Dear Haverim and Haverot:

You’ll be receiving this message as we “recover” from Purim. If Purim is over, Pesach cannot be far behind.

A week after the official arrival of Spring, we will sit down at our family tables and once again tell the story of our mythic origins as slaves in Mitzrayim and of our liberation from that slavery. Much of Western civilization is a commentary on this story. The human struggle of overcoming slavery and achieving freedom lies at the heart of Jewish sensibility and sensitivity to the strangers among us.

Slavery, in its many forms, ranging from the actual sale and possession of human beings as objects, to the “wage” slavery of people working forty or more hours a week and not being able to support their families, continues all around us. Even in “modern” societies that proclaim liberty for all, slavery remains deep within our social fabric: we are enslaved to self-medication, celebrity culture, trends and fads.

Min hameytzar karatikha, ahannahne be-merkhavya, the Psalmist tells us:

We journey from places of narrowness to expansiveness.

Our daily, weekly and seasonal observances, all direct us to this primal tale. The Passover story serves as an inspiration not only for Jews, but for all of humanity. The story of leaving Mitzrayim has engendered loyalty, compassion, collective solidarity, hopefulness, awe and joy to many liberation movements including our own liberation from England and the long due liberation of African-Americans among us. That’s quite a lot to expect from our sitting around the table once, or twice, a year.

How is it possible that all of our dreams and aspirations for deliverance from both individual and collective narrow straits stem from our collective re-enactment of the Passover story?

The answer lies deep within us as humans and as Jews. It lies deep within Moshe’s challenge to the Pharaoh of his time and the challenge of every generation to the Pharaohs their time. These Pharaohs are not only those who enslave us physically but also psychologically. These external and internal demons are challenged by Moshe’s request to “Let my People Go—

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shelakh et ahmee—
shey'ah avaduni—so
they shall serve me;
they shall serve me;
to be free to serve the
totality of existence,
the Ehyeh asher Ehyeh,
the dynamic power in the
Universe. This name, given
to Moshe at the burning bush
when he was assigned the task
of going down to Mitzrayim to
free his people from bondage,
is encapsulated in the four-letter
Name-YHVH— the Ineffable Name,
the name that is only pronounced
by the deep breath of freedom we
all yearn to take.

This is not freedom as anarchy. It is the
freedom to observe the Universe and
its splendor within it, and in all of us,
without any intermediary. No earthly
king, priest or prophet blocks our view.
There is no earthly ideology that can
contain the human spirit through its
doctrines and “isms”. The true spirit of
the Passover story imbues us with the
courage and freedom to take risks.

Freedom does not offer security and
protection from the uncertainties
we face in our lives. Imagine the
uncertainty of a liberated Hebrew as
to whether to follow Moshe into the
desert to seek a God who cannot
ever be seen; to hear a voice that
is beyond the one formed by any
larynx.

To leave Mitzrayim in every generation,
is to have the courage to leave behind
the secure and seek the sacred that
surrounds us. It is the courage to leave
the shackles of conformity, stagnation
and complacency. To leave slavery
is to embrace uncertainty and its
constant “radical amazement”. The
cradle of this courage is the family
Seder table.

My family joins me in wishing you a
treilichn un zisn Peyssach, a joyous
and sweet Pesach. May it truly be
a harbinger, not only of spring and
rebirth, but of the courage we need
to get through the challenges we all
face.

Reb Moshe

Special Event
Weekend Shabbaton With Rabbi Shawn Zevit
April 16th-18th

The TBZ Men’s study group—in conjunction with several
local Reconstructionist congregations—is sponsoring
a weekend shabbaton with Rabbi Shawn Zevit April
16th-18th. The theme is ‘Walking A Sacred Path,’ with
special emphasis on the role of Jewish men in Jewish
communal life and how men and women can work in
harmony in Jewish communal activities—particularly
with respect to tikkun olam work.

