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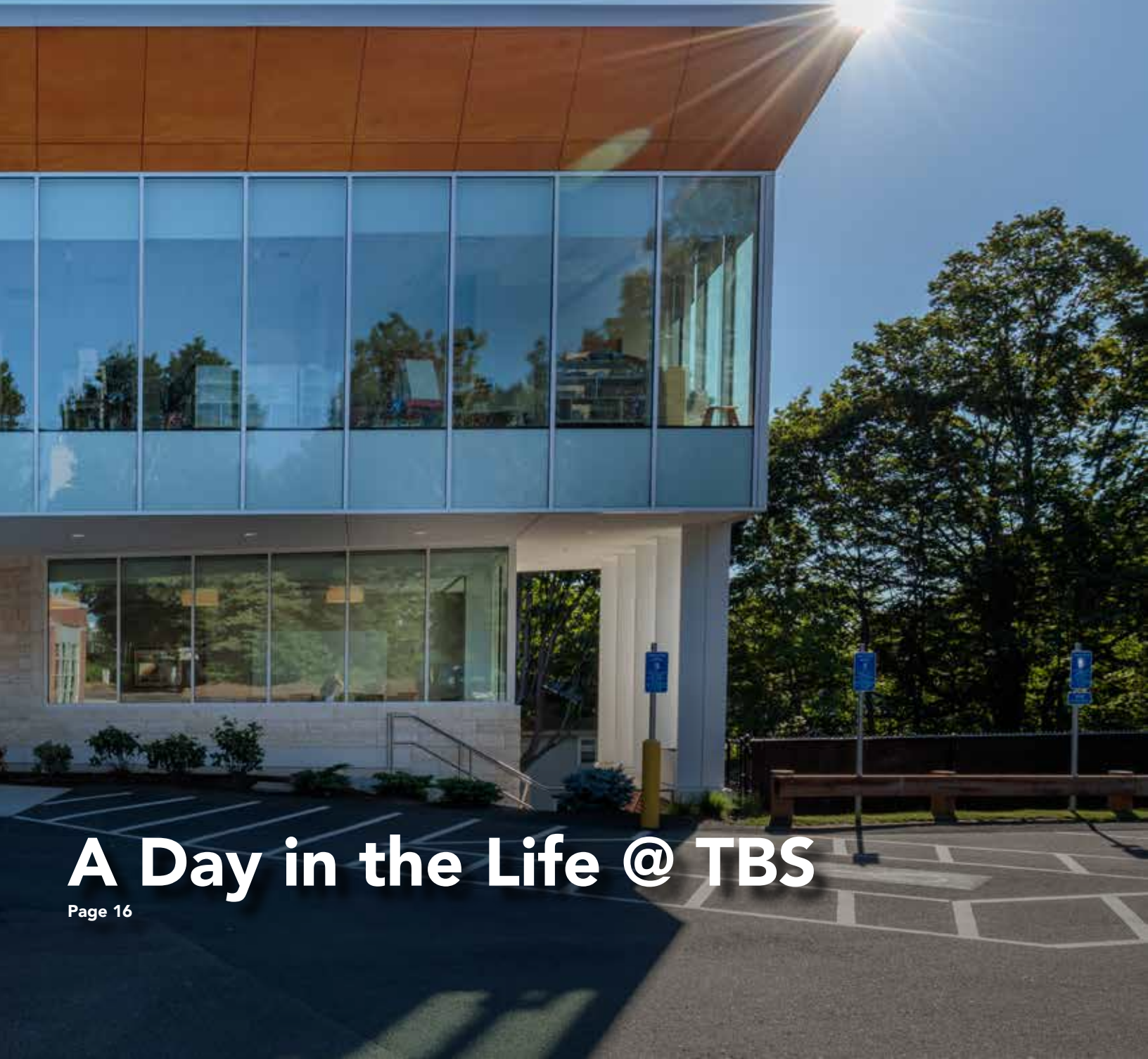
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From the Editorial Board

Did You Miss Us?!

Whatever your answer, it's good, for although we never publish a July or August Scroll, we editors know that while we are planning rather than publishing, you are hearing from TBS in other ways.

Your inbox keeps you posted on weekly activities both through **TBS This Week** and the rabbis' **Shabbat Shalom** emails. You may also opt into our **TBS Community Bulletin Board** to connect with Temple members for everything from electrician recommendations to buying or selling Red Sox tickets. To join, email communitylist@tbsneedham.org. To give Temple members a chance to let others know what services they themselves provide, we also have our **TBS Member Business Directory** available on our Temple website.

Do you have too many summer emails to go through? You'll be surprised at all you catch up on through our **Temple website**, www.tbsneedham.org. Register for a login at www.tbsneedham.org/website_register to access member-only information.

Not to be outdone by our teens, Temple Beth Shalom also has an active **Facebook page** found here <https://www.facebook.com/tbsneedham/> "Like" this page to be part of our FB online community connection.

Best of all, of course, is connecting in person seven days a week at our beautiful Temple home. In this issue, we are pleased to present "A Day in the Life @ TBS", a special photo collection highlighting the many people and activities that typically fill TBS each hour of the day. We hope to also see you there and in these pages in the coming months.

Enjoy!

Joni Burstein and the Scroll Editorial Board

Please join the TBS community for

Minyan

Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM
Monday through Thursday evenings at 6:45 PM
all at TBS

SEPTEMBER 2017 SERVICES

From the Clergy

How Should We Approach This Time for Reflection?

By Rabbi Jay Perlman

September brings the sunset of summer. Hopefully rested and rejuvenated by longer, warmer days – having spent quality time spent with loved ones – we make our way towards autumn. Outside, days and nights begin to cool as the earth starts its gradual march towards winter. There is a move from the sunny seats of Fenway to the colder confines of Gillette. Inside, as well, we experience a change. During the fall we are reunited with regular schedules. For many, this season marks the start of a new cycle at work or at school.



