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Reb Moshe's High Holiday Message

Dear Haverim and Haverot,

Once again we gather together to celebrate the creation of the universe, *hayom harat olam*. We are grateful for this annual opportunity to measure our personal growth in a world that proceeds on its steady and constant course. The Awesome Days, *Yamim Noraim*, as the High Holiday season is traditionally called, is also a time to reflect not only on personal actions and behaviors but on how we impact the course of our planet's health and welfare.



On *Rosh Hashanah* we engage in the re-coronation of the Holy One of Blessing (*Melekh ha-Olam*) as the organizing principle of the Universe. This process is our annual statement of our ongoing commitment to the covenantal relationship established on Sinai, one which makes us partners with the Divine in the maintenance of our planet.

Our ecological consciousness is the genesis of our responsibility to be aware and mindful of how we impact our environment on a daily basis. Human

beings have the capacity to either build up or destroy life, in all of its manifestations. As we look around us we witness murder and mayhem, pollution and the poisoning of the atmosphere, and the struggle for many species to survive.

Yet we are also witnessing a re-awakening of Eden Consciousness in many ways. Thousands of projects throughout the world are attempting to alleviate the pressures on our environment. These projects, ranging from local organic farming cooperatives to campaigns against gun violence, all share

that common goal of our High Holy Days: **re-establishing** the dignity and nobility (*malkhut*) of the Universe. We are blessed that so many of these projects have been initiated in the Jewish community and that so many others have been implemented in our community.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Purgation, the Day of At-one-ment, offers us the opportunity for *keshbon ha-Nefesh*, an accounting of our soul. Making this inventory of our inner spiritual lives, our commitments to ourselves, our ideals, and our actions in relation to the Divine

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A High Holiday Teaching by Reb Moshe

Keva and Kavana

Jewish practice is a balance between keva (established ritual forms of *mitzvot*) and kavana (directed intentionality). These two principles inform and revitalize ritual performance. These rituals include behavior between human beings (*mitzvot beyn adam vekhavero*) and actions that bring together the human and the Divine (*mitzvot beyn adam laMakom*). Mindfulness practice can be a central part in finding the imminent sense of the Divine that will in-spire (take in breath) our behaviors in the world.

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and its manifestation in our environment is a time of celebration as well. As we conclude with the inspiring *Ne'ilah* service at TBZ, a service not to be missed, we will engage in our most nature oriented festival of the fall harvest, *Sukkot*.

Sukkot offers us a chance to leave our established homes and dwell and dine for seven days in a harvest booth surrounded by the natural world. Our *sukkot* will be covered with branches of trees and the smells of fall will permeate them.

To cap off this festival we will gather together for *Shemini Atzeret*, the Eighth Day of Assembly, where we will ask for enough rain to insure our spring harvest in the Land of Israel. This will also include *Yizkor*, our remembrance of those who came before and helped us to achieve all that we have achieved.

We then, at evening time, celebrate the end (and beginning) of the Torah reading cycle. These festivities will once again remind us of the covenant established on Sinai and our partnership with the Divine in perfecting the world.

Underlying all of these celebrations is gratitude. This simple, but not easy, teaching lies at the heart of the TBZ mission. As you get more involved at TBZ we hope you will awaken to life anew every morning; to see each other without the baggage of yesterday; to reach deeply within to offer

praise and gratitude for our everyday existence. Our community strives to support this transformation in all of our lives.

As always we, as Rabbis and teachers, are deeply grateful for the support of our community. We hope to return this support to you every Friday night and Shabbat morning; in weekly Torah study and weekday classes; by working on *tikkun olam* for the world around us and on *khesed* for those within our community; in holiday celebrations for children and adults, and much more. Take advantage of what your community offers you and your family and in turn refresh us with your sacred energies.

Anne and my daughters, Shula, Brina and Risa, join me in wishing us all

Shana tova tikateyvu ve-tekhateymu —

שנה טובה תכתיבו ותחתימו

May we all be inscribed and sealed for a year of health, happiness and prosperity.

Kol Tuv (all the best),

Reb Moshe



Mazel Tov!

מזל טוב!



