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Come In With All That You Have

Looking Ahead with Rav Claudia

Thoughts from Reb Moshe

Tikkun Olam at TBZ

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Sara Smolover

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I try to practice gratitude every day. When I see a flowering tree I take a moment to truly notice it and its beauty. I am aware that within a week or so the blossoms will have fallen to the ground and so I am grateful for this beautiful vision. When I hug my grown son I breathe deeply, taking in the moment, aware that life will keep moving him along his path, and I am grateful for our connection and love.

With so many forces in the world calling us to pay attention to the ugly, the wrong, and the hurtful it is challenging to be grateful every day, yet that is what strengthens us and allows us to respond to negative forces with grace and positivity.

Our Jewish life offers myriad opportunities for gratitude; blessings exist for almost every moment of the day to remind us to take notice and be grateful. Likewise, our TBZ community life offers a wellspring of things to be grateful for, if we take the time to notice and partake of it. I'd like to share some things I'm grateful for at TBZ and I would love to hear the same from you.

I'm grateful that we are a community that listens deeply to each other. Many of you participated in recent gatherings with Rav Claudia, so you could learn what's important to each other for the future of TBZ. I'm looking forward to our Community Meeting on Tuesday, June 18th at 7pm when we will continue the conversation.

I'm grateful for the energy and skill of our Security Team leaders, Tali Walters and Lenny Marcus. Their expertise and commitment to ensuring our community is safe and prepared allows me to trust that TBZ is a shelter and a sanctuary for us to come together.

I'm grateful for the wisdom and dedication of the Search Committee, led by Renee Rudnick and Rebecca Blouwolf, charged with recommending a candidate for our Director of Congregational

Learning and Programming. I'm very grateful that Rav Tiferet Berenbaum will be joining us in July!

I'm grateful for Steven Greenberg's three years of leadership as Executive Director. He has demonstrated a deep dedication to the success of our community and shepherded us through years of expansion: not only of our building, but of our membership and our ability to better serve our community. I know I speak for all of us when I say how grateful we are for his service, and that we wish him well in his next adventure.

I'm grateful for Cantor Becky Khitrik and her voice, her expressive clarinet, her sharp wit, and her ability to engage with our youngest members and their parents to strengthen their connection to our Jewish heritage. We are so fortunate to have had Becky as part of the fabric of our community for the past 10 years.

I'm grateful for Carol Kamin and Judy Schechtman, this year's Spring Kiddush Fundraiser honorees. Their years of leadership and participation in Tikkun Olam at TBZ have inspired many of us to join alongside them to dedicate time and energy working for justice and a better world. Carol's years on our Board and as Development (Co-) Chair were marked by hard work, clear thinking, and a commitment to TBZ's financial health. Both of these wise women are inspirations to those in the next generation who are stepping up to lead.

Truly, I could go on and on. I am grateful for every conversation, every moment of silence and of song, and for every member and staff person who commits themselves to building TBZ into a stronger and more connected community.

I look forward to hearing what you're grateful for! Feel free to reach out to me at president@tbzbrookline.org.

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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.

Aleph-Bet Meditation

Join us for this introduction to mindfulness meditation and stress reduction taught by Penina Adelman and Elana Rosenbaum. Penina Adelman is a Scholar in Brandeis University's Women's Research Center. Her areas of interest include Creative Writing, Biblical Women, Creative Ritual, Jewish Folklore, and Coming of Age Rituals. Elana Rosenbaum is one of the pioneering teachers of Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction. She is a mindfulness teacher, mentor, psychotherapist and consultant conducting workshops and trainings in the US and abroad. Come to learn more about meditation or deepen your practice.

Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18: 7 - 8:30 pm

Book Group News

TBZ's book group is meeting this summer! June 16 we will vote on books for the year beginning in September. Please join us anytime over the next few months for these excellent summer reads: June 30 *The Last Jew* by Noah Gordon; July 14 *The Book of Separation* by Tova Mervis; August 18 *Judas* by Amos Oz.

