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Reb Moshe's Message

Dear Haverot and
Haverim,

These words are being written on Tu Bishvat, the full moon and fifteenth day of Shvat- the *Rosh Hashanah* of trees and vegetation (Feb 4, 2015 on the Gregorian calendar this year.) Spring is in the air in the Land of Israel—the almond branches are blossoming, and the *kalaniyot* (anemones) radiate in fields of poppies. We, however, sit amidst one of the snowiest weeks we have experienced in quite a while. What helps me to get through this beautiful mess (and it really is beautiful as it falls), is thinking ahead to spring and summer.



The Purim story is an all too familiar one of tyrants, anti-Semitism, and threats of genocide. All in all, not a pretty picture. But with the tenacity of Esther and Mordecai, and support for the Jewish community of the Persian Empire, they succeed in foiling the plot against the Jewish community. As God's name is never mentioned in the Scroll of Esther, human power is accentuated. Our celebration of Purim is a Carnival, a celebration of the power of humans to transform tragedy into joy. The Scroll of Esther is also the only biblical book

describing a thriving Diaspora community, and has no reference to the Land of Israel, except one phrase about the exile from Jerusalem in 586BCE, the date of the destruction of the first Temple by the Babylonians.

The intoxication of Purim is curtailed soon after its celebration by the arduous preparations for *Pesach*. Whereas Purim signifies confusion (not knowing whether to curse Mordecai or bless Haman), *Passover* is the model of Seder (Order), as the first meal is called. We move from the Bacchanalian to the Apollonian, and from Diaspora toward the Promised Land via Sinai and the freedom granted by the gift of Torah. *Pesach*, celebrated on the full moon of the month of *Nisan*, still serves as the touchstone for Jewish American identity.

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When you receive this Koleinu, we will be in full gear for our Purim preparations. *Hamanantashen* will be baked, *shlach manot* will be sent, the *megillah* will be read, *tzedakah* will be distributed, Purim *shpils* will be presented, masks and costumes will be worn, *graggers* will be graggered, all in the spirit of breaking down the bonds of winter to make way for spring. Purim falls on the full moon of the month of Adar. It is a predecessor of both Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day. All three of these celebrations are descended from the Bacchanalian feasts of the ancient Greek world.

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Please note:

Last summer, TBZ's office switched to a new database system. Some information, especially *yahrzeit* information, did not transfer properly from the old system to the new. While we are manually searching for data that needs correcting, we would appreciate your help. If you detect a mistake, please notify the office so we can fix it immediately. Thank you!

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The Seder is the most attended Jewish ritual, and the story of Exodus continues to inspire generations.

Pesach, sometimes called the seven day Festival of *mat-zot*, brings us, hopefully, fully into spring and the barley harvest. From the second day of *Pesach*, for 49 days, portions of barley (the *omer*) were brought to the Jerusalem Temple, and on the 50th day, the first fruits of summer were brought in gratitude for a full harvest. This festival of the completion of the seven weeks, *Shavuot*, became, in the tradition, also the celebration of the giving of the Torah at Sinai. Due to its dependence on the seven weeks of counting to determine its date, *Shavuot* is not a full-moon celebration.

That's a lot of celebration! And there is much to celebrate, despite the turmoil around us both here in the States and throughout the world. All three holidays represent different types of redemption. Redemption (*geula*) in a general sense points to a future time when the world, through our efforts, will be repaired. There are two sides to *geula*: *geula klalit* and *geula pratit*—general and individual redemption. All three of these festivals hint at the future but are always anchored in the now.

On Purim we mark communal redemption from a genocidal plot, but we are also commanded to become intoxicated—a very individual observance.

On *Pesach* we commemorate the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, but the *Haggadah* demands that each and

every one of us considers that we were liberated individually—*kola dam khayav lirotatzmo k'ilu hu yatza mimitzrayim*. This is the essence of the seder.

Shavuot celebrates the bounty of the harvest in its season, but the individual who brings the offering is asked to recite his/her individual narrative, "*arami oved avi*" ("My father was a wandering Aramean. He went down to Egypt with meager numbers, etc.") Rav Shmuel (the *khevruta* of Rav Shmuel offers the "*avdaim hayinu*"—"we were slaves in Egypt" as his answer to the four questions) brought this individual narrative into the seder ritual.

While we bask in our communal celebration, we must strive to internalize these messages, and to see where they play their role in our personal lives. The ongoing cycles of Jewish holidays are touchstones to evaluate our ongoing changes, both in our inner and outward lives.

My family joins me in wishes for a *a freylichn*—a joyous Purim; a *kusheren un zisn* a kosher and sweet *Pesach*; and for *Shavuot es zol zayn a kabolos haToyre besimcha u-bepenimus*—you should receive the Torah with joy and take it in to your innermost self.

מועדים לשמחה חגים וזמנים לששון

– *moadim lesimkha khagim uzemanim lesasson*

Reb Moshe



Condolences

- To Sandra and Deborah Leabman on the death of their mother, beloved TBZ member Ruth Leabman
- To Amy Mates and Billy Mencow on the death of Amy's mother, Estelle Ruth Mates
- To Fran Adams on the passing of her aunt, Nina Baker
- To Samuel Engel and Anne Freeh Engel on the death of Samuel's mother, Diana Rosenberg Engel
- To Susan Farber on the death of her uncle, Jack Leiner
- To Rabbi Sam and Jenni Seicol on the death of Jenni's cousin, Melvin Gordon
- To Doug Starr and his family on the death of his father, Arnold
- To Tania and Michael Gray on the loss of Tania's father, Nathan
- To Philip Bakalchuk and his family, on the loss of his father, Ramon and his mother, Mercedes.

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

HaMakom yenakhem otam im shear avlei Tziyon vYrushalayim.

Mazal Tov to Suzie Schwartz Jacobson and Shira Lenza

who will be ordained as rabbis on
June 1st at Hebrew College.

