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Reb Moshe's Message

Dear Haverim
v'Haverot,

This message is being
written on the evening fol-

lowing the Fast of
the 17th of *Tammuz* (July
15). It is now the second
week of the Hamas missile
attacks on Israel that pro-
voked the Israeli airstrikes
in Gaza. There will be no
winners in this standoff. As
I write, an attempt at a
truce has failed. There is
no way to know how long
it will take before it is ap-
parent that a cease fire is
the only step, right now, to
avert a ground invasion of
Gaza by Israeli forces.



under the guise of anti-Zionism, as an at-
tempt for these groups to do whatever
they feel necessary to rid Europe of its
remaining Jews. This is particularly true in
France and Belgium.

What is equally, or more,
concerning is the rip in
the fabric of Israeli culture.
Hard-line Israeli national-
ists have not only resorted
to violence against Israeli
Arabs and East Jerusalem
Arabs, but against other
Israelis who are bravely
questioning the policies of
the current Netanyahu re-
gime. The protests of Israeli
liberal progressives are a
shining example of the
struggle Israelis have in bal-

ancing freedom and security in a very
dangerous part of the world. The rise of
Israeli and Arab racism is overpowering
the "political" struggle for a two-State
compromise.

In three weeks, the evening of August
4th, the Fast of the 9th of Av, *Tisha b'Av*,
which commemorates the destruction of
the Temples, commences. Many see the
destruction of the Second Temple in 70
C.E., which marks the beginning of the
dispersion of the Jews for the last two mil-
lennia, as a result of increasing extremism
within the Judean community. Although
Diaspora communities already existed in
Babylon and parts of Egypt, the destruc-

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Check our new TBZ calendar at www.tbzbrookline.org/about/calendar

And if you use Google Calendars – you can download TBZ's calendar by clicking on the bottom right side of it, in the box where it says +Google Calendar, and like magic all of your TBZ events will be updated automatically in your own calendar.

ברוכים הבאים

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Rabbi Jordan Braunig & Casey Fishman

Avi Davis

Alexis & Howard Deutsch

Jonathan & Barbara Shagrin

Condolences

- To Julie Reuben, Lisa Lovett, Phoebe and Charlotte on the death of Julie's uncle, David Menashy Reuben.
- To Barbara Moss on the death of her mother, Claire Moskowitz.
- To Jim and Susan Snider on the death of Jim's father, Robert Snider.
- To Judith Rosenbaum on the death of her grandmother, Ida Hyman.
- To Steve E. Lewis on the death of his aunt, Esther Kohn.

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

HaMakom yenakhem otam im shear avlei Tziyon vYrushalayim.

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tion of Jerusalem marked the end of Jewish sovereignty in Palestine.

This day of breakdown and bereavement created a deep theological dilemma for the Jewish people. In the period between *Tisha b'Av* and the Holy Days, *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* evolved into a time of reconciliation and rebirth of the connection to the Divine Presence.

The month of *Av* is followed by the month of *Elul* which is designated as a propitious time to begin the process of *teshuva*, recalibration, reconnection and return. It is a time not only to repair our relationship with the Creator, but also a time for repairing our relationships with each other. These efforts to repair our relationships are the prerequisite for our observance of *Yom Kippur*, the day of At-one-ment, which places us in direct connection to the Divine.

The days between *Tisha b'Av* and *Yom Kippur* are an arc of reconstruction of the structures of our life that have been threatened and /or destabilized over the last year. This is not only true in interpersonal terms but also on a geo-political level.

On July 3, our teacher, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, the zeyde of Jewish Renewal, passed away, a month shy of his 90th birthday. He was my teacher for 40 years and we shared many experiences, including a remarkable trip to dialogue with the Tibetan community in India in 1990. Reb Zalman was one of the three Rabbis whose lineage I took on when they laid their hands on me (*semikha*-ordination) in 1996.

A *shloshim* memorial gathering marking the 30 days since his *petira*—his passing from this earth plane—will be held at TBZ on Sunday, August 3 (3:30-5:00 pm). We will be honored by a teaching from his eldest son, Rabbi Shalom Schachter, remarks from his grandson, Matya Schachter, and by our teacher, Rabbi Arthur Green, a student and colleague of Reb Zalman for over 50 years. Please join us as we tell the story of one of the most innovative rabbis of the last 70 years.

This year the Holy Days will commence at the end of September. This permits us to come together in community, as many of us return from vacations, to participate in this *teshuva* process. It is a particularly auspicious time for thinking ahead to how in the next Jewish year we can come closer to our core-identities as Jews. It provides us with a wonderful opportunity to consider involving oneself more fully in study and joyous worship which is a hallmark of TBZ.

Those of us who haven't yet taken advantage of our weekly community celebration of Shabbat might consider this a good time to make a resolution to do so. I invite you to taste our joyous community on Shabbat. As you read this *Koleinu*, you will see that there is no one way to be Jewish at TBZ. We take seriously our commitments as Jewish human beings. However they are manifested I am certain that they are always enhanced and supported by our coming together in community.

I hope and pray that when you receive this message at the beginning of August a cease fire has taken hold in Israel. I hope and pray that the steps to resolving the issues that **can** be resolved will continue. I am not naïve about the difficult obstacles that stand in the way. Israel and its struggle to remain secure, and at the same time to remain democratic, are always on my mind, particularly in this time of the year when we contemplate the destruction of our sovereignty over 2000 years ago. Our fate as Jews everywhere is interwoven with the success of one Jewish sovereign state in the world. TBZ supports this struggle and joins with those forces who seek security and justice. This isn't always easy.

I always look forward to the Holy Days because I get to greet all of you together, in community. Everyone one of you is precious. We are only as strong as every individual in our community. Make the TBZ community a priority this year not only financially but spiritually. Let us continue to be the open and accepting, non-doctrinal, "unorthodox" community we are. In the spirit of our teacher, Reb Zalman (alav ha-shalom -Peace be upon him), let us continue to renew the tradition we have received over the millennia, not by rejecting our past, but rather by uncovering the primal power of our tradition to offer us an anchor in the world.

My family joins me in wishing all of you a year of sweetness and joy; health and prosperity.

