



Temple Beth Shalom *Scroll*

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“One mitzvah leads to another...” Pirke Avot

Tikkun Olam Day Mishpacha (Family) Mitzvah Moments Sunday, March 14



Come to the Temple at 12:15 p.m. for our kickoff assembly

8 Activities to choose from:

- ★ Clean-up along the Charles River with Trustees of the Reservations’ Conservation Staff
- ★ Coalition for Literacy Art Project
- ★ Coalition for Literacy bookshelves
- ★ CPR and defibrillator Training Class
- ★ Greater Boston Food Bank - sort and pack food donations
- ★ Painting for the Needham Housing Authority
- ★ TBS Library clean out day
- ★ TBS Youth Choir on Tour

Register using the form in the February Scroll or go to:
www.tbsneedham.org

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Temple Beth Shalom Haiti Relief Program

Help support the earthquake victims in Haiti

The devastating earthquake in Haiti has left one million people in need of shelter. Temple Beth Shalom is organizing to help the people of Haiti by collecting financial donations that will be sent to **ShelterBox**.

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief agency that delivers emergency shelter, warmth, and dignity to people affected by disaster worldwide.

Our goal is to raise enough funds to send 3 ShelterBox kits to Haiti.

Each **ShelterBox** costs \$1,000 and contains a tent, water purification tools, cooking appliances, sleeping mats, and more for a group of 10 people.

Each box will be delivered by **ShelterBox** volunteers who are already in Haiti helping.

Our congregation will be notified when each TBS **ShelterBox** arrives on site.

To participate in this congregational outreach effort, please send your contribution in any amount to TBS Haiti Relief Program

Temple Beth Shalom 670 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02494

Please make checks payable to “ShelterBox USA.”



For more information, please contact Ken Davis
at pkedavis@aol.com or 781-444-0432.

Thank you for participating in this mitzvah!

From Rabbi Perlman



Passover is supposed to be personal. According to rabbinic tradition, in every generation each individual is supposed to feel as if he or she personally had come out of Egypt.

It is a powerful notion. To sit at a Passover seder, then, is to be invited to experience a moment that is beyond-time – a moment when the promise of the past blends with present reality, ultimately pointing towards future hope.

Together with loved ones, we share in a meal that is seasoned by personal history: mom's matzah ball soup recipe, a grandfather's Kiddush cup, those Maxwell House Haggadot. Each home's spirit will, of course, be different. But, for everyone, the collective history element will be the same: a meal framed by the telling of the Jewish people's exodus from slavery – their freedom from oppression – their redemption following centuries of servitude. Some would say that it was a miracle in the making from the very beginning.

After all, God had told Abraham long before that his people would be enslaved and would ultimately know freedom. And so we gather, generations removed from the times of Torah, and we are told that we are supposed to consider as if we were the ones who had stood in the presence of both Pharaoh and Moses. Our rabbis understood that while the Egyptian servitude had, long ago, come to an end, there would continue to be times in our history when we would experience intolerable oppression. Pogroms, expulsion, persecution, Holocaust – all remain part of the darkest chapters of our people's extended narrative. The lesson, we are taught, is that despite such darkness, hope must remain. There must always be a tomorrow. It is why during the seder, messages of hope and promise are everywhere: the active participation of children, the reminders of God's presence in the lives of the Children of Israel, the cup of Elijah the Prophet – whom we invite when we open the door and who, according to Jewish tradition, will ultimately announce an age of perfection for the

world. And of course, there is the call at the conclusion of the seder: "Next year in Jerusalem!" – a symbolic yearning for ultimate peace.

Such reminders of a redemptive spirit are necessary when faced by difficulty. But what about during times of prosperity? Why during these times would our Teachers want for us to relate so personally to the experience of the Israelites? Their answer was simple: To remind us that, as blessed as we are, we should never forget that there are others – both near and farther away – both Jewish and those of other faith communities – who yearn for a redemption that is yet unrealized. Redemption from poverty, hunger, homelessness, oppression, injustice, bigotry, loneliness, illness, and the aftermath of disaster. According to our Hagaddah, as comfortable as we may be, "Egypt" is never really far away. The significant difference, however, between "times then" and "times now," is that while the Torah describes freedom as having come from God's "outstretched arm," today, it is our hands that are necessary.

At your seder table this year, I invite you to consider one way that those celebrating with you might make a difference beyond your table. If you are a host, pass a tzedakah box around, consider three different organizations-of-help and during your 'table talk,' choose one that will receive your donation. Have guests to your meal each bring a canned good to be donated to a local food pantry. Prepare a brief conversation for adults and/or children about a current event related to this theme (what is happening in Haiti, hunger in our own community, cyber-bullying). Any one of these could be symbolized by adding something extra to your seder plate. Then, in the true tradition of Passover, someone could start the discussion by asking: "Why is this _____ making our seder plate different from all other seder plates?"

May this Passover be personal for each of us - inspiring us to bring added hope, peace, and redemption to those who are in need... wherever they may be.

L'Shalom . . .

Religious School Committee

The TBS Religious School Committee is a group of dedicated parents and adults who represent a broad range of schools and ages of children. We work in conjunction with the Director of Education to support existing policies and programs. Much care is spent to ensure the health, safety and educational development of each child. We also serve as a liaison between congregational families and the RS staff. Your comments and thoughts are always welcome.

This year (2009 – 2010), the RSC has worked on initiatives such as Opening Day, the annual Open House, Yom Chugim (Day of Electives), the Dismissal Protocol, On-Line Registration, Communications (website, teacher to family, RS to family) and the recent introduction of Yoga activities in the classroom. In planning for the future, the committee and the Director of Education continue to review school policy and structure and to revisit the physical space needs to accomplish the mission.

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Each year our members are invited to attend the Faculty Orientation at the beginning of the school year. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the teachers on a more personal basis. This year we have also added an "off-site" meeting to further strengthen the faculty/staff/committee bond.

If you would like to either learn more or to join our committee, please contact Mindy Pasco-Anderson at 781-235-5355 or denilydoo@rcn.com, Shelly Bramson at 617-571-6403 or sbramson@comcast.net. More information is also available on the TBS website.

