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#### **Temple Beth Shalom Presents**

# THE PLAND MEN PURIM



# "THE PIANO MEN" PURIM SHPIEL AT THE VILLAGE CLUB IN NEEDHAM - 83 MORTON STREET - ONLY FOR ADULTS

**Saturday, March 19**<sup>th</sup> @ **7:30 PM –** This year's Purim show will feature the **music** of Billy Joel and Elton John with lyrics rewritten to tell the Purim story. Appetizers and dessert foods will be served, and a "cash bar" will be available. The cost is \$10 per person, and the **registration form appears inside The Scroll. You can also register on the TBS website at www.tbsneedham.org.** This will be a fantastic night <u>for adults only</u>, with time for schmoozing with friends, much revelry, many Purim antics, and lots of fun! All are invited to dress up for the occasion...any fun costume of your choosing is great!

**ADULT MEGILLAH READING - Sunday, March 20**<sup>th</sup> @ **9:00 AM -** Join us in our Community Room as we explore the entire story of Purim as it appears in the Megillah. Our English reading will include questions, groggers, and discussion of the story that will help us to discover modern meaning and insight.

**KIDS'** PURIM SHOWS - Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - We will be doing a kids-friendly version of our "Piano Men" Purim celebration on Sunday morning preceding our carnival.
12:15-12:45 PM in our Sanctuary - A show for our children ages 2-6 (including those in Kindergarten) and their families. These youngest children will then have some time to themselves in the Carnival from 12:45-1:15 PM.
12:45-1:15 PM in our Sanctuary - A show for our children in grades 1-5 and their families. Regardless of whether or not a child is in religious school during these hours, all are invited to join in this Purim show and megillah retelling.

PURIM CARNIVAL - Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1:15 PM - Fun and games for children and their families! Buy tickets at the door for games and food!



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# From Rabbi Markley



As I write these words, the forecasters are predicting yet another snow and ice storm for the week ahead... two of them, in fact. It would seem that the onslaught of this winter just won't quit, and this

doesn't bode well for the month of March, a time that is typically marked by dreary, cold, and wet weather, even in a good year. Thankfully, the Hebrew calendar provides us with reasons for increased happiness and good will in this otherwise gloomy season.

Purim is coming, and with it so many opportunities for our community to come together in a spirit of joy, revelry, and fun! On Saturday, Saturday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m., we will hold our second annual adults-only Purim shpiel at the Village Club in Needham (83 Morton Street). This year's Purim show will feature the music of Billy Joel and Elton John with lyrics rewritten to tell the Purim story. The registration form appears here in The Scroll. You can also register on the TBS website at <a href="https://www.tbsneedham.org">www.tbsneedham.org</a>. All are invited to dress up for the occasion...any fun costume of your choosing is great!

# President's Message



This is a most exciting time in the life of Temple Beth Shalom. The past eight years have brought tremendous growth and enrichment to our congregation, including the arrival of Rabbis Jay and Todd. We are

in the process of revisioning almost every major area of congregational life. This includes revitalizing worship and bringing ourselves into relationship with God, recreating our entire model for education and our preschool to college learning and ed team, actively seeking relationship with Israel, creating umbrella structures to serve as information clearinghouses, resource providers and gathering agents for Chesed and Social Action, building strong partnerships with the Needham community and houses of worship, and Jewish organizations in the greater Boston area. We have also built a stellar staff, rich even overflowing with wisdom, experience, compassion and dedication. And - all of these things are encapsulated in our new Mission and Vision.

On Sunday, March 20, we will hold our adult megillah reading, after which we will perform kid-friendly versions of the Purim story (with some of the music and costumes from the previous night) for our younger congregants. Of course, Sunday will culminate with our Purim Carnival for kids of all ages. Details for all of these festivities can be found on the cover of *The Scroll*.

