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# L'DOR V'DOR —

## BUILDING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

by Jonathan Klein and Sue Kahn, Capital Campaign Co-Chairs

**We're improving and growing!** The Board, the Building Revitalization Committee and the Capital Campaign Committee have been hard at work all summer, and we have so much to report. By now we hope everyone has seen the images of how our revitalization project will help TBZ flourish: five new rooms on the 3rd floor with a lift to get there; refreshed lobbies, restrooms, and stairwells; new welcoming area with secure front doors; and more. We are on our way—here are the updates:

- **Construction is scheduled to start on Monday, November 21.** The Building Revitalization Committee, under Co-Chair Ken Wexler's leadership, has chosen Acella Construction (no, not the Amtrak train, they build stuff) as our contractor and construction manager, finalized the "building permit" plans, and is currently working on bids with subcontractors. Once we have the basic pricing, we can see whether we can afford any "extras," and begin working on choosing finishes, furniture, and deciding on the final scope of work. We are on schedule for a November 21 construction start, with a three-month schedule, so all work will be complete by the end of February. Please SAVE THE DATE for a special groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, November 20.
- **What will it be like during construction?** While we will need to make some adjustments to accommodate the construction, most activities will be able to continue uninterrupted. Shabbat services will still be held in the Sanctuary almost every week, although occasionally we may need to move services to the Community Room. This will require a little flexibility to both have services and manage the Oneg or Kiddush. Cantor Becky and Rav Claudia have made arrangements to hold some Beit Rabban classes at 1550 Beacon, our next-door senior housing development, which fits in perfectly with our theme for the year, "L'Dor V'Dor," from generation to generation. There will be two simchas during the construction period, and we will make special arrangements to insure that everything is cleaned up and looking good for those special occasions.

- **The Capital Campaign is closing in on our increased goal of \$1,200,000.** As of mid-August when we're writing this article, we are just about to surpass \$1,000,000 with close to 100 gifts and pledges from our members. A big THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed. We will be holding a "phone-a-thon" on September 11th to reach as many members as we can. We want all of you to feel that this is your home; that's why we're seeking 100% participation. Then we will take a fundraising break to focus on the High Holidays, which are right around the corner. However, we want to give everyone a chance to participate, so we will resume and finish the campaign after the High Holidays. In the meantime, if you want to contribute or make a multi-year pledge now, please contact us at [revitalize@tbzbrookline.org](mailto:revitalize@tbzbrookline.org) and we will call you.
- **Why was the goal increased to \$1,200,000?** Well, two reasons. First, as we investigate the building, we find more and more "hidden" issues that may be expensive to address. For example, our electrical system very much needs updating, which was not in the original plan, but might be necessary to support the requirement for a new HVAC (heating-ventilating-air conditioning) system on the third floor. Second, TBZ has a new Inclusion Committee—(thank you Suzanne Gelber, Danya Handelsman and Sue Brent!)—and if possible, we want to have funds available to consider implementing some of their recommendations.

For more information, visit: [www.tbzbrookline.org/community/tbz-revitalization](http://www.tbzbrookline.org/community/tbz-revitalization), where we have posted information about the Capital Campaign progress and some of the architectural plans and images. Anything else? Send an email to [revitalize@tbzbrookline.org](mailto:revitalize@tbzbrookline.org), and we will respond promptly.

We hope you will join our excitement about the wonderful improvements we are planning together for TBZ!

**Save the Date:**  
**Ground Breaking Ceremony - November 20**  
Details to follow



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# TBZ NEWS & EVENTS

These are only a sample of the exciting events happening at TBZ! Check out our website to learn more about our programming and committees, and help us continue to grow our dynamic and spirited community.

## Welcome to Steven Greenberg, Our New Interim Executive Director

Please welcome Steven to the staff at TBZ. Steven was the Executive Director at the Vilna Shul for eight years and also served as Interim Executive Director at Mishkan Tefila. He is eager to bring his expertise to the office during this exciting time for our shul. Please stop by to introduce yourself!

