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Transparency, Growth, and Transition

What is transparency? At the *p'shat* (most basic) level, it's about the new windows we have throughout our building, from the windows in the new front doors allowing for more light and a more welcoming entrance, to the windows in the mezzanine overlooking the sanctuary—(hasn't the mezzanine always been there?)—to the new windows wrapped around the building improving energy efficiency. More broadly, transparency refers to the light we can shed on issues of importance in our community, including information about our Rabbinic leadership and finances, which are discussed here.

On page 7 in this *Koleinu*, our Treasurer, Geoff Stein, writes about the status of our budget this year and gives a brief explanation of TBZ's finances. At the June 11th Community meeting, he will also share some information about the budget for our new fiscal year that will begin on July 1.

Both our new building and our financial situation provide us with exciting opportunities to intentionally build our Membership. Adding even 20 new member households (and not losing any) would give us the ability to meet our expenses without undue strain on current members. For years, we have talked about being limited by our building size and accessibility. We have now addressed those concerns with the new lift and with the addition of the Reb Moshe and Anne Waldoks Lifelong Learning Center, which will be dedicated on September 10th. We will actively recruit to expand not only our Beit Rabban community, but also our other constituencies represented, for example, in our Wise Aging classes. We hope you will proudly be a TBZ ambassador as we seek

to grow by spreading the word about us and inviting your friends to join our community.

We also want to follow-up on the letter that Reb Moshe sent to all congregants last May detailing his change to part-time capacity as of July, 2019, as Founding Rabbi, and then becoming Emeritus Rabbi at the end of 2023. As Reb Moshe also mentioned, we anticipate Rav Claudia's ongoing spiritual and organizational leadership throughout this time and beyond. While Reb Moshe will be at TBZ full-time for the next two years in his role as Senior Rabbi, we feel that now is the time to start preparing for this transition. We have recently formed a committee of lay leaders to help guide this process, and we will keep you informed as we proceed.

One more note we want to share: Rav Claudia will begin a four month Sabbatical next February. She will use this time to study and re-energize in Israel. Rav Claudia, together with Reb Moshe, Cantor Becky, and the Co-presidents are planning how best to cover for her during this period. Reb Moshe will take on more responsibilities and lay leaders in our community will have a chance to get more involved in leading services, *shiva minyans*, or in other ways. We will be sharing more information over time, so that you will feel well-informed and cared for as February, 2018 approaches.

We are grateful for your thoughtfulness, generosity, and commitment to our community and look forward to talking with you further about all these topics, starting with the Sunday, June 11, Community Meeting from 3-5pm at TBZ.



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SAVE THE DATE:
TBZ Community Meeting
June 11, 3 - 5 pm

TBZ NEWS & EVENTS

This is only a sample of the exciting events happening at TBZ! Check out our website to learn more about our programming and committees, and help us continue to grow our dynamic and spirited community.

Adult Learning

Seeking the Divine: The Jewish Spiritual Path with Reb Moshe

Readings from *God Is a Verb* by Rabbi David Cooper.
June 13, 20, 27, 7 pm - 8:30 pm

BBQ and Barchu

Join with other members for Kabbalat Shabbat under the stars. Grilled veggie and kosher beef hot dogs as well as beverages will be provided. Contributions of vegan, kosher or nondairy vegetarian dishes are welcome.
Location TBA, Brookline
Friday, August 4, 5:30 pm

Resilience and Resistance: Stories of Survival from The Holocaust

The testimony of Holocaust survivors is an expression of the universal human capacity for resilience in the face of state-sponsored persecution and murder. During this unique program, survivors will explore the internal and external factors that allowed them to persist and to live, even as so many others could not.

We invite you to join an interfaith, multigenerational gathering to bear witness to these wrenching stories and the disturbing history they represent.

Sponsored by Center Communities of Brookline (Hebrew SeniorLife) and Temple Beth Zion with generous support from the Association of Jewish Aging Services.

At TBZ, Wednesday July 12, 7 pm

Special Evening: *Kingdom of Olives and Ash*

In partnership with The New Israel Fund and Harper Collins, TBZ is excited to host a book reading and discussion with Geraldine Brooke, Avner Gvanyahu, and Rabbi Eric Gurvis commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Israel occupation of the West Bank.

