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A WORD FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS

by Sue Kahn and Sara Smolover
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One definition of Membership is “to be a part of a whole.” We join organizations and become members so that we can become part of something bigger than ourselves, so that our lives can be fuller, and our community wider. We inherently know that there is much to learn from immersing ourselves in the midst of others. TBZ members are individuals who are devoted to this concept and join together in prayer, study, celebration, mourning, *tikkun olam*, meditation, and more. Over time, our members feel more and more committed to the future of the congregation and become leaders of committees, run programs, and take positions on the Board. We appreciate all of you and your choice to become TBZ members and embrace your Jewish community.

As we approach this new year and season of self-examination, we want you to consider the question—how am I contributing to the whole of TBZ? Can I join a committee? Can I greet people coming to Shabbat services? Am I inviting someone to sit next to me? Am I supporting our inclusion efforts? Am I invested in keeping our financial future secure? And am I doing something to spread the word about this amazing community so that we can bring in new members?

The Board is responsible for TBZ’s financial health and balancing our budget. One goal we incorporated into this year’s budget was the addition of new members in order to bring in more dollars to support our operating budget. We have an expanded and accessible “new” building that our Rabbinic and lay leadership are eager to see bustling with people of all ages learning and gathering. One area of outreach that we are excited about is led by our young adult members Courtney Bergan, Caitlin Feuer, and Rachel Goldberg (whom we wish good luck on her move to Israel). They are starting an initiative to attract adults in their **20s and 30s**, please see page 4 for more.

Another area of outreach is inspired by the success of our **Wise Aging program**, which is proof that TBZ has much to offer ‘empty nesters’ who are seeking spiritual growth.

Our classes, intergenerational community, accessible building, Shabbat and holiday celebrations, and spiritual focus are a draw for adults looking for a new congregational home. Let’s make sure these seekers find out about us! We have a new brochure directed to this segment of the community and are looking to reach out to the local community and beyond. Stay tuned for more programming, and let us know if you are interested in contributing to this effort.

Please help to spread the word to everyone about what TBZ has to offer! Share our website, invite people to our **Bruchim HaBa'im Welcoming Shabbat** on September 8th and 9th, and please, reach out to Kathy Kates, our new Membership Chair, at membership@tbzbrookline.org to be a part of making all our members feel welcome, informed, and part of this special community.

Join us September 10th to celebrate the dedication of our beautiful new third floor as the **Reb Moshe and Anne Waldoks Lifelong Learning Center!** We are thankful to everyone who contributed to the L'Dor V'Dor campaign and helped this dream come true.

Lastly, while summer has meant slowing down and taking it easy for many of us, the administrative team at TBZ has been hard at work. Executive Director Steven Greenberg, Rabbis' Assistant/Office Manager Beth Ehrenreich, and Office Assistant Sara Lustberg have tirelessly transitioned our membership database to Shul Cloud. We want to heartily thank the office team for taking on this momentous task that will improve the efficiency of the office. We hope you will appreciate the changes and ease of accessing your own account and member information. Even with this self-service feature, you are always welcome to phone or email Steven, Beth or Sara with questions.

On behalf of the Board of Directors we want to wish all of you and your loved ones a happy, healthy and meaningful year of community at TBZ.



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This is 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.

Bruchim HaBa'im Welcoming Shabbat

Do you know someone looking for a new spiritual home? Spread the word and invite your friends to join our vibrant and diverse TBZ community as we celebrate a special welcoming shabbat! Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday, September 8 at 6:15 pm with a focus on welcoming people in their 20s and 30s. Saturday, September 9 join us for Torah study at 9 am. Our Torah service begins at 10 am and will be followed by a festive Kiddush and opportunity to meet our dynamic rabbis!

High Holiday Prep Day



Volunteers wanted to help prepare our beautiful sanctuary for the High Holy Days.

Contact Michael Goldberg mgoldberg0227@gmail.com for more information. No sign up necessary, just come!

Sunday, September 17,
2-4 pm

Rosh Hodesh

The Rosh Hodesh Group marked another successful year of meaningful activities. Spring included our first Rosh Hodesh Shabbat where many of the members participated in all phases of the service from reading Torah for the first time at TBZ to a memorable d'var entitled "Boundaries and Holiness in the Torah or What's a Jew to do to be Holy today?" by Leah Abraham. For Shavuot, Claudia Herman and Jen Goldman co-lead the group, inviting us to share poems on themes related to the month. We finished the year with Tamar Spiro and Miriam Diamond leading an examination of the blessing for the new month and the sharing of tasty treats.