We should all be inscribed in the Book of Life;

שנה טובה תכתבו ותחתמו

shana tova tikatevu vetekhateymu;
a zisn yohr fil mit gezunt un parnoseh.

Reb Moshe

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Co-Presidents' Message

David Chersonson & Jenni Seicol

Summertime: long days of warm weather and sunshine. We hope you are all having the chance to enjoy this more relaxed season of the year with friends and family, because before we know it, fall will be here and with it all the Back-to-School activities and, of course, **The High Holy Days.**

Summertime is usually a quieter time around TBZ, but we are quite busy this year. As you all know, Jeralyn Ellowitz, the Office Manager of TBZ for the past ten years, resigned at the end of June. She is moving on to new opportunities and we all wish her well. Jeralyn did so much for our community. She was the "face of TBZ" when we came into the office, and "the voice of TBZ" when we called on the phone. Many congregants have expressed a desire to personally say "good-bye" and we

will all have a chance to do so on Sat, Sept 6th, when we honor Jeralyn at our *shabbat kiddush*. David and I hope you can all be there.

Filling Jeralyn's "big shoes" will be challenging, but as of my writing this, we have hired Abigail Carpenter-Winch as our new administrative assistant to the Rabbis. Abigail brings great experience and skills to our community, and we hope each of you will have a chance to say hello. We are also in the process of finding a new office manager and hopefully by the time this *Koleinu* reaches your door, the office will be fully staffed once again.

May you continue to savor the summer, and may all of us be ready to engage in a meaningful *Elul* and High Holiday Season here at TBZ.

B'shalom,

Jenni and David



BBQ and Barchu

A Fleishik Potluck Picnic, Corey Hill Park • August 15, 5:30 pm

Join our 6th Annual "Barbecue and Barchu"

followed by a *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service under the stars.

We will provide meat and veggie hotdogs, and some chairs.

Please bring blankets to sit on and non-dairy food to share.

Kiddush and Oneg Sponsors

- Lindsey Rosen IHO the *yahrzeit* of her mother, Carol Gibbs.
- Rebecca Arnoldi IHO the *yahrzeit* of her grandmother Judith Korim Hornstein.
- Lenny and Barbara Jacobs IHO the *yahrzeits* of Lenny's mother, Shirley Esther Brody Jacobs, and Barbara's father, William Saltzman.
- The Men's Study Group.
- Lilly Pelzman and Jeff Borenstein IHO the the gathering of the Pelzman, Levitt & Borenstein families for Zina's birthday.
- Enid Shulman IHO the *yahrzeit* of her father, Jim Shulman.
- Nancy and Michael Grodin IHO the *aufruf* of their son Josh Grodin and his fiancée, Amy Gilman.
- Aaron Fay and Myriam Wright IHO the *bat mitzvah* of their daughter, Noa.
- Jack Eiferman and Fern Fisher IHO their 30th anniversary.



- Ma'ayan Sands, Josh, Jamie, Sara, Billy, Shoshana and Gabriel to honor Rick Sands for his creativity and expertise towards producing TBZ's new *Kabbalat Shabbat Siddur*.
- Joel Kershner and Sheine Wizel IHO the wedding of Joel's son, Michael Kershner and Dana Corn,
- Alex and Irina Posternak IHO the *bar mitzvah* of their son, Lance
- Laurie Stein Cohen IHO the *yahrzeit* of her mother, Ann Wolper Stein and IHO the marriage of her son, Matthew Cohen to Becca Schoen.
- GLBT Committee IHO Pride Shabbat.
- Rachel Goodman IHO the *yahrzeits* of her parents, Richard Goodman and Phoebe Newman Goodman.
- The Podjarski family IHO the *yahrzeits* of Esther and Aaron Podjarski.
- Frances Goroll IHO the *Bat Mitzvah* of her daughter, Barbara Sternfield.



Message from Rav Claudia

Dear Haverim v'Haverot,

This summer, I will be traveling to Kenya as part of a rabbinic fellowship of the American Jewish World Service (AJWS). Together with 14 other rabbis, I will be meeting with some extraordinary local human right activists who are using grassroots organizing tactics to fight discrimination and sexual and gender-based violence against women, girls and LGBTI people. Since 2004 AJWS has made grants to 21 grassroots organizations in Kenya that are striving to build strong movements for human rights. They have focused on two of the most pressing issues facing the country's poorest and most oppressed populations today: the struggle for land, food and water; and the movement to stop violence and discrimination against women, girls, and sexual minorities. As Kenya's grassroots activists mobilize and organize to effect change in these critical issues, AJWS is by their side, providing solidarity, financial support and an unwavering commitment to change.

The Global Justice Fellowship is an opportunity for me to learn to become an advocate for global justice. The fellowship began in the spring, with monthly webinars and *hevrutah* study designed to develop skills in organizing and advocacy. Next spring we plan to go to Washington DC to do advocacy work.

I applied to the AJWS Global Justice Fellowship as I saw this as an opportunity to connect with colleagues in learning and activism, and to build my own tool kit as a social justice leader. As you all know, I grew up in Chile, under the Pinochet Dictatorship, and witnessed my father z"l, who was chief rabbi, join forces with the Catholic Church in the struggle to save lives of political prisoners. My Jewish identity is very much connected to the fight for



Human Rights and Social Justice, influenced by the teachings of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer.

Social Justice is central to my view of what being Jewish means and my role as a rabbi, and this is an opportunity to have a "hands on" experience that will help me to become a better rabbi and teacher.

I am excited to spend eight days with the fellows and wonderful staff of AJWS, and especially with Ruth Messinger, AJWS president, a tireless activist and social change visionary. When I return, I will be sharing my experience and learning from the "bimah", and I am also planning to dedicate my fall class to the learning and questions that will arise for me from this experience, challenging us all to think about Global issues from a Jewish perspective. **Please save the dates for that class, Mondays November 3, 10 & 17 at 7:30 pm.**

In the meantime, I encourage you to **sign the petition to ask Congress to pass the International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA) at: www.ajws.org/advocacy.**

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Kol Tuv,

Rav Claudia

PS: As you might know, the situation in some parts of Kenya is very complicated and there have been terrorist attacks, mostly on the Somalia border. We will not be traveling close to these areas; AJWS is taking all the necessary safety precautions.

