Re-energizing in Israel: A Note About Rav Claudia’s Sabbatical

by Rav Claudia Kreiman page 8
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TBZ NEWS & EVENTS

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.

Community Meeting
Nominations for new members to the Board of Directors have taken place and the Nominating Committee is getting close to finalizing the slate for new and returning Board Members, which will be presented to the entire community for a vote at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 10 from 3-5 pm. Please join us.

Hannukah Celebration
Join us for our Community-wide Hannukiah lighting along with games, singing, latkes and sufganiyot. Please bring donations of winter clothing for children to help hurricane victims from Puerto Rico. Activities from 4-5 pm. Candle lighting and food 5-6 pm. Adult learning with Ebn Leader at 4 pm. December 17

Mitzvah Day
Gather at Jewish Family & Children’s Services to learn about Family Table’s mission, tzedakah and tikkun olam. Work together with children and adults to put these ideas into action by packing bags of food for families in need. Check TBZ Happenings for registration information. January 7, 10 am - 1:30 pm

TBZ Host @ Homes
Eat, party, sing and connect with other TBZ members over small, intimate vegetarian meals in their homes. Be hosted for Shabbat evening meal on February 2. Check TBZ Happenings for sign up information.

Tu B’Shvat Community Dinner and Havdalah
Late January may be the middle of winter in New England but in Israel the earliest blooming trees will be emerging from their winter sleep to begin a new fruit bearing cycle. Come celebrate Rosh HaShanah La’Ilanot, the New Year for Trees on January 27, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, with Havdalah and a community dinner. All are welcome to attend.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Many thanks to all of the new members who attended our new member kiddush on October 28. Many of you came up for an aliyah, and had the opportunity to meet the rabbis and lay leaders over lunch. For those of you who were not able to attend, we hope to meet you at our next new member kiddush in the spring. HOWEVER there is no need to wait!

- Do you have questions about membership?
- Would you like to connect with members with shared interests?
- Or with a family with children of similar ages?
- Are you interested in volunteering in any capacity: membership, spiritual life, tikkun olam, development, LGBT (the list goes on…)

Please reach out to us- we are more than happy to help. membership@tbzbrookline.org

NEW MEMBERS
Maxwell Bauman
Martha Bebinger
Joy Binder
Miriam Brown
Suzan Chin
Risa Dunbar
Jason Giannetti
Lisa & Marshal Gilinsky

Joseph Grossman & Sarah Housman
Mark Grossman and Laura Ortiz
Daniel Kleinman and Susan Bernstein
Mark Knobel and Isabel Isakovich
Florence (Penny) Kohn
Jonathan and Galina Lipton
Zachary Mayer
Mayra Guzman and Ed Lieberman

Nomi Levy-Carrick and Richard Carrick
Kavi Patel
Cantor Jeri Robins
Susan & Arnold Rosenberg
Michael & Jacqueline Stephenson
Emma Stickgold
Jessica Woolf
William Yeskel
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**Rosh Hodesh Group**
The TBZ Rosh Hodesh group is off to a great start this year. Susan Schnur hosted an open house in September in her lovely home. (Thanks Susan!) The open house included a mix of new and returning members. The group’s first official meeting was in late October, and was a chance for group members to start to get to know each other. We had a “speed dating” event organized by new member Joy Binder and returning member Meryl Finkel where we shared thoughts and experiences relating to the high holidays. We’re looking forward to continuing to get to know each other at our November meeting, and also to starting to plan for TBZ’s second annual Rosh Hodesh group-led Shabbat which is scheduled to take place in January.

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**The Reb Moshe and Anne Waldoks Lifelong Learning Center Dedication**

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**Reversing Climate Change: What We Can Do to Uphold the Paris Climate Agreement**

**“Out of Many, One” GBIO Teach-in and Solidarity with Boston Muslim Community on October 22**
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**Community Meeting**

**Agenda Topic:**

**Proposed Change to By-laws**

**Definition of Membership**

Over time, it has become clear that our de facto practices regarding Membership definitions are not completely matching the written by-laws. The Board explored this issue with a goal to align what we say we should be doing with what we actually are. The Board proposed that we bring this issue to the community at our **December 10th Community Meeting** and ask for a vote to change our by-laws. Here is the proposed change*:

“Non-Jewish members of Jewish households and people going through a conversion process can be full members with all rights and privileges up to and including serving on the Board of Directors. These members may not serve as a VP or President but may serve as Treasurer and/or Secretary. These members may serve on any committee. They may chair any committee exclusive to a ritual committee such as the Synagogue Practices Committee.”

