



November-December / Cheshvan-Kislev - Tevet
2012 / 5773

Reb Moshe's Message

Dear *Haverim*
veHaverot,

As the days grow
shorter we look towards
our inner light.

This light illuminates
us and shines brightly
through our interactions
with each other. In these
next two months we will be
celebrating Thanksgiving
and Hanukkah. Each
observance will cast its
own specific light; the first
on our families and us, the
latter on our people's past.

As we gather around our
tables and around our
hannukiot we will give
praise to those who came before us
and established our chain of tradition.
We will praise that Power that motivates
the positive within us to connect to
each other as well as to those past and
present that we retrieve through joy and
celebration.

On Thanksgiving we look back towards
the bounty of our harvest celebrated on
Sukkot. We give thanks for all that has
been dealt to us, not only the good,
but also the trials with which we have
been challenged. This capacity to
see the negative as a gift is not easy.
It is a struggle to integrate both the
positive and the negative into our world

views and personalities. Most of us see
"blessing" and "curse" at odds with
each other. Deep down we know that
they are two ends of the same stick. Our
ability to gain a broader perspective
that permits our handling
this juxtaposition is one of
the crucial contributions
that we can make to our
spiritual life.



So it goes, within blessings
there are curses and
within curses there are
blessings. Thanksgiving
and Hanukkah provide
examples of this paradox:
on Thanksgiving we
are grateful that our
forefathers arrived to
establish a new home

on this continent, at the same time we
are aware of the murderous actions
these newcomers committed on the
native peoples they encountered.
On Hanukkah we praise the powerful
resistance of the small army, led by the
family of the high Priest, *Mattiyahu*, as it
succeeds in wresting the Temple and its
surrounding province of Judea from the
hands of the Syrian -Greek Hellenizers.
[By the way, *Hanukkah* is eight days
because in the year of the liberation of
the Jerusalem Temple *Sukkot*, an eight
day festival had not been observed.]

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The Hashmoneans, the sons of *Mattityahu* (I call them the Gang of Five -*hamesh*) will establish a dynasty that will lead to the invasion and occupation of Judea by the Romans. They will also persecute the emerging interpreters of the Torah beyond its literal meaning, the proto-Rabbis. Blessings within curses; curses within blessings.

To be aware of these contradictions need not lessen our sense of joy, but rather to deepen it so it is thick with feelings. We hope and pray that our inner light will provide the discernment we need in dealing with both at the same time.

There is, however, no doubt that as Jews we are grateful for all we have accomplished in this land, as we are grateful that the Hebrew ethos had not been overcome by the Hellenistic trends of the ancient world. It is the tenacity of the Jewish people and its traditions that permit us the luxury of seeing an independent Jewish nation built on the foundations of our ancient homeland. It is also true that with power come responsibilities.

It is my hope that can keep all these "miracles" in our consciousness so that we will continue to repel the darkness, wherever it may be, with light. My family joins me in wishing us all a Happy Thanksgiving and *khag ha-Urim Sameyakh*, Happy Hanukkah.

Reb Moshe



Mazel Tov!

מזל טוב!



- To Barbara Moss on the marriage of her daughter, Ayesha Cammaerts to Gabriel Malseptic.
- To Fredrique Apffel-Marglin on the birth of a granddaughter, Suzanne Milkah Perl-Marglin.
- To Amy Schottenfels and Jonathan Klein on the marriage of their son, Jake to Gemina Mekhlin.
- To Rhoda Alani Cole and Philip Cole on the *bat mitzva* of their daughter, Hannah.
- To Phyllis Brawarsky and Noah Fasten and Judy Schechtman and Ed De Vos on the birth of a grandson, Jack Drouin.
- To Judith and David Woodruff on the birth of a granddaughter, Olivia Mollie Malekpour.



Condolences

- To Lori Levi on the death of her uncle, Dr. Seymour Saltzman.
- To Robert and Susie Kaim on the death of Robert's mother, Liesel Kaim.
- To Barbara Sternfield on the death of her aunt, Iris S. Pinsky.
- To Fran Spector on the death of her husband, Dr. Carl Spector.
- To Klara Levin on the death of her mother, Miriam (Morgenstern) Mayden.