And as I write this piece, the conflict in Israel has escalated. Please pray with me for the end of bloodshed and conflict, and for the security of all the inhabitants of the area. I will be traveling to Israel directly from Kenya, and I pray to be able to bring good news.

High Holiday Ushering

by Audrey Kadis

If you have attended High Holiday services at TBZ, you know the important role that that ushers play to ensure that services run smoothly and to make congregants and visitors alike feel the friendliness that is such an important part of TBZ. On behalf of the congregation, I am asking you to help during the High Holidays this year. We need ushers for all services so no matter which services you attend, you will be able to find a convenient time to participate.

The commitment is 2 hours or less. If you have volunteered in the past, we hope you'll join us again and if you haven't volunteered please give it a try since ushering will enrich your High Holidays experience.

Sign up on line <http://www.mysignup.com/tbzhighholidayushers>



The Adult Learning Committee

Amy Mates & Jan Darsa, co-chairs

TBZ Talks: a community series featuring experts from our congregation who will speak on a wide range of topics including women's issues, social action/Shmita, advances in science, Jews in Israel and around the world. Included in the schedule:

- **Shabbat, Oct 11**
Rabbi Natan Margalit: *Shmita*
 following Kiddush (cosponsored with Tikkun Olam Committee)
- **Shabbat, Nov 15**
Jonathan Garlick: *Stem Cells, the Embryo and the Value of Human Life*
 following Kiddush
- **Shabbat, Mar 7**
Judith Rosenbaum, Director of the Jewish Women's Archive: *Topic TBA*
 following Kiddush
- **Shabbat, Apr 18**
Len Lyons: *Jews of Africa*
 following Kiddush
- **A weekday evening, date TBA**
Suzanna Heschel: *Abraham Joshua Heschel*

Author's Brunch

Sept 14

10:30 am-noon

Our guest will be poet and author

Marcia Falk

Come and be inspired by her new book of High Holiday poems and blessings

The Days Between: Blessings, Poems, and Directions of the Heart for the Jewish High Holiday Season

Co-sponsored by TBZ, Kehillat Israel, the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute and the Center Communities of Hebrew Senior Life.

Future Events

- A **TBZ Book Read** to coincide with Suzaana Heschel's talk – '*The Sabbath*', written by her father, A.J. Heschel. Reb Moshe will offer additional classes around the theme of *Shabbat*.
- **Wise Aging:** a program that Reb Moshe and Ann Waldoks will be bringing to TBZ this April.
- We are planning to bring the play ***Oh God*** by Israeli playwright Anat Gov. The group tries to bring Israeli theater to an American audience to create a bridge between Americans and Israeli culture. The event will be co-sponsored by the Israel Committee. More details to come.

Shakespeare on the Common



Twelfth Night

Sunday, Aug 3

We will meet at **TBZ at 5 pm** for an introduction by our resident Shakespeare scholar Judith Klau, and then proceed by 'T' to the **Boston Common for a 7 pm** performance by the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company.

We'll send a scout ahead to mark out a spot. Bring a blanket or something to sit on, snacks if you feel like it.

Men's Study Group

The TBZ Men's Study Group just finished its 11th year. Throughout that time, we've met once every three weeks after the TBZ Shabbat kiddush/lunch, as well as at brunches, movie outings, drumming workshops, a Men's Shabbat service, and more. In the process, we have not only explored some powerfully provocative topics but also built and strengthened relationships with each other. We've welcomed many new men into the conversation, and our doors are always open for more.

This past year we used *A Man's Responsibility: A Jewish Guide to Being a Son, a Partner in Marriage, a Father, and a Community Leader* as a resource for our discussions. In addition, we also used selections from *Abraham Joshua Heschel: The Call to Transcendence* and the Counting of the Omer prior to Shavuot as springboards for lively conversations about the nature of G-d and cultivating inner qualities to positively transform ourselves and society.

Our topics are wide-ranging and come from Torah portions, articles that participants suggest, and books that pose thought-provoking questions. It's not a stretch to say that our intergenerational group has strengthened TBZ and helped to offer all of us support, encouragement and meaningful relationships with a wonderful group of men.

We will be letting the TBZ community know more about our agenda in future issues of the Koleinu and online. **Tentative meeting dates for 2014-15 are: September 20, October 11, November 1 and 22, December 13, January 10 and 31, February 21, March 14, April 11, and May 2 and 16.** We meet on the third floor at 1:30.

We encourage interested men to give the group a try. It's a way for men to challenge themselves by finding a different way of relating to other men at TBZ and to develop stronger and deeper connections. If you have never been part of a men's study group before and feel reluctant about participating, now is the time to take that small step forward and sample a meeting or two, with no obligation to keep attending. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Steve Lewis (781-249-0810) or Mark Dwortzan (mark@dwortzan.com).

Many of TBZ Men's Study Group participants attend the annual Jewish Men's Retreat (JMR) in the Connecticut Berkshires in the fall. This year's JMR, the 23rd, will be held on October 24-26. Our group has consistently represented the JMR's single largest synagogue-based contingent. For more information, please visit <http://isabellafreedman.org/mens> or contact Steve or Mark.



Nishmat Hayyim at TBZ

Reggie Silberberg, chair

The beauty of silence and breath as we move into deep meditation; of being present to the moment to whatever arises within and embracing that which arises; the beauty of being compassionate to ourselves and others, of opening to our spirituality: these are but a glimmer of what we wish to provide at Nishmat Hayyim's TBZ programs. Whether a seasoned meditator or just beginning, we encourage you to attend one of the many offerings listed below.

During the upcoming year we hope to begin a weekly meditation group, study with Rabbi Meir Sender, and welcome back Zoketsu Norman Fischer for another fabulous day of learning. We will also continue to include silence in our weekly Shabbat services. Let us hear from you at nishmathayyim@tbzbrookline.org.

Wishing you all a joyful and nourishing end to summer. A sweet Shanah Tovah U'metuka to all!

