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Reb Moshe's Message

Dear *Haverim* and
Haverot,

Our celebratory spiral
continues as we look

forward to Pesach
on Monday night, March
25. We will gather together
with family and friends
to retell the story of our
emergence as a people
from slavery to freedom.
The interface with the
Divine and Universal Power,
the Source of Life, is based
on the story of a specific
people in a specific
circumstance. But, over
the millennia, this story
has inspired people of all
faiths and backgrounds.

Our spiritual contribution over these last
thousands of years is to see freedom
as part of a unique Divine-human
relationship. This relationship is dynamic.
The Divine Power of Redemption is
activated by the human desire to be
free. Freedom can never be imposed;
one cannot be liberated by another's
actions; true liberation is a result of both
external and internal factors.

Our traditions tell us that it took hundreds
of years for the Israelites to realize that
they were even enslaved. It took the
shock of the Egyptian edict to slay the
first born Israelite males to begin the
process of civil disobedience by the
Hebrew midwives. This in turn led to

other acts of civil disobedience: the
"launching" of baby Moshe into the Nile
by his sister, Miriam; Pharaoh's daughter
rescuing the baby and bringing him into
her father's court; Moshe's intervention
in the beating of a
Hebrew slave by an
Egyptian taskmaster.
These actions prepare
the way for the entry
of the Divine into the
historical struggle.
Human actions pave
the way for the inserting
of Divine meaning into
our lives.



As we look around us we
see so many versions of
slavery; so many who live
in fear. This fear underlies

the shockingly deep connection of
American society to guns. The horror of
Newtown, Connecticut has provided
the stark canvas for the need to face
these fears; fears of those who are
potential victims of gun culture, as well
as the fears that prompt so many to
own guns.

Can we liberate ourselves from these
fears? Can we break away from our
culture of guns as means of protection
from the Other? This liberation cannot
come from outside of us. American
culture, as most cultures, is a result of
conflict and revolution. We emerged
as a people out of rebellion and

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violence. We maintained ourselves as a United States through horrendous violence. We expanded our hegemony over the frontier with tremendous violence and destruction of indigenous peoples. We, from our very beginnings as an American people, achieved our liberation through the barrel of a gun. We fought for our definition of what our Union would be for five of the most violent years in our history in a civil war. We did not rely, as the Israelites in Egypt, on signs and wonders of a Divine hand, but rather on our own trigger fingers.

There is no way to talk about controlling gun violence in our society without facing the brutal facts that guns are seen as liberating; that guns are seen as ways to protect ourselves from "Them", whomever they may be. Our being slaves to fear provides the background on which human life is not held sacred. Fewer and fewer see the Divine-human encounter in ourselves and in others. Fewer and fewer instill within their children the deep understanding that all human beings are created *betzelem elohim*, in the image of the Divine.

The lack of empathy for the Other is the greatest obstacle to our liberation. It is our fears that prevent us from standing together as a people to protect ourselves in the most profound ways; to open our hearts to those afflicted with the pain of poverty and rejection; to the pain that leads to the gun as a vehicle for liberation from that pain; to open our minds to the fact that our protection from the other is not secured by an assault rifle- but rather through dialogue and mutual recognition of our humanity.

It is precisely law-abiding gun owners who can lead this crusade towards sanity. These are the folks who recognize the potential results of gun violence. This crusade to stem the mayhem we see around us has to be led by

parents and preachers, family and friends of those who are afflicted with delusion and despair. To prevent our young people from becoming inner-city gang members or suburban recluses, both seething with anger over the conditions they find themselves in, we must come together as a community to realize that to take another person's life is a form of insanity. Our mental health is not only in the hands of "professionals" but in all of our hands.

As we sit around tables at our family gatherings we must speak of liberation that does not come through the barrel of a gun. We must speak of liberation that comes from our capacity to be open to the Divine Source of Life that animates us physically and spiritually; that demands of us a reverence for life. We must strive to be free of fear as we share this remarkable and "revolutionary" democratic experiment called the United States of America.

We will never be able to control guns until we look deeply within ourselves and ask: Is there another way of perceiving our society? Is there another way of seeing the "Other"? We may fantasize that external regulations will somehow "change" our behaviors, but, truth be told, without a sense of inner liberation from fear, gun possession will remain a hallmark of American society. A culture of gun violence can only be challenged when we act swiftly and decidedly to rehabilitate ourselves from these misconceptions. This can only be done at the micro level.

The message of our Passover Seder tables will resound to free us from the shackles of the past to the opportunities of the future.

My family joins me in wishing us all a *ziss un kushern pesach*—a sweet and kosher Pesach—a time of rebirth and renewal.

Reb Moshe



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Mazel Tov!

מזל טוב!



- To Katherine Gergen Barnett and Mark Barnett on the birth of a baby girl, Hannah Bina.
- To Deborah Cohen and Daniel Goldner on the birth of a baby girl, Lillian Sophie.
- To Jonathan Klein on his being honored by the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA)
- To Talia Lanckton on her *bat mitzvah*. Talia is the daughter of Rabbi Ben Lanckton and Alisa Lincoln.