ברוכים הבאים

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Rachael Wurtman

Lev Friedman

Shira Lewin and Aaron Tillman, and their
children Jonah, Livya and Mia

Reb Zusha and Rachel Kalet

Roy and Taal Rachamimov

Iris and Robert Friedheim

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Co-Presidents' Message

Sue Kahn and Jonathan Klein

One of the five goals articulated by the Strategic Thinking Group (STG) in its June, 2014, report was "to significantly invest in our building to address short, medium and long term needs, including space for expanded programming for Adults, Mishpachot and Beit Rabban." This recommendation was based on results of the survey in late 2013, in which members articulated their wishes for our building: the clear need for more space to accommodate our growing Beit Rabban program; several "walk-throughs" and meetings with STG committee members, board officers, Rabbis, Executive Director, and Building committee; and the generally felt need to do both substantive and some cosmetic upgrades to keep the synagogue fresh and alive for all.

TBZ is extremely fortunate to own a beautiful facility, debt-free. There have been two significant building programs, funded by capital campaigns, over the past 15 years. The first was to upgrade the sanctuary, remove the pews, add air conditioning, add the lift (elevator), and related improvements. The second, completed in about 2009, included renovating the ground floor, including significant upgrades to the functionality of the kitchen and completely updating the community room and adjacent meeting room.

Still, the building is over 65 years old, and needs both continual maintenance and further modernization to continue to serve us well. We want to be responsible caretakers and leaders, and therefore want to address some of these needs soon.

The STG discussions in the spring of 2014 resulted in some preliminary ideas on possibilities for the building, including the additional office at the entry on the first floor, which has already been completed. Now, we need to take the next steps, which include hiring an architect to provide options, potential plans and pricing. From there, based on the plan that seems most feasible, we need to come up with a financial plan for the board and community to consider. That is the charge of the newly formed Building Revitalization Committee (BRC).

The BRC will be led by Ken Wexler and Tali Walters. Members of the Committee include Mark Barnett, Howard Cohen, Jack Daniels, Carol Nathan, and Lee Silverstone. Their aim is to make Phase 1 recommendations to the Board and the TBZ community within 6 months. During that time, we also hope to begin the financial planning. Thank you to the people who are offering their time and talents for this important initiative. Stay tuned.



"Warm Your Soul" Ladino, Flamenco, Salsa Saturday Evening March 21, 7:45 pm at TBZ

Join us for an evening that starts with the Music of the Jews of Medieval Spain and ends with a Salsa Party!

*Flamenco Dance Performance *Spanish guitar

*Wine and Aperitivos (snacks) of Spain *Learn how to salsa

Suggested donation \$10



Thank You!

- To Lisa Lovett, who is stepping down after several years of dedicated service as the liaison to Family Table
- To James and Jason Cohen, our new liaison to Family Table
- To Sandy, Roger and Nathan Taub, and Maria Fisher and friends who organized the nametags
- To Sharon Morgenbesser for matching MishpaHOST hosts with the guests
- To Suzanne Gelber for assisting the office staff with filing
- To Marc Daniels for assisting the office staff with correcting *yahrzeit* information in the new database system
- To out-going board members Cindy-jo Gross and Billy Mencow

Membership Committee

Annie Braudy and Renee Markus Hodin, Co-Chairs, TBZ membership committee

The Membership Committee is excited to pilot our first **TBZ 101: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About TBZ But Never Asked** / 'Job Fair' event at the spring community meeting in June. This will be an opportunity to meet with all of our committee and initiative chairs and leaders, as well as an opportunity to ask us what ELSE you'd like to see happening at TBZ and how you might want to help make that happen. We feel this will be a great opportunity for members old and new to learn more about our community and how they can connect, learn, share and contribute.

Hope to see many of you there!



Message from Rav Claudia

Dear Haverim and Haverot,

Many of you contacted me during the weeks following the tragic death of Alberto Nisman z"l, to check in on me and to ask about my thoughts on the situation. Nisman was the federal prosecutor for the AMIA (Asociacion Mutual Israelita Argentina) terrorist attack, where my mother, Susy Wolynski de Kreiman z"l, was killed more than 20 years ago. I appreciate the concerns and messages, and I would like to use this Koleinu article to share some thoughts with you.

Nisman dedicated the last ten years of his life to the investigation of the terrorist attack at the AMIA building that killed 85 people, including my mother. He was found dead the day before he was scheduled to give testimony on the allegations against the Argentinean government that concerned covering up Iranian involvement in the attack.

I, personally, cannot speak to what happened, who is responsible, and what is the truth in this case. I have distanced myself from Argentinean politics in the last decade, as a way to protect myself from the emotional distress. But, sadly, I can speak to the lack of justice. A part of me has lost hope that change is possible in Argentina. I'm usually a hopeful person, as you may know, but it has become impossible to believe that justice will be achieved in Argentina. I was not surprised to hear the news of Nisman's tragic death, and this realization that I was not surprised by it has made me very sad.

The first year after the AMIA bombing, when I was still living in Buenos Aires, I joined the weekly demonstration in front of the Argentinean Supreme Court to ask for justice. We would stand there every Monday at 9:53 AM, the day and time of the blast, and cry out *Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof* - Justice, justice you shall pursue. I recall asking myself on one of those Mondays if I could continue standing there,



asking for justice for the rest of my life. I decided to leave Argentina, and to move to Israel. I became an educator, and later a rabbi, bringing the values that my parents taught me to life. I never imagined that 20 years later, we would be in the same place, with no justice and no one held responsible for this atrocity.

Alberto Nisman is now one more victim of the terror attack that killed 85 innocent people twenty years ago, and remains unsolved.

I support any initiative that helps the judicial system of Argentina to finally achieve justice with the AMIA tragedy, and to clarify the circumstances of Nisman's passing. The families of the victims of AMIA terrorist attack and the citizens of Argentina demand and deserve to know the whole truth, to see that all who are responsible are being brought to justice, and to finally resolve and close these dark chapters of our shared lives.

I continue to stand today, one more time, even when I feel pessimistic, and ask for Justice, because the lack of Justice means we have given up on the possibility of living in a world where these atrocities do not happen. I ask for Justice, because the lack of Justice makes us numb, and used to death, violence and killing. I ask for Justice, because I want a brighter world for my children.

Nothing will bring my mother and the other victims to life, but our commitment to a life of meaning and pursuit of justice will ensure a brighter world for our children. I know that, to honor my mother's memory, I will never give up, even on days like today, when it feels dark in the world.

Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof.