Meditation Programming

Shabbat Afternoon Retreats

1:30-5:30 pm, in the sanctuary

Aug 16; Sept 13; Oct 25

Day Long Retreat at Just Right Farm

Sun, Nov 2, 9:30 am- 4:30 pm

Contemplative Shabbat in Essex, 2015

Fri, Jan 30, 3 pm-Sun, Feb 1, 1 pm

Holiday Programming

Contemplative Session for Tisha B'Av, as part of the Evening Service

Breaking Apart into Oneness

Mon, Aug 4, 8 pm

Contemplative Session for Selichot, as part of the Evening Service

Opening to Forgiveness

Sat, Sept 20, 9:30 pm



Israel Committee

by Jonathan Klein, Chair

The Israel Committee had an active year. This past fall, we sponsored two films; held an evening with *Encounter*, featuring Dr. Khalil Shikaki, a Palestinian academic who teaches at the Crown Center at Brandeis; and had a Kiddush presentation from the "Peace Process Task Force," a subgroup of the Israel Committee.

In the spring, we cosponsored a program with the New Israel Fund (NIF) featuring Bina's Dov Elbaum in a discussion with Rabbi Arthur Green. Bina (www.bina.org.il/en/about) is an NIF grantee that nurtures an indigenous Jewish renewal movement for Israelis known for their secular yeshiva and pairing social action with text study.

We also cosponsored a talk with AIPAC and other organizations featuring Ari Shavit, the Israeli writer and journalist who has become well known in the United States for his widely-acclaimed book *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel*.

Working with the Adult Learning Committee and the Book Club, we held an "all-synagogue read" of *My Promised*

Land, culminating in a full week of structured discussion groups. We began with a discussion after Kiddush with Rabbi David Starr, and concluded with a discussion at our retreat, led by Reb Moshe.

The Committee also worked hard to organize a synagogue trip to Israel called "Following the Paths of the Children of Abraham." There was not enough interest to meet the minimum sign up, so we have decided to put that on hold for now.

We meet about 5 times a year, and have lots of ideas for the coming year, including another Israel-themed book discussion (*Dreamers* by Yossi Klein and *The Crises of Zionism* by Peter Beinart have both been suggested); proposed speakers including Peter Beinart and David Horowitz from the *Times of Israel*; several co-ventures with the Adult Learning Committee, including staging of Israeli playwright Anat Gov's *Oh God*; and a longer-term study program such as Rabbi David Starr's 2-year Tzion curriculum.

If you would like more information, please send an email to the committee at Israel@TBZBrookline.org, or just watch for the announcement of our first meeting in the fall.



Rosh Hodesh

Our Rosh Hodesh group for TBZ women meets monthly at the New Moon. We gather to learn and share about Judaism, our spiritual journeys and our relationships with each other. We are self-led, under the guidance of Rav Claudia, and each month we focus on a theme, a question, a ritual or an activity that connects to the month and to our interests. This year we hope to strengthen these relationships by connecting in between group meetings.

We would love for you to try it out. After the first 2 meetings the group is closed and we ask for a commitment to continue to come for the rest of the year. We are planning an "Open House" for the first meeting in the beginning

of September, which will be at a member's house. Stay tuned for the date. The tentative dates for the rest of the year are: **Cheshvan, Oct 26; Kislev, Nov 16; Tevet, Dec 21; Sh'vat, Jan 25; Adar, Feb 22; Nisan, Mar 15; Iyyar, April 12; Sivan, May 17; Tamuz, June 14**

If you would like to learn more or have questions, please contact Devorah Steinberg at devorah@devorahsteinberg.com.

Information about the "open house" and how to sign up for the year will be sent on our Weekly Happenings and will be available on our website.

Selichot

Save the date for our annual Brookline Community Selichot. **Motzei Shabbat, Sat evening, Sept 20, 9:30 pm-1:00 am**

Join us for a soulful beginning to the High Holy Day season at TBZ with an evening of meditation and inspiring prayer.

9:30-10:15 pm: Contemplative preparation w/ Reb Moshe, Bobbi Isberg & Sheila Yocheved Katz.

10:30-11:30 pm: Study Session TBA

11:30 pm - 1:00 am: Selichot service led by Rabbi Ebn Leader & Cantor Becky Wexler

High Holiday prep Classes

with Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia

Begin your journey to the High Holidays by joining Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia for two study sessions.

Mon, Sept 15, 7:30-9:00 pm
"Hayom Harat Olam: Today is the Birth of the World"
 with Rav Claudia

Tues, Sept 16, 7:00-8:30 pm
"The Art of Teshuva" with Reb Moshe

Please note that the classes begin at different times.

Sign up at <http://www.tbzbrookline.org/registration/>

TBZ Sets Development Goal

by Tali Walters Buechler, VP Finance & Administration

TBZ is amazing! In the past year we hosted three successful retreats – meditation, women's and community. Multiple members participated in the community-wide Book Read of Ari Shavit's *My Promised Land* followed by important and provocative discussions. We celebrated Purim with a raucous costume party with food, drink, dance, and karaoke! A beautiful new *Kabbalat Shabbat Siddur* made its appearance within the past month. We provided financial support for membership dues to 1/3 of our members. The number of souls in our community grew by 9 infants in the past year and *Beit Rabban* and *Mishpachot* programming is growing! The Strategic Thinking Committee conducted a survey that helped identify an action plan presented to the TBZ members at the Community Meeting in June.

We accomplished these amazing feats, and more, all within our budget!

The next time you are at TBZ, look around. Really look around – at the building, your fellow congregants, our energetic rabbis, the abundance of food at *Kiddush*, and at the things you can't see – the new database system in the office, the new boiler that keeps us warm in the winter.

In the coming year, we have hired Abigail Carpenter-Winch, a new half-time administrative assistant for the Rabbis to enable them to better serve our community. Jack Daniels, chair of the Building Committee, will spearhead much needed building updates to maintain the integrity of our beautiful space. Through these developments, we continue to nurture an environment of inclusivity, joyful participatory worship, meaningful Jewish learning, spiritual growth, and acts of social justice.

We are entering a new, exciting era at TBZ, one that harkens to the future of not just our community but to the Jewish people as a whole. TBZ is growing and thriving! We need your help to continue this movement, both in the immediate year and in the long view over the coming decade.

The TBZ Development Committee, chaired by Sue Kahn and Carol Kamin, has been hard at work strategizing how to meet the financial needs of TBZ in the coming year. It is our objective that one half of the \$180,000 High Holiday appeal contribution goal will have been made or pledged by mid-September, prior to *Rosh HaShana*. We are already \$20,000 towards this target with generous contributions from two benefactors.