But Purim is not only about focusing inward on our community and the tremendous fun that we can have together with old friends and new. Purim is also Judaism's traditional holiday of giving (gift giving only became associated with Chanukah in very recent history). In fact, the primary mitzvah of Purim is to give gifts and money to the poor. The Rabbis went so far as to structure the Jewish calendar so that Purim can never fall on Shabbat as spending money is not permitted on the Sabbath, and they never wanted those restrictions to prevent us from giving to the poor on this festival day. Maimonides wisely instructs us: "It is better for people to spend more on gifts to the poor for Purim than to spend more for their own Purim meal, or for sending gifts to friends, for there is no greater or more splendid joy than to bring happiness to the hearts of those in need, orphans, widows, and strangers. One who brings happiness to these people's hearts resembles the Divine Presence." (Hilchot Megillah 2:17)

We began this past year to use our Vision as a living document, asking congregants and leadership for commentary and their own midrash on how we could create and follow a roadmap aimed at enacting our Vision. And following the start of our Executive Director, more formally in January we convened our Strategic Planning Task Force charged with the task of information gathering and assessing all of the key areas of congregational life, evaluating gaps in our functioning, identifying obstacles on the pathway to our Vision, and creating a roadmap for moving ahead.

Over the next months, this group, comprised of diverse minds - of sages and newer leaders, of men and women, of those who have served in financial, educational, social, administrative, spiritual TBS venues - will be considering key areas of congregational life. These include: Membership, Worship, Tzedek (Social Justice), Education, Building, Administration, Personnel, Communications and Technology. TBS and comparative data will be reviewed, and questions regarding 'what membership is,' what gives meaning to our membership,' and 'how we sustain ourselves' have already begun to emerge. We will include

We have such an opportunity available to us at Purim this year to help the needy of Greater Boston in the true spirit and practice of the holiday. The "Matanot L'Evyonim" ('gifts for the poor') program, run by Bostonbased Jewish non-profit, Yad Chessed, is unique in that it enables us to fulfill the Purim mitzvah of directly helping those in need on Purim itself. Yad Chessed distributes food vouchers to those in need in advance of Purim day. On the day of Purim, all the participating synagogues and organizations raising money for this program will phone in the total amount they have collected to Yad Chessed. Yad Chessed will then let those who have received food coupons know how much their coupons are worth based on the total number of dollars they've amassed, thus allowing our collective "giving" to take place on Purim.

To help those in need in the Boston community during this Purim season, please send your contribution to the "Matanot L'Evyonim Program," c/o Rabbi Markley, TBS, 670 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02494. Checks may be made out to "*Yad Chessed*" and submitted by Sunday, March 20. Thank you for helping to make this Purim mitzvah possible, and I hope to see you at our joyous celebrations!

internal and outside consultants in our discussions, and are grateful to those in our congregation, such as past presidents and professional experts, who are already sharing their wisdom with us.

Tall A. Monly

One of the luxuries of this group lies in its charge to step out of the daily functioning of the Temple and to take a big picture perspective. We watch in Leviticus, the Israelites receiving the tablets on top of Sinai. What is it about the perspective from the top of the mountain 30,000 feet up that's so useful? From this vantage point at 30,000 feet up, one can see the past, present and future. We, like the Israelites, have already come a long way and gathered significant strength and momentum. And the Strategic Planning Group, like Moses, will need to take the guideposts they come to own back down off the mountain to the congregation to consider how to thoughtfully and strategically take the next steps towards our Promised Land. As these get translated into priorities and an action plan, we will engage all of you in gathering resources to build our sacred future. May we go from strength to strength.

B'Shalom, Beth

## Social Action

#### The following are some wonderful ways to help transform the lives of others.

MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE: It's almost Spring! For many, springtime means the end of the school year is nearing and so are the proms and other school festivities. Many young girls are not able to purchase a gown and attend their prom. BELLE OF THE BALL, sponsored by

Anton's Cleaners, is a way to make the dreams of these girls come true. Belle of the Ball cleans and distributes prom dresses to high school junior and senior girls. Every girl deserves to experience her prom and feel radiant, but some simply cannot afford it. But you can help!