Justice Justice you shall pursue.

Rav Claudia

Mazel Tov!

מזל טוב!



- To Jeffrey Borenstein and Lilly Pelzman on the birth grandson, Leo Maxwell, son of Danielle and Dan Shulman
- To Mira Weisskopf on becoming *bat mitzvah*!
- To Leor Shugerman for becoming *bar mitzvah*!
- To Eamon Sinclair for becoming *bar mitzvah*!
- To David and Lynda Danzig on the birth of their grandson, Casey Tobias Danzig to Sherry and David Danzig, and to Yossi and Joshua on their new nephew!

- To new board members, Jenny Berz and Jeffrey Borenstein
- To Barbara Moss on the birth of her grandson, Maxwell George, born to parents Gabe and Ayesha Commaertes
- To Howard Cohen and Myra Musicant on the birth of their granddaughter, Valea Hana, born to parents Margo Lindauer and Josh Cohen
- To Maia Levitt on becoming *bat mitzvah*!
- To Rav Claudia on being named a "Chai in the Hub" by CJP



Are We Political?

By Jonathan Klein, Israel Committee Chair, Tikkun Olam Group member, and TBZ Co-President

Recently, the question by a few members of whether TBZ is, or should be, "political" (which I am defining broadly as "being involved with, and taking action on, issues that are being debated and decided in the public square") has come up, and I wanted to address it directly, both in my role as Chair of the Israel Committee and my role as Co-President. Several members have questioned whether we strike the right balance between "left" and "right" in our Israel Committee programming, or whether it was appropriate for TBZ to be so involved in the minimum wage and earned sick time campaigns last spring and fall. These are reasonable questions, and not simple, so I want to start a conversation here to address them as best I can.

First, I want to state unequivocally that Temple Beth Zion itself does not endorse or support any political campaigns, whether for elected office or otherwise, and does not have any position on politics, including politics of the Middle East and Israel—other than our core belief, which I hope and believe is held by almost all TBZ members, that Israel has the right to exist as an independent, democratic and Jewish state and to live in peace with its neighbors. With one exception, which I will mention below, TBZ is not a member of, and does not pay any dues or other funds to, J Street, AIPAC, the New Israel Fund, the American Jewish World Service, Project Bread (which sponsors the Walk for Hunger), RaiseUpMA, Keshet, or any other issue based advocacy organization. The one exception is that we are a member of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO), a collection of over 50 churches, synagogues and mosques in the greater Boston area that sometimes work on "political" issues. We have been a member of GBIO for over 10 years, which has been approved by the TBZ Board of Directors, and as a religious institution, we believe in being part of faith-based organizations. Any other membership or community-wide endorsement of an organization or cause would require approval by the Board.

That said, TBZ members, committees and our rabbis do speak out and take positions on issues of the day, and we encourage that. I have heard a few people say that TBZ should be "spiritual" and not "political," but for many of us it is hard to separate the two. Many more of you comment to me and the rabbis that you belong to TBZ because we do speak out about how the Jewish values we learn from Torah and the prophetic tradition inform our own lives as well as the lives of our country, Israel and the entire world. One of the important parts of our Jewish life and practice is our commitment to *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. Exactly how that should be done is, of course, a matter of

debate, and we let that debate and decision-making happen in informal ways and through our committees.

For example, the Tikkun Olam Group (TOG) meets regularly and talks about the issues they want to support. The group is open to all TBZ members, and their decisions are democratically made, usually by consensus. TOG, of which I am an active member, decided last year that it wanted to support issues related to workplace inequality, based on our understanding of the long-standing Jewish traditions of advocating for those who cannot speak for themselves and ensuring that all are treated with dignity and respect. As a result, we became actively involved in efforts to pass a Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights, an increase in the minimum wage, and earned sick time, all as part of larger coalitions, and all of which have been successful. Both Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia were supportive on these issues, not because they were required to be by the synagogue, but because TOG's positions coincided with their personal and spiritual views. TOG was given "air time" in services to discuss the issues and promote their activities, the same as any other TBZ committee.

The Israel Committee functions in a similar way. The Committee as a whole does not have a political viewpoint, but we sponsor programs that an individual member or the group wants to work on. A few members have expressed concern that we lean too far to the left, and don't provide "balanced" programming. While balance is an important objective, it can only come if there are enough interested members to work on identifying and then implementing the programs. We are all volunteers, and individuals naturally want to sponsor programs that they, themselves are interested in attending. Anyone is welcome to join the Committee, and I will personally help anyone who wants to present and promote a program from any point of view, so long as we think it is something that does not conflict with our basic Jewish values and we believe a reasonable number of our members and others would be interested in attending the program. In the last couple of years, my personal focus has been on programming that promotes respectful dialogue within our community, including the shul-wide book read on Ari Shavit's book, *My Promised Land*, two different programs this past summer during the Gaza war, and working with Encounter, which promotes dialogue between American Jews and Palestinians.

Upcoming programs include a visit by some IDF soldiers at Shabbat services on April 18, and hopefully a talk by Israel's Consul General in Boston, Yehuda Yaakov, who lives nearby and who attends our services from time to time.

Finally, a word about Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia. They are our religious and spiritual leaders, and will have their own definitions of when our religious teachings

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have something important to say about "the issues of the day." They are completely free to speak out from the bima – and otherwise – as they see fit, both formally and informally. You may not agree with them all the time (I certainly don't) but I hope you will agree that their teachings are always thoughtful and grounded in Torah. They may have further thoughts on the relationship of Judaism and spirituality to political issues, and their roles, which I will leave to them to articulate at a future date.

I completely agree that TBZ is not, and should not be, a political organization. The rabbis' teachings and positions are their own, not the opinions or positions of TBZ, and the committees' activities don't represent TBZ, just the individual committee. We are usually careful to make these distinctions in any descriptions of those activities. We are a diverse community, with many different opinions, and, with very few exceptions (such as our commitment to the existence of Israel), we have no need to speak with a

single voice. However, that shouldn't stop the groups within TBZ who want to associate and work on potentially political or controversial issues from doing so, if it feels right to them to be tackling those questions in the context of our Jewish teachings.

