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On Tuesday, December 25,
Temple Beth Shalom
will once again join hands with the
Needham Community Council
to provide Christmas dinners.

Each year the need seems to increase, so please help us; we cannot do this Mitzvah without you.



Volunteers are needed to:

*carve the turkeys *assemble the dinners *deliver the dinners *bake "finger desserts"

PROJECT EZRA - A Mitzvah You'll Never Forget

Please participate by calling: Lois Sockol at 781-449-1226 or June Atkind at 781-449-6343 Know of someone who needs a dinner on Christmas Day? Please call Lois Sockol at 781-449-1226 before December 21.

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Aliyah Sisterhood and Needham Hadassah present a



Mah Jongg Tournament

Thursday, January 17, 2013

Doors open at 6:30 pm • Start time: 7:00 pm

Temple Beth Shalom

670 Highland Avenue • Needham

\$18.00/person Refreshments Cash Prizes

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RSVP by January	/ 10 • Make checks pay Gail Lustig 10 Hei	yable to The Sisterhoo nderson Street Need	•	om and mail to	
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From Rabbi Markley



If you have been following the updates about our Mikdash project, or if you have tried unsuccessfully to book a space for

a meeting

or program at the temple, or if you have visited one of our many staff members who work in converted closets, then you are likely aware that we are challenged by some significant space constraints at Temple Beth Shalom. One of the results of these restrictions was the recent need to relocate our TBS archives which contain the documents and memorabilia of nearly sixty years worth of our history. Doing so provided an opportunity not only to create a much needed work space for our Jewish Learning Guides and other faculty members but

also to take a trip down memory lane through our archives.

In preparing for the move, our Director of Elementary Learning, Ellen Dietrick, discovered a copy of this publication – The Scroll – from December 1966, 46 years ago this month. Even in those days, the synagogue communicated its

IK SCROLL OF TEMPLE BETH SHALOM DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1-4 Nevele Weekend (Brotherland) 4 (Besty) Interfaith Youth Council Program 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 5 Braille Class 8:00 p.m. Weight Watchers 6 Beginner's Hebrew Class 7:30 p.m. 7 First Night of Hanukkah Sundown 9:15 a.m. 8 Sisterhood Morning Breakfast Meeting 12:00 Noon 10 Sisterhood Latke lunch and Kiddush 10:00 a.m. 11 Rabbi's Discussion over Coffee 11 Brotherhood Children's Hanukkah Party 2:00 p.m. 12 Braille Class 8:00 p.m. 12 Weight Watchers 8:00 p.m. 13 Beginner's Hebrew Class 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. Social Action Committee 7:00 p.m. Besty Board Meeting 8:00 p.m. 18 Parents' Club 8:00 p.m. 19 Board of Trustees 8:00 p.m. 19 Braille Class 8:00 p.m. 19 Weight Watchers 20 Beginner's Hebrew Class 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 22 Brotherhood Board 26 Braille Class 8:00 p.m. 26 Weight Watchers

upcoming calendar of events in *The Scroll* to inform members about upcoming programmatic offerings. For the sake of comparison, I've included a copy of the December 1966 Temple Beth Shalom calendar here. Knowing our present day community as I do, it was with a

> large smile on my face that I counted a total of twentytwo meetings, programs, and events scheduled for TBS 46 years ago (and half of those were Braille and beginner's Hebrew classes, or Weight Watchers meetings).

By comparison, in this upcoming month -December 2012 - I count well over seventy offerings at Temple Beth Shalom, not including our regularly meeting children's learning programs and not counting services (as neither were included in the 1966 calendar). And this is a relatively slow month at TBS with many

leaving for vacation time after the first three weeks. It is clear why space is such a commodity in our building nowadays. It is surely because we have so many people experiencing such a rich array of learning, prayer, leadership, social action, celebration, and communitybuilding opportunities. Be a part of the action. I'm looking forward to seeing you in December!





American Red Cross

Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood is proud to sponsor in association with the American Red Cross The Annual Needham Community Blood Drive

Be a part of the largest blood drive in Needham at this critical time of the year.

Sunday, December 16 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Simon Hall

Donor reservations are available every 15 minutes. Please contact Jim Winterman at jwinterman@gmail.com to reserve a slot or to volunteer.

Free lox and bagel breakfast with all the trimmings served throughout the day. Together we can make a difference!

> ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE Sunday, December 16 - Simon Hall

Tall A. Morly

From The Executive Director



Census, Software, and Chaverware!

In the beginning of the book of Numbers (B'midbar in Hebrew), we are told that G-d spoke to Moses

instructing him to "Take a census of the whole Israelite community" (Numbers 1:2). The portion goes on to tell us how G-d named all of those who would assist Moses in doing the counting, and then goes on to enumerate the actual head-count of people, tribe by tribe. In some ways, this census represents the first database of the Jewish people. I can only imagine that the process would have been much easier if Moses had a good piece of software to assist him in the counting.

Most of us use computer software in our everyday lives. Whether we write a letter on the computer, log in to our banking software, order a book or CD online, or answer our email, we are reliant on a piece of computer programming to help us do many of our daily tasks.

This is similar for the management of information at the Temple. Over the summer, Temple Beth Shalom converted software programs to a new platform, entitled "Chaverware". Chaverware represents a great improvement in our ability to provide services to members of our community. This article will provide you some updates as to what changes and enhancements we have already made, and what you will be seeing in the future.

Changes Already Made

- With the new monthly statement format and payment options available in Chaverware, we are able to provide congregants with more accurate records, showing exactly what amounts are now due and allowing congregants to choose an appropriate payment option (annual, bi-annual, or monthly).
- The membership update form distributed this summer (printed directly from Chaverware) included yahrzeit information, the ability to specify relationships to other congregants, complete work information, and many other biographic fields (Hebrew name, b'nei mitzvah date, etc.). While similar information was available in our previous software, the ease of printing this information and

- allowing congregants to manage their own information is much improved in Chaverware.
- High Holy Day seating was managed in Chaverware this year, providing better tracking of available seating, and providing customized printed tickets.
- Registration and attendance information for our K-12 Learning programs has been migrated into Chaverware (it had previously been stored in a series of Excel spreadsheets) ensuring that we have one primary data source.

While these (and other) improvements would be enough (Dayenu!), we have some exciting features coming:

- With the anticipated introduction this Spring of Chaverweb (the online version of Chaverware), we expect that congregants will be able to:
- 1. update their own biographical information,
- 2. view their statements and make payment online,
- search a congregational directory for other members' contact information, and
- register for classes and programs without the need to retype basic information on each registration form.

The Hebrew word "chaver" means friend. Chaverware is truly friendly software, enabling much better communication with members of our community. Watch the *Scroll* and the TBS This Week for more information about our roll out of Chaverweb this Spring!

And watch your mailboxes for our printed TBS directory coming this spring. The directory is our own "census" of our community, produced with the help of our new software and the leadership of our Communications Committee.

Daniel Barkowitz Executive Director

Taste of the Town
A Toast to our
Children
Saturday, May 18
Temple Beth Shalom
Needham



A Toast to Our Children

Mark your calendars now!

Do not miss this vibrant, social, and festive fundraiser supporting all of our youth education programs. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact tasteofthetowntbs@gmail.com

Stacey Schneiderman and Tricia Sherman

Learning

Mazel Tov to the Consecrants of 5773 We are thrilled you have joined our learning community!



Zoe Adler, David Adler, Gill Arvin, Sadie Bauman, Chloe Berg, Nathan Berger, Serena Berk, Andrew Berkman, Aviva Bernstein, Owen Bienen, Brianna Bondar, Adam Carita, Justin Carita, Ryan Cooley, Sage Dephoure, Adam Elin, Rachel Faberman, Marissa Fardy, Estelle Feinberg, Max Feinberg, Avery Finn, Lindi Finn, Hannah Fleckner, Theodore Fox, Alison Fransblow, Jacob Freedman, Gaby Goldberg, Jake Goldfine, Noah Goldstein, Jackson Goodman, Julia Goodman, Noah Gorden, Lea Gruen, Quincy Harrington, Jason Hecht, Lucas Herrera, Alex Hoffman, Ryan Idelson, Ethan Javaheri, Eli Kajmo, Joshua Kajmo, Eric Kaplan, Noah Karp, Max Kasper, Eve Kirstein, Andrew Koplan, Leah Koritz, Jack Levine, Rachel Lewis, Danika Lipchitz, Abram Litvak, Maddy London, Dana Lowitt, Melody Lustgarten, Brady Maira, Mia Markley, Hannah McCarthy, Matthew McConchie, Jesse Meyerhardt, Zachary Muroff, Maxwell Muroff, Shylie Murstein, Avram Needleman, Mia ONeill, Benjamin Petteruti, Gabe Pressman, Samuel Preston, Lillian Remondi, Clara Ripin, Katherine Ritzer, Jack Rose, Leo Rosin, Nathaniel Ross, Samuel Royal, Elsie Sachs, Ava Schaffer, Jordan Schaffer, Evelyn Schneider, Sara Shaff, Arie Shalita, Simon Shoemaker, Matthew Shusterman, Zachary Silver, Molly Silver, Jason Silver, Jacob Smith, Emma Spear, Sadie Stein, Jared Swartz, Rachel Talcoff, Lia Tarantino, Joshua Van Dam, Aaron Waller, Jackson Wantman, Chloe Wantman, Maddie Webb, Hadley Winkler, Evie Wiseman, Zachary Wiseman, Sophia Wolin, Miles Ziskin