## Bruchim HaBa'im Welcoming Shabbat

Do you know someone looking for a Jewish Community? We welcome everyone, particularly newcomers to join us for a joyous, participatory Shabbat Open House on September 16 and 17. Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:15 pm on Friday, September 16 will include our musical Shabbat Nariya and be followed by a Community Potluck. Torah service begins at 10 am on Saturday, September 17 and is preceded by Torah study at 9 am. There will be opportunities to meet the Rabbis.

## Kol Nidrei Services 5777

This year's early Kol Nidrei service will be slightly different. Please note that it will begin at 5:45 pm, Tuesday evening, October 11. The alterations will be minimal but will offer us an opportunity to absorb the service more deeply with some moments of contemplation. Noah Berz's heartfelt violin rendition of the Kol Nidrei will again be part of the service. By the way, Noah's Bar Mitzvah will take place September 10. We are certain that the same warmth and sincerity of all our services will continue to shine forth to inspire us in our process of *teshuvah*.

## TBZ Literacy Team for New Tutors

Make a difference in a child's life by helping them learn to read. Join TBZ members who volunteer one hour per week to work one-on-one with students at the Winship Elementary School in Brighton. Tutor comments: "Helping a young child learn to read may be the most gratifying thing I have ever done." "Their smiles when they see me make my day." Would you like to become a tutor but don't think you know how to teach reading? The Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy offers a training session in September with lots of tips and activities. Further support comes from workshops and teacher-partners. For more information about joining the team, please contact Kim Meyers at [literacytutors@tbzbrookline.org](mailto:literacytutors@tbzbrookline.org).

## Pot Luck Dinners and Shabbat Nariya

September 16, November 18

We're continuing to spice up Friday nights with a series of monthly Pot Luck dinners and a special musical Shabbat Nariya service. Please contribute a vegetarian food item, if you can (include a list of ingredients) and join us for a night of music, singing, food and fellowship.

# 1566 HAPPENINGS

## Ride for Food

Sunday, September 25, 7:30am - 10:30am at Noble and Greenough School, Dedham  
Family Table's Annual Ride for Food is a fun bicycle event organized to raise money for hunger relief in the greater Boston area. For more info go to [tbzbrookline.org](http://tbzbrookline.org)

## NISHMAT HAYYIM

### Meditation/Mindfulness Practice Group

with Reb Moshe, Bobbi Isberg, Sheila Yoheved Katz and others.

Want to start a meditation practice or deepen your current one? Join this regular meditation group offering students the support to develop and sustain an individual practice as well as to integrate meditation into other parts of their Judaism and daily life. For more information contact [nishmathayyim@tbzbrookline.org](mailto:nishmathayyim@tbzbrookline.org)

Fridays 9:30 am - 11 am, September 9, 16, 23, October 14, 21, 28,

November 4, 11, 18. Free for TBZ members, \$180 for non-TBZ members, \$135 for returning participants. Registration deadline, September 6.

### Shabbat Afternoon Meditation Retreat

1:30 - 3 pm, September 10, October 8, November 19, December 24

with Bobbi Isberg and Yoheved Sheila Katz.

Coming together in stillness to be with the truth of what arises and passes in each moment. Be fully alive to the hidden essence of Shabbat *vayinafash*.

Beginners and experienced meditators welcome. No registration necessary

Instruction for people new to meditation at 1:15 pm.

### Day Long Meditation Retreat at Just Right Farm

9:15 am - 4:30 pm, Sunday, October 30

Join us for a day of mindful sitting, walking, yoga, silent lunch, prayer, chant and contemplative Torah study led by Bobbi Isberg, Yoheved Sheila Katz, and Mark Russo in a quiet beautiful place in the country about an hour from Boston. All levels of meditators are welcome. An exquisite lunch from the farm will be provided. Limited to 25 people! Don't miss this rare opportunity! Registration DEADLINE is Thursday, October 20. Fee: \$72 per person, \$54 for seniors, \$36 for students. Scholarships available. To register please call the office at 617.566.8171 ext. 14 and charge it.

### Contemplative Shabbat Retreat

December 16-18 at the Essex Conference Center in Essex, MA

Come join us and participate in a warm, contemplative Shabbat with Reb Moshe Waldoks, Bobbi Isberg, and Yoheved Sheila Katz. Share the full beauty of Shabbat in prayer, study, meditation, chant, fellowship, nature walks, yoga, good food, and more in this marvelous natural setting. Cost includes 2 nights lodging with all meals included, beginning with Friday night Shabbat dinner and ending with Sunday lunch. Reserve your place early and register NOW! Only 18 double rooms available. Registration deadline December 1 (on a first come basis).

