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Reb Moshe's Message

Dear Haverim and
Haverot,

Spring has finally sprung. It's been a tough winter and our observance of the Festival of Spring two weeks ago has hopefully sealed the deal.

We are blessed, as Jewish-Americans, to share many holidays with our neighbors. Our Jewish calendar, however, goes beyond national boundaries and unites Jews wherever they find themselves. This consciousness is what brings our attention to what we are grateful for: the change of seasons, our ongoing spiritual development as we encounter the same holidays again and again, and seeing the growth of our children as the years pass by.

This awareness of the cycles of the day, month and year, the passing of our most valuable commodity, time, is the essence of Jewish life. The acknowledgement of all that we experience as gifts and as vehicles for the expression of our gratitude derives from this awareness. Our Jewish sense of time offers daily opportunities to observe night changing to day and then again to night. It offers us a path from the everyday to the special every Friday night and Shabbat day. It guides

us to the heavens as we see the moon waning and waxing, as we celebrate new beginnings. It invokes deep reveries of seasons. It provides avenues to express our emotions of loss or exaltation, as well as opportunities for mockery and mirth.



Our calendar is a constant hub around which we revolve. Calendar consciousness as a vehicle for spiritual growth is dear to my heart. I invite you to contact me to establish a group who will come

together to delve into the depths of the Jewish calendar cycle from both the psychological and spiritual aspects, from both our heads and our hearts. A date for such a meeting at the end of May, as preparation for Shavuot, will be set aside if this invitation evinces a response from you.

May and June are filled with many opportunities for both celebration and commemoration. Over the last 65 years three new days of remembrance and celebration have entered the Jewish calendar. This year Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Shoah) is April 28. Greater Boston's commemoration will take place Sunday, May 4 at Faneuil Hall, 10:30 am. Bring your kids.

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Thank you!

- To Ginni Hamberg for taking (schlepping) the Koleinu to the Newtonville Post Office.
- To Elyse Dwortzan for taking (schlepping) the 2014 Member Directories to the Newtonville Post Office.
- To Ginny Hamberg for cooking the Queen Esther Banquet and Jenni Seicol, Lori Levi, and Renee Rudnick for helping.
- To Sara Smolover and her team, Aaron Smolover, Jenni Seicol for preparing the Hamentschen dough.
- To Purim Party Planners Priscilla Stein and Phyllis Brawarsky

Mazel Tov! מזל טוב!



- To Leah Feldman on her bat mitzvah.
- To Amy Mates and Billy Mencow on the birth of a grandson.
- Hol HaKavod to TBZ! We raised over \$2200 for Yad Chessed
- To Deb Stang on her daughter's wedding.

ברוכים הבאים

Welcome to Our Newest Member!

Doreen Beinhart

Condolences

- To Mara and Stephane Acel-Green and their children, Samuel and Emma on the death of Mara's grandmother, Sally Green.
- To David Pruskin, Toby and Leo on the death of their wife and mother, Shira Shaiman.
- To Marcel Suliteanu and Sergiu Simmel on the death of their wife and mother, Hana Suliteanu.
- To Doug Starr and Monica Sidor on the death of Doug's mother, Ruth Levine Starr.

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

HaMakom yenakhem otam im shear avlei Tziyon
vYrushalayim.

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Israel's Memorial Day for fallen soldiers (Yom haZikaron) begins the evening of May 4 and is followed immediately by Israel Independence Day (Yom haAtzmaut) the evening of May 5. Since 1967 some celebrate the re-unification of Jerusalem (Yom Yerushalayim), which this year is on May 28. The worldwide Jewish community has incorporated these events into their yearly calendar cycle.

On the evening of June 5, Shavuot, the final of the three pilgrimage festivals, ends the joyous 49 days of omer offerings. It is the time of the presentation of the First Fruits (bikkurim) of summer at the Temple (Beyt Hamikdash), as well as the day of the giving of the Torah (matan torah) on Sinai. Brooklyn Jews will be joining together, as we have done over the last years, with a community wide evening of study, *Tikkun Leyl Shavuot*. The *tikkun* will conclude with sunrise services. TBZ will hold its Shavuot services, including Yizkor, on June 6 at 10 am

The TBZ community will also be celebrating our generational continuity –our walking together towards the future- at our Annual Spring Kiddush Fundraiser, May 31st. Make sure

you mark it in your calendar. Your invites are on the way, or may have arrived, at your homes. That special event highlights our awareness of the cycles of our lives as we move from generation to generation. Honor our community with your generosity (it is a fundraiser!) and your presence. We can't do it without you.