My hope is that this column helps promote a better understanding of what we do, and also serves as an invitation for further conversation on these issues. I'm happy to meet with any of you to talk about these questions further. You can always reach me (and my Co- President Sue Kahn) at copresidents@tbzbrookline.org.

And this just in: On **March 26th the Consul General of Israel in New England, Hon. Yehuda Yaakov, will join us to talk about the results of the Israeli election at 7:30 pm.** This is open to the entire Brookline Community. Please spread the word and hope to see you there.



4th Annual Women's Retreat

by Anne Braudy

TBZ's fourth annual Women's Retreat was held January 11, 2015, and over 50 women joined in a multi-faceted day of davening followed by a rich range of member-led workshops. The workshop selection included:

Yoga

Jewish Women and Women's Issues: Which ones do you care about?

Blessed is the Match: The Life and Death of Hannah Senesh

A Theatrical Exploration: Creating Personal Pictures of Our Jewish Identity

Israel: one regime, two legal systems

Simaniya, A Vienna Life, A Vienna Death: My Encounters with Fanny von Arnstein

Wise-Aging: Becoming Our Authentic Selves

Resilient Parents/Resilient Kids.

This retreat, for members only, was a special opportunity for the women of our community to come together and learn as we deepened our personal connections.

We closed with A Musical Postlude: Coming Together in Song, sharing songs of Debbie Friedman, Shefa Gold, and Hanna Tiferet, which was a perfect ending to our day. Please consider joining us next year!

Thank you!

To all who attended the planning meeting: Pamela Cole, Susan Schnur, Anne Braudy, Diane Balser, Lauren Garlick, and Judy Epstein-Fisher.

To our workshop leaders: Judy Epstein-Fisher, Debbie Cohen, Prina Lahav, Diane O'Donoghue, Joyce Krensky, Pamela Cole, Barbara Sternfield, Jan Darsa, Diane Balser, and Anne Braudy.

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To Sue Kahn, Audrey Kadis, Mara Acel-Green, Danya Handelsman, and Naomi Cotter for setting up lunch, and to Audrey Kadis, Renee Markus Hodin, Shoshana Korn-Meyer, and Paula Sinclair for helping to clean up lunch.

To Judy Epstein-Fisher and Diane Balser for organizing the intentional lunch.

To Barbara Sternfield for leading clean-up at the end of the retreat

To Anne Braudy for her help with outreach and publicity and for creating the evaluation forms.

To Abigail Carpenter-Winch, for her assistance supporting the retreat in the TBZ office.

To Rav Claudia, for her vision and leadership for the retreat.

And to everyone who volunteered her time to make this amazing retreat a reality!





חג פורים שמח

Come celebrate



Purim at TBZ

Wednesday, March 4



Presenting, for the entire community,
The New England Premier of the TBZ

Hamentaschen & Puppet Theatre

6pm: Megillah* and Purim Shpil

(*Selections of megillah will be read. Full, uninterrupted megillah reading at 8pm.)

All children and their families are invited to our

Purim Extravaganza - March 4

4pm: Activities for children of all ages

5:30pm: Bring your own veggie dinner



Come in costume!

Hamentaschen Baking and Mishloach Manot - March 1 (see page 12)

Kiddush and Oneg Sponsors



- Judy & Dick Wurtman IHO their 55th Anniversary.
- Sue Kahn & Dan Kirschner IHO their daughter Abby's wedding to Chris Schnaars, Abby and Chris's baby, Lucy Pearl, born on June 30th, their grandson, Matt Egelberg's 8th birthday, their daughter Mia and Adam Egelberg's 16th wedding anniversary, and Sue's parents, Bette and Laurie Kahn's 60th wedding anniversary.
- Joel Kershner & Sheine Wizel IMO the *yahrzeit* of Joel's father, Morris Kershner.
- Lisa Lovett, IMO the *yahrzeit* of the grandmother of Julie Reuben, Fahima Reuben.
- Cindy Kaplan and Marc Weisskopf IHO Mira's *bat mitzvah*.
- Aileen and Neil Grossman IMO the *yahrzeit* of Aileen's mother, Sybil Shulman.
- Gloria and Irwin Pless IMO Irwin's father, Adolph Julius Pless.
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- Reggie Silberberg IMO the *yahrzeit* of her father, Harry Zielonka.
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- Marion Freedman-Gurspan IMO the *yahrzeit* of her mother, Evelyn B. Freedman.
- Bobbi Isberg and Seth Alper IMO Bobbi's mother, Sylvia Isberg.
- Doreen Beinart IHO her son, Peter, speaking at TBZ.
- Lisa Lovett & Julie Reuben, IMO the *yahrzeit* of Julie's father, Eliyahu Menashi Reuben.
- Pamela Cole & Roxanne Gergis IHO their conversions.

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Adult Learning

Amy Mates & Jan Darsa, co-chairs

January was a busy month at TBZ for the Adult Learning Committee. We began by introducing "TBZ Talks", a new initiative which features *kiddush* talks by members of the TBZ community. If you have not yet attended, come to services on March 21 to hear TBZ Member, **Dr. Jonathan Garlick**, who, and we quote, "combines a passion for science with a love of Grandmaster Flash". Jonathan will speak on the work on stem cell research that he is currently conducting at Tufts University.

We also held our annual **TBZ Women's Day Retreat**, where 70 of us joined together to enjoy the teachings of many dynamic TBZ women. We prayed, sang and deepened relationships. (Or ate, prayed and loved).

Bagels and Books, which we co-sponsor with Hebrew Senior Life, hosted Josh Rubinstein, former Northeast Regional Director of Amnesty International, and we also held a 3-session class on Dr. A.J. Heschel's *The Sabbath*, led by our own Reb Moshe. TBZ member **Dr. Susannah Heschel** joined Reb Moshe for his first class, and spoke about her father, his life and work.

The Book Group continues to meet and always welcomes new members and **Parenting Through a Jewish Lens** with Rav Claudia also continues to meet.

Looking ahead:

The Legacy of Reb Zalman with Reb Moshe
Tues, March 10, 24, 31, 7:30 -9:00 pm

A class led by Reb Moshe on the teachings of his rabbi, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi z"l, one of the most influential spiritual leaders of our time.

