Judith Rosenbaum

A Performance: FINDING MIRIAM with Joyce Friedman

Intimacy Through Meditation and Torah with Bobbi Isberg & Yocheved Katz

Tallit, Kippah and Tfilin: Women and "Male" Jewish Ritual with Rav Claudia

How to Tie Your Own Tzitzit with Rav Claudia

Religious & Secular Feminism with Diane Balser

From Diane Balser:

The recent women's retreat was one of the most exciting gatherings that I have participated in at Temple Beth Zion. As we celebrated Jewish female models of the past and present, we strengthened our growing sense of community among the women at TBZ. We explored critical issues that pertain to us as Jewish women, such as:

- what is the real meaning of egalitarianism in community practice, philosophy and religious observance?
- how can we support women in Israel who are facing the growing deterioration of their rights as women?
- how do we involve and partner with men on an equal basis in all aspects of Jewish life?

For many of us the retreat allowed us to bring a feminist lens to our TBZ community. I deeply appreciate the leadership of Rav Claudia, who is pioneering a new model of a woman Rabbi. And I thank the number of women in TBZ who care so passionately about our community and who lead and contribute to one of the most profound changes in Jewish life in the modern/contemporary era.

Retreat participant Anne Braudy also offered reflections. Read her thoughts on the Koleinu page of the TBZ website (www.tbzbrookline.org).







Donations (1/5/12 - 3/2/12)

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Join New Israel Fund and TBZ for Yom Ha'atzmaut

Celebrating Israel Through Social Justice:

Honoring NIF President Naomi Chazan

Program will include introductory remarks by prominent author, editor and social justice leader Leonard Fein as well as a moderated audience discussion.

Join us for a festive dessert and champagne reception following the discussion featuring lively music from the renowned Boston Klezmer Ensemble. Dietary laws will be observed.

Thursday, April 26th from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

\$18 General Admission/ \$10 Student Admission

\$100 sponsorship (includes 1 ticket and name listing in program)

Register at www.nif.org/chazan

Questions? Call the NIF office at 781-444-7889.

Naomi Chazan became President of the New Israel Fund in June 2008. Professor Chazan is best known for her eleven years in the Knesset as one of the Meretz Party's most effective legislators and for her service as Deputy Speaker of the Knesset. Naomi Chazan is an outspoken leader in the struggle for women's rights, civil rights, religious freedom, pluralism and peace.

Event Location: Hebrew College, Berenson Hall | 160 Herrick Road | Newton, MA 02459

Save the Date

Sunday, April 22nd from 1-8:00 p.m.

SOWING THE SEEDS OF SUSTAINABILITY

Boston Jewish Food Conference
Hosted at Hebrew College
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www.beantownjewishgardens.org



HELP NEEDED!

Oneg and Kiddush Committees need YOU!

Currently a small group of volunteers buys and prepares the food we all look forward to after services Friday night and Saturday morning.

Preparing the *Oneg* takes less than an hour. Occasionally a small amount of shopping is needed, but most of what you'll need is in place and ready for use.

Helping with Saturday *Kiddush* means you come to shul around 9 a.m. Shabbat morning and work with at least 3 or 4 others. No shopping required—everything is here and there is a leader who will "show you the ropes." You are free to leave and attend services when they begin at 10:00.

If just half of TBZs members volunteered once or twice a year—what a difference it would make.

Give it a try. You meet other people, and you get to serve your entire TBZ community in a truly BIG way, though the time required is quite small.

Help us feed you. What could be better?

You can sign up on the web—tbzbrookline.org, or get more information by emailing Ava: ava135@comcast.net.

And many thanks to chair Ava Berinstein and our current group of volunteers:

help is on the way!

Kiddush and Oneg Sponsors

- Sheine Wizel and Joel Kershner IHO the *yahrzeit* of Sheine's grandfather, Leopoldo Winter.
- Marion and Stanley Freedman-Gurspan IHO the *yahrzeit* of Marion's mother, Evelyn Freedman.
- Bobbi Isberg and Seth Alper IHO the yahrzeit of Bobbi's mother, Sylvia Isberg.
- Cindy Kaplan and Marc Weisskopf IHO the bar mitzvah of their son, Noah.
- Len and Linda Rosen IHO the *yahrzeits* of Len's parents, Esther and Sidney Rosen.

- Valerie Samuels IHO the yahrzeits of her parents. Myrna and Irving Samuels.
 - Dan Kirschner IHO the birthday of his wife, Sue Kahn.
 - Dan Levitt and Ariadne Valsamis IHO the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Zoe.
- Steve Lewis IHO the *yahrzeit* of his father, Samuel Lewis.
- Tom Stambaugh and Valerie Greger IHO the *yahrzeit* of Tom's father, Thomas Stambaugh.
- Enid Shulman and Cindy-jo Gross in honor of their birthdays







Celebrate!

TBZ's Bar/Bat Mitzvah Saturday May 5, 2012



Join the entire TBZ community as we celebrate 13 years of rejuvenation!

A unique opportunity for all of us to celebrate this milestone in the growth of our community.

We will also be honoring our co-Presidents, Fran Adams and Jonathan Klein.

Shabbat Services will be followed by a festive Bar/Bat Mitzvah Kiddush with food, music and festivities!

See page 7 for more info.

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