Rabbi Zevit (www.rabbizevit.com) is a Congregational
Consultant and the Director of Outreach and Tikkun
Olam for the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation,
a spiritual director and trainer, and has consulted
with over 500 organizations and groups in
North America on issues of Jewish spirituality,
community building, and social action. His
professional training includes studies in music
and theater arts, and he has recorded many
CDs of Jewish liturgical music including his
latest CDs, a multi-disc set, Generations:
Music Across the Ages with music
of Kabbalat Shabbat and the
new Morning I Will Seek You:

Awakening to the Beauty of the Day. Rabbi Zevit has
also served as the rabbinic resource for the annual
Jewish Men’s retreat at Elat Chayyim for several years,
and is co-editor of Brother Keeping- New Essays on
Jewish Masculinity, Men’s Studies Press, 2010, as well as
Offerings of the Heart: Money and Faith in Community,

The shabbaton will include: new melodies and
meditations for kabbalat shabbat/ a special lunch
talk on shabbat of Jewish men and women as allies
and resource supports in congregational activities/
a special Saturday evening concert for peace
featuring several TBZ and local interfaith musicians/
and a Sunday study retreat for Jewish men. More
details on this event will follow in March through flyers,
the weekly announcements, and articles which are
planned for our local newspapers. Save the date on
your calendars for this exciting weekend program.

Chag Sameach
Wishing you and your family a happy and meaningful Passover
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You can also check out the website at www.seniordirect.org or send an e-mail to info@cjpseniordirect.org

Welcome to Our New Members!

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CoPresidents’ Message
Fran Shtull Adams & Jonathan Klein

It is sometimes hard to keep up with all the activity buzzing within the hive of TBZ. Our shul is a very busy participatory community that shares Shabbat services, holiday observances, weekly opportunities for all kinds of Jewish study, book club, programming, women’s Rosh Chodesh as well as men’s groups, and over a dozen active committees devoted to a particular shared interest. This is just a partial listing!

As copresidents of TBZ, we wear lots of hats. There are many members’ needs to consider, the finances, physical plant and full range of spiritual opportunities offered in our sanctuary and classrooms. One of the “hats” we wear is that of cheerleader and public-crier, trying to get the word out to each of you about our needs, our successes and challenges, and especially all the options available to you. Here is our report on the latest happenings at TBZ.

The way things usually get done at TBZ is that someone has a good idea, is willing to put in some time and effort to see it developed, and then, voila, it is off and running. The model is “build it and they will come”. A case in point is the formation of two new groups that have quickly attracted the enthusiastic participation of several dozen TBZers. There is always room for more!

The new Israel committee will concentrate on promoting Israeli arts, culture & science; inviting speakers on topics like archeology, environmental work and the technology boom in Israel today; creating Hebrew discussion groups; exploring congregational trips to Israel and finding a special way to celebrate Yom Ha’Azmaut.

The new GLBT committee is looking at ways to make TBZ welcoming for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members, potential members and visitors. We are an inclusive shul and we want to make sure every Jew who wants to can find a home with us. To create the kind of diverse community we aspire to be, we need to constantly examine the ways in which we reach out, especially to historically disenfranchised groups and individuals.

If committee involvement is not your “thing” there are easy ways to take one discreet step. The Hesed committee has unrolled a “One Mitzvah at a Time” project in which you can select a one-time action that provides support, comfort and aid to a fellow member experiencing a time of need. Added all together, each of these single acts creates a caring community.

With Pesach around the corner we will soon be busy cleaning and preparing for seders. Yet there are members who do not have family nearby, or perhaps don’t know how to make a seder. That is why we are preparing to once again offer seder matching to our members. One of the primary mitzvahs of the seder is hospitality. We are urged to open our doors even to strangers, to always set an extra place at the table. If you are able to host guests or are looking for a seder to attend, please contact Membership Committee.