The Rabbis Taught Us—Understanding Rabbinic Judaism
with Rab Claudia
Weds, May 6, 13, 20, 7:30 -9:00 pm

We often say "the rabbis taught us..." or "the rabbis said..." Join Rav Claudia to learn texts from major rabbinic sources, the Mishnah, the Talmud, and Midrash, as we explore together the concept of Torah she'Ba'al Peh, the Oral Teachings. Texts will be available in English.

Wise Aging Group Introductory Session
Wed, April 29 OR Mon, May 11: 7:15-8:45 pm

Join Dr. Anne Waldoks and Reb Moshe on either of these dates for an introductory session to the **Wise Aging Group** which will begin at TBZ this coming Fall. As a group we will explore what **Wise Jewish Aging** is and can be, using texts, both Jewish and general, our relationships with our physical and spiritual selves and with each other. Please pre-register for one of these informational sessions by going to the website, tbzbrookline.org or calling the office (617) 566-8171, ext 17. The Wise Aging project is an initiative from the Institute of Jewish Spirituality with local promotion through Boston's Jewish Family and Children's Service.

If any of his sounds interesting to you, our committee is looking for a few additional members...let us know if you would like to join.

Nishmat Hayyim at TBZ

Reggie Silberberg, chair

We have just returned from an amazing Contemplative Shabbat Retreat in the beauty of the Essex Conference Center both inside their facility and on their land with winding trails and outdoor sculptures. 37 people experienced the stillness of silence, the deepening chants of contemplative davenning, sitting medita-

tion, walking meditation, and eating mindfully and silently at each meal. Each person's presence added to the *kavvanah* of silence and the soul nourishment of a contemplative Shabbat. We will begin to look at dates for next year.

We also hope to have a third round of the Friday am Meditation/Mind-

fulness Practice Group, and a guest teacher meditation program in the late spring.

We would love to hear from you at nishmathayyim@tbzbrookline.org. And if you are interested in helping with programming, think about joining our committee.

Shabbat Afternoon Meditation Retreats

1:30– 4:00 pm in the TBZ Sanctuary
Mar 28, Apr 25
May and June dates TBA

Friday Morning Meditation/Mindfulness Practice Group

9:30–11:00 am in the TBZ sanctuary / April, May and June dates TBA
free for TBZ members / \$180 for non-TBZ members
\$135 for returning non-TBZ members.
Application process required of new members.



TBZ COMMUNICATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE

We will be making some changes to the Koleinu. Enid Shulman has been editing it for many years [thank you, Enid!] and is ready to stop. Before we look for a new editor, we want to find out what you think about the Koleinu and the other TBZ communications.

We will be sending this survey on line, but if you wish to do it on paper, just tear out this page, complete it and either mail it back to us or drop it off in the office.

1. What are your sources of information about what's happening at TBZ?

- ☐ The Koleinu
- ☐ The Web Site (tbzbrookline.org)
- ☐ Happenings (Weekly e-news)
- ☐ Haverim emails (TBZ members only)
- ☐ Other emails targeting specific groups such as Beit Rabban, Nishmat Hayyim
- ☐ Kehilla listserv (tbz-kehilla@yahoo.com: a list that anyone can join, includes postings of interest to the Boston Jewish community).
- ☐ Announcements at Shabbat services
- ☐ Flyers
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Other _____

2. The Koleinu

a. How much of the Koleinu do you read?

- ☐ 100 % ☐ Almost all of it ☐ Half
- ☐ Less than half ☐ Hardly any of it

b. What parts do you read?

- ☐ Calendar
- ☐ Rabbis' Messages
- ☐ Co-Presidents' Column
- ☐ Articles about committees
- ☐ Articles or information about programs
- ☐ Other _____

c. In the past 18 months, have you given a Koleinu to a non-member?

- ☐ No ☐ Once ☐ A few times

d. When do you usually read your Koleinu?

- ☐ I don't ☐ As soon as I get it
- ☐ Over the course of several days or weeks

3. The Web Site, tbzbrookline.org

a. How often do you log on?

- ☐ A few times per week ☐ A few times per month
- ☐ A few times per year ☐ Hardly ever

b. What information do you search for on the web site?

- ☐ Calendar ☐ Sign-up for events
- ☐ Information on classes or programs
- ☐ The Rabbis' d'vars or Personal Prayers
- ☐ Make a gift ☐ Other _____

4. Happenings

a. How often do you read them?

- ☐ Always ☐ Most of the time ☐ Half the time
- ☐ Less than half ☐ Hardly ever ☐ Never

5. Please rate these communications on how well they meet your needs, with scores from 10 (absolutely fabulous) to 1 (needs a lot of work):

___ Koleinu ___ Web site ___ Happenings

6. Please indicate how important it is to you to receive a written newsletter, with a score from 10 (must have it) to 1 (totally happy without it)?

7. Please tell us a bit about yourself:

a. How long have you been a member of TBZ?

- ☐ Less than 2 years ☐ 2-5 years
- ☐ 5-10 years ☐ More than 10 years

b. Do you have an interest and/or experience in communications and would you be interested in helping out with communications at TBZ? If yes, please give us your name and contact info and we will get in touch with you.

Thank you!



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 Co-Chair, Judy Schechtman at: j_schecht@hotmail.com for more information including information about our next meeting.

The Tikkun Olam Group hosted Employers' Forum on January 25th:

Our Home is Someone's Workplace

The Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights goes into effect in Massachusetts on April 1st, 2015. This law provides legal teeth to the principle that all domestic workers deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, and are entitled to the same protections under the law as other workers in the United States.

The protections are basic, and things most of us take for granted—for example, a minimum wage, the right to over-time, worker's comp, unemployment insurance, the right to a written employment agreement, and the right to be free of sexual harassment. The passage of this bill is a major step forward, but a significant challenge may be in educating employers, many of whom may not identify themselves as such, given the informal and sometimes intimate relationships with those who work in our homes and/or provide services to our family members.

The Employers Forum, hosted at TBZ and co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Coalition for Domestic Workers, Jewish Labor Committee and MataHari, a Greater Boston organization of women of color, immigrant women and families who organize as sisters, workers, and survivors for personal and societal transformation, justice and human rights. Their goal is to end gender-based violence and exploitation. The Forum provided a learning exercise for those who are employers or who want to learn how to disseminate information and help the law become a reality. You will be hearing more regarding ways to move forward, how-to's, and straightforward guides. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact Lydia Edwards, Greater Boston Legal Services (ledwards@gbis.org).