Cost: \$295 (Early bird: \$265 by November 4)

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### Men's Study Group

Imagine going beneath the surface to explore—spiritual growth, personal relationships, work, creativity, community, making a difference in the world and more—in a Jewish context, with Jewish men, in a supportive, accepting environment.

To all men at TBZ, we offer: **A Growing Conversation** enhanced by the wide-ranging perspectives of our members; **Thought-Provoking Texts** that enrich our journeys as men, Jewish men and human beings; **Social Events** like Sunday brunches, films and an annual Men's Shabbat; **Monthly(ish) Gatherings** on Shabbat at 1:30 pm (after Kiddush/lunch) in the third floor classroom. Please join us September 17, October 8, 29, November 19, December 10.

We encourage interested men to give the group a try. If you have never been in a men's study group before and feel reluctant about participating, now is the time to take that step forward and sample a meeting or two.

Questions? Contact Mark Dwortzan (mark@dwortzan.com) or Steve Lewis (Steve.Lewis@fmc-na.com).

### Rosh Hodesh Group

The Rosh Hodesh Group is for TBZ women of all ages and meets monthly around the time of the New Moon. Our mission is to provide opportunities for women to increase and deepen their friendships within our community. New members are welcomed each fall. All who are interested are invited to come to the Open House Sunday, September 18, 3 - 5 pm and/or our first meeting Sunday, October 30, 7 - 9 pm. After that, meetings are closed to new members so that we may build deepening connections within a committed group. For more info contact roshhodesh@tbzbrookline.org.

### TBZ Joins Ruderman Foundation Synagogue Inclusion Project

In March, TBZ joined with the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project (RSIP) (sponsored by CJP) to work to create a community where people of all abilities are valued equally and participate fully. Under the leadership of Inclusion Committee Co-Chairs Sue Brent, Danya Handelsman and Suzanne Gelber, TBZ completed the Inclusion Inventory. The inventory will identify goals and priorities for TBZ to be accessible and welcoming to all. Contact inclusion@tbzbrookline.org for more.

## SELIKHOT - BROOKLINE COMMUNITY

Join us for a soulful beginning to the High Holy Days with an evening of meditation and inspiring prayer.

**Saturday, September 24 -**

**Sunday, September 25**

6:30 pm - 9 pm (includes Havdalah)

Hebrew Senior Life, 1550 Beacon St.

9:30 pm - 1 am Temple Beth Zion

## TODAH RABAH

- To Adam Klauber, Rebecca Weintraub, Ezra and Rafael for chairing the Walk for Hunger this year!
- To the TBZ community for the successful Spring Kiddush Fundraiser in honor of our Chai year and our fantastic members, Priscilla and Geoff Stein. We exceeded our goal in terms of funds raised and, most important, we joyously celebrated our community! Thanks to all who made it happen!
- To Literacy Program Tutors Susan Snider, David Woodruff, Meda Strauss, Jeffrey Ros-enberg, Scott Jacobson, Andy Koppel, Jessica Davis, and Sheryl Kalis for the wonderful work they have done. (see page 3 for more about the program)

## ADULT LEARNING

We are grateful to both rabbis and many TBZ members for their willingness to provide such a diverse and inspiring list of classes, presentations, and other offerings for the benefit of our community. We look forward to an exciting adult learning program! Phyllis Goldstein and Maxine Lyons, Co-chairs. Contact [adultlearning@tbzbrookline.org](mailto:adultlearning@tbzbrookline.org)

### High Holiday Prep Class

Prepare for the Days of Awe with special sessions held by the Rabbis. Attend one or both.

September 14, 7 - 9 pm with Reb Moshe

September 19, 7:30 - 9 pm with Rav Claudia

### Interfaith Discussions

Co-sponsored with CMM's RUACH Interfaith Spirituality Program (Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries) and The Brookline Clergy.