We hope you'll be as generous as possible to help us realize our common vision of a vibrant, caring and inclusive multi-generational community. Contributions can be made online via the TBZ website (<http://www.tbzbrookline.org/membership/online-donations/>), by mailing a check, or calling the office with a pledge.

August Shul Calendar

Friday	Saturday
1	2
7:30 pm, <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> 	Parshat Devarim 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
8	9
7:30 pm, <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> 	Parshat Vaetchanan 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
15	16
5:30 pm, BBQ & Barchu (see pg. 4) 	Parshat Eikev 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 1:30 pm, Afternoon Meditation (see pg. 7)
22	23
RAIN DATE: 5:30 pm, BBQ & Barchu (see pg. 4) 7:30 pm, <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> 	Parshat Re'eh 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
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7:30 pm, <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> 	Parshat Shoftim 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services

Other August Events

Sun, Aug 3 5:00 pm, TBZ at Shakespeare on the Common (see pg. 6)	Mon, Aug 4 8:00 pm Tisha B'Av Service (see pg. 7)
3:30 pm, <i>Shloshim</i> Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi z"l (check emails for more information)	Tues, Aug 5 Tisha B'Av
	Sun, Aug 17 6:30 pm, TBZ Book Club

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day - Offices Closed	2	3	4	5 9:30-11:00 am, Contemplative Study 6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	6 Parshat Ki Teitzei 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
7 10:00 am, Board Meeting	8	9	10	11 7:30 pm, Synagogue Practices Committee	12 9:30-11:00 am, Contemplative Study 6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	13 Parshat Ki Tavo 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services 11:30 am, Tfilat Mishpachot 1:00 pm Bnei Mitzvah Group 1:30 pm, Shabbat Afternoon Meditation (see pg. 7)
14 10:00 am, Bagels & Books w/Marcia Falk (see pg. 6)	15 7:30 pm, High Holiday Prep Class w/Rav Claudia (see pg. 3)	16 7:00 pm, High Holiday Prep Class w/Reb Moshe (see pg. 3)	17 4:00 pm, Beit Rabban	18	19 9:30-11:00 am, Contemplative Study 6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	20 Parshat Nitzavim-Veyelech Leil Selichot 9:00 am, Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services - child care available 1:30 pm, Men's Study Group (see pg. 7) 9:30 pm, Selichot Program and Service (see pg. 3)
21 10:00 am, Rosh Hashanah deliveries to 1550 Beacon St. 2:00 pm, High Holiday Prep in the Sanctuary (see back page)	22	23	24 Erev Rosh Hashanah 1:00 pm Office Closed 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Rosh Hashanah Evening Service	25 Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 - Offices Closed See below for a schedule of services 8:30 am, Rosh Hashanah Child care available 	26 Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 - Offices Closed 9:00 am Second Day Service (Child care available) 6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat 	27 Parshat Ha'Azinu Shabbat Shuva No Torah Study 10:00 am, Shabbat Services
28 Tzom Gedaliah	29	30	Erev Rosh Hashanah (Sept. 24) 6:30 - 7:30 pm, One Service for All	Rosh Hashanah Day 1 (Sept. 25th) 8:00-11:00 am, Rosh Hashanah Early Service Time TBA, Pre-Teen/Teen Service (Gr. 5-9) 11:00-12:30 am, Family Service for All Ages 11:30 am-2:30 pm, Rosh Hashanah Late Service 5:30 pm, Tashlich - Cleveland Circle Reservoir		Rosh Hashanah Day 2 (Sept. 26) 9:00 am - 1:30 am, Service

First-Place Softball Team into Semi-Finals July 13

by Jed Shugerman

You might not have known that TBZ has a softball team, but it is wrapping up an exciting season. The combined Newton Center Minyan/Temple Beth Zion softball team finished the regular season tied for first place in the Men's Shul Softball League. (Caveat: we are in the lowest of three divisions in the Men's Shul Softball League, which has a total of 48 teams). The team, known as the "Mohelim," won seven games and lost just one, and five of those wins were comeback victories.



In the softball quarterfinal on June 29th, the *Mohelim* faced the only team it had lost to, and then fell behind 9-0 after three innings. It looked like a sad day in Mudville/Newtonville. But then the defense clamped down, and

we clawed back with 12 unanswered runs. We won 12-10, the biggest comeback of the season. Now onto the semi-finals on July 13th at 10 AM in Belmont! Who needs the World Cup or the Stanley Cup when the NCM/TBZ team is two wins away from hoisting the MSSL Kiddush Cup?

The team captains are Hal Chapel (pitcher/catcher), Dan Marx (left field), and Jed Shugerman (anywhere). The TBZ regulars have been Natan Margalit (1B) and Marc Weisskopf (pitcher), plus some appearances by Stephen Hodin, Mark Barnett, Jordan Meranus, and Nathan Perdue. We'd love even more participation next year! Stay tuned for more info.



Mazel Tov! מזל טוב!



- To Nancy and Michael Grodin on the marriage of their son Josh to Amy Gilman.
- To Laurie Stein Cohen on the marriage of her son, Matthew Cohen to Becca Schoen.
- To Myriam Wright and Aaron Fay on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter Noa.
- To Irina and Alex Posternak on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son Lance.
- To Ilana Goldowitz and Jorge Jimenez on their marriage and the birth of their daughter, Liora Jimenez.
- To Jack Eiferman and Fern Fisher on their 30th wedding anniversary.
- To Priscilla and Geoff Stein on the birth of their granddaughter, Hazel Mae Stein.
- To Ma'ayan and Rick Sands on the birth of their granddaughter, Zeviah Yosepha Sylvie Narva-Yalowitz.
- To Barbara Sternfield on her *Bat Mitzvah*.
- To Joel Kershner and Sheine Wizel on the wedding of Joel's son, Michael Kershner to Dana Corn.
- To the TBZ Walk for Hunger Team! They surpassed their goal and raised over \$10,000, and are listed as the 9th most successful fundraising organization statewide!
- To TBZ on receiving the Partnership Award from Hebrew Senior Life's Center Communities of Brookline for working together to meet the needs of Brookline seniors.
- To the wonderful TBZ Community! Our special L'Dor v'Dor Spring Kiddush raised \$25,359.

