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TBS "SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE" WEEKEND ISRAEL: ZIONIST VISION AND REALITY - YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

Friday, March 11 - Sunday, March 13

Featuring: Professor Paul Liptz
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
Jerusalem, Israel

As part of Temple Beth Shalom's "Israel Action Initiative," we are honored to welcome Professor Paul Liptz to our community. Professor Liptz is an exceptional educator from Israel who will engage us in a weekend of seminars and discussions that will enable us to explore the current political situation in Israel and contextualize today's reality in relationship to the Zionist visionaries who set the modern State of Israel on its way.

About Our Scholar: Professor Paul Liptz

Paul Liptz first arrived in Israel from his home in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) on June 4, 1967 in response to a call from the Jewish state for young Jews living abroad to come and help in the upcoming war. Following the Six Day War, he made the decision to remain in Israel and began his studies at the Hebrew University.

Upon completion of his own course work, he began a 35 year career of teaching and lecturing at Tel Aviv University. Over the years, Professor Liptz, became an educator for the World Zionist Organization's "Institute for Youth Leaders From Abroad" as well as at the Jerusalem Campus of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, where he has been teaching for over 25 years. Professor Liptz has lectured extensively and conducted workshops in more than 25 countries.

We are honored to welcome Professor Liptz to Temple Beth Shalom.

Throughout the weekend, Professor Liptz will speak on a number of topics related to Israel. These include:

Erev Shabbat Service:

7:15 pm - "Conflict in Context: Understanding the Current Israeli-Palestinian Situation" (Professor Liptz is our 2011 Gersten-Hoisington Memorial Lecture Speaker)

Shabbat:

9:00 - 10:00 am - Text Study of Israeli Declaration of Independence

10:15 - 11:30 am - "From Powerlessness to Power: Creating the State (1945-1948)"

4:00 - 6:00 pm - "The Importance of Israel for Jewish Communities Around the World" (Including Havdallah and refreshments)

Sunday:

9:00 - 11:00 am - "The Toughest Neighborhood in the World: Israel in the Middle East" (Sponsored by TBS Brotherhood - Breakfast will be served.)

Please join us for all or any part of our weekend!

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From Rabbi Lenke



It Gets Better

Thanks to Facebook, YouTube and the internet generally, by now many of you have probably seen at least one video titled or subtitled, "It Gets Better".

If you have not yet seen them, just search "It Gets Better" and you are likely to find videos with your favorite celebrities. These videos feature people famous and not, public and previously private. The subjects of these videos have one major thing in common and that is that they are attempting to speak to all of us, gay and straight alike, in order for us to better understand what it is like for someone to come out, and to provide the assurances that life does in fact get better.

For individuals still in the closet, not yet ready to share with their family or their world, who they authentically are, these videos provide a safe support and

remind them that they are not alone. 2010 unfortunately was filled with too many stories of LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) students who took their own lives rather than being subjected to the harassment, bullying, and torment they were experiencing in their own lives. Started by The Trevor Project, the It Gets Better Campaign wants to save young peoples' lives by shouting from the rooftops that it does get better.

At a recent TBS Keshet meeting, someone commented that given the population of our Temple Beth Shalom community, there must be far more people who are touched by the LGBT community than we are currently aware. I want to shout it from the rooftops that not only does it get better, but I personally would like to be there for you should you want to talk about your own journey, or that of a family member or friend. As a rabbi, one of the greatest gifts I receive is that of holding your personal stories.

Recently as I participated on a Beit Din,

a rabbinic court, at Mayyim Hayyim, our community mikvah, I shared with my colleague as well as his conversion candidate what a gift it is to be entrusted with these love stories for Judaism. I've even thought that there should be a similarly supportive and accepting system for welcoming individuals who "come out" as this identity is just as powerful and important.

I share this message for many reasons but I do so now in this month of February as TBS Keshet is excited to be co-sponsoring the film *Trembling Before G-d* (February 13 at 4:00pm in Simon Hall) and would love for you to attend. If you think that it might be difficult for someone in a liberal community to be wrestling with these issues, this film focuses on what it is like for members of both the Modern Orthodox and Ultra Orthodox communities.

It does get better, you are not alone, and I believe with all of my heart that Temple Beth Shalom is a safe place to be.

Michele Lenke

From Rabbi Markley



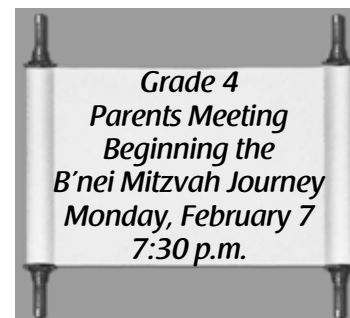
I was speaking with an old friend as we approached the closing days of 2010. He asked me, "What's new at Beth Shalom?" "Well," I responded, "we have a new Youth Educator and a new Director of Early Childhood Education who are already doing wonderful work just six months into their first year in our community. We have a new cantor who was one of our beloved soloists for several years and is now transitioning into the responsibilities that come with a full cantorate. We're engaged in a search for a new Director of Elementary Learning while we are in the midst of a transformation process which seeks to re-envision the way

that our kindergarten through fifth grade students and their families learn and connect with our community. We have created a new full time position to help link our children with Jewish overnight camp experiences. We are also now welcoming our brand new Executive Director, a position that we have never had before at TBS. We've launched several new blogs, established our Facebook presence, redesigned our library, and re-imagined our Friday evening services. There is more, but those are some highlights." My friend's response was simply, "Wow!"