Editors of *Kingdom of Olives and Ashes*, Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman, joined forces with Breaking the Silence an Israeli NGO to tell the stories of people on the ground in the contested territories.

Please join us for this fascinating evening.
Tuesday, June 6, 7pm, TBZ.
For tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/tbzbooktalk>

Summer Kabbalat Shabbat

Bring your own picnic dinner and celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat outdoors.
Location TBA, Brookline
Friday, August 19, 6 pm

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Join with friends, neighbors and fellow members for the 8th Annual Brookline Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot. Traditional and innovative programming will be offered. Come for one hour, or stay up all night! Learn from world-renowned educators and neighborhood favorites.
May 30, beginning 8 pm and ending June 1 at 4:10 am
Location: Kehillath Israel, 384 Harvard St and 100 Center St, Brookline, MA

NISHMAT HAYYIM AT TBZ

Reggie Silberberg, Chair

Friday AM Meditation Mindfulness Practice Group program will continue in the fall of 2017. This will be our fourth year offering this popular program bringing together novices and experienced meditators who wish to: deepen their meditation practice, nourish their study in the disciplines of meditation and mindfulness within a Jewish framework, and provide support to each other in these endeavors.

Friday AM Meditation Mindfulness Practice Group will meet all summer long on Friday AM as a drop-in program in response to requests. No registration necessary. More information will be available in June regarding dates and the format. Stay tuned!

Nishmat Hayyim is thrilled to announce that our beloved teacher, Zoketsu Norman Fischer, a Zen Buddhist practitioner and world renown teacher, who along with Rabbi Allan Lew, "zl", began the first ever meditation program in a synagogue, will be with us during Shabbat Bereshit, Oct 14, and offer a workshop on Sunday, Oct 15. Please save these dates and join us for this very special opportunity of study and practice. More info will be emailed during the summer.

Keep abreast of new programs and announcements by joining the Nishmat Hayyim list serv, please email nishmathayyim@tbzbrookline.org

Wishing everyone a rejuvenating, joyful, and peaceful summer!

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Beit Rabban Update

The Beit Rabban Parent Committee is proud to report that 21 families participated in Beit Rabban Shabbat on March 3, where each class led a part of Kabbalat Shabbat before we enjoyed a delicious meal together as a community. Thank you to Beit Rabban parent Sharon Morganbesser for all of her work on this event! In early May, students in 2/3 and 4/5 enjoyed a drumming session with Micah and students in 4/5 took a tour of Jewish Boston led by Beit Rabban grandparent, Rabbi Sam Seicol. Students are currently participating in an inter-generational podcasting project called L'Dor VaDor. Check out one interview between Beit Rabban students and their mothers, on the topic of recent Women's Marches here: <https://goo.gl/2UCpaA>. As our year comes to close, we look forward to gathering at Griggs Park on the afternoon of June 3 for an ice cream Shabbat social.

Book Talk with Sheila Katz

About 40 people attended the Sheila Katz conversation about her new book, *Connecting With the Enemy*. Attendees included TBZ members and friends as well as many interfaith participants (from the event's co-sponsor, Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries, the oldest interfaith social justice and peace organization in the Boston area). Several excited participants shared that it was a very informative and excellent program that represented both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with vivid descriptions of the many non-violent activities that the two groups have actively pursued for decades. Others felt heartened to hear about the many grass roots efforts that have been occurring in Israel and Palestine. They were energized to apply similar effort to the many resistance activities that are being planned and implemented in our own local communities during these turbulent times.



From Education Director, Cantor Becky Khitrik

One of the most exciting parts of my job as Education Coordinator at TBZ is watching our Beit Rabban program grow. When I started teaching 6th and 7th grade here 7 years ago, I had a lovely class of three students. By 2012-2013 my class had tripled in size, and now David Winship teaches 22 students! As we grow, Rav Claudia, parent volunteers (there are many), and I are planning to make some crucial changes to Beit Rabban that will allow our community to keep expanding, while at the same time meeting the needs of all of our students and keeping our pedagogical mission of learning through experiential education.

Some of the changes we will roll out in the coming year include hiring new teachers to lower our class sizes (we are able to do this thanks to the new classrooms on the third floor!), introducing a new format of teaching Hebrew by level (rather than age), and adding a block of time for an elective option for students in grades 4-7 (think: cooking, Israeli dance, Torah yoga, text study, etc.)