Condolences

- To Jeremy Gross on the death of his step-father, Ross Green.
- To Barbara and Lenny Jacobs on the death of Barbara's mother, Muriel Saltzman.
- To Kimbell DiCero and Diane O'Donoghue on the death of Kimbell's father, Eugene DiCero.
- To Sara Smolover, Larry Kraus, and their family on the death of Sara's father, Albert Smolover.
- To David and Jeralyn Ellowitz on the death of David's mother, Grace Ellowitz.
- To Meredith Joy on the death of her mother, Frances Celia Joy.
- To Audrey Wagner on the death of her father, David Wagner.
- To the family of Marjorie Brody, TBZ member, who passed away.

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

HaMakom yenakhem otam im shear avlei Tziyon vYrushalayim.

ברוכים הבאים

Welcome to Our
New Members!

Ilana Goldowitz and Jorge Jimenez
Shafi Goldwasser and Nir Shavit
Shoshanna Korn-Meyer and Stan Meyer

Thank you!

To Ginni Hamburg for bringing our bulk mail to the Newtonville Post Office and for maintaining order in our often chaotic kitchen.

Co-Presidents' Message

David Cherenon & Jenni Seicol

As we enter the third month of TBZ's new leadership structure (at the time of this writing), we thought we'd give you an update on what is happening and how you can help. As always, most of our work is done by teams. We call them committees, but they are just groups of people who get something done together that makes a difference, and get to know each other in the process.

Two new committees starting up are Leadership Development and Strategic Planning. Many of us want to get better at moving from ideas into action, at working together effectively, at building teams and involving new people, and at using our group meeting times well. Those are skills (among others) that our new Leadership Development Committee will help us to sharpen.

So much is evolving at TBZ – our burgeoning population of families with young children, the need for program, study, staff, and communal space in our well-used building, the challenge of meeting our financial needs in a time of rising costs and diminishing affiliation with religious institutions in general (though we are lucky to have sustained stable membership). These are some of the issues that our new Strategic Planning Committee will grapple with, as they look to anticipate and plan for our long-term needs.

We are also establishing a new Communications Committee. We can get better at keeping in touch with each other, working efficiently, making information available that will help our members stay informed, and reaching out to people outside our community. Those will be some of the goals that this new group will help to accomplish.

There is so much happening at TBZ, and many people behind the scenes who make it happen. We have programming for adults and children, many opportunities for study

and spiritual growth, help for people in need or those who have recently become members, groups focusing on social action and on our connection with Israel, people helping to make sure our finances and our building are both in good shape, and many other activities.

If you are not participating in one or more of these areas, or you would like to step up your level of involvement, we need you! We all create the future of this community – together. Please be involved. Visit our website to find out more (tbzbrookline.org). While there, sign up to help on one Friday evening or Saturday morning with an Oneg or Kiddush. It's a simple gift of time, and it makes a difference.

We are always happy to talk about your interests and needs. You can reach us at copresidents@tbzbrookline.org.

B'Shalom,

Jenni & David



Message from Rav Claudia

Dear Haverim v'Haverot,

At the beginning of February, more than sixty TBZ members joined together in each others homes to enjoy Shabbat meals. It was our first *MishpaHost*, an initiative of the *Mishpachot* (Families) committee with the goal of connecting TBZ families with one another in an intimate setting.

Last December I taught a class on prayer. We met for four weeks to grapple with questions relating to our experience of prayer and explore ways to create more meaningful personal and communal prayer practices. From this class we developed an initiative of connecting people to work on spiritual *hevrutot* (partnership).

Throughout the past year, the *Tikkun Olam* group has been growing through a deep process of redefining itself and its goals. One of the next steps is to have what we are calling relational meetings. These are one-to-one meetings between *Tikkun Olam* group members to get to know each other more deeply and to better understand what drew us all to be part of this group.

Why do I share this with you? And what do these three stories have in common?

TBZ is a wonderful place, with a variety of programming for all ages and interests. You could be at TBZ every evening and find something to do and something to learn. But there is something that TBZ cannot do for you, which is to create and develop the personal relationships that so many of us are looking for. Being part of a community means getting to know one another, not only by saying Shabbat Shalom to someone whom you have never met, but by engaging with members of the community outside of shul and creating deep connection.

Pesach is a wonderful opportunity to think about ways to connect with one another. *Pesach* is a holiday that teaches us about opening our doors and inviting those whom we know and those whom we do not know to our Seder tables. We literally open the door twice during the Seder:

Once as we say the words of the *Ha-Lachma Anya*:

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

Whoever is hungry, let them come and eat.

Whoever is needy, let them come and celebrate Pesach!

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

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



And a second time as we welcome and invite the prophet Elijah to our tables.

We open our doors twice, to real people and to the possibility of redemption, perhaps because redemption cannot come if our doors are not open to friendship and companionship.

As we begin to prepare for Passover, I would like to challenge all of us to find ways to connect with one another more deeply and more meaningfully. These are some suggestions:

- Invite a TBZ member for a Shabbat dinner- someone you don't know at all or someone you usually just say *Shabbat shalom* to at *Shul* but never have had the opportunity for real conversation. And remember a *Shabbat* meal can be a simple dinner gathering; it does not need to be a fancy dinner.
- Go out for coffee or for a walk with a TBZ member whose company you have enjoyed on *Shabbat* or at a class and whom you would like to get to know better.
- During *Kiddush*, sit with someone new and begin a conversation.
- During the week, call someone whom you love seeing on *Shabbat* and check in with that person.

We at TBZ will continue creating programs to help you connect with others, but don't wait for us!

My family joins me in wishing you a meaningful *Pesach*.

