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From the Editorial Board

Your Turn

Our congregation thrives on the connections among us. Whether we convene at services, connect through the Bulletin Board, or learn about each other in the *Scroll*, our connections make us feel the warmth of community. As a tool for connecting our congregants, the *Scroll* strives to keep you informed of events, fill you in on key aspects of Temple life, and introduce you to fellow members. Upcoming issues will feature members who are artists, anyone who loves Passover, and those who are excited with a connection they feel because of Temple. Do you fit into any of those categories? If so, read on!

Did Someone or Something at Temple Spark a Connection for You?

In future issues of the *Scroll*, we'll feature a TBS Connection. Have you found a spark through Temple? With a new friend or old acquaintance, a mitzvah opportunity, a passage from a sermon, a book from the Temple library, or a song at a service? We want to know. You don't have to be a writer - just give us the gist and we can write it for you. Just send it in an email to scroll@tbsneedham.org (Subject Line: "This Just In!") or call Joni at 617-469-2424 and she will write it down for you.
Deadline: ongoing

Calling All Artists

In the March *Scroll* we will be featuring the artwork of congregants. If you'd like to be included, please send photos of your work and a brief bio, as well as a list of the places your work can be seen (gallery, studio, website, etc.) by email to scroll@tbsneedham.org (Subject Line: "This Just In!") or call Joni at 617-469-2424 to make arrangements.
Deadline: January 15

What Makes Your Passover Special?

In the April *Scroll* we will be featuring favorite ways our congregants experience Passover.

- If you have a memorable anecdote of a past Seder, a tradition that is unique in your family, or something special to pass along related to Passover, we'd love to hear from you.
- If you have a family Seder plate, reclining pillow, Elijah's cup, or other Pesach item that you think others might enjoy seeing, please send us a photo with a caption about it.

Please email to scroll@tbsneedham.org (Subject Line: "This Just In!") or call Joni at 617-469-2424. *Deadline: February 14*

We look forward to hearing from you!

- *The Scroll Editorial Board*

From the Clergy

Climate Action by Rabbi Jay Perlman



As we enter a new year, we consider the opportunities that it holds for us. How might we make our lives better? This year, Temple Beth Shalom is turning outward to consider the changes necessary to improve the health of our planet. In October, members of our TBS community gathered with more than 500 representatives from over 60 different faith-based congregations and organizations to mobilize on behalf of climate action. The outstanding program – including speakers, song, and spirit – was inspired by Pope Francis' recent encyclical, entitled "Laudato Si – Praise be to You: In Care of Our Common Home." In his address, the Pope called upon not only the Roman Catholic community, but all communities of faith to view the preservation of our planet as one of the greatest moral issues of our time.

Members of our emerging TBS Climate Action Team returned from this first gathering of the MA Interfaith Coalition for Climate Action inspired and motivated. On Tuesday, November 10th, over 200 people gathered at the Massachusetts State House to meet with legislators and share the message of our commitment to a clean and just energy future.

The goals of the Interfaith Coalition are to promote the MA Power Forward agenda (mapowerforward.com), as well as to seek the lifting of caps on solar energy, investment in off-shore wind development, enhanced energy efficiency programs, the repair of natural gas leaks, and the rejection of public subsidies for new natural gas pipelines.

Our TBS Climate Action Team is now forming and is in contact with Representative Denise Garlick in order to consider how we might most meaningfully make our voices heard. If you are interested in participating in this important initiative, please contact either Jane Evans (JaneLEvans@verizon.net) or me (jperlman@tbsneedham.org).

May the coming year see us hearken to the words of the midrash, which places these words in God's mouth: "See My works, how beautiful and praise-

JANUARY 2016 SERVICES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 (21 *TEVET* 5776)

6:00 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Rashi School)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2 (21 *TEVET* 5776)

Torah: *Shemot*, Ex. 1:1 – 6:1

8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Rashi School)

9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Rashi School)

10:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Rashi School)

Bar Mitzvah: Jonathan Friedman

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 (28 *TEVET* 5776)

6:15 p.m — *Kehillah* Kids *Shabbat* Service (Rashi School)

7:15 PM - *Shabbat* Contemplative Prayer Service (Rashi School)

7:15 PM – *Simchat Shabbat* Service (Rashi School)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 (28 *TEVET* 5776)

Torah: *VaEra*, Ex. 6:2 – 9:35

8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Rashi School)

9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Rashi School)

10:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Rashi School)

B'nei Mitzvah: Owen Lipchitz and Sadie Pearlstein

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 (6 *SHEVAT* 5776)

6:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Rashi School)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 (6 *SHEVAT* 5776)

Torah: *Bo*, Ex. 10:1 – 13:16

8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Rashi School)