We look ahead to the New Year and our annual Fall Open House. We invite TBZ women to come and learn about our Rosh Hodesh group, meet new members and get reacquainted with current and former members. To learn more and to RSVP to attend, please contact Sara in the office at office@tbzbrookline.org.

Open House Sunday, September 24, 7 - 9 pm

Open Meeting Sunday, October 22, 7 - 9 pm

November 19, 7 - 9 pm (for committed members)

Shabbat Nariya and Pot Luck Dinner

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.
October 27, November 17



Men's Group

We are a group of men who meet about once every three weeks after Shabbat Kiddush to:

- explore men's roles in a rapidly changing society and other issues of mutual concern (including work, creativity, relationships, family, personal growth, impact on the world) through the study of texts that both relate to these issues and merit discussion in their own right;
- engage with other men about these issues and our personal experiences on intellectual, emotional and spiritual levels, allowing for full expression of our authentic selves;
- share challenges, successes, insights and other aspects of our personal lives with other men in a confidential, nonjudgmental, respectful and supportive environment; and
- co-create a community in which we support and mentor one another in our life journeys while building deep and caring connections.

We welcome men across the full spectrum of age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, belief and practice.
After Kiddush September 16, October 14, November 4

Shul Cloud

We are very excited to have upgraded our synagogue software system to ShulCloud! Not only does this software allow the staff and the Rabbis at TBZ to generate better information and reports, but it allows you, the member, to access your own account. You are able to edit and add family information, make donations, pay your balance and register for events and programs. There will be even more features in the future as we continue to roll out the system. The TBZ office is here and ready to assist you during this transition and will help make the best use of this new community building tool.

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Kabbalat Shabbat Picnic

More than 50 people participated in our Kabbalat Shabbat Picnic on August 4. The weather was perfect, Reb Moshe led a beautiful service, and Noam and Ron contributed with drumming and spirituality. A good time was had by all.



TBZ Literacy Team Wants YOU for the 2017-2018 School Year

In one hour a week, you can change a child's life! Join our group of TBZ members in tutoring students at Winship Elementary School in Brighton, helping them improve their reading.

We work one-on-one with students, for an hour each week. The Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy offers a training session in September or October with lots of tips and activities to help you get started. Each tutor is partnered with a Boston School teacher who provides materials and guidance for the individual children who need help.

The tutors report:

"It's easy and it's fun. Knowing I've helped them is only part of the joy."

"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."

"The little boy I work with barely spoke at the beginning of the year. Now he chatters happily. Learning to read has given him so much confidence."

For more information ask any of these TBZ members: Susan Snider, David Woodruff, Meda Strauss, Jeffrey Rosenberg, Diane Richler, Ronna Tapper-Goldman and Linda Brodt. Or contact Kim Meyers at literacytutors@tbzbrookline.org or 617-713-4447.

Help make the world a better place – change a child's life by helping them learn to read!



20s & 30s-ish Group!

This summer, TBZ launched its newest group with two events. Shabbat dinner was hosted at Courtney Bergan's house, and an activity took place over Welcoming Shabbat weekend. The group was founded as a way to engage more 20s and 30s-ish (in age or at heart) in socializing, social justice, and spiritual activities. The new group is quickly growing and changing. In 5778, the group hopes to decide on a name, grow its membership, and organize and participate in fun and meaningful gatherings and activities at TBZ and in the community. Would you like to help build or participate in this new group? Please contact Courtney, (courtney.bergan@gmail.com) or Caitlin Feuer (caitlin.feuer@gmail.com).

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TBZ Participates in the Walk for Hunger



TBZ Community Retreat on Cape Cod

Nishmat Hayyim

TBZ's Nishmat Hayyim Jewish Meditation/Mindfulness Programs continue to flourish in nurturing our experiences of mindfulness as a way of being with the truth of what is. Mindfulness is an open, curious, non-judgmental, tender presence.

We are thrilled to begin the 4th year of our Friday AM Meditation Mindfulness Practice Group, consisting of nine sessions beginning in September. Our first session on September 8 will be an open house for everyone. Bring your friends!