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

HaMakom yenakhem otam im shear avlei Tziyon vYrushalayim.



Save the Date

Community Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner

December 14, following Kabbalat Shabbat

Adults: \$20; Seniors: \$10, Children under 12: Free
New members: please come as our guests

EVERYONE: RSVP to the Office by Dec 7
617-566-8171, ext. 14



Plan Ahead

We know how hard it is to contemplate where our final resting places may be. If you are ready to make these plans consider the TBZ area at the Baker Street Cemeteries in W.Roxbury (on the Newton border).

Prices for these plots have risen over the years and will continue to do so. Contact our office for more information.



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ברוכים הבאים

Welcome to Our New Members!

New Members

Diane Abrams
Nancy Blacksin
Hal Chapel & Debbie Danielpour-Chapel
Sylvia Garfinkle
Meredith Goldwasser
Alex Helsinger & Sharon Kivenko
Cynthia & Sandy Levinson
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Members Who Have Rejoined

David Barry
Naomi Cotter
Aaron Fay & Myriam Wright
Muriel Heiberger
Raul & Carol Rabinovich
Richard Rosenstein
Beth Darman & Michael Stone
Jonathan Zatlil & Katharina Licht

Co-Presidents' Message

David Cherenson
& Jenni Seicol

Jack Kornfield, a well known meditation teacher, wrote a book titled *After the Ecstasy, the Laundry*. His words capture what some of us have been feeling in the days following the High Holidays at TBZ. While soul-searching and coming to grips with where we may have fallen short in our lives may not seem ecstatic, the heightened awareness many of us feel during this time can often be followed by a growing sense of "Now What?"

How do we follow up on the insights we gained, and the promises we made, during the Yomim Noraim? Where do we turn for support in being the better, truer version of ourselves that so many of us want to be?

Can being part of a Jewish community give us what we need? Can it really provide the framework, the structure, to support us in being our true selves, and in living what is truly important to us? Can this TBZ community be our

extended family, our "small town"? Can engaging together in prayer, study, and acts of loving kindness help fulfill our purpose in a way that is personally meaningful?

We invite you to consider these questions along with us, to look at what it is you need, and what you are willing to give. We want you to think of TBZ as your community, that you help create, and where you have a voice. Let us know what is on your mind – your ideas, your questions, your hopes. Get to know the people in this community who you haven't met yet, or don't know well. Make it a point at an Oneg or Kiddush to say hello to one or two new people. If each of us did this regularly, it would transform our community.

We also encourage you to try something new at TBZ – participate in a class, join a committee, come to a service you don't regularly attend, make an appointment to talk with one of our wonderful Rabbis. If you need help with any of this, we are here for you.

This is a time of transition, for TBZ and for many of us individually. The cycle and aftermath of the High Holiday season brings that to light, and with

it the challenge of both integrating and letting go of whatever we have experienced. We are excited to be on this journey with you, and, as always, grateful that you choose to be a part of TBZ.

B'Shalom,

Jenni & David

Save the Date TBZ Community Meeting DEC 2, 3-5 pm

We will be voting as a community on two important items:

- Adoption of new TBZ Bylaws (you can see them at <http://www.tbzbrookline.org/resources>)
- Proposed new slate of TBZ Officers and At-Large Board members

There will also be short reports on the state of the shul. Please join us!

Save the Date

Saturday, December 1, 7:30 pm

TBZ's LGBT Committee Presents

JUDAH LEBLANG IN HIS ONE-MAN SHOW

"Finding my Place: One Man's Journey Through the Middle Ages"

Based on his humorous memoir, *Finding My Place*, TBZ-member Judah Leblang will perform his one-man show featuring bad dates, unrequited love, hearing loss, the heartbreak of being a fan of hapless (Cleveland) sports teams, the highs and lows of middle age, illness, wellness, and ultimately hope.

After sold out shows in Cambridge and Boston, Judah is bringing the show 'home' to TBZ. If you're single, partnered, straight, gay, middle-aged, older or younger, (but over 18), this show is for you!

For tickets (\$15), go to www.judahleblang.com or follow the link on the TBZ home page.