9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Rashi School)

10:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Rashi School)

Bar Mitzvah: Tyler Schwartz

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 (13 *SHEVAT* 5776)

6:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (First Parish)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 (13 *SHEVAT* 5776)

Torah: *B'shalch*, Ex. 13:17 – 17:16

8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Back of TBS Sanctuary)

9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Back of TBS Sanctuary)

10:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Sheraton Needham Hotel)

Bat Mitzvah: Megan Hesser

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29 (20 *SHEVAT* 5776)

6:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Rashi School)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 (20 *SHEVAT* 5776)

Torah: *Yitro*, Ex. 18:1 – 20:23

8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Rashi School)

9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Rashi School)

10:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Rashi School)

Bar Mitzvah: Max Meyerhardt

worthy they are. Everything I have created has been for your sake. Think of this, and neither corrupt nor destroy My world; for if you corrupt it, there will be no one to set it right after you."

Our Mikdash Journey

By Beth Pinals, Mikdash Chair

TBS is at a pivotal moment in history as we bring our building into alignment with our vibrant community endeavors, our progressive learning programs and our significant business growth. At this time we are a third of the way through our *Mikdash* journey with much accomplished and much work to be done.

Building

We have had enormous success in our partnership with Dave Seibert and BKA architects (who aligned our building design and budget with great artistry) and Chapman Construction, now completely immersed in construction of our new building. All of this has been managed by Fort Point's Mike Bogdan, whose commitment not only to the construction project, but also to the values of our community have brought intensive collaboration around our 670 Highland Ave building and our various relocation sites. We continue to work diligently to meet and even reduce our initial project budget.

The site work in the rear of the building is now nearing completion: the retaining walls have been installed, the footings and foundation walls for the new building are in place, and we are awaiting steel. We anticipate erecting steel in January and February, to be followed by framing the exterior walls and enclosing the building. Meanwhile, the existing space continues to be built out on schedule.

Sustainability

In addition to demolition and waste management during construction, Chapman, a leader in the field of construction sustainability, is utilizing sustainable project strategies in the following areas: electrical and lighting (LED lighting, occupancy sensors, daylight sensors, etc.); HVAC (VAV rooftop units, energy recovery ventilator, ductless condensing units, etc.); windows and doors (enhancing natural daylight via

windows and substantial interior glass); plumbing (point-of-use hot water heaters, low-flow toilets, etc.); and construction materials and finishes. The benefits of these efforts include conservation of natural resources, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and ozone depletion, improved indoor air quality, and support of the regional economy.

Campaign

Our capital fundraising campaign continues, with our percentages steadily rising. We do aspire to the participation of every member of our congregational family, no matter how large or small the gift. It is important to keep in mind that even at a time when one's daily comings and goings from the Temple building are minimal, TBS continues to provide belonging, comfort, and support; to celebrate holy days and welcome our communal observance; and to touch our families through our wonderful clergy who are ever-present at moments of great celebration and deep loss.

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As we fund all aspects of our Temple life, it is important to be mindful that the capital project is different and separate from the operational workings of TBS. In order not to tax our operating budget and to allow for continued excellence and richness in our programming and in our staffing, it is critical that we minimize or eliminate any mortgage carried on this project, freeing our operating budget to invest instead in our programming, staffing, and community life.

Many in our congregation have already offered gifts. If the rest of the community were to jump on board, we would move towards our \$11.5 million campaign goal. To this end, several efforts are underway:

1. A series of parlor meetings began last month, offering opportunities for those in similar stages of life, professions, and TBS constituencies to receive project updates and instruction on the process of selecting and offering meaningful gifts. Please let us know if you'd like to be included.

2. We continue to call and ideally to meet with all families who have not yet offered a gift. Please let us know if you'd like to arrange a call or meeting with one of our campaign chairs.
3. Some have asked for information about year-end gifts, transfers of appreciated stock, and legacy giving. All inquiries are welcome!
4. As they see the progress of our campaign, some donors are stepping up to offer a 6th year pledge, aware that some in our family have fewer means, are preoccupied with serious illness, job loss or change of financial circumstances.

Community

The values of our TBS community are reflected in everyone's enthusiasm as we move through this year of transition - asking good questions, navigating changes in venues and locations, maintaining flexibility, and insisting on the maintenance of our rich worship, programs and learning. Along with our construction professionals and lay leadership, notably Ed Zaval, Jeff Shapiro, Rich Luskin, Jason Chudnofsky, Louis Grossman and Steve Snyder, our TBS professionals have been leading the way in this transformational project.

Robyn Glazier, our new Director of Operations, along with Sandy Hain and Leandro Restrepo have taken on expanded facilities leadership portfolios in this transition year, enabling us to maintain our rich worship, learning, celebration and communal activities.

