Announcements

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN UNUSUALLY LONG MESSAGE BUT IT INCLUDES ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW TO STAY CONNECTED TO TBZ.

Office Info

Although we are practicing physical distancing, TBZ is always open. During working hours (9am-4pm) the phone is set to forward to Beth Ehrenreich. TBZ staff is mostly working from home, but we are committed to responding as quickly as we can to phone calls, emails and messages. Do not hesitate to call if you need any information or need to relay a message: 617-566-8171.

Welcome April

As we look forward to springtime and better news all around, we enthusiastically welcome April Ropes to our office staff. April has been working with TBZ for over 13 years as a graphic designer, which has included the Koleinu, Adult Learning Programming booklets, flyers and more. April will be handling regular email and website communications including our weekly Happenings newsletter. She is a wonderful, and talented, addition to our TBZ team.

Yizkor Candles

Last week we mailed out the Yahrzeit notices for April. If you are in need of a yahrzeit candle and can’t locate one or go to a store to purchase one, we are leaving a box of candles outside of the office entrance of TBZ (Street level). Drive by or walk by and pick one up. If you need it to be mailed, please email Susan Diller and we will do our best to get it to you ontime.

Caring for TBZ's Part-Time Workers

At TBZ, we value and honor our whole community, including our regular part-time, hourly workers. Although we may not be holding Kiddush lunches or other events, we are committed to ensuring regular pay to our dedicated kitchen worker Maira Samayoa as well as to our bookkeeper Ed Kleinman. Leo Monterroso-Silva, our custodian, is employed by an outside firm. We are keeping his work schedule uninterrupted throughout COVID-19/ Coronavirus social distancing and closings so that he continues to receive a regular salary from his employer.

Keeping you up to date:
**Happenings:** As we’ve been working to keep you all updated on programs and program changes, we’ve been sending *Happenings* on Thursdays and a program email on Sundays. We’re now able to plan with more foresight and will be going back to listing all programs and updates in our Thursday Happenings. Please note that this may result in the *Happenings* being much longer than usual, so be sure to keep scrolling or open in a new window! The Thursday *Happenings* will now have all programs detailed for the week ahead including Shabbat info and resources. If you need a program listed, changed, or updated in *Happenings* (or on the website) reach out to Rav Tiferet. Rav Tiferet and Susan Diller will ensure that all programs or other announcements are conveyed to April for *Happenings* and website updates.

**Shabbat N’kbla:** Rav Claudia’s Friday email will continue to go out on Fridays and will include Shabbat information and resources.

**Daily updates or changes will be sent to the TBZ Kehillah google group.** You can also access the Kehillah [HERE](#). If you are not subscribed and would like to be, send an email to [Susan Diller](#).

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**Pesach at TBZ**

As Pesach is approaching, we will be offering programs and resources to celebrate the holiday during these uncertain times. **Be in the look out for a special Pesach email next week.**

Save the date for following programs offered by TBZ for Pesach:

**Sunday, April 5:**
10am: Family Pesach Seder led by Beit Rabban Students
7pm: Pesach prep class with Reb Moshe

**Thursday night, second night Pesach:**
Zoom TBZ to your Seder with Rav Claudia at 8:30 pm.

Form to Sell your Hametz can be found [HERE](#).

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**Family Table Needs Help**

**Volunteers:**
Family Table needs more volunteers to help ensure that all clients get their food at our next distribution on April 5th. For information about how to become a Family Table volunteer please contact our volunteer coordinator, [Lisa Katz](#).

**Food:**
With many synagogues closed and unable to collect items, we know our food collection from the Jewish community will be lower than usual.

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**TBZ Hesed Community News**

Thank you to our generous TBZ community. Within a few hours of sending out the request for volunteers for Hesed Community Leaders, 17 people reached out to offer their help. We now have 19 people on the list and there is room for a few more leaders. In addition, 8 people have responded to the request we sent out for volunteers to help with grocery shopping and many others have let me know they are ready to help in general.
Financial contributions will ensure that we have the resources needed to continue to get food to all our current clients, as well as respond to increased need in the community by providing sets of emergency groceries. Donations can be made by check to JF&CS (1430 Main Street, Waltham, MA 02451) with Family Table in the memo line and by credit card on-line (just put Family Table in “Please Apply My Gift to”) and feel free to put from TBZ in the notes section. [DONATE ONLINE HERE](#).

Please consider also supporting the [Brookline Food Pantry](#).

Stay Connected

During these challenging times, we continue to encourage you to reach out to each other. [Open the directory](#) and call someone, text them, schedule a video call, even if you don’t know them well -- let’s check in. Let’s stay connected. Let’s continue to build our community. ([Note: you must be logged in to view the TBZ Member Directory.](#) If you missed the message about how to upload your picture to the TBZ Directory, [check it out here](#)!

