Dear Haverim and Haverot,

The process of teshuva is hard. Over the years we have tried to understand it from different vantage points. These efforts are part of the ongoing interpretative process that keeps Torah alive for each generation that comes along. It is the thread of teshuva that runs through all of the generations and is the underpinning of our faith-seeking. Teshuva has many meanings. In Modern Hebrew it is an “answer”—she-eylah—question-teshuva/answer. This is also the term for the asking of Halachic questions. There is a vast literature of she-eylot and teshuvot that reaches back to the completion of the Babylonian Talmud in 500 CE. Teshuva also means turning— from the root lashuv.

Over the years we at TBZ have offered more nuanced definitions: recalibration, responsiveness, reconnection. All of these are parts of the process of teshuva. Restoring our balance on the tightrope of life is the way I addressed it last year. To live our lives and avoid the extremes—positions that never change for fear of the adventure of crossing the narrow bridge of life. Those who never venture forth on the tightrope that is strung across the chasm of extremes rarely have the chance to find the balance most of us seek. They are afraid of falling. Our walking the tightrope forces us to find our center, our balance. When we fall there is always a safety net—teshuva.

All of us will miss the mark (this is the literal meaning of khet—often mistranslated as “sin” due to the influence of our living within a predominantly Christian environment).

The Days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are called the Aseret Yemai Teshuva—the 10 days of Teshuva. These days are anticipated by the month of Elul. (This year it starts on August 10/11). Repairing relationships with family, friends, business associates, etc. is the focus of this Elul teshuva process. These 30 days offer us an opportunity for dealing with all of the lateral, interpersonal recalibration we need in order to have a truly joyous New Year.

When we enter the 10 days of Teshuva we take the time to consider our relationship with the Divine. This is why the Jewish New Year (in contrast to the secular one) is observed in shul. The Days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are particularly propitious for practicing a heightened level of “mindfulness” that

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was perhaps missed during the year past. The rituals of Jewish life are precisely aimed at achieving mindfulness and meaning: Shabbat observance teaches of about the holiness of time; kashruth teaches the importance of considering what we put in our mouths; the rules against slander and gossip keeps us mindful about what comes out of our mouths; participating in communal activities reminds us that, as Jews, we flourish in like-minded community.

This is true of all of the "ritual" mitzvot—whether they are interpersonal or spiritual. They are available to us in order to help advance our lives to expanded consciousness. This wide range of actions offers us the opportunity to be involved in teshuva everyday of our lives. This is the consciousness that will reconnect us to the Mekor Hayyim, the Source of Life.

On Yom Kippur we are cleared of our khataim, our failure to hit the target we have aimed for by ignoring those mitzvot (connection points) which connect us to the Divine spirit that inhabits all of Reality.

At TBZ we actively pursue the parallel strategies of carrying on the ancient poetry of the High Holiday services while at the same time opening up new avenues of understanding of how the Divine plays a role in our lives. Our goal is to liberate ourselves from literal understandings of the High Holiday liturgy to a more sophisticated use of this marvelous legacy that will propel us to greater personal meaning.

I have often repeated that our goal at TBZ is not to create “better” Jews, but rather for all of us to use our precious inheritance, received from our ancestors, to become more evolved human beings—yiddishkeyt as a road to menschlichkeyt. This means that the rituals of our tradition can and should be used in our daily lives to bring about this kind of teshuva.

My teacher, Rabbi Art Green, has said that the best way to talk about our religious and spiritual lives is to see ourselves as seekers, rather than believers. All of us are seeking meaning in our lives. All of us are looking for liberation from the pressures of the mundane. At TBZ we are convinced that we have cultivated a path for our seeking. Foremost, we contend it is found in being part of a community of seekers.

Whether you attend TBZ twice a year or fully participate in our Shabbat and weekly learning sessions, I ask you to consider how we can be helpful in your quest for deeper meaning. That is why we are here all year round.

My family joins me in blessing for a sweet, healthy and prosperous year. A zisn, gezuntn, un mazeldik yohr. Shana tovah tekatevu vetekhateymu.

