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2013 / 5773

Reb Moshe's Message

Dear Haverim and Haverot,

My wife, Anne, and

I shared an opportunity to briefly visit Berlin, Prague and Budapest in April. It was a first time visit for the both of us and it evoked a mixture of feelings. I will be sending a travelogue to you via email with links that I hope you will find helpful.

Anne and I heard the news about the Marathon bombing while in Budapest and arrived in time for the events of Thursday and Friday.

Many of us wanted to be together in community that Friday evening. It was unfortunate that the lockdown order wasn't lifted earlier so that we could gather to receive the *Shabbat*. Fortunately, however, we were able to gather together on Shabbat morning to celebrate a *bat-mitzvah* and to support each other.

The marring of the Marathon, a beloved Boston icon, made these events even more hurtful. And as these words are written we will be observing a moment of silence one week following the April 15th bombing.

In the week since the bombing, Boston has continued to be terrorized with almost a dozen shootings of young people by handguns.



Without taking away from our communal shock over the bombings, this past week also saw the abdication of our Senate in taking responsibility for representing its constituency, the American people, by not passing a pallid "gun-control" proposal. I refer you to my remarks in the last *Koleinu* about gun control and the need to address

the culture of violence we inhabit as well as the technicalities of how to prevent guns from getting into the hands of criminals and the mentally unbalanced. To be direct—there is no really effective way to prevent criminals from acquiring guns in a country that has over 300,000,000 guns already out there.

http://www.tbzbrookline.org/wpcontent/uploads/2010/12/KoleinuMarApr13_Final1.pdf

I am by nature not an alarmist. I face what "is" and try to offer what "ought". As Jews this has been our function for

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**Welcome to Our
New Members!**

Laurie Stein Cohen

Judith and William Kates

Tess Siegel

Thank you!

Ginni Hamburg for bringing our bulk mail to the
Newtonville Post Office.

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millennia. We don't ignore the reality around us, but we do not accept it either. I understand the shock and fear that enveloped Boston and its neighboring towns. I also shared in the deep hurt that these acts were committed by young people who spent much of their lives among us.

Like many of you, I was buoyed up by the immediate response of those who ran to do what they could to save lives. We are blessed to be in a community of first responders. We are blessed that the image of God incarnated in human beings was revealed immediately after it was put into shadow by the perpetrators of these crimes.

Finally, however, we must not let our deep concern for this specific event interfere with our concern about the daily violence that terrorizes so many parts of our city. Can we take the energy emerging from our shock and pain to dedicate ourselves to seeing Boston as a community that stands up together to fight this scourge?

As members of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) TBZ will continue to work with the larger community and pressure our State and city officials to provide the financial commitments necessary to help combat the ongoing terror of street violence in our Greater Boston area. These commitments involve improving educational opportunities and creating jobs for inner city youth; afterschool programming; active partnering with schools and church communities to exhibit our concern that we cannot continue to see only what "is" but to stretch ourselves to achieve what "ought" to be.

This is not a "liberal" or a "conservative" agenda. This is a human agenda. As we recover from the shock of the April 15th bombing let's not go back to business as usual. 600 people are killed (or kill themselves) every week in the United States by guns. If the cause was a bombing, would we be willing to lock ourselves down until the culprits are arrested?

As we approach to the Festival of Shavuot, the Festival of offering up our first fruits, bikkurim, the Festival of the giving of the Torah, we finally finish the Passover season. We have moved from freedom to responsibility. Within the freedom of the great and hopeful land we live in it is time to take responsibility to ensure that it indeed endures as a place that lives up to its ideals of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". These ideals are continually blocked by our inability to take responsibility for our actions.

May the blessings of Torah give us the courage to do whatever is necessary to insure that the image of God will not be diminished by hatred and dissension. This is our fervent hope as Jewish human beings. Let us not be paralyzed by fear. Let us be motivated by love.

As a people we know all too well the destructive power of dehumanization. Let's not forget.

Reb Moshe



Mazel Tov!

מזל טוב!