Another way to lend support to a shul-wide initiative is to help us recycle. The Tikkun Olam Group has ably led the charge on getting us to reduce our carbon footprint as an institution and in our own homes. We now have energy efficient thermostats and settings all over the building and have replaced most of the incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescents. It takes all of us to make TBZ a greener place. So make sure, after Oneg or Kiddush, to find the blue bin for your plastic cups or use a mug to reduce waste.

Finally, we have some good news to share. With the economy in distress and job loss all around us, we went into this year’s annual fundraising campaign with a measure of anxiety. Yet through the generosity of our members, and under the expert leadership of Development chair Fran Kantor, we are delighted to report that we have already exceeded the minimum fundraising goal of our annual campaign. While we still have a deficit for the year, we appreciate each and every contribution that has helped us meet this goal. To us, this is a sign of the value individuals have placed on TBZ and its important role in enriching so many lives.

We thank all the members who have put their shoulder to the wheel. Whether you contributed funds or time or both, it is the contributions of our members that make TBZ.

B’shalom,
Fran & Jonathan
copresidents@tbzbrookline.org

New Member Coffees
The Membership Committee has sponsored 3 New Member Coffees this year attended by 30 new TBZ-ers. If you are a new member and weren’t able to come to a Coffee and would like to, please call the Office (Jeralyn at 617-566-8171 x14) and let us know. We would be happy to arrange another Coffee if there is enough interest.
Message from Rav Claudia

Dear Haverim and Haverot,

In a few weeks we will all be celebrating Pesach surrounded by family and friends, enjoying the songs and the delicious dishes together, and celebrating the possibility of freedom.

Our liturgy and traditions do not focus only in the joyous occasion, but remind us through the eating of matza, the bread of affliction, that our duty is to open our hearts and homes to those in need.

We will be signing during our seder:

Ha-Lachma Anya...

“This is the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt.

Whoever is hungry, let him/her come and eat.

Whoever is needy, let him/her come and celebrate Pesach!

Now we are here; next year may we be in the land of Israel!

Now we are slaves; next year may we be free!”

This passage begins by briefly telling the story of our ancestors’ experience of slavery in Egypt, but it quickly moves from the past to the present. We invite anyone who is hungry to join us for the festive meal, and in so doing reaffirm our commitment to help those in need. The Ha-Lachma Anya also reminds us that even as we celebrate the redemption of our ancestors from Egypt and various ways in which we are free, we have not yet achieved full redemption because there are many people who live in bondage, and as long as they are suffering, we are not truly free.

There is a minhag to open the door when we sing the Ha-Lachma Anya, as a way to say, “my door is open”. These words should not be read only metaphorically but also literally. We should open our doors to those who don’t have a place to be on Pesach. Many in our community don’t have family in the area and will be happy to share the Pesach Seder with a TBZ fellow. For that reason we are planning a “seder matching” to our members. By opening your door to even someone you don’t know, or especially to someone you don’t know, perhaps we might get closer to real freedom. If you are able to host guests or are looking for a seder to attend, please contact Membership chairs David Cherenson and Jenni Seicol at membership@tbzbrookline.org. (See box at bottom of this page.)

With the Ha-Lachma Anya as a source of inspiration and as you prepare for your seder, let me also encourage you to add a 5th question to your Hagadah which Mazon (a Jewish Response to Hunger) has been encouraging us to add: “Why on this night are millions of people going hungry?” (See inserted ad.)

Every Shabbat before we bless the challah Reb Moshe and I introduce the blessing reminding ourselves that we are blessed with bounty, and that we should always remember when we break bread together to share with those in need. This is true especially on Pesach.

With blessing for a meaningful Pesach to all of you,

Rav Claudia

Seder Matching

“All who are hungry, let them enter and eat.

All who are in need, let them come celebrate Pesach”

These are among the first words we recite from the Haggadah. They encapsulate the mitzvah of hospitality so necessary to a real observance of the Seder. How can we truly celebrate our freedom with those inside our house knowing there are others outside with nowhere to go?