- To Stephen and Renee Hodin on the *bat mitzvah* of their daughter, Peninah.
- To Rabbi Daniel and Jen Klein and big brother Micah on the birth of a baby girl, Nora Esther.
- To Wendy Caplan and Leonard Marcus on David's *bar mitzvah*
- To Mark Housman and Mona Strick on the birth of a grandchild.
- To Franny and Jonathan Levene on the birth of a baby girl.
- Yasher Koach to the TBZ Walk for Hunger Team for finishing in the TOP 10 for fundraising.
- Celebratory Shabbat Honoring Bob and the Daniels.
- To Anne Freeh Engel and Samuel Engel on the birth of a son, Isaac Francis.
- To Shafi Goldwasser and Nir Shavit on the *bar mitzvah* of their son, Lior.
- To Rabbi Margie Klein and Jeremy Ronkin on their wedding.
- To Becky Wexler and Alex Khitrik on their wedding.
- To Shafi Goldwasser for receiving the Turing Award, the "Nobel Prize" of computer science.
- To Tamar and Jonathan Duke-Cohan on the *bar mitzvah* of their son, Joe.
- To Dina Aronzon and Lee Biernbaum on the birth of a daughter, Sadie.
- To our graduates; Phoebe Reuben from high school, Charlotte Reuben from 8th grade, Aaron Kraus from Boston Latin, Izzy Sinclair from JCDS, Noah Weisskopf from JCDS.
- To Emma Smith Zbarsky and Boris Zbarsky and big brothers, Arlan and Daniel on the birth of a baby girl, Leora Esther.



Co-Presidents' Message

**David Cherenson
& Jenni Seicol**

As we write this article it is the quiet time of summer at TBZ. In truth, however, there really is never a "quiet time" at TBZ. As in the Jewish calendar, so too at TBZ: each season has its own rhythm.

This summer many of us got together for iced coffees in members' homes, for a trip to the Boston Common to see *Two Gentleman of Verona*, and for Barbecue & *Barchu* on Summit Hill. And of course we sang, *davvened*, and studied together each *Shabbat* as we do throughout the year. Wherever you may have journeyed this summer, we hope you had a chance to relax and enjoy the different rhythms with family and friends.

By the time you read this, summer will be waning and we will be turning our attention to the fall and the upcoming High Holidays. As you know, the holidays are very "early" this year, as *Rosh HaShanna* begins on Wednesday evening, September 4th.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR HIGH HOLIDAYS:

This year there is ONE TICKET. You can use this same ticket of go to either the early or the late service, and you do not need to choose your service in advance.

HOWEVER:

We would like to ask that you come to the service you had tickets for in the past. Or if you usually go to the Late Service, and are able, we would like to suggest that you try the early service. The Late Service tends to get quite crowded, and both seating and parking are much easier at the Early Service.

The New Year is shaping up to be filled with many opportunities here at TBZ for learning, social action, spiritual growth and fun. Watch for our new *Kabbalat Shabbat Siddur* this Fall and our TBZ trip to Israel in February. Throughout the year we will be preparing for the *Shmita* Year and learning more about environmental and food justice. You will be hearing more about these and many other programs and activities during the year.

A booklet entitled "TBZ-In-Action" will be available for you at the High Holidays. In it you will find information about all of the Committees and activities in our community. We hope you will take time to read through it and discover new ways to get involved.

We would like to give special thanks to all of TBZ's chairs and co-chairs, for all of your time and boundless energy, which help make the TBZ community a better place for us all. The work you are performing today allows Synagogue life to grow and flourish and will secure the future L'dor Vador, from generation to generatoin. Know that we could not do this without you and while "it is not your duty to complete the work, neither are your free to desist from it."

לא עליך המלאכה לגמור ולא

אתה בן חורין להבטל ממנה

We want to wish you and all your loved ones a very good New Year and we look forward to deepening our connections to one another during the coming year.

L'Shana Tova,

Jenni & David



DID YOU FILL OUT THE SURVEY?