Adults pictured from left to right: Rabbi Jay Perlman, Sabrina Shemesh, Liron Riess, Beth Gilefksy, Allison Gutman, Sasha Kopp, Cantor Marcie Jonas, Rabbi Todd Markley

Bar Mitzvah Project to Honor Beloved Teacher



Hello, my name is Josh Weinstein and I am student and member of Temple Beth Shalom. This December I will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Many of you may have known my Hebrew tutor Ruth Neiterman who unfortunately passed away on June 16, 2012. Ruth's passing was very hard on my family and me because she wasn't just a Hebrew tutor to us, she was a mentor, someone I could always rely on for help. Ruth dedicated her life to helping her students learn—they were everything to her. In fact, within the last couple weeks of Ruth's life she insisted on coming to my home to help me. She came over feeling weak in a mask wearing medical gloves, but that didn't stop her from helping me. Ruth had the ability to tell stories in such a way that engaged me in learning. I always looked forward to her telling me something new about Jewish culture. She loved Temple Beth Shalom with all her heart and coming here filled her with joy.

For my mitzvah project I would like to raise money to buy a piece of artwork dedicated to Ruth for the new Temple Beth Shalom Staff Lounge. This way every time someone looks at the piece of artwork they will think of Ruth and what an amazing person she was. I will be raising money by having a raffle. The raffle includes 3 prizes so you get 3 chances to win. The prizes are a \$75 gift certificate to Fuji Steak House, a \$50 gift certificate to The Rice Barn, and lastly a lunch for two at Sweet Basil. All three restaurants are in Needham. If you'd like to participate in the raffle it only costs \$5 per entry and you can enter as many times as you would like. The drawing date will be on December 10, 2012. Donations should be made payable to Temple Beth Shalom in memory of Ruth Neiterman. On your check please write your e-mail address so I can notify you of the results of the raffle. Also, please mail your donation to my address below. Thank you for your consideration in honoring Ruth.

Sincerely, Josh Weinstein 24 Scott Road Needham, MA 02492 781-444-0547 yoitsme 2010@gmail.com

Sisterhood

The Sisterhood year is off to another great start. The first few months of the year are very busy for our Membership Secretary, Elissa Grebber. She has been receiving all of our membership dues and updating our database. We have over 180 members so far, including 17 new members. Karen Zeiger, our Membership Secretary, graciously hosted our cisterhood October Board meeting and New/Prospective Member Book Swap, We spent a lovely evening getting to know our newest 🐬 members, chatting about books and, of course, enjoying some delicious snacks provided by Jane Blauvelt and Bonnie Littman!

On October 14, Emily Aransky, Sisterhood Team Captain, walked 7 (very wet) miles in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Our team raised over \$1013. Thank you Emily! The mood at Membership Dinner is

always very relaxing and this year it was even more so. It feels like a back to school night for Sisterhood. We were able to catch up with friends we haven't seen in a while, make new connections and just have an allaround great time. We had over 130 members in attendance including our clergy and staff and it was wonderful to see so many faces of Sisterhood all together.

Many members also came together

to volunteer at this year's Fall Rummage Sale. Whether simply dropping off donations, helping with set up, working the sale itself or cleaning up after, your time and effort are greatly appreciated. Although Hurricane Sandy interfered with

our Bag Sale, the event was still a big success bringing in over \$4000. Thank you Bonnie Littman and your fabulous volunteers!

Warm wishes for a happy and peaceful holiday season.