These sessions have become home to a Jewish meditation community of TBZ members and nonmembers helping to both deepen and continue this challenging discipline together, cultivating wisdom, compassion, happiness, and the ability to respond to this complex life and world.

The 90 minute sessions include chant, a 45 minute silent sit, teachings from Jewish, Buddhist, and other mindfulness texts, discussion, and check-ins about our practice. All levels of meditators, beginners and experienced are welcome! We look forward to 'being' with you and 'sitting' with you!!

Registration is required as this not a drop-in program.

September 8, 15, 29, October 6, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 9:30 - 11 am in the TBZ sanctuary.

One of our goals is to expand our programming to encourage practice opportunities for all of our participants as well as newcomers. In the coming year we most likely will continue offering a 45 minute meditation sit every Shabbat after Kiddush, in addition to our monthly scheduled lengthier (1:30 - 3:00 pm) Shabbat Afternoon Sits: September 9, October 28, November 18, December 9. All are welcome to attend any Shabbat Afternoon Sit, registration is not necessary.

And lastly, save the dates for these upcoming programs with amazing guest teachers (more info will be available soon):

- Oct 15 & 16 - Zoketsu Norman Fischer a Zen Buddhist priest, teacher and poet, along with Rabbi Alan Lew (z"l), founder of a Jewish meditation center.
- December 17 - Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg, a renowned Jewish meditation mindfulness teacher and author.

Please stay tuned via NH emails and TBZ Happenings for more about our offerings.

We wish everyone Shanah Tovah and abundant blessings for all good things in life.

TBZ CALENDAR

SCHEDULE FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

Saturday, September 16

Selikhot - Brookline Community: Join us for a soulful beginning to the High Holy Days with an evening of meditation, learning and inspiring prayer.

Hebrew Senior Life, 1550 Beacon St, Brookline

6:30 - 7:30 pm Learning Session

7:30 pm Havdalah with Rabbi Jim Morgan

8:00 - 9:00 pm Early Selikhot with Rabbi Jim Morgan

Temple Beth Zion

9:30 - 10:15 pm: Meditation Session: Opening the Heart to Compassion with Reb Moshe, Bobbi Isberg, and Sheila Yoheved Katz

10:30 - 11:15 pm: Learning Session with Rabbi Jane Kanarek

11:30 pm - 1:00 am: Selikhot Service with Rabbi Ebn Leader and

Cantor Becky Khitrik

Wednesday, September 20

6 - 7 pm: Erev Rosh Hashanah, one service in the sanctuary

Thursday, September 21

Rosh Hashanah 5777

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

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

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

11:15 am - 12:30 pm: Family Service for ALL Ages

(joins service in Sanctuary to hear shofar)

5:30 pm: Tashlich, Cleveland Circle Reservoir

Friday, September 22

9 am - 1:30 pm: Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 29

Erev Yom Kippur

6 pm - 7:45 pm: Kol Nidre - Early Service

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

Saturday, September 30

Yom Kippur

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

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

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

11 am - 12:30 pm: Family Service for ALL Ages

3 - 3:30 pm: Yizkor, Sanctuary

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

4:50 - 5:30 pm: Meditation or Class (TBA)

5:45 - 7 pm: Ne'ilah, The Closing of the Gates, Sanctuary

Fast Ends at 7:09 pm

ADULT LEARNING

GBIO Muslim Teach-In

Following up on "Out of Many, One", the amazing and powerful gathering at the Islamic Center of Boston Cultural Center (ISBCC) in December, TBZ, as a member of GBIO (Greater Boston Interfaith Organization), will host a Muslim Teach-In. The Teach-In focuses on educating all of us about the Muslim Community, here in the metro Boston area and nationally.

Please join in this afternoon of learning, relationship and solidarity. ISBCC spiritual leaders will offer an opening reflection. Others in the community will share stories of their experience being Muslim in Boston. Learn about specific threats facing the Muslim community in these troubling times and what you can do to be of support. Save the date and join us! To be part of the TBZ/ISBCC team planning this important event, contact Rosalind Joffe (rosalind@cicoach.com) or Susan Bookbinder (susanbookbinder@comcast.net).