Unspoken by the secular calendar, but heard with resounding clarity by the Jewish calendar, fall is accompanied by an invitation to begin anew by reconsidering our life's direction . . . and, as needed, to adjust our course. Maimonides, the sage scholar of the 12th century, said this about the shofar's call: It is like a clock's alarm – meant to awaken us so that we aren't merely walking passively through life. The other symbols of the High Holy Days, as well, point towards re-engagement and renewal: the white vestments and floral arrangements (a sign of openness to possibility).....the round challah (a reminder of the cycles of time and life).....the honey and apples (a 'prayer-through-taste' for sweetness for the year ahead).....the legend that Rosh Hashanah marks the birth of Creation (linking personal rebirth to the birth of the cosmos). Where are we to start, though, as we re-envision our creative path into the year ahead?

In the Book of Psalms, there is a beautiful phrase that is said to have been uttered by God as God reflected upon Creation: "*Ki amarti olam chesed yibaneh,*" (Psalm 89:3) – "For I said that I will found the world on lovingkindness." According to the Psalmist, God chose to go about creation not through a quantitative goal-setting of items

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 (11 ELUL 5777)
6:00 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 (11 ELUL 5777)
Torah: Ki Tetze, Deut. 21:10 — 25:19
8:00 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Beit Midrash)
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Beit Midrash)
11:00 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Sanctuary)
Bar Mitzvah: Teddy Brooks

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 (18 ELUL 5777)
7:15 PM — Contemplative *Shabbat* Service (Beit Midrash)
7:15 PM — *Simchat Shabbat* Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (18 ELUL 5777)
Torah: Ki Tavo, Deut. 26:1 — 29:8
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Beit Midrash)
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Beit Midrash)
11:00 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Sanctuary)
Bat Mitzvah: Grace Altman

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 (25 ELUL 5777)
6:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 (25 ELUL 5777)
Torah: Nitzavim VaYeLech, Deut. 29:9 — 31:1-30
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Beit Midrash)
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Beit Midrash)
11:00 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Sanctuary)
Bar Mitzvah: Ryan Idelson
5:00 PM — *Shabbat* *Mincha* Service
Bat Mitzvah: Ella Fogelman
7:00 PM — Apples and Honey for the Soul (Sanctuary/*Beit Midrash*)
9:00 PM — *Selichot* Service (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 (29 ELUL 5777)
8:00PM — *Erev Rosh Hashanah* Service (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (1 TISHRE 5778)
Rosh Hashanah (First Day)
8:30 a.m.—*Rosh Hashanah* Early Morning Service (TBS)
8:45 a.m. – *Rosh Hashanah* Early Morning Service (Rashi)
11:15 a.m.—*Rosh Hashanah* Late Morning Service (TBS & Rashi)
2:45 p.m.—Young Children's Family *Rosh Hashanah* Service
4:15 p.m. *Tashlich* Service (Elm Bank)
5:30 p.m.—*Rosh Hashanah* Afternoon Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (2 and 3 TISHRE 5778)
10:00 a.m.—*Rosh Hashanah* Second Day Service (Sanctuary)
6:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (3 TISHRE 5778)
Torah: Ha'azinu, Deut. 32:1 — 52
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Beit Midrash)
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Beit Midrash)
11:00 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Sanctuary)
Bat Mitzvah: Alexis Cohen

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (10 TISHRE 5778)
6:45 p.m. — *Kol Nidrei* Early Service (Sanctuary)
8:45 p.m. — *Kol Nidrei* Late Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 (10 TISHRE 5778)
8:30 a.m. — *Yom Kippur* Early Morning Service (TBS)
8:45 a.m. – *Yom Kippur* Early Morning Service (Rashi)
11:15 a.m. — *Yom Kippur* Late Morning Service (TBS & Rashi)
2:00 p.m. — Young Children's Family *Yom Kippur* Service
3:00 p.m. — *Yom Kippur* Afternoon Program with Rabbi Sonsino (Beit Midrash)
3:00 p.m. — *Yom Kippur* Afternoon Program "Sharing Our Jewish Journeys"
4:00 p.m. — Afternoon Service: *Yizkor, Neilah, Havdallah*

Welcome Back!

By Bernice Sue Behar, President



Many of us have spent the past few months away from the Temple, traveling, relaxing in places near and far, and visiting with friends and family. And while the level of activity within the walls of TBS certainly quieted down, there was still a hum of energy during the summer months. Most notably, our summer programs for our youngest children brought the sound of laughter from our playground and happy chatter in our hallways. TBS professional staff and clergy (and lay leaders!) also remained busy throughout the summer, planning for the upcoming High Holy Days and for the programming that will happen in the coming year.

“These times that we come together to work, learn, and pray bring us a continuity that is grounded in Jewish life.”

Our Temple calendar is filled throughout the year with events, learning programs, *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) opportunities, and the rhythm of our Jewish holidays. These times that we come together to work, learn, and pray bring us a continuity that is grounded in Jewish life. Among the many events that will take place in the coming months, here are just a few important highlights:

- High Holy Days: Erev Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Friday, September 20, 2017. If you have not yet registered, please contact the Temple office.
- TBS travels to Eastern Europe and Israel, October 22 - November 5, 2017: Rabbi Jay, along with professional guides, will lead us on a Jewish encounter journey through Warsaw, Prague, and Budapest, followed by Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Interested in learning more? Contact Rabbi Jay Perlman for details.
- URJ Biennial Boston 2017, December 6 - 9, 2017, Hynes Convention Center, Boston: Join with upwards of 5000 other Reform Jews from around the country as we gather in learning sessions, prayer, and song. TBS hopes to field a delegation.
- Scholar in Residence Weekend, December 1 - 3, 2017: Details will be available shortly for what is sure to be a special weekend of learning and inspiration.