Rav Claudia



Kiddush and Oneg Sponsors



- Rav Claudia, Rabbi Ebn Leader and Alma IHO the 10th Anniversary of Rav Claudia's receiving *smicha* (rabbinical ordination)
- Marion and Stanley Freedman-Gurspan IHO the *yahrzeit* of Marion's father, Abe Freedman.
- Rabbi Sam and Jenni Seicol IHO the *yahrzeits* of Jenni's grandfather, Samuel Lewis, and her sister, Ellen Ann Lewis.
- Phyllis Brawarsky and Noah Fasten, and Ed De Vos and Judy Schechtman IHO the naming of their grandson.
- Amy Voorhes and Selwyn Notelovitz IHO Beryl Notelovitz and IHO the entire TBZ Community.
- Reggie Silberberg IHO the first *yahrzeit* of her father, Harry Zielonka.
- Rabbi Ben Lanckton and Alisa Lincoln IHO the *bat mitzvah* of their daughter, Talia.
- Bobbi Isberg and Seth Alper IHO the *yahrzeit* of Bobbi's mother, Sylvia Isberg.
- Yechezkel Lawrence IHO the *yahrzeit* of his mother, Ruth Lawrence.
- Debbie Cohen and Daniel Goldner IHO the birth of their daughter, Lillian Sophie.



Adult Learning at TBZ

by Reggie Silberberg, chair

The TBZ Adult Learning Committee will reconvene this spring. We look forward to seeing all those who attended the fall meeting and welcome any newcomers who would like to help create new TBZ learning opportunities. We commend both Beth Marx for initiating the Gabbai Course, and Priscilla Stein for Vodka and Values, the TBZ salons with Reb Moshe. We

will continue to expand our scope, joining with other committees to bring innovative Jewish education to our community. For more information, contact Reggie at tbzadultlearning@gmail.com or our rabbis at rebmoshe@tbzbrookline.org or ravclaudia@tbzbrookline.org.

Currently our plans include:

<p>Mindful Thursdays</p> <p>12-1:00 pm in the small dining room, (previously called the chapel).</p> <p>More info will follow.</p>	<p>With Reb Moshe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lunch & Learn</i> will continue to meet in the small dining room, Tues, 12-1:00 pm • <i>How to Write a D'var Torah</i>, Tues, Mar 5, 2, 19 7-8:30 pm • <i>Selections from Rambam's (Maimonides) Moreh Nevuchim—The Guide for the Perplexed</i> Tues, April 23, 30, & May 7 7-8:30 pm • <i>The Path of Blessing: An Exploration into the First 6 Words of Every Bracha (blessing)</i> Tues, May 21, 28, June 4, 11 & 18 7-8:30 pm 	<p>TBZ Book Club</p> <p>Sun, March 3, 7:00 pm next door at 1550 Beacon St., 3rd floor</p> <p>We will discuss <i>The Dovekeepers</i> by Alice Hoffman. If you arrive after 7:15 pm, call 617-794-0429 and someone will open the door.</p> 
<p>With Rav Claudia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Study Group, 7:30-9:00 pm Wed, March 6, Deborah & Hannah Mon, April 8, Abigail & Hulda • Spring Course To Be Announced Weds, April 3, 10, 17, 24 7:30-9:00 pm (will include music, text, Shabbat, and more), 		
<p>Shabbat Afternoon Meditation Retreats</p> <p>1:30-5:30 pm in the Sanctuary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 9, <i>Shabbat Vayakhel-Pekudei</i> • April 6, <i>Shabbat Shimini</i> 	<p>Please note that Adult Learning courses are always announced via email, both in the TBZ Adult Learning and TBZ Shabbat Announcements.</p> <p>Look forward to seeing you there.</p>	

Save the Date

April 13, 2013 at TBZ

The Magic of Hebrew Chant: Healing the Spirit, Transforming the Mind, Deepening Love with Rabbi Shefa Gold

Doors open at 8:00 pm • Co-sponsored by Nishmat Hayyim and TBZ

It turns out that the magic words of Creation, Transformation, Healing and the expression of our Infinite Depths have been hidden in plain sight in the words of our inheritance – words that lie sleeping on the page, just waiting for our love to arouse them. Join us for a magical evening of Chant.

Rabbi Shefa Gold is a beloved teacher of mysticism, prayer, and Spirituality, and has pioneered the practice of Hebrew Chant for today's Jewish world. She is the

director of C-DEEP, The Center for Devotional, Energy and Ecstatic Practice in Jemez Springs, New Mexico and the author of *Torah Journeys: The Inner Path to the Promised Land* and *In the Fever of Love: An Illumination of the Song of Songs*. She has also produced a dozen albums of Spiritual music. Shefa combines her grounding in Judaism with a background in Buddhist, Christian, Islamic, and Native American spiritual traditions to make her uniquely qualified as a spiritual bridge celebrating the shared path of devotion.

Save These Dates

A Three-Part Program in Commemoration of Yom HaShoah The Holocaust, Liberation, and Reflections

Daniel Jonah Goldhagen, PhD

Sunday, April 7, at 7:30 pm in the TBZ Sanctuary

Dr. Goldhagen is the author of the #1 international bestseller *Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust* (Vintage, 1997), which has been published in fifteen languages, and named by *Time* one of the two best non-fiction books of 1996. He is also author of *Worse Than War: Genocide, Eliminationism, and the Ongoing Assault on Humanity* (PublicAffairs 2009), which, ten years in the making, is about reconceptualizing, understanding, and finally stopping genocide. It has also been made into a documentary, www.goldhagen.com.

