Dear Haverim and Haverot,

As I write this, spring is trying hard to get here. As you receive this, I am sure that it will have arrived.

I thank those who have returned their “13 for 13” mitzvah forms and look forward to receiving them from all of you soon.

There is so much vibrant life at TBZ. Our observances and celebrations are the result of a millennial commitment of bringing our Teachings, our Torah, into the world. Judaism doesn’t see itself as the singular path to salvation. Our Teachings have become the underpinnings of many philosophical and religious systems over the centuries. On the festival of Shavuot, Tuesday night, June 7, we will celebrate the Covenant entered into at Sinai, with a night of learning Torah.

This Covenant is based on a two-sided conditionality, one that has unfortunately been tested brutally many times over the millennia. In Sefer Shmot, the Book of Exodus (Chapter19), we are told that the Torah will be given to the children of Israel on the condition that we live up to our commitment to be a mamlechet kohanim, a kingdom of kohanim, those who serve the world and help it reach a higher level of civilization; one in which war would be obsolete; hunger and thirst a remnant of barbarity; greed and contentiousness a throwback to a time humans operated with an almost utter lack of consciousness about our deep interconnection with each other and with our planet. This is what we strive for, the messianic age. Jews have never given up hope that we can transform the world. This is our mishgagas, our little bit of insanity. But it takes this sort of craziness to carry on, to never give up.

Torah as a Path though life is only possible if that Path leads us through both the oys and joys we all experience. The centrality of Torah and its interpretation has been, and will continue to be, the touchstone of our Jewish continuity as a people. Not only a people physically, but as spiritually attuned people open and cognizant of the power of the heart and mind to overcome the many challenges we face.

Torah is a living organism; it is not locked away in a scroll which in turn is locked

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away in an ark. Torah is the way we have navigated our journey through the ages. As those of you who come to Torah study know, our TBZ approach to Torah is open-ended and non-doctrinal. We challenge the text, we offer the insights derived from our life experiences to enrich the text. Simply put, we create new Torah every time we sit and open the Humash (the Pentateuch—The Five Books).

As we will celebrate matan torah, the giving of the Torah, on Shavuot, make it your business to come and study with us that night as we join the Coolidge Corner synagogues at KI for Tikkun leyl Shavuot, the all-night vigil of study. Stay for as long as you can. Remember that our spiritual growth is predicated on the expansion of our knowledge and awareness. This begins with the knowledge and awareness of our own heritage of Torah. I look forward to seeing many of you at the many educational opportunities we are so proud to offer at TBZ.

The next months are filled with celebration. Aside from 4 b’nai mitzvah joining our ranks as young adults, on June 18th we will be honoring Larry Kraus and Sarah Smolover at a special Kiddush. This energetic couple has served as our Chair of the Board and head of our Children’s education committee, respectively, with distinction. Details will follow of how you can share in this special event.

The merry month of May will also see our annual celebration of Joe Wilion, who left us close to seven years ago. On May 8th a special brunch and musical program will celebrate Joe’s birthday. He was instrumental in keeping Temple Beth Zion alive for many years. He was also one of the few links that remained to connect us with Vilna, the Jerusalem of Lithuania before the war, as well as to the Shoah he survived and its aftermath, by helping to establish the State of Israel. Joe’s life spanned most of the tumultuous events of the 20th century. He was a warm and welcoming person who supported our transformation to TBZ that began in 1998. You don’t have to have known Joe personally to join us in this celebration. There is no better way to honor his memory than by coming together for a festive brunch and musical program.

The following Sunday, May 15th, we will celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel’s 63rd birthday with an afternoon of activities.

I hope to see you at our many celebrations in May and June.

Rabbi Yoel Glick
Wednesday, May 18th, 7-9:00 pm
Hebrew College
sponsored by TBZ, Nishmat Hayyim and Hebrew College
We are happy to welcome Rabbi Yoel Glick, author of Seeking the Divine Presence, as our special guest. Rabbi Glick will be coming from Israel to share his extensive work in Jewish spirituality and its interface with Eastern Mystical traditions. This is a wonderful opportunity for Torah-Dharma study.