Let us be blessed with many years of health, happiness and opportunities to celebrate together the precious passing of time.

We have been granted life, we have been sustained and enabled to reach this present moment.

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She-hekhi-yanu vi-ki-yemanu ve-higi-anu lazman hazeh.

Reb Moshe



5th Annual Spring Kiddush Celebration & Fundraiser

Shabbat Naso, May 31st

L'Dor v'Dor

from generation to generation

Celebrating our Past, Present and Future

Music, food, libations and surprises!

Our community's greatest strength is you, the members. We honor the range and variety each and every one of you brings to the community, and so appreciate and rely on the support you give TBZ through participation and financial contributions. TBZ is here every day for each of you—for those of you who might stop in only a few times a year and for those we see almost every day. The door is always open, the heating and air conditioning is on when we need them, the Rabbis are here to listen, and the community is here to support you.

We are also grateful to have the opportunity on this day to honor Suzie Schwartz Jacobson our outgoing *Mishpachot* and *Beit Rabban* Coordinator, who has raised the level of our children's and family program to unimagined heights and paved the way for our future.

לְדוֹר וְדוֹר — ל'דור v'dor

Together we make the future.

For more information or to help, contact Mona Strick, Kiddush Celebration Chair,

brooklynite@comcast.net





Visit Israel with TBZ and Reb Moshe

November 8-19, 2014

לשנה הבאה בירושלים



Join us for a wonderful and exciting opportunity for our community to share in the experience of Israel.

Reb Moshe says: "Religion is often seen as the source of the problems between Israel and its neighbors. But it is religion that also unites us in the faith and hope that it can be a source to strengthen cooperation among us as Jews, Christians and Muslims."

The trip will be based on the shores of the Galilee in the north and in Jerusalem in the south. Participants will visit the four holy cities of the Land of Israel: Tzfat, Tiberias, Jerusalem and Hebron. Jerusalem and Hebron are cities that have deep meanings for all of the Abrahamic religions.

Reb Moshe says: All these sites offer opportunities for spiritual meaning and study. This isn't a political trip, but rather explorations of deeper places in our soul that will, of course, impact on politics."

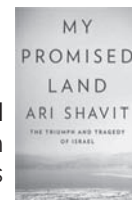
The full (but still tentative) itinerary found on our website:
tbzbrookline.org

Any questions: Contact **Reb Moshe** at
rebmoshe@tbzbrookline.org

Israel Committee

Jonathan Klein, chair

Join Our First TBZ-wide Book Read – *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit, co-sponsored by Adult Learning, Israel Committee, and the TBZ Book Club. The community is invited to read *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit. On Shabbat May 3, Rabbi David Starr will be joining us at the shul to set the stage for small in-home group discussions about issues raised in the book. The smaller discussion groups will be hosted in members' homes on:



Sun, May 4, 4-6 pm, 1550 Beacon St.

Wed, May 7, 7:30-9:30 pm, Brookline

Shabbat, May 10 – at the TBZ Retreat, facilitated by Reb Moshe

Mon, May 5, 7:30-9:30 pm, Brookline

Thurs, May 8, 10:30-12:30 pm, Brookline

Tues, May 6, 7:30-9:30 pm, Newton

Details about locations will be announced soon.

The book has been described by *New York Times* columnist Tom Friedman as "a real contribution to changing the conversation about Israel and building a healthier relationship with it". The book has generated much discussion, and the Natan Book Award prepared a discussion guide (<http://makomisrael.org/arts-resources/>

book-guides/promised-land/) with an incredible amount of information.

The Israel Committee meets about 5 times a year. Next meeting: **May 20, 7 pm, at TBZ.** All are welcome.