**Two special invitations:**

1. **A Zoom meeting for psychotherapists in the TBZ community: How are we doing?** If you are a psychotherapist in the TBZ community, please join us as psychologist Jenny Berz facilitates a conversation about doing therapy with clients who are struggling with many of the same problems therapists are struggling with themselves. Therapy is typically a place where the focus is on the client’s concerns and the therapist usually does not share her or his personal stories or information. Enter: Coronavirus. Now the therapist and the client are both managing an ever changing landscape filled with varying levels of fear, loneliness, frustration, boredom and, most of all, uncertainty. Do we bring our personal stories and/or ways of coping into the session? Do we leave our personal lives out and focus only on the client’s concerns? Are there any “right” ways of doing this? Come be part of the discussion. We’d love to get your perspective on doing therapy during this time. If you are interested in participating, please email Beth. We will send time and zoom information to those who are interested.

2. **A zoom meeting for Health care providers in the TBZ community**

   Restoring the Souls of HealthCare Professionals During COVID-19:

   Rav Claudia will offer an opportunity to Health Care providers to come in community for prayer, meditation, some sharing and connection.

   If you are interested in participating, please email Beth. We will send time and zoom information to those who are interested.

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**Celebrate Shabbat with TBZ from home***:
Friday Night: Kabbalat Shabbat
ZOOM to Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday March 27, 6:00-6:45pm:

ZOOM LINK HERE

Meeting ID: 674 053 162
By phone: +19294362866,,674053162#

To be ready, please make sure to download Zoom.

We will be using a one page Siddur made for today, you can find that page HERE. You may want to have your candles, your kiddush cup and your challah (or any bread) available to join us saying the blessings.

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Shabbat Day

We invite you to spend the day of Shabbat in reflection, learning, and family. As you know, we encourage not using technology on Shabbat, but if at this time technology will be helpful for you to stay connected and have a Shabbat celebration, we offer these resources for you (see below).

This Shabbat was planned to be our contemplative Shabbat Service, we offer resources for you to create your own Contemplative shabbat.
We are grateful to Nishmat Hayyim for joining us virtually this shabbat.

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Reb Moshe’s Message
Rosh Hodesh Nissan,
Shabbat Vayikra

Contemplative Birkot Hashachar
Led by Bobbi Isberg
Contemplative D’var Torah
Parshat Vayikra by Bobbi Isberg

Torah Reading:
Our TBZ Torah readers bring the Torah reading to your home.

The Torah reading text in Hebrew and English can be found [HERE].

Contemplative WonderMinyan!
Noah Weinberg leading a contemplative exercise for children! Not to be missed.

Ending Shabbat Together: Community Havdalah
Havdalah, Saturday, March 28th, 8:10pm via Zoom:

ZOOM LINK HERE
Meeting ID: 740 538 424
By Phone: +19294362866,,740538424#

If you can, have your havdalah ritual objects ready! You will need a candle, wine or grape juice and besamim (spices to smell).

*You can find some of the sessions and services on our YouTube channel

Thank you for your donation to the Oneg/Kiddush Fund:
Even though we cannot share Kiddush together this week, we appreciate our community’s continued support of TBZ!

- Donation to the Kiddush Fund by Lisa and Moellman in memory of Lisa’s mother, Donna Sharratt.
- Donation to the Kiddush Fund by Lenny Jacobs in memory of his mother, Shirley Jacobs.

Schedule of Virtual Programming for next week:
Week of March 29
Sunday, March 29

Learn Hebrew
with Rabbi Sam Seicol
10:00am-11:30am
*Zoom Information will be sent to registered students*

Rosh Hodesh Group
6:30pm
*Zoom Information will be sent to Rosh Hodesh group participants*

Monday-Friday

Boker Tov TBZ
9:00am-9:45am
Check in with Rav Claudia, Niggun, *Tfilah*, Kaddish
(if we have 10 people joining online)

**ZOOM LINK HERE**

Meeting ID: 663 103 026
By phone: +19294362866, 663103026#

Monday, March 30

The TENT
6:00-8:15
**ONLINE**

*Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh: Exploring the many names of God*
7:30pm-8:30pm
Join Rav Tiferet in a weekly exploration of the book Sha’arei Orah, Gates of Light. This 13th century text of Kabbalah takes readers on a journey through the 10 Sefirot, exploring how different names and manifestations of God align with the different sefirot.

**ZOOM LINK HERE**

Meeting ID: 199 939 794
By phone: +19294362866, 199939794#

Tuesday March 31

Jewish Labor Committee Virtual Town Hall
5:30pm
Co-Sponsored by TBZ’s Tikkun Olam Committee. Have questions about unemployment insurance? Unsure how your paid sick time is? Curious how you can help other workers as places shut down? Join The New England Jewish Labor Committee for our hosting a virtual town hall to answer all these questions and more.