A Kabbalat Shabbat task force has been working to re-issue our Friday Night *Siddur*, to make it as informative and user-friendly as possible. We love our unique Friday evening service, and hope our new booklet will help more people come and enjoy them. Do you have thoughts about how we might increase attendance? *Fill out our survey! We need your input!* You can also contact Joel Kershner directly, at joelkershner1@gmail.com or (617) 549-7531. Thank you!

Condolences

- To Amy Mates and Billy Mencow and their family on the death of Amy's father, Irving Mates.
- To Howard and Aaron Wilion on the death of their mother, Shulamit Wilion, wife of the late Joe Wilion.
- To the family of Mitchell and Judith Glassman on the death of Mitch's mother, Netty Glassman.

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

HaMakom yenakhem otam im shear avlei Tziyon vYrushalayim.



Message from Rav Claudia

Dear Haverim v'Haverot,

ROSH HODESH TAMUZ was an important morning at TBZ.

Close to 150 people came to our Sanctuary for a service to celebrate Rosh Hodesh, the beginning of the month, and to support **Women of the Wall**. If you do not yet know about this courageous group of women, their central mission is to achieve the social and legal recognition of their right, as women, to wear prayer shawls, pray, and read from the Torah collectively and out loud at the Western Wall. Our service was led by Rabbis Sonia Saltzman of Ohabei Shalom, Toba Spitzer of Dorshei Tzedek and by me, and it was a joyful celebration, with beautiful singing. The event was co-sponsored by thirteen synagogues and the Massachusetts Board of Rabbis.

That same morning, *Women of the Wall* held their monthly prayer service at the Western Wall, the *Kotel*, under heavy police protection, after the previous month of violent protest, threatening graffiti and letters. *Women of the Wall* were led behind and under the Mugrabi Bridge, to enter a secured, sectioned off area of the women's side of the Wall. A record 300 plus women prayed in that fenced off area while beside them, 20 ultra-Orthodox women protested with signs, yelling and gawking at the pluralist prayer. Member of Knesset Michal Rozin, of the Meretz party, joined the women's prayer for the 4th month, to see that the rights of women in this important, public holy space were upheld.

Though police expected over 10,000 ultra-Orthodox protesters, the Rabbis retracted their call to protest in a mass prayer and asked that all of the men return to their seminary studies. A small group of protesters remained, yelling, throwing eggs and harassing the 100 men who came to support *Women of the Wall*. One young man, age 16, who joined *Women of the Wall* in support and to pray at the *Kotel* was attacked by ultra-Orthodox men when he attempted to return a prayer book. Police intervened immediately, saving him from the mob. *Women of the Wall's* prayer was peaceful and beautiful, despite protest and the fact that the women are still being refused access to Torah Scrolls. A regulation by Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz, Chairman of the Western Wall Heritage Foundation, forbids women from bringing a Torah Scroll into the plaza of the holy site, whereas men can access any of the hundreds of scrolls that remain there on a permanent basis. "*Women of the Wall* will challenge this regulation, as it conflicts with the new district court decision guaranteeing women's religious freedoms at the *Kotel* from May 2013..." (*Women of the Wall* Press Release, June 9, 2013).

I share this, because as I stated that morning, our support to *Women of the Wall* is essential. Our brothers and sisters in Israel must hear that we Jews living outside of Israel



support a pluralistic Israel. This is not a fight just about the Western Wall, but it is a fight for the face and the future of Israel. *Women of the Wall* is about fighting for Women's rights and religious freedom in Israel. The support of the North American Jewish community and all Jewish communities has brought this issue to the agenda of politicians, judges and ministers in Israel. Our voices carry weight.

A few days before Rosh Hodesh Tamuz, the following question for a rabbi was posted and answered on the website Kipa.co.il:

"Dear God: Ask the Rabbi, Am I allowed to shoot the *Women of the Wall*"? Fortunately, the rabbi answering this question, Rabbi Baruch Efrati, responded by saying that killing was not the way to deal with this issue and asked the police to find the person who asked this question and see if there was real meaning to it.

I don't have to tell you how deeply problematic this question is and how it shows the importance of continuing to fight for a better Israel, believing that Israel can be a home for all Jews, where pluralism and diversity are what defines the country, rather than hatred and fighting.