- To Eva Zasloff and Aaron Nelson on the birth of a baby boy, Hugo, and to big brothers, Rafi and Felix.
- To Marjie Siegel on the *bat mitzvah* of her daughter, Joita Siegel Diecidue.
- To Galit and Daniel Schwartz on the *bat mitzvah* of their daughter, Zoe Dukach.
- To Joshua Levitt and Halle Heyman on their *aufbruch* and upcoming wedding.
- To Phyllis Brawarsky and Noah Fasten on the birth of a granddaughter, Margaret Amanda Fasten.
- To Lauren and Jonathan Garlick on their 25th anniversary.
- To Molly Silver and John Burstein IHO their 26th anniversary.
- To Jane Liebschutz and Roger Zimmerman IHO their 10th anniversary



Condolences

- To the family and friends of longtime TBZ member, George Forman.
- To Alan Greenberg on the death of his father, Gerson "Harry" Greenberg.
- To Yael, Orli, and Maya Levine on the death of their father, Fred David Levine, and to his dear friend and former wife, Lisa New.

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

HaMakom yenakhem otam im shear avlei Tziyon vYrushalayim.

Co-Presidents' Message

David Cherenson & Jenni Seicol

As you may know, Bob Perlman, TBZ's Executive Director for over ten years, has decided to retire at the end of June. Bob has been a steady and calming presence amidst all of the many changes during the past decade of TBZ's growth. Bob was the first person many of us spoke with when we joined TBZ, and his warmth and generosity of spirit helped us to feel welcome and part of the TBZ community. We are grateful for all of his good work, and we wish him well!

We hope to see you on May 18th, when we will be thanking Bob for his dedicated service, as we honor John and Jane



Bob Perlman

Daniels for their exemplary volunteer participation and leadership at TBZ. You can read more about this event on page 16.

It is our pleasure to introduce TBZ's new Executive Director, Carol Nathan. Carol joins us on July 1 after having served in two similar positions for synagogues in Massachusetts and New Jersey. Carol brings an upbeat, energetic attitude, and a broad range of financial and management experience. She is thrilled to be joining us and looks forward to getting to know all of you! We know you will welcome Carol with the warmth and friendship that makes TBZ such a special place.

B'Shalom,

Jenni & David

Kiddush and Oneg Sponsors



- Len and Linda Rosen IHO the *yahrzeits* of Len's parents, Esther and Sidney Rosen.
- Elanah and Stewart Uretsky IHO the TBZ Community whom they love and miss.
- David Friedler IHO the *yahrzeits* of his wife, Joyce Friedler, and his mother, Mary Friedler.
- Sheine Wizel and Joel Kirschner IHO the *yahrzeits* of Sheine's father, David Wizel Szewz
- Marjie Siegel and Hali Diecidue IHO the *bat mitzvah* of their daughter, Joita Siegel Diecidue.
- A kiddush was prepared by Hali Diecidue, Marjie Siegel, Emily Mathis, Meredith Joy, Kavita Howe, and Nina Diecidue IHO the *bat mitzvah* of Joita Siegel Diecidue.
- Judy Schechtman and Ed De Vos IHO the *yahrzeit* of Judy's mother, Harriet Schechtman.
- Sarah Meyers, Rabbi Dan Berman, and the Berman Family.
- Lenny and Barbara Jacobs IHO the *yahrzeit* of Lenny's mother, Shirley Esther Brody.
- Galit and Daniel Schwartz IHO the *bat mitzvah* of their daughter, Zoe Dukach.
- The TBZ Men's Group
- Adam and Rachele Rosi-Kessel IHO the 8th birthday of their daughter, Esther.
- Phyllis Brawarsky and Noah Fasten on the birth of their granddaughter, Margaret Amanda Fasten.
- Lilly Pelzman and Jeff Borenstein IHO the Aufruf of Joshua Levitt and Halle Heyman.
- Jane Liebschutz and Roger Zimmerman IHO their 10th anniversary.

Would you like to sponsor a Kiddush?