Brookline Me'ah

TBZ will be partnering with Brookline synagogues to offer, in conjunction with Hebrew College, Me'ah - 100 hours of intensive Jewish learning. Be part of this amazing program that provides adults of all backgrounds with a foundation in Jewish religion, culture and civilization. Classes will begin in the Fall of 2019. Be on the look out for registration information late in the summer.

Shavuot

Join friends and neighbors for an all-night cultural and educational experience at the 11th Annual Brookline Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot. Celebrate a decade of traditional and innovative programming with another blockbuster night of communal learning. Come for an hour, or stay up all night. Learn from world-renown educators and neighborhood favorites. Kehillath Israel, 384 Harvard St. Brookline. For more info: Tinyurl.com/Shavuot19
June 8: 9 pm - 4 am

We're Looking for a Few Good Torah Readers

TBZ's weekly and holiday Torah readings are largely read and organized by members. It is a great way for us all participate in making the Torah part of our community's life. Our member Larry Kraus is looking to expand the pool of Torah readers. Please contact him at lkraus36@gmail.com if you are interested in being on the list of readers so you find out what is available, or to learn to read Torah!

NEWS FROM BEIT RABBAN

Beit Rabban parents and students met with and learned from our new Director of Congregational Learning and Programming, Rav Tiferet Berenbaum, during her on-site interview in March. However, this news is bittersweet as we bid *shalom* to beloved Beit Rabban Education Coordinator Cantor Becky Khitrik. We know that Cantor Becky will continue to offer inspired teaching in her "new" role as a full-time cantor!

Near 140 students, families, teachers, and community members gathered for a gala Beit Rabban Shabbat on April 5. For the first time ever, students helped Rav Claudia lead Friday night services in the sanctuary, starting with a *niggun* played by the Beit Rabban band. Next, everyone gathered for a festive meal and ice cream sundae bar downstairs. Guests enjoyed original table decorations featuring student artwork and received unique, handmade *mezuzot* created by Parent Steering Committee Co-Chair Jordan Braunig's crack crafts team. Everyone at Beit Rabban offers many thanks to parent Emma Zbarsky for organizing the entire evening!

Be on the lookout for Beit Rabban and The Tent sign up information over the summer.

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Graduation Aliyah

Inviting graduates of all ages to share their simcha with us at a special Aliyah during the Torah service on June 8! Email Lindsay, by Wed, June 5, at office@tbzbrookline.org to let us know about your graduates.

Summer Kabbalat Shabbat

Bring your own picnic dinner and celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat outdoors.
Friday, August 16, 6 pm. Griggs Park, Brookline.

Family Table with Marilyn Glazer-Weisner and Alan Weisner

There is no rest or no vacation for those of us who are working on the challenge of food insecurity in our Jewish community and beyond. As one of the many ways to get involved with Tikkum Olam, please remember to continue to bring your soups and crackers every time you come to TBZ. There will be deliveries to Family Table in the summer on June 23rd and July 28th but not in August. Please help us, your TBZ Family Table Coordinators, do what is right to help members of our community who struggle with food insecurity.



Membership Renewal

Once again you will be receiving a Membership Commitment Form with your dues in late July. Everyone in the office appreciates your sending these cards back as they assist us in better understanding what we can expect from you, our members in the coming years. We appreciate your consideration. Be on the look out for something like this.

TBZ Membership Commitment Form 2018 –2019	
I plan to use the following payment plan:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will pay in full by Rosh Hashanah (or check is enclosed)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will pay half by Rosh Hashanah and the second half by Dec. 31
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will contact the office by Aug. 10 to set up an alternative payment plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish continue to receive the same level of financial assistance I received last year.
<small>Payments may be made by check, Visa or MasterCard using your ShulCloud account.. Please note, we do charge a convenience fee of 3% for all online payments. . Please contact the office if you have questions about accessing your account.</small>	
<small>For questions about your statement contact , Steven Greenberg, execdirector@tbzbrookline.org or Beth Ehrenreich, asstdirector@tbzbrookline.org at TBZ - 617.566.8171.</small>	
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Household Name (s)	(Please return by August 10, 2018)