On June 9, Anat Hoffman, *Women of the Wall* Chair, said:

"This month when we finished our prayer service with *Hatikvah*, Israel's national anthem (literal translation: The Hope) it was a truly emotionally moving moment. It was a moment when we recognized that we are making history here. We all knew that one day we will tell our granddaughters about the days when we had to struggle to liberate the *Kotel*".

To learn more about *Women of the Wall*, visit <http://womenofthewall.org.il>.



To see more pictures and short videos of our service in support of WoW, visit TBZ's Facebook page (look for Temple Beth Zion, Brookline MA). <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Temple-Beth-Zion-Brookline-MA/286991633146>

My wishes for a wonderful summer, and as we begin preparing for the High Holidays, my family joins me wishing you a Shana Tova U'metuka,

Rav Claudia



Changing of the Guard

By Carol Nathan, Executive Director

The month of June marked the beginning of the changing of the guard in the Executive Director's office as Bob Perlman, our extraordinary ED for over 10 years trained his successor, me, Carol Nathan. In addition to learning the basics of TBZ's administration, I met with committee chairs and Co-Presidents Jenni Seicol and David Cherenon as well as Reb Moshe Waldoks and Rav Claudia Kreiman. My first official day on the job as Executive Director was July 1.



**A Warm Welcome to our
new Executive Director,
Carol Nathan**

The following is a brief summary of my responses to some of the questions I was asked during these meetings.

TBZ: Now that you've had the opportunity to talk with committee chairs, spend time with the staff, and attend services, share with us some of your first impressions about our congregation.

Well first off, I am absolutely delighted to be here at TBZ. It is a synagogue Executive Director's dream job. The congregation is fiscally sound; the office and administrative functions are very well organized and running smoothly; and the congregation is an active, positive and committed community.

I am especially delighted by the number of young families who have joined the congregation in the past couple of years. The expansion of this segment of the community has brought about healthy demographic diversification.

Leadership's proactive approach to governance is another example of the congregation's strength. For example, it's unusual for a Board of Directors to radically reorganize without a crisis to motivate them. Another example of this forward thinking is the study that was recently initiated to identify reasons for the decrease in Friday night service attendance.

TBZ: How did you get into the field of Synagogue Administration?

The short answer is that I answered an ad posted by an anonymous non-profit. But the real answer is more complex. For a couple of years prior to responding to the ad, I was looking for the right position in a non-profit. I had reached a point in my life where I wanted to give back for the good of the greater community at a professional level. My previous professional experience included strategic planning, management, marketing, and financial analysis.

As it turned out, the local non-profit was Kerem Shalom, an unaffiliated synagogue in Concord, MA. Initially

I was hired as a part-time Administrative Assistant. Shortly thereafter, I became the full time Administrator and then was promoted to Administrative Director, a position that was created for me in recognition of the additional responsibilities I had taken on over the previous months.

Prior to working at Kerem Shalom, I had very limited experience with synagogue communities. My father was born into an interfaith family. He and my mother decided to raise my sister and me as non-Christian Unitarians. There was a lot of Jewishness in the Dallas Unitarian Church we attended, and so I always felt very much at home working for synagogues.

TBZ: What are some of your first priorities in your new position?

The most immediate priority is taking care of the administrative items associated with the High Holidays. They come early this year, starting just a couple of days after Labor Day.

On the macro level one of the priorities the Co-Presidents and I have identified is working with the appointed task force on improving communications both within the community and within the catchment area of potential new members. The second macro priority is participating on the strategic thinking and planning task force.

On the operational level, identifying ways to improve efficiency will be priority. There are also vendor contracts that need to be reconsidered and perhaps alternatives found.

Personally, however, the priority I am really looking forward to is getting to know TBZ members. Over the years I have heard many good things about TBZ. So I am very excited to have this opportunity to serve and be a part of this special community.

"Service to others" has always been a tenet I have lived by, and I look forward to meeting you all.