Visit our website to find out more:

<http://www.tbzbrookline.org/membership/sponsor-a-kiddush/>

Message from Rav Claudia

Dear Haverim v'Haverot,

"Hareini Mekabel Alai Miztvah Habore-Veahavta Lereacha Kamocha"

I take upon myself the *mitzvah*, to love my neighbor as I love myself.

We sing these words every Shabbat morning at TBZ. We sing them as a reminder that before we come as a community to pray and to be in the presence of the Divine, we need to fulfill what is perhaps the most difficult and challenging *mitzvah*-to be in relationship with humanity. To love humanity.

At our joint service with Temple Sinai, the day after the horrific attack at the Boston Marathon, I invited this community to sing these words, and, as we do on Shabbat at TBZ, to greet each other. I invited the community to remind themselves that we do not respond to hatred and violence with more hatred and violence, but with love.

Part of the beauty of the marathon is that it is a communal event, with deep lines of people along the route who are there just to support the achievement of those who are running. As many of you did, I spent the morning of the marathon in the streets, with my daughter and friends, cheering on the runners. It was a beautiful day, the sun was shining, the children were playing and the world looked bright. Yet I was feeling at the same time a deep sense of sadness. This was also the day we commemorated Yom Hazikaron l'Chalalei Ma'arachot Yisrael v'l'Nifgaei



Peulot Ha'eivah, The Day of Remembrance for the Fallen Soldiers of Israel and Victims of Terrorism. As I was enjoying the morning, I was trying to hold both the beauty of Boston's marathon and the sadness Israel's Yom Hazikaron. Little did we know that the day would end in the way it did. Little did we know that everything would look dark by the end of the day.

At times like this we derive strength from our community and the love we have for each other. This is a good time to make a special effort to reach out to the people we love and to people who may feel especially lonely at this time.

We respond with love, with hope, with a true belief that we can do better. Prophet Isaiah says:

"Those who hope in Adonai, will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;

they will run and not grow weary,

they will walk and not be faint" Isaiah (40:31).

We pray for hope and healing.

May we find the strength to keep on running.

Rav Claudia

Chief Paul Ford
Brookline Fire Department
Public Safety Building
350 Washington Street
Brookline, MA 02445

April 9, 2013

Dear Chief Ford:

On behalf of the officers and directors of Temple Beth Zion, we would like to thank the Brookline Fire Department for their quick response to the boiler incident at our building on Wednesday, April 3.

The firemen assessed and resolved the situation in an efficient and highly professional manner, and no doubt saved the building from further damage.

With much gratitude,

Jenni Seicol and David Cherenson

Co-Presidents

Thank You Brookline Fire Department!



Our Healing Service

from the Brookline TAB

by Jim Morrison

It was nearly two hours before runner Colin Wilkins and his girlfriend, Andi Sutton, were able to confirm that the other was unharmed in Monday's deadly bombings near the Boston Marathon finish line.

The Jamaica Plain couple said they were moved and comforted by a joint prayer service held by host Temple Sinai and Temple Beth Zion on Tuesday, April 16.

"This is one of a series of cathartic experiences that needs to happen," Wilkins said after the program.

Dozens of marathoners and spectators, strangers and friends, gathered Monday afternoon to comfort one another at the service for those affected by the bombings.

"All of us need healing today and in the days ahead," Rabbi Andrew Vogel of Temple Sinai said. "It's good to be together in the spirit of perseverance. We will not be afraid."

"The way to respond to hatred is with love, not more hatred," added Rabbi Claudia Kreiman of Temple Beth Zion.

The service consisted of seven short prayers, sung by participants in both Hebrew and English. The longest of the prayers was the Gmel Blessing for Surviving a Life-Threatening Experience.

Five people stood when Vogel asked anyone who was physically close to the marathon bombing to stand and recite the first part of the prayer, which expresses gratitude for surviving in good health.

The remaining 50 or so participants recited the second part of the prayer, which asks for continued good health for the survivors.

After the service, Wilkins spoke of how he felt picking up the medal given to finishers this morning, knowing he was just .7 miles from the finish line when the bombs detonated and the race was stopped.

"It's complicated," Wilkins said. "I'm still processing it."