- TBS Adult Purim Shpiel, March 3, 2017: Rabbi Todd and his musical crew will be at it again. Always a hit!
- *Tikkun Olam* Day, May 6, 2017, at TBS and other locations: There will be many different ways for people of all ages to participate. If you would like to assist in planning, please contact Mara Gorden (maragorden@gmail.com).
 - Shavuot/10th grade Confirmation Service, May 20, 2017: One of the most meaningful services during the year as our young adults reflect on Judaism and the meaning of the Ten Commandments in their lives.
- Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, June 3, 2017: All adult members are welcome to a presentation of TBS leadership accomplishments of the past year. Members will vote on the budget for FY19 and on nominees to the Board of Trustees. New this year - Sunday Brunch!

Finally, as we ready ourselves for all the enriching activities of the coming months, I want to take this opportunity to suggest two ways to enter the Days of Awe with a heart pointed in the direction of giving:

- Feeding the hungry -- Every year, our Social Action committee organizes a critical food drive to benefit the Needham Community Council. With your help we can provide for those who are less fortunate in our own community. Please take a shopping bag on Rosh Hashanah and return it with your donations on Yom Kippur.
- Supporting our TBS community -- The Shofar Appeal raises essential funds to support - and make accessible to all members - our high quality worship, learning, and programming. When the call is made, please offer what you are able.

Thank you for your generous donations to both these very important activities.

I wish you a New Year of peace, health, and happiness.

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New in the Library:

The Origin of the Jews by Steven Weitzman

Reviewed by Irving Bailit

Even though the Jews have one of the longest and most studied history of any peoples on earth, knowledge about the origin of the Jews remains unknown. In the eighteenth century, the Jews were described as a rootless people without geographic or ancestral origin. To date, hundreds of books have been written on the subject.

“The Origin of the Jews” is a new book by Steven Weitzman, a professor of Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. This author takes us on a scholastic journey in which the reader is treated to a brilliant review and analysis of the past literature. He visits the disciplines of genealogy, linguistics, sociology, anthropology, archaeology, psychoanalysis, and genetics. While noteworthy advances have been made in these sciences, information on the origins of the Jews remains elusive.

How important is the acquisition of this knowledge? The author feels that this informational gap deprives us of knowledge about the roots of our religion. Even though he is aware that the quest is fraught with impossible impassés and full of skeptics who feel that this search isn’t feasible or is inconsequential, Weitzman stresses the importance of further research.

Find this book in “New Arrivals” in the Community Court.

Join 5,000 Reform Leaders at the URJ Biennial 2017 in Boston!

Dec. 6 -10, 2017 , Hynes Convention Center, Boston

With the theme of “Re-imagining Jewish Life,” our congregation will join with hundreds of others from across North America at the URJ Biennial 2017 - and you need to be a part of the excitement!

The URJ Biennial is one of the largest gatherings of Reform



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Jews in North America, bringing together 5,000 Reform leaders, including lay leaders, professionals, clergy, and youth leaders. Together, we’ll learn, pray, share ideas, network, celebrate, and make decisions about the future of Reform Jewish life. What happens at the Biennial? Networking, learning, and sharing with other congregational leaders; plenaries and breakout sessions featuring renowned speakers; important discussions about today’s critical issues; world-class Jewish music and entertainment; inspiring worship services; amazing Judaica shopping . . . and so much more!

If you register by Oct. 10, 2017, you will enjoy the Early Bird discounted rate. And if TBS has a sufficient number of registrants by that date to form a “Delegation,” a special additional discount and other perks will apply!

Who should attend the Biennial? YOU! For more information on the Biennial program and to register, go to www.urj.org/biennial, or contact Ed Zaval, our TBS Liaison for the Biennial, at edwardzaval@gmail.com.

Leadership Changes for K-12 Learning Program

Staffing changes made over the summer in the K-12 learning programs reflect the steady growth of Mayim (Grades K-5) and Etzim (Grades 6-12). I am delighted to continue to serve as the Director of K-12 Learning, partnering with three seasoned members of our team as they move into new and different leadership roles.

Sara Wittenberg, our full-time Learning Specialist for the past three years, will become the Assistant Director of Mayim. In this new position, Sara will partner with me to oversee all elements of the Mayim program, supervising the Mayim Jewish Learning Guides (JLGs), managing many day-to-day logistics, and being a primary contact for Mayim parents. Sara will also serve as the Director of Inclusion for K-12, and will continue to train and support the Mayim and Etzim educators in creating learning environments that engage and support all students. Sara will be the primary contact for parents of children and teens with special needs. Contact Sara at swittenberg@tbsneedham.org.

Rahel Gruenberg, who has been a full-time Youth Engagement Professional for the past three years, will become the Assistant Director of Etzim, also a new position. Rahel will work with me to oversee all elements

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of the Etzim program, supervising the Etzim Educators, providing administrative leadership, working with the Teen Engagement Committee, and being a primary contact for Etzim parents. While Rahel will relinquish her classroom teaching, she will continue to work directly with the teens on the Etzim Leadership Team (Board and Rosh Team),



Sara, Rachel, Jordi, and Rahel

and she will serve as the senior staff person on Etzim trips and Shabbatonim. Contact Rahel at rgruenberg@tbsneedham.org.