Reb Moshe

A Message From the Membership Committee

Do you like coming to TBZ? Do you sing and smile more than you thought you ever would at a Shabbat service? Maybe you enjoy a thought provoking class or stimulating Torah study discussion. Perhaps you participate in our Chesed and Tikkun Olam efforts, or have sat down for a heart to heart talk with one of our caring Rabbis.

Whatever your engagement is in the TBZ community, it belongs to all of us, and we are responsible for its vibrancy, its growth, and its welcoming presence. There are so many people who would be positively affected by the joy and warmth of our shul. Each of us can make a difference in the lives of the people around us by sharing this meaningful part of our own lives.

Invite people to experience TBZ! If you have something good, it is a blessing to share it.

David Cherenson & Jenni Seicol
Co-Chairs

membership@tbzbrookline.org

Welcome to Our New Members!

Jonathan & Jennifer Berz
Asaf & Elizabeth Bitton
Jonathan Decter & Nikki Horberg Decter
Sima Fazlollahi
Tom & Kathy Kates
Eric Levine
Daniel Levitt & Ariadne Valsamis
Max & Amy Newell
Yossi Ovits & Shirra Freeman
Shalom Steinberg
Sheila Vernick
Ron White
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Fran Adams

1st Vice President
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Term Ending April 2012
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John Daniels
Sam Seicol
Molly Silver

Elected Members
Term Ending April 2011
David Breakstone
Deborah Chassler

Elected Members
Term Ending April 2013
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Garden
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Great Resource for Free Advice on Caring for your Aging Parent
1-800-980-1982

CJPseniordirect

From 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for answers, resources and expert advice on elder care.

They can help you learn more about health care benefits, services for specific issues such as Alzheimers or Parkinsons, support for caregivers, information about facilities or home health care. Any and every topic related to aging parents can be answered. They will even do research for you and get back to you!

You can also check out the website at www.seniordirect.org or send an e-mail to info@cjpseniordirect.org

New Member Coffees (For new members and for those who still feel like new members!)

An opportunity to meet with the Rabbis, TBZ leadership and other new members in the relaxed setting of a member’s home.

Tuesday October 12th, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday November 3rd, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Jeralyn Ellowitz, Office Manager, at 617-566-8171 x14 and she will give you the details.

Sponsored by The Membership Committee
CoPresidents’ Message
Fran Shtull Adams & Jonathan Klein

Like all organisms and organizations, TBZ has natural fluctuations. We ebb and flow from huge Bar Mitzvah parties to study sessions with a handful of students. In the course of a year our sanctuary is one day strained to accommodate all the worshippers present, and on another you may have a row all to yourself.

Summer is our quietest season. Many people are on vacation, at the beach, or generally taking it easy. Yet each week of summer, in our air-conditioned shul, a beautiful, more intimate Shabbat service unfolds. The mood is relaxed, joyous and informal. Our rabbis experiment more. It feels like a good deep breath before the rhythm will completely change. We all know what’s coming.

The High Holidays—the Days of Awe. These are the grandest days in the life of a synagogue. TBZ is blessed to attract huge crowds to our Purim & Hanukkah celebrations. On Simchat Torah when we unroll a Torah scroll all around the room and then go out to dance on Beacon Street, it seems that Jews from every corner of Boston have converged on TBZ. As popular as these holidays are, there is something even bigger. Everyone—virtually every member and many guests—comes to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

And well they should. These are the traditional days of reflection, self-examination and renewal. We connect with our truest selves, with our community and with the Divine. We attempt to right the wrongs of the past year, refocus our energies to match our real priorities, and tune in to our best selves. It’s an exciting time to be a part of TBZ. For many months, a committed group has been planning every detail of this cycle of holidays. The Synagogue Practices Committee, under the exceptional leadership of Deborah Chassler, has been busy making sure that this complicated schedule of services appears to run effortlessly. The Rabbis are writing and rewriting their Divrei Torah, helping congregants prepare personal prayers, and making sure this year’s services are filled with Kavanah—deep, spiritual intentionality. All of this, too, is going on during the lazy days of summer.

We are thrilled that within a few short weeks, we will be seeing all of you, whether you are members who attend every Shabbat or only a few times a year. TBZ is about choices, about every individual finding their own authentic way. We welcome you into this tent that stretches to accommodate all of us. But we do have a special request.