For more information, contact Judah at judah.leblang@gmail.com

Message from Rav Claudia

Dear Haverim v'Haverot,

I write this column as we are about to begin a new year of learning opportunities at TBZ after spending a very intense and beautiful Holiday season together. For the last year Reb Moshe and I have joined three other congregations in Brookline (KI, Temple Sinai & Ohabei Shalom), to teach a curriculum about Israel presented by the Hartman Institute. The Shalom Hartman Institute is a center in Jerusalem of transformative thinking and teaching, that addresses the major challenges facing the Jewish people and elevates the quality of Jewish life in Israel and around the world. Both Reb Moshe and I have had the opportunity to learn at the Hartman Institute. We are excited that the class is fully subscribed and we are looking forward to it.

Israel is a challenging issue to talk about. 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 lead to harsh exchanges. Sometimes we even avoid talking about Israel because we are afraid of disagreement and of the polarizing effect of the politics. The State of Israel has become a major source of conflict and disagreement within the Jewish world, posing real threats to our sense of Jewish people-hood and community. Precisely because of this we decided to offer this class. It is important to have these conversations and to discuss these issues in ways that promote tolerance and care for each other.

The Engaging with Israel curriculum is an intensive text-based program in which participants grapple with the key questions facing the Jewish people today with regard to Israel and its role in the world and for Judaism and the Jewish people. This program is not focused on Israel advocacy or PR, nor is it meant to be used in any way to further any particular political point of view. Rather, it is a text-based exploration of the Jewish values and concepts at the core of Israel's existence and the major issues that must be addressed in order to cultivate a new, enriched, and productive covenantal relationship between world Jewry and Israel. In this class we will have an opportunity to watch lectures by Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute and other faculty members. We will also have facilitated discussions around the texts that we will learn together. Session Topics of the curriculum include: From Crisis to Covenant, Religion and Peoplehood, Sovereignty and Identity, Power and Powerlessness, War and Occupation, Morality on the Battlefield, Jewish and Democratic State, Religious Pluralism, Human Rights, and Values Nation.

If there is interest from other members who did not sign up for this year's class, we will be glad to offer it again in the future. We hope that by offering these kinds of opportunities we will begin a respectful conversation about Israel and our relationship to it.



I grew up knowing that Israel was a special place for me, as a Jew, but also personally as my family lived there. I moved to Israel in 1996. At the time I planned to be in Israel for just one year to study in Haifa University. I remember my first weeks in Israel. The excitement I felt hearing Hebrew everywhere, and the bus-driver saying Shabbat Shalom on Friday. Judaism had always been a private experience for me, the culture of a minority in Chile and Argentina. Yet in Israel it became an experience that I could have on the streets without fear.

By the time I decided to make aliya, some years later, I was much more aware of the complexities of the country, politically, religiously and socially. I became actively involved through the Masorti (Conservative) Movement, advocating for changes especially in issues of pluralism. I learned that to be in a relationship with Israel meant that I had expectations: I wanted Israel to become the place that I thought it ought to be. The Torah teaches us: "Hocheach Tochiach et Amitecha" – You shall surely rebuke your neighbor (Leviticus 19:17). Offering constructive criticism is an expression of our commitment to be in relationship with another human being. To criticize or disagree should not mean in any way to stop supporting or loving. This is true in every aspect of our life, every relationship we have, every society we belong to. To be loyal is not to say yes to everything, but rather to participate in making society better.

I share with you some of my own story because I would like to be able to create space in our community for safe, thoughtful and respectful conversation, where we can grapple with the question of what it means to be in a relationship with Israel, why it is important and what is the role of Israel in our own Jewish identity.

If you are not part of this year class and you would like to join next year, let us know.

I am also excited to let you know that we are in the process of re-creating a new Israel committee which hopes to grapple with some of these questions and find ways for TBZ to become involved in issues concerning our relationship to Israel, and perhaps organize a TBZ trip. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Jonathan Klein at jklein@kleinhornig.com. (Please write TBZ in the subject line).

I am looking forward to continue growing and learning together in community. Wishing us all a good fall and beginning of winter in community at TBZ.

Rav Claudia



Adult Learning at TBZ

by Reggie Silberberg, chair

Please join us for these wonderful opportunities listed below.