You can help by donating your gently worn, trendy prom dress or appropriate gown. All gowns are cleaned free of charge by Anton's Cleaners and displayed at a boutique for girls who are prequalified by referral partners. Each girl "shops" for her dream dress with a personal shopper. This year's boutique will be held on Saturday, April 16.

This year's collection drive has started and continues until April 1. Donations can be dropped off at any Anton's Cleaners or Jordan's Furniture. Dresses can be any size but must be in good shape and only "gently worn". Remember these dresses are for high school girls. Dresses should be no more than 3-4 years old so that they are still trendy and in style. Dresses with broken zippers, rips, holes, tears or ones with permanent stains are not accepted – neither are wedding dresses.

Entering its 7th year, the Belle of the Ball aims to collect, clean, trendy, gently worn gowns and outfit 300-400 junior and senior high school students who otherwise would not be able to attend their prom night.

Please bring your gowns to Anton's Cleaners or Jordan's Furniture by April 1. For more information, go to www.antons.com/belle. There is an Anton's Cleaner at 1433 Highland Avenue, Needham (781-444-1450). If that is not convenient, other locations can be found at www.antons.com.



**CIRCLE OF HOPE:** Many people are struggling these days. Luckily there is Circle of Hope, a non-profit organization established and dedicated to serving people of need. The Greater Boston Community Exchange is one program run by Circle of Hope and is located in Needham. There they collect, sort and distribute new and gently used clothing for children, women, and men, as well as small household goods. Volunteer opportunities for adults and children are available. Contact Peggy Gassman at gassman6@ comcast.net, or Deb Lipsett at deblipsett@gmail.com.

GREATER BOSTON JEWISH COALITION FOR LITERACY: Join the other TBS volunteers who tutor students at the Mozart Elementary School in Roslindale. There is no more effective and gratifying social action than helping a student in need of extra help and seeing the direct results. Interested? Contact Nancy Krieger at npkmkl@gmail.com.



FAMILY TABLE: We have partnered with JF&CS Family Table and committed to collect 90 cans of tuna each month. We collect tuna all year so bring a can or two of TUNA when you come to the temple. There is a beautiful wooden box outside the office where you can place your donations. Once a year one of our volunteers helps pack and deliver groceries to pantry JF&CS clients. Contact Nancy Krieger at npkmk1@gmail.com.

#### Join TBS in the Fight Against Cancer - May 14 and 15 - Newman Elementary School. Needham

Do you want to make a difference in the fight against cancer in our community? Plan now to join or support Temple Beth Shalom's team (TBS and Friends) in the Relay For Life of Needham, Dedham and Wellesley. The Relay is a fun, team-based, 18-hour event that raises money to support the programs and services of the American Cancer Society. It starts on Saturday afternoon and runs until early on Sunday morning. Team members can come and go during the Relay or camp out overnight.



II The 2011 TBS team will be led by Adam May and Sabra Sherry, who have served on the Relay Planning Committee for the past 🥃 several years and are eager to share their passion for Relay with the TBS community. Adam is a cancer survivor, and Sabra was a primary caregiver for her mother, who lost her battle against cancer six years ago. Most likely, you've been touched by cancer too, and if you want to help fight back against this horrible disease, please consider participating in this year's Relay.

During the Relay, we will celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost to the disease and make a commitment to fight back to help put an end to cancer. The event begins with the very moving Survivor's Lap. It also includes an MOPENING CEREMONY, a Fight Back Ceremony, the emotional Luminaria Ceremony at dusk when thousands of bags bearing the names of cancer survivors and those lost to cancer are illuminated around the track, and finally a Closing Ceremony on Sunday morning. In between there is food, games, entertainment and fun!

#### For all congregants, there are four ways you can support the Relay:

Join the TBS team: Register online by going to www.relayforlife.org/needhamMA, clicking on "SIGN UP" then "Join a Team" and searching for "TBS and Friends." The registration fee is \$10, which entitles you to a Relay For Life T-shirt to be worn while you walk around the track at the Relay. Please be sure to pay the registration fee at the time you register. All Relay participants are asked to donate or raise a minimum of \$100. Feel free to invite family members or friends (even non-Temple members) to join our team.