If you have only experienced TBZ on a holiday, we’d like to challenge you to come at least once this year on an “ordinary” Shabbat. We think you’ll be surprised at how extraordinary it is. Try it; there is no other way to know. We are asking you to make a different kind of resolution for a different New Year. So, look at your calendar and find a week where you are free and the Jewish calendar is at rest. You deserve this gift in 5771.

With wishes for a peaceful, healthy and joyful year. Shana tovah,

Fran & Jonathan

A Note on Photographs

At various synagogue events during the course of the year (not on Shabbat or Yom Tov), we may take photographs to display on our bulletin boards, in our newsletter, or on our website. If you prefer that we not display photos of you or your children, please complete this form and return it to the TBZ office.

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Message from Rav Claudia

Dear Haverim and Haverot,

I write this piece as I am getting ready to go to Israel for three weeks with my family. Besides visiting with family and friends in Israel, my visit will include two weeks of learning at the Hartman Institute. Every summer the Hartman Institute runs a study program for rabbis from all denominations from across the United States. The theme of the program for this year is “Engaging Israel”.

Some of the questions that will be addressed are:

1. What is the role of “peoplehood” in modern Jewish identity?

2. In a culture of intense individualism, can Judaism be defined primarily as a personal and internal experience, or is it a sense of belonging to a Jewish collective central to the meaning and purpose of contemporary Jewish life?

3. How does Jewish sovereignty in the State of Israel relate to the self-identity of Jews living throughout the world?

4. How does Israel balance its legitimate right of self defense with the rights of others? How do we reconcile the Jewish claim to the land with those of the Palestinian people?

5. What are the requirements of morality during war, and how can Israel use its power in a way that is consistent with the highest standards of Jewish tradition and values?

6. Can a Jewish state be reconciled with the values of Jewish pluralism and freedom?

7. What does the state of Israel as a Jewish national project have to offer in response to global challenges and in advancing the value of Tikkun Olam?

I share these questions with you because I believe it is important for us as a community to engage in conversation about Israel and its role in our Jewish life. I hope the texts I study and the conversations I have in Jerusalem will help enrich our discussions about Israel here at TBZ.

It is important to acknowledge that Israel is a delicate subject in our community—people have strong beliefs about the Jewish state and our role in relation to it. Discussions about Israel easily become very emotional and at times can lead to harsh exchanges. Sometimes we even avoid talking about Israel because we are afraid of disagreement and of polarizing politics. Still, it is important that we have these discussions and that we discuss these issues in ways that promote tolerance and care for each other. When we say that TBZ supports Israel we do not mean that there are no struggles, challenges or disagreements. Even disagreement and disappointment have their place in a relationship, and it is the relationship with Israel that I see as an essential part of being Jewish. I would like to challenge all of us to grapple with the questions that the state of Israel raises for us, and through this struggle develop our relationship.

This relationship includes celebration as well. A few months ago we had our first Yom Ha’atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) celebration at TBZ which was organized by our new Israel committee, chaired by Evelyn Frankford. It was an opportunity for people to come together in joy, and celebrate many different aspects of Israel. We hope to continue to develop programs that will foster a variety of connections to the State of Israel.

I hope you are all enjoying the summer. As the High Holidays approach, my family joins me in sending you best wishes of Shana Tova.

Rav Claudia

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Simhah Torah Celebration
Thursday Night
September 30th, 7:00 pm
Special Yeladim Activity at 6:00 pm
for Efrochim and Ktantanim (Preschool/K to 3)
We will unfurl the entire Sefer Torah around our Sanctuary and we’ll be dancin’ in the streets!
All are welcome.
Notes from the TBZ Adult Learning Committee

by Reggie Silberberg, Chair

Each year we look forward to offering enriched learning opportunities at TBZ. Each year we slow down by the end of June, and by July we fall into the lull of summer, and then begin all over again after the Yamin Noraim; we are in sync with the Jewish calendar. We welcome the new year and all it has to offer including the continued growth and participation in our Jewish learning, and in particular, the way it helps to deepen or spark our connection to Judaism and its many facets.