Rabbi Jordi Battis will officially step into the position of full-time Rabbi-Educator, serving as the leader of our Bar/Bat Mitzvah journey program and overseeing our Hebrew curriculum and program. Rabbi Jordi will continue to provide rabbinic and curricular guidance and supervision for the Mayim and Etzim programs, and rabbinic resources for faculty, students, and parents, including leading and developing parent learning experiences in our programs. Contact Rabbi Battis at jbattis@tbsneedham.org.

As always, we invite you to reach out to our professional staff at any time.

Rachel Happel, Director of K-12 Learning (rhappel@tbsneedham.org)

Why Not Build Your Own Sukkah?

By Jeff Ogilvie

As the High Holy Days approach, thoughts of Sukkot begin to come fleetingly to mind, accompanied by the image of a sukkah, with its leafy roof and its three walls open in a welcoming embrace. Another fleeting thought follows: why not build a sukkah in the backyard, making it easy to walk out and enjoy a festive meal under the light of the stars?

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to be amassed or tasks to be completed, but rather through a qualitative vision of the impact creation itself would have on life and lives. For God, the founding creative principle of lovingkindness was to fundamentally instruct all of the other workings that would take place within the world.

During the High Holy Days, as we engage in our own re-creative efforts, we too are asked to consider our own broader goals for life. As we do, the spirit of the Psalmist's message is that we should strive to make every effort to mirror God's actions by placing lovingkindness front and center – by considering it as our own foundational principle. The modern American poet John Andrew Holmes once wrote, "There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting someone up." In a world coarsened by challenging discourse, competing principles, and an unrelenting drive to succeed, it is all the more critical that we recommit ourselves to the understanding that a life of meaning is a life that is inspired by compassion.

May this Rosh Hashanah season renew within us all a determination to live with others in ways that reflect grace, understanding, and goodness.

Emily, Liana, and Jonah join me in wishing you and those that you love a *Shanah Tovah* – a year of much happiness and sweetness!

Embrace that thought! Indeed there are many reasons to boldly follow through and make this the year in which you use your own hands to build your sukkah to stand forth in splendor.

1. It's a healthy challenge. The challenge of building a sukkah is truly no more than a mental challenge, with any physical barriers to success being easily surmounted one at a time and step by step. See our easy Sukkah Building Guide for proof! The link is below.

2. How often do you do real physical work? If the thought of lifting and carrying heavy objects stops you in your tracks, here's the secret: there's really no heavy lifting involved. Yet after the job is done the craftsman can bask in praise for all the hard work.

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3. You can see the results of your efforts. How often can we stand back and gaze with pride upon the visible and tangible product of our time and energy? The sukkah project offers just such an opportunity.

4. Fulfill a mitzvah. As the Torah says, “You shall make for yourself the festival of Sukkot for seven days....” (Deuteronomy 16:14) Building a sukkah that you make for yourself is itself a mitzvah.

5. It can be a family endeavor. Confess to your loved ones that you have no idea exactly what you need to do, and that all family members should gather around to help with the planning and carrying and constructing.

6. Your friends can enjoy the sukkah with you. When the work is done, it’s time to invite friends over for something to eat in your own personal sukkah. Invite them to bring their own contribution to the sukkah or the meal.

7. It’s easier than you think. You will assemble four identical frames, then join two of them together for the rear wall and attach one on each side for the side walls. Put the first frame together, and it’s downhill from there.

Now, if you are ready, go to the following link for step-by-step Sukkah Building Guide:

<https://tinyurl.com/tbssukkah>

A Joyful First Wedding in Our New TBS Home

Our Temple Mikdash received a blessing on June 4, 2017, with the gathering of friends and family to join in celebrating the marriage of our own Rahel Block and her beloved, Eva Gruenberg. This was the first wedding to be celebrated in our new synagogue building, so it was especially fitting that it was the wedding of a member of our Temple’s professional staff. The Temple Beth Shalom community is honored to have hosted this joyous event, and is proud that our sanctuary, Community Court, Community Hall, and other spaces so well suited the celebration.

The festivities began in the Community Court, where guests gathered for the ketubah signing. Rahel, Eva, and their witnesses sat at a table outside the Beit Midrash, and the community joined in blessings led by Rabbi Jordi Schuster

Battis (TBS’s Rabbi-Educator), and in song led by Emily Perlman.

Guests continued singing a *niggun*, providing the music for the processional as they entered the sanctuary for



the wedding ceremony. On the bimah stood the poles for Rahel and Eva’s chuppah, specially constructed by Rahel’s brothers with saplings cut from friends’ property in New Hampshire. The chuppah’s tallit covering was also specially made for the occasion from Rahel’s mother’s wedding dress and Eva’s mother’s wedding veil, and with the fringes tied personally by Rahel and Eva themselves. Magnificent flowers draped down from the chuppah, and Rabbi Battis officiated a beautiful ceremony.

Following the service, guests congregated in the Community Court for passed hors d’oeuvres before continuing the celebration in the Community Hall with a festive meal and energetic dancing to a live band. The Community Hall was creatively decorated in a rustic style with cross-back wooden chairs, a reclaimed wood dance floor, and colorful floral arrangements.

Rahel would like the Temple family to know that she has taken Eva’s surname, Gruenberg, and can now be contacted at rgruenberg@tbsneedham.org. This name change takes place as Rahel is also moving into a new role as Assistant Director of Etzim (our 6th-12th grade learning program), working with Director of K-12 Learning Rachel Happel to provide administrative leadership; assisting the Teen Engagement Committee; serving as a primary contact for Etzim parents; and serving as the senior staff person on most Etzim trips and Shabbatonim. Eva is also joining the TBS learning team this year as one of the 4th - 5th grade Jewish Learning Guides for the Mayim program.

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TBS is happy to have hosted this wonderful ceremony and celebration, and extends a hearty “Siman Tov U’Mazal Tov” to Rahel and Eva.