NISHMAT HAYYIM AT TBZ

by Reggie Silberberg, Chair

During this past year of contemplative practice at TBZ, Nishmat Hayyim has offered an eclectic array of opportunities to practice meditation and mindfulness within a Jewish context. We had the pleasure of studying and sitting with Zoketsu Norman Fischer for a day long retreat in the fall and offered another day long retreat in the spring at Just Right Farm. Before, in-between, and after those days of awesome silence, nourishment and spiritual growth, we continued our practice on a weekly basis all year with our Friday AM Meditation/Mindfulness Practice Group sessions, the Friday AM Drop-In Sessions, and the added monthly Shabbat Afternoon Meditation sits. It has been a wonderful year for us at Nishmat Hayyim as we continue to grow this program and see our cohort blossom.

This summer, we are very excited to again offer our drop-in meditation program every Friday morning, 9:30 - 11:00 in the TBZ sanctuary, beginning June 28 through August with the exception of July 4 and August 30 which are holiday weekends when we will not meet. See the calendar section in the Koleinu and on the TBZ website.

As well, we are thrilled to be sponsoring Reb Moshe's special holiday preparation class **Contemplative Preparation for the High Holidays with Reb Moshe** — on Tuesdays, Sept 10, 17, 24 using Rabbi Alan Lew's book — *This is Real....And You Are Completely Unprepared*.

Sessions will include an opening niggun, meditation/sitting instructions, a 20 min sit, a 10 min walking meditation, a 40 min teaching, a Q & A time, and end with a Metta Practice. Of course these times can vary depending on the group. The sessions are open to everyone. We hope that the younger generations in their 20s, 30s, 40s will be able to attend on these evenings as we strive to make this kind of a programming available on a variety of days and times so that everyone may experience what Jewish meditation and mindfulness has to offer.

We wish all of you a wonderful summer filled with fun and relaxation, spiritual sustenance and growth, and many opportunities for silence, gratefulness, and being in nature.

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

HOLIDAYS

Shavuot

(See page 3 for details)
June 8-9 all night Tikkun at KI
June 9: 10 am Service at TBZ

Tish'a B'Av

August 10: 9 pm service
More details to follow

ADULT LEARNING

Aleph-Bet Meditation
(see page 3 for details)
Jun 4, 11, 18: 7 pm

BAR/BAT MITZVAH: 10 am

Please be part of these community-wide celebrations of our young members by coming to services and sharing in their simcha.
June 15: Nate Korn-Meyer
June 22: Joshua Danzig
August 3: Sarah Mautner-Mazlen

BEIT RABBAN AND MISHPACHOT EVENTS

June 1: T'filot Mishpachot and Spring Kiddush 11:15 am
June 8: Last T'filot Mishpachot of the year 11:30 am

BOOK CLUB

June 30, July 14, August 18: 6:30 pm

COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, June 18, 7 pm

GRADUATION ALIYAH

June 8

MEDITATION MINDFULNESS PRACTICE GROUP

(for registered participants)
June 7, 14, 21: 9:30 am
Drop-In Sessions:
June 28, July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23

MEN'S STUDY GROUP

June 9: 1:30 pm

ROSH HODESH GROUP

(for registered participants)
June 2

SHABBAT NARIYA AND POTLUCK SUPPER PRIDE SHABBAT

June 14

SHABBAT SITS

June 15: 1:30 pm

SPRING KIDDUSH FUNDRAISER

June 1: 9 am

SUMMER KABBALAT SHABBAT PICNIC

(see page 4)
August 16, 6 pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah is September 28

Be on the lookout for the service
schedule and ticket information
in late August
and return your forms
to the office promptly!

TIKKUN OLAM AT TBZ

When *Pirkei Avot* 1:2 meets *Micah* 6:8 for Social Justice

by Tali K. Walters

In the last three issues of *Koleinu* you read about the volunteer contributions of the 189 TBZ members who participated in Tikkun Olam action over the last two years. Sometimes I focused my article on specific members and their contributions, other times on the overall effort of the Tikkun Olam Steering Committee. Earlier this month, I sat down with Rav Claudia and asked her about her philosophy and vision for TBZ's social justice work as she transitions into the role of Senior Rabbi this summer.