Henry Wolstat is a member of Temple Sinai. He said he's run the Boston Marathon 11 times and had lots of friends at the race who were near the finish at the time of the blast. He said he spent Monday afternoon tracking them all down -- thankfully they were all O.K. "I have a great feeling for this race and the service helps with the pain."

The theme of the evening could be summed up by the next-to-last prayer, which read in English: "The whole world is a narrow bridge. The main thing is not to be afraid"

The service was held on April 16, which is also Yom Ha'atzma'ut, a holiday that celebrates the 65th anniversary of the Israeli Declaration of Independence in 1948.

"In our grief," Rabbi Vogel said, "may we find the strength to keep on running."



TBZ Board is Looking for You

A new standing Nominating Committee has recently formed, and is eager to explore the TBZ community to discover new energy, ideas and talent. Here's how it works:

Every year, the TBZ board will "retire" members and refresh the group with an influx of new directors. A standing Nominating Committee was one of the many exciting changes instituted in the bylaws of the new board structure. This committee is chaired by one of the immediate past presidents (in this case, Fran Adams); the chair of the new Leadership Development committee (Cindy-Jo Gross); one Board VP (Sue Kahn); and three members of TBZ who are not current board members nor members who have served within the past two years (Debbie Korn, Marjie Siegel and a person to be named later). The goal is to have a mix of people from as many constituents of the community as possible in order to have a broad reach and representation.

Our charge is to ultimately present a suggested slate of new directors for the TBZ Board, to be voted on by the general membership at the

December community meeting. In order to accomplish that, we'd like your help. If you know someone who you believe has leadership potential, or if you'd like to put your own name forward, please contact any member of the committee. All our contact info appears in the TBZ directory. In the coming months, you may receive a call from one of us exploring your interests in deepening your involvement in shul life. We will make use of a questionnaire, personal and group conversations and interviews, and the guidance of TBZ co-presidents in assessing skill-sets, demographics and any special, timely requirements in maintaining a well balanced, vigorous TBZ board.

If you've never before considered stepping into a TBZ leadership position, perhaps now is the time. The new board structure was created primarily to enhance participation in TBZ at every level, and to identify untapped resources among us. We are blessed to be a part of such a richly diverse and talented membership, and this committee is committed to seeing that reflected in the board, which in turn guides and supports every aspect of TBZ life.

We know you are out there. Please join the conversation!

Fran Adams (franaca.adams@gmail.com)





You are invited to



TBZ's Spring Kiddush

Honoring John and Jane Daniels

and Thanking Bob Perlman

On **May 18th**, TBZ will be having our Spring Celebratory Kiddush that will honor TBZ members John and Jane Daniels and thank Bob Perlman on his retirement. John and Jane are shining examples of what has given life and love to our TBZ community and Bob's professionalism has provided the foundation for TBZ to become strong and resilient.

Please mark your calendars for **May 18th** to honor and recognize these very special people and to help support the development needs of our loving community that they are working so hard to grow and build.

You should have recently received an invitation to this very special Kiddush. We look forward to joyously celebrating with you the commitment of these incredible people to nurturing our community and helping to make it everything that is good and beautiful.



The Kiddush Celebration Committee

Mona Strick, Sue Kahn, Carol Kamin, Jenni Seicol, Sara Smolover, Tali Walters

Adult Learning at TBZ

by Reggie Silberberg, chair

Please join us for the following learning opportunities:

Selections from Rambam's (Maimonides)

Moreh Nevuchim—

The Guide for the Perplexed

with Reb Moshe

Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Class is open even if you have not
attended the other sessions

The Path of Blessing:

An Exploration into the First Six
Words of Every
Bracha – blessing

with Reb Moshe

Tuesdays, May 21, 28,

June 4, 11, 18

7-8:30 pm

Women's Study Group

with Rav Claudia

Wednesday, May 22,

7:30 - 9:00 pm in the

chapel at TBZ

Esther and Summary of the year

This is the last session for the year



The Torah of Food

with Rabbi Natan and Ilana Margalit

Mondays, June 3 and June 10, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Co-sponsored by the Adult Learning Committee, &
the Tikun Olam Group (TOG)

If feeding ourselves and our families well were simple we would all just do it, and a whole industry of quick-fix food advice would be out of business. People, especially Jews, have complicated relationships with food. We yearn for creative ways to explore our relationships with food.