*It is important to note that this change is specific to Members’ participation in community volunteer and leadership roles and that Ritual inclusion of members in this category is not being addressed at this point. This proposed change to the by-laws will not change any of our current ritual practices; nor will TBZ be inquiring as to the Jewish ‘qualifications’ of any proposed member.

*Our current by-laws may be found on our website: www.tbzbrookline.org/tbz-bylaws. Membership rules are in the first section.

Please come and participate in this discussion about the future direction of our community.

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**Nishmat Hayyim**

Come join us at our Winter Friday AM Meditation Mindfulness Practice Group (Jan 12, 19, 26, Feb 3, 9, 23, Mar 9, 16, 23). All sessions are 90 minutes, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, and include an opening chant, a 45 minute silent sit, teachings from Jewish, Buddhist and other mindfulness texts, discussion, and check-ins about our practice. These are not drop-in sessions. Registration is required for all participants. The program is free for TBZ members, $180 for non-TBZ members, $135 for returning participants. Registration deadline - December 22. All levels of meditators, beginners and experienced, who want support for starting or deepening a regular practice are welcome. We look forward to ‘being’ with you, ‘sitting’ with you, as we together cultivate wisdom, compassion, happiness, and the ability to respond to this complex life and world.

We will also have a few drop-in sessions for the Friday AM Meditation Mindfulness Practice Group and invite you to bring friends. The dates are: December 1, 8, 15, and Jan 5. There will also be Shabbat Afternoon Sits on Dec 9, Jan 27, and Feb 24, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, in the TBZ sanctuary.

**Sunday morning, December 17, 10:30 - 12:30.**

Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg, beloved and renown meditation teacher, will be giving a talk on her recent book, *God Loves the Stranger*.

In this inspiring collection of stories, blessings, poetry, divine teachings, and meditation exercises, Rabbi Sheila conveys a single, powerful message: Let us not be strangers. God loves us all.

From teaching us how to handle suffering and aversion in positive, productive ways; how to learn creative skills for mindfulness, meditation, and retreat practice; and how to bring the roots of love and gratitude into our everyday lives, this book is a comprehensive tutorial for navigating today’s interpersonal and situational challenges with grace, spiritual fulfillment, and understanding.

Rabbi Sheila served as a congregational rabbi for 17 years and has published widely on such topics as feminism, spiritual direction, parenting, social justice and mindfulness from a Jewish perspective. She is the creator and co-leader of the Jewish Mindfulness Teacher Training Program.

And lastly, we hope to soon confirm a Spring date for our day-long meditation retreat at Just Right Farm.

Please stay tuned via NH emails and TBZ Happenings — our weekly TBZ email of announcements for upcoming events for all of our NH programs.
**SPECIAL SERVICES**

**Human Rights Shabbat**  
December 16: 10 am

**Purim**  
February 28:  
- 4 pm: Purim Carnival and Megillah reading for families  
- 6 pm: Abbreviated Megillah reading and Spiel  
- 8 pm: Full Megillah reading

**Rosh Hodesh Shabbat**  
January 27: 10 am

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Hannukah**  
December 12 - 19

**Community Hannukah Party**  
December 17: 4-6 pm

**Tu B’Shvat Community Dinner and Havdalah**  
January 27: 6:30-8:30 pm

**Hamantaschen Baking**  
February 25: 1 pm

**COMMUNITY MEETING**  
December 10: 3 pm

**BAR/BAT MITZVAH**

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

- December 2, Zoey Heinrich
- December 9, Maya Lynn Zimmerman
- January 13, Sara Berz
- February 3, Gabriel Krause-Grosman