For more information or to join our mailing list, contact me at israel@tbzbrookline.org.

Kiddush and Oneg Sponsors

- Sheine Wizel and Joel Kershner IHO the *yahrzeits* of Sheine's father David Wizel Szewc and her grandmother, Rosa Pearl Winter.
- David Friedler IHO the *yahrzeits* of his mother, Mary Friedler, and his wife, Joyce Friedler.
- Meryl Finkel and Joel Feldman IHO the *bat mitzvah* of their daughter, Leah.
- Gloria and Irwin Pless IHO the *yahrzeit* of their friend, Harry Rosenblum.
- Lindsey Rosen IHO the *yahrzeit* of her mother, Carol Gibbs

- Rebecca Arnoldi IHO the *yahrzeit* of her grandmother Judith Korim Hornstein
- Lenny and Barbara Jacobs IHO the *yahrzeits* of Lenny's mother, Shirley Esther Brody Jacobs, and Barbara's father, William Saltzman.
- Lilly Pelzman and Jeff Borenstein IHO the the gathering of the Pelzman, Levitt & Borenstein families for Zina's birthday. Happy Birthday Zina!
- The TBZ Men's Study Group.



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,

Many of you read the e-mail that was sent to you a few weeks ago informing you that Suzie Jacobson is leaving the position of *Beit Rabban* and *Mishpachot* Coordinator. Suzie has been with us at TBZ for the last three years and has been a wonderful addition to our TBZ staff and family. Anyone who has met her knows how talented she is and how much passion she brings to her work. For me personally, working with Suzie has been a gift, as we share values, the love for Judaism and a similar work style. She will continue being part of our educational



staff in a more limited capacity, and we wish her luck on the next steps of this learning path and career.

If you didn't have a chance to read the letter that Suzie shared with the community, please read below. Following the letter there is another from Jenny Berz, *Mishpachot* Committee Chair and member of the Strategic Thinking group.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns.

Blessings to all,
Rav Claudia

From Suzie:

Dear TBZ,

Today I write to you with a heavy but grateful heart. I have decided to step down from my role as **Beit Rabban and Mishpachot Coordinator** for the coming year. It will be my final year of rabbinical school, and I have decided to take a step back professionally in order to devote more time to my personal life and my rabbinic studies. God willing, next year will be the last year that I won't wear the title "Rabbi," and I look forward to one more year of learning and preparation towards this important transition.

There are no words to express how much this community means to me. TBZ has truly become my spiritual home and my work at TBZ has been a labor of love. I feel immensely grateful for the relationships I have built, the kindness I have encountered and the incredible generosity of your Rabbis, Rav Claudia and Reb Moshe, who have mentored me and supported me over the past few years. Stepping down from my role feels necessary but so difficult because I truly believe in TBZ. I believe in your vision for Jewish community, I believe in the way you include all ages and all generations in your programming and prayer, I believe deeply in your values. Thank you for your trust in me, for including me with such love and for giving me the chance to grow as an educator and a rabbi.

Though I am stepping down as a leader and coordinator of your *Beit Rabban* and *Mishpachot* programming, I am not fully leaving TBZ professionally. **I will continue to lead bimonthly Mishpachot services including the intergenerational services and I will lead several services (Mishpachot and adult) during the 5775 High Holidays.** Also, I will continue to run and plan our *Beit Rabban* and *Mishpachot* programming through much of the summer until the new year begins. And of course, TBZ will continue to be my spiritual home. I look forward to connecting with many of you in the coming weeks.

All my best,
Suzie Schwartz Jacobson

From Rav Claudia & Jenny Berz:

First of all, we want to take this opportunity to thank Suzie for all the amazing work she has done for our community during the last few years. Although this news comes as a surprise to many, it had already been known that Suzie would need to step down a year from now when she finishes rabbinical school. The TBZ leadership, including TBZ rabbis, support Suzie in this decision and want to wish Suzie *hatzlacha rabba* (great success). As Suzie mentioned, she will continue being part of our congregation and we are thrilled about it! We will see Suzie every other *Shabbat* as she leads services (age group to be decided) and other programs, including High Holidays as in past years.