> In Sisterhood, Lisa Channen, President

Essential Dates:

Wednesday, December 5 - Chanukah party at 7:30 p.m., preceded by our December monthly board meeting at 6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. Celebrate the holiday with us and enjoy this opportunity to socialize and catch up. Contact Lisa at Ichannen@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you to:

Our Membership Dinner co-chairs Kate Basch and Joanna Herrera and their wonderful committee: Jane Blauvelt, Janice Epstein, Lauren Greenstein, Marcy Hirschen, Michelle Hoffman, Lisa Kaplan, Marie Shapiro and Christine Shusterman.

Bonnie Littman and all those who worked Rummage Sale.

Welcome New Sisterhood members: June Atkind, Jocylyn Bailin, Jody Barnet, Beth Cohen, Ilene Effenson, Jane Evans, Jill Kaplan, Beth Levin, Lauren Levine, Silvia Luscher, Eleza Lustgarten, Sharon Margulies, Robin Perlman, Jamie Rogers, Stephanie Rose, Allyson Van Dam, Liz Webb Green

A good reference magazine is "Fine *Gardening*" in Newtown, Connecticut. It was awarded a Silver Medal. Their articles are written by knowledgeable horticulturists and gardeners.

There are no fall leaves to be found, No flowers on the cold, cold ground, But come to our Garden Club where pretty flowers do abound.

Open the door and let old 2012 out, Take in 2013, may Peace be about!

> Anita Glickman President

Garden Club

Essential Dates:

Monday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m. Simon Hall, Pressed Flower Workshop with Cheryl Monroe

December 4 - Snow date: 9:30 a.m. in Simon Hall

Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. **BSGC** Board Meeting GC Room

You are appreciated! A sincere thank you to everyone who participated and supported our only fundraiser, *The Antique Show*. The funds that we receive from this event support our Programs and Workshops, Needham Art in Bloom, events at the Walker School, Charles River Center and the Vietnam Memorial.

On December 3 at 9:30 a.m. in Simon Hall, Cheryl Monroe is presenting a "Pressed Flower Workshop", where pressed flowers, dried and fresh, will be used to create a lovely design that will then be computer scanned and returned to participants as a greeting card. Cheryl is an enthusiastic gardener and has extensive knowledge on current trends. A wonderful morning is planned.

Colder temperatures and shorter days signify that winter is approaching, but now is the time to start thinking about participating in the Boston Flower and Garden Show at the Seaport World Trade Center, Boston, March 13 - 17, 2013. This year's theme is "Seeds of Change". Please mark your calendar!

MONDAY	THESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
To view the							
Temple Calendar for December							
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Brotherhood

Shalom! Last month we examined our mission and purpose, and closed by inviting you to participate in our TBS men's community. As the 2012 calendar year comes to a close, we can say with pride that many of you have chosen to accept our invitation, and have chosen to participate. Thanks to you, our community is as strong as ever and growing.

Some of you participated in this year's High Holy Day services as ushers; some of you helped us build up and take down our Sukkah; some of you participated in our Brotherhood Retreat; and most of you attended the Leroy Davis Family Sports Breakfast. We hope that all of you enjoyed volunteering at our programs and will continue to participate as we move into 2013! We enter 2013 as a strong, vibrant

community of men. As you can see from the above, we offer many opportunities to serve the Temple and just to have fun! This is what the TBS Brotherhood is all about. We will end 2012 in this spirit and start 2013 the same way.

To end 2012, we will have our Annual **Community Blood Drive** in association with the American Red Cross on Sunday, December 16. This is one of the most important and successful blood drives on the American Red Cross's calendar in our community. Last year over 100 pints of blood were donated and we are looking to do even better this year! We will need many volunteers to assist with this event; from helping to register people when they come in, to preparing and serving food to those who donate, and assisting as many donors as we can accommodate. If you are interested in participating in any way, please contact Jim Winterman at jdwinterman@gmail.com.

We will begin 2013 with another annual tradition - Our *Bottle Drive at the Needham RTS* station on Saturday, January 5, 2013. This is another opportunity to help the community's recycling efforts and also raise some money for the Brotherhood—not to mention that if you haven't participated before, it can really be a lot of fun!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the joint *Brotherhood-Sisterhood Comedy Night* to be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013. (see below) Last year's Comedy Night was sold out and everyone who attended had a blast! We expect that this year's event will also sell out, and will be even more entertaining than last year's!