To this end we have brought back the Me’ah program, a hundred hours of study over a two year period covering Jewish history in four time periods: Bible, Rabbinics, Medieval and Modern. The program is sponsored and subsidized by CJP and Hebrew College. We have teamed up with three synagogues (Kehillath Israel, Ohabei Shalom, Temple Sinai) in Brookline to form the Coolidge Corner Me’ah Collaborative in which students from all four sites study together. Students will meet at KI for the first year and TBZ for the second. The class is now filled but we are taking names and applications for a wait list.

We plan to have our menu of fine learning include Torah Study (which we continue the whole year), Hebrew language courses, Torah Chanting (we have 5 people interested), new courses with our beloved Rabbis, guest Rabbis offering courses, and of course authors and other speakers. Calendar dates for the above courses will be emailed and posted on our website before the High Holidays. Is there a course that you would like to see us offer? If yes, please contact Reggie at regsilver@aol.com

For the fall (see next page), we have a wonderful course taught by Reb Moshe and we are thrilled to have author Joan Leegant with us (see below). She was our very first Bagels and Books author in 2003 when we started that program. This year we will have most of our author talks in the evenings. We are also happy to bring a fun learning event to TBZ —Hebrew Kirtan (see next page). Rav Claudia will continue to teach a Women’s Study Course that meets monthly, dates to be announced, as well as other courses.

Wishing you all a sweet, healthy, and happy new year! May we all have abundant blessings!

Our first guest author of the year!

WHEREVER YOU GO, a first novel by author Joan Leegant

Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm at TBZ

Co-sponsored by the TBZ Adult Learning Committee and J Street Boston

How far are we willing to go in the name of a cause? What drives otherwise rational people to embrace radical religious and nationalist beliefs—and at what cost? How do we respond to our passions—for God, for art, for love, for a land—all in an effort to make a meaningful life? These are the questions that run through the pages of Leegant’s timely and stunning debut novel published by Norton Press in July 2010. Emotionally wrenching, the novel tackles some of our most difficult contemporary issues: religious radicalism, terrorism, and truth. Leegant weaves together the stories of three Americans, all walking the steamy streets of Jerusalem one September. Each has come to this ancient and volatile city in search of something that has long been elusive: absolution, reconciliation, self-worth, a new start. They grapple with the impasse their lives are at-and with the fallout of a violent act committed in the name of a cause. Written with deep honesty and humanity, the book reveals the lengths to which we will go for spiritual fulfillment and individual happiness.

Joan Leegant is the author of An Hour in Paradise, a collection of stories that won the Edward Lewis Wallant Award for the best book of Jewish American fiction and the L.L. Winship/PEN New England Award. Since 2007 she has spent half the year in Israel where she teaches at Bar-Ilan University. In the United States she lives in Newton, Massachusetts. For more about Joan Leegant, visit: www.joanleegant.com.
Save these dates

Yiddish in Everyday Life:
A four week excursion with Reb Moshe

Wednesdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us for this unique fun filled course!
More info to follow.

Thank you!

• To Zina Pelzman, Enid Shulman, Karen Brody and Jenni Seicol for assembling the High Holiday Packets.

• To John Daniels and his children, Marc and Isabel for continual mowing of the lawn behind the shul.

• To Jenni Seicol for continually weeding the shul flowerbeds.

Hebrew Kirtan
Join us for a wonderful evening with the Kirtan Rabbi—

Rabbi Andrew Hahn (also known as Reb Drew)

Saturday, November 13, 7:30 p.m. at TBZ.

Ticket prices to be announced.

Sponsored by the TBZ Adult Learning Committee

Hebrew Kirtan is fully participatory, call-and-response chant where short, sacred phrases from the Jewish tradition are treated as powerful, universal meditations. It is at once contemplative, ecstatic and—simply fun! Kirtan is a form of chant developed in India to heighten participation, communal feeling and ecstatic communion with the divine. Reb Drew’s Hebrew kirtans tend to use niggunim and zemirot (tunes and songs) which already feel familiar. As Reb Drew likes to say, “We don’t sing many words, but we sing them many times!” His music is characterized by great energy, passion and melodic flow.