We would like to let you know that we are now in the process of interviewing potential educators for next year and we want to reassure you that TBZ's commitment to our *Mishpachot* and *Beit Rabban* program continues to be strong and that we will continue to offer quality programming for our families and children.

Next year will be a transition year. We will be hiring someone to coordinate and supervise the *Beit Rabban* program, help with the Community Retreat, and lead other programs. As expected, Rav Claudia will provide close supervision. **Our leadership, including the Strategic Thinking Group and the Board of Directors, are working actively to ensure that TBZ will continue to be an inclusive, dynamic, inter-generational congregation with a thriving Mishpachot and Beit Rabban program.**

We want to take this opportunity to let you know that we look forward to celebrating with you at our **Spring Fundraising Kiddush on May 31st. At that time we will have the opportunity to honor Suzie, who has raised the level of our children's and family program to unimaginable heights and paved the way for our future.**

We wish *B'hatzlacha* to Suzie in the next steps of her journey and we don't say good bye, as she'll continue being part of our community.

B'rachot,

Rav Claudia and Jenny Berz (*Mishpachot* Committee chair and member of the Strategic Thinking Group)



Nishmat Hayyim at TBZ

Reggie Silberberg, chair

Sundays: Introduction to Contemplative Practice Sessions

May 4, June 8, 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

Water the seeds of mindfulness practice to discover fresh possibilities of liberation. The benefits of mindfulness meditation are clear, but its power is in daily practice, a discipline that can be difficult to maintain without support. If you would like to begin a meditation practice, receive support for an ongoing practice, or root your mindfulness practice in a group setting, please join us.

SAVE THE DATE:

A Meditation Workshop with Norman Fischer

Sunday, May 18, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Norman is a Zen Buddhist priest, teacher and poet. With Rabbi Alan Lew (z"l), he co-founded Makor Or, a San Francisco based Jewish meditation center. He has authored many books on spirituality including **Opening to You: Zen-Inspired Translations of the Psalms (2003)**.

For more information on meditation and Nishmat Hayyim at TBZ visit www.tbzbrookline.org



From prayer to social action...

TBZ's Tikkun Olam Group

creating opportunities to make a difference as a Jewish community



The Tikkun Olam Group (TOG) is a vibrant group of committed individuals who come together to put Jewish values into action and create a place for TBZ members to help repair the world. There are myriad opportunities to experience TOG's calendar of events. Please join us.

Contact TOG chair, Judy Schechtman at: j_schecht@hotmail.com for more information including information about our next meeting.

TBZ Raises Over \$2400 for T'zdekah on Purim

by Jonathan Klein

This Purim, TBZ joined with many other Boston-area congregations, day schools, and college Hillels to carry on the ancient Jewish practice of *Matanot L'evyonim* (Gifts to the Poor), as the Book of Esther enjoins us to do. We collected money for the *Yad Chesed* Fund, a charity that provides financial assistance for individuals and families in severe economic distress, often working together with Jewish Family and Children's Services. *Yad Chesed* distributes \$500,000 annually in financial assistance. 100% of the money collected on Purim goes directly to those in need, in the form of food cards. *Yad Chesed* also provides financial assistance for both food and clothing throughout the year, as well as interest-free loans to 1,400 individuals in the greater Boston Jewish community.

We collected \$2,047 at the Megillah reading on March 15, and combined with contributions sent directly to *Yad Chesed*, our total was over \$2,400!

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Tzedek Reflection on Poverty

by Maggie Stein

On Sunday, March 23, several members of the TOG/TBZ attended a gathering of Boston-area synagogues at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley to discuss issues of poverty in the Greater Boston community. Facilitated by Samuel Chu from Mazon, we heard a presentation about Family Table and hunger, housing issues, minimum wage bills currently before the Legislature, and a personal narrative from someone affected by these issues.

In small groups we discussed our Jewish commitment to relieve poverty, then as one large group chose four areas to work on: 1) Housing, 2) Minimum wage and jobs, 3) Developing an agenda on poverty for the gubernatorial campaign, and 4) Food Distribution. Four issue teams and leaders were chosen that, over the following six weeks, will dig more deeply into these issues to explore how the groups can have a meaningful impact, and develop proposed next steps. It was an energetic afternoon and an opportunity to be a part of a coalition of synagogue-building within our community. The next meeting is Tuesday evening, May 13.