**Sun, September 11, 2 pm – 4 pm**  
with Jonathan Golden, PhD

*"How Are American Jews Affiliated: A History of American Jews"*

**Sun, September 18, 2pm – 4pm**  
with Reb Moshe

*"The Diversity Within the American Jewish Experience Today: A Theological Perspective—Is There One Jewish People?"*

For questions or more information, contact Maxine Lyons, TBZ Adult Learning Co-chair and CMM Board Member, [maxineiris@comcast.net](mailto:maxineiris@comcast.net)

### Lunch and Learn with Rav Claudia

Bring your own dairy lunch to an open discussion with Rav Claudia based on readings from various sources (specific book to follow)

Thursdays, 12:30 pm - 2 pm, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 8, 15

### Nina Piken - Introductory Session on Mussar

Come find out more about this Jewish ethical, educational and cultural movement during an introductory session held on Tuesday September 13, 9:30 am - 11 am.

Registration will take place for sessions to be held Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 11 am. November 1, 8, 15, 29, December 6, 13, 20.

### Reb Moshe's Fall Classes

Topics to be announced. Look for more in TBZ Happenings

Wednesdays 7 - 8:30 pm October 26, November 2, 9

### Trope Class with Cantor Becky Khitrik

Learn to chant from the Torah in just six weeks! Our class will have the opportunity to read on Shabbat, following the course. Participants should have a basic knowledge of how to read Hebrew. Open to musicians, people who believe they are not musically inclined, and even those who think (mistakenly!) that they are tone deaf.

Contact [education@tbzbrookline.org](mailto:education@tbzbrookline.org) with questions.

Mondays 7 - 8:30 pm, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12

### Wise Aging Group

Back by popular demand! Join Dr. Anne Waldoks and Reb Moshe Waldoks to explore what Wise Jewish Aging is and can be, using texts (both Jewish and general) and our relationships with our physical and spiritual selves and with each other.

Contact [rabbisadmin@tbzbrookline.org](mailto:rabbisadmin@tbzbrookline.org) with questions. Wednesdays, 10 am - 12 pm, October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30, December 7, 14

To stay up-to-date on all the exciting events taking place, go to:

[www.tbzbrookline.org/about/tbz-kehilla](http://www.tbzbrookline.org/about/tbz-kehilla) and find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/tbzbrookline](http://www.facebook.com/tbzbrookline)

## Weekly Shabbat Times

6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat - meditation; 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat  
9 am Shabbat Torah study; 10 am services followed by kiddush lunch

## SPECIAL SERVICES

### Selichot - Brookline Community

Saturday, September 24 - Sunday, September 25: 6:30 pm - 9 pm  
(includes Havdalah) Hebrew Senior Life, 1550 Beacon St.  
9:30 pm - 1 am Temple Beth Zion

### Sukkot First Day Service

Monday, October 17, 10 am

### Shmini Atzeret Service (includes Yizkor)

October 24, 10 am - 12:30 pm

### Simkhat Torah Service

October 24, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

### Simkhat Torah Service with Rabbi Ebn Leader

October 25, 9 am - 1 pm

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Concert and Conversation with Mira Awad, featuring Rav Claudia

(see back page) Thursday, November 3, 7 pm  
The Regent Theater Arlington, MA

## ADULT LEARNING (see page 5 for more)

### High Holy Day Class

with Reb Moshe September 14, 7 - 9 pm

with Rav Claudia September 19, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

### Lunch and Learn with Rav Claudia

Thursdays, 12:30 - 2 pm, November 3, 10, 17, December 1

### Mussar with Nina Piken

Introductory session on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 9:30 am - 11 am  
Regular Sessions to be held Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 11 am  
November 1 - December 20.