Cost: $18.00 in advance (contact Rick Kline rick@kline.ca)
$25. at the door.

Condolences
• To the family and friends of TBZ member, Shulamit Peck.
• To TBZ members, Jim Goldman and Ronna Tapper-Goldman, on the death Jim’s mother, Shirlie Goldman.
• To Enid Shulman and her family on the death of her father, Jim Shulman.

May their souls be bound up in the Bonds of Eternal life.
HaMakom yenakhem otam im shear avlei Tziyon vYrushalayim.
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Koleinu
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Mazel Tov!

• To Sara Ben-Meir on the birth of her great-grandson,
  Michael Eli.

• To Karin Zingerevitz, our Beit Rabban coordinator, and her family on
  the birth of their son, Yoni.
Co-Presidents’ Message
Fran Shtull Adams & Jonathan Klein

On Purim this year the TBZ sanctuary looked very different. And we don’t just mean that services were being led by Cruella de Vil & Fred Flintstone. The entire room was transformed by having all the seats placed in a full circle with the reading table in the center. This configuration was also used for Shabbat services in which every participant could see every other person. Dramatic change in an otherwise familiar space is energizing and allows us all to literally see things in a new perspective. Most of the congregation seemed to really enjoy the change, and so the experimentation with our environment continues. Please let us know how this new shape looks and feels to you!

That is only one example of the ways we are always trying to refresh our synagogue. Another is a new effort to organize ushers at every service. Many of us have volunteered for a shift of ushering during the High Holidays, a simple but crucial task.

The primary responsibility of the usher is to be a greeter, warmly welcoming every person as they enter the sanctuary. The Board determined that setting a welcoming tone was something we want not only during the Yamim Noraim, but all year long. We are grateful that Audrey Kadis, who so ably oversees this endeavor during the High Holidays, has agreed to organize the initiative for weekly ushers. When you see the sign-up for ushering we urge you to pick a Shabbat and try it. You may be surprised by how much it adds to your own feeling of connection to greet each member of our community or guest as they walk through the door.

The new seating and new ushering plan are just two of the many topics that are discussed and decided by the Synagogue Practices Committee (SPC), whose mission is to address all ritual issues and how we conduct services at TBZ. Recent discussions have included the use of drumming and musical instruments, how to better integrate children, and how we define Kashrut. A new sub-group is addressing the subject of interfaith families and how to make them welcome at TBZ and serve their special needs. SPC also takes primary responsibility (working closely with the Rabbis, of course!) for planning and implementing the many details of the High Holiday services at TBZ.

SPC, like all committees at TBZ, is open to new members and visitors who would like to just “check it out.” We encourage you to have a look at the committees active at our shul which are listed on page 5. Pick one that interests you and contact the chair who will be thrilled to invite you to the next meeting. There is no long-term commitment—you are free to sample any number of committees and hopefully find your niche.

As Presidents of TBZ we consider it one of our responsibilities to help all members deepen their connection to the shul. We were delighted to see so many of you at the seven Member Coffees that were filled to capacity. In conversation after conversation we heard loud and clear that so many of us are looking for ways to connect, to find a way to meaningfully serve the community, and to grow spiritually. Please feel free to contact us if you’d like guidance in matching your unique talents with our many avenues of participation.

Wishing you all a happy spring,
B’shalom
Fran Shtull Adams & Jonathan Klein
TBZ Co-Presidents

Save the date

Brookline Community
Tikkun Leyl Shavuot
June 7
at Congregation Kehillath Israel
Details to come
How Can You Fit Into the Evolving Committee Structure at TBZ?