For more information, contact: Maggie Stein at: mstein942@gmail.com

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Domestic Workers Bill of Rights by Jonathan Klein

At its mini-retreat on March 30th, TOG invited Marya Axner, Regional Director of the New England Jewish Labor Committee, to give us a presentation on the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights, one of the priorities for TOG for the next six months. Marya reminded us that domestic and agricultural workers historically have been excluded from worker protection legislation and although the situation has improved (Massachusetts was one of the first states to pass a law decades ago, giving some protection to domestic workers), there are still many areas where domestic workers don't have the same rights as others. We often don't think of these individuals as employees (nannies, housekeepers, babysitters) and so they don't get the same protection that other employees do, including the right to go to the MCAD (Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination), protection from employer retaliation, required days off and the right to unemployment and workers compensation.

As of March 30th, the Bill in the Massachusetts House had been "merged" with the Minimum Wage Bill (another TOG priority) and unemployment reform so it is likely to be voted on soon and be sent to the Senate. Members of TOG filled out pledge cards to support the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights. We will be tracking the Bill's progress, and let everyone know when action (such as calls to legislators or attending a rally) will be helpful. This is an important initiative that will make a big difference in the quality of life for many of the lowest wage workers in our state.

Minimum Wage in Massachusetts by Carol Kamin

Isaiah 65:23: "They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them." This is the Lord's vision of how our world should be.

Inequality in our midst: 500,000 low wage workers who make from \$8 to \$10.50 an hour would be helped if the Minimum Wage were increased to \$10.50. Almost 1 million employees have no sick days on their jobs. MA is the 10th highest state in income inequality.

In 2014 a big change can be made in income inequality in our state: We can raise the Minimum Wage by legislation or by referendum of the people. And we can pass Earned Sick Days benefit by referendum.

The Story of the Signature Collection: 5000 volunteers from 150 community, labor, and faith based organizations collected 282,000 signatures to put Raising the Minimum Wage and Earned Sick Days on the ballot in November 2014. A second set of signatures will also need to be collected from May 10-June 15.

Legislative Action: The Senate passed a Minimum Wage bill that raises the wage to \$11 over a two year period, indexes it to inflation, and raises tipped worker wages from 33% of Minimum Wage to 50%. The House has proposed raising it to \$10.50, but no indexing, and raising tipped workers wages by 3%. The House was to take up this issue after the Senate passed its bill, but that didn't happen due to a variety of legislative maneuvers.

What's Next: For up to date information, and to join the campaign to raise the Minimum Wage, go to: raiseupma.org

TOG and GBIO, by Leora Faiber

At TOG's recent retreat, one of GBIO's organizers, Ben Elkind, conducted training in "Relational Meetings", one-to-one conversations designed to go beyond the "chit-chat", to the "what's going on", to the "WHY" of why you do things/ what you are passionate about. These meetings help to build community, strengthen relationships within the community and solicit action. The next step is to plan how to build on this energy within TOG and beyond TOG into the larger TBZ community.

The Walk For Hunger







On Sunday, May 4th, Team TBZ will once again be walking as part of Project Bread's Walk for Hunger. TBZ was one of the top religious organizations last year in terms of money raised. Our collective goal this year is \$10,000. The Walk is also a way to join with each other and stand with our neighbors in need - more than 700,000 people across our state, for whom hunger is a very real part of daily life. We can make a difference, and we hope you will join us. **We'll leave TBZ at 8:30 AM sharp & take the T together to the start line** (You can meet us there too).