TOG News



Deb Stang & Judy Schechtman

Judy Schechtman is excited to report that Deb Stang has joined her as Co-Chair of the Tikkun Olam Group. Deb has been a very active member and leader of the group and this new role recognizes her ongoing and substantial contributions. Deb

reports that she is happy to be collaborating with Judy in social justice work within TBZ and community and encourages people to come speak with her or Judy regarding their thoughts, their own social justice passions, and (of course) their desire to join the group!

You can contact Deb at dstangee@gmail.com or Judy at j_schecht@hotmail.com.

Next TOG meeting

February 23rd at 7:30 pm Please join us!

Contact either Judy (j_schecht@hotmail.com) or Deb (dstangee@gmail.com) if you will be there.

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization







While GBIO's most recent event was postponed because of the recent blizzard, Deb Stang and Maggie Stein will be attending GBIO's leadership training within the next two weeks.

15th Annual Labor Seder





Reminder: There is still time to sign up for the 15th Annual Labor Seder, sponsored by the New England Jewish Labor Committee. It will be held on **Tuesday, March 24 at 5:00 pm**, at IBEW 103, 256 Freeport Street in Boston. They will be honoring Mayor Marty Walsh as well as recognizing the workers of the Harvard-owned Double Tree Hotel UNITE HERE Local 26 Campaign, the Fast Food Workers 'Fight for \$15' Campaign, and the Adjunct Faculty SEIU 509 Campaign. Checks can be sent to "Jewish Labor Committee", 18 Tremont Street, #320, Boston, MA 02108. The suggested ticket donation is \$54, \$18 for low-income. All are welcome regardless of donation.