Carol

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**Welcome to Our
New Members!**

Bonnie Astroff

Susan Bookbinder

Susan Ehrlich-Kedmi

Nancy and Michael Grodin

Wilson T and Naomi Kapanga-Ndijibu

Adult Learning at TBZ

by Reggie Silberberg, Chair

This coming year will be one of transition for both me and the Adult Learning Committee. I have enjoyed heading this wonderful committee over the last 13 years, some of it with my dear friend Noam Sender. It has grown and changed to fit the needs of our evolving community, and this year will see an expansion of the community's involvement in the leadership, as others pick up different parts of this work, and I assume chair of *Nishmat Hayyim*. I look forward to mentoring newcomers, and if you are interested in taking a more active role, please get in touch with me.

Adult Sukkot program

September 22

10:30 am

part of the Mishpachot
Sunday Family program
on Sukkot.

The Children of Abraham: Judaism, Christianity & Islam

Wednesdays, Oct 2, 9, & 16

7:00 pm at TBZ

with Reb Moshe and
guest teachers



Everything you wanted to know about *The Merchant of Venice* but were afraid to ask!



A three session excursion
into one of Shakespeare's
controversial plays with
our own Shakespeare
scholar, Judith Klau.

Wednesdays, October 23, 30,
November 6

7:30 pm



TBZ Trip to Israel

Join us on The Path of the Children of Abraham

February 16-26, 2014

Led by Reb Moshe



We invite you to explore the three Abrahamic Faith traditions as we tour the Land of Israel. Our trip will offer an opportunity to learn about these traditions in the diverse landscape of our ancestors. The confluence of the Abrahamic religions originated and flourished in Israel. The development and practice of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam can be experienced first-hand in this tiny country – with such rich diversity, fervent practice, and long history. We will study the principles, explore the locales, and practice the basics of these religions while traveling together in Israel. We will visit the most important Israeli sites where the teachings of these religions were first presented, study the basics and subtleties of these early teachings, and explore how they can be experienced today.

Approximate cost will be \$3600 per person double occupancy.

You may wish to extend your stay before or after our tour to visit Eilat and Petra or elsewhere. Just let us know.

We will be holding several informational meetings. If you want to be on the mailing list for more information as it becomes available please contact Jeralyn at the TBZ office, 617-566-8171, ext. 14, or send an email to israeltrip@tbzbrookline.org.

Sponsored by the TBZ Israel Committee,
Jonathan Klein, Chair.

Brookline Community Selichot



Join us for a soulful beginning to the High Holy Day season at TBZ—an evening of meditation and inspiring prayer.

**Motzei Shabbat, Saturday evening,
August 31, 9:30 pm-1:00 am at TBZ**

9:30 pm - 10:15 pm

Contemplative Preparation
with Reb Moshe Waldoks, Bobbi Isberg and
Sheila Yocheved Katz

10:30 pm - 11:30 pm

Study Session with Rabbi Art Green, rector of the
Hebrew College Rabbinical School

11:30 pm - 1:00 am

Selichot service led by Rabbi Ebn Leader

Co-sponsored by Temple Beth Zion & Kehillath
Israel (as of June 2013)



Simchat Torah



Thursday Evening, Sept 26

5:30-6:30 pm - Mishpachot Program

6:30 pm - Join us as we UNFURL THE ENTIRE TORAH in our sanctuary. We will complete this year's Torah Cycle and begin the new Torah Cycle once again.

Weather permitting, we will then proceed to our steps and with Torahs held tightly in our arms, dance in the streets to the accompaniment of a Klezmer Band.

Friday Morning, Sept 27

**Simchat Torah Morning Service
with Rabbi Ebn Leader**

Experience the "*Hakafot*" the way they were envisioned in the mystical tradition as a spiritual meditation practice.

9:00 am - *Shakharit* Service and *Hallel*

10:00 am - *Hakafot*

Our Hesed Community

by Debbie Lipton & Steve Lewis

As the TBZ community continues to mature, Steve Lewis and I, as the new co-chairs of "Hesed", have been asked to help shepherd an evolution of the role of Hesed in the TBZ community. Our goal is to move Hesed from acts of kindness and assistance that are largely performed behind the scenes into a visible core value of our community. In this spirit, we are replacing the verbiage of the "Hesed Committee" with the "Hesed Community."