Walk or donate to Team TBZ: Sign up at www.projectbread.org/walk

Click on "Join a Team" or "Donate to a Walker/Team"/ Team name is "TBZ"

To help with our snack station at TBZ, contact Mark Dwortzan at mark@ditzah.org

The walk is co-sponsored by the Tikun Olam Group and Mishpachot Committee.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Join us as we Sing Our Prayers with the Kol Libeinu band, at our Musical Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday, May 16, 6-7:30 pm. Check the website for more info: fbzbrookline.org.</p>				Rosh Hodesh Iyar 1	2 5:30 pm, Child-Friendly Kabbalat Shabbat at 1550 Beacon (see pg. 11) 6:00 or 6:30 pm (check website for time), Kabbalat Shabbat 	3 Parshat Emor 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - babysitting available Rabbi David Starr (see pg. 4 for details)
4 8:30 am, Walk for Hunger (see pg. 8) 4:00 pm, Israel book discussion (off-site) (see pg. 4) 4:00 pm, Intro to Jewish Contemplative Practice (see pg. 6) 5:00 pm, Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Teen Girls Rash Hodesh 7:00 pm, Rosh Hodesh Group	5 Yom Hazikaron 7:30 pm, Israel book discussion (off-site) (see pg. 4)	6 Yom Haatzmaut 12:00-1:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe 7:30 pm, Israel book discussion (off-site) (see pg. 4)	7 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban 7:30 pm, Israel book discussion (off-site) (see pg. 4)	8 10:30 am, Israel book discussion (off-site) (see pg. 4)	9 Community Retreat - offsite 6:00 or 6:30 pm (check website for time), Kabbalat Shabbat 	10 Parshat Behar Community Retreat - offsite 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
11 Community Retreat - offsite	12	13 12:00-1:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe	14 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban	15	16 6:00-6:20 pm, Meditation 6:00 or 6:30 pm (check website for time), Musical Shabbat w/Kol Libeinu (see above) 	17 Parshat Bechukotai Bat Mitzvah - Noa Fay 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - babysitting available
18 10:00 am, Organic Torah of Shmita 10:00 am, Nishmat Hayyim Workshop with Norman Fischer (see pg. 6) Time TB'A, Tefillin Workshop for Bnei Mitzvah Group (see pg. 12)	19	20 12:00-1:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe 7:00 pm, Israel Committee	21 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban	22	23 6:00 or 6:30 pm (check website for time), Kabbalat Shabbat 	24 Parshat Bemidbar 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 1:00 pm, Men's Study Group
25	26	27 12:00-1:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe	28 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban	29	Rosh Hodesh Sivan 30 6:00 or 6:30 pm (check website for time), Kabbalat Shabbat 	31 Parshat Nasso 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 11:30 am, Mishpachot Services (see pg. 12) Spring Fundraiser Kiddush (see pg. 3)

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1 10:00 am, Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Teen Girls Rosh Hodesh 7:00 pm, Rosh Hodesh Group	2	3 Erev Shavuot 8:00 pm - 4:15 am, Tikkun Leyl Shavuotat KI	4 Shavuot Day 1 4:15-6:00 am, Sunrise Shacharit at KI 10:00 am, Shavuot Services, including Yizkor	5 Shavuot Day 2	6 6:00 or 6:30 pm (check website for time), Kabbalat Shabbat	7 Parshat Beha'alotcha Lance Posternak Bar Mitzvah 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - babysitting Available
8 4:00 pm, Intro to Jewish Contemplative Practice (see pg. 6) 7:00 pm, Book Club at 1550 Beacon	9	10 12:00-1:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe	11 7:30 pm, Synagogue Practices Committee	12	13 6:00 or 6:30 pm (check website for time), Kabbalat Shabbat	14 Parshat Sh'lach 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - babysitting Available
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Help people feel welcomed when they enter our sacred space on Shabbat.
Contact Lori Levi at lorilevi03@aol.com.

TBZ's Literacy Team

Looking for New Tutors for the Coming School Year

by Kim Meyers



Do you have an hour to spare? Would you like to make a difference in a child's life? You can help a child learn to read. We are looking for new volunteers to begin in September.

Literacy tutors from TBZ have helped Boston schoolchildren learn to read for the past fourteen years at the Winship School in Brighton Center, in partnership with the JCRC's Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy. Volunteering for one hour each week, we are making a real difference in the lives of students by opening the world of reading to them. Choose the hour that works for you and come read with a child, talk about the stories, play rhyming games and help them with writing and understanding. They are excited to see us each week, and many have formed close friendships with their tutors.