Rabbi Andrew Hahn holds a Ph.D. in Jewish Thought from the Jewish Theological Seminary (Conservative) and received rabbinic ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Reform). He has also studied at the feet of Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, founder of the Jewish Renewal Movement. Dubbed “a Shlomo Carlebach for the twenty-first century,” he weaves traditional Jewish liturgy and musical modes into the increasingly popular call-and-response chants.

His recent CD, Kirtan Rabbi: Live!, already has a growing, devoted following. Forthcoming soon are two recordings: Amidah and Yamim Noraim, which will offer new avenues for religious seekers to participate in the traditional Jewish liturgical practices.
TBZ has two listservs: Haverim and Kehilla.

We now have a new look for Haverim. It is NOT associated with YAHOO. If you would like to be added please contact Jeralyn at the office with your email address.

Haverim is limited to TBZ members and used for TBZ business only. When you join TBZ, the office will sign you up for this listserv. Should you wish to unsubscribe, you may do so at any time by clicking on the SafeUnsubscribe link at the bottom of any Haverim email.

Kehilla is an open listserv, available to both members and nonmembers of TBZ. It is used to post items that may be of interest to the general TBZ community, such as Jewish-related events in the vicinity, items you wish to buy or sell, requests for physician recommendations, etc.

To join Kehilla:

- Go to www.yahoo.com
- In the search box type: tbz-kehilla
- A google search page will show up. Click on tbz-kehilla (usually the first choice)
- Click on the Join this Group rectangle towards the upper right area of the page and follow the prompts
- To post a message to Kehilla, send an email to: tbz-kehilla@yahoogroups.com

Sukkot

Sukkot—the Festival of Booths—follows closely on the heels of Yom Kippur and in many ways is a continuation of the Day of At-one-ment. Sukkot is the fall harvest celebration, the culmination of the death and resurrection ritual of Yom Kippur. It emphasizes the joy of life, on the one hand, and its fragility, on the other. Leaving the comfort of our homes to dwell in a flimsy booth for seven days, under the stars, open to the elements, captures both the booths constructed by our ancestors as they traveled through the Wilderness on the way to the Promised Land, as well as the booths constructed to protect those harvesting the fruits of fall from the blazing sun. It is the celebration of Sukkot that inspired the Pilgrim’s festival of Thanksgiving that originally took place at harvest time. It was moved to the end of November at a much later date.

Sukkot is also the third of the Pilgrimage Festivals and the pageantry of going up to Jerusalem and the Temple were renowned for their sense of joy and thanksgiving. The circling of the City with palm branches (lulavim) and citrons (etrogim), the ceremonies including water libations that would hopefully assure adequate rain fall during the late fall, concluded with the 8th Day of Assembly, Shemini Atzeret.

This assembly was a joyous farewell to the farmers who would return to their dwellings and return in the spring, the lambing season, to observe Pesach.

If you would like to construct a sukkah outside your home, Let us know and we will supply you with instructions. Meanwhile, make use of the synagogue sukkah which we will be erecting an decorating between Yom Kippur and Sukkot.
## HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 5771/2010

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  - 2nd Day: 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

- **Yom Kippur**
  - Kol Nidre: 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm; 8:15 pm - 10:00 pm
  - Yom Kippur: 8:30 am - 7:15 pm
## TBZ Night at the Movies

**RASHEVSKI’S TANGO**

**Saturday, September 25th, 8:00 pm**

directed by Sam Garbaski, 2005

What does it mean to be Jewish? Three generations of the Rashevski family grapple with the question, after the death of Rose, the secular matriarch who believed that the tango would make all troubles disappear. Charming and endearing, the characters confront issues of relationships, family, religion, love, romance, and interfaith marriage.

“... makes all troubles disappear..."

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**NOODLE**

**Saturday, October 16th, 8:00 pm**

directed and co-written in 2007 by Ayelet Menahemi.

Mili Avital plays an El Al flight attendant who has been twice widowed by war. While her life isn’t empty, it is emotionally sterile. Her Chinese maid rushes out of the house one day, and disappears, leaving Mili and her sister caring for the young Chinese son of the Chinese woman. The boy, whom they call “Noodle,” speaks no English and no Hebrew, and neither of the sisters speak Chinese.