Women's Study Group with Rav Claudia

In the Talmud we learn: 'Forty-eight prophets and seven prophetesses prophesied to Israel...' Who were these seven prophetesses? They were Sarah, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Abigail, Hulda and Esther.

These seven women are also the *ushpizot* (spiritual guests) that we invite into our Sukkah together with the traditional *ushpizin* during the Holiday of Sukkot.

During this years women's study group sessions we will learn about each of these women, focusing on the question of why they were named as prophetesses by the Rabbis.

- What kind of role models are they and what do each of them represent?
- How do their voices shape our tradition?
- How can we make their voices and their female influences in our tradition stronger and more central for our community?

When learning about each of these women, we will look at both traditional and contemporary interpretations. These sessions will be text oriented. No Hebrew skills are needed and the texts will be provided with translation. All TBZ women are welcome to come to one or all sessions. Of course, attending all sessions is encouraged.

- **Monday, Oct 29** – Introduction to the Babylonian Talmud, Tractate of Megilah, 14a. (This is the text that names the 7 prophetesses.)
- **Wednesday, Nov 28**, Sara & Miriam
- **Wednesday, Jan 16**, Deborah & Hannah
- **Wednesday, Mar 6**, Abigail & Hulda
- **Monday, Apr 8**, Esther (And if there is time – we will study some other female figures from our tradition.)
- **Wednesday, May 22**, End of year session with a summary of why these women were named the seven prophetesses of Israel.

“Adonai, Open Up My Lips”: Finding ways to Open the Gates of Prayer with Rav Claudia

**Mondays, Nov 26, Dec 3, 10, 17,
7:30 - 9:00 pm**

This course will be two-fold. In the first part of each class we will learn the basic structure and the meaning of different services. We will look at the siddur and map out the different parts of it. In the second part of the class, the main and central part, we will discuss the experience of prayer and explore the ways through which davvening can become a spiritual experience for each of us.

We will read and discuss some chapters of the book, *The Gates of Prayer, Twelve Talks on Davvenology* by Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi (available online on several websites).

It is recommended that you read the whole book; the specific chapters we will discuss in each class are designated below. If you are planning to participate please read those chapters before each class.

- **Nov 25:** Part 1: The structure of the Friday night service
Part 2: The Vocabulary of Davvenology
- **Dec 3:** Part 1: The structure of Shabbat Morning service
Part 2: Fifth Talk: Keva and Kavvanah
- **Dec 10:** Part 1: Weekday davvening
Part 2: Sixth Talk: Blue Jeans Spirituality
- **Dec 17:** Part 1: Special Holidays additions
Part 2: Ninth Talk: Dancing for God & Being with God & Tenth Talk: Elements of Davvenology

Torah Chanting

This is a great time to begin to learn how to chant Torah. If you know how to read Hebrew, by late fall or early winter you will be chanting Torah.

We need at least 5 students for a 6 week course. We have an amazing teacher, TBZ member Myra Musicant, who has trained many of our Torah readers. The bonus is—it will be fun to learn with other TBZers. If you are interested, contact Reggie at tbzdultlearning@gmail.com.

Adult Learning about Hanukkah

during our Community Hanukkah Party
Sunday, Dec 9, 4 - 6 pm

Save the Date:

Sunday, Feb 10

Women's Day Retreat

Shabbat Afternoon Meditation Opportunities

with Bobbi Isberg and Sheila Yoheved Katz

co-sponsored with Nishmat Hayyim

Nov 10, Shabbat Chayei Sarah & Dec 22, Shabbat Vayigash

1:30 – 5:30 pm

Come together in stillness to be with the truth of what crises and passes, without fixing or adding anything. Be fully alive to the hidden essence of *Shabbat vayinafash*.

Stop and ensoul.

Yoheved Sheila Katz and Bobbi Isberg will lead sitting and walking meditation, chanting, optional gentle yoga and contemplative Torah study.

Bring pillows or anything else that you need for comfort, and a water bottle or thermos to save cups. We'll provide chairs and light Kosher snacks.

There is no fee for attending. All teachings, arrangements, and food are given freely. Please join us in this practice of generosity that is the foundation of our lives, giving what you can after Shabbat ends.