I am also very excited about the possibility of teaching a Monday afternoon b'nei mitzvah trope class to our sixth graders. This class will allow students to study together for their ceremonies, teaching each other in "hevruta" (partner) style learning, and eliminate the need for months of expensive, private tutoring. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact me.

As we finish the exterior details of our new learning center, we are very excited to update our educational program. We think that these changes will not only better serve and engage our students at the end of a very long school day, but will keep Beit Rabban a competitive and enticing supplementary learning option for families looking to join the community.

As we solidify our plans over the summer, please feel free to reach out to me (education@tbzbrookline.org) to talk more about our exciting "new" program. Looking forward to our next academic year of learning together!

To stay up-to-date on all the exciting events taking place, go to:

www.tbzbrookline.org/about/tbz-kehilla and find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/tbzbrookline

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Exploring Our Strength at the Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat

More than 80 women participated in TBZ's 7th Annual Women's Retreat with the theme of Harnessing our Power: Exploring the Leadership and Strength of Jewish Women. Sessions gave us the opportunity to explore our physical, emotional and intellectual potential.

Rosh Hodesh

Members of the Rosh Hodesh group were privileged to attend a preview of "Golda's Balcony" at the New Repertory Theater, at the invitation of the play's masterful director, TBZ's own Judith Epstein-Fisher.

We tend to remember Prime Minister Golda Meir as a feisty, raspy-voiced old woman with her hair drawn back in a bun and no make-up. Bobbie Steinbach, in her powerful performance as Golda in this one-woman play, added details. She became Golda before our eyes as she shared the details of her life and evolution from a rebellious young adult in Milwaukee to her early days on a Kibbutz in Israel, to leader of the country. Most movingly, she showed us the tense moments at the beginning of the Yom Kippur War when she was agonizing over the moral dilemma of whether to unleash the nuclear power.

Afterwards, we had an opportunity to meet privately with Bobbie and assistant director, Tim Spears. Both were candid in talking about the play and willingly answered our questions about acting, the psychology of the play, good directing and other aspects of our experience as audience. Dinner after the show rounded off a meaningful evening.

Purim Fun! Hamentashen Baking and more!



L'Chaim

- To Patricia Gonzales and David Scheiber on their wedding on August 13.
- To Clara Talkoff on becoming Bat Mitzvah on June 25.
- To Zachary Freedman on becoming Bar Mitzvah on June 17.
- To Ezra Korn-Meyer on becoming Bar Mitzvah on April 22.
- To TBZ member Rabbi Ma'ayan Sands, Rab'16 who is being honored and will receive the Esther Award for Leadership and Philanthropy at the 2017 Hebrew College Gala.
- To Jessica and Jonathan Henry on the birth of their son Jack Emmanuel.
- To Michal Shein and Jonas Parker on the birth of their daughter, Hadas Rose
- To Lily Pelzman and Jeffrey Borenstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Genevieve Ada.
- To Lily Pelzman and Jeffrey Borenstein on the birth of their grandson, Jack Zino.
- To Linda and Len Rosen on the engagement of their son Jonathan to Anna Rosovsky.
- To Joel Kershner and Sheine Wizel on the birth of their identical twin granddaughters, Noa and Adley.
- To Beth Ehrenreich on the birth of her grandson, Gavriel Eliezer.
- To Thalia and Douglas Krakower on the birth of their daughter.
- To Diane and Marty Richler on the marriage of their daughter Lauren to Jared Novack.
- To Elana Steinberg on the birth of her twins.

Weekly Shabbat Times

6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat - meditation; 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat
9 am Shabbat Torah study; 10 am services followed by kiddush lunch

SPECIAL SERVICES

Pride Shabbat

June 2, 3

HOLIDAYS

Shavuot

May 30: Tikkun Shavuot at KI, 8 pm

May 31: Service including Yizkor 10 am - 12:30 pm

Tzom Tammuz

July 11

Tish'a B'Av

July 31: service 8:30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Holocaust Program (see page 3)

July 12: 7 pm

Kingdom of Olives and Ash (see page 3 for more)

June 6: 7 pm

ADULT LEARNING

Seeking the Divine: The Jewish Spiritual Path with Reb Moshe

June 6, 13, 20: 7 - 8:30 pm

Wise Aging (for registered participants)

June 7, 14: 7 - 9 pm

BARBEQUE AND BARCHU (see page 3)

August 4, 5:30pm

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Please be part of these community-wide celebrations of our young members by coming to services and sharing in their simcha.