All of these changes inspire eager anticipation, excitement, and great hope for a bright future ahead. Of course, these are not the only emotions which surface when so much is in a state of flux. Author and congregational systems consultant for the Alban Institute, Peter Steinke, notes in his book *Healthy Congregations* that changes to existing systems in a synagogue like ours can also precipitate anxiety, irritability, mistrust, or even a psychic numbing. He teaches us that each of us has an "absorption capacity" for change, and when such a great deal of transformation and transition happens all at once, it can cause any one of us, or groups of us, to stall – to become frozen in the face of more metamorphoses than we can process simultaneously.

As Ancient Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, taught, "Change is the only constant." We know this to be true in our lives, in our society, and so too in our congregational home. In addition to being compelled by the anticipated benefits that come with all of these changes, how will we – individually and collectively – integrate all of these transformations at Beth Shalom into our relationship with this sacred community? In part, we will do so by confronting those elements of change which are unsettling to us and discussing them with one another in ways that are constructive, purposeful, and vision-driven. With our newly adopted Temple Beth Shalom vision statement as our guide, we will question together and learn new lessons together. In Steinke's words, "Learning is struggling. But precisely because of the tension, we learn. To avert the struggle is to doom the learning."

When we are able to respectfully and thoughtfully share the anxieties provoked by change with one another, with a sense of respect for our fellow temple members, then we are able



to attain what congregational change scholars Isa Aron, Steven Cohen, Lawrence Hoffman, and Ari Kelman call a disposition of innovation. Such a disposition is one of the keys to life in visionary synagogue communities and is marked by a search for multiple alternatives to challenges, a tolerance for failure, an ability to address and work through resistance to change, and a willingness to abandon practices which used to be functional but no longer are. This transformative work is not always easy, but it is always a part of life in thoughtful and reflective communities like ours where change is, indeed, the only constant. As we both embrace and process all of the many changes taking place in the Temple Beth Shalom community, may we be guided by love of our shared home, by our desire to strive for excellence in every facet of synagogue life, and by our vision for the congregation that we seek to build together. Then we will truly be able to learn from our challenges, from our changes, and from one another.

Todd A. Markley

Social Action

WHAT'S A MITZVAH?

While the holiday season may seem like a distant memory to many of us, to those who participated in Project Ezra, it is a memory that will last a lifetime. Many thanks to Lois and Ron Sockol and June and Richard Atkind for coordinating the massive effort required to prepare and serve holiday dinners to recipients in Needham, and, of course, thanks to all those who cooked, baked, carved, assembled and delivered the holiday meals. You have all made a difference in the lives of many others.

PREPARING FOR TIKKUN OLAM DAY



Our committee has been busy planning our Tikkun Olam Day that will be held this year on Sunday, March 27. This is a day for members of our temple community to perform mitzvot (sacred tasks) and to help 'repair the world.' We have lined up an exciting assortment of activities – something for everyone. Activities include working at the Greater Boston Food Bank (for those age 16 and above), clean up along the Charles River run along with the Trustee of Reservation, a project with the Needham Community Council, the Youth Choir performing at North Hill, and more!

Most activities will begin in the afternoon. We've arranged for the projects; for activities that are offsite, you just need to take care of transportation from the Temple for you and your family. Pre-registration is required. If you are interested in working on this worthwhile event, please contact John Dennis at jdennis@rcn.com.

GET ON YOUR WALKING SHOES



Once again Temple Beth Shalom will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. This overnight event celebrates cancer survivors and raises money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. The event will take place May 14 - 15. If you would like additional information or would like to participate, please contact our co-captains Sabra Sherry at relaysabra@yahoo.com or Adam May at relaytbs@verizon.net.

MANY THANKS to everyone who brought new pajamas and books to the Temple as part of our collection in support of The Pajama Program. And much appreciation for Alison Davis' efforts in coordinating the effort!



Betty Weiner
Chair

SAVE THE DATE TBS' TIKKUN OLAM DAY Sunday, March 27, 2011

"One mitzvah leads to another..." Pirke Avot

Tikkun Olam projects will include:

- Volunteering at the Greater Boston Food Bank
- Trustees of Reservation Charles River Clean-up and projects through the Needham Community Council. As well, the TBS Youth Choir will be performing at North Hill...and more!

Anyone interested in working to help organize this community-wide effort, please contact John Dennis at 781-559-3107 or jdennis@rcn.com.