Donation checks can be made out to the TBZ Adult Learning Committee with the date of the Shabbat Meditation Retreat' written on the memo line of your check.

For future Shabbat retreats, please check email announcements from the TBZ Adult Learning Committee and the TBZ website.

We dedicate our practice to the benefit of all beings.

We look forward to sitting with you.

For more information contact Bobbi: isberg@comcast.net

"Hineh ma tov u'ma nayim shevet achim gam yachad."

How good and skillful it is for brothers and sisters to sit together.

Tikkun Olam Group Report on GBIO Senatorial Candidate Accountability Action

by Marjie Siegel

Sixteen TBZ delegates joined close to 900 people at the Senatorial Candidate Accountability Action on Monday October 15th at Temple Israel. The Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) filled the enormous sanctuary with representatives from over 50 different organizations. The purpose of the gathering was for Senate candidates Elizabeth Warren and Scott Brown to hear from people affected by policies on jobs for youth, the foreclosure crisis, immigrant access to higher education and the future of the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare) and to respond directly and unambiguously to questions posed by GBIO.

It was moving to join together and be reminded that GBIO is powerful because of the diverse and numerous voices that come together. We were welcomed by Rev. Burns Stanfield, President of GBIO. He emphasized the power, diversity, and "dazzling" presence in the room and described the event as more of an opportunity for the 2 candidates to meet and hear directly from their constituency rather than simply talking to them.

The questions asked were: - Will you, if you are elected: make federal funding for youth jobs a priority? fight to make those classified as "Temporary Protective Status" or "Deferred Action Status" eligible for federal financial student aid for college? What concrete steps will you take to make college more affordable and to lessen the debt that students carry? Will you dedicate a staff person to issues relating to the

immigrant community and provide GBIO regular access to that person? Will you support principal reduction to real value for homeowners faced with foreclosure? work to demand that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac do principal reduction? work to protect the Health Care Act benefits from being cut or watered down? Would you meet with GBIO sometime in 2013?

Senator Scott Brown declined to participate in the GBIO event and instead met with a GBIO delegate a few days earlier, Rev. Liz Walker from Roxbury Presbyterian Church reported. Sen Brown's answers to the GBIO questions were said to be "no," "maybe" and "I don't know." His responses were focused more on private and state policies/solutions than federal involvement or responsibility.

Candidate Elizabeth Warren responded "yes" to all questions that GBIO presented and elaborated on her commitment to all of these issues. She offered specific actions and strategies and illustrated many points with stories from her own life and the lives of citizens from our state.

As always at GBIO actions the evening began and ended in prayer, reminding us that the teachings of all our traditions are to take responsibility for those who are vulnerable and celebrating democracy and the opportunity we have to choose our leaders.






We were a proud delegation, proud to be part of GBIO. Don't miss the next GBIO action! We will keep you posted.



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 pm, Meah class of 2013	2 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat - Global Hunger Shabbat 	3 Parshat Vayera Global Hunger Shabbat 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - (babysitting available) 1:00 pm, Men's Group
4 5:00 pm, Board Meeting	5 7:30 pm, Synagogue Practices Committee	6 7:00 pm, Faith & Doubt Class with Reb Moshe	7 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban 7:00 pm, Engaging Israel	8 7:00 pm, Meah class of 2013	9 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat - 8 th Graders from Dover Church visiting 	10 Parshat Chayei Sara 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 11:30 am, Mishpachot Services 1:00 pm, Bnei Mitzvah Group w/Rabbis 1:30 pm, Meditation Retreat (see pg. 7)
11 10:00 am, Pottery Workshop (see pg. 11) 7:00 pm, Rosh Hodesh Group	12	13 7:00 pm, Engaging Israel	14 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban	15 7:00 pm, Meah class of 2013	16 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	17 Parshat Toldot 9:30 am, Late Torah Study 11:00 am, Family Shabbat Service for All 1:00 pm, Men's Group
18 Morning, Tikkun Olam Group visioning meeting (see back pg.) 7:30 pm, Brookline, Thanksgiving Service at First Parish (see back pg.)	19	20 7:00 pm, Engaging Israel	21	Thanksgiving Day 22	23 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	24 Parshat Vayerzei Auruf Lilly Peizman & Jeff Borenstein 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
25	26 7:30 pm, Adonai Open Up My Lips with Rav Claudia (see pg. 6)	27 7:00 pm, Engaging Israel	28 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban 7:30 pm, Women's Study Group w/Rav Claudia	29 7:00 pm, Meah class of 2013	30 5:30 pm, Child-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat  6:30 pm, Family Shabbat Dinner (see page 11)	