At TBZ there are people who might be alone during Pesach and others who may have room to set another place at their Seder table. If you are a host with room, or someone looking for a Seder to join, please let us know! Include details such as how many people (kids or adults); which Seder night (1st or 2nd); and whether you are kosher or have other dietary needs. We will do our best to match up every request!

Contact David Cherenson or Jenni Seicol at membership@tbzbrookline.org

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Notes from the TBZ Adult Learning Committee
by Reggie Silberberg, Chair

Come join us for one of our new learning opportunities described below and/or our ongoing study groups: Torah, Haftorah, Women’s Study, Men’s Study, Amichai Poetry Study, and the TBZ Book Club. See the Koleinu calendar section and our website for the day and time of study group meetings. Our Haftorah Study Group will end on March 24th when we will have a special class on the Haftorah of Shabbat Hagadol, the Shabbat before Pesach. Please read below about our TBZ shul-wide book club and mark in your calendars the dates for two Scholar-in-Resident Shabbats.

Beginning Hebrew Course Continued with Rabbi Sam Seicol

Winter session continues: Mar 4, 11, 18, 25.
Spring session: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 27, (no class on May 20).

Please contact Rabbi Sam Seicol with any questions about session requirements or content at rebjif@rcn.com. TBZers: free except textbook fee, $20. Non-TBZers: $100 per session (8 classes) plus textbook fee, $20. This course will provide opportunities to improve reading fluency as we study basic prayer vocabulary, grammar, and themes. Hebrew script will also be taught. Ability to read prayerbook Hebrew at any level of fluency required.

Understanding Torah She Be Al Pe (Oral Law) with Rav Claudia
Mondays, March 1, 8, and 15, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.,
TBZ location to be announced.

Join us for learning texts from our major rabbinic works, the Mishna, the Talmud and midrash as we explore together the concept of Torah She Be Al Pe—Oral Law, and why these texts are so central in the shaping of our tradition. Though this class is a continuation of the winter Mishna classes, it is suitable for people who were not able to attend those. The first class will include some revision of the material from the Mishna class. (This is a text study course.)

Unlock the Haggadah and the Potential of your Seder! with Rabbi Jonah Steinberg
Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
in the TBZ chapel.

Fee is $100. Please call Jeralyn at the TBZ office at 617-566-8171 ext. 14 to reserve your place in the course with a credit card payment.

If you wanted to tell the story of the exodus from Egypt you probably would invent a simpler book than the Passover Haggadah. For many readers who meet it at the Seder table the Haggadah is a strange jumble of unusual foods, obscure ideas, odd songs, and only fragments of a story. But if we study ancient rabbinic teachings about the goals of the Passover Seder then all of a sudden the Haggadah snaps into focus as an historic effort to accomplish some very specific and exciting aims, and we find ourselves empowered to think about how we can achieve those aims with creative, authentic Sedarim and Haggadot of our own. Please bring a traditional Haggadah with English translation to the course. As to the Haggadah, and the plan for your own Seder that you’ll leave with—well, that’s the adventure! The course will be satisfying for veteran Seder-goers and welcoming for newcomers also.

Jonah Chanan Steinberg, a rabbi and PhD, is Associate Dean of the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College where he teaches classical rabbinic literature, thought and liturgy.

TBZ At the Movies:
Saturday evening, Apr 10, 8:15 p.m.
The Four Seasons

In an inspiring and startlingly funny documentary, New York Times journalist Andrew Jacobs follows a group of Jewish European Holocaust survivors, during what may be their final summer together at a bungalow colony in the Catskill Mountains. This vérité film explores the power of friendship and the drive to find joy. It is a counterintuitive Holocaust-themed film: a fusion of ribald humor, tales of unimaginable loss, the last of the Borscht Belt crooners, and a family made entirely of friends and lovers. The indomitable characters dance, flirt, and fight, even as the fate of their singular community hangs in the balance.
Workshop on “Why be Jewish?” with Reb Moshe
Sunday, Mar 7, 10:00 am - 1:00 p.m. in the TBZ community room. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. Pre-registration requested.