“The film could have been set in any developed country. Nothing about the situation—other than the manner in which Miri lost her husbands—gives this film a stamped, Made in Israel feel”.

Whether this is good news or bad news depends on your outlook.

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**THE WEDDING SONG**

**Saturday, December 4th, 8:00 pm**

by Natasha Senjanovic, 2009

Set in Tunis on the cusp of World War II, “The Wedding Song” follows a 16-year-old Muslim girl and her Jewish friend as they struggle to maintain their relationship while politics and families threaten to undermine it.

Karin Albou’s film is a powerful and intimate portrayal of two young women in a part of the world where female roles are still often secondary. And it approaches an oft-covered subject—Jewish persecution during the Holocaust—from an original perspective.
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We would like to thank
Jane Daniels and Sara Smolover
for co-chairing the Yeladim Committee for the last two years!
Their dedication and hard work helped the Yeladim and Family Programs grow in amazing ways!
Todah!

Volunteering with Yeladim Program
By Rav Claudia

As you know, the Yeladim programming has grown a lot in the last couple of years and we are excited about next steps and we need the involvement of as many volunteers as possible. In an attempt to reach out to more volunteers and to simplify the running of Yeladim activities, we have divided the different roles and tasks required to run our growing Yeladim programming.

For this year, we envision a committee that has many volunteers, each working on one or more tasks that fit their availability under the coordination of our new Yeladim chair, Katherine Gergen-Barnett and Rav Claudia. In this way, congregants that want to be involved but feel that they cannot take on big roles can take a task that is suitable for their expectations. In this model, we won’t need many Yeladim meetings, only meetings for certain events or programs.

We thank those who already volunteered and encourage those who have not yet taken a role. Here we are listing the volunteers that have taken roles as of the end of June, and the places we need volunteers. Please volunteer, we need your help!

Chair of Yeladim Committee: Katherine Gergen-Barnett
Family Ed. & Special Holiday Programs for Efrochim and Ktantanim: Coordinator: Jen Barmash
Babysitting Coordinator: Volunteer Needed
Weekly Yeladim announcements/flyers: Volunteer Needed
Retreat Chairs: Jane Liebshutz & Jane Daniels & Rachele Rosi-Kessel
Walk for Hunger: Marilyn Paul
Hanukkah Party: Paula Sinclair & Volunteer Needed
Purim Prep Day: Sara Smolover & Volunteer Needed
Family Dinners: Ellen Krause-Grosman, Ilana Margalit & Volunteer Needed
Third Floor Space Redesign: Elise Dwortzan & Volunteer Needed
Yeladim Bulletin Board (Updating photographs/flyers): Volunteer Needed
Welcoming New Members: Beth Marx-Silverberg
BBYO liaison (7th grade and up): Volunteer Needed
Programs for Tzeirim (4-5th graders): Megan Gerber & Volunteer Needed
Social Programming for 6-7 Graders: Volunteer Needed
Oneg Shabbat at 1550: Volunteer Needed

Along with all the programs and roles listed above, we hold Yeladim Services every other week and during High Holidays, and weekly Beit Rabban classes. Rav Claudia works directly with the staff, and the chair of the Yeladim committee will work with Rav Claudia in shaping these programs.

We welcome any ideas to improve our programs and add to it, but this is a friendly reminder that we can only make your ideas a reality if we have volunteers helping us create and run programs.
Yeladim Programs During the Holidays

Rosh Hashanah Yeladim services, September 9:
Efrochim: 10:00-10:45 a.m. (3rd floor)
Ktantanim: 10:00-10:45 a.m. (Community Room)
Tzeirim and Bnei Mitzvah with Rav Claudia: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Community Room)

Yom Kippur Yeladim services, September 18:
Efrochim: 10-10:45 a.m. (3rd floor)
Ktantanim: 10-10:45 a.m. (Community Room)
Tzeirim and Bnei Mitzvah with Rav Claudia: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Community Room)