In this two part interactive workshop we will draw from Jewish wisdom and modern insights to make eating a healthier, holier, and sustainable experience for you and your family. From the practical to the mystical to the ethical, please join us on this journey into the Torah of food.

Freedom of Mind:

Helping Loved Ones Leave Controlling People, Cults and Beliefs

with Steven Hassan

June 1, after Kiddush at 1:00 pm in the chapel

Steven Hassan, a TBZ member for 14 years, will talk on his latest book, *Freedom of Mind: Helping Loved Ones Leave Controlling People, Cults and Beliefs* which is available on Amazon.com and other online booksellers as paperback and e-book <http://freedomofmind.com/Media/bookFreedom.php>

Steven Alan Hassan, M.Ed., LMHC, NCC has been educating the public about mind control, controlling groups and destructive cults since 1976 after his own exit from the Moon cult. He has written 2 other books, *Combatting Cult Mind Control: The #1 Best-selling Guide to Protection, Rescue, and Recovery from Destructive Cults* (1988) and *Releasing the Bonds: Empowering People to Think for Themselves* (2000).

Nishmat Hayyim - The Breath of Life Committee invites you to...

Shabbat Afternoon Meditation Retreats

with Bobbi Isberg & Yoheved Sheila Katz

June 15, July 13, August 3, 1:30-5:30 pm

TBZ Sanctuary

All Day Meditation Retreat

Sunday, June 2, 9:30 am-4:30 pm

at Just Right Farm

Call the TBZ office to register.

\$72 per adult, \$36 per student



5th Annual Brookline Area Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot

May 14-15, 2013, 8:00 pm to 4:15 am, followed by Sunrise Davvening

(co-sponsored by KI and TBZ and led by Rav Claudia and other community members)

Kehilath Israel, 384 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA

When's the last time you saw the sun rise?



Join friends and neighbors for an all-night educational and cultural experience at the 5th **Annual Brookline Area Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot!** We again offer a variety of traditional and innovative programming—from pita baking to *piyutim*. Come for one hour, or stay up all-night. Last year's *Tikkun* involved more than 25 partner organizations and drew some 500 diverse participants. This night is not to be missed.

TBZ will join KI for evening service prior to the Tikkun and Sunrise *Shacharit* service.

This event is sponsored by Congregation Am Tikvah, Congregation Dorshei Tzedek,







Congregation Kehillath Israel, Ganei Beantown, JP Shabbat, Keshet, Minyan Shaleym, Mishkan Tefillah, Mayyim Hayyim, Moishe/Kavod House, Temple Beth Zion, Temple Emeth, Temple Hillel B'nai Torah, Temple Israel, Temple Sinai, Washington Square Minyan and more.

(All-nighters usually require a regular dose of caffeine and sugar. We'll provide the coffee and snacks, but please consider bringing your own mug to help us reduce waste. Thanks.)

For information on courses and to RSVP visit:
http://www.charlesriverlearning.com/index.php/Shavuot_Tikkun_2013