If you missed these popular sessions in the fall or would like to attend again, we will focus on profound questions that will deepen your Jewish identity as well as your understanding of your own relationship to and with Judaism. This is a course not to be missed if you are grappling with any of these questions. Why be Jewish if I don’t believe in God? Why be Jewish if I am uncomfortable in synagogue or in Jewish settings? Why be Jewish if I do not believe Judaism has any practical value in my life? Suggested reading: Finding God, by Rabbis Sonsino and Syme.

More Upcoming Events:

TBZ Book Club
Sunday, March 7 at 7:30 PM to discuss The Memoirs of Gluckel of Hameln, translated by Marvin Lowenthal. For more info contact David Woodruff at davewoodr@aol.com

Women and Their Role in Jewish Tradition with Rav Claudia
Mondays: March 22, April 26, May 17, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Men’s Study Group
Shabbat, April 3 and 24, 1:00 PM after Kiddush. Contact Larry Diamond for more info at lardi@att.net

TBZ Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Sean Zevitt
April 16 and 17

TBZ Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi David Lazar of Israel
April 30 and May 1

First Annual TBZ Shul Read

There is no better way to create community than getting everyone on the same page. That’s why we’re introducing a shul-wide book club. We aspire to get many of you involved in this community-building project.

Tales of Love and Darkness by Amos Oz, is our Spring selection. This memoir, by one of Israel’s outstanding authors and internationally acclaimed writers, is a marvelous way to understand the inner developments of not only Oz, but of the State of Israel, from its establishment in 1948 until today.

Discussion opportunities both inside and outside shul are being worked out. If you let us know, we will have a number of books at TBZ for purchase at a discounted rate.

Israel Committee

At Reb Moshe’s and Rav Claudia’s initiative, TBZ has formed an Israel Committee that has taken on a 3-pronged effort to promote connections with Israel:

1. Educate our community via a monthly e-mail with items of interest pertaining to Israel.

2. Develop/implement partnerships with Israel, which could include projects in conjunction with other synagogues and/or Hebrew College, e.g., trips for youth, families, or adults; the Passport to Israel program for youth, with the Yeladim program; and inviting/vetting of speakers on a variety of topics, e.g., the environment, scientific advances.

3. Do 3 internal events, of which the next is a cultural event for Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day, on Sunday April 25.

We welcome participants. Our meetings are open to everyone. For more information, please contact either rabbi or Evelyn Frankford at efrankford@verizon.net.
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**April**
YELADIM PROGRAM FOR JANUARY-MARCH

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 Sarah Bracha: 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
  1. March 6
  2. April 3
  3. April 24
  4. May 8

Young Adult Shabbat Service
Honoring our Post-B’nai Mitzvah Youth
  1. April 10

Family Ed Program - Sundays 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
(Efrochim and Ktantanim)
  1. March 21 - Pesach Seder
  2. April 11 - Israel
  3. May 16 – Judaic Arts

Bnei Mitzvah group Shabbat
1:00 p.m.
with Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia
  1. March 6
  2. April 3
  3. May 8

Bnei Mitzvah group (6th)
with Rav Claudia
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
  1. March 21
  2. April 11
  3. May 2 Walk for Hunger

BBYO (7th - 9th) with Malki
  1. March 21 – Serving food at Boston Rescue Mission
  2. April 11
  3. May 2 - Walk for Hunger

YELADIM COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETINGS:
Watch your weekly announcements for updates!

Babysitting: Saturday mornings:
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
  1. March 27
  2. April 17

Special Family Seder for Efrochim and Ktantanim
on March 21st! Get your family ready to participate in your seders with songs and skills they will learn and practice!

