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

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.

Mazel Tov!

• To Barbara Moss on the marriage of her daughter, Ayesha Cammaerts to Gabrial 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 mitzvah 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.

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!

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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 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

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.

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 year’s 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.

Save the Date:
Sunday, Feb 10
Women’s Day Retreat

Adult Learning about Hanukkah
during our Community Hanukkah Party
Sunday, Dec 9, 4 - 6 pm
**Tikkun Olam Group Report on GBIO Senatorial Candidate Accountability Action**

By Marjie Siegel

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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 GLBTQ 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 – Ktantanim II, teaches 2nd & 3rd graders at Beit Rabban & leads Ktantanim 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: Ktantanim 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 davenning 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

Tfilot 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 though large-scale sculptural art projects. Visit her website at: www.sashacreations.com.

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.

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.

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 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.

Save THE DATE FOR OUR 5th ANNUAL COMMUNITY RETREAT
APRIL 26-28
Look for more information in the next Koleinu.
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 Mishpachot 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.

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.

Photos from Sukkot Family Education Program

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.
Donations

(Donors 8/2/12 - 10/10/12)
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Fran Shull Adams
Seth Alper & Roberta Isberg
Alyssa Altman
Frederick & Marcia Altman
Lester & Esfira Annenberg
Frederique Apfel-Marglin
Jerome Avorn & Karen Tucker
Richard Bankhead
Kathryn Barak
Daniel & Lisa Barrett
Mila Bensonoff
Morton Berenson
Rabbi Daniel Berman & Sarah Meyers
Paul & Phyllis Berz
Mark Blogier
Jeffrey Borenstein
Anne Braudy
David Breakstone
Sue Brent
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Ronna Tapper-Goldman
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Stevan & Nina Goldman
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Marcia Goldstein
Charles Goldstone
Richard Goldstone
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• Chuck Goldstone IHO the yahrzeit of his father, Robert Goldstone.

• Rick Bankhead IHO the yahrzeit of his father, Harry R. Bankhead.

• Zina Pelzman, Lilly Pelzman, Jeff Borenstein and the grandchildren of Abraham Pelzman IHO the yahrzeit of Abraham Pelzman.

• Jonathan Klein and Amy Schottenfels IHO Jonathan’s 60th birthday, and IHO the aufruf of their son Jake and his fiancée Gemina Mekhlin.

• Bobbi Isberg and Seth Alper IHO the Yahrzeit of Bobbi’s father, Emil Isberg.

• Rhoda Alani, Philip Cole, and Esperance Alani IHO the bat mitzvah daughter and granddaughter, Hannah.

• Rebecca Mautner, Yano, and Sarah Henya IHO the Yahrzeit of Rebecca’s uncle, Wilhelm Mautner.

• Marilyn Paul and David Stroh IHO the unveiling for Marilyn’s father, Norman Paul.
**From Prayer to Social Action**
**TBJ’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.

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**Join us for a Brookline Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

**November 18, 7:30 pm**

First Parish in Brookline

382 Walnut St, Brookline