**BOOK CLUB**  
December 10, January 7, February 11: 6:30 pm

**COMMUNITY MEETING**  
December 10: 3 pm

**BEIT RABBAN AND MISHPACHOT**

**Tfilot Mishpachot**  
December 2, 16, January 6, 20, February 10, 24: 11:30 am

1550 Kabbalat Shabbat followed by dinner at TBZ  
December 8, January 12, February 3: 5:30 pm

Sign up here:  
www.tbzbrookline.org/form/1550shabbatdinner

**Beit Rabban Shabbat**  
Friday, March 9

**ADULT LEARNING** (see page 14 for more opportunities)

**Book Discussion: The Tremble of Love by Ani Tuzman**  
December 3: 10:30 am

**iEngage Class (Hartman Institute)**  
For registered participants  
Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6, 7:30 pm

**Reb Moshe’s Winter Class**  
January 18, 25, February 1, 8: 7 - 8:30 pm

**Wise Aging (for registered participants)**  
November 29, December 6, 13: 10 am - 12 pm

**HOST@HOMES**  
February 2

**MEDITATION/MINDFULNESS PRACTICE GROUP**

New session: 9:30 am - 11 am  
Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 10, 17, 24, Mar 10, 17, 24

**MEN’S STUDY GROUP**  
Dec 2, Jan 6, 20, Feb 10, March 3: 1:30 pm

**MITZVAH DAY**  
January 7

**ROSH HODESH GROUP**  
(for committed participants)  
December 17, January 14, February 12
TBZ CALENDAR
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

SHABBAT AFTERNOON SITS
Dec 9 Jan 7, Feb 11, Mar 18: 1:30 - 3:30 pm

SHABBAT NARIYAH AND POTLUCK SUPPER
December 15, January 19, February 10

WOMEN’S RETREAT
January 21: 8:30 am - 3 pm

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

NEWS FROM BEIT RABBAN AND MISHPACHOT

Veteran Beit Rabban Parent Committee Chairs Rebecca Blouwolff and Julia Freedson are thrilled to convene the largest-ever Beit Rabban Parent Committee, comprised of 10 class coordinators and 4 special event coordinators. These dedicated parents of Beit Rabban students facilitate communication between parents and staff, sponsor special guests and field trips for individual classes, and help build community through whole-school events. We kicked off the year in September with ice cream in Griggs Park, and then held Shabbat b’Yachad in November, where Beit Rabban families host one another for Shabbat meals. Mark your calendars now for our biggest event of the year, Beit Rabban Shabbat, which will feature student-led davening, a delicious dinner, and fun activities— all on Friday, March 9.

Hamantaschen Baking and Delivery of Mishloach Manot at 1550
February 25 at 1:00 pm
For more Purim info, see the calendar on page 6
We would like to extend a hearty Todah Rabbah (thank you) to all of the volunteers who contributed so much to make the High Holidays at TBZ run smoothly. It truly takes a village.

To our ushers and greeters:


Special thanks to Michael Goldberg for organizing the ushers.

To our Torah and Haftarah readers, and Gabbaim:


Special thanks to Joshua Blouwolff for organizing this.

To the congregants that gave out honors and did “bimah duties” and other honors:


Special thanks to Renee Rudnick and Audrey Wagner for organizing this.

To the congregants who shared their wonderful personal prayers:

Arturo Falck, Danya Hendelsman, Maia and Zoe Levitt, Mel Brown, Fern Fisher and Jan Darsa.

To Ezra Burstein for giving the D’var Torah at the mincha service on Yom Kippur.

To Lenny Marcus for the Yom Kippur appeal.

To Alan Weisner for leading the Mincha service on Yom Kippur.

To Reggie Siberberg and Jonathan Golden for leading the afternoon sessions on Yom Kippur.

To the Zagorsky family, (and many others) for blowing shofar.

To David Cherenson for organizing and preparing the machzorim and ensuring that the right ones were out and ready for us!

To Rabbi Ebn Leader for leading us in Selikhot, in the shofar service on the second day of Rosh HaShanah and also for leading the contemplative Simkhat Torah celebration; and to Cantor Becky...
Khitrik for leading us in Selikhot, leading the Mishpachot Simkhat Torah celebration with Melanie Blatt, and for all her wonderful work.