TIKKUN OLAM REPAIRING THE WORLD

greentips

Keeping Warm This Winter

Adding a sweater and keeping your thermostat set a couple degrees cooler are smart ways to save some energy. Here are two other ways to save energy that will conserve resources and save you money.

Install a programmable thermostat:
Being able to turn down the heat for large chunks of time, such as at night or while at work, can make a difference in your overall energy consumption. Consider turning off the heat to rooms that are not heavily used - you'd be surprised how much even these small steps can help to reduce utility bills.

Perform regular maintenance:
If you have a forced air furnace, make sure to clean or change the furnace filter about once a month. Most furnaces will need to be professionally cleaned and tuned once a year.

Source Earth Share
<http://www.earthshare.org>

AFRICAN BAOBAB YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

In appreciation to members of Temple Beth Shalom for your donations for healthcare for the orphans and their caretakers in Uganda.

Their well being begins with your contributions.

Thank you from the children in Sironko Uganda.

From African Baobab and Paula Rosen
21 Tanglewood Road
Needham, MA 02494



President's Message



Welcoming Daniel . . .

Several times a year, our lay and professional leadership participate in a Committee Chair -Executive Committee Liaison Team meeting. A few weeks ago, this group studied some of the text of B'shalach – the 3rd book of Exodus. As God prepares Moses to lift his rod and split the Sea of Reeds allowing the Israelites safe passage out of Egypt, he insists on a working partnership with

Moses. “Why do you cry out to me?” (as if I alone can move you) he asks instructing Moses to tell the Israelites to go forward while he stiffens Pharaoh's heart. The only way progress towards the vision of freedom will occur is through a collaborative effort.

Just a few weeks ago, we at Beth Shalom also had the pleasure of welcoming a new partner in leadership—our Executive Director Daniel Barkowitz. As Daniel weaves his new role into the life of our community, we like Moses will be the recipient of tremendous guidance and wisdom. Daniel brings with him an extensive leadership portfolio in the arenas of financial management, technology and systems, staff training and development, and project management. His expertise in strategic thinking, communications and change management will offer our community the necessary support as we develop our administrative functions and move into our strategic planning work. And like we read in B'shalach, the benefit we receive from this expertise will lie in our partnership with Daniel.

Once the Israelites have crossed over, God offers strategies for sustenance in the wilderness. These include: a ‘fixed rule’—a *chok umishpat* – *mishpatim* being those laws that are so strong and permanent that they stand even without a written Torah (‘If the people heed the law diligently, the Lord will be their healer’); lessons in self-regulation delineating how manna should be collected daily, divided, and eaten; and specific instruction around ritual, for example, the shifting of manna collection on the 6th day to double rations, allowing for rest on the 7th. Now there is a possibility for spiritual rejuvenation, for Shabbat, for sacred space.

For the past years, we too have recognized the need for strategizing in several significant areas of staff, financial and building functioning that required the addition to our staff of an Executive Director. Over the next months, we begin this work which will benefit so many arenas of congregational life. It will be our job as lay leaders and congregants to offer Daniel background and information, to thoughtfully share our challenges, and to ask questions when the shifts that accompany changing roles and administrative functioning cause confusion or adjustment.

Together we will create the blueprints for transformation in our administrative functioning, one of the cornerstones of our Strategic Planning and Visioning for our future. Please join me in celebrating this important milestone in our congregation's life and in welcoming Daniel into sacred partnership.

*L'Shalom,
Beth*

home town of Rochester, NY, where Jason has accepted a new job. It has been our pleasure to sing with Robin over these many years.

We wish Robin and Jason the best of health, happiness and success!

The shining, brightest note of the year 2010 is the beginning of the choir's association with Cantor Marcie Jonas as our musical director. The fun has already begun, with our January 14 Shabbat Shira (Shabbat of the Song) service. Looking ahead many choir members will be participating in the Interfaith Chorale concert on Sunday, March 6, to celebrate Needham's 300th anniversary. We will be performing Hymn of Praise by Felix Mendelssohn and the Chorale Finale to the Ninth Symphony by Ludwig van Beethoven with orchestral accompaniment.

We are blessed with the enthusiasm and the sweet, beautiful voice of Cantor Marcie Jonas to lead us. It is a wonderful time to add your voice to the Adult Choir. With Cantor Jonas, the choir is looking forward to realizing many shared visions for growth and musical opportunities. Your added voices will ensure that success. If you are interested in more information about upcoming choir rehearsals, or have any questions at all, please contact Sara Smith, sara_jane@comcast.net, or Lois Raskind, lorask@aol.com.

From Cantor Jonas



Almost every Friday evening we begin our services in song. These songs are quite often taken from our Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat liturgy and they include entrancing, often wordless, melodies called Niggunim. The word niggun is from the Hebrew verb *Lnagein*, meaning, “to play” as in an instrument. It is through the use of niggunim that we are encouraged to make the transition emotionally from the week of work

to our rest on Shabbat. With nothing to concentrate on except the melody, and no lyrics with which to be concerned, Shabbat can fully envelop our consciousness.