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Save the Date TBZ Community Meeting DEC 2, 3-5 pm (see pg. 4)						
2 3:00 pm, Community Meeting (see pg. 4) 5:00 pm, Board Meeting	3 7:30 pm, Adonai Open Up My Lips with Rav Claudia (see pg. 6)	4 7:00 pm, Engaging Israel - All Shuls	5 4:00 pm, Beif Rabban	6 7:00 pm, Meah class of 2013	7 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	Hanukkah - 1st Night 8 Parshat Vayeshev 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 11:30 am, Mishpachot Services 1:00 pm, Bnei Mitzvah Group with Rabbis 1:00 pm, Men's Group
Hanukkah - 2nd Night 9 4:00 pm, Community Hanukkah Party (includes adult learning) (see pg. 11) 7:00 pm, Rosh Hodesh Group 	Hanukkah - 3rd Night 10 7:30 pm, Adonai Open Up My Lips with Rav Claudia (see pg. 6)	Hanukkah - 4th Night 11	Hanukkah - 5th Night 12 4:00 pm, Beif Rabban 7:00 pm, Engaging Israel	Hanukkah - 6th Night 13 7:00 pm, Meah class of 2013	Hanukkah - 7th Night 14 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm, Community Hanukkah Dinner (see pg. 2) 	Hanukkah - 8th Night 15 Parshat Mikeitz 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - babysitting available
16	17 7:30 pm, Adonai Open Up My Lips with Rav Claudia (see pg. 6)	18	19 4:00 pm, Beif Rabban 7:00 pm, Engaging Israel	20 7:00 pm, Meah class of 2013	21 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	22 Parshat Vayigash 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 11:30 am, Mishpachot Services 1:00 pm, Men's Group 1:30 pm, Meditation Retreat (see pg. 7)
30	31	25	26	27	28 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	29 Parshat Vayechi 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services

PINAT MISHPACHOT

Introducing the Mishpachot & Beit Rabban Staff

We are excited to introduce our 5773 (2012-2013) Mishpachot & Beit Rabban Staff. Some are returning from last year and some are new to TBZ.

We are blessed to have such a wonderful team of educators.

Suzie Schwartz – Beit Rabban and Mishpachot Coordinator, also leads Efrochim services on Shabbat. (beitrabban@tbzbrookline.org)

Suzie is currently a rabbinical student at Hebrew College. Prior to rabbinical school, Suzie received an MA from the University of Chicago Divinity School, a BA from the Jewish Theological Seminary and a BA from Columbia University. Suzie has been a dedicated Jewish educator and curriculum writer in synagogues, camps and youth groups all over the US. She is active in many Jewish organizations, including Keshet, a grassroots organization dedicated to creating a fully inclusive Jewish community for LGBTQ Jews. Suzie is passionate about Torah, Jewish creativity, social justice and most importantly, her wife JoJo.

Becky Wexler -Bnei Mitzvah Tutor, works with 6th & 7th graders at Beit Rabban, leads Tzeirim & Bnei Mitzvah services on Shabbat & coordinates & develops Bnei Mitzvah programs. (beckywex@yahoo.com)

Becky is a cantorial student at Hebrew College and a klezmer clarinetist who performs throughout the United States and Canada. She has tutored B'nai Mitzvah students since the age of 15 and has enjoyed working in many different capacities in various synagogues in the Boston area. This year, she looks forward to coordinating the TBZ b'nei mitzvah program, working with Beit Rabban and T'fillot Mishpachot, and also continuing her cantorial internship at TBZ.