There is no inside/outside at TBZ! Everyone and anyone who wishes to make TBZ the best place it can be, can help do so! Find something to work on that interests you; get to know other members better; and help the Shul at the same time!

TBZ Committees ALWAYS welcome new members! If you have any questions about what these committees do, please contact:

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The Rabbis, Co-presidents and Membership Chairs, David Cherenson and Jenni Seicol, are eager to help you find the appropriate place for your energies and talents! If there is no committee that reflects your interests, we are always open to new ideas.
Message from Rav Claudia

Dear Haverim and Haverot,

Close to 160 TBZ members and staff joined together for a unique and meaningful Shabbat on April 1st-3rd at Prindle Pond Center in Charlton, MA.

We arrived on Friday afternoon, April 1st, to snow-covered fields and forests to celebrate Shabbat together and focus on the theme of this year’s retreat, “Looking in—Looking out, Bringing Our Values to the World.”

As participants arrived, they received a welcome bag with a few gifts which included: aromatic guest soap to help “clean the world” (and themselves!), a reusable water cup with an image of the earth filled with yummy chocolate kisses, take-home conversation cards with quotations on tikkun olam, and a few pieces of some puzzles we put together throughout the weekend—to teach us that each of us can help with a piece of fixing the world. It was a great beginning to a full weekend of camaraderie, learning, praying and laughing together.

A lively Kabbalat Shabbat service with songs and story telling began our time all together. It was followed by a wonderful dinner and different evening activities to help us meet new people from TBZ and get to know old friends better.

Early Shabbat morning there were different options to begin the beautiful sunny day: a run around the pond, a yoga class and Torah Study. Options for shacharit services were also available based on age groups and interests. We celebrated our Torah service all together, where we learned about the weekly parsha, Tazria, with great “actors” of all ages helping us to understand better the parsha!

In the afternoon, after a well-deserved rest, or a walk or a chat with a new friend, there were a myriad of options for workshops: text study, walking meditation, movement midrash, arts & crafts, games, stories, workshop for parents, sports and, of course, nature walks and hikes on the beautiful trails of Prindle Pond’s nature camp!

Reb Moshe and Anne Waldoks joined us at the retreat for Seudah Shishit, the third meal, and then we all gathered together for our fabulously fun “Mitzvah Minstrels” program. Groups improvised comical skits based on different stories, all dressed up in crazy costumes. We learned about different mitzvot and their importance, and we learned that we have a lot of talent in our midst!

Havdalah under the stars was a fitting end to Shabbat, with birthday cake celebrating Maddy Marx’s birthday and followed by our first bonfire at a TBZ retreat—and my first s’mores ever!

The Saturday evening talent show was a high point of the weekend — filled with fantastic acts like juggling, banjo, Brazilian and hip hop dance, jokes by Reb Moshe (and others), and the best, our teens’ plastic cup percussion!

Speaking of the teens, we had a group of nine teens at the retreat. They had their own programming on learning about themselves as leaders — and they brought an amazing energy to the whole weekend. They were led by our wonderful BBYO advisors, Malki Karkowsky and Jamie Sorge.

Sunday morning, folks could choose from running or yoga or davenning or Israeli dancing. Then, we participated in a closing small groups program which helped us to reflect on the theme of the weekend and to move forward in deepening our commitment to tikkun olam and to our values of making the world a better place. We had a farewell session for all, creating a yarn web which symbolized the connections we made throughout this weekend and finished the retreat with a group picture out in the sunshine!

It was an exhilarating weekend: a Shabbat where new relationships began and new Torah insights were discovered, and a Shabbat where friendships and community spirit blossomed.

The superb staff who joined us this weekend included:

-Suzie Schwartz, Joanna Lubkin, Becky Wexler and Jessica Meyer, leading activities for kids and tfilot.

-Aaron Kraus, Sarah Feldman, Rachel Brody, our great teen babysitters, led by marvelous Meirav Schatz, our head babysitter.