Parents and Kids Guidelines
New for our sanctuary—Shabbat Shalom Guidelines—
Be on the lookout for laminated sheets available for our members and guests outside the sanctuary. Learn about the TBZ approach for enjoying the company of children in the sanctuary and respecting the sanctity of the service.
Young Adult Shabbat – April 10th

Join TBZ post bar and bat mitzvah teens as they come together to help lead the service and receive honors, including reading Torah and sharing divrei Torah about their BBYO Mitzvah project. Let’s all give them our enthusiastic support to continue their connections to TBZ!

TBZ teens (BBYO) cooking for Boston Rescue Mission (www.brm.org)

By Malki Karkowsky (New England Region BBYO Program Director) and Rav Claudia

On March 21st TBZ BBYO teens will serve food to the residents of the Boston Rescue Mission. Our January and February programs were spent preparing for this day. (This article is being written before our February program). In January we focused on setting the menu. When we talked about kashrut (the rules of keeping kosher/Jewish dietary restrictions) it quickly became apparent that our TBZ BBYO teens are very well educated! We pushed them a little more and discussed the idea of eco-kashrut. We spoke about buying locally grown products to reduce pollution, the consumption of veal (a technically kosher meat that is mistreated and malnourished in order to deliver a certain flavor and texture), and Rubashkin’s, a kosher meat producer that was raided by government agents, taken to court and convicted of environmental hazards and labor infringements. The teens thought about how these two topics relate to the concept of ‘kashrut’.

After these riveting discussions, Tzviyah Rosenstock taught the teens about food safety and tips on how to make our menu less expensive. They were then split into four groups and given a cookbook. In these groups, they went through the recipes looking for ones that are kosher, dairy, nutritious and not too complicated. After finding dozens of great recipes, the teens democratically voted for the meal they were interested in serving: Lentil soup, Vegetarian lasagna, Balkan Aubergine Bake, Spicy potato wedges, Roasted root vegetables and Polish Apple Cake.

It sounds delicious, and we are so excited to prepare and serve this delicious and nutritious dinner to 150 hungry people at BRM.

Our visit to the Boston Rescue Mission is not just an opportunity for the teens to do service, they also get a chance to learn about advocacy and philanthropy. To finance the delicious food we are planning on serving, we have asked that each teen talk to family and friends and ask for tzedakah (a total of at least $50; hopefully $10 from five different people) to go towards our project. We hope that each teen learns how to make a respectful and appropriate plea on behalf of the BRM residents.

We will be serving the food at BRM a week before Pesach, this of course will be a great way for us to talk about the values of the holiday as we do this service and help those in need.
Tikkun Olam: Greening and Social Action
by Anne Orens

The Tikkun Olam Group’s mandate is to create a more caring society, and as an important part of that goal TOG participates on an ongoing basis with the GBIO (Greater Boston Interfaith Organization) on issues of social and economic justice. In November, TOG brought a delegation of 18 TBZ members to a major GBIO event at Bethel AME’s new church in Jamaica Plain. TBZ co-president, Jonathan Klein, stood for TBZ during the roll-call with dozens of Christian, Muslim and other Jewish leaders. The event was designed to inform democratic Senatorial primary candidates of GBIO’s platform on jobs, credit card usury, student college loans, foreclosures, and health care reform, and to press the candidates for commitments on those issues. Over 800 people from GBIO’s base attended the event.

Environmental advocacy has been a TOG focus this past year, and TOG is also working with several groups within the TBZ community who have been making progress on greening activities within our homes and shul while partnering with Brookline 2010—the yearlong, citywide initiative sponsored by Climate Change Action Brookline (CCAB).

Two TBZ Ecoteams launched in January, one led by Alan Leviton, a second by David Stroh and Michael Grossman. The goal of the teams is to reduce individual household carbon footprints by 25%. As their work progresses, we will be sharing the results of their energy and money saving actions.

The TBZ Ecoteams are part of Brookline 2010.