From Rabbi Markley



An astute pupil in our religious school recently asked me, "Are we sure that our Exodus from Egypt really happened?" "Based on historical and archaeological record," I

replied, "no we don't know for certain that this event took place 3,000+ years ago." The student continued, "Well, if there's a chance that this didn't happen, then why would we have written this into our own history? And why would we retell the story of our getting out of Egypt every year at Passover?" I then invited this budding scholar to lead our family's seder this year.

There are, in fact, many responses from our tradition about why servitude, why a first-hand experience with being a second class member of society, is such a central part of our shared memory. What to make of our own relationship with the concept of "otherness" within a nation, and how the Torah understands us to have wound up in such a position, is one of the key elements of our existential self understanding as a people and a faith community. The book of Exodus (1:8-11) tells us that: "A new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are much too numerous for us. Let us deal shrewdly with them, so that they may not increase; otherwise in the event of war they may join our enemies in fighting against us and rise from the ground.' So they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor..."

The Seders that so many of us will be planning over the weeks ahead are ritual meals dedicated to asking important questions. That's why we invite our children to ask not only "The Four Questions," but also those like the one our religious school student asked of me. Important questions help us to better understand who we are, what values we hold dear, and what responsibilities we have to the world around us. Just these verses from Exodus which set the scene for our people's enslavement might lead to a number of such relevant, challenging, and needed queries at our Seders. Consider including some of these, at your family's table this year (adapted from David Arnov's great Pesach-planner "Creating Lively Passover Seders"):

- Why was Pharaoh so concerned about a growing, but still relatively insignificant, minority population within Egypt? What was threatening about these Israelites? Did the threat exist in reality, or only in his mind?

- If you were one of Pharaoh's advisors, how you suggest that he deal with the Israelites in order to keep them loyal and peaceful within Egypt's borders? Were his tactics just? Were they even effective?

- There are sizeable "minority populations" within our own country. How does our leadership respond to the presence of such groups? What can we learn from Pharaoh's actions and their resultant consequences?

- How do these questions play themselves out today with minority populations in the State of Israel?

- What was the ultimate purpose of our people's enslavement in Egypt? What meaning are we to find in it? See how many different lessons we might take from this period in our history, and invite seder participants to explain how they arrived at their responses.

May the questions that you ask during the Passover ahead lead to thoughtful responses, renewed sense of understanding and purpose, and of course... **more great questions.**

A Special Opportunity to share Passover with other Temple Families

Our Chesed Committee is coordinating a program to match Temple congregants who would like to share a Passover Seder with other members of our Temple community.

Do you have room at your Passover table to welcome a TBS member/family?

Would you like to join a TBS family for a Passover dinner?

Do you know a family and/or individual who would like to be contacted?

If you would like to participate please contact: Margie Glou: 781-444-0943 or mglou@comcast.net, or Kim Silverman: 781-444-1191 or kimsilver@comcast.net.



Shomrei Adamah

Guardians of the Earth



Spring Into Action

TBS in Motion

coming May 7 - 9

For more information contact
Beth Shulman: BethJS@yahoo.com

New members always welcome.

Contact Nancy Berger
smallfries3@comcast.net
for information

High Holy Days in the Spring?

Well, not really but this year Rosh Hashanah falls on September 8 & 9.
Erev Rosh Hashanah begins on September 7.

With the Holy Days falling so early on the secular calendar, we want to make sure that all members get tickets for the services they would like to attend.

High Holy Day packets will be mailed in the spring.

When you get the packets, Please return the forms promptly. Do not wait!

Seating at some of the services fills up quickly.

The deadline to return the forms will be in late June.

Watch your mail in the spring for the High Holy Day packets!

President's Message



As we enter March, we will hopefully begin to sense the spring awakening and plant seeds for our next season and for our vision. In our Torah journey, our ancestors in the Wilderness of Exodus have reached Sinai, received the Ten Commandments and the *mishpatim* – the rules or laws for living- and are in the process of being instructed on how to create the first Tabernacle or sanctuary. Moses asks each person to bring their gifts – their *terumah*, and describes the possibilities for contribution, including gold, silver, copper, linen, animal skins and stones. The ritual clothing, objects and sacrifices help to transform this space into one that is sacred – one in which the people can feel the God's in-dwelling presence. Instructions about the Ner Tamid suggest that the people are active in this relationship; this flame, lamp, menorah with seven branches is to be kept burning in perpetuity – for all time.

Just like the Israelites brought to the Tabernacle their gifts, an openness to seeing God, and light that was sustained not only for, but also by all of the inhabitants, we are

building our *kehillah kedoshah* – our sacred community. Over the past months, I've asked you to consider the gifts you bring here and how you are in turn nourished, to notice the moments of welcoming, connection, learning and meaning. Our professional staff and lay leadership have been 'visioning' how the texture of these every day moments will weave together to create the fabric of our future. Pictures are emerging of Temple Beth Shalom as a place where we enact our core Torah values of *Tzedek* – righteousness and social justice; Education – which reaches the highest levels of excellence; and Worship which is vibrant and transformative. Regularly, congregants' relationships with one another and with Judaism are deepened and enriched. Our leadership has been engaged in a process of crafting new Mission and Vision statements reflecting these ideals and these will serve as guideposts for goal-setting, membership and leadership enhancement, and development planning.

As we begin to consider our vision for the future, it seems timely to highlight some significant 'next steps' in the journeys of some of our professional staff and clergy. At the end of June, two of our cherished educators will be departing from TBS. Marcie

Berul, our Director of Early Childhood Education, who has carried our Children's Center to great heights as a model in our local community and beyond, will be moving with her family to the Washington DC area. Allie Klein, our Youth Educator, will be carrying with her not only great pride in growing our teen program, but also very special attachments to our youth as she prepares to embark on her beginning at Rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. Please join me in celebrating Marcie and Allie at our TBS Taste of the Town fundraiser on Saturday evening, May 15th, as well as other opportunities throughout the spring.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to share one of our next steps in our relationship with Rabbi Perlman. Next January 2011, Rabbi Jay, Emily, Liana and Jonah will embark on their voyage to Israel to begin Jay's sabbatical time. Between now and then, there will be much more to share as our clergy, professional staff and lay leadership prepare for this time. As well, we will anticipate with great excitement Rabbi Jay's opportunities for nourishment and learning, which will in turn enrich our congregational life and vision.