Mazel Tov to our Graduates!

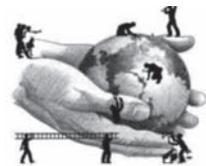
Joe Duke-Cohan from Solomon Schechter Day School
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 Alma Kreiman-Leader from Pre-K
 Etan Segal from Pre-K
 Eli Burstein from University of Michigan
 Judah Burstein from BB&N
 Sam Sano from Prozdor

From prayer to social action...

TBZ's Tikkun Olam Group

creating opportunities to make a difference as a Jewish community

The Tikkun Olam Group (TOG) is a vibrant group of committed individuals who come together to put Jewish values into action and create a place for TBZ members to help repair the world.



A Message from the TOG Chair, Judy Schechtman

As you can see from these highlights below and from the articles throughout the year in the *Koleinu*, TOG has grown in membership, capacity and effectiveness. We have also strengthened our relationships with one another through a continued focus on Relational Meetings, and by doing so, we have increased trust within the group and deepened our commitments to one another as a team working to actualize core Jewish values of social justice. We have sought to support and promote inter-committee and inter-generational efforts through opportunities such as the Walk for Hunger and the yearlong *Shmita* class. We have also strengthened and broadened our relationships with key social justice organizations in the greater Boston

area (e.g. GBIO, the Jewish Labor Committee, JALSA, Project Bread, Jewish Family and Child Services) and congregations in the area working together to address issues of poverty, gun violence, and unfair employment practices. As we anticipate the 2014/15-year, we hope to build on the work we have done, expand our areas of focus and actions, and enhance our capacities within TBZ and beyond.

We hope you will consider joining TOG when we reconvene in the fall. Contact chair, Judy Schechtman at: j_schecht@hotmail.com for more information.

Here is some of what we have been doing this year:

- **Working with the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO).** Many TOG members were part of a Delegates Assembly for a Congregational Organizing Campaign to deepen relationships across institutions.
- Committing to deepening our connections through **Relational Meetings**. Ben Elkind, GBIO Organizer, joined TOG for two of our meetings to impart his expertise and guide us through this process. This was a huge support to the work we are doing together.
- Working with the **Jewish Labor Committee**, which had a major focus on the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights/Minimum Wage Bill. (see article, below). Many TOG members attended the New England Jewish Labor Committee's Annual Labor Seder which hosted over two hundred people from religious institutions, union members and workers from Greater Boston as well as members from JALSA. Governor Deval Patrick made a brief appearance.
- Participating in Boston's Annual **Walk for Hunger** (see article on next page).
- TOG members and the Adult Learning committee attended Rabbi Natan and Ilana Margalit's year-long course on **Shmita** (see article on pages 13-14).

Domestic Workers Bill of Rights

by Jonathan Klein

At its mini-retreat on March 30th, TOG invited Marya Axner, Regional Director of the New England Jewish Labor Committee, to give us a presentation on the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights, one of the priorities for TOG for the next six months. Marya reminded us that domestic and agricultural workers historically have been excluded from worker protection legislation and although the situation has improved (Massachusetts was one of the first states to pass a law decades ago, giving some protection to domestic workers), there are still many areas where domestic workers don't have the same rights as others. We often don't think of these individuals (nannies, housekeepers, babysitters) as employees, and therefore they

don't get the same protection that other employees do, including the right to go to the MCAD (Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination), protection from employer retaliation, required days off and the right to unemployment and workers compensation.

As of March 30th, the Bill in the Massachusetts House had been "merged" with the Minimum Wage Bill (another TOG priority) and unemployment reform so it is likely to be voted on soon and be sent to the Senate. We will be tracking the Bill's progress, keep the congregation informed and will let everyone know when action (such as calls to legislators or attending a rally) will be helpful. This is an important initiative that will make a big difference in the quality of life for many of the lowest wameworkers in our state.

TBZ Raises More Than \$13,000 in 2014 Walk for Hunger

by Mark Dwortzan



Left to Right: Our Walkers on the TBZ Steps; Adam and Deborah reach Mile 7; Gabriel takes a breather; Gabriel, Rachel, Adam, Nadav, and Matthew reach Mile 9.

On May 4, about 30 TBZ members walked up to 20 miles in Project Bread's Walk for Hunger. Dozens more donated to our team, TBZ-Brookline. We far exceeded expectations, taking in more than \$13,000: \$3,000 above this year's goal of \$10,000. Project Bread listed us as 10th under "Top Teams" and 9th under "Top Organizations," the third most successful religious organization in the state!

We couldn't have done it without the generosity of our donors and the dedication of our walker/fundraisers and snack table volunteers.

Special commendation goes to three TBZ walkers—Charlotte Reuben, Sue Kahn, and Deborah Korn—who made it to the Walk for Hunger's "Leadership Circle" by raising more than \$1,000, and three others—Mishy Lesser, Lisa Lovett, and Dan Kirschner—who made it to the "Heart and Sole Circle" by raising more than \$500 each.

As wonderful as they are, these numbers tell only part of the story. What makes these numbers matter is that the funds TBZ raised will now help the more than 700,000

people in the state who are affected by food insecurity. Thanks to your efforts, an estimated 400 community food programs in 130 communities—from food pantries to farmer's market coupons to subsidized CSA shares to community gardens—will be strengthened.

As a congregation, we have really walked our talk, and I can't thank you enough. See you next year on the path!

Walkers registered online (a partial list): Mark Dwortzan (captain), Anne Orens (co-organizer), Jonathan Berz, Noah Berz, Yelena Dwortzan, David Friedler, Christopher Ives, Susan Kahn, Robert Kaim, Carol Kamin, Kathy Kates, Dan Kirschner, Adam Klauber, Jonathan Klein, Adam Korn, Deborah Korn, Michael Krause-Grosman, Misia Landau, Mishy Lesser, Maia Levitt, Zoe Levitt, Steven Lewis, Jane Liebschutz, Lisa Lovett, Ilana Margalit, Rori Miller, Lisa Moellman, Samuel Moellman, Charlotte Reuben, Naomi Ribner, Olga Smolyar, Robert Stickgold, Ariadne Valsamis;

Snack Table Volunteers: Ann Braudy; Evelyn Frankford; Alex, Irina, Lance, and Sophia Posternak, Elana Steinberg

Preparing for the Shmita Year at TBZ

Harvesting Jewish Wisdom for Action and Community

By Mark Dwortzan

We live in a culture where "overextended" is the norm. Many of us are working longer hours than just about anywhere else in the world, some taking on multiple, low-wage jobs to make ends meet. We have precious little down time, our kids are overscheduled, and our minds are bombarded by Facebook updates, Twitter feeds, and other electronic noise. Even our land is overexploited as we lop off pristine mountaintops for coal and resort to hydro-fracking to squeeze out increasingly hard-to-reach supplies of oil and natural gas—fossil fuels whose combustion is changing the climate at an alarming rate.