June 17: Zachary Freedman

June 25: Clara Tolkoff, 9 - 10:30 am

BEIT RABBAN AND MISHPACHOT

June 3: T'filot Mishpachot, 11 am

BOOK CLUB

June 4, July 9, August 7: 6:30 pm

COMMUNITY MEETING

June 11: 3 - 5 pm

MEDITATION/MINDFULNESS PRACTICE GROUP

June 2, 9, 16: 9:30 am - 11 am

Summer drop in Fridays: 9:30 am - 11 am

MEN'S STUDY GROUP

June 10: 1:30 pm

SHABBAT NARIYAH AND POTLUCK SUPPER

June 16

SUMMER SHABBAT PICNIC (see page 3)

August 18: 6 pm

Save the Date

Sunday, September 10

10 am - 12:30 pm

Celebrate together with a morning of learning

as we dedicate

TBZ's Reb Moshe and Anne Waldoks

Lifelong Learning Center.

Please visit www.tbzbrookline.org/community/committees
to find out more about an activity or group

TREASURER'S REPORT: ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

by Geoffrey Stein, Treasurer

TBZ is in decent financial shape, but we have always run on a thin margin. Last year, the Board of Directors was advised that the Capital Campaign would likely impact our annual donations, and this was taken into account when drafting this year's budget, which anticipated a small deficit. However, High Holiday and other ongoing, traditional contributions are down, resulting in a greater deficit than expected. Outstanding pledges and donations continue to come in, so we have time to reduce the gap between projected and actual figures. Cash reserves are more than sufficient, and while this is not a crisis, the situation must be addressed in order to insure a healthy financial future for our shul.

Realistically, our expenses will not go down, so the Board is focusing on ways of generating income to keep pace. Increasing membership is the most desirable solution, especially as we have invested in expanded space in our building. We are watching expenses very carefully to identify any savings that can be made. Another important aspect, and the purpose of this message, is to educate members about our finances so that everyone understands how money comes in and is spent, as well as how critically important your donations are to the operation of the shul.

Here is an overview showing where our income comes from and how it is spent:

Almost all of TBZ's income comes from our members.

- Dues, 53%
- Donations (High Holiday appeal, tribute and yahrzeit donations, oneg/kiddush donations, Spring Kiddush celebration), 28%
- Miscellaneous income (program income, rental income from parking and building events), 19%

TBZ expenses this year will be about \$929,000. Our budget has increased over time as our community expands and we meet its needs with more staffing and programs. The inevitable rise in fixed costs over time also results in higher expenses.

- Salaries (rabbinic and administrative), 63%
- Program expenses (Adult Learning, Nishmat Hayyim, Mishpachot and Beit Rabban), 13%. (Note: 79% of these costs are offset by the income these programs generate.)
- Building expenses (maintenance, utilities, grounds upkeep, janitorial services), 11%
- Administrative and miscellaneous expenses (insurance, office supplies, computers, etc.), 9%.
- Ceremonial expenses (kiddush food, maintenance of siddurim, chumashim and torahs, High Holiday costs), 4%.

Thanks to you, our L'Dor V'Dor capital campaign has been a terrific success! We are excited about the coming year and the many new opportunities that our building renovation provides, but we can't operate without your help. We hope that you'll join us, both financially as well as spiritually, in making TBZ an even more vibrant community than it already is!



Above: Our beautiful classrooms

WHY I'M CALLED TO SPEAK UP FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

.....
by Rabbi Claudia Kreiman

On March 27, I and other rabbinic colleagues and faith leaders joined a protest organized by Migrant Justice. Some of my colleagues packed the courtroom in Boston, while others of us joined the protest outside where Enrique Balcazar, Alex Carrillo, and Zulily Palacios, organizers with the Vermont-based human rights group Migrant Justice, had been detained by immigration agents and were awaiting their bond hearings.