This change in language reflects the centrality of Hesed in our community, through acts of caring, compassion and lovingkindness. Through Hesed, we all have the opportunity to make a difference in each other's lives, whether in celebration of the birth of a child, helping a member who is experiencing illness, or being with a member when a loved one has

passed. Each individual act of Hesed is like mortar that heals and supports all of the members of our community; tikkun olam on a micro-level.

We already have individuals who have chosen to be counted among the Hesed community of TBZ and who are supporting members in any number of ways, ranging from providing a ride to making a visit to the hospital. We hope that by this time next year many others in our community will want to step up in a similar way, whether it is a one-time event or an ongoing commitment.

If you would like to learn more about how you can make a contribution to TBZ's Hesed Community, please send an email to hesed@tbzbrookline.org.

B'shalom,

Debbie Lipton and Steve Lewis



Nishmat Hayyim at TBZ

by Reggie Silberberg, Chair

I am so pleased to take on the role of the chair of the *Nishmat Hayyim* (Breath of Life) meditation project that is under the umbrella of Spiritual Life at TBZ. I have been involved in *Nishmat Hayyim* since its inception over 8 years ago. After a number of years being institutionally apart from TBZ, it is wonderful to have *Nishmat Hayyim* meditation opportunities back as a TBZ project.

Nishmat Hayyim nurtures contemplative/meditative opportunities for our TBZ membership as well as for the Greater Boston Jewish community. Our ongoing monthly *Shabbat* afternoon retreats will be supplemented by contemplative *Shabbat* services; day long and weekend retreats; guest teachers and other opportunities to enrich and cultivate mindfulness as a framework for our spiritual lives as Jews. We need your help to make sure we can offer as many ways to include as many of us as possible in these efforts. Don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you want to be involved.

Programming

We will have opportunities for contemplative/meditation on *Tisha B'Av* (July 15, 8:30 pm), *Selichot* (August 31, 9:30 pm), and the afternoon of *Yom Kippur*, following *Minkha* (3:30 -5:30 pm).

Shabbat Afternoon Meditation @ TBZ:

August 17, 1:30 – 5:30 pm

September 21, 1:30 – 5:30 pm

Please save the date for a special
Contemplative Retreat at the Essex Conference
and Retreat Center in Essex, MA, on the Shabbat
of December 13.

Special October events:

Reb Moshe will be presenting at both of these events sponsored by Newton Community Education which will take place on the hill at the Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in Newton Centre.

October 1:






Sitting Together: Meditation Practices From Various Religious Traditions

October 29:

*Mindfulness Practice and Joyous Celebration:
A Jewish-Buddhist Dialogue with Reb Moshe and Surya Das*



August Shul Calendar

Friday	Saturday
2 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	3 Parshat Re'eh 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
9 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	10 Parshat Shoftim 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
16 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	17 Parshat Ki Teitzei 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 1:30 pm, Afternoon Meditation (see pg. 9)
23 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	24 Parshat Ki Tavo 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services (babysitting available)
30 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	31 Parshat Nitzavim-Vayelech 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 9:30 pm, Selikhot Classes 11:30 pm, Selikhot Services (See pg. 8)

Other August Events

Wed, Aug 7
7:30 pm, LGBT Committee

Sun, Aug 11
7:00 pm, TBZ Book Club

Thur, Aug 22
7:30 pm, Tikkun Olam

Mishpachot Registration is Open for Beit Rabban 5774



As we finish up our 5773 *Beit Rabban* we look back on a wonderful year filled with learning, community and fun. This year we had 36 students and 5 teachers and have successfully created a new curriculum. We know that next year will be even more exciting as we welcome back our returning students and welcome new students to our program.

If you haven't done so already, please register for **Beit Rabban 2013-2014** at www.tinyurl.com/BeitRabban5774. After filling out the form, you can pay for Beit Rabban online (<http://www.tbzbrookline.org/payment-for-beit-rabban-2013-14/>) or by check in the TBZ office. If you have multiple children attending Beit Rabban next year, please fill out the form separately for each child.