For Rav Claudia, social justice work is a "commitment to the values of Judaism ... it's about God's presence in the world. We are each created in the image of God." The Rabbis tell us in *Pirkei Avot* 1:2, "The world is sustained by three things: By the study of Torah, worship and acts of loving kindness." Rav Claudia teaches that we study Torah not just on Shabbat morning around the table in the TBZ Sanctuary, we also study Torah through "constant engagement with tradition." Jewish tradition "makes us accountable for what we do day to day."



Rav Claudia explained that social justice is a religious act emanating from our tradition. What does she mean by a religious act? We have a relationship with God that expects from each of us certain acts in the world. Those actions can be personal in Shabbat worship, the "active ritual experience of our religious identity." They can equally take place in the broader community through kindness to strangers, care of the planet, and seeking justice. As she put it, social justice is both taking care of the sick at TBZ and making sure there is health care for all in the US. Thus, social justice is practiced outside and inside the shul, through Torah, in active ritual experience of our religious identity.

TBZ is the place we come "as we are," with whatever talents and interests we bring, and fulfill our commitment to Torah through acts of loving kindness and social justice. Flora may be drawn to low-key, quiet reflection while serving as a companion to our Sanctuary family at St. Paul's, while Julia and Fran speak in loud voice as they organize letter writing campaigns to get out the vote in Alabama. Debbie and Adam have 20 miles of walking strength in their legs to raise money to feed the hungry; Alan and Marilyn load their van with soup and crackers and deliver food to the needy. Jenny creates new lives for refugees by organizing health insurance, welfare, food stamps, driver's license training, English classes, school enrollment, job training, and furnishing a home. Jenny and Sam study Torah every Shabbat, their wisdom and kindness spread through quiet conversation and unflaunted Hesed action. Mark researches and recommends building projects to make TBZ more environmentally sustainable. Jonathan works towards sustainable pay, health care, and time off for workers.

We can engage in social justice in Africa, or on the southern border, in Dorchester, or on the steps of TBZ. But the impetus for such action is from within our community, an expression of the religious values to which we are committed. What are those values? Rav Claudia refers to *Micah* 6:8 – "Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly in God's world." She elaborated, "It's about loving kindness and justice. Being humble about walking with God. And I carry the Divine presence and the Divine presence carries me. All humans are created in the image of God. Loving our neighbor and the stranger. All that is in the Torah. Those are our values."

Through these varied approaches to social justice, we develop relationship. We deepen already established friendships, realize

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connections with our fellow TBZ members to form new relationships, and connect with others in the broader world who would not otherwise cross our paths. Through “meaningful relationship, we have meaningful experiences to help us live meaningfully.” Rav Claudia holds that social justice within TBZ is our response to that commitment to our tradition and Torah.



TBZers at the Walk for Hunger



News from the Inclusion Committee

By Adam Teller, professor of Judaic Studies at Brown University

Over the past year, the TBZ Inclusion Committee has been focusing on the area of mental health. We are exploring how we, as a community, can enhance the TBZ sanctuary and make it a welcoming place for anyone affected by mental illness - that includes members of all ages as well as their families. One of the big topics we are tackling is the stigma surrounding mental illness. Clearly it is of great interest for many in our community. In February we sponsored an Inclusion Shabbat on the topic of mental illness and the stigma associated with it. Two members of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (www.nami.org) shared their stories to a full room. During the past few months, the committee has begun planning what we hope will be a meaningful set of initiatives and events. Please stay tuned and do let us know if you have ideas or are interested in joining us. We hope to learn and lead in equal measure.

TBZ's inclusion effort has been inspired and supported by the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project (RSIP), which is a partnership between the Ruderman Foundation and Combined

Jewish Philanthropies. In May, TBZ will be joining with many other synagogues from around Greater Boston in attending an RSIP event, featuring Senator Tom Harkin. There, we will also hear from TBZ's own Cindy Kaplan and her daughter Mira. Cindy will talk about how the TBZ community has enhanced the lives of their family and Mira will lead us in a prayer.