The Chassidim feel that the purpose of singing Niggunim is to achieve *D'vakus*, a word originating from the verb “to cling” or “to adhere”. It is believed that by singing a niggun, the intense concentration might help the singer to cling to the Divine and become closer with G-d. The Chassidim don't just sing the niggun once or twice; they sing it over and over.

Niggunim can be used in teaching as it often helps to first learn the melody of a song without the words. Besides their pedagogical benefits niggunim have a history of their own. The popular Jewish publishing company, Transcontinental Music, has published 2 volumes of niggunim in their *Niggun Anthology*. Each niggun has a name, and many are named from the community of Chassidim from which they originate or are based off of when they are used. Examples of such names are “Mazel Tov Niggun”, “Bobover Niggun”, and “Shabbos Niggun”. There is “Chassidic Niggun #1”, and “Chassidic Niggun #2”, and the “Goodbye Shabbat Niggun”.

Over the years I have learned many niggunim from teachers, colleagues and friends. I have developed my own method for remembering them. Much like the Chassidim, I have devised a strategy of naming niggunim that I learn after the person from whom or from where I have learned it, such as “the Kutz Camp Niggun,” or “Emily's Niggun.”

I love to begin Shabbat services with niggunim not only because they are an easy vocal warm up, but also because they have a meditative trait unique from any other type of Jewish music. The right niggun calms the entire community, and brings about a state of harmony (pun intended) to the atmosphere that is characteristic of Shabbat. When I sing a niggun, I am peaceful.

*B'shir,
Cantor Marcie Jonas*

From the TBS Adult Choir

As we look back at the year 2010 for the Adult Choir it is with profound sadness that we recall the passing of our dear Avis Simon, a long-time member of Temple Beth Shalom and an enthusiastic, dedicated member of our alto section. Temple Beth Shalom, its music, and participating in the choir meant a great deal to Avis. Singing gave her joy, as she brought joy to us, and we will miss her dearly.

On a bittersweet choir note, we will miss singing with Robin Adair, a long-time soprano in the choir. She and her husband Jason resigned from the Temple last month to return to her

Sisterhood

The winter holiday season is now over, it's cold and snowy outside and spring still seems a long way away. However our Sisterhood programming provided a warm spirited glow with two recent events:

Our YES Fund Event honoring Rabbi Lenke on December 5 was an incredible afternoon for our entire temple community. Along with a fabulous tribute to Rabbi Lenke, which included committee members performing a special song (sung to the tune of Michelle, Ma Belle by the Beatles), the program raised approximately \$6,800 for Youth, Education and Special Projects supported by the



Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ). And on December 9, over 60 members joined us for our first "Latkes & Vodka" Chanukah celebration! After a brief board meeting, we enjoyed a wonderful social evening which included many different types of delicious latkes and other munchies as well as various beverages of all kinds. In the spirit of the season, we also collected warm winter outerwear which was donated to the Circle of Hope.

While I often use this space to inform our community about our programming, this month I'd also like to provide some information about some of the other important functions of our board, and a few of the topics we've been discussing at recent

meetings.

Membership: Led by VP Jane Spigle, our membership committee has been working hard this year to reach out to new temple members, and many have joined Sisterhood along with numerous returning members – we have almost 200 members so far this year! In addition, we are participating in a WRJ pilot membership program, consisting of a series of webinars on "the three R's: Readiness, Recruitment and Retention". We'll also be implementing a new WRJ "Just Ask" membership campaign in the near future – and if you hear from one of our members soon, we sincerely hope you'll say "Yes!" to Sisterhood.

Strategic Planning: Led by VP Marsha Moller, our strategic focus this year is on Leadership Development. This new committee has met several times and is developing a program which will enable current and future leaders to acquire the skills and knowledge they need to feel confident in their ability to make a positive difference for Sisterhood, TBS and the overall Jewish community.

In addition, along with First VP Lisa Channen and Treasurer Aimee Bierman, we are working on some directed financial planning to ensure that Sisterhood remains in a strong financial position going forward while identifying the most suitable areas where we can contribute to our temple and to other important causes affecting us as Jewish women.

I look forward to further updating you on the progress of these initiatives in the coming months.

*In Sisterhood,
Judy Ravech
President*

Please join us for an information-filled evening!

COLLEGE NIGHT

Sponsored by TBS Sisterhood

Thursday, February 10 at 7:30 pm

Worried about your child getting into college?

What do you need to do to prepare?

How soon should your child get started?

All of these questions and more will be answered by

Linda Shapiro, College Advisor.

Linda's vast experience, including being head guidance counselor at Newton North High School, as well as her calm style, will provide a framework for parents to help high school students navigate the college admissions process.

Temple Beth Shalom • 670 Highland Avenue • Needham

Free Admission Light Refreshments Served

Join us for Sisterhood Celebrates Shabbat!

Sisterhood members are invited to begin Shabbat with a relaxing dinner filled with song and friendship on Friday, February 11.