Bernice Lerner, EdD, Director of Adult Learning at Hebrew College

Sunday, April 14, at 7:30 pm in the TBZ Sanctuary

Dr. Lerner is the author of *The Triumph of Wounded Souls: Seven Holocaust Survivors' Lives* and is currently working on a book about her mother's liberation.

and finally, a work in progress:

Reflections on the Holocaust

Sunday, April 21, time to be determined

On this day we hope to join with survivors, children of survivors, grandchildren of survivors, and anyone who has been deeply affected by the Holocaust.

More details on all of the above will be available via email and flyers.

Join the NEW ISRAEL FUND For Their Annual Celebration of Israel

Co-Sponsored by TBZ

A Conversation with A.B. Yehoshua

Renewal, Peace and Possibility in Challenging Times

Moderated by Professor Susannah Heschel

Wednesday, March 20

Hebrew College, Newton

Community Program, Dessert and Champagne Reception featuring the Israeli Jazz Ensemble, the Ehud Eftun Trio.

7:30 – 9:30 pm

\$18. General Admission

\$10. Students

RSVP by March 12 to New Israel Fund (617) 467-5678



A.B. Yehoshua is one of the great Israeli novelists of all time.

A master storyteller, Mr. Yehoshua is a leading voice for democracy, equality and social change in his beloved country. Never one to shy away from the complexities, controversies and social realities of Israel, Mr. Yehoshua will address his vision for renewal and redemption in post-election Israel in a discussion with distinguished scholar and author Susannah Heschel.

Tikkun Olam: Social Action at TBZ

Save the date for the 2013 Walk for Hunger — Sunday, May 5th!

Always the first Sunday in May, The Walk for Hunger will be held on May 5th this year. It can be hard to imagine, but being chronically hungry is the fate of more than 750,000 people in Massachusetts. Join a group of walkers from TBZ, or plan to help with our snack station at TBZ (we'd love to see you there) or think about which TBZ walkers you want to sponsor. Get ready to join over 43,000 people (and many more when we include sponsors) to help us end hunger in Massachusetts! Good food nourishes the body and the spirit. With regular meals, a child is free to grow, to think, to ask a question, to tell a joke.

You can walk to TBZ or walk the whole 20 miles, but we would love your participation in any way that you would like to join in.

E-mail Marilyn Paul at mpaul3@comcast.net with your questions or ideas about how you would like to contribute to this meaningful way that we can work together to help alleviate hunger in our state.

Co sponsored by the Tikkun Olam Group and the Mishpachot Committee.



FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: Family Table at JC&FS

Each of us at TBZ can feed a hungry Jewish family. Help us meet our monthly obligation!

We met our goal in January & February thanks to all of you.

35 boxes of whole grain crackers
65 cans/boxes of vegetarian soup
(some low sodium please!)

Special Passover Contribution:

20 boxes of matzo and 20 containers of macaroons by March 4th! Passover foods are a luxury some Jewish families can't afford.

Questions about how you can help? Contact Lisa Lovett, lovetl.lisa@gmail.com.

The 8th Annual Cape Verdean-Jewish Passover Seder

On **Wednesday, March 20th** the 8th Annual Cape Verdean-Jewish Passover Seder will be held. In recent years it has been attended by 200 people, about equally divided between Jews and Cape Verdeans, and some Cape Verdeans who are also Jewish. This year, there are 3 TBZ members on the Planning Committee: Joel Kershner is co-chair, and Martha Grey and Elana Steinberg are committee members. As in previous years, TBZ has enthusiastically endorsed the event. If you would like to attend this free event or have any questions, email capeverdeanjewishseder@gmail.com soon. The Seder has been filled to capacity in years past.

Since 2006 this extraordinary event has brought together Jews and Cape Verdeans to explore the broad areas of commonality between the two communities. First, we are both diaspora peoples, with the majority of each group living far from its homeland. Second, we share a common immigrant experience here in the U.S. Third, both groups have prevailed over tremendous hardships. In addition, in relation to

the theme of Passover, both peoples have experienced the journey from slavery to freedom, both literally and metaphorically.

There were two waves of Jewish immigration to Cape Verde, a nation of 10 islands 300 miles off the coast of West Africa: Portuguese Jews in the 15th and 16th Centuries and Moroccan Jews in the 19th Century. The result is that, while there is no community of practicing Jews in Cape Verde at this time, there are many Cape Verdeans (perhaps as many as 20%), both there and here, that proudly trace their ancestry to these Jewish immigrants.

This volunteer-organized event has succeeded in bringing together two groups that previously has had little contact with each other. They have even created their own Haggadah in English and Cape Verdean Creole, with prayers and songs in Hebrew - the very first to incorporate Jewish and Cape Verdean cultures. We hope you will join us in this wonderful evening of community, song, and sharing.



Support Social Justice and an Investment in the People of Massachusetts

By Leora Faiber

As one of the speakers noted, Massachusetts is specifically a Commonwealth, meaning that "what we can't do alone, we can do together". This principle permeated the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization's (GBIO) exciting Delegates Assembly held on Thursday, February 7. About 150 people attended from numerous synagogues, churches, and mosques around the state. The purpose of the meeting was to propose and vote on the revenue reform platform. Based on a desire to have a just society and to adjust for the problems caused by declining state funding over the last 10+ years in many core areas, GBIO adopted the following positions with support from all the Delegates.