May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban 7:00 pm, Welcoming Shabbat w/Rav Claudia	2 7:00 pm, Meah class of 2013 - Snow Day 7:30 pm, Israel Committee	3 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	4 Parshat Behar-Bechukotai 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 11:30 am, Mishpachot Services 1:30 pm, Men's Group 4:00 pm, Bar Mitzvah David Caplan
5 8:30 am, Walk for Hunger (see pg. 13) 6:30 pm, Teen Girls Rosh Hodesh (see pg. 13)	6 7:30 pm, Mishpachot Committee	7 12:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe 7:00 pm, Rambam Class w/Reb Moshe(see pg. 8)	8 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban	9	10 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	11 Parshat Bamidbar 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 11:30 am, Mishpachot Services 1:00 pm, Bnei Mitzvah Group with Rabbis
12 7:00 pm, Rosh Hodesh Group	13	Erev Shavuot 14 8:30 pm - 4:00 am, Tikkun Leyl Shavuot at KI - 4:15 am, Sunrise Shacharit at KI (does not include yizkor) (see pg. 9)	Shavuot Day 1 15 10:00 pm, Shavuot Services including Yizkor 	16 Shavuot Day 2	17 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	18 Parshat Nasso 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - babysitting available 12:00 pm, TBZ's Spring Kiddush (see pg. 7) 1:30 pm, Men's Group
19 5:00 pm, Board Meeting	20 7:30 pm, Tikkun Olam Group	21 12:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe 7:00 pm, The Path of Blessing w/Reb Moshe (see pg. 8)	22 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban 7:30 pm, Women's Study Group (see pg. 8)	23	24 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	25 Parshat Beha'alotcha 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
26	27	28 12:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb 7:00 pm, The Path of Blessing w/Reb Moshe (see pg. 8)	29 4:00 pm, Last Beit Rabban Class - Pizza Party	30	31 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	

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PINAT MISHPACHOT

Mishpachot Highlight - 5773 Mishpachot Survey

As we finish end our 5773 school year, we have the wonderful opportunity to reflect both personally and communally on the year:

- how did your family engage Jewishly this year?
- * were you regulars on Shabbat?
- * did your child attend Beit Rabban?
- * did you attend an Adult Learning session during a holiday program?
- * were you a member of the Mishpachot committee?
- * did you attend the Community Retreat?

As a community, TBZ is committed to building programming, educational opportunities and ritual moments that are meaningful for all. We want to plan for an even deeper, more meaningful, more powerful program next year. But we, the rabbis, the educators, the lay leadership, need everyone's help and buy-in. What events did you attend this year? What moved you? What taught you something new? What needs work?

We are asking all TBZ members who attended Mishpachot programming this year (this includes adults without children) to fill out our end of the year survey. Please go to www.tinyurl.com/TBZSurvey5773 and fill out the survey today.



Kabbalat Shabbat Services and Dinner with 1550 June 7 at 5:30 pm

All are invited to join us for our bi-annual Kabbalat Shabbat services and dinner with our friends at 1550. We will have a musical, participatory service at 1550 beginning at 5:30, followed by a catered dinner at TBZ at 6:30.

Please RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/TBZSpringDinner. Deadline for RSVPs is Monday June 3rd. Reservations will not be accepted after this date.

Adults: \$20

Children 3-16: \$10

1550 Residents: \$10

under 3 years old: no cost

**** Please Note:** In order to complete your registration, you must pre-pay for this event.

To pay, please call the TBZ office 617-566-8171 ext. 14 to make your reservation. You may pay by credit card over the phone or send in a check.

Tefillot Mishpachot - Final Dates for This Year

Join us for our final Tefillot Mishpachot services:

May 4, 11 and June 8



Join us for the Walk for Hunger

May 5, 8:30 am at TBZ

All are invited to join TBZ as we walk alongside thousands of Bostonians to help eradicate hunger in Massachusetts.

Our goal this year is to get more members than ever to join our team and to raise over \$7,500. In order to join our team, please go to <http://www.projectbread.org/goto/TBZ> and follow the prompts.

We will meet at TBZ at 8:30 on that day or, if you prefer, we have set up a table on the Boston Common at the start point at 9:15. We'll be back at TBZ for refreshments as we continue our walk.

For questions e-mail Marilyn Paul
or call 617-734-1209.

TBZ Teen Girls' Rosh Hodesh Program— Finishing a Great Pilot Semester

Since January, we have been debuting a new Teen Girl's Rosh Hodesh Group. Each month, 8th and 9th grade girls join facilitator JoJo Jacobson to delve into the month's holidays and themes, learn more about themselves and each other, and have a great time. All 8th and 9th grade girls at TBZ or from local congregations are invited to join. We are excited to continue this program next year and would love more teen girls to attend! Let us know if your teen is interested.

Final Meeting of this year will be Sunday, May 5 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

For more information: Contact Jane Daniels

(parent of 9th grader Izzy Daniels) at 617-731-5953

or janemdaniels@yahoo.com.