Our Directors of Learning, Ellen Dietrick and Rachel Happel, have invested countless hours in every realm of relocation and design configuration for our growing, cutting-edge preschool through teen learning programs.

Barbara Ross, our Financial Consultant, has taken charge of assessing and enhancing our financial systems, including our *Mikdash* budget and projections, for what is now a significant business organization with an annual budget of nearly 4 million dollars. And Rabbis Jay and Todd have taken on monumental responsibility as they, with their shovels, deep commitment, involvement, and foresight create the heart of this new *Mikdash*.

We have eight months left until the completion of our building. Each and every one of us should be proud to say that they contributed to the creation of this new home for the present and for the future, for our children and for their children. Our legacy will be marked on the entry wall to the Community Court with an alphabetical listing of donors. Most importantly, we can each know in our souls that we are a part of the legacy of not only our beloved Temple Beth Shalom congregation, but also the larger Reform Judaism movement in this country.

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Having lit the Chanukah candles and stepped into 2016, let us keep in mind the many sparks ignited in our TBS community, sustaining a legacy of warmth, growth, excellence and, at sacred moments, rededication. And let us resolve to make 2016 the year we fully fund and complete our new *Mikdash*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Center Faculty



Congratulations to Jesse Tobin (Children's Center South site director), Maria Gonzalez Griffith (teacher) and Heather Marsh (teacher) on their acceptance into CJP's Excellence in Early Childhood Learning Fellowship: Emergent Leaders and Family-Centered Schools. This TBS group is one of six leadership teams from area Jewish preschools that have been accepted into this intensive two-year program. Jesse, Maria, and Heather were chosen based on their commitment to learning and passion for bringing their shared learning back to our Children's Center faculty. Congratulations, Jesse, Maria, and Heather!

Jesse Tobin Receives Honor

Jesse Tobin, Children's Center South site director and teacher, has been accepted into Coaches Catalyzing Change: A Community of Practice, through The Paradigm Project. This one-year program trains early childhood leaders to coach others in the field and will support Jesse in supporting the rest of the Children's Center team. Jesse was one of only two early childhood educators in the entire Boston area to receive a scholarship from CJP to participate in this program. Mazel tov, Jesse!

TBS Brotherhood Year in Review

Happy (secular) New Year! Our diaspora year has been challenging yet rewarding. As we flip the calendar from 2015 to 2016, it is a good time to reflect on what has been, and look forward to what is ahead.

Our programming from September to December was strong and member participation was great! In September we had a very well attended social gathering at Mandarin Cuisine. In October we celebrated our 10th Annual retreat on Cape Cod. In November we held our annual Leroy Davis Sports

Breakfast with Bob Ryan as our speaker; the event sold out! And just last month the Brotherhood sponsored our Annual Blood Drive, as well as arranging for a sky box for the Celtics vs. Lakers on December 30th.

I want to thank all who participated in our events and all who have helped out in any way for making this year a fantastic one so far. On behalf of the TBS Brotherhood Board, I wish all of you a very Happy, Healthy, and rewarding 2016!

Marty Goldberg
Brotherhood President

2016 TBS Israel Adventure

December 20, 2016 – January 1, 2017



Every two years, members of our Temple Beth Shalom community participate in an extraordinary adventure to Israel! Join us for ten days of travel, learning, sharing, and experiencing the excitement of Israel. We will walk the streets of Jerusalem and Sefat, offer prayers at the Wall, climb Masada, float in the Dead Sea, and experience the miracle of Israel firsthand! To learn more about our itinerary, go to <http://www.ayelet.com/PerlmanDec2016.aspx>.

Questions? Contact: Rabbi Perlman (jperlman@tbsneedham.org).

Tzion: Two Hours a Week Toward a Deeper Understanding of Israel

by Amy Willis

It's not often that people look forward to Mondays, but the adult learners in the *Tzion* class at TBS have been doing just that for over a year. By all accounts, the *Tzion* class on Israel and Zionism, held at TBS on Monday evenings, is receiving rave reviews.

A Two-Year History Course

The *Tzion* program was founded by local Rabbi David Starr, former dean of the popular *Me'ah* Adult Jewish Education program. The *Tzion* course is two years long and, with support from CJP, is being offered at several sites in the Greater Boston area and in Baltimore. Last year, *Tzion* students at TBS learned about the history of Israel and Zionism from Biblical times through 1948, the year Israel was established as a state. This year, they are studying the modern history of Israel, from 1948 to the present. The class meets at TBS for two hours each week, and outside reading is assigned. The course will culminate with a group trip to Israel this spring, open to *Tzion* participants from across all its locations.