See the January *Scroll* for a complete listing of all our events through June 2013.

In Brotherhood, Marty Goldberg Corresponding Secretary



Name:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail address:
of persons attending @ \$36.00 per person # of persons attending @ \$40.00 per person Total amount of check:
Please RSVP by January 12. Send checks made payable to "TBS Brotherhood" to:

Julie & Marty Goldberg 95 Concord Street Needham 02494

For more information, contact: Julie or Marty Goldberg at

781-444-3623 or mig95@verizon.net.

Join us for an extraordinarily funny night as we enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, drinks and dessert while we are entertained by the comedic talents of Paul D'Angelo, Mitch Stinson, and Dave Andrews.

Cash Bar

Paul Murphy spent ten and a half years as an Assistant
District Attorney, supervising several of Massachusetts's busiest
courthouses, before building a reputation as a noted criminaldefense trial attorney. The unexpected twist to this story is that,
for nine of those years, under the pseudonym of Paul D'Angelo,
Paul was simultaneously becoming one of the nation's top standup
comedians.

Mitch Stinson is a former aircraft-carrier aviator for the United
States Navy who, as a pilot, made over 200 carrier landings during
his ten year military career. Mitch has recently risen through the
comedy ranks in the Northeast US by virtue of his original (and
clean!) material that offers unique insight into the transition from
hot-shot Navy pilot to everyday civilian life... resonating with
comedy crowds everywhere

We welcome back, Dave Andrews, a classically trained vocalist with jazz guitar chops and a love of the blues harmonica; his act is his own blend of humor, music and nostalgia. With his signature hat and guitar, comedian Dave Andrews hits the stage running with an arsenal of impressions and one-liners delivered with impeccable timing and ease.

Singles, couples & friends are all welcome for this "adults-only" nightclub-style evening! \$36.00 per person for Temple Members; \$40.00 per person for non-Temple Members Sponsored by the Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom

The Annual Shofar Appeal

Thank you to all of the families and individuals in our community who "heard the call of the Shofar" by participating in this year's Annual Shofar Appeal. Your participation ensures that our Temple community continues to be able to serve as a warm and welcoming home for all of us.

For all of those still interested in contributing to the Shofar Appeal, we continue to gratefully accept donations. Please visit https://www.tfaforms.com/258077 to make your contribution online. Contributions listed below are accurate as of October 29, 2012. Future contributions will be acknowledged in later editions of the Scroll.

בונים

Bonim (Builders)

Anonymous
John and Beth Gamel
David and Joyce Wilson

מנהיגים

Man'higim (Leaders)

David Crandell and Wendy Gutterson Mindy and Jay Pasco-Anderson Roger and Susan Patkin Jerry and Lucille Sands

תומכים

Tom'chim (Supporters)

Anonymous Julie and Michael Bailit Randy and Chris Battat Bernice Sue and Sam Behar Steven Berez and Peggy Lowenstein Michael and Lauren Corkin Edward and Helene Faneuil Carol and Harold Gershman Patti and Louis Grossman David and Stephanie Javaheri Stan and Sandy Keller Jeffrey and Elayne Lepes Richard and Marilyn Lichtman Richard and Vivian Marson Nelson and Lesley Nemser Stephen and Sally Patkin Rabbi Jay and Emily Perlman Beth Pinals Doug and Randi Pleskow Judy Ravech Don Reed and Risa Greendlinger Jack and Judi Remondi Adam and Stephanie Rogers leff and Sauci Saffitz Stephen and Sandra Shusterman lon and Rebecca Shusterman Michael and Lisa Simon Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom Steve and Terri Snyder Bruce and Anne Tribush David and Jacqueline Waller

חברים

Chaverim (Friends)

Anonymous (2)
Phil and Ellen Ades
Norm Ashkenas and Stacy Martin
June and Richard Atkind
Irving Bailit and Carol Cole
Carol Baker
Irving and Elaine Baker