Micah Shapiro – Ktanim II, teaches 2nd & 3rd graders at Beit Rabban & leads Ktanim Services on Shabbat. (shapiro.micah@gmail.com)

Micah is a rabbinical student at Hebrew College. In addition to teaching at Beit Rabban, Micah also teaches at the Sunday School for Jewish Studies in Newton. This past summer, he was the lower camp music director at the JCC Kaleidoscope Arts and Science Camp. Micah is also an active musician outside of teaching, having toured and recorded with multiple groups. He graduated from McGill University with a bachelors degree in Sociology. Micah's family lives in Israel and he has been there more times than he can count. He is excited to bring his spirit and mind to the TBZ community.

Miriam Diamond – Hebrew Learning Specialist (diamond.mir@lycos.com)



Miriam Rosalyn Diamond is a Jewish educator who has studied in the U.S. and Israel. She holds a Ph.D. in Education, with coursework in Hebrew, Judaic Studies and supporting people who learn differently. Miriam has deep expertise leading children, adults and families on explorations of Judaism and its relevance to our lives. She has published books and articles on effective teaching, promoting religious literacy and fostering ethical awareness. Miriam is eager to engage all Beit Rabban students in developing greater facility and confidence with the Hebrew language.

Jordan Braunig: Ktanim I, teaches Kindergarten-1st Grade at Beit Rabban. (jordanbraunig@gmail.com)

Jordan Braunig is a fourth-year rabbinical student at Hebrew College returning from a year of living and studying in Jerusalem. He has experience teaching both in religious school and informal educational settings in synagogues, camps and Hillels from Manhattan to Miami to Mississippi. Jordan has enjoyed davening and celebrating Shabbatot at TBZ since coming to Boston and is looking forward to being a part of the Beit Rabban team. When not in the Beit Midrash at Hebrew College, Jordan is often pushing a stroller around Jamaica Plain where he lives with Casey and their two-year-old, Levi.

David Winship: Tzeirim, teaches 4th– 5th grade at Beit Rabban (dpwinship@gmail.com)

David Winship grew up in Brookline, MA and attended a variety of Religious schools and institutions across the denominations. David graduated from Brandeis University with a BA in Philosophy in 2010 and begins a Rabbinical degree at Hebrew College this fall. David has worked actively in Jewish education and camping programs for the past 11 years and has been a head classroom teacher for the past six. He has also served as a special needs aide, private tutor, and b'nei mitzvah teacher. David's teaching style is deeply connected to his faith and he looks forward to creating an exciting, dynamic environment his year.

Ongoing Programs During November and December

Tfillot Yeladim: Nov 10, Dec 8, 22

Babysitting: Nov 3, Dec 1, 15,

Bnei Mitzvah Group: Nov 10, Dec 8

Beit Rabban: Nov 7, 14, 28, Dec 5, 12, 19

Annual calendar can be found on our website.

Mishpachot Pottery Workshop

Nov 11, 10-11:30 & 12-1:30 (please note change of date)

Join with *Efrochim*, *Ktantanim*, and *Tzeirim* (up to 5th grade) families for a pottery workshop with artist Sasha Bergmann Lichtenstein.

We will have two sessions, 10-11:30 am and 12 pm-1:30 pm, each limited to twelve families.

RSVP needed to save your spot! (GO TO OUR WEBSITE).

Cost: \$12 per family to cover materials.

By signing up you are committing to attend, as there are limited spots.

This program is for TBZ members only. (If you are unable to pay the cost, please, contact Rav Claudia)

Artist bio: Sasha is the ceramics and sculpture teacher at Gann Academy, and teaches ceramics at JCDS. She sells her pottery at Kolbo and the Arsenal Center for the Ceramic Arts and enjoys completing many personalized commissions. Sasha had a one-woman exhibition at the Mayyim Hayyim Gallery. In addition, Sasha has created collaborative art projects nation-wide and in Israel where she brings communities of people together through large-scale sculptural art projects. Visit her website at: www.sashacreations.com.

Family Service

Nov 17, 11:00 am -12:30 pm

Please join us on Nov 17th, *Shabbat Parshat Toldot*, for a joyful, fun and vibrant service in the Sanctuary. The service will include a shorter-than-usual *Shacharit* and Torah service with some story telling. It will be welcoming for children and adults alike.