On April 5, I participated in Immigration Day at the Massachusetts State House and spoke at the rally, as a rabbi, a faith leader, an immigrant to this country. I spoke in support of the Safe Communities Act, which would prohibit state collaboration with the federal government to enforce federal immigration law or for the purpose of creating a Muslim registry.

On Monday April 24 I joined activists and protesters from Cosecha—a nonviolent movement working to win permanent protection, dignity and respect for the 11 million undocumented people in this country—as they staged a sit in. Twenty students, clergy, and other activists were arrested after they sat down, linked arms, and blocked the entrance to the Suffolk County House of Correction to protest the detention and deportation of immigrants who are living illegally in the United States. Cheering on the protesters with chanting and singing were about 80 of us who marched from Dudley Square in Roxbury to the detention center in Dorchester.

I wore my Tallit as a symbol of my religious commitment to this action, following once more the teaching of rabbi Abraham J. Heschel to pray with our feet as we show commitment to the cause of protecting the most vulnerable in our society.



I grew up under Pinochet's authoritarian regime in Chile. I know the dangers of authoritarian regimes and for that reason, I am compelled to take up the cause of people in America who fled war, persecution, and economic hardship and raise my voice, as an immigrant, in protest for the voiceless.

Over and over again, our Torah teaches us to welcome the stranger and reminds us that we too were once strangers in a strange land. In fact, we are commanded to welcome, protect, and love the stranger. This value is foundational to who we are as a people.

The Book of Deuteronomy (23:16-17) states this with great force: *"You shall not hand over to a master a slave who has escaped from his master to you.*

Indeed, he may live among you in any place he chooses, within your gates wherever she prefers; you must not oppress them."

In other words, Torah teaches us that those who come to this country fleeing persecution or hardship must be welcomed and treated with dignity, flexibility, and generosity.

Today over 65 million people are displaced from their homes due to poverty, conflict and persecution—more than at any other time in history. Let us not speak of slavery as if it has been relegated to our collective memory when today a record number of people are forced into labor.

We are commanded to resist the denial of immigrants and refugees by the Trump Administration that tears families apart, sending our neighbors back to dangerous countries of origin. That's why on March 27th, rabbis and rabbinical students with T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights, along with dozens of members of the Jewish community and throngs of other activists, rallied outside the Boston Immigration Court. That's why many people of our congregation, and many organizations of the Jewish

community, led by Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) actively participated in the Rally on Immigrants day on April 5th.

This is why I have become an active Cosecha ally and will continue to support this movement.

Beyond Jewish law and tradition is the Jewish experience of persecution and being expelled from one land only to be turned away from another. We will continue to resist pharaohs who worship power over compassion and self-centeredness over community.

As a rabbi, as a Jew, and as a new American citizen, I must reiterate with pride that we are a nation of immigrants dedicated to the foundational principles of inclusivity and pluralism.



TIKKUN OLAM AT TBZ

Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM)

TBZ, as part of a team of five congregations in Brookline and Newton, is supporting two refugee families, a woman from Cameroon and her baby and a woman from Uganda and her toddler, in a Brookline Village apartment. The TBZ community has generously donated clothing, furnishings, money, and most importantly, time in order to welcome and settle them into Brookline. We hope you found our readings and table tents useful at your seders. We are thrilled to announce that together the five congregations achieved our annual fundraising goal of \$30,000 over Pesach and Easter! Thank you, everyone, for your enthusiastic support and tzedekah. Please contact Jenny Berz (jbberz@gmail.com) or Jed Shugerman (jshugerman@gmail.com) if you're interested or if you have any questions.



Resistance Group

The spontaneous uprising of resistance throughout America has been remarkable and inspiring. We are signing petitions, attending rallies, helping new immigrants—and sometimes wondering how our efforts can be best channeled.

The TBZ Resistance Group is working on helping you find your path into the complicated world of resistance. After our first Community Gathering attracted over 70 TBZ members on March 1, we carefully read your feedback and decided that a cohesive, small team approach would keep people motivated about issues they cared about most, build community, and help reduce burn-out and isolation. To that end, we have decided to

organize into Action Groups. A few are up and running: Climate Change, co-chaired by Anne-Marie Codur & Mark Dwortzan; Civil Rights Group, co-chaired by Debbie Lipton; Criminal Justice Reform, chaired by Joyce Krensky; Healthcare/Budget Issues co-chaired by Renee Hodin & Carol Kamin. There are many more action groups in various stages of formation, including anti-corruption issues and the Safe Communities Act.