**Sign Up Here!**

and call in using this zoom information:

**ZOOM LINK HERE**

Meeting ID: 362 001 311

**Virtual Phone Bank**

Becoming A Soulful Parent with Ilana Margalit (Last Session)
7:30pm-9:00pm
7:00pm
Virtual Phone Bank in partnership with Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA) in support of the Work and Family Mobility Act, which would make it possible for all residents of Massachusetts (regardless of immigration status) to obtain a driver's license.

To participate, all you need is a telephone or cellphone and a WiFi-connected laptop, computer, or tablet.

[ZOOM LINK HERE]
Meeting ID:114 316 622
By Phone
+1 646 876 9923, 114 316 622#
Questions? Email

Being a parent is awe-inspiring and joyful. It is also exhausting, humbling, lonely, and at times deeply frustrating! If you are like me, and feel like you could use more support moving forward on the longest, uncharted journey of your life, please join us for this Becoming a Soulful Parent Workshop. Zoom info will be sent to those who signed up.

You can sign up HERE.
For questions, contact Rav Tiferet.

Deep Reading of Psalm 27 with Reb Moshe
7:00pm-8:30pm:
(Click HERE the text that Reb Moshe will be teaching.)

[ZOOM LINK HERE]
Meeting ID: 324 011 290
By phone:
+19294362866,,324011290#

Wednesday, April 1

Beit Rabban ONLINE
4:00-6:00pm
Beit Rabban families will receive the information from Rav Tiferet.

Healing Service
6:00-6:45pm
Join us for a weekly Healing Service, We will connect, pray for healing, share names of people we are praying for and hold each other during this time.

[ZOOM LINK HERE]
Meeting ID: 306 281 544
By phone:
+19294362866,,306281544#

Torah Study
7:30-8:30pm
Weekly Parsha learning with Rabbinic

Thursday, April 2

Zoom Shmooze:
An open conversation with Reb Moshe
1:00-2:00pm

[ZOOM LINK HERE]
Meeting ID: 451 671 727
By phone:
+19294362866,,451671727#

Jewish Bioethics Part 2 with Rabbi Dr. Analia Bortz
7:00-8:30pm
As a Bioethicist, Dr. Bortz helped create Bioethics committees in Chile and at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. She is also the founder of Hope for Seeds, for couples struggling with infertility and sterility and a founder Board member of Jewish Fertility Foundation. Rabbi Bortz is a co-founder of “BaKeN”
Friday, April 3

Nishmat Hayyim weekly sit
9:30-11:00am

Questions about Virtual Nishmat Hayyim sit can be directed to Rabbi Carol Glass.

Pre-Shabbat ShZoom with Noah
11:00-11:30am
For kids and families, geared to children up to 7 years old, buy all are welcome!

Zoom info:
https://zoom.us/j/835593146

Zoom to Nariya Kabbalat Shabbat
6:00pm
More info to come
Dues and Donations during Distancing
Since the office is closed and mail will be delivered and opened intermittently over the next few weeks, we invite you to use a credit card online, through ShulCloud which is a secure site, to keep up to date with dues, tuition, fees and donations.

For the next month or more we’ll be waiving the added credit card fee.

Using a credit card also means one less means of spreading the virus through mail carriers. If you choose to pay by check, please know that it will take longer for your check to be applied to your account and to clear the banking system.

Watch out for Scam Emails (Phishing)
Some members of our community have received scam (phishing) emails sent directly to their home email address that seem as if they are coming from Rav Claudia. The emails especially seem real because they have Rav Claudia’s name and sometimes even her picture. The scam emails have used Ravclaudia.tbzbrookline@gmail.com or rabbiclauda@gmail.com as well as other variations.

How can you tell if it is a scam email?
1. The scam emails have one thing in common — they do not use our actual email address which is @TBZBROOKLINE.ORG. Legitimate emails from TBZ always end in @tbzbrookline.org. Any other email addresses - gmail, aol.com, etc—even if they contain RavClaudia or RabbiClaudia or TBZ or any variation of her name and/or the TBZ name is a scam email if it does not end in @tbzbrookline.org
2. The only email Rav Claudia uses is ravclaudia@tbzbrookline.org. If it isn’t from ravclaudia@tbzbrookline.org, it isn’t from Rav Claudia.
3. These emails often ask you to reply immediately and that Rav Claudia needs your help with something personal. If you do respond, they will then ask you to purchase gift cards to help someone. Rav Claudia WOULD NEVER ask you to buy gift cards or send money to her or anyone else via a gift card.

Simply—emails that imply they are from TBZ or Rav Claudia but don’t end with @tbzbrookline are absolutely scam emails and for safety’s sake do not respond. Forward the email to Susan Diller directly—sdiller@tbzbrookline.org. If it is legitimate, she’ll let you know.

Stay tuned to as we update you regarding other upcoming events that were planned for April and May, including B’nei Mitzvah celebrations and our annual Kiddush Fundraiser.
Unfortunately we have cancelled the Community Retreat for this year.
Not too early to save the date for May 7-9, 2021.

STAY CONNECTED

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