Ongoing Programs During May and June

Babysitting: May 18, June 1, 15

Tfilot Mishpachot: May 4, 11, June 8

Bnei Mitzvah Group: May 11, June 8

Beit Rabban: May 1, 8, 22, 29

(final class with family assembly and dinner)

Calendar for all May-June events on our website:

<http://www.tbzbrookline.org/learning/children-family-education/mishpachot-events-and-sign-up/>

If you would like to be added in our TBZ parents google list:

Please e-mail Jenny Berz: jbberz@gmail.com

Save the Date:

Mishpachot End of the Year Picnic



June 16, Time and Location TBA

Knitzvah Group



Peninah Hodin learning to tie tzitzit.



Leah is making this baby blanket for a child in the community



Karen with the comfort shawl she made for a temple member who may be in need of soothing

Beit Rabban in Focus

Beit Rabban Teachers complete CJP Teaching and Technology Fellowship

This Winter, Beit Rabban teachers Micah Shapiro and David Winship along with Beit Rabban Coordinator Suzie Schwartz participated in a Teaching and Technology Fellowship sponsored by Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP). In the Fellowship, the teachers learned how to utilize cutting edge technologies and web 2.0 resources to enhance Jewish education settings. Working with professionals in the technology and education field, they developed and refined strategies that are tailored to the needs of the TBZ community. In addition to the wonderful hands-on experience, the teachers were given a donation of 4 laptop computers and a video camera, to be used at TBZ in any educational setting. With these resources, the benefits of the fellowship will continue far into TBZ's future.

Beit Rabban Recieves Generous Grant from Gateways

This Spring, Beit Rabban officially received a generous grant from Gateways, a local organization that seeks to ensure that Jewish children with a full range of learning styles, abilities and challenges succeed academically, socially, and spiritually to their fullest potential. This grant includes both financial support and training for TBZ educators and administrators, and will help TBZ remain accessible and supportive of students with special needs.

As Beit Rabban grows and develops, it remains committed to the needs of all students. As all children learn differently, with different challenges, strengths and interests, Beit Rabban must learn how to differentiate instruction and gain new educational strategies and tools. This grant is a wonderful step in the right direction, and we are excited to see where it takes us in the coming year.

Purim Photos



Baking Hamantaschen

GBIO (Greater Boson Interfaith Organization)

Gathering Together in Faith and Action

by Leora Faiber



"Pay now, not later," said one speaker at the GBIO Press Conference on Thursday, March 14, held across the street from the State House. He was referring to the idea that it's better to raise revenue and fund education now, rather than having to fund more incarcerated young people in the not too distant future.

A group representing TBZ gathered with over 100 GBIO leaders to make a valiant effort to lobby state representatives and senators for an investment in the future of the Commonwealth.

And on Thursday, April 21, over 500 GBIO leaders gathered in prayer and solidarity with the victims of Marathon Monday and its aftermath, as well as the victims of gun killings. In response to the violence, clergy and lay people reflected on the recent events and heard stories, including one by a congregant of a church in Dorchester. Her son was brutally gunned down in broad daylight as he was walking the family dog before dinner this past September.

Due to the difficult and tumultuous week, Representatives Markey and Lynch both suspended formal campaigning. We did hear from Rep. Markey who reflected on the wake he attended earlier in the day for Krystle Campbell, and Rep. Lynch stated that he was a witness to violence within his extended family when a cousin was killed by gun fire. Despite the lack of support from other U.S. Senators, at least these two candidates from our state seat do support gun control legislation.

How good it was to take comfort and encouragement in the company of a diverse, yet like-minded company.

To learn more about GBIO actions, please contact Leora Faiber (lafaiber@gmail.com) or Carol Kamin (carol.kamin@gmail.com).



Barbecue and Barchu



Friday, July 19, 5:00 pm

at Corey Hill Park

(Rain Date July 26)

Join us for our annual potluck BBQ.

We will bring grills and the food to put on them, you will bring the rest. Look for more information on your email as the date approaches.

Free for all!