To Ron White for drumming.

To Aviva Selling for playing violin on Kol Nidre.

To Jed Shugerman and Mark Barnett for leading insightful and thought-provoking (and well attended) programming for our 6th-9th graders on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

To Jonathan Decter for the reading of Jonah at the Mishpachot service and ALL the children who volunteered to lead parts of the Mishpachot services.

To Kim Golden, who ensured that there was childcare for all, and our childcare providers, Etleva Gashi, Julia Goldberg, Tader Shipley and Zoe Levitt and teen madrichim, Adina Kraus, Maia Levitt & Matthew Hassan.

To everyone who helped to prepare our sanctuary for the High Holidays, thank you for coming to prep day!

To Jack Daniels and the Chin, Carrick and Henrich families for building and decorating our gorgeous Sukkah with additional help of Julia Freedson, Sara Fendrick and the Sisterhood of Saalam/ Shalom.

A special thanks to our co-presidents Sue Kahn and Sara Smolover, who together with the entire Board of Directors worked hard to make sure that the High Holidays were meaningful for all.

In addition to our wonderful volunteers, we are grateful to our TBZ staff, Steven Greenberg, Beth Ehrenreich, and Cantor Becky Khitrik, and to Leo Monterroso Silva, our custodian, who makes sure that our sanctuary is always ready for us.

We apologize if we missed this opportunity to recognize someone for their contributions to the High Holidays at TBZ. If we missed you, please let us know and we will add it to our next Happenings newsletter.

In gratitude,
Rav Claudia and Reb Moshe

P.S. Missed the personal prayers or divrei torah on the High Holidays? Read them on our website.

L’Chaim

• To Julie Arnow and Michael Rosenbaum on the birth of their granddaughter, Eden Ruth.
• To Shoshana Narva on the birth of her son, Jonah Matan, and grandparents Rabbi Ma’ayan and Rick Sands.
• To Maira Samayou on the birth of her granddaughter, Stella.
• To David Breakstone and Sharon Bauer on the birth of a granddaughter, Sophia Charlotte.
• To Rabbi David Winship and Jasmine Gothelf on their marriage.
• To Alan and Carol Kamin on the birth of a granddaughter, Rosalind Simone.
• To Zoey Henrich on becoming Bat Mitzvah on December 2.
• To Maya Lynn Zimmerman on becoming Bat Mitzvah on December 9.
• To Sara Berz on becoming Bat Mitzvah on January 13.
• To Gabriel Krause-Grosman on becoming Bar Mitzvah on February 3.
• To Beth Ehrenreich on her new position as Assistant Director at TBZ.
Dear Haverim and Haverot,

As you know, I am getting ready to go on sabbatical. My family and I will be leaving for Israel on February 6 and returning June 16. I feel grateful for this opportunity and look forward to spending time with my family and friends in Israel, as well as more time with Ebn and my daughters. We will be living in Jerusalem. If you are traveling to Israel while I am there, please contact me through Beth Ehrenreich at the office. Please note that I will not be checking my email during the sabbatical. I look forward to coming back re-energized from this time off and from being in Israel, which has always been for me a place that fills my soul, heart, and mind.

During my absence, if you need any assistance, please contact Beth -- she will know how to direct you. Reb Moshe, of course, will be leading services, and he has already reached out to many TBZ members to help him lead services and Torah study. If you would like to help, please contact Reb Moshe directly.

Cantor Becky will be, G'd willing, back from her maternity leave and, with the support of the Beit Rabban and Mishpachot committees, will continue working on programming for families and children. Please do not hesitate to contact her (starting February), if you can support her in any way and if you have any questions. Becky will also work together with Reb Moshe on the B'nei Mitzvah celebrations happening during the spring.

The one program that we have decided to cancel this year is our Community Retreat. After many conversations with our wonderful Community Retreat co-chairs (Cindy-jo Gross and Ariadne Valsamis), we realized that between my being away and Becky having a newborn, this wonderful event that takes great effort from professional and lay leadership will fall mostly to our lay-leadership. The community retreat takes many hours of planning and we realized that it would be challenging to do it this year. Instead, Reb Moshe will be working with our lay-leadership in having an In-House Shabbaton on that same weekend (May 11-13): a kind of a community retreat AT TBZ, for all ages. You will hear about this program soon. Please contact Reb Moshe if you would like to be involved in this. I am looking forward to our 10th Community Retreat in the spring of 2019! We will all be excited to come back after a one year break.