Together, we are crafting our sacred future.

L'Shalom
Beth

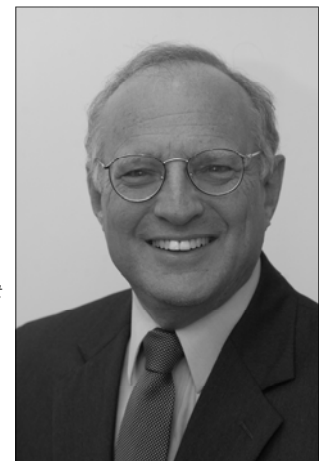
TBS SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND April 9 - 11

Rabbi David Saperstein, Director and Counsel, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, will be joining us as our Scholar in Residence, Friday, April 9 through Sunday April 11. Please put these dates on your calendar. This is a weekend you will not want to miss.

As the website of the Religious Action Center reports:

Designated in Newsweek's 2009 list as the most influential rabbi in the country and described in a Washington Post profile as "the quintessential religious lobbyist on Capitol Hill," Rabbi David Saperstein represents the national Reform Jewish Movement to Congress and the Administration as the Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. The Center not only advocates on a broad range of social justice issues but provides extensive legislative and programmatic materials to synagogues nationwide, and coordinates social action education programs that train nearly 3,000 Jewish adults, youth, rabbinic and lay leaders each year.

Rabbi Saperstein has appeared on a number of television news and talk shows including *Crossfire*, *Hardball*, *Nightline*, *Oprah*, *Lehrer News Hour*, *ABC's Sunday Morning* and *The Reilly Factor*. His articles have appeared in the *Washington Post*, *The New York Times* and the *Harvard Law Review*.



Schedule of Events

Friday, April 9 - 7:45 p.m.
Shabbat Evening Worship
"Tough Choices: Jewish Perspectives on America's Social Justice Challenge"
Featuring Rabbi Saperstein as our Gersten-Hoisington Memorial Lecture speaker

Saturday, April 10 - 8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Worship - lay led
9:00 - 10:00 a.m - Bagel Breakfast & Torah Study led by Rabbi Saperstein
10:15 - 11:45 a.m. - Rabbi Saperstein presents:
"Israel's Three Most Vital Challenges: Peace, Equality and Religious Freedom"
At Newbridge on the Charles, 5000 Great Meadow Road, Dedham
RSVP to: grossclan@comcast.net by April 1

Sunday, April 11 - 8:45 - 10:30 a.m.
at Temple Beth Shalom
Breakfast Presentation by Rabbi Saperstein
"The Use and Abuse of Religion in American Elections - Is it Good for the Jews? Lessons from the 2008 Election"
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Informal meeting with Rabbi Saperstein and the TBS teen community

Garden Club

Essential Dates:

Needham's 2nd Art in Bloom 2010
Friday, March 5 at Needham High School
and the Senior Center
Saturday and Sunday, March 6 & 7 at
Needham Public Library

Tri-Club Meeting: Julie Lapham, Speaker
Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.
Simon Hall

Boston Flower and Garden Show
Seaport World Trade Center, Boston
Wednesday – Saturday, March 24 – 27

March is bursting with exciting events in Garden Club. Our Needham's 2nd Art in Bloom 2010 has finally arrived after preparing for this event for many months under the talented and hard-working leadership of our co-chairs, Sue Kaplan and Allison Shapiro. On February 2, our members randomly picked a Needham High School student's artwork to interpret in a floral arrangement just as designers are randomly assigned to artwork at the MFA's Art in Bloom. The general public is invited to attend a small showing on Friday, March 5 at Needham High

School and the Senior Center from 12 to 4 p.m. The entire art exhibit will be on display at the Needham Public Library on Saturday and Sunday, March 6 & 7 during regular library hours. The Dedham Institution for Savings has generously funded this community event with a grant. Come to Needham's 2nd Art in Bloom 2010 to support your garden club, view this community project between Needham High School students and Beth Shalom Garden Club members, and anticipate spring with flowers.

Our club is involved in another community event on March 9 with the other two garden clubs of Needham. Needham Garden Club, Kalmia Garden Club and Beth Shalom Garden Club are hosting a floral design program by Julie Lapham at Temple Beth Shalom. Every year our three Needham garden clubs plan a garden club program together. This year our speaker, Julie Lapham, will provide distinctive floral designs for all special occasions and events. She is an expert designer with over twenty years experience and has won many prizes at countless flower shows. The general public is invited and donations are welcome.

Finally, several members of our club will be entering the Boston Flower and Garden Show at the Seaport World Trade Center from March 24 through 28. Sue Kaplan, Marisa McCoy and Lila Kaminsky will be designing individual flower arrangements. Carol Gershman, Marlene Cohen, Allison Shapiro, and Sylvia Golden with Marisa McCoy as advisor will be entering a Club Competition for a buffet table arrangement. We wish everyone the best of luck at the show.

Hope to see you at Needham's 2nd Art in Bloom 2010.

Carol Gershman

Mark Your Calendar!

Needham's Art in Bloom 2010

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 5 Exhibits 1-5	Needham HS Lobby Needham Senior Center
Saturday, March 6 Exhibits 1-30	Needham Public Library 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday, March 7 Exhibits 1-30	Needham Public Library 1:00pm-4:00pm

Sponsored by Dedham Institution for Savings Grant received by Beth Shalom Garden Club in collaboration with the Needham High School Visual Arts Department

Dedham Savings
Your Bank

Each month 550 children and adults rely on JF&CS Family Table, the largest kosher food pantry in Greater Boston. We depend on our dedicated volunteers and the generosity of donors to continue helping these families in need. We are seeing more families in need than ever before.

As you prepare for your Passover celebration with your family, please consider a donation to JF&CS Family Table - a wonderful way to observe and celebrate Passover and the beloved tradition of tzedakah.

Let's come together and free Jewish families from hunger.

How your donation helps:

\$36 Provides shabbat candles to 40 families for one month
\$72 Provides 24 families with chicken soup for two weeks
\$180 Provides complete groceries to two families for two weeks
\$360 Provides complete groceries to four families for two weeks
\$720 Provides monthly food certificates for 10 families with dietary needs resulting from chronic illness.