Join us at 5:45 p.m. for dinner preceding the temple service at 7:15 p.m.

Please send response card, below, by February 4.

For more information, contact Randi Lite at rlite@rcn.com or 781-449-6843.



Name(s) of Sisterhood Members attending dinner: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Number of people attending at \$18/person: _____ Total enclosed: _____

Please make your check payable to the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom.

Send by February 4 to Randi Lite, 22 Parish Road, Needham, MA 02494

Brotherhood

One of the goals of TBS Brotherhood is to help all the men of our community deepen their connection to Judaism. We do this through engaging programs and inspiring discussions that explore issues related to Jewish life, culture, community and Israel. A great example of this kind of programming is our annual Rabbis' Breakfast which was held on January 23. We truly appreciate the quality time spent with Rabbi Todd and Rabbi Lenke as they led a discussion on questions related to Jewish life from the audience. We thank everyone that attended, volunteered and participated in this inspiring discussion. We'd also like to thank the Rabbis for leading this event and everything that they do to personally engage with the men in our community.

Another one of our goals is to bring TBS families together for fun and special times. We work to make this happen through organized sport outings.

Our annual Celtics Family Outing was a huge hit this year. Brother Ken Davis was

able to secure a Skybox for this year's outing. Our 67 tickets quickly sold out and families in attendance were able to move about the skybox to meet and mingle with other families, many of whom had not met before. We are already looking to secure a Skybox again for next year's event.

This year we have added a Bruins Family Outing scheduled for Saturday, February 5. I am happy to report that this matinee against the San Jose Sharks is sold out. We hope that everybody that attends has a fun and special family experience together.

On Saturday, January 8, a bunch of Brotherhood volunteers led by Eric Luskin gathered at the Needham transfer station to sort and bag bottles and cans left at the redemption center. We appreciate everybody who helped out on this cold and snowy day. The money raised will help ensure the vitality of our community.

Recently, we have started a new tradition of getting men together every couple of months for dinner at a local restaurant to celebrate simchas in our community. Our next dinner is scheduled for February 10

as we toast the simchas of Brother Rich Simon and his wife Emily's new baby along with Brother Stephen Staum's son Noah's recent graduation from the University of Vermont. If you or someone in your family is celebrating a special event, we would like to know about it and help you celebrate.

Lastly, I am proud to announce another new and exciting addition to our Brotherhood calendar. On Sunday night, March 13 we will be holding our first annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the tournament will start promptly at 7:00 pm. The entrance fee is \$36.00 per player and a trophy will be awarded to the last player standing along with gift cards for the winner and runner ups.

We'd like to thank Stephen Gladstone, Jeff Keselman and Rob Braunstein for taking the lead in organizing this great event. We wonder who will be crowned as the top TBS player at our first tournament.

Jim Winterman

TBS Jewish Film Series presents as part of the TBS "Keshet" Initiative: **TREMBLING BEFORE G-D**

**Sunday, February 13, 2011
4:00 p.m.
Simon Hall**



*Theater concession refreshments will be served,
and a brief discussion will follow the film's viewing.*

This feature documentary shatters assumptions about faith, sexuality, and religious fundamentalism. Built around intimately told personal stories of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews who are gay or lesbian, the film portrays a group of people who face a profound dilemma between their identity and their religious tradition.

NR-Not rated

A brief discussion will follow the film's viewing. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Salinger at ssalinger@mms.org or Lois Sockol at lsockol@comcast.net.



Join us as we go "all in" at our



**Sunday, March 13, Simon Hall
\$36.00 entrance fee
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Tournament starts promptly at 7:00 pm.**

RSVP to jwinterman@comcast.net is required

**A trophy and prizes will be awarded.
Snacks and beverages will be served.**



**Save-the-Date
Sisterhood Movie Night
Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 pm.
Movie to be announced!**

Chesed “Caring” Community News

“The act of kindness is not performed by the giver; rather, the act of kindness is performed by the receiver. Without the recipient, no blessing would be awakened for the giver.”

Rabbi Zvi Miller

Let us help...

Temple Beth Shalom Chesed (Caring) Committee is made up of volunteers from our congregation who provide support to TBS members in need of assistance.

Experiencing a loss

We can help by providing a meal, house-sitting during the funeral service, or assisting in other ways.

Experiencing an illness

We can help by providing meals or transportation to medical appointments, or other destinations. We can also provide a “healing wrap,” made affectionately by our TBS “knitting mavens.”

Taking care of a loved one

We can help by offering support to those serving as caregivers.

Our Chesed volunteers are eager to help and will respect your privacy.

Please let us help by contacting Wendy Shulman at 781-444-5009 or wshulman@comcast.net, or contacting our Rabbis through the temple office.

got knitting needles?
like to knit?
want to do a mitzvah?

Join Chesed's Knitting Mavens!
Make a “Healing Wrap” or
“Baby Blanket”!