### Trope Class with Cantor Becky Khitrik

Mondays 7 - 8:30 pm November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12

### Wise Aging Group (For registered participants)

10 am, October 19, November 2, 9, 16, 30

## BAR/BAT MITZVAH

September 10, Noah Berz, 10 am

September 24, Abby Zimmerman, 10 am

November 5, Saul Hodin, 10am

November 12, Abe Tolkoff, 4pm

November 19, Yelena Dwortzan, 10am

## BEIT RABBAN AND MISHPACHOT EVENTS

Tfilot Mishpachot, 11:30am

September 17, October 1, 15, 29, November 12

1550 Kabbalat Shabbat followed by dinner at TBZ

5:30pm, November 11

## BOOK CLUB

6:30 pm, September 11, October 9, November 13

## COMMUNITY DINNER (see page 14 for more)

Friday, November 4

## MEDITATION/MINDFULNESS PRACTICE GROUP

9:30 am - 11 am

September 9, 16, 23, October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18

## MEN'S STUDY GROUP

1:30 pm, September 17, October 8, 29, November 19, December 10

## ROSH HODESH

Open House Sunday, September 18, 3 - 5 pm

Open Meeting Sunday, October 30, 7 - 9 pm

November 20, 7 - 9 pm (for committed members)

## SHABBAT NARIYA and POT LUCK SUPPER

September 16, November 18

Please visit

<https://www.tbzbrookline.org/community/committees>

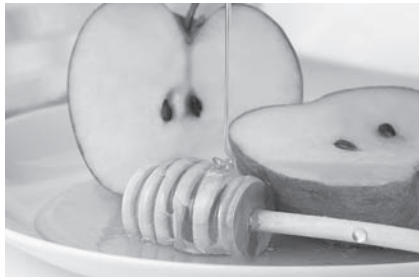
to find out more about an activity or group

# TBZ CALENDAR

## SCHEDULE FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

### Sunday, October 2

Erev Rosh HaShana, 6 - 7 pm  
One service in the sanctuary



### Monday, October 3

Rosh HaShana 5777

Early Service, 8 am - 11 am  
Includes Shakharit and Torah Service

Late Service, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Includes Torah Service and Musaf

Preteen and Teen High Holiday Program (6-10th graders), 11 am - 12 pm

Family Service for ALL Ages  
(joins service in Sanctuary to hear shofar), 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Tashlich, 5:15 pm, Cleveland Circle Reservoir

### Tuesday, October 4

Rosh HaShana, 9 am - 1:30 pm

Childcare 9 am

### Tuesday, October 11

Erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre - Early Service, 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm

Kol Nidre - Late Service, 8:15 - 10:15 pm

### Wednesday, October 12

Yom Kippur

Early Service, 8 am - 11 am  
Includes Shakharit and Torah Service

Late Service, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Includes Torah Service and Musaf

Preteen and Teen High Holiday Program (6-10th graders), 11 am - 12 pm

Family Service for ALL Ages, 10:15 am - 12:30 pm

Yizkor, 3 - 3:30 pm Sanctuary

Minkha, 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm Sanctuary

Ne'ilah 5:30 pm - 7 pm The Closing of the Gates, Sanctuary

Fast Ends at 6:55 pm

## L'Chaim

- To Matthew Hassan on becoming Bar Mitzvah on May 14
- To Gabriella Toppelberg on becoming Bat Mitzvah on May 28
- To Ari Newell on becoming Bar Mitzvah on June 18
- To Noah Berz on becoming Bar Mitzvah on September 10
- To Abby Zimmerman on becoming Bat Mitzvah on September 24
- To Saul Hodin on becoming Bar Mitzvah on November 5
- To Abe Talkoff on becoming Bar Mitzvah on November 12
- To Yelena Dwortzan on becoming Bat Mitzvah on November 19
- To the Beit Rabban B'nei Mizvah class, who raised \$433 in support for Syrian Refugee aid on Sunday at their carnival and bake sale!
- To Rav Claudia on being featured in the Jewish Women's Archive's new exhibit about women rabbis.
- To Larry Kraus for receiving the Sarah B. Ignatius Award for Outstanding Achievement award from the PAIR project!
- To Beit Rabban teacher David Winship and Jasmine Gothef on their engagement.
- To congregant Janet Echelman, named by *The Boston Globe* as a 2016 Game Changer!
- To Ma'ayan Sands on her recent ordination as a rabbi at Hebrew College.
- To Amy Mates and Billy Mencow on the birth of grandson to Deena and Sean.
- To Beth Ehrenreich, TBZ's Rabbis Assistant and Communication Coordinator on the birth of a granddaughter.
- To Jonathan Klein and Amy Schottenfels on the birth of a granddaughter, Sofia Lillian Klein, to Nathan and Rebecca Klein!
- To Susan and Jim Snider on the birth of a grandson, Ruben Daniel.