Make a gift to JF&CS Family Table by mailing your check to JF&CS Family Table, 1430 Main Street, Waltham, MA 02451 or online at jfcsboston.org or call 781-647-JFCS (5327). Thank you for your support!

Caring for Generations
JF&CS
 Jewish Family & Children's Service

Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 19 6:30 p.m.

in the Community Room

We look forward to having you join us for a warm, musical, interactive Shabbat Service for young families.



Religious School



As the snow is flying and mounting up outside my office window, it is hard to consider that Pesach is just a few weeks away! Z'man Heiruteinu ~ the season of our freedom.

What shackles do we look forward to shedding this Pesach? What will be our symbols of freedom this spring?

How appropriate is it that life in New England, as in Israel, completely aligns us with the celebration of this festival of freedom. We shed the shackles of heavy winter coats, several layers of long-sleeve shirts and pants, waterproof boots and scarves, hats and mittens! How I look forward to that time of year to be free of the bulk and confinement of so many layers from head to toe. We also shed the darkness of the winter months as the number of hours of daylight increases, brightening the lives of so many who literally need this light to be a light to the world. Nothing compares to

the first night of commuting in daylight! The shackles of frozen earth loosen with the longer daylight and increases in temperature. The hard earth relaxes the hold on that which will soon sprout and re-green the land. It is a real treat to sight the first crocus or daffodil in bloom.

Are there other chains that can be thrown off as the spring appears? Maybe you have been home-bound by the weather and not even stepped out to greet your neighbors. Perhaps the messy sidewalks have curbed your walk to the center and left you running in and out for a bagel without even a short greeting to others. On the coldest nights, it may have been far more comfortable to stay home than to venture out to services or a temple program. Venture out and join others making a difference in the world through Tik-kun Olam Day. Walk to the center and stop to shmooze over a bagel and coffee with a friend you haven't seen in months. Hang out in your yard to re-connect with your

neighbors and find out how they fared this winter.

Walking shoes might be your symbol of freedom this Pesach. Or a light fleece jacket with pockets for one or two things you pick up in town. A rake or a broom could serve as a symbol of fresh freedom to grow and blossom in your very own garden, garden of Eden.

As the season of Z'man Heiruteinu, the festival of freedom approaches, find your symbols and begin shedding the shackles. Invite a new guest to your seder table and re-engage with friends and family. Attend a program for your own personal growth at temple, cultivating the richness of history and heritage. May the warmth of sunlight brighten your soul this Pesach as you celebrate the freedom from the shackles of slavery.

*L'shalom,
Sandy*

**B'nei Mitzvah Date meeting for all
Grade 4 parents on March 2, 2010 -
7:30pm in the sanctuary.
We look forward to seeing you!**

Please help support "Circle of Hope"

This local, non-profit organization is dedicated to helping people in need. Executive Director Barbara Waterhouse and Program Director Paula Beckerle often get calls for help from area homeless shelters, safe houses for abused women, veteran shelters, and agencies whose vans drive around to help the homeless who won't go to a shelter.

Circle of Hope runs two programs out of their 65 Rosemary Street location, all with the help of community volunteers. Their **Greater Boston Community Exchange** program accepts donations of new and gently used clothing as well as small household goods. These items are sorted and distributed to individuals and families living in homeless shelters, as well as those in transition and struggling for independent lives.

Their all volunteer **International Medical Team** program led by Director Dr. Emilie Hitron make medical mission trips to Haiti twice a year. The Doctors of the International Medical Team visit rural villages in Haiti providing basic care along with diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases to those who have no access to any medical care.

Donations needed for this program are essential medicines, vitamins, eyeglasses, toothbrushes and money for essential supplies that are hand carried and personally distributed by IMT doctors and volunteers.

This past November, Circle of Hope reached out to TBS for help and our congregation responded. The word went out to our generous community requesting much needed warm winter coats, hats and scarves. The response was tremendous, resulting in a collection of over 100 new or gently used coats and a multitude of hats, scarves and gloves. Because one coat is distributed directly to each individual in need, over 100

men, women and children now have a chance of keeping warm this winter. In talking to Barbara and Paula they are very appreciative of TBS's support and very grateful to everyone who made a donation.

Now that we are in March, seasonal donations of rain gear, umbrellas and casual men's clothing are needed. The next time you come to TBS please consider bringing these much needed seasonal donations. A collection bin for the Circle of Hope will be located in the TBS lobby. Also, please consider donating your time. Volunteer opportunities are available to students looking to fulfill their community service requirements. There is also always a need for drivers, sorters, administrative and data managers. This could be an ideal Mitzvah project opportunity for individual and family participation from collecting donations, sorting and directly delivering to a local shelter.

For more information and donation drop off hours, please visit www.circleofhopeonline.org or feel free to contact Executive Director, Barbara Waterhouse via email at bw@circleofhopeonline.org or the Greater Boston Community Exchange Program Director, Paula Beckerle at pbeckerle@circleofhopeonline.org. The main phone number is 617-462-0669.



CIRCLE OF HOPE



Patients waiting for medical care

Sisterhood

I've been told that great things often happen during Friday evening Oneg Shabbats, and it was at just one of these times last spring that Barbara Pack and Emily Aransky agreed to co-chair our 12th Annual Spirituality Retreat Weekend. Perhaps they were feeling spiritual after the service or perhaps it was a spark of divine intervention but whatever it was, we had absolutely no idea how fortunate we would be.

The forty women who joined together on January 29-31 each anticipated something special—a chance to reconnect with friends and an opportunity to make new ones; a weekend away from the responsibilities of home, family and work; a time to recharge our spiritual batteries; an occasion to sing, laugh and pray together in the unique way that can only occur in a group of women.

From planning a change in venue to deciding to use the many talents of the women of our congregation instead of hiring a facilitator to lead our programming, Barb and Emily led a fantastic committee which has been working tirelessly for many months. Our committee included Rabbi Lenke and Emily Perlman, whose dedication, insight, wisdom, caring and leadership truly made it possible to achieve something extraordinary this weekend.