Many of our TBZ members led activities, taught classes and did so many things to make the weekend a success. THANK YOU ALL! Everybody volunteered and helped out during the weekend, but I would like to especially thank all the members of the Retreat Committee, and, of course, our Retreat co-chairs, Jane Liebschutz and Jamie Sorge.

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Many of you have heard me say how passionate I feel about this kind of program.

Most certainly I can say that my most meaningful Jewish experience as a child and as a teenager was Jewish camping. I would spend every summer with other Jewish children, all ages, living for a few weeks an intense, Jewish life. During the year, I missed the summer so much and was

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very involved in all of the family and children’s activities in my shul. I always looked forward to the Shabbat retreat, or to weekend programs out of the city, that would allow me to taste a bit of the fervent sweetness of the summer camp experience. Being whole-heartedly engaged in a fun and engrossing Jewish environment in my youth helped to shape my Jewish life as an adult.

Although the retreat is only three days out of a year, I feel strongly that the TBZ Community Retreat, planned by the Yeladim & Membership Committees together, offered a splendid opportunity for TBZ members to experience a unique Shabbat with old and new friends and to deepen our relationship to our community and to Judaism. The best feedback I received from this weekend was from several kids who said to me: “Rav Claudia, can we do this every Shabbat?”

We are already beginning to plan next year’s retreat, and we are looking forward to seeing many of you there!

Rav Claudia
Notes from the Adult Learning Committee...

by Reggie Silberberg, Chairperson

Please take advantage of our amazing learning opportunities! These will be the last until next year except for a possible new 4 week Study Group in June on the book ‘Radical Judaism’ by Rabbi Arthur Green, PhD. Updates will be emailed to TBZ members.

Back by Popular Demand—
The Coolidge Corner Me’ah Collaborative

Hungry for more Jewish learning?

Consider joining a community of learners in Brookline for the second time ever Coolidge Corner Me’ah Collaborative program beginning in the fall of 2011.

The collaborative is comprised of Temple Beth Zion, Temple Ohabei Shalom, Congregation Kehillath Israel and Temple Sinai.

The class of 2010 was an amazing success with 30 people placed on the waiting list. We already have 10 students registered for the next class to begin after the Haggim (High Holidays) in 2011. It is never too early to apply! Please see the application on the TBZ website: www.tbzbrookline.org

Me’ah is an intensive program developed through a creative partnership between Hebrew College and CJP’s Commission on Jewish Learning & Engagement. Me’ah (Hebrew for ‘100’) offers adult learners of all backgrounds a foundation in Jewish culture and civilization. The course spans two years, includes 100 hours of class time, and covers four historical periods of Jewish history. In the first year you will study Bible and Rabbinics, and in the second year, Medieval and Modern.

We are offering A Taste of Me’ah for prospective new students on May 25, at 7:30 - 9:00 pm at TBZ.

For more information send an email to regsilver@aol.com

To learn more about Me’ah, you may also visit www.hebrewcollege.edu/meah.

Jewish Philosophy and Kabbalah

with Rabbi Meir Sendor, PhD

Mondays, May 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13

7:00 - 9:00 pm in the sanctuary

Tuition fee is $220. To register call the TBZ office at 617-566-8171, ext. 14

The Mitzvot are the units of our divine service, the terms of our relationship with God. Religious scholars through the ages have debated, however, whether the Mitzvot have meanings and values that can be expressed in human terms, or whether they should be regarded as pure divine commands, “ours not to reason why.” We will examine multiple approaches to the question of the meaning of the Mitzvot, from the Jewish legal, midrashic, philosophic and mystical traditions, and apply these approaches towards the enrichment of our own mitzvah practice.
Torah Study with Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia

Held every Shabbat morning at 9:00 am in the sanctuary, except on holidays, followed by Shabbat morning services. Free and open to all, no registration necessary.

Implications of the Holocaust with Reb Moshe

Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 in the chapel
7:00 - 9:00 pm
We will explore the social, political, ideological, and theological aftermath of the destruction of European Jewry.