# The Creation of the World

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by Reb Moshe Waldoks

ON ROSH HASHANA WE CELEBRATE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD. ON YOM KIPPUR WE STRUGGLE WITH OUR RE-CREATION OF SELF. BOTH OF THESE ARE DONE IN COMMUNITY.

On Rosh HaShana we are humbled as we see ourselves as small particles of the vast and endless Universe. It is this humility that aids our process of *teshuvah* on Yom Kippur.

Every year we are challenged from both within and without. The pains of the past year, as well as its successes, are always written on the background of what we experience as Jews, Americans and as citizens of the world.

As generations past have experienced this intersection of the geopolitical and the private so do we. Our responses to this intersection of personal aspiration and the general common good are never clear. We all harbor tense and sometimes opposing feelings: independence and belonging; unabridged freedom and responsibility.



The High Holidays provides us with some navigation in these raucous waters. Our individual pursuits for success and power are always mitigated by the state of the world around us. Success and power may be illusory vis-a-vis the Power of the Universe, its articulation in Nature and our small role in its evolution. That said, we still do have the capacity and responsibility to harness together the powers of justice and vision to deal with the challenges we face. We can't stand idly by, yet we must always be conscious that, in many cases, change must be systemic to have any effect.

This is why TBZ is part of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) that brings together thousands of people from close to a hundred different congregations of all denominations and creeds. (See [gbio.org](http://gbio.org) for more information.) Like a force of nature that brings together energy from many different sources, GBIO operates from a standpoint of what our kabbalistic sources call *gevurah* or *din*—strength or justice. It is *gevurah* that is the essence of the natural world—its ferocity and its fascination. *Din* fills one bucket on the scale of life. The second bucket is filled with *chesed*—compassion and loving kindness.

To be clear—the change that is possible in the world outside of us, whether in natural phenomena or geo-politically, can only be moved by *gevuradik* efforts for systemic change. This is true in issues of climate change, or gun violence. Individuals must come together and become a force, a *gevurah* force in order to achieve any modicum of change. Our Tikkun Olam group helps to coordinate our relationship with many communal and global projects where we must come together for systemic change.

On Rosh HaShana we encounter *Gevurah* and we acknowledge our being part of Creation. On Yom Kippur we want to move the setting from *gevurah* to *chesed*. It is counter-productive to engage in the process of *teshuvah*—self-reflection and return from a place of *gevurah*. On the contrary, if we deal with ourselves harshly and do not seek to find the core of our true selves through *chesed* nothing will be achieved.

Fear and self-loathing are not formulae for *teshuvah*. Loving kindness is the motivation for our dealings with the world and ourselves. Through individual's acts of loving kindness, that are by their very nature meant to effect those who lives are intermingled with ours, we may effect systemic change.

When we work on ourselves as individuals it is the inspiration of loving kindness that allows for us to remain supple—ready to bend, be flexible, responding to those who need us to change in order to manage the relationships we cherish.

Many of you may have heard my version of my mentor, Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi's z"l, teaching that the recitation of the *al-khet* list of transgressions should not be accompanied by breast-beating but rather with heart-polishing. Rubbing the dross from the heart to reveal its lustre. Even having the list of the *al-khets* in the plural is an act of *chesed*, of loving kindness.



Our *chesed* committee exemplifies the reaching out to the individual and family in times of sorrow and celebration. Helping in the most mundane ways—a drive to a doctor's appointment, a dinner delivered, helping set up the community room for a kiddush etc.—offers up to the other the deep humane parts of ourselves.

Both *gevurah* and *chesed* strive for balance and harmony. This Splendor—*tiferet*—is achieved by balancing ourselves in both systemic efforts to repair the world and in small acts of human interaction and loving kindness that create caring and compassion communities.

Our Ne'ilah—the concluding service of Yom Kippur successfully mediates our personal and public efforts to transform *din* into *chesed*. The voices of the individual are imbedded in our chorus of voices without losing their individual resonance.

My hope and prayer is that you will offer your individual voice to the TBZ chorus throughout the coming year. We have created, and are creating, opportunities, (Shabbat Nariyah and a number of special experimental Shabbat services) to help you find a way to us over the next year.