Lastly, I would like to thank the TBZ community and the board of directors for this wonderful opportunity to take a sabbatical with my family. I have been working at TBZ for over 10 years now! My time at TBZ has been amazing, filled with challenges and opportunities to grow as a leader. I have built meaningful relationships with many of you. It has been also very intense, and as a spiritual leader, I know that for me to be a successful leader, I need to also take care of myself, spend time with my family, and have a little break - which is what a Sabbatical provides. People ask me what I am planning to do, and my answer is - I am planning to just BE present and not DO much.

I am still around until the Shabbat of February 5, and I look forward to connecting with you until then and, of course, when I return.

B’vracha,
Rav Claudia
More from Rav Claudia...

On a different note: #metoo

Like many of you, I am sure, I have been thinking a great deal over the past month about the horrifying accounts of sexual harassment, sexual assault, and rape that occurred with regularity in Hollywood circles and other circles of power. We have begun to learn more about the role of enablers and all those who simply look the other way. The #metoo campaign on social media has allowed women to raise their voices. So many victims have come forward, and we have begun to realize that #metoo stories reveal an unpleasant but pervasive part of our culture. Some people have questioned which stories should “count” as sexual harassment, but there’s really no such thing as acceptable levels of sexual harassment. This campaign has helped me realize the extent to which we live in a society that has normalized sexual harassment. Like many, I have my stories of experiencing harassment, but it never occurred to me to call them harassment because I perceived them as just what it was like to live as a woman. Our Jewish tradition, in its more traditional views, has at its core a misogynistic belief that men have the power to decide women’s future for them. But this same tradition requires from us to treat all people as created in the image of G’d. It is up to us to make sure that we find in our tradition the strength to change the reality so that our children don’t grow up thinking harassment is normal.

I want to share with you a prayer written by Rabbi Jill Berkson Zimmerman called prayer-poem #metoo (http://www.ravjill.com/2017/11/09/prayer-poem-metoo)

prayer-poem #metoo

Blessed are those who reveal painful truths, and blessed are those who bear witness. Blessed are those whose unspoken story simmers underneath, affecting some parts of life, or coloring everything.

May our hearts be large enough to hold them all.

Let us make each community a tapestry woven with honesty, a safe space filled with deep trust so that wounds needing healing are gently, patiently, urgently held, where shame is unraveled, and the fabric of our souls can be rewoven in wholeness, once again.

Let us not hide from what is difficult. Help us when we are afraid to keep opening, knowing that we, our community, our sisterhood, our loved ones will hold us in the warm folds of an embrace knitted with love.

Embolden our community to take account of itself. Give us strength to shine the light on every dark place where power is or can be abused. Give us the courage to break apart the structures that keep secrets hidden.

May we commit to holiness in every relationship, May we truly learn to see the Divine in each other’s faces, valuing the right of each person to say yes or say no, or not yet – please help us understand how to respect sacred boundaries: My body, My consent, My dignity.

May this uncovering and revealing and working through transform our stories and our pain into holy wisdom that repairs and lifts up, that blesses and heals.

Rabbi Jill Berkson Zimmerman
“Acts of Social Justice” is a core tenet of TBZ’s mission statement. TBZ Tikkun Olam is the anchoring place for our congregation where Jewish traditions, texts, and perspectives translate into social justice action directed at healing our world. We provide opportunities for our entire community to try on, embrace, and bring to life our Jewish call to action. As part of our commitment to build capacity, community, and effect change, TBZ Tikkun Olam joins together with Jewish, interfaith, and other coalitions, locally and beyond, to work on critical issues to correct injustice, to unite, and to empower.