Appealing to a Range of Student Interests

Tzion students at TBS seem to agree that what drew them to the class was their desire for a deep understanding of the history of Israel. Some students had read books about Israel; others wanted to read books but never got around to it. Some people had visited the country, but they still longed to have a deeper, richer understanding of its history and the issues it faces today. "I didn't know the background of the state of Israel before - it was all a fog - so I couldn't really understand the current issues with the Palestinians," Judy Belgrade explained. "The class has been great for learning about the different ideas that led to Zionism." Anne Baron concurred. "The *Tzion* class was the perfect match for my interest. The dynamics of the history of Israel are so fascinating and complex. The class helps immeasurably by

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- Anne Baron



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putting the many factors together so I can understand the history more objectively and comprehensively."

A Knowledgeable Professor

Tzion participants at TBS also praised their professor, Rachel Fish, who is Associate Director at the Shusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University. With a doctoral degree in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from

Brandeis, Rachel has worked as an educator and consultant in various capacities in the Jewish community and higher education, teaching about Zionism and Israeli history at Brandeis, UMASS Amherst and the *Me'ah* program. At Brandeis she teaches the Myra Kraft seminar on Israel at the Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program. "Rachel is extremely talented in her teaching style and has made the materials and reading engaging," said Daryl Cohan. Anne Baron agreed, "We are incredibly fortunate to have Rachel as she is so knowledgeable and explains everything so well." Students enjoy the interactive nature of the class. "*Tzion* is two hours of interesting discussion," said Linda Mesnik. "I feel very enriched by this learning."

From the Roots of Zionism to the Modern Day

Some of the many topics covered by *Tzion* include the circumstances of the European Jews that led to the growth of Zionism; various Zionist thinkers and their writings; the establishment of Hebrew as the common language of Israel; the *Yishuv*, or early Israeli settlers; the British Mandate; the socialist movement and growth of *Kibbutzim*; and the Jewish-Arab conflicts. Participants also learned about the four waves of *Aliyah*, or immigration to Israel. Immigrants have come from all over Europe, other Middle Eastern countries and Africa, all at different times. “We discussed the difficulties inherent in forming a cohesive state with people from so many different places,” Judy Belgrade explained. “Israel is really a melting pot.” Daryl Cohan agreed. “The most significant learning for me has been how land in the desert became a country - overcoming social, political, economic and religious challenges - in a relatively short period of time.”



Connecting to Israel

Participation in the *Tzion* class has helped students feel closer to Israel, and it has been an emotional experience for many. Roger Patkin shared that Israel has been “near and dear to my heart” since his first visit as a teenager, and “in learning about Israel, I am learning about myself.” Roger continued, “This class has strengthened my already strong belief in the importance of the State of Israel to the Jewish

Join The Minyan

Throughout the week, members of our community gather for a number of warm and inclusive lay-led services. These services take place even if there are fewer than ten participants, last about 20-30 minutes, and are a meaningful way to start or end your day.

Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM in our TBS Sanctuary, 670 Highland Avenue

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Friday afternoons at 2:00 PM at Wingate Residences (235 Gould Street, Needham, at the Assisted Living Building in the back). TBS members and clergy, along with residents of Wingate and their family members, share in an early *Shabbat* service complete with candle lighting, grape juice, *challah*, prayer, and songs.

Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM in the Rashi School *Chadar Ochel (the Dining Hall)*, 8000 Great Meadow Road, Dedham.

Come and experience the warmth of prayer, spirit and community.

people. It also deepened my appreciation for living as a Jew during a time when there is a vibrant, strong Jewish state. Most Jews over the course of history only dreamed and prayed for a time like this.”

Tzion participants recommend the class highly to others at TBS. “The reading is excellent,” Judy Belgrade emphasized. Anne Baron added, “the class continually opens my eyes to understanding Israel. There is quite a bit of assigned reading, so it is a commitment, but well worth it.” TBS member Richard Brisk, who participated in *Tzion* last year at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, summed up his own experience of *Tzion*, and that of the current students, with a simple sentiment. “It was fabulous.”



HAPPENINGS

Bob Ryan Speaks at TBS Brotherhood Leroy Davis Sports Breakfast By Jim Hirsch

Long-time *Boston Globe* sports writer Bob Ryan loves Impressionistic art, but as he told the Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood, there's a big difference between sports and art.

"If you go to a Monet exhibit," he said, "you don't stand around the water cooler on Monday and talk about the great brush strokes."