The High Holidays are a doorway to a year of ongoing spiritual and intellectual growth. These are the hallmarks of TBZ—our classes, our Nishmat Hayyim Contemplative community, our Wise Aging explorations, our community retreats, our Shabbat Torah study, our TBZ Talks, our family programming, and so much more.

By the spring we will be benefiting from more functional space in which we can all experience these offerings.

*shana tova umetukah*

שנה טובה ומתוקה

Reb Moshe

## TBZ COMMUNITY RETREAT



Fun for all ages took place at the annual TBZ Community Retreat at Craigville Retreat Center on Cape Cod. The three-day retreat included study, mediation, yoga and singing!



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## WALK FOR HUNGER

Thank you to all that participated and donated for the Walk! Team TBZ raised over \$14,000! Yasher Koach to all. Special thanks to Adam Klauber, Rebecca Weintraub, Ezra and Rafael for chairing the walk this year!



## TIKKUN OLAM PROJECT

This past year, Beit Rabban practiced the mitzvah of loving the stranger by raising funds for Syrian Refugees. Syrian emigre Dima Basha spoke to the school about her homeland and the changes it has endured since the start of the war. The B'nei Mitzvah class researched the conflict and various aid organizations working in the Middle East. On their own volition, the class organized two bake sales and a spring carnival, raising over \$800. Combined with other tzedakah money, Beit Rabban contributed almost \$900 to HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. The contribution was made in honor of Dima, who graciously reminded us that our communities are bound more by our similarities than our differences.



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## BEIT RABBAN GRADUATION



Beit Rabban held its last day of school on June 1st, with a graduation ceremony and pizza party. Students and teachers were recognized for their contributions, and TBZ was proud to award graduation certificates to seven outgoing seventh graders, most of whom will continue their education at the Tent, our teen program with Temple Israel (Boston) and Kehillath Israel (Brookline). Many parents attended to celebrate the achievements of their children and of our community

# A MESSAGE FROM REB MOSHE AND RAV CLAUDIA REGARDING B'NEI MITZVAH CELEBRATIONS AT TBZ

This coming year we will celebrate the most B'nei Mitzvah and B'not Mitzvah in a year that we have ever had at TBZ. This is a wonderful challenge for our community and we want to recognize some anxieties expressed by some members of our congregation. Between September 2016 and June 2017 we will celebrate seventeen B'nei and B'not Mitzvah. Some celebrations will be on Shabbat Mincha or Sunday Rosh Hodesh and most on Shabbat morning. Some will be children that have been at TBZ since they were little ones and some will be new families that have joined our TBZ community more recently.

If you have been at TBZ for a bar/bat mitzvah you know it is a joyous event. We love being part of such a meaningful moment in a family's life. We get to know the family and the children and feel blessed that all our families take their part in the process of becoming bar/bat mitzvah very seriously.

We are aware, though, that some people have concerns about how this will change our Shabbat morning services. We want to reassure you that, together with the leadership of the Synagogue Practices Committee, we are working to make sure that our Shabbat services,



continue being joyful and participatory for all, and those who are not related to the B'nei Mitzvah family directly, feel included. The ONLY way for us to do this is if you come!! We are already taking a few practical steps to ensure that! After the construction finishes we will be able also to have programming at Kiddush (TBZ talks or other regular TBZ programs), even when there is a celebration. We ask you to enjoy this wonderful challenge and help us grow as a community.

Mazel Tov to all of us!

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## CONDOLENCES

- **To our members Rabbi Susan Schnur and Len Fishman and their family on the death of Susan's mother, Ruth Shankman Schnur at the age of 97.**
- **To Karen Brody on the loss of her cousin, Alan Rothstein.**



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

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## NEW MEMBERS

Courtney Bergan  
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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS. THE TBZ COMMUNITY DINNER FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH.

Our favorite community event is here again!  
Meet new people, catch up with old friends  
and enjoy dinner with the Rabbis.  
A great opportunity to get to know  
the congregation.

- New members come as our guests — no charge!
- Bring your children, your parents, your friends
- Enjoy singing and kibbitzing

**Be on the look out for details soon!**





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