- That \$2 billion for the State of Massachusetts is raised in new revenue, and the revenue package will be progressive in its overall effect.
- That this \$2 billion in new revenue will be targeted primarily towards education and transportation initiatives, with maintaining health care as a major spending priority.
- That GBIO will not endorse any particular tax package at this time.

- That GBIO will demand accountability for budgeting decisions made with new revenue.

Governor Patrick has presented his tax package, and in the next couple of months the House and the Senate will offer their proposed budgets. Then there will be pretty intense negotiations before any of the proposals are passed. GBIO will be involved in a campaign throughout this time.

Believing that what we can't do by ourselves, we can do collectively, please come out to demonstrate public support for New and Fair Revenue at the Press Conference on Thursday, March 14, 12-2:00 pm, to be held at the State House. TBZ is proud to be a member of GBIO and to be part of this important advocacy work. We committed to bringing at least 10 people to be part of the GBIO delegation. Please join us!

Contact Leora Faiber (lafaiber@gmail.com) to RSVP. To learn more about the GBIO proposal, please contact Leora or Carol Kamin (carol.kamin@gmail.com).

Winship Tutors

by Susan Snider

TBZ members care about making the world a better place. One way we do this is by helping students at the Winship Elementary School in Brighton who don't read at grade level. Temple Beth Zion has partnered with the Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy for the past 14 years, providing tutors to the Winship School. This year we have ten members tutoring students in grades K-5.

I have been tutoring at Winship for the past eight years. As I walk up the front stairs every Wednesday morning, I enter a busy multi-racial, multi-cultural environment with art projects and social studies reports adorning the walls and children's voices emanating from the doors in the wide corridors. This year I am working with two students in first grade and three in kindergarten. I spend a half an hour with each of my first graders reading books and working with them on spelling and writing. This particular teacher writes a specific agenda each week with the topics she would like addressed. I will spend the first few minutes having them read to me from their bag of books which are at their reading level. We will work on phonetically sounding out words, practicing high frequency sight words, and developing fluency. Sometimes I review their weekly spelling words and practice the long or short vowels sounds that they are learning, and at other times we play games such as sight word bingo or memory.

The students love reading out loud and are also eager to show me the stories they are writing. In kindergarten I work with a group of three kids together and occasionally I take them individually. They are learning letters and vowel sounds, shapes, and other fundamental skills which are reinforced through playing games and other activities that the teacher organizes. The children are so delighted to have the one to one time with an adult and a very special relationship develops over the year. I have worked in every grade from K through 3 and with the older children, I helped them with reading fluency and comprehension skills as well as writing. Teachers usually chose students who are at the lower level in reading who they feel will benefit from individual attention. It has been an incredibly rewarding experience for me to connect with these children and to make a difference in their learning. I look at the smiles on their faces and feel their pride when they succeed, and it makes my own heart sing with joy. (The hugs are an added bonus!)

If you would like more information about tutoring, feel free to contact me at sgsnider@me.com. Try it—you'll get more than you give.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 am, Women's Retreat 10:30 am, Boston Jewish Food Conference (off-site) (see pg. 14) 7:00 pm, Book Club @ 1550 Beacon (see pg. 6)	4	5 12:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe (see pg. 6) 7:00 pm, How to Write a D'var Torah w/Reb Moshe (see pg. 6)	6 4:00 pm, Beif Rabban 7:30 pm, Women's Study Group (see pg. 6)	7 7:00 pm, Meah class of 2013	8 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat w/Kol Libeinu Band (see back page)	9 Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 11:30 am, Mishpachot Services 1:00 pm, Bnei Mitzvah Group with Rabbis 1:30 pm, Shabbat Afternoon Retreat (see pg. 6)
10 9:30 am, Tikkun Olam Group 6:00 pm, Teen Girls Rosh Hodesh (off-site) 7:00 pm, Rosh Hodesh Group	11 7:30 pm, Israel Committee	12 12:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe (see pg. 6) 7:00 pm, How to Write a D'var Torah w/Reb Moshe (see pg. 6) 7:30 pm, Book Club at JCC for Book Fair	13 4:00 pm, Beif Rabban 7:30 pm, Synagogue Practices Committee	14 7:00 pm, Meah class of 2013	15 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat	16 Parshat Vayera 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - babysitting available 1:30 pm, Men's Group
17 10:00 am, Family Pesach Seder and Adult Learning/Deliveries to 1550 Beacon (see pg. 13)	18	19 12:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe (see pg. 6) 6:00 pm, JF&CS Building Credit Workshop 7:00 pm, How to Write a D'var Torah w/Reb Moshe (see pg. 6)	20 4:00 pm, Beif Rabban 7:30 pm, Conversation w/A.B. Yehoshua (see pg. 7)	21 7:00 pm, Meah class of 2013	22 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat	23 Parshat Tzav Bat Mitzvah - Zoe Dukah 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
24 Pesach Day 6 - Hol Hamoed 31	25 Pesach Seder	26 Pesach Day 1 10:00 am, Pesach Services - NO Torah Study	27 Pesach Day 2	28 Pesach Day 3 - Hol Hamoed	29 Pesach Day 4 - Hol Hamoed 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat	30 Pesach Day 5 - Hol Hamoed NO Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - Men's Group Shabbat 11:30 am, Mishpachot Services