Ryan spoke at the Brotherhood's annual Leroy Davis Sports Breakfast on November 15, to a sold-out audience of about 160. A familiar figure to sports fans in New England, Ryan came to Boston as a student in 1964, began as a *Globe* intern on June 10, 1968 (the same day Peter Gammons began), became the Celtics beat writer at age 23, and ultimately covered thirteen championship teams and eleven Olympics while developing a side career on television. He is now retired from the *Globe*, sort of, as he still writes a Sunday column, and he remains a regular on two ESPN shows.

Whatever his job title, the 69-year-old has lost none of his passion for the games people play.

Ryan told the men and women in attendance that there were six leisure activities – books, theater, art, movies, music, and sports – "and a happy person should have all six of those things in their life." But what distinguishes sports is its unpredictability, the perfect example being last year's Super Bowl. The Seahawks were at the goal line, everyone knew they were about to win, and then the unexpected occurred. Or, as Ryan put it, "They're passing the ball! And then . . . who is Malcolm Brown!"

Only sports, Ryan said, offers that type of "agony and ecstasy."

Ryan touched on a wide range of issues, among them:

Bill Russell – Ryan said he's "the greatest winner in American sports," with 11 championships in 13 seasons, and 21-0 in must-win, "win or go home" playoff games.

Dave Cowens – Ryan's favorite player to cover, owing to his keen intelligence and unique personality.



Larry Bird – Ryan developed a close friendship with Bird, whose humble roots Ryan enjoyed recounting: Growing up poor in French Lick, Indiana, Bird attended Indiana University as a freshman with \$75 in his pocket to last until December, but he quit school after three weeks and hitchhiked back to French Lick.



HAPPENINGS (CONTINUED)

Tom Brady – Ryan has already put him on the Mount Rushmore of Boston sports, along with Russell, Ted Williams, and Bobby Orr. But if Brady wins a couple more Super Bowls, then, Ryan said, “Whose name are you going to take off the tunnel – Ted Williams or Tip O’Neil?”

Theo Epstein – “If he gets it done in Chicago as well, then there will be no statue big enough.”

Deflategate – “If that had happened to any other team in the NFL, it would have been settled the following day by lunch time.”

Ryan also discussed how sports journalism has changed, and for the worse, with the advent of social media, the proliferation of agents, the introduction of charter flights for teams, and the “rock star” status of athletes. When he began his career, reporters traveled with players, had



drinks with them, got to know the names of their wives and children, and developed real bonds, all of which led to exclusive (typewritten) stories that were published in the next day’s newspaper.

Nowadays, as soon as you learn something, you Tweet it, even if it happens in the middle of a game. “I’m glad I’m out of it,” Ryan said.

But he’s not entirely out of it, still writing his weekly column, still appearing on ESPN, and, most important, still cheering for the Boston teams that he loves – as he did with gusto as a reporter.

“I don’t understand how you can cover a team and not want them to win,” Ryan said. “Life is better when they win.”



TBS Connections

It was a beautiful late-summer day between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Savoring a little time on my back porch, I was surprised to hear my doorbell. I opened the door to a smiling woman with a gift bag from TBS. “Hi. I’m Jennifer Green, and this is a gift for you from Temple Beth Shalom. We know the holidays must be bittersweet in light of your recent loss.” Or something like that. I invited Jennifer to join me outside, and we chatted for a while. A week later, we took a walk together and I look forward to our next get-together. A total stranger to me, Jennifer was kind enough to answer an email request for someone to deliver a gift from the Chesed committee. This kindled a new friendship and sparked one more TBS Connection.

Joni Burstein

Tell us about your TBS Connection!

Have you found a spark through Temple? With a new friend or old acquaintance, a mitzvah opportunity, a passage from a sermon, a book from the Temple library, or a song at a service? We want to know. Email jfburstein@rcn.com or call Joni at 617-469-2424 with your story. You don’t have to be a writer – we can help with that.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

For the most current and complete event notices, please see the TBS calendar (<http://tbsneedham.org/calendar>) and the weekly email. Planning an event? Submit it here: <http://bit.ly/tbs-scroll>

Three Score and More Goes to the Movies and Dinner

Three Score and More will be going to the movies at the Showcase Cinema at Dedham Legacy Place in the afternoon and then to dinner at Wicked Restaurant downstairs. At this time, we don't know what movie we will be going to see. If you are not familiar with Wicked, it serves more than pizza; they have meat, chicken, fish, and vegetarian entrees. We will have a set menu with several dinner selections and seating in their function room. A flyer will be forthcoming with specific information, including time and movie and restaurant costs.

Sunday, January 10, 2016, at Dedham Legacy Place and Wicked Restaurant

Questions? Contact: Ina Melen (imelen13@comcast.net, 617-759-2626) or Roberta Gerson (robertaallengerson@gmail.com, 617-448-0523).

TBS Garden Club: Flower Arranging from our Seasons

Join us for a presentation on "Flower Arranging from our Seasons" by a speaker from a local organic farm.

Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 7:00 PM, at The Village Club, 85 Morton Street, Needham

Questions? Contact: Fawn Hurwitz (fhurwitz@aol.com, 781-444-3219)

18th Annual Sisterhood Spirituality Retreat

Join us for a unique and exciting weekend on Cape Cod filled with friendship, creativity, worship, laughter and song! Led by our own Temple Staff and Sisterhood retreat planning committee, we will enjoy a relaxing and wonderful weekend together. Reconnect with old friends and make new friends in a warm and welcoming environment. Space is limited so register early - watch your email for the registration form.

Friday, January 22 – Sunday, January 24, 2016, Cape Cod

Questions? Contact: Amy Willis (willisamy@comcast.net) or Shelley Goldman (eljo4@comcast.net)

Families with Young Children Event: Tu B'Shevat Party

Come celebrate the birthday of the trees with crafts, planting and a pizza lunch. Free, but please register.

Sunday, January 31, 2016, 12:00 - 1:00 PM at The Village Club, 83 Morton Street

RSVP: bit.ly/TBStrees

Questions? Contact: Ellen Dietrick (edietrick@tbsneedham.org, or visit www.tbsfamily.org)

TBS Brotherhood Quarterly Get-Together at the Yard House

The TBS Brotherhood is hosting our second dinner and drinks event of the year at the Yard House. See you there!

Sunday, January 31, 2016, 5:30 PM, at The Yardhouse, Legacy Place, Dedham.

Cost: \$20 per person for the food (drinks not included).

Questions? Contact: Jon Cohan (joncohan@gmail.com, 781-724-3744)

LEARNING

Introducing: Shabbat Morning Yoga

Come and do something that is good for your body and good for your mind. Whether you are looking to change up your routine, try something new, or already understand the benefits of yoga, join Stephanie Javaheri for an invigorating yoga flow incorporating mindfulness and breathing. This class is for beginners or veterans of yoga. Come with an open mind and experience what yoga can do for you.

*Please bring a can of tuna for donation.

Our Leader: Stephanie Javaheri

My yogic journey began nearly 20 years ago. Initially, it was just a physical practice to complement my busy and athletic lifestyle. While I still enjoy and benefit from this physical practice, yoga has undoubtedly transformed my inner being. Yoga has brought a passionate shift in mindfulness and a discipline of gratitude. It is this passion as a student of yoga that brought me to teaching. I aim to create classes for every student that leaves them feeling calm, centered and energized. My belief is that yoga is for everyone. I look forward to experiencing this journey of mind, body, and spirit with you.



Saturdays, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM, January 9, March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11, 2016 at Avita of Needham (Northbridge), 880 Greendale Avenue, Needham, in the Community Room.

To RSVP or for questions, contact: Stephanie Javaheri (sjavaheri@mac.com)

Kolot Kehillah

Join Cantor Jonas right before Friday evening Shabbat services, and learn a new piece of music in the style of an “instant” choir to be sung during services. No musical knowledge, vocal training, or Hebrew proficiency is necessary. This is for all ages but an adult must accompany children under the age of 13. No registration required, just arrive ready to sing. Kolot Kehillah is always from 5:45 - 6:05 PM.

Fridays, 5:45 - 6:05 PM, February 26, March 18, April 29, May 20, June 17 at The Rashi School, 8000 Great Meadow Road, Needham

Questions? Contact: Cantor Jonas (Mjonas@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077)

“What’s Nu?”: Come, Share, and Learn with Rabbi Lenke

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

“What’s Nu?” is an opportunity to explore current events and issues that impact our lives and touch upon our values. We will meet on the first Wednesday of every month, from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

Wednesdays, January 6 and February 3, 2016, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at Wingate Residences - The Board Room - 235 Gould Street, Needham

Questions? Contact: Deb Hecht, Learning Administrator (dhecht@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077)

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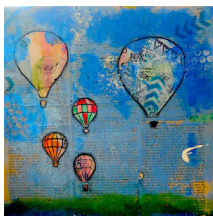
Planning an event? Submit it to the Scroll: <http://bit.ly/tbs-scroll>

Garden Club Workshop

All members are invited to our Annual Workshop/Luncheon. This is not to be missed!!!

Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 9:00 AM, at The Christ Church Episcopal 1132 Highland Ave
For more information or RSVP, contact: Fawn Hurwitz (fhurwitz@aol.com, 781 444-3219)

TBS Sisterhood Creates With Sylvia's Art Bar

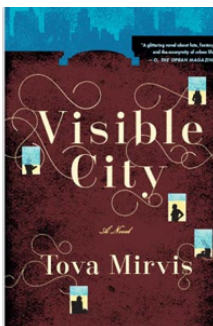


Join us for an evening of art and design! During this fun and creative evening, Sylvia will guide us through various mixed media techniques including creating your own paper. Refreshments will be served before we begin the project. Watch your mailbox for more information.