To host your simcha at the Temple, contact Sandy Hain, Director of Event Administration (781-444-0077, tbsneedham@tbsneedham.org).

How Is Temple Beth Shalom Growing through Giving?

On Rosh HaShanah it is written, on Yom Kippur it is sealed.

But repentance, prayer and charity temper judgement’s severe decree.

Look all around you at Temple Beth Shalom. We have a beautiful new building. New space. New light. New members. And a bright new commitment to our future. Yet, with all this newness, we still hold dear our legacy and our history. For it is this history and the tireless contributions of the Temple’s congregants in our history that have created a permanent home for our Jewish community. Here is where the sights and sounds of our community are vivid. We can recall the rich memories of our youth, with parents and grandparents, the continuity that we so desire to be passed on to our children and grandchildren. Jewish continuity. Giving of one’s time and support is a big part of that community growth. We need your help to continue growing through giving.

At this time of year, as the days grow shorter, our hearts and souls yearn for the blessings of the Holy Days. During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we listen to the still small voice within ourselves that asks us to consider life’s meaning and reflect during these days on the kind of people we strive to become. We join fellow Jews around the world to offer *tzedakah* – acts of charity – to temper judgement’s severe decree.

At Temple Beth Shalom, we are engaged in active reflection during the High Holy Days. As we reflect on ourselves, we must also reflect upon our community and how to support it. We know that we must consider our community’s annual goals and activities as expressed through our statements of mission and vision and how we can sustain that continuity from generation to generation. As we move into the New Year, we are reaching out to you with a

request for your continued support - your *tzedakah* - as we strive to make our continuity goals a reality.

Here we can find spiritual meaning and dignity in our Jewish values. We can create community, support Israel, repair the world - and we can make dreams for our children and grandchildren come true. Jewish continuity.

But it takes an extraordinary financial commitment to do so.

Each year during the High Holy Days we ask for your support to help sustain all that we do as a congregation – from ensuring outstanding staff, activities, and programs to addressing the needs of our Temple building. Our annual Shofar Appeal invites you to hear and respond to the call to support growth through giving.

Your *tzedakah* during the Annual Appeal supports:

- Jewish learning opportunities at Temple Beth Shalom for all ages.
- A clergy and professional staff who set the standards of excellence in Temple administration.
- A community active in *chesed* and *tikkun olam* – warmly reaching out to congregants during times of joy and in times of need.
- Award-winning programming and education for students beginning at pre-school to high school and beyond.

Our Shofar Appeal fundraising goal this year is \$118,000. We are well on our way to reaching our goal. Over 70 TBS families have already made their Appeal donations for 2017-18, raising over \$14,000 as of August 1, 2017. You can support our growth through giving to the Shofar Appeal now at: <http://bit.ly/2017Shofar>. This Yom Kippur, you will find on your chair during services our annual Shofar Appeal brochure and pledge card. Please take these materials home with you after services and take time to reflect on our rich Jewish community at Temple Beth Shalom and the legacy we can create for our children and our grandchildren. Go to the website and click Shofar Appeal to pledge or complete your *Tzedakah* pledge card and return it to the Temple. Your generosity this year is greatly appreciated. If you can give time to support the

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Shofar Appeal, please contact Marguerite Dowd at: (781) 444-0077. If you have already given, we and the community thank you for helping to achieve our Shofar Appeal Growth through Giving goal.

L'dor v'dor – from strength to strength. May our spiritual home be a presence for generations to come.

David Grebber and Jeffrey Popkin
Co-Chairs, Annual Shofar Appeal

Praising Children: A Reflection

By Marlene Greenstein, Children's Center Curriculum Director

Recently at a family event, I noticed how many times I heard my daughter and son-in-law say to their four-year-old son, "Good job!" It seemed like they were saying it for every little thing he was doing. "Good job finishing your lunch." "Good job sharing." "Good job putting on your shoes." I have to admit, I often say "good job" as well – it's a hard habit to break. Clearly, there is nothing wrong with praise. The trouble comes when the praise is vague and overused. Children tune it out, as they know the difference between praise for doing something simple and praise for real effort.

Alfie Kohn, author and lecturer on education, parenting, and human behavior, argues that saying "good job" to your children or grandchildren actually leads to disinterest in the activity they are doing. Saying "good job" tells the child that something is not valuable in its own right, but is valuable only for getting recognition from an adult. In essence, it's telling children how to feel and taking away children's opportunities to identify that pleasurable feeling on their own.

What can we do differently? One way to start is to keep the focus on the child. Kohn suggests that when a child plays, or accomplishes a task, it is best to "say what you see" – to describe to the child what they are doing without making judgments. This tells your child that you noticed and still allows them to take pride in what they did. "I noticed you put your coat on by yourself!" "Wow! I noticed how hard you worked on that block construction!" Another suggestion is to talk less and ask more. For example, instead of telling your child what you liked about their artwork, ask what they like best.

There is a concept in Jewish tradition known as *simcha shel mitzvah*, the joy of completing a required act. Appreciat-

ing your own actions brings a sense of *simcha*, joy to our everyday lives. It is the act of doing the *mitzvah* that brings a smile to our face and warms our hearts. All of us, parents and teachers alike, want children to feel encouraged and motivated. We want to acknowledge their accomplishments because we are genuinely proud of them. Encouraging children by commenting on what they are doing allows them to discover their abilities and decide for themselves what they value.

In my role as Curriculum Director at Temple Beth Shalom's Children's Center, I strive to remember that children do not expect to be praised all the time. In this season of reflection, I am stepping back to try not to fall into the routine of offering empty praise. Try it at home and you might be surprised when your child cleans up their toys, even when you sit back and say nothing at all.