Make an online donation: Even if you can't attend the Relay please support our team or one of our participants by making a donation at www. relayforlife.org/needhamMA. Just click on "DONATE" in the top banner, then click "Donate to team" or "Donate to participant" to make your secure, online donation. Contributions in any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Participate in the Survivor's Lap and Reception: Cancer survivors can register for the Relay free of charge. Survivors kick off the Relay with the Survivor's Lap, which follows the Opening Ceremony on Saturday. Following the lap, survivors, along with their family, friends and/or caregivers, are invited to a reception.

Buy a luminaria: A luminaria is a small, white paper bag that is decorated in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of a loved one who lost the battle. Each luminaria costs \$10. Luminarias are placed around the walking track and illuminated with glow sticks during the Luminaria Ceremony at 9 pm on the Saturday night of the Relay. You can purchase a luminaria through the Relay website and have it credited directly to the TBS team or an individual team member. To do this, click on "LUMINARIA" on the website homepage. Then click "searching for their name." When you get to the personal page, click "Luminaria" and fill out the required information. Luminarias that are purchased online will be decorated by the Luminaria Committee as instructed by the buyer and displayed at the Relay. Or, if you prefer to decorate your own luminaria, you can purchase them from Sabra. Contact her at relaysabra@

To learn more, please visit www.relayforlife.org/needhamMA or contact Sabra at relaysabra@yahoo.com or Adam at relaytbs@verizon.net.

## From Cantor Jonas



Just as we begin to tire of the grays of winter and the cold blasts of arctic air with it, we are in the month of March. March is a month that can give us the full spectrum of Mother Nature's gifts. We can continue with the bitter cold, or we can begin to see signs of life peek out from under the snow. We begin to plan for spring, eager to see her colors blossom forth.

In the greater Boston Area, we see increased pedestrian activity around town as we eagerly welcome spring. I find myself wanting to find cultural and musical events in and around my community.

I want to share with you two events this coming March that promise to be special. On Sunday, March 6, at 3:00 pm, at Christ Episcopal Church, 1132 Highland Avenue in Needham, the Needham Interfaith Choir and Rivers Orchestra will present a concert as part of Needham's Tercentennial Celebration. The concert will include the Interfaith Choir (including members of the Temple Beth Shalom Adult choir) singing Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise, with conductor Dr. Bobby

DeRegis, Director of Music at The Congregational Church of Needham. David Tierney, conductor of the Rivers Orchestra, will conduct the fourth Movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Interfaith Choir and the Rivers Orchestra.

In addition, from March 6-20, 2011 Boston will be host of the Boston Jewish Music Festival, featuring a mix of performances, workshops and events. As advertised on the website "from the sultry to the spiritual, from hip hop to the Hassidic, from Cuban jazz to Russian classics, there's something to get your toes tapping and your soul smiling at the Boston Jewish Music Festival." Many different genres of Jewish music will be represented at various venues throughout the greater Boston area. Please visit www.bostonjewishmusicfestival.com for detailed information including ticketing, times and locations.

And closer to home, on Friday, April 15 the Temple Beth Shalom Adult choir will again be adding their voices to our Friday evening service. If you love to sing I invite you to become a member of our Adult choir. No prior choral experience is necessary, just a love of Jewish music. Please contact me for more information.

> B'shir. Cantor Marcie Jonas

# Tikkun Olam Day - Sunday, March 27

Join our TBS community for a day of social action activities to "repair the world" and promote the common good.

Please register on line at www.tbsneedham.org, or by calling John Dennis at 781-559-3107.

Please help out with one of the following worthwhile projects:



The Greater Boston GREATER BOSTON FOOD BANK: John Dennis, Leader. Meet at TBS at 9:00 a.m. FOOD for car pool, 9:30 a.m. to The Greater Boston Food Bank. Shift ends at noon. We will BANK sort food items for distribution to those in need (16 and up).

NEEDHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Beth Shulman and Ellen Dietrick, Leaders. Meet in the Community Room at TBS for three hour-long shifts from 11:00 a.m. ending at 2:00 p.m. We will be creating and decorating recipe bags with the TBS Children's Center (all ages).





THE TRUSTEES OF THE RESERVATIONS: Jane and Robert Evans, Leaders. Meet at TBS at 1:30 p.m. We will work on conservation projects on the Charles River Peninsula (off Fisher St. in Needham) (all ages).

**NORTH HILL, NEEDHAM:** Eric Luskin, Leader. Meet at North Hill in Needham at 3:00 p.m. The TBS Youth Choir will perform and visit with the seniors at North Hill. (all ages).



Any questions, please contact John Dennis, 781-559-3107 or jdennis@rcn.com.



## Sisterhood

This month we look forward to the celebration of Purim, a relatively minor religious holiday – the Megillat Esther being only one of two books in the Bible in which God is never mentioned – marked by merriment, rowdiness, costumes and consumption of food and especially drink. Here at Temple Beth Shalom, we'll enjoy a Purim Shpiel for the adults in our community as well as a Purim carnival for the children – both will offer the opportunity to put on costumes and indulge in revelry together.

As a child, I loved dressing up as Queen Esther for the annual Purim carnival at my own temple. I'd adorn myself with beautiful gauzy scarves from my mother's wardrobe and as much of her costume jewelry as I could pile on. Esther, the beautiful and

brave queen, was who all the young girls aspired to be like. However in the last several decades much has been written, especially in the feminist press, about how Queen Vashti is the woman we should be admiring for standing up to King Ahasuerus. Vashti

refuses to appear at the King's banquet and display her beauty before him and his followers. Her disobedience results in her dethronement and sets up the search for a new queen and her replacement with the secretly Jewish Queen Esther.

In a 1998 article in WRJ's Lilith magazine, Vashti is described as "a foremother in the best sense of the word – assertive, appropriate, courageous." And Esther has come to be portrayed more negatively as being supplicant, unassuming and using her feminine charms to get what she wants. The same Lilith article notes that "Esther... can only intercede with the King, but has no

Seniors'

power for herself." Rabbi Susan Grossman, during the 2008 presidential campaign, compares Hillary Clinton to Vashti, who she describes as "the paradigmatic woman who won't take any garbage from the men around her..." and Esther as being "quite meek in comparison... When she finally approaches the king, she wines and dines him...using every traditional feminine wile in the book, and rather effectively at that."

However, Rabbi Grossman goes on to say that "I have always thought of Esther as the ideal of the savvy female business exec who learns how to make it in the top tier of a man's world and bring her people along with her....These {Esther and Vashti} have been the two models of how women have negotiated their lack of real power throughout history."

Perhaps the Vashti model of assertiveness is the one that successful women had to follow in the earlier days but thanks in part to the path they lay down, in today's career world there's more room for the Esther model as well. Rather than vilifying either of these women, we can appreciate the Megillah's inclusion of these opposite examples of two strong women in the story of Purim, each representing different attributes and ways of standing up for what you believe in or how to achieve your goals.

Wishing all of you a joyous Purim holiday!

In Sisterhood, Judy Ravech President

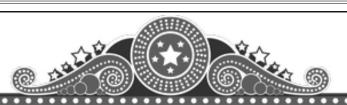
Please join us to volunteer for the Needham Community Senior Lunch at Temple Beth Shalom on Thursday, May 5

Sisterhood is seeking volunteers for shifts including set up, serving and clean up from 11:00am - 2:00pm.

Volunteers to make lasagna and salads are also needed!

Please contact Susan Patkin at suspatkin@rcn.com.

Sponsored by Sisterhood



Back by popular demand Sisterhood's Movie Night!
Please join us on Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 pm
in the Community Room for a showing of
"Keeping the Faith"

This 2000 comedy/drama is the story of what happens when long-time friends, a priest (Edward Norton) and Rabbi (Ben Stiller) living on Manhattan's upper West Side both fall in love with a childhood friend (Jenna Elfman) who re-enters their lives. All welcome for this free showing.