TBZ’s Jewish Book Club

For location and more info contact David Woodruff at davewoodr@aol.com

May 1, 7:30 pm: held at 1550 Beacon Street, Brookline, next door to TBZ. Room to be announced. We will discuss Harlot by the Side of the Road by Jonathan Kirsch.

June 12, 7:30 pm: Book choice and location to be announced via email.

Women’s Study Group with Rav Claudia

Wednesday, May 18 in the sanctuary
Monday, June 20 in the chapel
7:30 - 9:00 pm

The following two courses are for TBZ members only (unless special arrangements have been made). Please RSVP 2 weeks before each scheduled meeting and sign-up at our website.

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New Israel Fund Visits TBZ
by Stephane Acel-Green

TBZ members and guests were treated to a stirring talk by New Israel Fund President Naomi Chazan in February. What follows is a column by Naomi, specially adapted for Koleinu, in which she lays out some of challenges and successes related to protecting equality and democracy in Israel. To learn more about our work, contact New Israel Fund’s Boston director, Stephane Acel-Green, at 781.444.7889 and stephane@nif.org or visit www.nif.org.

“They Will Not Forgive Us…”

The threats to Israel’s democratic order have grown exponentially during the past year and the income differentials in Israel remain, sadly, the highest in the industrialized world. The rule of law is no longer a given when twenty-one proposed Knesset bills reek of racism, discrimination against minorities, or blatant religious coercion. Too many progressive Israelis and engaged Jews abroad are so troubled by these and other recent developments that they have begun to question their involvement with Israel’s most serious issues. Those tempted fall into defeatism should take a closer look at the work of so many people on the ground. For them giving up is not an option—nor should it be for us. The worrisome anti-democratic trends have aroused another Israel: one that has been dormant far too long. There are Mizrahi lawyers successfully petitioning the High Court against cross segregation of haredi schoolgirls in Emanuel. Economic empowerment and micro-finance projects are transforming the lives of Bedouin women. Israel today is cleaner, healthier and greener than ever before, in no small measure due to the work of environmental movements supported by the NIF-backed Green Environmental Fund. Soccer stadiums—the locus of untold bigotry and violence—are also the home of a countrywide movement to eliminate racism on the playing fields. These and other issues are not just for Israeli concern but for every Jew. The inextricable connection between Jewish identity and liberal values in this century has placed many Jews at the forefront of the struggle for justice in their countries and throughout the world. This concern is especially pertinent to Israel. Supporting a just and democratic Israel—the mission of the NIF—is the best way to reignite hope where cynicism and passivity cast a long shadow.

Naomi Chazan became President of the New Israel Fund in June, 2008. Professor Chazan is best known for her eleven years in the Knesset as one of the Meretz Party’s most effective legislators and for her service as Deputy Speaker of the Knesset. Naomi Chazan is an outspoken leader in the struggle for women’s rights, civil rights, religious freedom, pluralism and peace.
My Trip to Israel: March 2011
by Audrey Kadis

I just returned from a 2-week visit to Israel that included two uniquely memorable experiences. During the first week, I volunteered at the Nevatim Air Force Base in the Negev with the Volunteers for Israel program. The work was mundane—cleaning gas masks and repacking field kits—but the experience was not. I worked with 12 other volunteers from Poland, France, the UK, and the US, and while we had wildly different backgrounds and politics, we all shared a common bond of supporting Israel. We heard over and over that the soldiers, along with many other Israelis, felt Israel’s isolation in the world community and valued the presence of volunteers who came with the message that they were not alone.