Sunday, October 22, 2 - 5 pm

Israel's Milestones and Their Meanings: The Legacy of the Past and the Challenge of the Future

We are pleased to be offering the Shalom Hartman Institute iEngage course for 2017-18. As we look to Israel's future, we need to engage anew with our past and explore its meanings and consequences. This series grapples with the different ideas and values that shape the meaning of modern Israel, Zionism, and Jewish identity today. Together we'll explore the pivotal events of 1947 and 1967 - following the 1917 Balfour Declaration. The course engages Jews in an open and pluralistic discussion about issues of Jewish identity, peoplehood, ethics, and theology, as they relate to nationhood, land, sovereignty, Jerusalem, occupation, and moral red lines. Registration required.

Watch Happenings for more.

Tuesdays, 7 - 9:30 pm

November 7, December 5, January 2, February 6, March 19, April 3, May 1, June 5

Latte and Learn with Rav Claudia

This weekly morning of learning will continue throughout the fall and winter. Be on the lookout for time and dates in Happenings in the fall.

Mussar with Nina Piken

(For registered participants)

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11 am

September 5, 12, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7

Wise Aging Group

Back by popular demand! Be part of this group led by Reb Moshe and Anne Waldoks and explore coming into our "second adulthood". Participants are expected to commit to the entire 8 week program.

Wednesdays: 10 am - 12 pm

October 18, October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13

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For more details, times and up-to-date information, go to tbzbrookline.org/calendar or follow us on Facebook.

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

HOLIDAY AND SPECIAL SERVICES

Sukkot First Day Service

Thursday, October 5th: 10 am

Shemini Atzeret Service (includes Yizkor)

Thursday, October 12: 10 am - 12:30 pm

Simchat Torah Service

Thursday, October 12: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Children's Program: 5:30 pm

Simkhat Torah Service with Rabbi Ebn Leader

Friday, October 13: 9 am - 1 pm

Intergenerational Shabbat

November 11: 11 am - 12:30 pm

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Sunday, November 19: time TBD

SPECIAL EVENTS

Dedication of the Reb Moshe and Anne Waldoks

Lifelong Learning Center

Sunday, September 10, 10 am - 12:30 pm

Sukkot Program on the Farm

October 8, 9:30 am

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November 4, Sam Mendoza and Yarden Fraiman

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Please be part of these community-wide celebrations of our young members by coming to services and sharing in their simcha.

September 4, Lily Echelman, 10:30 am

October 21, Jason Cohen, 10 am

November 4, Noah Raisner-Thompson, 4:30 pm

November 18, Celia Meranus, 10 am

BEIT RABBAN AND MISHPACHOT

Tfilot Mishpachot

September 9, October 7, 28, November 11, 25: 11:30 am

1550 Kabbalat Shabbat followed by dinner at TBZ

October 20: 5:30 pm

BOOK CLUB

September 10, October 8, November 12: 6:30 pm

MEDITATION/MINDFULNESS PRACTICE GROUP

(for registered participants)

September 8, 15, October 6, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17: 9:30 - 11 am

MEN'S STUDY GROUP

September 16, October 14, November 4: 1:30 pm

NEW MEMBER KIDDUSH

October 28

ROSH HODESH

Open House Sunday, September 24, 7 - 9 pm

Open Meeting Sunday, October 22, 7 - 9 pm

November 19, 7 - 9 pm (for committed members)

SHABBAT NARIYAH AND POTLUCK SUPPER

October 27, November 17

SAVE THE DATE

**Discussion with author Ani Tuzman
of her book, *The Tremble of Love*
Sunday, December 3, 10:30 am - noon**

"Ani Tuzman has written a rare novel in which her love, both of the subject and of the act of writing, is palpably present. Perhaps this is what has allowed her to bring to birth a new Ba'al Shem Tov, appropriate to the twenty-first century."

—Arthur Green, Neo-Hasidic teacher and rector,
Hebrew College Rabbinical School

Please visit www.tbzbrookline.org/community/committees
to find out more about an activity or group

Serving the Divine with Joy

by Reb Moshe



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Dear Ones,

As we approach the *Yamim Noraim*, those “awesome” days of Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur our hearts and minds are turned towards return. To return to our core identities, to our core values as Jewish human beings. The Jewish people have been tenacious in its mission to remain witnesses to the Unity and interdependence of all things. Our understanding that the Divine is No-Thing, that it cannot be captured pictorially or by perception is quite challenging.