TBZ had a strong turn-out last year and all enjoyed the evening, supporting and recognizing the advocacy done on behalf of workers in the Commonwealth.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12:30 pm, Purim Hamentashen Baking, Mishloach Manot Deliveries & Celebration with Residents at 1550 Beacon. 5:00 pm, Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Teens Rosh Hodesh Group	2 7:00 pm, Jewish Climate Action Network	3 	Erev Purim/Ta'anit Esther, 4 Purim Extravaganza (see pg. 8 for more details) 4:00 pm, Activities for kids 5:30 pm, BYO veggie dinner 6:00 pm: Megillah* and Purim Shpil. 8:00 pm, Full megillah reading	Purim 	Shushan Purim 6 9:30 am, Weekly Meditation 6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	7 Parshat Ki Tisa 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - Bat Mitzvah Adina Kraus 10:30 am, Childcare Available
8 10:00 am, Parenting through Jewish Lens, ninth class with Reb Moshe	9 7:30 pm, Legacy of Reb Zalman (see pg. 9)	10 	11 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban 6:15 pm, Meeting introducing Bnei Mitzvah program (5th graders) (see pg. 15)	12 	13 Men's Group Shabbat 6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	14 Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei/Shabbat Parah 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service - Men's Group Shabbat 11:30 am Tfilat Mishpachot 1:00 pm Bnei Mitzvah group 1:30 pm Men's Group
15 6:30 pm, Teens Rosh Hodesh Group 7:00 pm, Women's Rosh Hodesh Group	16 	17 	18 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban 5:30 pm, Zman B'Yachad	19 7:30 pm, Operation Committee Meeting	20 9:30 am, Weekly Meditation 5:30 pm, Beit Rabban Kabbalat Shabbat followed by dinner (see pg. 15)  6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat	21 Parshat Vayikra/Rosh Chadash Nissan/Shabbat Rosh Hodesh 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service - Teen Shabbat (see pg. 15) 12:30 pm TBZ Talks - Jonathan Garlick (see pg. 9) 7:45 pm Salsa Dance/Sephardi Music Party (see pg. 4)
22 4:30 pm, Dr. Erica Brown, Happier Endings: A Spiritual Perspective on Aging and Dying (@ Temple Israel, Boston) TBZ is co-sponsoring	23 4:30 pm, Zman Tzedek (Social Justice immersion)	24 5:00 pm, Labor Seder (see pg. 11) 7:30 pm, Legacy of Reb Zalman (see pg. 9)	25 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban	26 7:30 pm, Consul General of Israel in New England, Hon. Yehuda Yaakov, talk about the results of the Israeli election (see pg. 7)	27 9:30 am, Weekly Meditation 5:30 pm, Child Friendly Kabbalat Shabbat at Hebrew Senior Life  6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat	28 Parshat Tzav/Shabbat HaGadol 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - Bat Mitzvah Alex Kedmi 10:30 am, Child care 1:30 pm Shabbat Afternoon Meditation (see pg. 9)
29 10:00 am, Passover Holiday Food deliveries at Hebrew Senior Life (see pg. 15) 11:00 am, Family Pesach Program (Time subject to change) 5:00 pm, Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Book Club	30 4:30 pm, Zman Tzedek (Social Justice immersion)	31 7:30 pm, Legacy of Reb Zalman (see pg. 9)	 Hamentashen Baking and Mishloach Manot Sun, Mar 1 12:30 pm Community Hamentashen Baking 3:00 pm Prepare mishloach manot Come for the day, or just part.			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:00 pm, Beif Rabban	2	Erev Pesach Ta'anit Bechorot No Service	Pesach 1 4 10:00 am, Pesach Service (No Torah Study) 10:30 am, Childcare 
Pesach 2 5 10:00 am, Parenting through Jewish Lens, tenth (last) class with Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia 6:30 pm, Teens Rosh Hodesh Group 7:00 pm, Women's Rosh Hodesh Group	Pesach 3 (Ch'm) 6	Pesach 4 (Ch'm) 7	Pesach 5 (Ch'm) 8 7:00 pm, Class with Reb Moshe on Pesach	Pesach 6 (Ch'm) 9	Pesach 7 10 10:00 am - Seventh Day Pesach Service including Yizkor 6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	Pesach 8 11 10:00 am, Pesach Services including Yizkor (No Torah Study) 11:30 am, Tfilat Mishpachot 1:00 pm, Bnei Mitzvah Group 1:30 pm, Men's Group
12 10:00 am, Parenting through Jewish Lens, tenth (last) class with Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia 6:30 pm, Teens Rosh Hodesh Group 7:00 pm, Women's Rosh Hodesh Group	13 4:30 pm, Zman Tzedek (Social Justice immersion)	14	15 4:00 pm, Beif Rabban 5:30 pm, Zman B'Yachad 7:30 pm, Tikkun Olam group Meeting	Yom HaShoah 16 7:30 pm, Prof. Adam Teller of Brown University, an authority on Eastern European Jewish history will speak at TBZ in honor of Yom HaShoah	17 5:30 pm, Child Friendly Kabbalat Shabbat with Hebrew Senior Life 6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	18 Parshat Shmini 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 10:30 am, Childcare Available 1:00 pm TBZ Talks, Len Lyons: African Jews
Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 19	Marathon Day/ Patriot's Day - Office closed 20 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	21	Yom HaZikaron 22	Yom HaAtzma'ut 23	24 6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	25 Parshat Tazria-Metzora 9:30 am, Torah Study (LATER START) 11:00 am, Inter-generational Service (see pg. 15) 1:00 pm, Bnei Mitzvah Group 1:30 pm, Shabbat Afternoon Meditation (see pg. 9)
26 10:00 am, Parenting through Jewish lens - snow date 10:30 am, Pottery Workshop - Session I (see pg. 15) 12:30 am, Pottery Workshop - Session II (see pg. 15) 6:30 pm, Book Group	27 4:30 pm, Zman Tzedek (Social Justice immersion) 7:30 pm, Reb Moshe Class: Wise Aging	28	29 4:00 pm, Beif Rabban 7:15 pm, Wise Aging Intro Session (see pg. 9)	30		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Walk for Hunger - May 3</p> <p>We were one of the top 10 organizations to raise money for the Walk for Hunger last year! We hope to have another great team and many supporters this year.</p> <p>More information to come. Thank you to Jonathan Berz who will be chairing the Walk for Hunger team this year at TBZ.</p>						
<p>3</p> <p>8:30 am, Walk for Hunger (see above)</p> <p>5:00 pm, Board Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:30 pm, Zman Tzedek (Social Justice immersion)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4:00 pm, Beit Rabban</p> <p>7:30 pm, The Rabbis Taught Us with Rav Claudia (see pg. 9)</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Parshat Emor</p> <p>9:00 am, Torah Study</p> <p>10:00 am, Shabbat Services - Bar Mitzvah Mathew Cole</p> <p>10:30 am, Childcare</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Annual Community Retreat (see back page)</p> <p>10:00 am, Nishmat Hayyim Event</p> <p>7:00 pm, Women's Rosh Hodesh Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:30 pm, Zman Tzedek (Social Justice immersion)</p> <p>7:15 pm, Wise Aging Intro Session (see pg. 9)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4:00 pm, Beit Rabban</p> <p>7:30 pm, The Rabbis Taught Us with Rav Claudia (see pg. 9)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Annual Community Retreat (see back page)</p> <p>6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Parshat Behar-Bechukotai</p> <p>Annual Community Retreat (see back page)</p> <p>9:00 am, Torah Study</p> <p>10:00 am, Shabbat Services</p> <p>1:30 pm, Men's Study Group</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Annual Community Retreat (see back page)</p> <p>10:00 am, Nishmat Hayyim Event</p> <p>7:00 pm, Women's Rosh Hodesh Group</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>Rosh Chodesh Sivan 19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>4:00 pm, Beit Rabban</p> <p>5:30 pm, Zman B'Yachad</p> <p>7:30 pm, The Rabbis Taught Us with Rav Claudia (see pg. 9)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30 pm, Operations Committee Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Parshat Bamidbar</p> <p>Erev Shavuot</p> <p>9:00 am, Torah Study</p> <p>10:00 am, Shabbat Services</p> <p>8:00 pm, Brookline Tikun Shavuot with Sunrise Shacharit (see pg. 16)</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Shavuot 1</p> <p>10:00 am, Shavuot Service (Vizkar)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Shavuot 2</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>No Services</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:00 pm, Beit Rabban</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p></p>	<p>30</p> <p>Parshat Nasso</p> <p>9:00 am, Torah Study</p> <p>10:00 am, Shabbat Services</p> <p>11:30 am, Tfilat Mishpachot</p>
<p>31</p> <p>6:30 pm, Book Club</p>						



Pinat Mishpachot

Programming for March-June

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Wed, March 11, 6:15 pm:** Introductory meeting about Bnei Mitzvah program for 5th graders. For more information, please email Abigail Carpenter-Winch at rabbisadmin@tbzbrookline.org.

- **Fri, March 20**

Beit Rabban Shabbat - First Ever!

Services, Dinner, and CELEBRATION!!

5:30 pm Join us for a lively, musical, and creative service led by all of our students.

6:30 pm Dinner and some exciting Shabbat activities.

There might even be a surprise or two in store for the evening.

It's a chance to celebrate our kids' learning and growth AND to get to know one another better.

We'd love to see 100% participation from our Beit Rabban families! Register on the TBZ website.

Questions? Want to help us get ready? Contact Beth Marx bethsmarx@yahoo.com or Debbie Korn deborahkorn@gmail.com

- **Sat, March 21: Teen Shabbat**

The Shabbat service will be led by TBZ teens. If you are a teen and would like to be involved, please email Rav Claudia at ravclaudia@tbzbrookline.org

- **Sun, March 29: Passover** 10:00 am

Holiday Food delivery at 1550.

Pesach program, time and details to be announced

- **Sat, April 25: Intergenerational Shabbat service**

11:00 am

The entire TBZ Community is invited to come together for an Intergenerational Shabbat Service (Shabbat Parshiot Tazria-Metzora)

- A joyful and vibrant gathering
- A shorter-than-usual Shacharit Service
- Storytelling during the Torah service

Tzeirim and the Bnei Mitzvah Group (4th-7th grade) will meet on the 3rd floor with Becky at 11am, for the first part of the service, and will join the community for Torah Service.