Sanctuary Network
The forty people who are part of TBZ Sanctuary Action Committee Group have committed to supporting immigrants without proper papers who are seeking physical sanctuary, a safe space to stay in the U.S., while their cases are dealt with by the courts. Working with six other congregations that are core members of the Newton Sanctuary and Solidarity Collaborative, TBZers and their friends helped with tasks such as the installation of a shower and fire door, painting, cleaning, and securing household goods so that the Parish of St. Paul in Newton would be ready to accept its first guests. Committee members have completed the initial training. This month, we begin fundraising to cover the annual cost of food and personal needs for the family in sanctuary, physical improvements to the church living space, a legal fund, and a contingency fund for emergencies. Along with guest specific activities, we continue to support the immigrant community by attending rallies and vigils, as well as by calling and meeting with our elected representatives to promote immigrant friendly legislation such as the Safe Communities Act in Massachusetts and the “clean DACA” national legislation. If you have questions and/or want to get involved please contact Marion Freedman-Gurspan: freedgur@aol.com

Resistance Group
The Resistance effort at TBZ continues to focus on the critical issues of human rights; threats to our democracy under the current administration; equality, including wealth disparity and fair wages; affordable high-quality healthcare for all; climate change…and more. We do this by joining together to take action in the form of rallies, phone-banks, letter-writing campaigns, demonstrations and by educating ourselves about these issues and how we can support legislation to benefit the common good. We join coalitions of like-minded organizations to have greater impact and to amplify our voices. Each quarter we try to highlight a specific topic and offer an action plan to help make a difference. This fall, we held an event called “Reversing Climate Change: What We Can Do to Uphold the Paris Climate Agreement” with guest speaker Daria Mark from Mothers Out Front to kick off our year-long campaign, “Moving Towards 100% Renewable Electricity”. Many of us “took the pledge” that night to reduce our carbon footprint in concrete, measurable ways. Instead of feeling fearful and overwhelmed, we emerged with a sense of purpose and hope. With so much to accomplish on a grass-roots level, we hope to engage many more TBZ members in this effort. Please join us! For questions or more: Fran Adams (franca.adams@gmail.com) or Julia Freedson ( jfreedson@yahoo.com)

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO)
GBIO has taken on a new action, “Out of Many, One,” to build relationships among all our member communities and our Muslim brothers and sisters. To this end, TBZ hosted a wonderful afternoon of solidarity and learning with the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center (ISBCC). We had a teach-in about the stresses that Muslims face today in Boston and in our country as a whole, and we had the chance to have one to one relational meetings with someone we didn’t know, often someone from a different faith community. Nearly 60 TBZ members came, along with almost one hundred folks from other GBIO member institutions - Muslim, Christian, and Jewish. It was a deeply moving experience for all of us and we plan to build actions on

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to this foundation, working in partnership with the ISBCC. If you are interested in joining us on this project or on any of our other action groups: health care, criminal justice reform, affordable housing, please contact Susan Bookbinder (susanbookbinder@comcast.net) or Rosalind Joffe (rosalind@cicoach.com).

**Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM)**

We have been supporting two families in an apartment in Brookline Village: "I" and her one-year-old daughter "G," from Cameroon; and "G" and her two children, three-year-old "T" and newborn "C," from Ecuador. Both families are doing well. "I"'s English has improved dramatically with the help of a few dedicated tutors from our group. She has prepared a resume (with the help of our Employment Committee) and is hoping to receive her work authorization in November (though we have learned not to count on things like that happening on time!). She has received preliminary job counseling from Brookline Housing and is connecting with Jewish Vocational Services as well. Her daughter, little "G," celebrated her first birthday in August with a party at the home of Jenny Berz. It was a wonderful celebration, and she herself is a wonder – walking, playing, starting to talk – vibrant and full of life!  
Adult "G" gave birth in late June, and has been getting used to life with two young ones! Luckily, "C" is a good sleeper and "T" is in daycare (at The Children’s Center of Brookline) three days a week. "T" is a fun and energetic young boy who has been thriving at TCC (little "G" is one of his biggest fans – she follows him around the apartment and cries when he goes off to daycare). "G" has an asylum hearing next August, and we are hoping for the best. Her English is improving as well, to the point where she has started correcting her interpreter’s translations at her medical appointments! In addition to working with our volunteers, she has been attending ESL classes through Brookline Housing and the Brookline Library.