Registration closes on August 9, 2013. Please register as soon as possible, as we will need to finalize classes in August.

Also, we have heard parent feedback. Though all children are making great progress in their Hebrew, we know it is hard to learn a new language without lots of time, practice and attention. To address this need, we are currently planning to offer an optional 8 week

Hebrew program for children in *Beit Rabban* over the winter. We will be in touch with more information about this program in the Fall and there will be a separate registration process.

Mishpachot Calendar 2013 - 2014

The calendar for next year has been set. Save the dates for all your favorite *Mishpachot* programming—*tefillot mishpachot*, holiday events and celebrations, *mitzvah* opportunities, the community retreat and more. The full calendar can be found at: www.tbzbrookline.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Mishpachot-2013-2014-by-program.pdf.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Suzie at beitrabban@tbzbrookline.org.

High Holidays 5774/ 2013

**Please join us for the following
Mishpachot Programming during the
High Holidays**



This year we are providing an opportunity for our pre-teens and teens to explore and study the deeper meaning of our High Holidays service. It is so important at an early age to introduce a more sophisticated way of understanding our relationship to the Divine. We hope your family takes advantage of this offering. It will take place on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah* and on *Yom Kippur* at 9:45 am, led by our *Beit Rabban* and *Mishpachot* coordinator, Suzie Schwartz Jacobson. We will also offer a Family Service for children of ALL ages at 11am on the same days. We hope that all children, especially our older ones will join us in the Sanctuary (as always, babysitting will be provided all through the Holidays).

Rosh Hashannah - September 5th

9:45-10:30 Pre- teen & Teen High Holidays study (for 5th-9th graders) 3rd floor

11-12:30 Family Service for ALL ages (Families and children will join the service in the Sanctuary to hear the shofar). Community Room

Yom Kippur - September 13th

9:45-10:30 Pre- teen & Teen High Holidays study (for 5th-9th graders) 3rd floor

11-12:30 Family Service for ALL ages (Families and children will join the service in the Sanctuary to hear the shofar). Community Room

Babysitting will be offered during High Holidays services. Check your ticket for more exact times.

TBZ Community Retreat 2013

This year, over 120 TBZ members of all ages spent the weekend at the beautiful Camp Hayward in Sandwich Massachusetts on Cape Cod. Together we prayed and sang while overlooking the gorgeous lake, played capture the flag and kickball in the woods and had a great time enjoying Israeli dance, yoga, several adult classes, a talent show, bonfire and more! Were were able to take a step back from our normal lives, meet new friends while connecting with old, and relaxing with our TBZ family.

Stay tuned for information about next year's community retreat to be held May 9-11. We would love to see you there!



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THANKS FOR HELPING TO EXCEED OUR FINANCIAL GOALS FOR OUR TBZ COMMUNITY!

Did you know that it is the TBZ tradition never to turn anyone away from our loving community because of financial reasons? Did you know that more than 25 percent of our budget is from donations from members and friends of TBZ? And did you know that we have a terrific Development Committee whose job is to find ways to raise those dollars so that our community can maintain its special blend of inclusiveness, open-minded learning, tradition and innovation?

We are delighted to report that this year, thanks to so many of you, we exceeded our fund raising goal by \$17,000, due to your generous contributions to our

special kiddush honoring Bob Perlman and Jack and Jane Daniels. This was essential in order to offset some unexpected expenses, and we have every reason to believe that this coming year we will do even better. We value each and every member's contribution, both large and small. We are always looking for new ideas and strategies and invite TBZ members to join us as we strengthen and build on our strong and vital foundation. You may contact Carol Kamin (carol.kamin@gmail.com) or Sue Kahn (susanrkaahn223@aol.com) for more information.

Thank you and *Shanah Tovah*,

Sue & Carol



High Holiday Ushering

by Audrey Kadis

If you have attended High Holiday services at TBZ, you know the important role that that ushers play to ensure that services run smoothly and to make congregants and visitors alike feel the friendliness that is such an important part of TBZ. On behalf of the congregation, I am asking you to help during the High Holidays this year. We need ushers for all services so no matter which services you attend, you will be able to find a convenient time to participate.