Movie refreshments included!

You are cordially invited to the

# Annual Sisterhood Women's Seder

Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm Simon Hall

Please join us for an evening of friendship, music and fun as we celebrate women's contributions to Jewish life and enjoy a fabulous pot-luck Passover dinner!
For more information or to RSVP, contact Elise Miller at elise.miller@comcast.net.



# Brotherhood

As our wonderful TBS congregation grows, and we celebrate more grade and family themed Shabbat services, our need for men and women volunteers also grows. TBS Brotherhood is proud to ensure the vitality of our community and to make a difference through important service and volunteerism. The Brotherhood also strives to help build strong leadership to assist our entire Temple community. Right now, with so many varied activities and large events happening at TBS, the need for service volunteers is as important as ever.

Sharon Rosenberg is the leader of ushering and has done an awesome job of coordinating not only the High Holy Day services, but also Shabbat services throughout the year. Sharon is looking for more TBS men and women to help out as ushers from time to time. Even if you are only available on a limited basis, your support and service is needed and appreciated. Please contact Sharon at sharon@alumni.brandeis.edu if you are able to help.

Jeremy Serwer, our tireless traffic and safety and securityleader, is also looking to add both men and women volunteers to his email list. Periodic requests from Jeremy go out via e-mail, so if the timing fits your schedule, this is an easy and fun way to get involved. Please contact Jeremy at 781-449-7660 or *jeremy@theserwercompany.com*.

Personally, I have to say these service mitzvahs are important to the safety and decorum of our Shabbat services and large events. They also are a fun and fulfilling way of providing the welcoming spirit to each other that is so special in our community.

We are proud to announce that fellow TBS Brother, board member, Brotherhood Retreat chairman, past Brotherhood President, family Shabbat usher maven and enthusiastic TBS community leader, *Michael Herman* will be the well deserving recipient of this year's Marc Comras Community Service Award. Join us as we honor Michael, the memory of Marc and celebrate our wonderful Brotherhood community at Shabbat services on March 11.

The celebration continues on Sunday, March 13, as Brotherhood will be sponsoring a free breakfast featuring this year's "Scholar in Residence" Professor Paul Liptz. Professor Liptz's engaging theme will be, "The Toughest Neighbor in the World: Israel in the Middle East" Don't miss this important and educational event.

Later that evening TBS men will be competing with each other for bragging rights at our First Annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament. From what I hear there are many talented poker players in our community -but who will take away the trophy as the best player? Don't miss this outstanding social opportunity and unique challenge. There is a \$36.00 entrance free. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the tournament starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. Alcoholic beverages and munchies will be served. Monetary gift cards will be awarded to the winners. A limited number of spaces are available and your RSVP is required. Please contact me at jwinterman@comcast. net or call 781-308-1338.

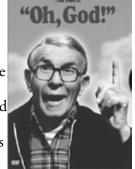
Lastly, the TBS Bashers softball season will be starting up in April and the Basher's 1 team is in need of a new player/manager. The season runs from late April thru June, with games played on Sunday mornings. The success and participation of men in this established Shul league has been tremendous. To be added to the Basher's e-mail list for information about the first practice or if you would like to learn more about the league, please contact Basher's 2 manager, Eric Goldstein at ericrgoldstein@yahoo.com.

Jim Winterman

# TBS Jewish Film Series presents "OH, GOD!"

# Sunday, March 6 4:00 p.m. Simon Hall

Oh, God! is a modern comic fable that raises thought-provoking questions about free will, faith, and God's role in the world. God (played by George Burns) chooses supermarket manager Jerry Landers (John Denver) to deliver



his message to the world – that things can turn out all right, that we have what we need here on earth, and that people should be nicer to each other.