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7 Yom Hashoah 6:00 pm, Teen Girls Rosh Hodesh - off-site 7:00 pm, Rosh Hodesh Group 7:30 Yom Hashoah Program (see pg. 7)	8	9 12:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe (see pg. 6)	10 4:00 pm, Beif Rabban 7:30 pm, Adult Learning Class w/Rav Claudia (see pg. 6)	11 7:00 pm, Meah of 2013 - Snow Day	12 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat	13 Parshat Tazria-Metzora 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 11:30 pm, Mishpachot Services 8:00 pm, Hebrew Chant w/Shefa Gold (see pg. 6)
14 Yom HaZikaron	15 Pesach Day 7 10:00 am, Pesach Services - including Yizkor	16 Yom HaAtzmaut 12:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe (see pg. 6)	17 4:00 pm, Beif Rabban 7:30 pm, Adult Learning Class w/Rav Claudia (see pg. 6)	18 7:30 pm, Tikkun Olam Group	19 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat	20 Parshat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim Bat Mitzvah - Peninah Hodin 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services (babysitting available)
21 7:30 Yom Hashoah Program (see pg. 7)	22	23 12:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe (see pg. 6) 7:00 pm, Selections from Rambam's Moreh Nevuchim w/Reb Moshe (see pg. 6)	24 4:00 pm, Beif Rabban 7:30 pm, Adult Learning Class w/Rav Claudia (see pg. 6)	25 7:00 pm, Meah of 2013	26 Family Retreat for ALL - off site (see pg. 12) 6:00 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat	27 Parshat Emor Family Retreat for ALL - off site (see pg. 12) 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
28 Lag B' Omer Family Retreat for ALL - off site (see pg. 12)	29	30 12:00 pm, Lunch and Learn with Reb Moshe (see pg. 6) 7:00 pm, Selections from Rambam's Moreh Nevuchim w/Reb Moshe (see pg. 6)				

PINAT MISHPACHOT

Tefillot Yeladim

At TBZ, we value joyful, participatory prayer and Torah study for people of all ages. In *Tefillot Mishpachot* our smallest members pray, sing, think and have fun together. Twice a month we have services for different age groups. These services have three goals - to create age appropriate spaces for children to meaningfully pray; to develop opportunities for children to learn the prayers and their meanings and to delve deeply into the weekly Torah portion; and to have fun while celebrating Shabbat as a community.

Though we have suggested ages for each service, we recognize that children develop and grow in their own time. Children in Kindergarten and 4th grade in particular should go to the service that feels right for them.

Here are our services:

1. **Efrochim (up to Kindergarten)** - In the service for our smallest children, we focus on learning about *Shabbat*, the basic prayers and the *Torah* through singing, dancing, storytelling and make believe. For even the youngest children, hearing the songs and prayers, seeing the *Torah* and becoming familiar with the community and space allows them to feel at home at TBZ and in a prayer service. This service is led by Suzie Schwartz,

the *Beit Rabban* and *Mishpachot* Coordinator, and we encourage parent involvement.



2. **Ktantanim (1st through 4th grade)** - As in our service for the little ones, we infuse our *Ktantanim* service with music and joyful praying with more focus on learning the Hebrew of our prayers and thinking about the meaning of the prayers and the *Torah* portion. We encourage parents to drop their children off and enjoy the main service downstairs, but all are welcome to attend. This service is led by rabbinical student Micah Shapiro, an experienced educator and musician.

3. **Bnei Mitzvah (5th through 7th grade)** - In our *B'nei Mitzvah* service older children and preteens think deeply about the prayers and the weekly *Torah* portion. As they approach their *bar* or *bat mitzvah*, we teach them how to articulate their ideas about God, Judaism and *Torah*, and find their unique spiritual voice. This service is led by cantorial student and *B'nei Mitzvah* Coordinator Becky Wexler.

All services begin at 11:30. Here are our upcoming dates:

- March 9 & 30
- April 6: Family service in the Sanctuary 11:00 am -12:30 pm for all
- April 13

Family Service: April 6, 11:00 am

Please join us on April 6, *Shabbat Parshat Shmini*, for a joyful, fun and vibrant service in the Sanctuary. The service will include a shorter-than-usual *Shacharit* and the *Torah* service will include 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 to celebrate Shabbat together. Because of the later start, Torah Study will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

TBZ Retreat: April 26-28, 2013

We hope you will all join our 5th Annual Community Retreat, held for the first time at Camp Burgess and Hayward on the Cape, which has a beautiful backdrop of forest, lake and sky. We will again participate in wonderful services, delicious meals, interesting programming in a weekend of powerful community building.

Also new for this year is an optional extended Sunday program, at \$5 per person. TBZ members will have the option to stay at camp until 2pm on Sunday, enjoying the high ropes course, waterfront and archery pit.

All are welcome to attend. There will be programming and services for TBZ members of all ages.

- Adults: \$180
- Teens: \$120
- Children: \$80
- 2 and under: Free

Register at www.tinyurl.com/TBZRetreat2013. Registration closes April 1.