The retreat's theme was "Exploring the Ritual in Spirituality" and it was incorporated into every aspect of the weekend. On Friday evening, we began with some rituals for Shabbat, such as taking off our watches and washing our hands before dinner. Later we explored the meaning of ritual, learning what differentiates it from the merely routine, and using the humor of a "Mad Lib" we wrote our very own special definition of ritual. We discussed how to incorporate ritual into various important life moments which don't typically have one, and we learned how to create an element of a ritual to elevate these moments. We concluded on Sunday by developing our own Sisterhood ritual, literally and figuratively planting the seeds by which we might nourish ourselves and each other.

What was truly remarkable about this weekend was that it was not only the "just right" retreat that Barb and Emily envisioned, but in fact an overwhelming consensus nominated this to be the "BEST EVER" retreat! What an accomplishment!

I'd like to share a few thoughts from some that attended:
In certain exceptional circumstances, we meet

another person heart-to-heart....last weekend I met 40 women at this level. We celebrated Shabbat, talked Torah, and shared what was most important to us.... And lest you think it was all too elevated, I can happily report that there were also cut-throat games of Bananagrams and a little raunchy Pictionary, punctuated by a whole lot of chocolate. – Sharon Salinger (1st retreat)

Having gone to Mayyim Hayyim for my conversion less than two weeks before, I went into this year's Retreat for the first time as a Jewish woman... I was honored to be called up for an aliyah to chant the blessings before Torah during our Saturday morning service. The feeling of being wrapped in the soft, protective warmth of a tallit for the first time was simply indescribable... The Sisterhood Retreat—like Shabbat—gave us a moment in time to stop, to celebrate, to elevate... – Aimee Bierman (3rd retreat)



Celebrating Shabbat with ruach

As a nine year veteran of Sisterhood Spirituality Retreats, this one was truly outstanding.... Each component of the weekend was special and connected as we explored rituals... Spending a weekend with an amazing group of multi-generational women reminds me of one more reason to be proud to be a part of TBS. – Marlene Schultz (9th retreat)

In addition to the thoughts above, the beautiful letter below, written by several other women, truly captures the essence of this weekend. We are so fortunate to be part of this incredibly vibrant group of women and I'm so proud of our talented committee for making it all happen. You are all truly a blessing.

In Sisterhood,
Judy Ravech
President

Dear Fellow Retreat Participants,

On a bitterly cold day swathed in clear, brilliant blue skies, we set out to partake in the 12th annual Sisterhood retreat in Hyannis. Some of us had attended all twelve retreats. Others had been to several. But four women took a leap of faith and joined this extraordinary group for the first time.

The activities around the weekend's theme of Ritual stretched our minds and imaginations and extended our learning. Together we deepened our understanding of this spiritually enlightening topic. We shared our own experiences and listened to the insights of others. Our laughter filled the room and conversely, we openly shed tears.

We prayed together in a circle, sharing in Judaic affirming moments as we witnessed those of us who were honored to bless and read from the Torah and chant Haftarah. Rabbi Lenke's wisdom and learnedness coupled with her sense of humor guided us through meaningful Torah study and Shabbat services. Whether we sang familiar songs, learned new ones, or

just quietly hummed along, Emily Perlman stirred us with niggunim and her beautiful voice. Beth Pinals offered moving words of D'var Torah, and Sandy Whitecross assisted us in finding our creative side.

We spent an enchanting 48 hours together, and now we are back to our routines. We learned that ritual elevates what could be considered a routine moment into something sacred. This nourishing retreat weekend has itself become a ritual for many of us. We are reminded how important it is to create rituals that will mark special moments in our daily lives.

We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful women who worked so hard to make this year's Sisterhood retreat a truly amazing experience. Committee chairs Barbara Pack and Emily Aransky, joined by Emily Perlman, Rabbi Michele Lenke, Susan Patkin, Lisa Channen, Jane Spigle, Julie Bailit, Amy Willis, and Elise Miller ensured a smooth facilitation of the weekend and allowed a soothing spirit to take hold, one that never left our sides. Rather than hire a professional facilitator, the committee led our Torah study, discussions, and activities themselves, with assistance from Arline Aransky, Judy Chudnofsky, Rachel Goldman, Patti Grossman, Randi Lite, Trina Novak, Judy Ravech, and Marlene Shultz. We owe our extraordinary weekend to all of these women, but also to each other. Because we set aside our daily lives and responsibilities in order to wholeheartedly participate "in sisterhood," we all reaped the benefits together.

With fond memories and much shalom,
Carol Bolton Kappel, Margaret McConchie &
Peggy Gassman

Brotherhood

Dear Brothers,

I am happy to report that we are now more than 100 members strong and getting stronger. Thanks to those of you who signed up at our recent Rabbi's Breakfast. Your support and participation allows Brotherhood to help service the temple in many ways, as well as making a difference in our community. We hope that all members, new and returning, feel welcomed, appreciated for their service and experience a special bond of Brotherhood and friendship.

In the spirit of community appreciation, Brotherhood will be recognized for our temple service at the annual Brotherhood Shabbat, Friday night March 19. We encourage all brothers to not only attend, but consider being a service participant. In previous Brotherhood Shabbat services many members have shared their personal Jewish experiences. Most stories are humorous, poignantly touching and heartfelt.

Along with this spiritual bonding, Brotherhood will present our annual, **Marc Comras Community Service Award**. This award

is given in memory of Brotherhood's, then corresponding secretary, Marc Comras, who died in August 2003, at the age of 57, and is awarded to a member of the Temple community who exemplifies Marc's spirit of "**don't worry, I'll take care of it**" attitude. A person who regularly is selfless when it comes to Temple causes and Brotherhood involvement; whose good deeds are their own reward. Past recipients are Arthur Bloom, Jeremy Serwer, Howard Ostroff, Roger Ambuter, David Berg, and Jason Dunn, as well as posthumous certificates given to Marge Cohen and Billie Burstein. Please join us at this beautiful service and award ceremony and receive Rabbi Jay's Brotherhood blessing.