Knitting a “Healing Wrap” is an easy and rewarding way to let someone going through a difficult time in their lives know that our Temple community is thinking of them and sending a “hug”.

Baby blankets are included in the “Simcha Packages” sent to the newest members of our congregation.

If you like to knit, please join us in performing this meaningful mitzvah.

We will happily supply the yarn, needles and instructions (basically knit 3 and purl 3).

Of course, if you have your own favorite needles, you may use those as well. All we ask for you to provide is your time, your skills and your love!

For more information contact Margie Glou at 781-444-0943 or mglou@comcast.net.

From our Executive Director



Maybe, like me, you know of Rabbi Hillel because of the pithy answer he provided when asked to define Judaism while standing on one foot. His response was “Do not do to others what is hateful to yourself.

That is the whole of Torah; the rest is commentary. Now go and study.” When learning of Hillel's wisdom, I didn't know that this answer was actually a response to a potential convert. Hillel was welcoming this new Jew by explaining that the entry point to our tradition is one of moral and ethical behavior, followed by study and learning.

In Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's wonderful new biography of this important Talmudic Rabbi, called *Hillel: If Not Now, When?*, he argues that this welcoming approach to Judaism set Hillel apart from the other sages of his time. Telushkin argues that for modern Judaism to survive and thrive, we need to learn from Hillel's wisdom

and truly reconnect to our welcoming forefather.

Hillel (and Rabbi Telushkin) would be overwhelmed by the welcome and warmth that the community of Temple Beth Shalom exhibits. I have been lucky in my new role to be the recipient of much of this welcome as your new Executive Director, but I see this focus on openness and welcome inherent in every aspect of Temple life. Whether I have attended a committee meeting or board meeting, or sat with you at Shabbat services, or just interacted with you in the main office, I have felt the care and spiritual richness in our community. I feel truly blessed to begin my journey with you, and I look forward to working closely with each of you.

In my new role, I have already had the chance to meet many of you, in both formal and informal settings. I look forward to having the chance to get to know many of you even better, and hope you will stop by my office, send me an email (dbarkowitz@tbsneedham.org), or call me to introduce yourself. I am eager to hear about your own experiences here

at Temple Beth Shalom, and the ways in which you feel welcome in this community. I also look forward to working with you in sacred partnership to help grow and nurture our community by providing the administrative support so that we truly reflect Hillel's vision of welcome in every aspect of our congregational life.

Daniel T. Barkowitz
Executive Director



Religious School



Shalom,

As mentioned in last month's *Scroll*, the Education Vision Task Force completed its charge in December, by creating an inspiring Visions Statement for learners aged

2 to 18. The Vision did not come to be overnight, but rather over several months of careful, thoughtful and deliberate discussions and experiences. I express my gratitude to so many.

This endeavor would not have been possible without a dedicated and insightful group of parents, learning committees chairs, master educators, teens and visionary souls. Thank

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life that we hadn't begun to dream of just over one year ago. Todah rabah! There are few words that express my gratitude to Rabbi Todd Markley, my partner in education throughout this journey. Temple Beth Shalom is in the best hands as this Vision begins to be implemented over the next several years. Rabbi Markley will continue to inspire the leaders and members of this community to stretch for the top of the mountain and once there, to keep looking onward and upward for the next steps along the journey. Thank you is not enough.

May you find a new spark of Torah each day,

Sandy Whitecross

Garden Club

Essential Dates:

Tuesday, February 1: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Workshop 10:00am & Luncheon at Noon
Reservations are required. Members only

Monday, February 28 at 7:00pm

Please join us for our regular Garden Club Board Meeting for March.

February is the month of the year when Garden Club celebrates the work that we have accomplished thus far by organizing our annual February Workshop and Luncheon. The theme for the day is "Literary Inspirations". Sue Kaplan will lead us in an inspirational floral design workshop and help us create beautiful centerpieces for our luncheon tables. Continuing the theme of "Literary Inspirations", our Club members will bring recipes inspired by fiction,

nonfiction, or cookbooks for our tasting menu. Judy Levine will be our luncheon chair, and we look forward to sharing the variety of literature that inspired us to prepare our recipes.

During this special day, Sue Kaplan will ask our members to randomly pick a mystery photo of a Needham high school student's art work that will serve as the inspiration for our floral interpretations on display at Needham's 3rd Art in Bloom on March 5 & 6 at the Needham Public Library. The exhibit is open and free to all who would like to come and view our interpretations in flowers. Bring color into your wintry day by coming to the library and see our floral displays.

See you at Garden Club.

Carol Gershman, President

Mark Your Calendar!

Needham's Art in Bloom 2011

Student Artwork with Floral Interpretations



Entertaining event for ages 2-102
Art by talented Needham High School Students
Floral designs by Beth Shalom Garden Club

Friday, March 4
Exhibits 1-5

Saturday, March 5
Exhibits 1-30

Sunday, March 6
Exhibits 1-30

Needham High School
Needham Senior Center

Needham Public Library
9:00am - 5:00pm

Needham Public Library
1:00pm - 4:00pm

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A "Taste of Judaism"

A 3 Week Exploration of Judaism's
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Monday, February 28,
March 7, 14
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
At Temple Beth Shalom



"A Taste of Judaism" is a special program sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism and is geared for those exploring the basic teachings, traditions, and principles of Jewish life.