Training is provided by the GBJCL (Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy), and support is available throughout the year from partnering teachers, the reading specialist in the Winship School, and TBZ member Kim Meyers.

Please contact Kim for more information, at kmeyers1@gmail.com.



B'nei Mitzvah Trip to the Pine Street Inn

by Leor Handelsman, 6th grader



On Sunday, March 23, about a dozen TBZ families went to a homeless shelter called Pine Street Inn to help make soup in the kitchen. The B'nei Mitzvah kids peeled enough carrots and potatoes to last a week, while the adults chopped vegetables. The younger children made decorations and

decorated cookies. After our kitchen work was done, some of the people that worked at Pine Street Inn took the older kids and adults on a tour of the shelter. We learned that hundreds of men and women stay at the Pine street Inn every day, and that if a houseless person does not want to stay in the shelter or if they can't, Pine Street Inn

will help them either get to another shelter or visit them once in a while on the streets. The rules are very strict at the shelter. There are two big rooms for sleeping, one for the men and one for the women. No one is allowed to bring anything into the rooms right before bed. Not even a book. Before staying at the shelter everyone has to shower, and wear the same pajamas and flip-flops that Pine Street Inn provides. During the tour we walked by a big room that many people were hanging out in. There was a big TV at the front of the room, and whoever was not watching was either playing a game or sleeping. I think that it is cool that people from Pine Street Inn put in money, time, and effort to help people in need, and I think that it is even cooler that I can be part of that and not only help the houseless people, but also give the workers a break.

(ed. note: I had never heard the term "houseless" before, and initially I thought it was a mistake. I have a feeling some of you may have also thought so. But after sitting with it, and "googling" it, it makes perfect sense. "Houseless" is just a word. "Homeless"- well that is a story, and we already know how it ends. Thanks for teaching us all, Leor.)



Pride Shabbat at TBZ: June 20 & 21

Join us for TBZ's 4th Annual Pride Shabbat. This event is open to both TBZ members and the community at large. Both services will include liturgical additions, special readings for Pride and Divrei Torah in celebration of Pride. Bring your friends and spread the word!

Pinat Mishpachot

Mishpachot means family. While most of these programs focus on families with children, MANY are meant for our TBZ family as a whole. So read carefully- we believe that praying and playing together as a community is an important TBZ value.



Register now for Beit Rabban 2014-2015

We are just finishing an exciting year *Beit Rabban*. Registration for *Beit Rabban* 2014-2015 is open - www.tinyurl.com/BeitRabban5775. If you plan on sending your child, please register as soon as possible as it will help us in our planning for the coming year.

Beit Rabban meets every Wednesday from 4-6 pm. Students will learn a set curriculum with others in their age group. In addition, we are offering three 8-week immersion programs:

- *Z'man Ivrit* - Hebrew Immersion
- *Z'man T'fillah* - prayer immersion
- *Z'man Tzedek* - immersion in a hands on, justice project.

Students of any grade can sign up to join any or all of these programs. We strongly recommend that *B'nei Mitzvah* students register for all 3, as they will be extremely meaningful and helpful as students prepare for their *bar* or *bat mitzvah*.

If you have any questions, contact *Beit Rabban* and *Mishpachot* Coordinator Suzie Jacobson at beitrabban@tbzbrookline.org

Join us for the Walk for Hunger

Sunday, May 4, 8:30 am at TBZ

As our rabbis often say before Kiddush, "We have so much bounty!" But many in Massachusetts are not so fortunate. Please join or sponsor this year's walkers from TBZ, or help with our snack station. **See the TOG article on p. 8 for more details.** Last year TBZ raised nearly \$9800; this year, we hope to raise even more. Whether you can walk one, five, or the whole 20 miles, we welcome your participation!

If you are able to help with our snack station at TBZ, or for more information about the Walk for Hunger, email Mark Dwortzan at mark@dwortzan.com. Co-sponsored by the Tikkun Olam Group and *Mishpachot* Committee.