Second Annual TBZ Women's Retreat

On March 3, more than 60 TBZ women joined together for a day of learning and friendship on the 2nd TBZ Women's Retreat, after rescheduling due the winter storm Nemo.

We would like to give special thanks to:

Our presenters:

Rebecca Arnoldi, Diane Balser, Jan Darsa, Miriam Diamond, Lauren Garlick, Bobbi Isberg, Cindy Kaplan, Rav Claudia Kreiman, Pnina Lahav, Judith Rosenbaum, Molly Silver, Devorah Steinberg & Barbara Sternfield. To

Jenny Berz, Sheila Yocheved Katz & Rabbi Susan Schnur for their willingness to teach on our first planned date. And to Micah Shapiro.

Our Women's Retreat committee:

Barbara Sternfield & Lauren Garlick for helping envision the sessions;

Suzanne Gelber, & Enid Shulman for coordinating breakfast and nosh for the day;

All of the participants for helping set up, clean up, and making the day run more smoothly.

The program included the following sessions:

Jewish Spirituality and Yoga with Devorah Steinberg

The Status of Israeli Women after the 2013 Election
with Pnina Lahav

Tefillin & Women with Rav Claudia

Jewish Women and Feminism(s) with Judith Rosenbaum

When Your Kids Push Your Buttons with Cindy Kaplan

A Journey to TBZ—The Evolution of our Jewish Identity
with Barbara Sternfield

Drumming Circle led by Micah Shapiro

What's Empowering about Sitting and Doing Nothing?
with Bobbi Isberg

The Role & Impact of Jewish Women in the Secular Feminist Movement with Diane Balser

Women as Upstanders with Jan Darsa

Articulating Thoughts through Sermon Writing & Delivery with Lauren Garlick & Molly Silver

Israeli Women's Poetry with Miriam Diamond

Body and Earth with Rebecca Arnoldi

These are some quotes participants shared that reflect the experience of the day:

"We have a talented group of women at TBZ who are kindly willing to share time and talents with one another in a respectful, nourishing, energizing environment"

"We share many things in common as women and having the opportunity to share tfillot, practice yoga, discuss personal experiences and share learning with women of many ages helped to foster a greater connection. The reason why I love TBZ"

"When Rav Claudia asked us to look around right before the Amidah it was quite an awesome sight: women facing all directions scattered all over into every part of the sanctuary. Wow!"

"An awesome retreat combining Judaism and Feminism, two of my favorite subjects"

"I absolutely loved it!"

"Shacharit with all females voices was very powerful"

"Magnificent, excited women relishing a day of shared energy and wisdom"

"I'm glad there was babysitting - young women and kids will transform TBZ"

"Thanks to all of the organizers and volunteers for their vision and work, especially in light of the need to reschedule. Y'shar coach!"

We are looking forward to our 3rd annual TBZ Women's retreat.

We will let you know as soon as we have the date, so you can save it!



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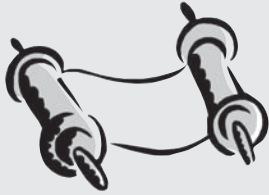


Congratulations to BBYO Leader Judah Burstein!

In February, Washington DC was host to a huge delegation of top leaders from around the world. No, these were not politicians there to hear President Obama's State of the Union Address, but 2,000 teens from across 18 countries coming to participate in the largest International Convention that BBYO has ever had. 19 of them were from the Boston Area, and one, was our own TBZ member, Judah Burstein, The Regional Community Service and Judaic Vice President. After hearing a video address by President Obama, Judah remarked, "it was really cool that we were being recognized by the most powerful person in the world. BBYO has great values and it is great that they are being recognized."

We expect great things from you, Judah!

Save the Date



High Holiday Prep

Monday, (Labor Day)

Sept 2nd

2 - 3:30 p.m.

Come help with the transformation:

Roll Torahs • Put Away Siddurim • Put out Makzorim • Hang Signs
...and more

Look for your High holiday packet in the mail and respond as soon as possible.

Rosh HaShanah will commence Wednesday evening, September 4.

Enjoy your vacations this summer.

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