Rather than going beyond ourselves and our Universe we achieve this sense of connection by working on our powers of receptivity, that is, we make ourselves and the world around us a domain of the Divine.

We gather together to re-create ancient rituals to attain that sense of connectivity. We come together to sing ancient themes using poetry and prose to evoke our connection to our past and to acknowledge our being a link to the future. Our coming together to re-enact these ancient ceremonies offers us the opportunity for personal catharsis, to relieve us of our existential loneliness, and to insure that our community will continue to cohere for the coming year.

As many of you know, our joyous celebration of the *Yamim Noraim* derives from the sincere conviction that one serves the spirit of the Universe through joy. While we also experience fear in relation to our being frail human beings, our joyous offerings help to subdue fear to its proper place as an agent of change rather than paralysis.

If Rosh Hashanah provides a beginning, Yom Kippur and Sukkot provide a trajectory towards the future.

Yom Kippur bolsters our spirits as we leave the fragility of the body. It enlivens us to live anew, to act as if we have an avenue for overcoming

despair. This is further enhanced by the absolute joy of Sukkot, the pilgrimage festival that is referred to in the Talmud as, *heKhag*, the pre-eminent Holiday.

It is a time of harvesting and of celebration. It is a time of our gathering the forces of nature as we wave the *lulav* to ask for rain, the necessity of life. It is a time for gathering in the fragile sukkah, confident that we have come through the passage of our desert wanderings.

This desert is found within us a well. We slake our thirst from the foundation of our salvation. This salvation is found in finding the true meaning in our lives.

As we gather together in community to celebrate the creation of the Universe we see ourselves as interconnected with all that exists. This universalism permits our particularism. Our particularism serves as the grounding for our magnificent contributions to the world over millennia. To be Jewish human beings is to realize that our Jewishness, our *yiddishkayt* is the gateway to our *menschlichkayt*, our humanity.

Wishes from me and my family for a **שנה טובה מתוקה ומבורכת**—a sweet and blessed year.

שנה טובה תכתבו ותחתמו

May we inscribe and seal ourselves in the Book of Life.

TODAH RABAH

- **To Marion Freedman-Gurspan and Joel Kershner for their tireless work with fellow faith community leaders of the Newton Sanctuary and Solidarity Collaborative.**
- **To Becca Mautner and Natalie Henrich for organizing Beit Rabban's Shabbat B'Yachad.**
- **To the Dedication Committee chaired by Lauren and Jonathan Garlick for planning a very special program for the Reb Moshe and Ann Waldoks Lifelong Learning Center dedication on September 10.**

A NOTE FROM RAV CLAUDIA

Dear *Haverim* and *Haverot*,

As many of you know, my family and I are planning to be away next winter. I will be on sabbatical in Israel from mid-February to Mid-June. I am very grateful for the opportunity to take this time off to replenish myself. We look forward to spending time with family and dear friends, studying in Jerusalem and connecting with loved ones in our home.

While we are in Israel Alma will attend elementary school and Ariel will go to a program for toddlers. We are expecting to have a meaningful and wonderful time in Israel.

The Board of Directors, Reb Moshe, Cantor Becky, our TBZ staff and I are making thoughtful plans for coverage for during my sabbatical. Cantor Becky will work with Reb Moshe with the spring B'nei Mitzvah families. I am working with our Synagogue Practices leadership on finding support for Reb Moshe in leading services and other ritual activities. The Mishpachot committee is working with Cantor Becky and me to be sure our Beit Rabban and Mishpachot programs have the support they need.

As part of the planning for my sabbatical, I plan to offer opportunities for people to learn (or refresh) their service leading skills, especially for shiva minyanim. If you are interested, please let me know. I will be sending more information at the beginning of the fall. Thank you to you all in advance for your support and help. I will keep you posted.

Last but not least, you probably have heard the news of Cantor Becky and Alex expecting, B'shaa tova, a baby at the end of November. Cantor Becky will be on leave during the months of December and January (before I leave). We are working with the Mishpachot and Beit Rabban committees to ensure that they will have all the support needed during her leave.

I write this as I am about to head out to my vacation break. I hope you have all had an opportunity to spend time with loved ones, enjoying the beautiful weather. I look forward to celebrating the High Holy Days together soon.

With wishes to all for a *Shanah Tova umetuka*. A good and sweet new year.