Daniel and Rebekah Barkowitz Jeffrey and Elaine Becker Ellen I. Berlin Richard and Beverlee Bookman Robert and Marilyn Brooks Elaine Beilin and Robert Brown Vera Burtman Sheldon and Joan Bycoff William and Louise Carmen Susan Carp Michael Cohen and Cheryl Weisman-Cohen Arlene Katzman and Harvey Cohen Martin and Janise Cohen Howard Cohen Jeff Cotton and Beth Crastnopol Nancy and Steven Cutter Joseph Davis Heide Davis John Dennis Stephen and Nanci Dephoure Ellen Dietrick Jill Waldman and Daniel Eisenberg Allan and Julie Engel Arnold and Carol Farber Andrew and Michelle Feinberg Devra and Paul Feshbach-Meriney Matthew and Amy Fogelman Marc Friedman and Sandy Jacobs David and Daryl Frischling Mary and Amy Furman Peggy and Andy Gassman Roberta Gerson Linda and Allan Gersten Myron and Ina Glasberg Anita Glickman Alan and Margie Glou C. Robert and Susan Goldberg Marty Goldsmith Andrew and Lisa Gordon Judy Gordon Daniel and Debbie Greiff David and Jean Gumpert Jon and Deborah Halpert Elizabeth and Steve Handler Ramon and Joanna Herrera Linda and Dave Hill Peter and Joan Hoffman Wendy and Alan Issokson Benjamin Jacobs Cantor Marcie and Jeffrey Jonas Steve and Vidya Kagan Edward and Rene Katersky leffrey and Sarah Keselman Mark and Randi Kirstein

leff and Debbie Kublin

Roger and Myrna Landay

Jeanne Lipman Linda Lourie Robert and Ann Lurie Richard and Beverly Luskin Rabbi Todd and Michele Markley George and Chris Markley Elyse and Ben Marsh Soni and Jim Masur Maurice and Barbara May Scott and Margaret McConchie Ralph and Ina Melen Jeffrey and Sarah Mesnik Meyerhardt Family Joe and Linda Miller Sandra and Laurence Mills Ed and Marsha Moller Sarah Morris Ira and Brenda Nagel Jacob Nikom and Alla Epsteyn David and Sherri Noon Barbara Pack Lois and Edward Raskind Marcy and Richard Raskind Nancy Ravech Frederic and Karen Resnic Anne Riskin Seymour and Paula Rosen Sharon Rosenberg Seth and Sharon Salinger Joseph and Jean Sands Edward and Linda Schreider Jerry and Marlene Schultz Jeremy and Nancy Serwer Gerald and Ellen Shapiro Carolyn Shapiro Jeff and Lisa Shapiro Robert and Andrea Sheiffer Michael and Jacqueline Sherman Jerry T. Sherman Scott and Tricia Sherman Steven and Sabra Sherry William and Wendy Shulman Michael and Christine Shusterman Gary and Deena Siegel Howard and Kim Silverman Stanley Simon Richard and Linda Simon Josh and Jenny Small Robert and Sara Jane Smith Aaron and Lois Sockol Rob and Mira Spiegel Stephen Staum and Carol Urwitz Norman and Ruth Stavisky lason and Aimee Stone Stew and Lisa Taub Joan and Arthur Tenser Jason and Elaine Timmons Sandra Torrisi Daniel and Joan Troderman Frederick and Dianne Waldman Marc and Judy Weinberg Sumner and Phyllis White Richard and Tracy Winkler Leslee Winston Arlene Wolk Leslie and Linda Yampolsky Martin and Harriet Yogel lerold and Abbe Young Edward and lanet Zaval

Chesed "Caring" Community News

Caregivers Discussion Group

For Caregivers within our community, Chesed offers an opportunity to share your story and learn about resources through our "Caring for the Caregiver's Discussion





This small, informal and confidential discussion group provides support and connection to others in our community who are experiencing their own journey as caregivers.

Meetings are scheduled for December 11, January 29, March 14, April 11, May 21 at the Temple at 7:30 p.m in either the Library or Room 15.

Stop by for any of these dates.

RSVP is not necessary, but welcomed.
Contact Wendy Shulman at 781-444-5009 or
wshulman1@gmail.com
for more information.

Please consider joining our new

Chesed Initiative "Caring Connections"



We enhance the lives of those TBS community members who may appreciate a "connection" by sending them cards, or emails or by calling or visiting them.

We welcome new committee members who want to help others and make new connections of their own.

Please contact Peggy Lowenstein: 781-444-9443, pelowenstein@gmail.com or Wendy Perlman: 781-444-8477, bostonperl@comcast.net for more information.

In need of a little TLC? Know someone who is?

Let us brighten your or their day with a TBS Chesed Caring Cup

If you or someone you know in the TBS community, of any age, is experiencing an illness or injury, or facing a challenging time, the Chesed Committee would like to offer a little comfort with the delivery of a Caring Cup from the TBS community.