This is NOT a children's service, but a Family Service for the whole community. Because of the later start, Torah Study will be held from 9:30-10:30.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 5th ANNUAL COMMUNITY RETREAT

APRIL 26-28

Look for more information in the next *Koleinu*.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner

Nov 30

5:30 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat (at 1550 Beacon St., next door to TBZ)

6:30 pm Dinner (at TBZ)

Please join us at 5:30 pm for Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 1550 Beacon Street (next door to TBZ), with residents of the Senior Home.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm in the TBZ community room.

Sign up online or by calling the office.

617-566-8171 ext 14.

Deadline: Monday November 26.

Reservations will not be accepted after this date.

Adults: \$20
Children 3-16: \$10
1550 Residents: \$10
under 3 years old: no cost



Deliveries of Holiday Gifts to Our Neighbors at 1550

Sunday, Dec 2, 10:00 am

Meet at the entrance to 1550 Beacon Street.

Please let us know if you will join us on our website.

Save the Date for Our Annual Hanukkah Party Sun, Dec 9, 4-6 pm 2nd Night of Hanukkah



Please join us for: Songs, Storytelling, Games, Crafts, Candle Lighting, *Latkes* & *Sufganyiot*, and an adult learning session (details to come) Lots of fun for all !!!

Bring the family and your *Hanukkiyah*.
Let us know if you will join us on our website.

New: TBZ's Parents Google Group

We have created a new google group called "TBZ Parents", to provide an easy way for TBZ families with children to communicate with one another. Whether your child is at Beit Rabban, a Jewish Day School, or not currently in a religious school, you will be able to ask questions about events at TBZ, let others know about local family- friendly events, discuss issues related to raising Jewish children, and more. If you have any questions or would like to join this group, email our **Mishpachof Co-Chairs, Jenny Berz** (jbberz@gmail.com) or **Evonne Meranus** (evonnemeranus@comcast.net). We hope you take advantage of this group as a way to keep in touch and continue building connection among ourselves.

Save the Date: Mitzvah Day at Family Table Jan 6, in the morning

(exact time to be announced soon)

1430 Main Street, Waltham, MA 02451

JF&CS Family Table provides extra food items for Family Table recipients to ensure that all families have the food needed to celebrate and observe Pesach. This means packing approximately 640 additional bags of food—above and beyond what Family Table normally provides – for the Passover Food Distribution.

TBZ members will gather on Jan 6th at JF&CS for the TBZ Mitzvah Day and create an assembly line of children and adults to pack bags, learn about Family Table and participate in some learning about tzedakah and tikkun olam.

This is a great opportunity for ALL TBZ members to participate in a mitzvah together.

More details to come soon.

Photos from Sukkot Family Education Program



A Welcoming Community for All

A message from the Development Committee

Carol Kamin and Sue Kahn, co-chairs

The High Holidays remind us of the gift that TBZ gives to us every day- a true spiritual home with our unique blend of Jewish tradition, innovation and commitment to social justice. Deborah Chassler's moving Kol Nidre appeal also reminds us of the welcoming community we are for all- for everyone from newborn babies to elders in their 90's and beyond. And as Deborah said, sustaining our vibrant and inclusive community requires everyone to pitch in.

Many of you generously responded by making a pledge on Kol Nidre or another time during the High Holidays. As of mid-October, we have already

received \$96,000 in gifts and pledges toward our Annual goal of \$190,000, so we're halfway there!

If you have already made your gift, thank you so much. It's important to note that whatever you can give will help us to maintain the TBZ tradition of not turning anyone away from membership in our loving congregation.

If you'd like to still make a gift, you can mail in a check, contact the office, or donate on our website at www.tbzbrookline.org.

With everyone's help, we can look forward to the year ahead as a time to talk about how best to build on everything that is good and beautiful about TBZ and we welcome your suggestions and participation. We would be happy if you'd like to join us at our next Development Committee meeting on Sunday evening, November 11. Write Carol (carol.kamin@gmail.com) or Sue (susanrkahn223@aol.com) for more details.



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***From Prayer to Social Action
TBZ's Tikkun Olam Group***

Creating opportunities to make a difference
as a Jewish Community

Join us the morning of **November 18**, time to
be announced, for a visioning meeting about
Tikkun Olam and TBZ.

contact j_schecht@hotmail.com for more
information

***Join us for a Brookline Interfaith
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November 18, 7:30 pm

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