RSIP offers rich resources for all our inclusion work. In closing, we would like to share this poem from their website:

A Blessing for Mental Health

by Devon Spier

*Come in as you are.
You do not have to shine yourself up,
Or polish off your grit.
Make your brokenness a blessing.
Never using it to harm,
Or as a hardened defense.
Come in to honor life.
To learn
And to teach.*

*Transparency opens us.
Whereas hiding closes us.
Pretending reveals nothing,
Whereas the truth reveals everything.
Welcome.
Come in with all that you have.*



TBZ Members at RSIP Event

A VISION FOR TBZ

BY RAV CLAUDIA KREIMAN

Dear Haverim v'Haverot:

As you know, starting July 1, I will assume the role of Senior Rabbi of our beloved congregation. I am humbled by the trust this community has placed in me in asking me to be your next spiritual leader. Over these last eleven years I have been so fortunate to have found at TBZ my community, my family, and a place where I can bring my whole self to you as a spiritual leader. I am overflowing with gratitude to all of you, to the leadership of TBZ and especially to Reb Moshe, for helping me arrive at this moment.

As the next spiritual leader of TBZ my vision is for us to continue to grow in all aspects of our mission statement as an "independent, inclusive Jewish congregation whose members of all ages are committed to each other, to joyful participatory worship, to meaningful Jewish learning, spiritual growth and acts of social justice". As I look to the future and imagine the next ten years and beyond, I envision how much we can accomplish, further realizing the vision for TBZ that we have articulated together. This will be the place we come to nurture a love for Judaism, for Jewish learning, ritual, and prayer; where we come to deepen our commitment to justice and compassion; and a place we come to help each other live lives of meaning and purpose. We are and will continue to be a community of seekers, where meaningful experiences of prayer, justice, activism, loving kindness and learning are rooted in Jewish values and where meaningful education for all ages is part of our daily experience. I truly believe that our community, at its best, has the power to impact the larger Jewish community of Boston and beyond. As we strengthen our own community and practice, the unique

aspects of our congregation will spread outwards and we can help redefine what it means to be Jewish in this new and challenging era.

I would like to share with you my vision of how I see my role, defined in the following five pillars:

Spiritual Leader: Guiding the community in articulating its spiritual aspirations and determining the framework within which we function as a community. This ultimately impacts all our decisions whether they relate to institutional or social and religious practice issues.

Team Builder: Leading our clergy/educational/davening team, the professional staff, and engaging the lay leadership.

Pastoral Counselor: Providing pastoral counseling and life-cycle ritual officiation to all congregants.

Teacher: Engaging in teaching and learning. This happens through daily interactions, classes, sermons and other opportunities.

Advocate for Social Justice and Community

Builder: Engaging the community in the work of Social Action. This includes projects unique to our synagogue community as well as being an active member and building relationships in the larger Jewish community and in interfaith endeavors.

I am excited that I will be joined by a great team to support this work. **Reb Moshe** will continue being with us in his role as Founding Rabbi. He will join us at TBZ on shabbat, about once a month. We will let you know when

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Reb Moshe will be leading services and Torah Study so you can join in and have the opportunity to see him. Reb Moshe will be teaching classes and join us in other programs and events, as well. We look forward to see Reb Moshe back from his sabbatical!

As you probably heard, **Rav Tiferet Berenbaum** is joining our team. It is exciting for TBZ to have hired our first full-time Director of Congregational Learning and Programming. Rav Tiferet Berenbaum has spent the six years since her Hebrew College ordination as an educator and rabbi at congregations in Milwaukee and Mount Holly, NJ. She is excited to return to TBZ (where she was one of our Beit Rabban teachers ten years ago) to lead Beit Rabban, our Life-Long Learning programs, family and teen programs, and more. Rav Tiferet begins in July and I am beyond excited to partner with her in the work ahead.

