Personal Prayer, Tom and Kathy Kates, High Holy Days 2014

Yehi ratzon milpanecha….

May it be your will that we open ourselves to the possibility of engaging in this unique TBZ community.

May it be your will that this community continues to teach us and challenge us to think about what it means to be Jewish and to find comfort in our traditions.

May it be your will that other families in their time of need will feel the loving embrace that enabled our family to endure and begin to heal.

May it be your will that we carry the essence of this community in our hearts even when we are not physically present at TBZ.

May it be your will that we learn that it is not only a mitzvah to help, but perhaps an equally important mitzvah to ask for help.

May it be your will that we have strength to ask for help from this community and receive that help; whether it be asking for a Shabbat dinner invitation, asking your rabbi to plan a healing ceremony at our community mikveh, Mayyim Hayyim, or wrapping yourself up in a blanket that you received from the knitzvah committee.

May it be your will that we have the courage to share our story with this community and learn by listening to the stories of others.

May it be your will that we can feel the loving embrace of this community in our hearts and in our minds as we travel on this path-meeting the unexpectedness of life's challenges.

May it be your will that all of us should find a community like TBZ, to accompany us on our journey.
Yehi ration milfanecha...