How might we reset our way of life so we have the space and time we need to reconnect to ourselves, our neighbors, and the natural world, and the Source of all being? How might we restore balance to our lives and the

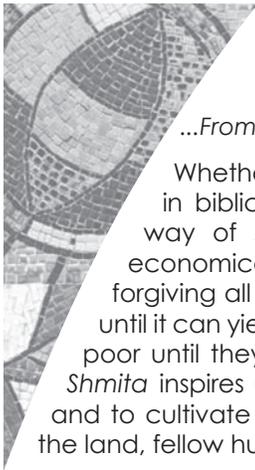
planet? Could it be that the wisdom we need to set things straight has been right in front of us all this time, right in the Torah?

"For six years you are to sow your land and to gather in its produce, but in the seventh, you are to let it go and to let it be, that the needy of your people may eat. . ." – Exodus 23:10-11

"At the end of seven years, you are to make a Release [shmita] . . . he shall release, every possessor of a loan of his hand, what he has lent to his neighbor." – Deuteronomy 15:1-2

Focused on these and related texts in anticipation of the upcoming Shmita year starting this Rosh Hashanah, a dozen TBZ members spent the past year learning with Rabbi Natan and Ilana Margalit about the biblical practice of Shmita and how we can apply it to our lives in the 21st century.

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Whether or not it was ever implemented in biblical times, *Shmita* offers an ingenious way of sustaining society ecologically and economically, by letting the land lie fallow and forgiving all debts. Rather than working farmland until it can yield no more produce, or exploiting the poor until they can no longer support themselves, *Shmita* inspires us to regard all of creation as a gift and to cultivate deep and abiding relationships with the land, fellow human beings, and the Source of life.

Over the course of seven Sundays from September to May, we explored how we might introduce *Shmita* consciousness—*Shabbat* for the land and its people—into our 24-7-365 culture. Contemporary applications included supporting sustainable agriculture through selective food purchasing; giving ourselves and our children unstructured time offline to explore, reflect, and rejuvenate; and supporting legislation designed to address growing economic inequality in America.

Charged by the *Tikkun Olam* Group to find ways to bring *Shmita* consciousness into the culture of TBZ during the

Shmita year and beyond, we emerged with several actions that we're now considering. Here's a sampling:

- Setting up a compost bin on the TBZ grounds so we can convert *Kiddush* food waste into fertile soil, and a garden that can use that soil
- Creating online and offline opportunities for TBZ members to share skills, used goods, and excess fresh produce with one another
- Participating in legislative campaigns and citizen activism to advance solutions to economic inequality (e.g., to raise the minimum wage, improve conditions for domestic workers, and more), and climate change
- Finding ways to reduce fossil fuel and materials consumption at TBZ (one example is to purchase a Soda Stream (or similar brand) seltzer maker to replace bottles)
- Organizing learning opportunities at TBZ focused on *Shmita* texts, ideas and applications

We look forward to harvesting the fruits of our yearlong course with the rest of TBZ and welcoming your ideas in the coming *Shmita* year. Let's reconnect to what's essential and restore balance to our lives and to the planet!

Congratulations to Rav Claudia!

Rav Claudia has been appointed an AJWS Global Justice Fellowship, a yearlong program designed to inspire, educate and train key opinion leaders in the American Jewish community. When she returns, she will be engaging in trainings designed to develop skills in organizing and advocacy and she and TOG will dialogue to determine next steps for transforming her teachings into action. See Rev Claudia's message for more information.

***"You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it."* —Rabbi Tarfon**



6th Annual TBZ Retreat

With over 150 participants, our 6th annual TBZ Community Retreat at Prindle Pond was a great success. So many volunteers contributed to the event, and a special thanks goes to our event co-chairs, **Evonne Meranus** and **Danya Handelsman**. The weekend has become a highlight of the year for many, a solid part of TBZ tradition. **Save the date for our 7th Retreat: March 20-22, 2015!**



Left to Right: Singing at the closing, Havdalah, Gabriel's birthday

Pinat Mishpachot



Farewells and Welcomes

We had a wonderful group of dedicated teachers and educators in our 2013-2014 programs, and we wish everyone *hatzlacha* (success) in the future. **Micah Shapiro** and **David Winship** will be spending next year in Israel as part of their studies at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College, and thanks also go to **Phil Bressler** and **Hannah Lindhom** for their contributions to *Beit Rabban*. **Miriam Diamond** will continue as our Hebrew Learning Specialist for *Beit Rabban* and **Matt Schwartz** will stay on with her as our musical aid.

We would like to welcome **Shira Lenza**, 5th year rabbinical student, as our new coordinator for *Beit Rabban*. Shira will also be leading *Tfilot Mishpachot* in the fall. And we are delighted that **Becky Wexler** will be returning to our *Beit Rabban* and *Tfilot* staff. There will be other new teachers and *tfilot* leaders—stay tuned!

Thank you Suzie!

We have been blessed to have had Suzie Schwartz Jacobson as part of our educational team at TBZ for the last three years. Suzie brought extensive experience and a passion and love of Jewish tradition which helped us develop a vision for meaningful and holistic education for our children and families. With Suzie's input we shifted from being a *Yeladim* (Children's) Committee to a *Mishpachot* (Families) Community. We now offer many opportunities for parents and children to be actively involved in TBZ's life.

With Suzie's guidance we have new programs that strengthen our relationship with the seniors at 1550, and a successful *Rosh Hodesh* group for post *B'nei mitzvah* girls. And she wrote the best *parsha* plays for our

intergenerational services!