Join the Brotherhood members for our Spring Breakfast on Sunday, March 21 at 8:45am, featuring Rabbi Joseph Meszler. Rabbi Meszler will speak on "A Man's Responsibility - A discussion and dialogue on being a Jewish son, partner in marriage, a father and a community leader." This event is free of charge, but please RSVP to Jim Winterman at jwinterman@comcast.net.

Are there any golfers out there who would be interested in joining a casual weeknight golf league? We are talking 9 holes at a local par 3 course, with some small competitive compensation, bragging rights, camaraderie, and maybe a couple of beers and laughs. If you are just starting out or an accomplished golfer and may want to give our new league a shot, please contact Jon Cohan at joncoco@yahoo.com for more information.

The same goes for any new softball players who are interested in catching on with one of our two TBS teams. Our teams are part of a very well run Metro West Temple slow pitch league. The games are played on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and we play against temples from Newton, Brookline, Wellesley, Natick and many others. There is a regular season from late April until June with 16 out of 32 teams making the play-offs. Players do not have to be Brotherhood members, but are required to be TBS members. If you are curious about joining in the fun, please contact Jon Cohan at joncoco@yahoo.com.

Jim Winterman

Please join The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom on
Friday, March 26 at 7:45pm
Shabbat HaGadol (the Big Shabbat!)
For the Annual Sisterhood Shabbat
A warm & inspiring service

Rabbi Michele Lenke will be offering the D'var Torah.

Dinner will precede the service, starting at 6:30pm.

ALL members of our community are welcome.

For more information, contact Betty Weiner
(betts235@yahoo.com)

Name(s): _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Number of people attending at \$18 person: _____

Total enclosed: _____

Please make your check payable to
The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom
and send by March 19 to:
Sharon Salinger, 39 Charlemont Street,
Newton 02461



Volunteer for the Needham Community
Senior Lunch at Temple Beth Shalom on
Thursday, April 29.

We will need volunteers for shifts including set up,
serving and clean up from 11:00am - 2:00pm.

Volunteers to make lasagna and salads
also will be needed!

Please contact Elise - elise.miller@comcast.net or
Jen Green - jennifergreen100@hotmail.com.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Sisterhood Essential Dates:

Sunday, March 7: Join women from around our WRJ Sisterhood District as we come together at TBS to discuss our challenges and inspire each other. Program is from 10 am-2 pm; lunch will be served. RSVP to Trina Novak at kermittf@rcn.com.

Tuesday, March 9: Attend a Book Club meeting as we discuss the best-selling novel The Faith Club at 7:30 pm. Open to all women of TBS. For more information contact Gail Lustig at gaillustig@rcn.com.

Lilith Magazine Groups: Our three Lilith Magazine groups will be meeting to discuss the Winter issue on Sunday, March 14, on Tuesday, March 16 and on Thursday, April 8. If you'd like to be a part of the discussions, contact Roberta Gerson at robertagerson@comcast.

Tuesday, March 23: Join us for one of our most popular annual events, the Sisterhood Women's Seder, an evening of friendship, music and fun with a delicious potluck dinner! Please RSVP to Peggy Gassman at gassman6@comcast.net.

Friday, March 26: We look forward to seeing you at 7:45 pm for our Sisterhood Shabbat evening, a warm and inspiring service celebrating Sisterhood through prayer and song. Rabbi Michele Lenke will be offering the D'var Torah. Dinner at 6:30pm will precede the service; please RSVP for dinner to Sharon Salinger at ssalinger@mms.org.

Children's Center



For the past few months, many of the teachers and I have had the opportunity to take part in a course, right here at TBS, through Hebrew College called "Shabbat and Havdallah: The Why, the What, and the How?" We have found this to be an inspiring experience, both personally and professionally. As we engaged in text study and reflected on those pieces, we considered how our learning could impact our classrooms and the Children's Center as a whole.

For example, we learned that there are two places in the Torah that refer to the commandment for Shabbat: in Exodus and in Deuteronomy. As we looked at the separate passages we noticed that interestingly, the stated reasons for celebrating Shabbat are quite different. In Exodus, the Torah tells us to, "Zachor" - "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." Here, it says that God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh, and "therefore blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." According to the commandment as stated in Exodus, we are sup-

posed to celebrate Shabbat as a way of actively remembering God's rest from the work of Creation.

In Deuteronomy, however, the Torah says something quite different. According to this text we are supposed to "Shamor" - "keep" Shabbat because 'we were slaves in the land of Egypt and that God brought us out.' One question for us might be how we might best share with our children this value of Shabbat rest - both as it models God's resting and as it is a gift that we enjoy because we are free. First, though, we must consider what this concept of "rest" might mean to young learners. After all, what does rest mean to a child? Most likely they would think of napping. As teachers of young children, we think of "play" as children's "work," so does this mean that they can't play on Shabbat? How can we make this meaningful in our classrooms? Of course, children will still play in our classrooms during our Friday "Shabbat."

Still, our children can understand that Shabbat is supposed to be different and more special than any other day (just as we can point out that most days people go "to work" and one day each week we are sup-

posed to do the opposite, something special "rest"). We can teach this by making our Fridays different and set apart from the rest of preschool week. We can do this with special songs, lighting candles, having juice and challah (for Kiddush and Motzi), listening to fun stories, collecting tzedakah, being with our rabbis and our wonderful Music Educator, Max Chaiken, in our Sanctuary.

Another challenge, we discussed, is how to teach the idea of "holiness" to children. Might we use the word "special"? This is a helpful word, but it is often overused in the world of little ones. In our educator group we came up with a list of other words and phrases that might be useful. These included: "from God," "doing a mitzvah brings you closer to God (closer to holy)," "a feeling or energy inside you," "things that are holy are connected to God or are from God." While all of this would still be a bit abstract for young children, it was helpful for all of us. In discussing this concept - as is true of so many other Jewish ideas and values - we realized that the more comfortable we become with them, the more comfortable we will be in talking about them with our children and in helping them to develop their own definitions and ideas.

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Social Action

Tikkun Olam Day

Mishpacha Mitzvah Moments
(Family Mitzvah Moments)

Social action has always been an important part of the TBS community, and we are celebrating this during the weekend of March 12. Please join us at **Social Action Shabbat** on Friday, March 12 at 7:45 p.m., as we reflect on the meaning of social action in our community and honor volunteers in some of our projects. The Oneg will feature a Mitzvah Mall showcasing some of these efforts and why they are important. On Sunday, March 14, everyone will have a chance to participate in this year's Tikkun Olam Day.