Please contact Anne Tribush at 617-312-5069 or tribush@comcast.net.

TBS CareerConnections Workshop

Why You Are More Marketable Than You Think: Identify Your Transferable Skills & Increase Your Employment Options

January 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Simon Hall

Led by Sharon Greenholt, former VP Human Resources, Recruiter and Trainer (and TBS member/CareerConnections Co-Chair). Using creative and fun exercises, participants will be invited to examine their unique skills and attributes to clarify their personal preferences and passions for work. The program is designed to help participants uncover (and explore) career and lifestyle options that may not have been obvious!

As part of Temple Beth Shalom's Chesed/Caring activities, TBS CareersConnections provides opportunities for members to build their professional networks, and offers assistance through workshops and one-on-one consultations to those looking for employment or considering a career/lifestyle change.

To RSVP for workshops, or for more information on TBS CareerConnections, please contact Sheryl Hirsch at sherylhirsch@rcn.com or 781-799-0614.

Social Action

The mitzvot from the Torah and Jewish tradition of feeding the hungry are the basis of the URJ resolutions for social action and social justice. "The Talmud explains that each Jewish community must establish a public

fund to provide food for the hungry, and our sages explain that feeding the hungry is one of our

most important responsibilities on earth." (Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, URJ) At TBS, ongoing programs support this mission. These are the highlights of our community's commitment to fulfill this mitzvah of feeding the hungry:

Our High Holy Day Food Drive to benefit the Needham Community Council, led by John Dennis, had

tremendous participation this year, with 465 bags of food collected, up from 402 last year.

Every month members of our community donate cans of tuna and salmon for Family Table, thereby

making an ongoing TIKKUN OLAM commitment to help those who are REPAIRING THE WORLD struggling to feed their families. Our goal

is to provide at least 100 cans of tuna and 25 cans of salmon each month. In addition, some of our temple members also deliver food packages to recipients each month.

The youngest members of our Temple family, the children at the TBS Children's Center, regularly prepare tuna casseroles for the clients of

Rosie's Place, a shelter for homeless women.

At Christmas every year, Lois Sockol, June Atkind, and our devoted Project Ezra team prepare and distribute as many as 125 Christmas dinners for local residents who might otherwise not be able to enjoy a festive meal.

A food drive to benefit Family Table will be part of our Tikkun Olam Day in the spring.

In these many ways, large and small, we, as members of the TBS community, fulfill our sacred obligation to help those who are less fortunate, remembering the midrash to Psalm 118:17: When you are asked in the world to come, "What was your work?" and you answer: 'I fed the hungry, 'you will be told: 'This is the gate of the Lord, enter into it, you who have fed the hungry.'

Judy Weinberg

PLEASE HELP US COLLECT FOR THE PAJAMA PROGRAM

During November and December, Sisterhood will be collecting **NEW** pajamas & **NEW** books for Pajama Program. The Pajama Program is a nationwide organization that collects



and distributes new pajamas and new books to children in need children living in shelters, group homes, or foster care. Many have been abused or abandoned; they are alone and feel unwanted.

Help give these children a sense of love & belonging.

Our collection drive will continue through the month of December. A box for donations will be placed in the Atrium. Please bring new pajamas and new books for children – infants to teens, boys and girls!

Chanukah begins on December 8, and donating a pair of pajamas or a new book is a perfect way to share the light of Chanukah with needy children, and to teach our own children about the mitzvah of "giving."

Help us reach our goal of 100 pj's and 100 books! If you have any questions, please contact Alison Davis at ABGDavis@ aol.com or Betty Weiner at bweiner235@gmail.com.

For more information, visit: www.pajamaprogram.org.

Knitting Mavens

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As homeowners tackle the job of
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Choose hand-powered or electric tools.

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 a hard to reach spot (like your roof, or in between
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 a gasoline-powered one. Electric leaf blowers are
 usually quieter, more energy-efficient, and get the job
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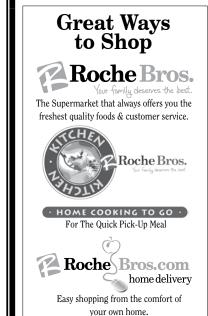
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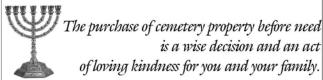
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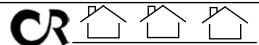
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