We wish Suzie great success next year as she finishes her studies at the Rabbinical School at Hebrew College. We will miss her in *Beit Rabban*, and are excited that she will continue being with us for *Tfilot Mishpachot*.

Welcoming New Chair for the Mishpachot Committee

We are excited to announce that **Kathy Kates** will be joining **Jenny Berz** as the new co-chair of the *Mishpachot* committee. We look forward to continuing to grow our programming for families at TBZ and building community together. Don't hesitate to contact Jenny and Kathy at mishpachot@tbzbrookline.org with ideas and questions.

Registration for Beit Rabban 2014-2015 is Open!

Beit Rabban meets every Wednesday from 4-6 pm. Students study a set curriculum with others in their age group. Please sign up at www.tinyurl.com/BeitRabban5775 as soon as possible, so that we can complete our planning for the new school year.

New Program at TBZ Starting This Fall—

Parenting through a Jewish Lens

with Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia

We are excited to offer a 10-week program offered by Hebrew College and CJP's Commission on Jewish Life and Learning led by our own rabbis, Reb Moshe and Rav Claudia.

If you have children under the age of 10, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn with other parents both from TBZ and the larger community. We will explore core values (*ikkarim*) that can strengthen your family and enjoy rich conversations with other parents on topics that matter. Child care will be offered.

TBZ Members:

\$100 per individual, \$190 per couple.

Non-TBZ Members:

\$145 per individual, \$240 per couple

Sign up at hebrewcollege.edu/parenting

Classes will meet on Sundays, 10-11:30 am.

Dates: Oct 26, Nov 9, Nov 23, Dec 7, Dec 21, Jan 4, Feb 1, Feb 22, Mar 8, Apr 12, (Snow Day Apr 26, if needed)

For more information check: hebrewcollege.edu/parenting or contact Rav Claudia at

ravclaudia@tbzbrookline.org or 617-566-8171 ext 11.

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New Opportunities

We are offering 3 Immersion Programs on Mondays from 4:30-6:00 pm:

- **Z'man Ivrit – Hebrew Immersion**, 8 weeks, Oct 20 – Dec 8
- **Z'man T'fillah – Prayer Immersion**, 4 weeks, Jan 12 – Feb 9 (no class on Jan 19th);
- **Z'man Tzedek – Immerse yourselves in a Justice Project**, 6 weeks, March 23 – May 11 (no class April 6 & 20).

Students of any grade can join any or all of these programs. We strongly recommend that *B'nei Mitzvah* students register for all 3, as the programs will be helpful as students prepare for their *bar* or *bat mitzvah*.

If you have any questions, contact Rav Claudia at ravclaudia@tbzbrookline.org or 617-566-8171 ext 11.

New Groups for Tfilot Mishpachot

Based on the feedback of parents and children we will now have 4 groups for our *Tfilot Mishpachot* (Family Services) on Shabbat.

- **Efrochim**: Preschoolers and their parents, led by **Suzie Schwartz Jacobson**
- **Ktantanim**: Kindergarten through 3rd* grade and their parents, led by **Shira Lenza**
- **Tzeirim**: 4th and 5th grade (without parents), led by **Joshua Berkowitz**
- **B'nei Mitzvah**: 6th and 7th grade (without parents), led by **Becky Wexler**

*3rd graders may choose to participate with *Ktantanim* with parents or *Tzeirim* without parents. Please speak to Rav Claudia if you have questions.

All services will start at 11:30 am, **beginning Sept 13**. Check the calendar for the dates for the year.



Please Join us for the Following Mishpachot Programming During the High Holidays

- **For Pre-teens and teens**: an opportunity to explore and study the deeper meaning of our High Holiday service and develop a more sophisticated way of understanding our relationship to the Divine. Held on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah* and on *Yom Kippur*, time TBA.
- **Family Service for ALL**: also on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, at 11:00 am. This will allow you to join your children, whether you attend the early or late service. **Rav Claudia** and **Matt Schwartz** will lead the service. On the first day of *Rosh Hashanah* we will join the community in the sanctuary for the blowing of the *Shofar*.

We encourage all of our children, especially our older ones, to join us in the Sanctuary. Child care will be also be provided. Check your ticket for times.

Mishpachot Calendar for the Year



The Mishpachot calendar is ready; you can check all programming for the year on the TBZ website:

Programming will resume in September. Save these dates:

- **First Shabbat Tefilot Mishpachot: Sept 13.**
- **First Shabbat with Child care: Sept 20**
- **Beginning of Beit Rabban: Sept 17**
- **First meeting of B'nei Mitzvah Group: Sept 13**

TBZ Teen Girls' Rosh Hodesh Program—Join us for our 3rd Year!

Two years ago we debuted a new Teen Girl's Rosh Hodesh Group. Each month, 8th, 9th and 10th grade girls joined Suzie to delve into the month's holidays and themes, learn more about themselves and each other, and have a great time. This year our new *Beit Rabban* coordinator, Shira Lenza, will lead the group. All 8th and 9th grade girls at TBZ or from local congregations are invited to join. We are excited to continue this program and would love more teen girls to attend! Let us know if your teen is interested.

For more information and to sign up, please contact Rav Claudia at ravclaudia@tbzbrookline.org or 617-566-8171 ext 11.



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“Prepare for Me a Sanctuary and I will dwell among them”

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Ve-asu li mikdash veshachanti be-tocham

Getting Ready for The Days of Awe

Sun, Sept 14

Brunch with poet and author Marcia Falk:
The Days Between (see p. 10)

Preparing the Mind and Heart

Mon, Sept 15

Learning with Rav Claudia, *Hayom Harat Olam: Today is the Birth of the World*, 7:30 pm

Tues, Sept 16

Learning with Reb Moshe, *The Art of Teshuvah*, 7 pm

Sat night, Sept 20, Selichot

9:30 – 10:15 pm

Meditation w/Reb Moshe, Bobbi Isberg and Sheila Yocheved Katz

10:30 – 11:30 pm, Study Session, TBA

11:30 pm – 1:00 am, *Selichot Service*, led by Rabbi Ebn Leader and Cantor Becky Wexler

Preparing our Sanctuary

Sun, Sept 21, lots of volunteers needed!

Learn to Usher (see p. 8)

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