Temple Beth Shalom requires our B'nei Mitzvah to perform community service, and as you can tell from the Atrium displays, they have come up with some great projects and collectively have really made a difference in the world. And they remind everyone in the Temple community that each of us is called upon to continue with our own mitzvah projects throughout our lives. So it is within that spirit that we invite everyone to participate in this year's Tikkun

Olam Day. As described below, there are eight activities to sign up for, two in the morning and six in the afternoon. We encourage all members of a family to participate, either together on a single activity or on separate activities. You can also sign up for both one in the morning and another in the afternoon! You can register either using the registration form that was included as an insert in the February Scroll or online at www.tbsneedham.org. If you have questions, contact Betty Weiner: betts235@yahoo.com or John Dennis: jdennis@rcn.com.

Greater Food Bank: John Dennis, Leader 9:30am - 12:00pm - Ages 16 and up

Help inspect, sort and repack donated grocery products that the Food Bank distributes to hunger relief agencies. We will meet at the Temple and drive in together. We must meet a requirement for a minimum number of 20 participants and can take as many as 70! We hope our participation will lead to a regular TBS commitment to the Food Bank which depends on and can always use volunteers for this worthwhile project.

CPR & Defibrillator Training Class:

Jeremy Serwer, Leader

10:00am - 1:00pm - Ages 16 and up

Organized by the Temple's Safety & Security Committee, this is your opportunity to be trained in CPR and AED (defibrillator) use. Training will take place at the temple. Those with prior training and requiring re-certification are encouraged to attend as well as first-timers. TBS ushers are also encouraged to become certified, or to renew their certification. Class size is limited. Therefore, we are taking reservations on a first come, first serve basis. This course costs \$45.

Payment can be made at the class.

Coalition for Literacy Art Project:

Nancy Krieger, Leader

12:30pm - Fun activity for families of all ages.

Decorate bookmarks and labels for students at the Mozart School where tutors from TBS volunteer. Will take place in Simon Hall.

Coalition for Literacy Bookshelves:

Emily Ostroff, Leader

12:30pm - Ages 13 and up - Simon Hall
Build desktop bookshelves for the students our literacy team tutors at the Mozart School, so books will always be an important part of their lives.





It is with great excitement that we formally announce that
“*Taste of the Town*” to be held on
Saturday, May 15, 2010, at Temple Beth Shalom.
Please join us for this special evening complete with dinner, open bar,
and a silent and live auction.

All proceeds from the event go to support our temple’s
educational programs for children and youth.

**Log on to www.tbsneedham.org for more information
and to access auction and advertisement book forms.
Pre-reserve and pay for your tickets today!**

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact
Melissa Grossman at 781-559-3242 or Melissa_grossman@yahoo.com or
Lori Shaer at 781-400-5214 or Lshaer@comcast.net.

Taste of the Town

Pre-reserve and pay by March 1, 2010 and save \$10 per ticket.
As of March 2, 2010, the price will increase to \$100 per ticket.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

of tix@ (\$90 before March 1, 2010, \$100 after March 1, 2010) = Total \$ _____

Please seat me with: _____

Checks should be made payable to: **Temple Beth Shalom**
 VISA MC CC#: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Temple Beth Shalom – Attn: Taste of the Town
670 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02494

Library Clean Out Day **Lisa Rothenberg, Leader**

12:30pm - Adults only - 5 person maximum
Some of the tasks include weeding through books (withdrawing old items and books that are damaged) helping to box up discarded items, labeling shelves, making a large map of the library so that people can find the books they’re looking for, putting books in order, and dusting books.

Painting for the Needham Housing Authority **Michael Herman, Leader**

12:30pm - Ages 13 and up
Take up a paint brush and spruce up the Community Room on Chambers Street. In addition to painting, you will be helping with rearranging furniture for some residents. Paint and equipment will be provided. We will meet at the temple and drive over together.

Clean-up Along the Charles River **Nancy Berger, Leader** **1:00 to 4:00pm - Ages 5 and up**

Work along the Charles River Greenway under direction of Trustees of Reservations’ conservation staff. Perform a number of routine tasks: removal of brush, bench repair and painting, etc. This is a remarkable place: a surprisingly vibrant ecosystem, and a hidden oasis in a heavily built environment. People unfamiliar with this stretch of the river will be pleasantly surprised. Tools will be provided. We need a minimum of 15 to 20 volunteers for this project. We will leave together from the temple at 12:30.

Youth Choir on Tour **Emily Perlman, Leader** **2:00 - 4:00pm**

Temple Beth Shalom’s Youth Choir will be entertaining the residents at North Hill Retirement Center and then will perform at Avery Manor. Meet at the temple at 1:15pm so everyone can leave together.

American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life This year’s American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life of Needham, Dedham, and Wellesley

will take place Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16 at the Newman Elementary School. This event celebrates the lives of people who have battled cancer, remembers loved ones lost, and fights back against the disease. We feel it is important that Temple Beth Shalom is represented with a team because cancer has affected so many in our community. It is a promise made to honor the memory of Marge Cohen who led our social action efforts at TBS for many years and succumbed to cancer two years ago. Please contact Howard Ostroff at hostrhoff@rcn.com if you are interested in helping to organize our Team Temple Beth Shalom in this year’s Relay for Life.



Howard Ostroff & Betty Weiner
Co-Chairs



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Task Force for Reaching Across Faith Boundaries

The Task Force for Reaching Across Faith Boundaries has continued its efforts to reach common ground with our Abrahamic brothers and sisters through understanding, dialogue and social action. Of particular priority is building bridges with the Muslim community around the many commonalities of our respective faiths. As a once persecuted minority in a world where anti-Semitism is still of major concern, we Jews can certainly understand the plight of Muslims in the Boston area and elsewhere who fall victims to stereotyping and hate. Thus, we at Temple Beth Shalom continue our journey toward creating programs for bringing together the three Abrahamic religions and honoring the image of God in all peoples.