Beit Rabban 6th and 7th Graders Get to Know Our Neighbors at Hebrew Senior Life

During April and May, the 6th and 7th graders of our *Beit Rabban* program are visiting the residents of 1550 Beacon Street, and having conversations about their Jewish Journey. This year the *B'nei Mitzvah* students have learned how to write *divrei Torah* and as part of these visits, they are sharing them with the residents, engaging in wonderful conversations. This program was created in collaboration with Hebrew Senior Life Multi-Generational program and *Beit Rabban*.

2 Opportunities to Join with Our Neighbors at 1550

1. Special Kabbalat Shabbat Service, May 2 at 5:30 pm

A great way for your child to become familiar with the Kabbalat Shabbat liturgy and celebrate Shabbat with their community.

RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/MayKabShab2014

2. End Of Year Celebration Dinner, June 20, 5:30 pm

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

RSVP: www.tinyurl.com/TBZSpringDinner2014

Deadline for RSVP is Monday June 16th.**

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. Call the TBZ office 617-566-8171 ext. 14 and make your reservation. You may pay by credit card over the phone or by check.

TBZ Teen Girls' Rosh Hodesh Program

Finishing a Great Pilot Semester

The TBZ Girls' Rosh Hodesh Program is now in its second year. Each month, 8th, 9th and 10th grade girls join *Mishpachot* Coordinator Suzie Jacobson to delve into the month's holidays and themes, learn more about themselves and each other, and have a great time. All 8th, 9th and 10th grade girls, both from TBZ and from local congregations, are invited to join.

Upcoming Gatherings

May 4 & June 1, 6:30-8 pm.

For more information contact Suzie Jacobson,
beitrabban@tbzbrookline.org

Tefillot Mispachot -

Final Dates for This Year

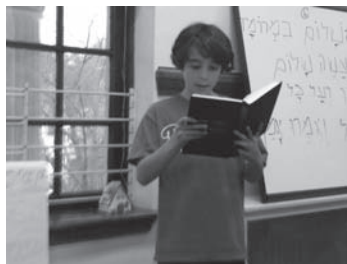
May 31 & June 21

On May 31st all children will join the TBZ community for our Spring Kiddush fundraiser to sing and celebrate! Do not miss this wonderful Shabbat!

Beit Rabban in Focus

Z'man Ivrit: Our First TBZ Hebrew Immersion Program

by Ezra Korn-Meyer



My name is Ezra Korn-Meyer and I am in the 4th grade. During February and March I attended *Z'man Ivrit*. We learned Hebrew, played games to help us learn the language and practiced our vowels. At the very end we did presentations about prayers and taught the audience words of the prayer. I feel more confident with my Hebrew reading and I am caught up with my classmates.

Beit Rabban Receives Generous Grant from Gateways for the 2nd Year!

This Spring, *Beit Rabban* was notified that we will receive a grant for the 2nd year 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 as well as training for TBZ educators and administrators, and will help us 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 individual challenges, strengths and interests, so *Beit Rabban* must learn how to differentiate instruction and gain new educational strategies and tools.

With the continuation and expansion of this grant, we will be developing new benchmarks and materials for our Hebrew curriculum. This will allow us to increase our ability to provide resources and education for students with special needs, and to improve the quality of our Hebrew education for all students at all levels. Stay tuned for some exciting changes in our curriculum!

Ongoing Programs During

May and June

- Babysitting: May 3, 17, June 7, 14
- *Bnei Mitzvah* Group: June 21
- *Beit Rabban*: May 7, 14, 21, 28 (final class with family assembly and dinner)
- *Bnei Mitzvah* group *Tefillin* Workshop: May 18 in the am, exact time TBD. The *Bnei Mitzvah* families (and all TBZ members) are invited to this *tefillin* workshop to *davven* together and learn about the wonderful practice of laying *tefillin*.

Photos from Family Pesach Seder



Purim Photos



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Community Meeting

Sunday, June 22

10 am – noon

Community Room

Join us for our semi-annual Community Meeting.

The agenda will highlight **TBZ in Action** - a committee showcase where you can learn about the many opportunities to share your talents with the community.

Light refreshments will be served and babysitting provided.

We look forward to seeing you all.

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