For questions, please contact Suzie Schwartz at beitrabban@tbzbrookline.org

TBZ Teen Girls' Rosh Hodesh Program - We're Off to a Great Start

In January, TBZ debuted its newest teen program, the TBZ Girls' *Rosh Hodesh* Program. Each month, 8th and 9th grade girls join facilitator JoJo Jacobson to delve into the month's holidays and themes, learn more about themselves and each other, and just have a great time. Open to all 8th and 9th grade girls both from TBZ and other local congregations. Bring your friends!

We meet Sundays, 6:00-8:00 pm

March 10, April 7, May 5

For more information: Contact Jane Daniels (parent of 9th grader Izzy Daniels) at 617-731-5953 or janemdaniels@yahoo.com.

MishpaHOST, A Success - More to Come

On February 1 and 2, over 60 TBZ members joined together in member homes to enjoy intimate *Shabbat* dinners and *Havdallot* celebrations. The small gatherings allow us to enjoy *shabbat* while strengthening ties within the TBZ community. Though we plan to have another *MishpaHOST* *Shabbat*, we encourage you to continue the spirit of *MishpaHOST* on your own. *Shabbat* comes every week with many opportunities to host and be hosted.



TBZ members in the home of Jenny, Jonathan, Noah and Sara Berz

Mishpachot Kabblat Shabbat - Friday, March 1

Please join us for special *Kabbalat Shabbat* services with our neighbors at 1550 on March 1 at 5:30 pm. Special *Mishpachot Kabbalat Shabbat* services are a great way for your child to become familiar with the *Kabbalat Shabbat* liturgy and celebrate *Shabbat* with the community.

Please RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/MarchKabbalatShabbat

Family Pesach Seder with Adult Learning Session and 1550 Pesach Deliveries

Come join on March 17 for our Family *Pesach Seder* and 1550 deliveries as we celebrate *Pesach*, learn more about the holiday and do a *mitzvah* together. Our schedule for the day will be:

- 10:00 am: Deliver *shalachat manot* at 1550
- 10:30 am: Children's program and Adult Learning Session (TBA)
- 11:30 am: Family *Pesach Seder* for all

Please RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/FamilyPesach and indicate if you can join us for 1550 deliveries.

Havdalah and a Movie 6th Grade Program

On March 2, from 6:45-8:45, 6th graders are invited to a special program with Rav Claudia.

Join us for *Havdalah*, dinner and the movie "Keeping up with the Steins"

Please RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/HavdallahMovie if you plan to attend.



Beit Rabban in Focus -

B'nei Mitzvah Class Creates Their Own Siddur

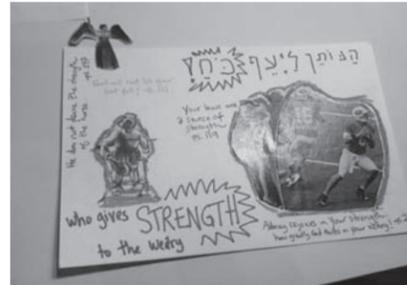
As we reach the middle of our school year, our Beit Rabban students are fully immersed in their curriculum, and thanks to our wonderful teachers, are learning a lot and having a great time.

Our B'nei Mitzvah class in particular has had an interesting and successful year. This year their curriculum is focused on learning the daily and Shabbat prayers well, discussing the meaning of the liturgy and finding personal meaning and kavannah (intention).

To aid learning, their teacher Becky Wexler has engaged the students in a year long project to create their own

class siddur. As they move through the prayers, students create drawings, collages, poems and songs to express the meaning of the prayers and their own relationship to the words.

Here is a sample from one of the pages of Birkot HaShahar (morning blessings):



Ongoing Programs During March and April

Babysitting: March 2, 16; April 20

Bnei Mitzvah Group: March 9; April 6

Beit Rabban: March 6, **13**, 20; April 3, **10**, 24
(Z'man B'yachad in bold)

Our annual calendar can be found on our website:
<http://www.tbzbrookline.org/about/calendar/yeladim-calendar/>



Sowing the Seeds of Sustainability

2013 Boston Jewish Food Conference

Sunday, March 3, 2013

10:30 am to 6 pm

Tufts Hillel | 220 Packard Ave. | Medford, MA 02155

Sponsored by Hebrew College and Beantown Jewish Gardens

TBZ is one of the organizational partners

Early spring is a time to think about the coming agricultural cycle, growing season, birth and rejuvenation.

Join us for this year's Jewish Food Conference as we explore the theme *Justice Within Sustainability*.

Conference Highlights

- Kosher, locally sourced vegetarian lunch
- Shuk (Marketplace) — 4 to 6 pm
- Teen miniconference — noon to 6 p.m.
- Three workshop blocks
- Community Beit Midrash (Study House)

Registration Fee

- Adults, \$54
- Students and seniors, \$36
- Teens and conference volunteers, \$18

To register,

email leora@beantownjewishgardens.org

or call 617-877-2036.

Join the Greater Boston Jewish and Labor Communities at the

13th Annual Labor Seder

Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 5:00-8:30 pm

IBEW Local 103, 256 Freeport Street
Dorchester



The Labor Seder is a unique interfaith event in which labor and Jewish community leaders and activists build bridges. This is an opportunity to learn more about current worker struggles right here in Boston, find ways to get involved in meaningful campaigns for social justice, and rejoice in the ancient and joyful holiday of Passover.