Thursday, February 4, 2016, 7:30 - 9:30 PM, at the home of Danielle Darish, 23 Country Way, Needham.

Questions? Contact: Janice Epstein (janiceeps@comcast.net)

Bagels and Book Talk with Tova Mirvis



A warm welcome back to Tova Mirvis, author of “The Outside World” and the national bestseller “The Ladies Auxiliary.” Her essays have appeared in various anthologies and newspapers, and her fiction has been broadcast on NPR. A recipient of a Massachusetts Cultural Council Fiction Fellowship, Tova lives in Newton with her three children. Please join us for a presentation and reading of her newest book, *Visible City*, described by reviewers as “gorgeously written and enormously wise on the subject of art, ambition, parenting, betrayal, and what it means to take care of the one you love.” Advance reading recommended.

Sunday, February 7, 2016, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, at The Village Club, 83 Morton Street.
RSVP by January 26, 2016: June Atkind (jatkind@aol.com).

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Progressive Dinner



Enjoy a night of food and fun with your Brotherhood and Sisterhood. We are seeking homes to host the dinner. If interested, contact Lisa Channen or Jon Cohan.

Saturday Evening, February 27, 2016

Questions or RSVP, contact: Lisa Channen (lchannen@gmail.com) or Jon Cohan (joncohan@gmail.com)

Families with Young Children: Mitzvah Fair

Do your small part to improve the world! We'll cook for the soup kitchen, and create *tzedakah* boxes. Free pizza lunch, but please register.

Sunday, February 7, 2016, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM at the Village Club, 83 Morton Street

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/TBSmitzvah>

Questions? Contact: Ellen Dietrick (edietrick@tbsneedham.org) or visit www.tbsfamily.org

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Families with Young Children: Hamentaschen Bake

Roll, fill, and pinch. Make your own hamentaschen to bring home! Free, but please register.

Sunday, February 28, 2016, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM, at the Village Club, 83 Morton Street

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/TBSbaking>

Questions? Contact: Ellen Dietrick (edietrick@tbsneedham.org) or visit tbsfamily.org

Tot Shabbat

Join us to celebrate Shabbat with songs, prayers, and the much loved baby challah! Free.

Friday, March 11 at 6:15 pm at The Rashi School, 8000 Great Meadow Road, Dedham

Questions? Contact: Ellen Dietrick (edietrick@tbsneedham.org) or visit www.tbsfamily.org

Families with Young Children: Shabbat Dinner

An opportunity for our community to enjoy a kid friendly Shabbat dinner together. \$25 per family.

Friday, March 11, 5:30 PM at The Rashi School, 8000 Great Meadow Road, Dedham

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/TBSShabbatDinner>

Questions? Contact: Ellen Dietrick (edietrick@tbsneedham.org) or visit www.tbsfamily.org

Families with Young Children: Seder Plate Day

Make a beautiful seder plate to use at home or give as a gift! Plus join us for a pizza lunch. Free, but please register.

Sunday, March 13, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM at the Village Club, 83 Morton Street

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/TBSsederplate>

Questions? Contact: Ellen Dietrick (edietrick@tbsneedham.org) or visit www.tbsfamily.org

Celebrate Rabbi Sonsino's 50 years in the Rabbinate



Join us as the TBS Community celebrates Rabbi Rifat Sonsino's 50 years in the Rabbinate. A special *Shabbat* service will be followed by a festive *oneg*. More information about this event will be coming in future issues of the *Scroll*.

Friday, April 8, 2016, 7:15 PM, at The Rashi School, 8000 Great Meadow Road, Dedham

Questions or to RSVP, contact: Margie Glou (mglou@comcast.net),

Ina Glasberg (Ina.ron@verizon.net), or Rabbi Jay Perlman.

L'Chaim: An Adult Evening of Fun and Friendship

Mark your calendar for an adult evening of festivities to benefit the Children's Center, Mayim, Gesher L'Noar, Teen Learning and programs for families with young children.

Saturday, April 30, 2016, 7:30 PM, at the Westin Hotel, Waltham

Changes Coming Soon to Middle School at TBS!

By Rachel Happel, Director of K-12 Learning

Over the last few years, we have made many changes to our learning programs at TBS. In 2012, we launched our Mayim program for grades K-5, which has revolutionized the way our elementary-age children are engaging in Jewish learning. In 2014, we launched “*Sha’arim 2.0*” (later renamed TBS YOUTH), a revised model of our programming for grades 8-12, which is experiencing success in community-building, learning, and leadership development among our teens. But it has been a very long time since we have made any changes in grades 6-7.