The second week I spent with my husband in Haifa. He was attending meetings for a CJP project to help kids at risk (ages 0-6) in two low-income neighborhoods by providing coordinated support for their parents. We managed to sneak off for a day in Jerusalem, including a visit to the new Holocaust Museum. The building was designed by Moshe Safdie and embodies the themes of the Holocaust in a way that is truly remarkable. Each exhibit included testimony of one or more survivors and the emotional impact was intense; I found myself crying more than once. Another day in Akko, we toured a Tunisian synagogue and met the gentleman who had spent 60 years of his life installing the mosaics in the building.

However, everything was not serious. At Nevatim, our Madrichot (4 female IDF guides) were madly infatuated with the pilots who showed us an F-16 fighter, which led to no end of teasing and laughter. Our group was given a special opportunity to have our photo taken with the base commander. When the photo was delivered, his face was completely blurred to protect his identity so we have a photo of only his uniform! There was a brilliant photo exhibit of the works of Yossi Breger at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art. In Haifa, we met with middle school children who are participating in a Boston-Haifa exchange program with Solomon Schechter students. In the meeting, we were all asked how it felt to be talking with people so different from ourselves referring to our US vs. Israeli backgrounds. The question surprised me since I felt like I was talking with surrogate daughters, girls who love math and science. I promised them a trip to the Museum of Science or the MIT museum when they come to Boston. Best of all, I have new friends in the US, Israel, and the UK with whom I hope to build deeper relationships over time.

Would you like to tell us about your recent visit to Israel? Our Israel Committee is soliciting short accounts and hopes to print one in each issue of the Koleinu. Please email Gloria Pless if you are interested, at gjpless@verizon.net.

June 4th
Conversations about Israel
Details to come
Early Kabbalat Shabbat & Family Dinner

May 6th

Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00 pm (at 1550)

Dinner 6:00 pm (at TBZ)

Please join us at 5:00 pm for Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 1550 Beacon Street (next door to TBZ), with the residents.

Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm in the TBZ community room.

Pre-payment is required. Please call the TBZ office 617-566-8171 ext 14 to make your reservation. You may pay by credit card over the phone or send in a check.

Deadline: Monday May 2.

Reservations won’t be accepted after this date.

Adults: $20/Children 3-16: $10/under 3 years old: no cost. Please give the age of your child when you make the reservation.

Please note that the Kabbalat Shabbat service at TBZ will be held at its regular time of 6:00 pm.
MAY-JUNE YELADIM PROGRAMS

Shabbat Mornings
Tfilot Yeladim Shabbat

May 7
June 4
June 18

• Efrochim (toddlers, preschool)
  with Jessica (10:45-11:20 am)

• Ktantanim (K-3 grade)
  with Jessica
  (11:30 am-12:15 pm)

• Tzeirim and Bnei Mitzvah
  (4-7 grade)
  with Becky Wexler
  (11:30 am-12:15 pm)

B’nei Mitzvah Group
Shabbat 1:00 pm with Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia:

May 7
June 4

Last Day of Beit Rabban Class for this Academic Year:

June 1

2011-2012 Beit Rabban Registration and Details Coming Soon!

Babysitting
Saturday mornings: 10:15-12:15

May 14, 21
June 11, 25

Save the Date!

June 12
End-of-Year Celebration for All Yeladim and Family Programs
Details to come.

Special Yeladim Program as part of TBZ Yom Ha’Atzmaut Celebration!

May 15
(See page 12)
**Progress Report From the Leadership Task Force**

*By David Breakstone, representing the Task Force*

Our “13 for 13 Project” is well under way. Now that we have successfully attained our b’nai mitzvah milestones, an important goal is continuing the transformation of TBZ into a more mature, participatory community. As our co-presidents wrote in the last issue of Koleinu, the Board is currently in the process of “shaking things up.” Our overall intention is to reexamine and restructure with care how we operate.

A subcommittee of the Board is now eliciting more information and suggestions from all of our members in a number of ways:

- Many of you attended one of the seven coffees we sponsored during the last four months. We discussed where we are and what a future TBZ might look like. These gatherings were uniformly lively, constructive, and bridge-building. We will be holding community meetings during the spring to share what issues were raised most often in our coffee gatherings.