You can watch a clip from Alfie Kohn's presentation at: <http://bit.ly/alfiekohn12345>.

Registration Now Open for "Babies, Bumps and Beyond"

Dedicated to providing parents with the tools and resources needed to raise healthy, successful children, our Babies, Bumps and Beyond classes offer a range of options to suit your needs. From music classes, to Jewish learning, to parenting classes, our talented child development specialists will guide you through the joys and challenges of parenting and support you along this important journey... all with a Jewish twist! You will find classes for expectant moms, moms with new babies, and parent-child classes for young children. Our Jewish parenting classes offer a place for families to explore the challenges of raising young children. Classes are open to all. Spread the word!

More information on each class and registration information are available on the "Child and Parenting Classes" page at tbsfamily.org.

Members of Temple Beth Shalom: Use coupon code *member* for a 15% discount.

New Members of Temple Beth Shalom: Use coupon code *newmember* to take unlimited classes for free during your first year of Temple membership.

Making Everyone Feel at Home at TBS: Reflections on the CJP/Ruderman Inclusion Event

By Linda Hill and Lesley Nemser

In late May, several TBS teachers and members celebrated inclusion at the annual event of Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project (RSIP) at Temple Emanuel in Newton. Joining other representatives of participating synagogues, we deepened our understanding of how to support and coordinate inclusion programs in our temple communities.

Tom Fields-Meyer, author of a book about his family's journey with autism, presented the keynote speech. Using humor and poignant real-life examples, Tom showed how his son Ezra was the real teacher as their family figured out how to meet his needs. Another highlight was the panel of speakers, who shared brief but eloquent stories of how their synagogues put inclusion theory into practice to benefit their families. TBS members Mira Spiegel and Stacey Schneiderman participated on the panel, speaking from the heart about their own experiences.



Mira told us how TBS clergy and staff, working with learning and inclusion professionals from Gateways, the RSIP synagogue liaison, prepared her daughter Zoe for her Bat Mitzvah, an event which she and her family had never imagined possible. Hearing how our temple clergy and learning and inclusion professionals sensitively and proactively came up with a plan and strategy to allow Zoe to reach this milestone was inspirational and heartwarming.

Stacey told us of her youngest daughter, diagnosed at the age of three with a condition affecting her motor planning, her development in speech articulation, and her gross and fine motor skills. Most challenging for her family were integrating into the Temple and making her daughter feel

comfortable as part of the TBS community. Stacey gave much credit to RSIP for helping with this process, stating, "What the Ruderman Inclusion Project did was lighten that load. The services made possible by the Project's generosity were fantastic." Her daughter is now thriving in Mayim and in her kindergarten classroom, and recites Shabbat prayers at home.



Long-time Mayim Jewish Learning Guide, Hebrew teacher, and tutor Sabrina Shemesh reflected, "As I listened to each of the presenters talk about what their temple did to accommodate them, I started to realize how far ahead we are at TBS. What we do on a daily basis to accommodate, manage and work through complex learning situations is at such a high level."

Sara Wittenberg, Assistant Director of Mayim, Director of Inclusion for K-12 Learning at TBS, and staff member of the TBS Inclusion Task Force, has dedicated the last four years working with TBS children, families and Jewish Learning Guides to reach exceptional levels of acceptance, engagement and opportunity for kids with special needs, many of whom previously did not fit into typical Hebrew School environments.

TBS is one of the first recipients of the MetroWest ABE (Achieve a Better Life Experience) awards, so designated because of its commitment to ensuring that the building, ritual life, and synagogue programs are accessible to all people regardless of their abilities or limitations.

We are proud that inclusion is a community-wide priority at TBS.



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

For the most current and complete event notices, please see the TBS calendar (<http://tbsneedham.org/calendar>), the website, and the weekly email. Planning an event? Submit it here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/407994>

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Fantasy Football League

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017, 6:30 to 9:00 PM at Temple Beth Shalom

The Brotherhood Fantasy Football League is expanding and it's not too late for additional teams. The live draft is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017, at TBS. New owners are accepted on a first come-first served basis. This is a great father-child activity; the regular season starts on Sept. 7, 2017. Join us!



Contact: Jon Cohan (joncohan@gmail.com) for league details.

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Patriots' Opening Night Joint Event: TBS - Temple Aliyah

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, 7:30 PM at Temple Beth Shalom

Please join us for this joint event with the TBS Brotherhood and Temple Aliyah Men's Club. TBS Brothers and their football fan progeny are welcome to partake of pizza and enjoy the opening game with men from Temple Aliyah. Evening ends after the first half (unless we're winning). Bring a friend, and please pre-register so we have plenty food for everyone! Pizza Fee: \$5.00 at the door.



Register in advance: tiny.cc/tbsaliyah.

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Beth Shalom Garden Club Starts a New Year

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, 7:00 PM at Temple Beth Shalom

We are so happy to begin another exciting year. All programs will be held monthly on a Tuesday at 7:00 PM. In September, our first program will be "New Designs - Same Principles" by Christine Decas, a National Garden Club Accredited Master Judge and a member of the Judges' Council of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. As she described it, "the emphasis of this program will be on the principles of floral design." Please join us for a fun evening. If you are not a member already but thinking of becoming one, this is the perfect time to do so. Dues are \$40.00/year, which includes all programs. Guests are welcome with a donation. We hope to see you there.



Questions? Contact: Carol Bello (bellocb@icloud.com) or Cindy Carson (cindyfcarson@gmail.com)

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

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Apples and Honey for the Soul: Selichot

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017: Please join us for all or any part of this special evening.