TIKKUN OLAM AT TBZ

Sanctuary Network

The TBZ Board of Directors voted in favor of TBZ becoming a Level 2 Congregation in the Sanctuary movement. Marion Freedman-Gurspan and Joel Kershner worked tirelessly with fellow faith community leaders of the Newton Sanctuary and Solidarity Collaborative to prepare for the time when Sanctuary is needed for an undocumented immigrant in Massachusetts.

In early June, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newton Highlands voted to provide Level 1 services: to provide shelter, to coordinate 240 companionship shifts a month to be covered by volunteers, budget and fundraise, provide legal advice, training of volunteers, and renovation of space. The church will provide sleeping space, a kitchen, and other facilities that will allow the sanctuary guests to manage their lives until their immigration status allows them to return to their community. Joel stepped down from his role as co-organizer in mid-June. Marion continues to be TBZ's primary organizational leader. We anticipate two families to enter Sanctuary in late summer, thanks to the hard work of volunteers past and future. Questions: Contact Marion (freedgur@aol.com) or Tali Walters (tkwstr@gmail.com)

Resistance Group

Under the new Tikkun Olam Group, TBZ formed a resistance group almost immediately after the 2016 presidential election to respond to the growing threats to our democracy. Since then, we have gathered in groups both large and small to strategize and take action on various fronts. To date, we have held two phone-banking events on healthcare, each with a speaker to deepen our awareness of the details of the issue; joined rallies at the MA State House on the Safe Communities Act on immigration reform; joined Mothers Out Front for a vigil in front of Governor Baker's office to protest the proposed compressor station in Weymouth, MA; hosted a

picnic to build a community of resisters and celebrate our wins; conducted a door-to-door canvass on healthcare and many others. Our Climate Change Action group is busy preparing a campaign to educate our community and help us all move towards 100% renewable energy for the health of the planet. The Resistance Group offers the TBZ community an invitation and a challenge to join us in a concrete resistance action every two weeks. We provide the support, training and all the material necessary, as we strengthen our ties to one another and build community while taking steps to protect our society.

This is a difficult time in America, and many of us are worried, depressed or angry. It feels better to take communal action rather than being frustrated in isolation! Please join us. Questions? Contact co-chairs Julia or Fran at Franaca.adams@gmail.com jfreedson@yahoo.com



**Resilience and Resistance Event:
Stories of Survival from the Shoah**

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Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO)

GBIO Muslim Teach-In: see page 6 for details about this upcoming program.

Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM)

TBZ, as part of a team of five congregations in Brookline and Newton, is supporting two refugee families, a woman from Cameroon and her baby and a woman from Ecuador, her young son, and as of July, a newborn baby girl, in a Brookline Village apartment. Our team will support these families to become independent and to continue their official asylum process. The TBZ community has generously donated clothing, furnishings, money, and most importantly, time to welcome and settle them into Brookline. Thank you, everyone, for your enthusiastic support and tzedekah. Contact Jenny Berz (jberz@gmail.com) or Jed Shugerman (jshugerman@gmail.com) if interested or with questions.

Join us as we carry forward our rich Jewish traditions of social justice. Please contact Jed Shugerman (jshugerman@gmail.com) or Judy Schechtman (j_schecht@hotmail.com) with any questions.

Subscribe by e-mailing:

tbz_tikkunolam+subscribe@googlegroups.com (no subject and no text needed). If you are having trouble subscribing, please email Beth at rabbisadmin@tbzbrookline.org.

“Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world’s grief. Do justly, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.” —Rabbi Tarfon.

NEWS FROM BEIT RABBAN AND MISHPACHOT

From Cantor Becky Khitrik

We are gearing up and very excited for the 5777-5778 Mishpachot and Beit Rabban Year!

This year, our new third-floor classrooms allow us to have six Beit Rabban classes instead of four. We are adding three special *Y’mei lyyun* (days of learning) for both students and parents, and our upper grades (4-7) will participate in a new weekly Hebrew Lab and elective option. We are very blessed to welcome returning and new teachers, all of whom have a great deal of expertise and knowledge.

We are also pleased that we have almost tripled our participation in the Tent, our teen program, which meets at Temple Israel. While broadening their circle of classmates and friends, our teens will maintain their cohort and connection to TBZ, under the guidance Rabbi David Winship.