This year's Seder will be honoring Gann Academy, the New Jewish High School of Greater Boston, for being true to Jewish values in developing ethical policies regarding workers. It will also recognize Le Meridien Hotel Workers—Unite Here Local 26, Walmart Workers, and the proposed Domestic Workers Bill of Rights legislation.



RSVP: Marya Axner, Regional Director, JLC

NewEnglandJLC@JewishLabor.org or call (617) 227-0888

Reb Moshe's 10 Tips For Making Passover Both Joyous and Kosher

A Quickie Primer for First Time Pesach Preparation

If you've never kashered your home for Pesach before, don't try to do everything this year. Remember it's not "all or nothing." Most of the pleasure of Passover is all the preparation you put into it. When Pesach comes, it's easy sailing. As my Rebbe, Reb Zalman, has taught, we need "Fervor without fanaticism."

1. Make at least one counter and one kitchen cabinet *Pesadik*. The counter can be covered in thick clear plastic, available on a roll at most hardware stores (used to cover windows). The cabinet should be cleaned and new shelving paper put down. Simply tape all cabinets you're not using. Heavy duty aluminum foil works well, and is more widely available. Don't forget to cover and tape plastic or foil down against splashback and under counter to hold firm.

2. Use only paper plates and cups and good plastic utensils (forks, knives, serving trays, etc. (available in party stores) that can be washed and used again. If you have all-metal silverware, it is very easy to *kasher* it for Pesach. Call us and we'll provide the details. You can purchase new GLASS dishes cheaply in separate colors to become your Pesach dishes for years to come.

3. Clean out your fridge. (It's about time, don't you think?) Toss all of the non-Pesach stuff. (Closed items can be part of a Mazon food drive that donates non-Pesach staples to food pantries in the Greater Boston area). Microwaves can be *kashered*, as other appliances. Call us for details

4. Make Passover week a time for fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh fish (fins and scales), low fat or regular dairy products, and whole-wheat (or regular) *matzah*, egg-white or regular omelettes, etc. Eating healthy can make this Passover a very positive experience. Elders and children with digestive issues are permitted egg *matzos* (made with juice). Nothing really beats a whole-wheat *matzah* shmeared with Temptee whipped cream cheese. Avoid soda and juices made with corn syrup. Polar and other brands use cane sugar for their Passover sodas. My kids love whole wheat *matzoh* shmeared with Pesach marinara sauce and mozzarella microwaved into instant Pesach pizza. There is now spelt *matzah* for those with wheat allergies.

5. Stop & Shop (and others) have kosher-for-Pesach products under their own labels (this means savings). Coffee, tea, sugar, salt, and most spices are OK for Passover if you start fresh containers.

6. Brown-bag to work. A recent discovery of quinoa, a non-*hametz* grain can serve as a base for a great veggie ratatouille, or guacamole, etc.

7. Avoid whiskeys, etc. Stick to wine. There are now many Italian and French and California brands that do Passover pressings. Red wine is good for the heart.

8. Drink spring water. (Passover is, after all, the festival of spring.) This will also help the system deal with all those *matzot*. Dried fruit compote won't hurt either.

9. Try to enjoy at least one different sweet Passover treat every day. You deserve it for going through all of this.

10. Let the HEAVY DUTY aluminum foil roll. Double wrapping will maintain the *Kashrut* of ingredients cooked in any oven. (This doesn't mean you should not try to clean the oven. Whether it needs it or not, it's good to do it at least once a year).

This year Pesach begins at Sundown, Monday evening, March 25th.

Save the Date

Mekhirat Hametz - Selling of Hametz

Remember to sell your *hametz* through the *shul*.

A form will be available to you for a week before Pesach, beginning March 13. The form will be both in the office, and on our website tbzrookline.org. This is for all utensils and large amounts of liquor you are putting away for the duration of the holiday. When you sell your *hametz*, you will have an opportunity to contribute to the Rabbis' Discretionary Funds, which will help those in need to have a joyous Pesach.

The Rabbis will sell your *hametz* at noon on March 22, and it will not be officially yours until April 2 at 10 p.m.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY ALL THESE FOLKS HAVE DONATED MONEY TO THE SHUL?

There are a multitude of reasons and while most of these donors are members some are not. The most common reason for donating is for the *yahrtzeit* of a family member or friend. There are also many donations to honor births and deaths, birthdays and anniversaries.

- Would you like to honor a *bar* or *bat mitzvah*? A donation is a wonderful way to do that.
- Has someone been particularly nice to you or gone above and beyond to do something for the community? Let them know you appreciate their efforts.
- And when the invitation says: no gifts, please! A donation is always appreciated.

While we do not have space to list each honoree in the *Koleinu*, we send a lovely card to the person you have honored, thanking them in either our words or your own for their service. There is no limit to the amount of your donation. Try it. It is a lovely way to acknowledge someone.

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SHABBAT MARCH 30th

For 10 years a group of TBZ men have been meeting to study and share personal stories. To celebrate their 10th anniversary, they will be reading Torah, offering *kavanot* and giving a *d'var*. Please join us as we support and celebrate their milestone event.





Save the Date



The Boston Jewish Music Festival

An annual Community Celebration of Creativity March 1-10
TBZ will be joined by the band Kol Libeinu, Voices of the Heart,
at our Kabblat Shabbat, **March 8**
Experience the joy of awakening your spirit as we pray together in
chant, rhythm, and movement .

Join us as we connect with our inner selves and each other .
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