In a recent article in the *Scroll* introducing the work of this Task Force, we indicated that our purpose is to develop new initiatives to unite members of these faith communities who reside in and around Needham. We believe that an essential step in this journey is education. Before we can build bridges, we must understand each other, not only on topics of religion, but also culture and as people facing similar challenges of everyday life.

For this reason we are pleased to announce two initiatives that will begin in 2010. First, the Shabbat Service on May 21 will include a portion that focuses on interfaith learning. Second, and with full support from the Worship Committee and our Rabbis, the Colloquy will be reintroduced for Yom Kippur 5770 with a focus on interfaith issues.

The Task Force for Reaching Across Faith Boundaries has agreed to take the lead in identifying individual(s) who will speak at these. We expect that each will provide an enriching and rewarding experience for all who are able to attend.

If you would like to learn more about the Reaching Across Faith Boundaries programs or would like to join in this effort to enhance mutual understanding and respect among the Abrahamic faiths, please contact either of our task force co-chairs - Bob Lurie at RobLurie@aol.com or Mark Rosen at mrosen@markarosenlaw.com. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the Temple Library.

Sharing Our Lives

We extend our sympathy to המקום ינחם

Richard and Susan Brisk
on the passing of their uncle, Ira Kasindorf

Heidi Fieldston and Howard Ostroff
on the passing of their cousin, Ann Schlesinger

Judy and John Remondi, Adam and Lillian
on the passing of their father and grandfather, George Dickstein

Marsha and Gerald Rodman
on the passing of their brother-in-law, Barry Lieberman

Michael and Elisa Litchman, Joshua and Zachary
on the passing of their father and grandfather, Henry Litchman

Mary Blumenthal and Bill Gallagher
on the passing of their mother and grandmother, Blanche Jacoby Blumenthal
Tracey and Jeff Goldstein, Sheri and Eric Monheimer, Corey and Cheryl Peyser,
Brooke and Jeffrey Siegal, Lori and Gary Sklar
on the passing of their grandfather, Jacob Siegal

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We also learned a teaching from the great 11th century Jewish commentator, Rashi (Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki) who taught: "Set (your) heart to remember continually the Sabbath day." While there are so many wonderful ways to make Shabbat special for our children, we also considered whether there is more that we could be doing to help our children remember and even look forward to Shabbat throughout the week. We came up with a number of ideas! Some of them include things that could happen at home, such as baking challah in preparation for Shabbat, setting up the table in advance of Shabbat, polishing the candlesticks and Kiddush cup on Thursday, counting down the days until Shabbat and celebrating Havdallah, to clearly mark the end of Shabbat and the start of a sweet new week! Some of these might be very meaningful to you as well, as parents or grandparents. Together we can continue to help our youngest children nurture a love for Shabbat and for being Jewish.

We look forward to learning about more exciting ways of making Judaism come to life for all of our children and our families.

L'Shalom,
Marcie

A Celebration of Healing & Living for the benefit of Joe Burstein

Organized & sponsored by The Friends of Joe Burstein Committee

Saturday, March 27 - 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Temple Beth Shalom 670 Highland Avenue, Needham

Join us for an evening of entertainment, good food, silent auction & raffle.

Musical groups will include The Maple Street Project plus others.

AND, you can donate your way to a healing treatment:
choose from Shiatsu, Reiki, and traditional chair massages.

Tickets – \$25.00 per person; additional amounts appreciated.

(Tickets will be held at the door.)

Please RSVP by March 20 to Stephanie Ross at

stross14@comcast.net or 781-646-6640.

To order your tickets, please send your check (payable to The Joseph Burstein Benefit Trust)
to Stephanie Ross 14 Winter Street Lincoln 01773.

If you are unable to attend but would still like to help, donations can be made to
The Joseph Burstein Benefit Trust and mailed to the address above.

Additional information: www.friendsofjoeburstein.com

For questions, please contact Jeremy Serwer at Jeremy@theserwercompany.com or 781-449-7660
or Stephanie Ross at stross14@comcast.net or 781-646-6640.



Join the LILITH Salon Gatherings in March

The LILITH Salon is a gathering of eight or more TBS Sisterhood members to discuss selected articles from the latest quarterly issue of LILITH Magazine. Our salons are a great way for us to bring back the pleasure of conversation into our busy lives and make new friends.

The three LILITH Salon groups at TBS will discuss the following articles from the Winter 2010 issue: "A Zionist in Spite of Herself," an interview with Judy Shotten; "When Food and Love Collide," which explores the impact of religiously-based food rules on a relationship; and "Three Sisters" and "Four Weddings and a Funeral," which touch on breast cancer in the family.

*The Tuesday evening meeting,
coordinated by Patti Grossman, meets March 16.
The Sunday morning salon,
chaired by Florence Schumacher, meets March 14.
The Thursday evening group,
led by Roberta Gerson, meets April 8.*

For further information about LILITH or any of the Salon meeting dates and times, please contact Roberta Gerson at 781-453-9743 or robertageron@comcast.net.

Save the Date!
The next Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Group
April 11 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm.
Location to be announced.

Sisterhood Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30 pm to discuss

The Faith Club



Authors Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner, who describe their book this way: "Meet the Faith Club. We're three mothers from three faiths – Islam, Christianity and Judaism – who got together to write a picture book for our children that would highlight the connections between our religions. But no sooner had we started talking about our beliefs and how to explain them to our children than our differences led to misunderstandings. Our project nearly fell apart." To RSVP or for more details, contact Gail Lustig, 781-444-7508 or gaillustig@rcn.com.

We are pleased to announce that
Temple Beth Shalom's own
Judy Chudnofsky will be honored by Mayyim Hayyim
at their benefit concert, Take Me to the River,
for her invaluable volunteer work.
The concert will take place on March 21.
Visit www.mayyimhayyim.org for event details.



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Rabbi Perlman for leading such a beautiful
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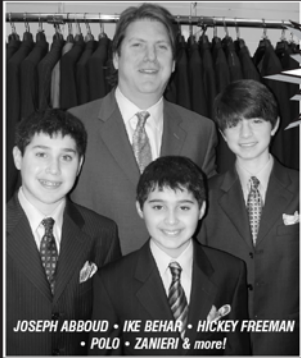
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