Our members are showing up with inspiring enthusiasm and resolve. We are in this struggle for the long haul! Join us as we move from strategy to action—or bring your own idea and help it find expression within our community! Please contact co-chairs Julia Freedson or Fran Adams for questions or comments: jfreedson@yahoo.com franaca.adams@gmail.com

Sanctuary Network

In April, the TBZ Board voted for TBZ to become a Level 2 Sanctuary faith community. Sanctuary is an ancient tradition of providing safety to those facing danger. Level 1 Sanctuary communities provide a place of residence to an undocumented immigrant facing unjust deportation. Level 2 Sanctuary communities provide solidarity, social support, and practical support to the individual or family that is in Level 1 sanctuary. The decision for TBZ to become a Level 2 Sanctuary community followed a March community-wide meeting during which all TBZ members were invited to learn about the Sanctuary movement, ask questions, and express their thoughts and concerns. At that meeting, Rav Claudia discussed the moral imperative for individual and for TBZ to support those being unjustly treated.

If a ger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do her/him wrong. The ger who sojourns with you shall be like the citizen among you, and you shall love the gerim as yourself, for you were gerim in the land of Egypt.

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I, the Eternal, am your God. (Leviticus 19:33-34)

You shall not turn over to her/his master a slave who seeks refuge with you from her/his master.

S/he shall live with you in any place s/h may choose among the settlements in your midst, wherever

s/he pleases: you must not ill-treat her/him. (Deuteronomy 23:16-17)

Over 50 participants voiced unanimous support for this action.

Marion Freedman-Gurspan and Joel Kershner are diligently working and coordinating with other faith communities towards the next step of identifying our cluster of faith communities.

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO)

TBZ is proud to be an active member of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (www.GBIO.org). We're working on four local legislative initiatives: Criminal Justice Reform, Health Care, Affordable Housing, and Gun violence prevention. Since the December "Out of Many, One" event at the ISBCC, we've been planning teach-ins for learning and solidarity with our Muslim sisters and brothers. This January, working with MA Public Health, we organized an email/phone call campaign to push legislators to continue funding the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund, reducing the overall cost of health care in Massachusetts. At Bethel AME Church in February, we received commitments from key legislators to support our Criminal Justice priorities. We also launched GBIO member-led 'In District

Meetings' speaking directly with state legislators to get their support for GBIO criminal justice reform priorities. Join us! Rosalind Joffe (rosalind@cicoach.com) and Susan Bookbinder (susanbookbinder@comcast.net), TBZ liaisons to GBIO.

Jewish Labor Committee and JALSA

We are creating educational materials for our Oral Domestic Worker History project, a collection of interviews to support the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights. As members of the Rise Up Massachusetts coalition, we are collecting signatures this summer to put paid family and medical leave and \$15 minimum wage on the ballot. We are hosting phone banking on these issues, as well as the Fair Share Amendment. For JALSA, please note that we are planning to attend a legislative hearing on the Paid Family and Medical Leave Bill on June 13, 1 pm at the State House. For more details, contact Judy Schechtman, j_schechtman@hotmail.com

Sign up for email! Volunteer!

Join us as we carry forward our rich Jewish traditions of social justice.

Please contact Jed Shugerman (jshugerman@gmail.com) or Judy Schechtman (j_schecht@hotmail.com) with questions or interests.

Subscribe by e-mailing: tbz_tikkunolam+subscribe@googlegroups.com (no subject and no text needed). If you are having trouble subscribing, please email Beth at rabbisadmin@tbzbrookline.org.