Our next challenge (barring the unexpected!) is to continue to work with both women on English and job training, and to ensure that the families have the resources they need to succeed.

While our primary focus has been on the families in the Brookline apartment, we were also able to assist another asylum seeker with paying his utilities over the summer. As of September, he has been taken on by the RIM Arlington cluster, which is now supporting him. We are incredibly grateful to all the volunteers (too many to name) who have generously donated their time, as well as to all our donors, whose contributions make this work possible. Thank you! Please contact Jenny Berz (jbberz@gmail.com) or Jed Shugerman (jshugerman@gmail.com) if you’re interested or if you have any questions.

**Sign up for email! Volunteer!**

Join us as we carry forward our rich Jewish traditions of social justice. Contact Jed Shugerman (jshugerman@gmail.com) or Judy Schechtman (j_schecht@hotmail.com) with any questions or interests in Tikkun Olam at TBZ. You can 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.
ADULT LEARNING CLASSES

All presenters are TBZ members.

Wednesday, December 6 — Reb Moshe
What is Hannukah?

Wednesdays, January 24, 31, February 7 —
Prof. Diane Balser
Jewish roots and a Jewish lens on Modern U.S. Feminism

Tuesdays, February 13, 20, 27 — Prof. Michael Grodin
Jewish Bio-Ethics: Dilemmas in Modern Medicine

Tuesdays, March 13, 20, 27 — Prof. Adam Teller
Spiritual Turning Points in the Development of Modern Judaism

Wednesdays, March 14, 21, 28 — Novelist, Len Rosen
A Novelist looks at the Bible

Tuesdays, April 10, 17, 24 — Prof. Shelley Tenenbaum
From Orchard Street to Bloomingdale’s:
Transformations of American Jewish Life

Tuesdays, May 8, 15, 22 — Profs. Leah Cohen and
Osvaldo Golijov
What is Real? How Art Perceives the World

Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 20 — Prof. Stephen Hodin
Jews of the Radical Left in the 50s and 60s

All classes start at 7:00 pm. Preregistration recommended.
Visit: tbzbrookline.org for details, to sign up,
and our faculty’s bios.

LUNCH & LEARN

Wednesdays, January 31, February 7, 14, 21
12:00 - 1:30 pm — Prof. Judith Kates
“Doing Better the Second Time”:
The Book of Esther

Preregistration recommended. We will also be presenting
other day time classes in cooperation with the Brookline
Senior Center

TBZ TALKS

TBZ Members talk about what they do in their professional lives. Join our Speakers following
Shabbat services at Kiddush Lunch.

• December 9 — Tali Walters Buechler
• January 20
• February 17 or 24
• March 24 — Fredrique Maglin-Apfel
• April 21
• May 19
• June 23

Other presenters and topics will be announced in weekly Happenings.

WISE AGING

Wise Aging will be presenting evenings devoted to:
The Conversation Project, February 7
Recent Research on the Aging Process, March 7
Housing Options as We Age, April 25
Creating Ethical Wills, May 23

All sessions from 7-8:30
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Spring Kiddush: May 5th

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To Seth Alper and Bobbi Isberg on the death of Seth’s mother, Freda Alper.

To Beth and Mitch Harris and their family on the death of Beth’s father, Robert DeMers.

To Mark Housman and Mona Strick and their family on the death of Mark’s father, Edward Housman.

To Myra Musicant and Howard Cohen and their family on the death of Myra’s father, Morry Musicant.

To Jenny Berz on the death of her aunt, Patricia DiCraiker.

To Deb Stang and her family on the death of Deb’s mother, JoAnn Taggart Stang.

To Farah Ganjei Gron and Paul Gron and their family on the death of Farah’s father, Haghnazar Ganjei.

To Rabbi Art Green and his family on the death of his wife, Kathy Green.

To Marga Biller, and her daughter Mia on the death of father and grandfather, Armin Biller.

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

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TBZ Annual Community Meeting
Sunday, December 10th
from 3-5pm

The slate for new and returning Board members will be presented
to the entire community for a vote. There will also be a vote
on a proposed change to TBZ’s By-laws (see page 5 for more information.)

Please join us!

Childcare will be available.