Reimagining 6th and 7th Grade Engagement

Last winter, we began a process to examine our current offerings for 6th and 7th graders and to reimagine what engagement of middle school students should look like at Temple Beth Shalom. Our goal is to provide the richest, most engaging program possible for this age group.

We began by convening a team of professionals, including Rabbi Todd Markley, Rachel Happel (Director

of K-12 Learning), Rabbi Jordi Battis (Director of K-12 Curriculum), Sara Wittenberg (Learning Specialist), Rahel Block (Youth Engagement Professional) and Aaron Gurvis (Youth Engagement Professional), who have been devoting significant time to this process. The group has:

- Evaluated our current offerings in the 6th-7th grade learning programs, as well as the *b’nei mitzvah* journey;
- Examined the TBS Vision for Excellence in Learning (adopted in 2010 and revised in 2015) and measured our programming against that vision;
- Delved deeply into child development in order to understand the unique gifts, capabilities, and challenges among children in this age group;
- Learned more about the middle schools in Needham and the environment(s) in which our students spend their time when not at TBS;



- Engaged in best-practice research to see “what’s out there” in middle school education in the Jewish community and beyond.

Input from Focus Groups and CJP

In April, we convened three parent focus groups, which were designed to gather input from parents about their reasons for seeking a Jewish education for their children, what they hope their children will gain from participating in a Jewish education program specifically during the middle school years, and their opinions about what TBS is uniquely positioned to offer for this age group. We also disseminated our annual Parent Survey to collect feedback on the current 6th and 7th grade program.

Responding to an offer from Combined Jewish Philanthropies, we have engaged the services of a consultant, Jared Matas, who has been helping us research other middle school models and will work with us to complete the process of developing our own new model.

Testing it Out

This fall, we made a few changes to our 6th grade program in order to experiment with some new approaches to learning, including more hands-on community service work, as well as opportunities to engage in the arts. In the spring, we will be piloting some new options for 7th graders as well. We hope that what we learn from these pilot initiatives will help us shape the learning program for the years to come!



KID'S PAGE

Tu B'Shevat!

Tu B'Shevat is the Jewish New Year for Trees! The words "Tu B'Shevat" mean the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat, which this year takes place on Monday, January 25.

Many families spend Tu B'Shevat planting trees, working in gardens, eating special fruit, or doing other things to show some love for trees and the earth.

Seven Species Word Search

On Tu B'Shevat, we celebrate food that come from trees, especially the "Seven Species," which include:

- Wheat (chitah in Hebrew)
- Barley (se'orah in Hebrew)
- Grapes (gefen in Hebrew), usually consumed as wine
- Figs (te'edah in Hebrew)
- Pomegranates (rimon in Hebrew)
- Olives (zayit in Hebrew), usually consumed in oil form
- Dates (tamar or d'vash in Hebrew)

Find the seven species in this Word Search!

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Tu B'Shevat Tree Centerpiece

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat with this beautiful homemade centerpiece. From ChallahCrums.com

Materials

- Brown craft foam sheets / Heavy cardboard
- Construction paper in red, yellow, orange and green
- Scissors
- Tape/ Glue
- Pencil
- Black marker

Directions

1. Draw a tree trunk and branches on the brown craft foam.
2. Cut out the tree.
3. Trace around the tree shape on another piece of brown craft foam.
4. Cut out the duplicate tree trunk.
5. Starting at the bottom of the tree trunk cut a slit in the center of the tree. Stop about an inch before the branches of the tree start.
6. On the other tree trunk cut a slit in the opposite direction, starting in the middle of the branches. Make the slit only about an inch long.
7. Put the two trees together by sliding them into the slits. You can make the slits longer so that the bottoms of both trees are even.
8. Cut out leaves from the construction paper.
9. Tape or glue the leaves onto the tree branches.
10. Add sequins to make your tree sparkle!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The foundations for the new addition are poured and the elevator pit is dug out and formed. In early January, interior work will start on the existing building with rough mechanical, electrical and plumbing, and framing for walls and soffits.

The structural steel is expected in late January and to be complete by the end of February or early March!



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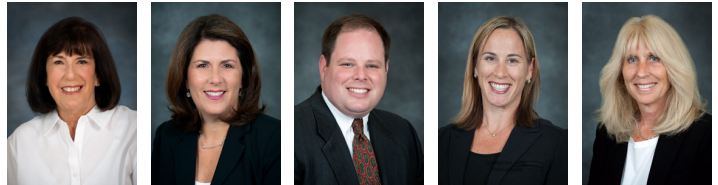


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