Registration Information:

For additional information regarding this course go to www.reformjewishoutreachboston.org. To register, please contact Joyce Schwartz at 781-449-0404 or jschwartz@urj.org.

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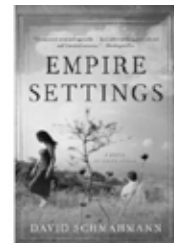
Ivory from Paradise

Sunday, February 6 from 9:00 - 11:00 am

Refreshments: Bagels and...will be served

This exciting event is free of charge, but please RSVP to June Atkind at junatkind@aol.com.

Advanced Reading Recommended: Book Signing at the event Available in paperback at local book sellers and Amazon.com



Spring "Sparks of Insight" Series: "The Parting of Ways"

How Christianity Separated from Judaism

Thursday evenings, March 10, 17, 24, 31 7:45 - 9:00 pm
Teacher: Rabbi Rifat Sonsino

Christianity has its roots in Judaism. Jesus was born a Jew and died as a Jew. In our four sessions together we will explore the historical background out of which Christianity arose, the impact of the contents of the Dead Sea Scrolls on the development of various Jewish sects during the first century CE, and the issues that continue to be open for discussion in Jewish-Christian dialogue.

Our Teacher: Rabbi Rifat Sonsino

Rabbi Sonsino is the Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Shalom and an adjunct professor at Boston College's Theology Department. In 1961 he entered the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati from which he received his rabbinic ordination in 1966 with a Masters degree in Hebrew literature. Rabbi Sonsino holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania (1975) in Bible and ancient Near Eastern studies. His articles on Bible and Judaica have appeared in a number of scholarly journals. His book, Motive Clauses in Hebrew Law, was published in 1980 by Scholars Press for the Society of Biblical Literature. His works include: Finding God: Selected Responses, What Happens After I Die? Jewish Views of Life After Death, Six Jewish Spiritual Paths, The Many Faces of God; A Reader of Modern Jewish Theologies.



Registration Information:

There is no charge for this series. For further information and to register please contact Nate Karol in the Education Office at nkarol@tbsneedham.org or 781-444-0388.

Weekday Morning Study Series

THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

Monday mornings, February 14, 28, March 7 & 14
10:00 - 11:30 am

Teacher: Sandy Whitecross

The more modern song inspired by Ecclesiastes proclaims: "To everything, turn, turn, turn...there is a season..." What is it about the ancient text that brought a rock band, The Byrds, into the spotlight? The group may have lasted less than ten years, but their lyrics have echoed through the millennia. "There is nothing new under the sun" is another popular phrase rooted in this challenging text.

"Kohelet," as this book is known in Hebrew, is a strange and, in many ways, an unsettling text. There are contradictions, opinions, observations of the inequities of life, and exposed frustrations by the author. Further, why is this text linked with the holiday of Sukkot?

Join Sandy Whitecross in the exploration of this text and consider if there is only darkness lurking in this ancient text or if there is light to help us illumine our lives.

Learners of all ages and stages are welcome.

Registration Information:

There is no charge for this course. Please register by contacting Nate Karol in the Education Office at nkarol@tbsneedham.org or 781-444-0388.



For more than two decades, Temple Beth Shalom of Needham has partnered with The Needham Community Council to deliver Christmas Dinners to Needham residents. In this, our twenty-seventh year, 112 dinners left the kitchen of Temple Beth Shalom. The Needham Community Council's generous Pantry Shelf provided 7 of our 13 turkeys as well as boxes of stuffing, and cans of cranberry sauce and gravy. The gathering of names, the record keeping and difficult job of preparing the bags in which the meals were delivered was also done by the Council personnel.

The bulk of the labor was born by the volunteers of Temple Beth Shalom. Some roasted succulent turkeys, thirteen in all. Others arrived at the Temple kitchen early Christmas morning to peel the 100 pounds of potatoes to be mashed. The kitchen volunteers prepared all the fixings: the stuffing, vegetables, cranberry sauce and gravy. A dozen other volunteers baked mouthwatering desserts, brownies and cookies of all descriptions and brought them to Temple Beth Shalom. Just beyond the kitchen doors, another group of volunteers worked to make ready the bags for delivery by placing the desserts, a drink and fruit, an apple or clementine, into each bag to compliment the dinner to come. In about three hours the preparation work was completed. Just in time for the arrival of the final group of volunteers; those who came to collect the dinner bags and deliver them. We are so proud of all the volunteers, so proud of everyone who made this day a better one for their neighbors. It is an honor to work with you.

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Do you want to make a difference in the fight against cancer in our community?

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The Relay For Life is a fun, team-based, 18-hour event that raises money to support the programs and services of the American Cancer Society.