I am also looking forward to having **Rabbinical Student Tyler Dratch** join our team. Tyler is a 5th-year rabbinical student at Hebrew College. He comes with vast experience in synagogues, Hillel and other Jewish educational settings. Currently a Wexner and T'ruah Fellow, Tyler will be at TBZ fifteen hours a week. His responsibilities will include leading services; teaching Torah Study; and working with B'nei Mitzvah families together with me. In his role as Rabbinic Intern, Tyler will also help with life cycle support when needed and join us in leading community holiday programming and services. He will support Rav Tiferet and the Beit Rabban team as part of its educational staff and be part of our T'filot Mishpachot team. Tyler will be joining us for the High Holidays and I look forward to our getting to know him and welcoming him to our community .

Many of you have met **Noah Weinberg** who has been leading our Nariya Shabbat Service for the past two years (and other programs too). Noah will be joining our team in a part-time capacity. Originally from Chicago, Noah has been part of the Jewish communal world all his life. He is from a family of Jewish educators and musicians and has been on the faculty of Gann Academy and of Eden Village Camp. Noah

will be joining us on shabbat (approximately three times a month) and supporting Tyler, Reb Moshe and me as part of our davening team. We are envisioning enhancing and deepening our services with more music and opportunities for joyful and spirited worship. Noah will be also joining our T'filot Mishpachot team.

I want to take an opportunity to thank **Steven Greenberg** for his service to our community for the past three years. Steven joined us and helped us grow in so many ways. I'm grateful to Steven and wish him every success in what comes next. Our Search Committee is in the process of seeking and recommending a candidate for the Executive Director position.

I am excited for and look forward to what lies ahead. I know that I will succeed and sometimes I will fail as your next Senior Rabbi. I want to humbly ask you for your patience and forgiveness as I move forward with this vision for our future. I want to share again something I shared on the High Holidays. Every time I am about to lead services and I wrap myself in my tallit I say the words "Vetaher Libeinu Le'Ovdecha Be'emet"—May my heart be pure, to serve You in truth. And I always stop for a moment on the word truth - be'emet. This will continue to be my simplest prayer as I move into the next stage of my leadership. I am here to serve - to serve God, the Jewish people, our community—all those whom I can reach, with truth, honesty and integrity.





SAVE THE DATE

for Rav Claudia's Installation on

Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot,

OCTOBER 18-19, 2019

Shabbat services, havdalah

and celebration with music and dancing

Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein,

B'nai Jeshurun Rabbi, Mindfulness teacher and mentor,

will join us and install her as Senior Rabbi of TBZ.

Be ready for a fun and festive weekend!



THOUGHTS FROM REB MOSHE

How do we create a Jewish path that looks towards the horizon and not always to the past? How do we start our steps on a path that leads to self-reflection and expanded consciousness in the Now?

Halacha, the Ancient Jewish Wisdom path, has until modern times, provided the Jewish people with a life of common observances and a devoted adherence to the Jewish calendar cycle. Jewish life cycle events and milestones were celebrated in traditional ways. Much of this was torn asunder by modernity and the breakdown of religious authority that began over two and a half centuries ago. When common observances and circumstances no longer prevailed many different Jewish ideological paths were paved.

What unites the past, present and the future is our ability to spiritually transcend whatever circumstances we find ourselves in, be they positive or negative. What unites us is the underlying Jewish realization that we are here for a purpose and seek an integrated life. This Jewish integrity is not easily earned. We work towards it all our lives. Each of us, as Jewish human beings, tread on the path paved by our ancestors and we extend that path for those

who come after us. Each of us starts seeking this spiritual equilibrium in their own way. But we are blessed that we aren't alone on the journey. We have each other.

Just as there is an outbound road to eternity there is also an inbound road to our innermost parts, to our hearts and souls. This road is open to all of us now, without reference to past or future. The inward journey begins with every breath we take.

Nishmat Hayyim, our Breath of Life meditation project at TBZ, will be offering a three-week preparation course for the High Holidays September 10, 17, 24 at 7pm. I will be leading the sessions that will include meditation, our connection to other meditative systems, and a discussion of Rabbi Alan Lew's, *This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey of Transformation*.