A beautiful evening of learning, music, prayer, and sweet desserts to help prepare for the High Holy Days. In Jewish tradition, the weeks leading up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are a time for introspection and study. Our annual “Apples and Honey for the Soul” program is a gem in our TBS calendar. Join with friends for a wonderful night that helps to set the spiritual tone for the approaching High Holy Day season.

7:00 PM	Learning with Rabbi Perlman and Rabbi Markley
8:30 PM	Sweet dessert buffet
9:00 PM	Havdallah - Service of Selichot - Changing of our Torah Covers. Special prayer, poetry, and music to inspire us for the High Holy Days
10:15 PM	Final Shofar Blast

Questions? Contact: Marguerite Dowd (mdowd@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077)

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Brotherhood Quarterly Schmoozefest

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017, 6:00 PM - Mandarin Cuisine, 238 Highland Avenue, Needham

The men of TBS have been known to gather for great food and drink, and generous amounts of schmoozing. Our first Schmoozefest of the season is scheduled for September, and these have become very popular events! If you are new to the Temple and/or Brotherhood, this is a great way to get started and to meet some of the men in the TBS community. If you've been a regular, come and bring a friend!

RSVP so we know how many to feed: tiny.cc/schmooze

Cost: \$20 in advance (online only); \$25 at the door.

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Sharing Our Stories

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, 3:00 - 3:50 PM

Each year, several members of our Temple community are invited to share their Jewish journey with us. The program has become a favorite during the High Holy Days as we turn from learning from the stories of Torah to learning from the stories of each other's lives. All are welcome! Please join us!

Questions? Contact: Marguerite Dowd (mdowd@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077)

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October

Building and Decorating the TBS Sukkah!

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Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017, 8:00 AM until we have a sukkah

A TBS Brotherhood tradition. No past experience in Sukkah building necessary. You must be strong enough to wield a cup of coffee or a donut (not necessarily at the same time). Come, and be ready to help with the construction. Men, women and children of all ages are welcome to join in this mitzvah. It typically takes a few hours.



October

Erev Sukkot Welcome Celebration

4

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Please join us for Wine, Nosh and Schmooze where new and old members can get together to welcome each other as we welcome the new season. We will partake in a pre-neg, service, and dessert. An adults-only event.

Questions? Contact (by email, please): Marguerite Dowd (mdowd@tbsneedham.org)

October

Please Plan to Join the Perlman Family!

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On Shabbat morning, October 7, 2017, at 11:00 AM, we will celebrate as our son Jonah becomes a Bar Mitzvah. We warmly invite our entire TBS family to join us for both services and a festive community Kiddush luncheon immediately following. We hope that you are able to join us!

Warmly and with Joy, *Rabbi Jay and Emily Perlman*

October

Sukkot Block Party

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Monday, Oct. 9, 2017, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Join us on Columbus Day to celebrate the arrival of fall and the festival of Sukkot. We'll have dinner, moon bounce, crafts, and lots of sukkah decorating. A fun afternoon for the whole family! All are welcome.

Sign up now for tickets at: bit.ly/sukkot2017

October

Sisterhood Jewelry-Making Night with Elise Miller

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Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017, 7:30 PM, at Temple Beth Shalom

Make your own amazing wrap bracelet with help from an expert. No experience necessary. Watch your Sisterhood emails for sign-up information.

Questions? Contact: sisterhood@tbs.org

October

Tot Shabbat Dinner and Tot Shabbat Services

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Friday, Oct. 13, 2017 (and Nov. 3, 2017)

Shabbat Dinner: 5:30 PM at TBS Simon Hall. Join us for a child-friendly dinner before Tot Shabbat services. \$30.00 per family. **Registration required - RSVP and register online** for one or more Shabbat Dinners at tbsfamily.org under the "more" dropdown menu.

SAVE THE DATE

Shabbat Services: 6:15 PM at TBS Sanctuary. Whether or not your family will come for dinner, join us to celebrate Shabbat with songs and prayers in this 30-minute service designed especially for young children and their families. Stay afterwards and join us for cookies and challah! Free.

Questions? Contact: Ellen Dietrick (edietrick@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077, ext. 87)

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A Survivor's Journey – A Morning with Gloria Glantz

Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017 at 9:00 AM at Temple Beth Shalom

Join Three Score/more or less, Sisterhood and Brotherhood for a breakfast and fascinating morning with Gloria Glantz. Gloria will discuss her unique life circumstances - born in Jewish Poland in 1939, then helped by a



Christian family during the Holocaust, living in four countries on two continents by the age of 12. This event is open to the adult TBS community and to non-members. The cost is \$10.00 per person in advance, \$15.00 at the door, and includes breakfast. Reservation and payment must be received by October 3, 2017. Please send your check, payable to Temple Beth Shalom, to: Millie Cohen, 100 Rosemary Way #226, Needham, MA 02494.

Questions? Contact: Arline Aransky (arlineba@aol.com)

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What Goes Up Must Come Down. Join in the Sukkah Strike!

Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017, 8:00 AM until we have four more parking spaces.

The title says it all. It's sad, but we must take down our sukkah and put it away for next year. Please lend a hand - help us take down the sukkah and free up four priceless parking spaces!

Questions? Contact: Alan Novick (brotherhood@tbsneedham.org)

October
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Sisterhood Annual Membership Dinner

Thursday Oct 19, 2017, at Temple Beth Shalom Social Hall

Come join us for our Annual Membership Dinner. There will be good food, friends old and new. Keep an eye out for your invitation and check the October Scroll for details and registration information.

Questions? Contact: sisterhood@tbsneedham.org

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Sisterhood Fall Rummage Sale

Drop off: Sunday Oct. 29, 2017, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Sale: Sunday, Oct. 29, 2:30 - 5:30 PM

Bag Sale: Monday Oct. 30, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

It's that time of year again and Sisterhood needs your donations and assistance. Please clean out your closets, garages and attics! Costume and better jewelry is always welcome. Please: no computers, baby car seats, broken or damaged items. We need everyone's help to make this event a success - many volunteers are needed.