The commitment is 2 hours or less. If you have volunteered in the past, we hope you'll join us again and if you haven't volunteered please give it a try since ushering will enrich your High Holidays experience.

To volunteer simply go to <http://www.mysignup.com/tbzhighholidayushers> and select the time(s), location(s) and role(s) you want.

Symbols and Customs of the High Holy Days

Rosh Hashanah

Foods for Rosh Hashanah are usually round and sweet. They remind us of



the cycles of life and are a way of representing our hopes of renewal for a good and sweet New Year. Some favorites include apples dipped in honey and round *challot* with raisins.

On the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah, at 5:30 pm, we will gather at the Cleveland Circle Reservoir, opposite the Waterworks Museum on Beacon Street, for *Tashlikh*. Together we symbolically tear pieces of bread, representing the harmful behaviors that have impeded our growth over the past year, and cast them away.



Over the last decade this event has drawn more and more TBZers of all ages (and their doggies).

HINT: If you're a caffeine "addict" taper off between RH and YK. It will take three days or so. You will have a headache. You'll deal with it. But you won't have to deal with it on Yom Kippur. If you have never fasted before, give it a try. Staying with us all or most or all of the day makes it a lot easier.

Yom Kippur

Before *Kol Nidre*, families often gather for a *se'udah mafseket*, a final meal before the 25-hour fast to come. Fasting on Yom Kippur is more than just not eating. We are also told to refrain from intimate relations, from washing more than our hands and faces, from applying perfumes and cosmetics and from wearing leather. Except for eating and drinking, these are also our mourning customs.

And therefore this is one of the reasons we encourage folks to wear all white garments. We emulate our own dying process as we leave behind our bodily concerns for spiritual ones. We wear white as a symbol of purity as it states in *Isaiah 1:18*: "May your sins be white as snow". If you'd like to purchase a traditional *kittel*, a white cloth robe to wear over your clothes and under your *tallit*, they are available at the Israel book shop on Harvard Street and online. You'll also notice folks wearing canvas shoes or crocs.

Yom Kippur concludes with *NE'ILAH*, the Closing of the Gates. This is the way we transition back from our "death" into "life". Our *Ne'ilah* Service is a joyous and transformative event. Just ask anyone who's been there! It is truly the most moving service we attend all year. Standing in our packed sanctuary, in which

all of the chairs have magically disappeared, along with 100's of swaying, singing, adults and children, (lots of children!), chanting from deep within our souls, our energies returning after a long day of fasting, our voices strong as we conclude with *Havdalah*, candles and glow stix alight, is an experience you will not soon forget.



Sukkot



It is customary after Yom Kippur break-fast to start the building of the *Sukkah* in some symbolic way. We will be building our *Sukkah* on Sunday, September 16, so look for info about how you can help. If you are thinking of building your own don't wait until September 16th. Check on line and you will find a number of sites that sell "kits". The Israel Book Shop on Harvard Street in Coolidge Corner also sells an easy-to-assemble kit in several sizes.



Look forward to seeing you at *The Yamim Noraim—Shanah Tovah*.

Walk for Hunger 2013

This year's annual Walk for Hunger was a huge success! Forty-three TBZ members participated in Project Bread's 20-mile walk in and around Boston on May 5th, and we exceeded our fundraising goals to raise \$9,792 in support of community-based programs that help fight hunger across Massachusetts. In addition, TBZ was ranked among the top-ten non-profit organizations participating in the Walk for Hunger in terms of donations made. We are especially grateful to Marilyn Paul and Katherine Gergen-Barnett for coordinating the event.

A big thanks to all who participated!

If you are interested in learning more or in making a donation to the Walk for Hunger on behalf of TBZ, you may still do so by going to the Project Bread website at www.projectbread.org



The Berz Family at the Finish line



The High Holiday Season is coming!
"SOON!"



Selikhot Service: August 31, 9:30 pm - 1 am (see pg. 9)

High Holy Day Prep Day: September 2 (see pg. 4)

Help out and become an USHER - more info to follow

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Wed, Sept 4

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Information about all of these events within...

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