More information and an opportunity to preregister will be available soon.

When I return to TBZ I look forward to all of us being together for the *Yamim Noraim*, those Awesome Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

L'Chaim

- To Rabbi Mona Strick on her recent rabbinic ordination from Hebrew College.
- To Anne Braudy, Robert Kaim and Kenneth Reich on their Me'ah graduation.
- To Kenneth Wexler, Chairman of Elaine Construction Company, for receiving the Edwin N. Sidman Leadership Award at the CJP Real Estate, Construction, and Design Annual Dinner.
- To Jacob Harris on being named to the 2018 Men's College All-America Soccer Team (D-1) by Jewish Sports Review.
- To Maxine and Len Lyons on the birth of a grandson.
- To Dahlia Gilinsky on becoming Bat Mitzvah on March 23.
- To Lila Decter on becoming Bat Mitzvah on March 30.
- To Lia Zion-Waldoks on becoming Bat Mitzvah on April 26.
- To Samuel Acel-Green on becoming Bar Mitzvah on May 11.
- To Noa Handelsman on becoming Bat Mitzvah on May 18.
- To Lev Tolkoff on becoming Bar Mitzvah on May 27.

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Our Annual Community Retreat

About 120 people, from babies to retirees, gathered on the Cape the first weekend of May for the annual TBZ Community Retreat. In addition to the beautiful, spirited worship we are accustomed to at TBZ, there was learning on a variety of topics, sports, table games, delicious food, and plenty of time and space for

schmoozing. The highlights included wonderful Torah study sessions from Rabbis Ebn Leader and Sam Seicol, a hilarious intergenerational game of charades, and lots of communal singing with Rav Claudia, Cantor Becky, and Noah Weinberg. The weather was damp, but our souls were full of sunshine!



Purim 2019 - Dancing and costumes and celebrating, oh my!



TODAH RABAH

- To the amazing retreat co-chairs: Cindy-jo Gross, Patricia Lotterman, and Ariadne Valsamis, and to all the other volunteers who pitched in to make the retreat a success.
- To Naomi Gurt Lind for spear-heading the Annual Community Retreat.
- To Martha Gray, Barry Keller, Judy Schechtman and Marjie Siegel for organizing our participation in the Mother's Day Walk for Peace.
- To Adam Klauber and Rebecca Weintraub for organizing TBZ's effort in the Walk for Hunger.
- To Sarah Fendrick and Beth Harris for organizing the Spring Kiddush Fundraiser honoring Carol Kamin and Judy Schechtman and celebrating Cantor Becky Khitrik.
- To Rabbi Mona Strick, Rabbi Lev Friedman, Daniel Klein and Noah Weinberg for helping lead services during Reb Moshe's sabbatical.
- To Rachel Goldberg for her recent TBZ Talk about her experience in Israel.
- To Marilyn Glazer-Weisner for helping connect TBZ families to share Pesach.
- To Renee Rudnick, Rebecca Blouwolff, Sara Smolover, Shoshanna Korn-Meyer, Debbie Gardner, Jan Darsa, Deb Gaffin, Jonathan Golden, Judith Kates, and Rabbi Daniel Klein for serving on the Search Committee for our new Director of Congregational Learning and Programming.

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CONDOLENCES

- To Galit and Daniel Schwartz and family on the death of her mother, Liora Elkie.
- To Ariadne Valsamis and family on the death of her uncle, Lester Arthur McGukin.
- To Yarden Fraiman and family on the death of his grandmother, Ester Czapniliwicz.
- To Lisa and Mark Moellman and their family of the death of her mother, Donna Sharratt.
- To Noam Sender and family on the death of his mother, Miriam Sender.
- To Sharon Morganbesser and Barry Kesner and family on the death of her father, Sidney Morganbesser.
- To Paula Korman on the death of her mother, Vivienne Korman Bruckman.
- To Lily Pelzman and her family on the death of Martin Levitt.

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7 PM

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