As always, we are offering full and rich Mishpachot programming, with Shabbat services, dinners, special holiday programs, and opportunities for engaging in Mitzvot and Tikkun Olam. Be sure to check the TBZ website and read “Happenings” to keep abreast of the many events planned between September and June!

Please contact education@tbzbrookline.org, or Rav Claudia, ravclaudia@tbzbrookline.org, with questions, ideas or concerns.



Beit Rabban Graduation in May

From The Beit Rabban Parent Committee

The Beit Rabban Parent Committee is delighted to welcome new and returning members for the 2017-18 school year. We will continue with our mission of building community, facilitating parent-staff communication, and providing special programming to classes throughout the year. Committee co-chairs are Rebecca Blouwolff and Julia Freedson.

Classes begin September 13, and we'll celebrate a new year of learning with ice cream in Griggs Park (weather permitting) on Saturday, September 16 at 3 p.m.

Save November 3/4 for Shabbat b'Yachad, with in-home hosted meals as we get to know our Beit Rabban community better around the Shabbat table.

News from the Inclusion Committee

The Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project (RSIP) is a partnership between CJP and the Ruderman Family Foundation to support synagogues in creating communities where people of all abilities are valued equally and participate fully. TBZ has been honored by the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project in becoming an RSIP Congregational Partner. Included in this honor is a \$5,000 grant to be used towards creating a more inclusive TBZ community.

Recent changes positively impacting inclusion at TBZ are:

- Armchairs to be used by people who need seating accommodations. Please leave these chairs for those who need them.
- Table with food for people with food allergies/intolerances.
- Large-print Friday night service booklets.

In the near future, you will see:

- Fidget tools available for those who would find them helpful to use during services
- Magnifiers for those who need vision assistance.

Stay tuned for more inclusion initiatives soon.

The Inclusion Committee is available to hear your inclusion-related feedback and/or concerns at: inclusion@tbzbrookline.org. All communications are kept confidential.



Ruderman Inclusion Project Celebration

L'Chaim

- To Susan Schneider on the birth of her granddaughter Leah Joseph Wolongevicz.
- To Pnina Lahav on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award in Israel Studies.
- To Judith Kates on receiving an honorary degree from Hebrew College.
- To Micah Shapiro and David Winship on their ordination (smicha).
- To Mona Strick and Mark Housman on the birth of their granddaughter, Ella Gertrude Cohen.
- To Barbara Segal on the birth of her granddaughter.
- To TBZ on becoming full partners with the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project.
- To Reb Moshe who was honored at Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries' annual dinner held at Temple Ohabei Shalom.
- To Lily Echelman on becoming Bat Mitzvah on September 4.
- To Jason Cohen on becoming Bar Mitzvah on October 21.
- To Noah Raisner-Thompson on becoming Bar Mitzvah on November 4.
- To Celia Meranus on becoming Bat Mitzvah on November 18.
- To Samuel Mendoza and Yarden Fraimen on their marriage.
- To Susie and Rob Kaim on the birth of their granddaughter, Hanna Lise Kaim Doniger.

CONDOLENCES

- To Bob Perlman the death of his mother, Marjorie Perlman.
- To Galit and Daniel Schwartz and their family on the death of her father Moshe Yosef Elkis.
- To Gloria and Irwin Pless on the death of her sister, Rhoda Mae Atkinson.
- To Joann Green Breuer and her family on the death of her husband Miklos Breuer.
- To Philip Hershberg and his family on the death of his wife, Marjorie Hershberg.
- To Rabbi Judy Kummer and her family on the death of her aunt, Marcia Wolper Barrabee.
- To Marga Biller and her family on the death of her father, Armin Biller.

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

המקום ינחם אתם עם שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים.

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NEW MEMBERS

Andrew and Alison Schissler
Penny Roberts
Stewart and Elanah Uretsky
Nomi Levy-Carrick

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

www.tbzbrookline.org/about/tbz-kehilla

and find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/tbzbrookline

Dedication of the

*Reb Moshe and Anne Waldoks
Lifelong Learning Center*



Our entire community is invited to celebrate together with a morning of learning as we dedicate TBZ's Reb Moshe and Anne Waldoks Lifelong Learning Center on our newly renovated third floor.

Sunday, September 10

10 am - 12:30 pm

(Childcare available)

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