Questions, or to volunteer, contact: Bonnie Littman (bonlitt@gmail.com, 781-449-8793)

A Day in the Life @ TBS

TBS is filled with activity morning, day, and night. and community. Photos by: Alan Novick, Layout:

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In this special pictorial, the Scroll takes a peek at what you might see at each time of the day throughout our building
Peter Mesnik

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LEARNING

On Shabbat mornings we often have more than one enriching opportunity for Torah learning. You can visit one or both, and choose the learning that is right for you.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study - Led by Rabbi Perlman and Rabbi Markley

Every Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, in the Beit Midrash, beginning Sept. 9, 2017.

Join us for our very popular weekly discussion of the week's Torah portion. Each week dozens of members of our community gather to share, question, laugh, eat, and encounter the stories of the Torah in ways that help shape how we see the world, each other, our lives. No experience necessary. No RSVP needed. All are welcome, and bagels, spreads, coffee, and juice are served.

Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah - Led by Rabbi Bob Orkand

Every Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, in the Conference Room, beginning Sept. 9, 2017.

Each week we will focus on a single Jewish moral or ethical value found in the week's *parashah* (Torah portion). These will include, but not be limited to, Justice, Compassion, Environmental Ethics, and Business Ethics. A variety of rabbinic sources will enrich our exploration as we seek to apply each week's value to our lives today.

"What's Nu?" - A Monthly Conversation with Rabbi Lenke

Wednesday mornings at TBS, 10:00 - 11:30 AM: Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 13, 2017; Jan. 3, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, 2018. RSVP would be helpful but not necessary.

Join with Rabbi Lenke on the first Wednesday of each month and engage in discussion regarding a current event impacting the Jewish community. Conversations will explore meaningful issues, as well as their implications, impact, and influence on our lives as Jews or as part of a Jewish family. Feel free to attend one or more of the sessions, as each month will focus on a different topic.



Questions? Contact: Marguerite Dowd (mdowd@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077)

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Bob Orkand: Religion in American Life - A Short History, Part 1

Ten Mondays from 12:00 to 1:30 PM, beginning Sept. 11, 2017.

There is no question that religion helped shape the peoples and society that would become the United States - and continues to do so. Indeed, it is almost impossible to understand the history of the United States without understanding the role that religion played during the founding years of America. That this happened in a society lacking any official national religion after American independence in 1776 is a remarkable aspect of American history.

This course will explore religion's interaction with America's people, society, politics, and life from European conquest to the present day. We will explore the story of those who shaped the American religious experience, and Judaism's contributions to the religious landscape. This class will have two semesters. Among the topics to be discussed during the first semester will be: the religion of Europe in the 18th century; the founding of the "Protestant empire" in the new land; the "Great Awakening" and revolution; the religious views of the American founders; and the beginnings of the American Jewish community.

To register, contact: Tiziana Getz, TBS Office Administrator (tgetz@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077)

LEARNING

Unlocking the Secrets of the Dead Sea Scrolls

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, 3:00 - 3:50 PM

Join Rabbi Rifat Sonsino for an engaging and informative exploration of the meaning behind the ancient text known as the Dead Sea Scrolls. All materials will be in English. All are welcome! Sign up when you register to join us for the High Holy Days.

Friday Morning "Pre-Shabbat" Yoga

Every Friday at TBS, 8:45 - 9:45 AM, beginning Sept. 8 through Dec. 2017.

Please note: No yoga on Nov. 10, Dec. 22, and Dec. 29, 2017

Join Stephanie Javaheri for a mindful and invigorating yoga flow to build strength and flexibility of body and mind. This is the perfect way to get ready for Shabbat. Come with an open mind and experience what yoga can do for you. Please bring your own mat, if you have one; we will have a few available. Participants may come to one, some, or every Friday morning session. No RSVP necessary. This class is for beginners or veterans of yoga.

Questions? Contact: Stephanie (sjavaheri@me.com)

Intermediate Israeli Dancing

Mondays beginning Sept. 11, 2017, 7:15 - 9:00 PM at TBS, and continuing through the spring.



Israeli dance is a wonderful way to engage the culture of Israel and the Jewish people through music and movement. For all those who love Israeli dance or who have said that they would love to learn, this class is perfect for you. Come and join us for one or many fun evenings of music, movement, Israeli culture, and great company. \$5.00 per session, payable at the door. Please remember to call the Temple office during the day, to confirm that the class will be held.

About Our Teacher: Emily Perlman

Emily is an outstanding teacher of music and dance to both adults and children. She has loved Israeli dance since her time living on a kibbutz almost twenty years ago. Emily looks forward to sharing the joy of dance with one and all.

Questions? Contact: Emily Perlman (ebpharmony@aol.com)

Parenting Through a Jewish Lens (PTJL)

Starts Oct. 17, 2017, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

In PTJL, parents of children ages 0 - 10 years and teachers come together on Tuesday evenings in small groups to share the "joys and oys" of parenting, and learn from Jewish wisdom that can enrich our families. Meet other parents with young children in this popular six-week class, run by Hebrew College and held at TBS. Tuition is \$95.00 per person or \$155.00 per couple; scholarships are available at registration. Read a blog post to learn more (blog.hebrewcollege.edu/shema-moments).

Registration is required: Go to hebrewcollege.edu/form/registration-parenting or tbsfamily.org.

Questions? Contact: Ellen Dietrick, Director of Early Childhood Learning (edietrick@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077, ext. 87), or Liz Berkman or Dawn Ellis, Child Development & Parenting Specialists (bbb@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077)

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