*"Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Walk humbly, now.
You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." Rabbi Tarfon.*

TODAH RABAH

- To all the wonderful contributors to the Spring Kiddush Fundraiser: Edna Bension (Ora Catering) for providing the delicious food, the Joe Willion Fund for underwriting the music, Rick Sands for the printing of the invitations, April Ropes for the beautiful design of the invitations and program book.
- To our wonderful Spring Kiddush Fundraiser Committee: Carol Kamin, Jill Goldberg, Sara Smolover, Mona Strick, Sue Kahn and Tali Walters, and our terrific TBZ staff: Steven Greenberg, Beth Ehrenreich and Sara Lustberg for all their help.
- To Maia and Zoe Levitt, Ariadne Valsamis and Cindy-jo Gross for their help in organizing the community retreat.
- To Adam and Ezra Klauber and Rebecca Weintraub for organizing TBZ's Walk for Hunger.
- To Sue Farber and Judy Epstein-Fisher for organizing the Rosh Hodesh Group Shabbat, and to all the participants that contributed towards making the service meaningful for all.
- To Anne Waldoks for contributing her time to teaching our popular Wise Aging class.
- To Nina Piken for leading our Mussar class
- To Sue Farber, Barbara Segal and all the teachers and volunteers for a successful 7th Annual Women's Retreat.
- To the TBZ family for your continued generosity and help to Family Table.
- To Sheila Katz for sharing her book with us.
- To the entire TBZ community for their patience during the renovations.

SUMMER SPIRITUALITY

As we leave Shavuot and Memorial Day behind us, our thoughts turn to summer.

Many of us will have the luxury of leaving the city for parts more rural, or to places more urban, and our travel will take us to other parts of the US and abroad.

These vacations offer many opportunities to explore one's Jewish identity and spirit. One never leaves one's core identity behind, but rather we use our experiences to broaden our sense of self and who we are. We use both leisure and tourism to enrich and enhance who we are.

For those who will encounter beaches, forests, or lakes, the capacity to make Shabbat a deeper and meaningful experience stands before you. So many of us, even those who do not celebrate Shabbat regularly during the year, will have an opportunity to truly experience a Shabbos that permeates all of our senses when we are away from the stresses of ordinary life.

Shabbos demands a certain amount of material preparation: bottles of wine, two lovely loaves of challah or great breads, at least two Shabbat candles, and flowers for your table. These set the stage for the beginning of the most romantic evening of the week. If you would like to bring along a benscher or a siddur (books that contain Kiddush and other blessings for Shabbat), please let me know or reach out to the office and we can supply you with one.

The most beautiful Shabbatot I have experienced have been on a porch over-looking a lake – watching the three stars emerge as we watch the candles glow. The Kiddush toast celebrates our liberation from slavery and our appreciation of the Universe as it is. Motzi is an extravagant spiritual experience, with the opportunity of tasting the product of the earth that is surely a blessing for us. There is wine to gladden the heart; bread to offer basic sustenance. Everything else is gravy: a tasty meal, wonderful conversation, singing, and the birkat hamazon (of any kind) acknowledging our gratitude to be able to live the way we do (with appreciation for restfulness, beauty, the natural world, and being present in ourselves and thanksgiving for health and well-being of heart and mind.)

Shabbat extends into the next morning, perhaps with a walk wherein we offer up praise for our surroundings. At lunch we gather for a meal devoted to retaining our spiritual amazement, appreciating our bounty. We follow up by reading a book or listening to music, taking a nap, a post-nap excursion, time for meditation, and finally looking at the sky as dusk falls. Seeing those three stars, again signaling a new day's beginning. We acknowledge the Shabbat's departure with light, wine and spices, and savor this divine gift of expanded consciousness, the gift of Shabbat.

Remember we are here every Friday night and Shabbat during the summer.

Reb Moshe

Watch your mail and email over the summer for information about renewing your Membership and High Holiday services and tickets.

Erev Rosh Hashanah is Wednesday, September 20.

MARKING THE LOSS OF OUR LOVED ONES

Yahrzeits (literally, times of the year) refers to the individual remembrance of a loved one on the anniversary of his or her death. In traditional communities the *Yahrzeit* observer would attend the *minyanim*—evening, morning and afternoon and recite the *kaddish* twice during the service on that day. As Jewish calendar days begin with sun-down it is customary to light a *yahrzeit* candle in the evening preceding the day of the anniversary of the death of a loved one.

At TBZ we commemorate *yahrzeits* for the coming week during our Friday night and Shabbat morning services. It is also customary to sponsor a kiddush or donate to the *Kiddush* fund in memory of a loved one.