- We are currently interviewing Board officers past and present. We want to find out what their experiences have been, and what ideas they may have for reshaping the structure and function of our offices.

- We are actively gathering information from other congregations. We need to learn from their experiences about possibilities for strengthening our leadership and committee functions.

We emphasize that we have reached no conclusions. It is fair to share in a preliminary way, however, that one of the most often voiced requests is for improved communication. Members, for example, want more current information about what is happening at Board meetings and in committees, and how they may become participants.

We know that TBZ is a strong, inclusive community. As we look forward to another year.

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**Caring for Our Aging Relatives**

*A Two Part Series Addressing both Practical and Emotional Issues*

*Sponsored by TBZ Hesed Committee*

**Part One: Am I Doing the Right Thing?**

*May 16, 7:30 – 9:00 pm*

How to work with emotions, family dynamics, changing roles, and getting beyond the guilt.

**Part Two: Aging 101**

*May 23, 7:30 – 9:00 pm*

Learn about the nuts and bolts of housing, safety, community resources, and what it all costs.

Karen Wasserman, LICSW has worked with elders and their families for the past 23 years. Her expertise and insight into the complicated medical, emotional and logistical concerns around aging, and her steadfast advocacy for her clients is respected throughout the profession. Karen started Your Elder Experts, the Geriatric Care Management program at JF&CS in 1999 and has managed its growth into one of the Boston area’s leading Care Management practices.

Open to TBZ members. No fee.

To sign up, go to TBZ website (www.tbzbrookline.org) and register under “Caring for our Aging Relatives.”

For more info, contact Evelyne Dreyfuss, evelynedreyfuss@gmail.com or Barbara Sternfield, bg630@comcast.net
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Barbecue & Barchu

Friday, August 12, 5:30 pm at Corey Hill Park
(Rain Date: August 19) Free and open to all.

The TBZ Membership Committee is preparing for our 4th annual Barbecue and Barchu at Corey Hill Park, at the top of the hill on which TBZ is perched. The park has grand views of Cambridge and Boston, and is a breath of fresh air during the dog days of August. Barbecue and Barchu is a wonderful opportunity to introduce people to TBZ, so please invite your non-TBZ friends. And there is playground equipment for kids!

The barbecue will start at 5:30 and will feature hot dogs and vegetarian options. A Kabbalat Shabbat Service will start at about 6:15, and we expect to finish by 7:00.

Directions to the park will be provided, and for those who prefer not to walk or drive, a shuttle will be arranged to transport people to the park from in front of TBZ. Sufficient parking is available in the neighborhood of the park. In case of rain, the event will be postponed till the next Friday, August 19.

We need volunteers! We would like a large group of ‘greeters’ for the event, and there are lots of little chores that need attention. This is a fun community event to attend and to work on!

So come and enjoy! Eat and daven, meet people, greet people, and talk with old, new and non members of TBZ!

For more information, or to volunteer, contact

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- Valerie Samuels IHO the yahrzeit of her mother, Myrna Samuels.
- Sandy and Joe Wheeler IHO the 2nd birthday of their grandson, Eitan.
- Virginia and Paul Hamburg IHO Virginia’s conversion.
- Sheine Wizel and Joel Kershner IHO the yahrzeit of Sheine’s father, David Wizel Szewcz.
- Agi Sardi IHO the yahrzeit of her father, Andrew Sardi.
- Lilly Pelzman, Jeff Borenstein, Joe Pelzman, and Joshua, Benjamin, and Anna Levitt IHO the birthday of mother and grandmother, Zina Pelzman.
Save the Date!

On June 18th we will be having a
Special Shabbat Kiddush
honoring
Larry Kraus and Sara Smolover.

Sara and Larry have actively served our community for many years as chair of the TBZ Board and Yeladim Committee. Details will follow of how you can share in this lovely celebration.