Simchat Torah Activity for Efrochim and Ktantanim before Services in the Sanctuary: September 30 – 6:00 p.m. (Community Room)

GROUPS:
Preschool: Efrochim/K-3rd grade: Ktantanim/4th-5th grade: Tzeirim/6th-7th: B’nei Mitzvah

Tfilot Yeladim Shabbat
*Efrochim with Jessica: 10:45-11:20 a.m.
*Ktantanim with Jessica: 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
*Tzeirim & Bnei Mitzvah with Becky Wexler: 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
• October 2 & 16
• November 6 & 20
(20: Family service 11-12:15 for all - Sanctuary!)
• December 4 & 18
• January 8 & 22
• February 12 & 26
(12: Family service 11-12:15 for all - Sanctuary!)
• March 12 & 26
• April 23
• May 7
• June 4 & 18

Family Ed Program:
Sundays 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Efrochim and Ktantanim)
• September 26 in the Sukkah!
• October 24
• November 14
• December 5 (3-5pm Hanukkah Party)
• January 23
• February 6
• March 13 (Purim prep, time TBD)
• April 10
• May 8
• June 12 (end of year celebration)

Friday Night Early Service Followed by Family Dinner
Details to come! November 12 & May 13

Bnei Mitzvah group Shabbat:
1:00 p.m. with Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia
• October 2
• November 6
• December 18
• January 22
• February 12
• March 26
• April 23
• May 7
• June 4

Bnei Mitzvah group (6th) with Rav Claudia
(5:00-6:30 p.m.) and BBYO (7th-9th and up) with Malki (5:30-7:00 p.m.)
• September 26
• October 17
• November 14
• December 5 (Hanukkah Party 3-5:00 p.m.)
• January 9
• February 6
• March 6 (BBYO)
• March 13 (BM)
• April 10
• May 1 (Walk for Hunger)
• June 12 (end of year celebration)

Teens’ Shabbat:
Shabbat Parah
Parshat Shmmini
March 26, 2011

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Special activities (Holidays and more):

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- Ktantanim 10:00-10:45 (Community Room)
- Tzeirim and Bnei Mitzvah with Rav Claudia: 11-12 (Community Room)

Simchat Torah Activity for Efrochim and Ktantanim:
September 30: 6:00 p.m. (Community Room)

Hanukkah Party for all:
December 5: 3-5:00 p.m.

Purim Prep day for all:
March 13: Time TBD
Purim activity for kids before and during Megilah reading—details to come: March 19

TBZ Walk for Hunger
Team Raises $3937

The TBZ Walk for Hunger Team, led by Amy Voorhes, set a modest goal for the TBZ team: raise $1800 for Project Bread, the hunger prevention program which helps feed needy families throughout the Greater Boston Area. Amy went about the logistical planning of recruiting & organizing a team. Little did she expect the team would more than double its goal, raising $3937!

May 2nd, the day of the event, was summer-like hot day, but the heat couldn’t keep the TBZ Walk for Hunger Team down. Team members seemed to really enjoy coming together as a synagogue community to do something to help those in need in our larger community. Many met at TBZ and took the T into Boston for the Walk start, and we schmoozed and chatted as we walked along the lovely route. We were serenaded by a guitarist who played on the shul steps as we had a Gatorade & snack break, and we all enjoyed lunch in Newton Center, catching up with some other TBZ walkers who had started out at a different time. Members did 5, 10, 15 or 20 miles—or whatever length suited them, each doing their part to contribute to the effort.

This year’s TBZ Team included walkers of all ages including: Rav Claudia, Alma Kreiman-Leader, Ava Berinstein, Lauren Garlick, Karen Brody, Robert Kaim, Rebeca Kaim, Lisa Lovett, Charlotte Lovett-Reuben, Phoebe Lovett-Reuben, Jane Daniels, Izzy Daniels, Yelesa Lebedinsky, Daniel Lebedinsky, Rebecca Zagorsky, Mishy Lesser, Martha Gray, Marilyn Paul, Jonathan Stroh, David Stroh, Wen-Wen and Richard Fisher.