The 2011 TBS team will be led by Adam May and Sabra Sherry, who have served on the Relay Planning Committee for the past several years and are eager to share their passion for Relay with the TBS community.

Adam is a cancer survivor, and Sabra was a primary caregiver for her mom, who lost her battle against cancer six years ago. Most likely, you've been touched by cancer, too, and if you want to help fight back against this horrible disease, please consider participating in this year's Relay.

To learn more about this life-changing event, join Adam and Sabra at the Relay For Life Kickoff at TBS on Wednesday, February 2, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Stay tuned for additional Relay information in the months to come. If you have questions or want to learn more about the Relay, please email Sabra Sherry at relaysabra@yahoo.com or Adam May at relaytbs@verizon.net.



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Again I want to thank you for taking some time out of your busy life to read our monthly discussion of *Chyten Educational Services* and significant aspects of the academic arena including standardized testing. In my experience, it is never too early to plan.

Remember that there are important options for SAT preparation. Encourage your teens to explore online college websites. Visit nearby colleges. The arrival of PSAT scores in December was only one perspective on appropriate testing and scheduling options. Most students end up taking the SAT two or three times, as well as perhaps the ACT and SAT II Subject Tests before applying to colleges during the fall of their Senior Year.

SAT Test dates for this academic year are **March 12, May 7, and June 4, 2011**. ACT dates are **February 12, April 9 and June 11**. Make sure that your student has numerous options and opportunities. Therefore, plan to test early and (if necessary) often. *Chyten* students report stronger skills and strategies, leading to more focused, successful performances.

There are approximately 200 colleges across the country that do not require standardized tests for admission. Planning not to take the SAT or ACT and to apply only to schools that do not require them is a risky strategy, since these schools are still small in number. Also, all schools, even those that do not require standardized tests, will consider test scores if you provide them. So even for students applying to these schools, taking ACT or SAT is a no-lose situation. Contact the Admissions Office of your target schools for specifics.

The differences between the ACT and SAT are profound, in content, format, and strategies. One of the best ways to determine which exam best fits a student's academic ability is to take ***Chyten's* ACT vs. SAT Comparison Test**, which is free to *Chyten's* PASS members. Of course, keep in mind that many students take both tests to increase their opportunities.

Choosing Classes and Levels In general, it is best to take classes that make up a challenging schedule. The impression that a student may be choosing easier classes, even if he/she is earning top grades, is a turn off to many colleges. For students likely to apply to "more competitive" schools, better grades are very important; taking AP or honors-level courses can support your college applications.

AP Classes are challenging, college-level courses offered in some high schools. If you are questioning your preparedness for the **May AP Exams** in ANY AREA, please consult with *Chyten*. Our tutors are top-flight educators. Many have specific AP course skills to assist the student. No student should take an AP Exam without the appropriate, rigorous and specific training and practice. Some high schools do not offer AP courses, but suggest that talented students sit for the AP Exam. Make sure that your student is confident re: format and content of AP US History, Biology, English, or whichever test they'd like to try, before the early May test dates.

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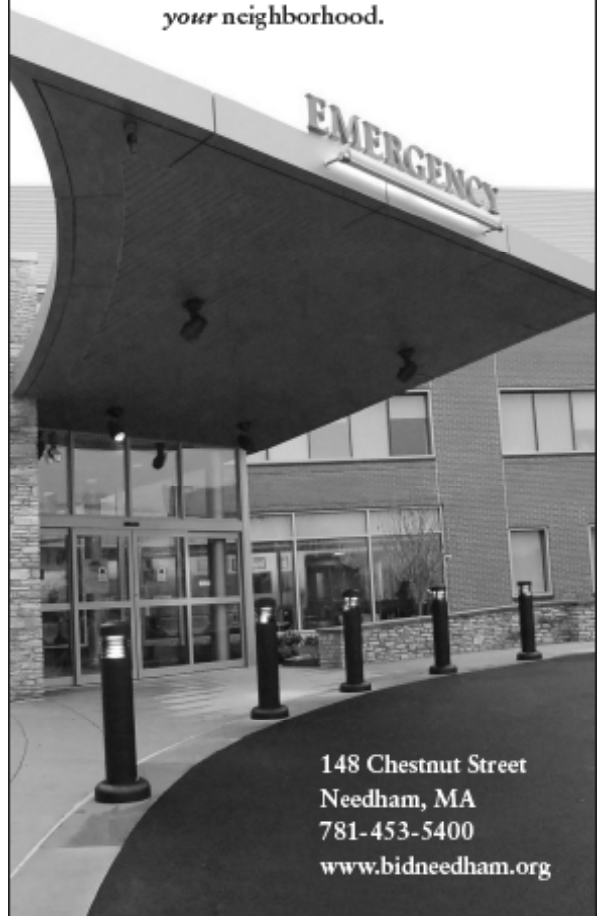
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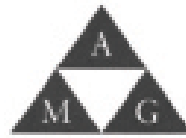
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