TBZ is a CCAB partner, and TBZ members played an active role at the January 10th Brookline 2010 launch. Twelve TBZ members attended the event, which featured a film produced by TBZ member Jess Lerner and included interviews with TOG chair Mishy Lesser and TBZ members Rianna Good and Tiffany Gordon. Brookline Cable TV interviewed TOG member Judy Schechtman, and highlighted TBZ as a role model for our greening efforts.

Our efforts include activities on a number of fronts, working towards changing purchasing processes, reducing waste, saving money, and advocating for the environment.

Behind the scenes, the building committee has been working for some time to make our building more energy efficient. Over the past two years, TBZ has replaced nearly 200 incandescent light bulbs, installed and optimized programmable thermostats, and moved activities whenever feasible out of the main sanctuary into other rooms. The results are impressive. Electricity use declined 9% from 2008-2009, and main sanctuary A/C electricity use fell by 30%. This is a reduction of 5,000 pounds per year of CO2 emissions and the equivalent of eliminating all electricity from an average-sized home in Brookline for one year. TBZ is also on track for a 10% reduction in natural gas use.

TOG and the kitchen group, headed by CoPresident, Fran Adams, have been working together to reduce waste and increase recycling. Our recycling is now picked up each week. New plates, cups and flatware are being purchased that are made of recycled and biodegradable materials, and signs have been posted in the Community Room, explaining what can be recycled. We continue to promote the use of porcelain mugs that are rehashed rather than tossed.

All of these efforts combined are helping TBZ honor the COEJL (Council on the Environment and Jewish Life) pledge TBZ signed last year to reduce our environmental impact. We invite you to join with us in this work: become a TOG member, volunteer for a specific project or EcoTeam, or contact us to learn more.

Kiddush and Oneg Sponsors

• Fran Adams IHO the third yahrzeit of her brother, Hershie Shtull.
• Audrey Wagner and Craig Harris IHO their recent marriage.
• Larry Kraus and Sara Smolover IHO the yahrzeits of Larry’s mother, Charlotte Kraus. And Sara’s mother, Irene Smolover.
• Jane Liebschutz and Roger Zimmerman IOH the yahrzeit of Jane’s father, Sanford Liebschutz.
• Marion and Stanley Freedman-Gurspan IHO the yahrzeit of Marion’s father, Abe J. Freedman.
• Jeanne Charn Bellow IHO the yahrzeit of her daughter, Courtenay Lynn Martin.
• Alice and Joe Bresman IHO the aufruf and forthcoming marriage of their son Dan to Liz Sosland.
• Farron and Sue Levy on the babynaming of their daughter, Ayalah Chanah (Ayala Raiden Levy).
• Lee Silverstone and Phillip Bakalchuck IHO the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sara.
• Pnina Lahav IHO the yahrzeit of her mother, Ora Nuria Matalon, and IMO the recent passing of her cousin, Samuel Cohen.
• Marion and Stanley Freedman-Gurspan IHO the yahrzeit of Marion’s mother, Evelyn B. Freedman.

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- Julie Reuben and Lisa Lovett IHO the yahrzeit of Julie’s father, Eliyahu Menashi Reuben.
- Bobbi Isberg IHO the yahrzeit of her mother, Sylvia Isberg.
- Allan and Kathy Koritzinsky and Rabbi Chaim Koritzinsky and Keren Henigman IHO Chaim and Keren’s wedding.
- Deb Stang IHO the completion of the sheloshim for her father, Arnold Stang, and in thanks to the TBZ Community for their love and support.

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Condolences

- To Michael and Tania Gray on the death of Michael’s father, Melvin Gray.
- To Deb Stang on the death of her father, Arnold Stang.
- In Memorium – Frances Harpel, an honorary member of TBZ, passed away at the age of 103.
- To Lila and Yossi Veissid and their daughters, Alma and Ella on the death of Lila’s father, Yossi’s father-in-law, and Alma and Ella’s grandfather, Pinchas Guler.
Save these dates!

TBZ Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Sean Zevitt
April 16 and 17

TBZ Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi David Lazar of Israel
April 30 and May 1