The walkers were generously supported by many, many contributors from the TBZ community including: Sue Kahn & Dan Kirschner, Jonathan Klein & Amy Schottenfels, Dotan Family, Voorhes - Notelovitz Family, Molly Silver, Savyon & Jonathan Cohen, Epstein-Fisher Family, Annie Braudy, Irwin & Gloria Pless, Freedman-Gurspan Family, David Breakstone & Sharon Bauer, Bernie Plovnick & Family, Noah Fasten & Phyllis Brawarsky, Harris Family, Posnick-Waksman Family, Anne Orens, Steve Hassan & Misia Landau, and Mark Magid, as well as many other anonymous supporters from TBZ and friends and families of all the walkers.

Next year, we plan to walk again—so save the first Sunday in May so you can join in the fun while doing some good for others in need.
Kiddush and Oneg Sponsors

- Rav Claudia Kreiman IHO the birthdays of her husband, Rabbi Ebn Leader, and their daughter, Alma.
- Tzviyah Rosenstock and Ted Bloomstein IHO the bar mitzvah of their son, Noah.
- Mark Housman, Mona Strick, and Rhonda Lushan, IHO the aufruf of Jonah Cohen and Elizabeth Housman.
- Pnina Lahav and her children, Alexandra and Avshalom IHO the yahrzeit of their aunt, Marcelle Nissan.
- Phyllis Brawarsky and Noah Fasten and Edward De Vos and Judy Schechtman IHO the babynaming of their grandson.
- Susana Goihman IHO the yahrzeit of her father, Salomon Goihman.
- The Joe Wilion Committee in memory of Joe Wilion.
- Beth and Michel Harris IHO the bar mitzvah of their son, Jacob.
- Michael Rosenbaum and Julie Arnow IHO the aufruf of their daughter, Zoe Rosenbaum and Carolina Ventura.
- The GLBT committee IHO Pride Shabbat.
- Sheila Katz and Eduardo Stern IHO their forthcoming wedding.
- Jim Ross and Ilene Colestos IHO the bar mitzvah of their son, Marcus.
- Rabbi Alison Adler and Chuck Hirshberg IHO their aufruf and forthcoming wedding.
- To Zoe Rosenbaum and Carolina Ventura on their marriage.
- To Raisa Shapiro on her adult bat mitzvah.
- To Pnina Lahav on her adult bat mitzvah.
- To Oren Ovits on her bat mitzvah.
- To Jonathan Decter and Nikki Horberg Decter, and big sister Lila on the birth of a baby girl, Ariel Paz.
- To Sheila Katz and Eduardo Stern on their marriage.
- To Rabbi Alison Adler and Chuck Hirshberg on their marriage.
- To Jesse Garlick who graduated from Gann Academy, the New Jewish High School.

Mazel Tov!

Photos from the Shavuot Family Education Pottery Event:

Above: (top row, left to right) Zak Sardi, Hannah Smolyar, Rachel Krause-Grossman, Amira Barnett (bottom row) Olga & Sarah Smolyar, Elana Fleisher & Sasha Bergmann Lichtenstein, Irina & Sophia Posternak
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• To Amy Sweigenberg on the death of her mother, Sylvia Sweigenberg.
• To Sue Goldberg on the death of her significant other, Lloyd Weinstein.
• To Debbie Lipton on the death of her uncle, Len Machalow.
• To Paul Katz and Linda Brodt on the death of Paul’s mother, Mary Winer Katz.
• To Rachel Goodman on the death of her mother, Phoebe Newman Goodman.

May their souls be bound up in the Bonds of Eternal life. HaMakom yenakhem otam im shear avlei Tziyon vYrushalayim.
Rosh Hashanah begins Wednesday evening September 8th.
Yom Kippur concludes Saturday evening, September 18th.

and then the Celebration continues...

Sunday, September 19th, help build our community Sukkah
Thursday morning, September 23rd, first day of Sukkot, service at 10:00 a.m.
Thursday morning, September 30th, Shmini Atzeret, service at 10:00 a.m., includes Yizkor
Thursday evening, September 30th, Simkhat Torah at 7:00 p.m.: WE DANCE IN THE STREETS!
Efrochim and Ktantham will gather at 6:00 p.m. for their own special program, before joining the community.