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

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

- **Sun, April 26 Pottery Workshop with Sasha**

10:30 am – 12:00 pm & 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Join other TBZ families & create beautiful ritual objects for your home with artist Sasha Bergmann.

There will be two sessions, 10:00-11:30 am and 12:00 pm-1:30pm each limited to 12 families.

Cost is \$15 per family to cover materials. Please bring check or cash to the event. This program is for TBZ members only. Sign up will be available soon. Please note that by signing up, you are committing to attend and pay for the event, as there are limited spaces available.

If you would like to request financial aid, please contact Rav Claudia at ravclaudia@tbzbrookline.org.

- **Sun, May 3, 8:30 am – Walk for Hunger**
see pg 14

- **June 3, 4:15-5:00 pm: Beit Rabban End of Year Parent Meeting followed by Pizza Party!**

- **June 19, 5:30pm: Child-friendly kabbalat Shabbat with our neighbors at 1550**, followed by a end of the school year celebration and Family Dinner. Pre-registration is required, please check the TBZ website for more information.

Mishpachot On-going programs:

Tfilot Mishpachot Shabbat 11:30am

March 14, April 11, May 2, May 30, June 6

Shabbat Childcare 10:30 am-12:30pm

March 7, March 28, April 4, April 18, May 9, June 13

Bnei Mitzvah Group

March 14, April 11, April 25, June 6

Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 1550

March 27, April 17, June 19 followed by a Family Dinner (pre-registration required)

Teen Rosh Hodesh Group

March 1, March 15, April 12, June 14

New Beit Rabban Parent Committee

by Debbie Korn, Chair, Beit Rabban Parent Committee
and Mom to Adam Korn (5th Grade)

The Beit Rabban Parent Committee, newly formed at the start of this academic year, is hard at work planning some very special events for our Beit Rabban students and families. Each classroom (Grades K-5) has a team of parent coordinators working on 3 initiatives this year – a class trip outside of TBZ, a visit/demonstration by a community member with special talents/expertise, and a *tikkun olam/tzedakah* project. There are plans for visits from a Torah scribe and a Jewish meditation teacher, as well as a chance for our youngest kids to interview Rav Claudia and to learn about the history of TBZ from Jenni Seicol, during a “behind the scenes” tour of our building. There are also plans for a scavenger hunt focused on “all things Jewish” on Harvard Street, a visit to a local *matzah* factory, and an interfaith bridge-building event with a local mosque. *Tikkun olam/tzedakah* efforts will likely involve projects with Family Table, the Walk for Hunger, and Hekdesh, though plans are still taking shape. On March 20th, we will be having a *Beit Rabban Shabbat* celebration that will include a musical, creative, student-led, Friday night service, followed by a yummy *Beit Rabban* dinner and some fun activities. In addition to working on these various projects, this committee is engaged in a long-term strategic planning process and serves as an advisory group to Shira Lenza, our Beit Rabban Coordinator, and our teachers, offering feedback, brainstorming new initiatives, and problem-solving together.

Shavuot

Saturday night

May 23

All night

Brookline Tikkun

ending with

Sunrise Shacharit

(exact times tba)

at Kehillath Israel.

10:00 am service at TBZ,

including Yizkor.

Family Table



The TBZ Mitzvah Day at Jewish Family & Children's Service had close to 60 volunteers on Jan. 25th!

We began with breakfast (thank you to the Hodin family!) and learning. Our learning focused on helping those in need, and what a privilege it is to be able to help others. We then packed grocery bags of food, and volunteers brought the groceries to the homes of Family Table clients. The TBZ Mitzvah Day was a big success!

Please continue to bring donations of crackers and canned soup to TBZ for Family Table. Thank you to James Cohen for being our new Family Table site coordinator.

Marilyn Glazer-Weisner writes about her experience:

Our experience working with you at Family Table was so memorable and meaningful. The system is terrific because you get to follow a list of requests for groceries and fill the bags accordingly.

Once we were on the road to deliver the bags to the 3 families, I felt wonderful because all three families live in my childhood neighborhoods of Jewish Boston from the 1950's and 60's. Alan was a fabulous partner to do this valuable and important mitzvah with because he enjoys opportunities to use his 'Aba' humor. Our children get tired of his corny jokes, but the families we were visiting had not heard his jokes yet and he had willing audiences. As we were driving through my childhood neighborhoods I got to show Alan my favorite hang-outs and show him where Boston had once had a huge and thriving Jewish community of between 70,000 to 90,000 Jews. We will gladly do this important mitzvah again and we want everyone to know that you do not have to have a young family to derive satisfaction from this experience. In fact, if other TBZ members wish to join us, it would be great. Please feel free to ask me questions about this experience directly.

Thank you so much for the chance to share this story.

Marilyn Glazer-Weisner

Donations**(11/1/14-1/31/15)**

Bennett Abrams
 Diane Abrams
 Stephane & Mara Acel-Green
 Fran Shtull Adams
 Rhoda Alani & Philip Cole
 Seth Alper & Bobbi Isberg
 Lester & Esfira Annenberg
 Jerome Avorn & Karen Tucker
 Diane Balser
 Rick Bankhead
 Mark Barnett & Katherine
 Gergen Barnett
 Doreen Beinart
 Aida Belansky
 Fredrick & Diane Berk
 Paul & Phyllis Berz
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 Mark Blogier
 Susan Bookbinder
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 Phyllis Goldstein
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 Rabbi Natan & Ilana Margalit
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 Maurice Medoff
 Alex Milstein & Leeza Kapuler
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 Barbara Moss
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May 15-17

at the Craigville Retreat Center on Cape Cod.

**Registration will open mid-March. Check our
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for the TBZ Spring Kiddush Fundraiser



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Honoring GLORIA & IRWIN PLESS and JENNI SEICOL & DAVID CHERENSON

Mark your calendars for May 2, 2015 for TBZ's annual Spring Kiddush Fundraiser. We will be honoring Irwin and Gloria Pless who contributed so much to the transformation of TBZ into the nurturing and inclusive community we are today, and Jenni Seicol and David Chersonson who just completed their terms as Co-Presidents and have been such incredible leaders.

Please come and celebrate with us and help us raise the funds needed to keep our community thriving and vibrant. Invitations and more information about the event and our honorees will be coming soon.

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