We offer a special **Aliyah** every Shabbat morning at our service for those commemorating a *yahrzeit* and the traditional *el maleh rakhamim*, (memorial prayer) is recited to honor our dearly departed.

If you do not know the Hebrew date of your loved one's death it can be found on www.hebcal.com. This site has a date converter from the Gregorian to the Hebrew calendar. The disparity of the Hebrew and Gregorian calendar dates often causes confusion. Our

notices use the Hebrew date. This might be one to three weeks different than the secular date. Once in 19 years they will coincide. TBZ members, if they have provided us the information about the anniversary of the death of a loved one, receive an announcement from our office with the date of their upcoming *yahrzeit*. Since we do not conduct daily services we are supporting the daily minyan at Congregation Kehillat Israel on Harvard Street in Brookline.

Yizkor (Remembrance) is a time for all of the community to come together to remember the loss of our loved ones. These losses are commemorated four times a year at TBZ: the afternoon of Yom Kippur, *shemini atzeret* the 8th day of Sukkot, the seventh day of Pesach, and the first day of Shavuot. It is customary to light a *yahrzeit* candle in the evening preceding the day when *Yizkor* is recited.

You may also wish to commemorate a loved one by adding a *yahrzeit* plaque to our *Yizkor* Boards in the Sanctuary. TBZ's tradition is that—whether or not there are descendants of that person still in the community—*kaddish* will be said for them on their *yahrzeit*. Please contact our Executive Director for more information. If you have any questions about these observances at TBZ please contact Reb Moshe.

CONDOLENCES

- To Rabbi Suzie Schwartz Jacobson and her family on the death of her father, Kenneth Schwartz.
- To Judy Schechtman and Ed De Vos, and their family on the death of Judy's sister, Rachel Schechtman.
- To Casey Fishman and Rabbi Jordan Braunig, and their family on the death of Casey's grandmother, Lily Fishman.
- To Mishy Lesser and her family on the death of her mother, Nettie Lee Lesser
- To Allen Taylor and his family on the death of his mother, Lillian Taylor.
- To Maggie Stein and her family on the death of her sister, Elizabeth Stein.
- To Molly Silver and her family on the death of her father, Rabbi Harold Silver.
- To Lauren and Jonathan Garlick and their family on the death of Lauren's father, Bernard Schwartz.
- To Ginny Hamburg and her family on the death of her father, Irving R. Morse.

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

המקום ינחם אתם עם שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים.

The Hesed Community at TBZ

What is the Hesed Community? Hesed means loving kindness. At TBZ, we have created a way for members, through the Hesed Community, to show loving kindness to other members through small acts. Think of the Hesed Community as a matching service—matching those who need help with those who can help. The community is open to everyone at TBZ.

What does the Hesed Community do? Those in the Hesed Community lend a hand to fellow congregants in need of help. Members of the Hesed Community have helped other TBZ members with rides to doctor's appointments, visited others while they are recovering from an illness, helped with errands, provided a hot meal, given a ride to a Shiva or made a friendly phone call. The future is uncertain: One day we may be able to help with a small task, and the next we may need help. Together, we can provide for each other.

How often are the requests? The Hesed chairs send an email out to those who have asked to be a part of the Hesed Community on learning of a TBZ member in need of a helping hand. Not everyone is available all

the time, but together we as a community hope to meet needs as they arise. Those who have offered to help can expect to be notified of an opportunity one or twice per month.

What is the commitment? Adding your name to the Hesed Community list does not commit you to a long-term obligation. You can try it out and participate for as long as you like. To register, send an email to hesed@tbzbrookline.org. We'd love to get 100% participation!

How do I ask for help? Asking for help can sometimes be the hardest part, but you need only send an email to hesed@tbzbrookline.org. One of the Hesed Chairs will contact you to get details of your needs. We will respect your privacy and try to keep the interaction as confidential as possible. Joining the TBZ Hesed Community is your chance to "love your neighbor as yourself" and contribute to our Kehillah kedoshah (holy community). Sign up at hesed@tbzbrookline.org today!

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Samuel Engel and Anne Freeh Engel
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all the exciting
events taking place, go to:
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COMMUNITY MEETING

Sunday, June 11, 3-5 pm

**Come hear about the State of the Shul
and become involved in the future of TBZ!**

Refreshments will be served.

Childcare available.

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