Screenwriter Larry Gelbart's funny, tender script presents a fascinating concept of God, and director Carl Reiner gets great performances out of Burns, Denver, and other cast members, including Teri Garr, Paul Sorvino,

Barnard Hughes and Ralph Bellamy.

# First Annual Temple Beth Shalom Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament

# Join us as we go "all in" at our Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament

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

An RSVP to jwinterman@comcast.net is required
A trophy and prizes will be awarded.
Snacks and beverages will be served.



# Chesed "Caring" Community News

# Do you want to know more about Hospice and Palliative Care?

Please join us at our next Caring for the Caregiver meeting on Monday, March 7 at 7:00 pm.

Jennifer Sax, Director of Outreach, at the Circle of Caring at Hospice of the Good Shepherd will be available to answer all of your questions about Hospice and Palliative Care.

Circle of Caring is pleased to announce that it recently renewed its accreditation by the National Institute for Jewish Hospice (NIJH).

The agency, although non-sectarian, is committed to providing end-of-life care to terminally ill Jewish clients and their loved ones within a framework of Jewish



tradition, values, thinking and practice. Part of NIJH accreditation includes specific training for all Hospice staff and volunteers to help increase their understanding of Jewish traditions and beliefs. Rabbis

Herman Blumberg and Oksana Chapman are also available to consult with patients and families.

We look forward to welcoming Ms. Sax on March 7.

Please call or email Ilene Sharp at 508-975-4192 or *pencil9@aol.com* to RSVP or for more information.

# Children's Center

To Care For and Think of Others: Acts of Chesed in the Children's Center by Lauri Cohen, Teacher

As children mature and function at higher levels of cognitive development, they are able to gain more and more pro-social

skills. But how are they to learn them? Modeling by adults and peers is a very effective way for children to learn these skills.

Today at circle time we discussed

with the children that two TBS families really needed some help with cooking and baking. We talked briefly about their unfortunate accidents. With a basic explanation, the children understood the physical limitations of these community members and the need to give their bodies

time to rest and heal. The children decided to bake brownies for both families.

A few of the children asked if they could have a brownie or two. A very age appropriate question! I explained once again to the children how these families really needed our help, and we baked today to give them a special treat, as they can not bake for themselves right now. It was

amazing to me how the children really grasped the concept. A few of them responded by saying, "Yeah, we are giving the brownies to Isaiah's family." This is a mitzvah to give, to care and think of others!

Even our youngest

TBS members are playing an active role in the TBS mission of chesed, caring for others.

# Spring Schedule Caring for the Caregiver Evenings at Temple Beth Shalom

Monday, March 7 at 7pm Thursday, April 14 at 7pm Tuesday, May 24 at 7pm

Please call or email Ilene Sharp at 508-975-4192 or pencil9@aol.com to RSVP or for more information.

#### From the Sacred Aging Initiative:

Papers in Order - Plans in Place Life at Ease

Would your loved ones know the necessary information during a crisis?

Would they be able to manage your affairs without skipping a beat?

Would you be able to access your loved ones' information should the situation arise? On Monday, May 16 at 7:30pm, Lori Salzman of Room to Improve will describe a fantastic Grab N' Go system that ensures everyone will be ready with all of their key documents custom organized for any of life's transitions and changes.

Please join us for this important informative evening.

For planning purposes please RSVP to Ilene Sharp 508-975-4192 or pencil@aol.com.

#### Barbara Haimowitz, beloved and longstanding teacher at Temple Beth Shalom Children's Center for 14 years is retiring.

To honor Barbara, the Children's Center is preparing a special book with memories, wishes, and hopes. If you would like to include something in this book, please visit the Children's Center entrance hallway where paper and pens are available for writing your message. The paper will be there until Friday, April 8. Alternatively, you can drop off your own message at the Children's Center, or you can email a message for Barbara that we will print out and put in her book. Please email Margaret McConchie at

Please email Margaret McConchie at memcconchie@gmail.com with your message, or if you have any questions, by April 8.

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## Garden Club

March is the month when our wintry weather begins to wane and spring finally arrives. Crocus buds peek through the snow and the green shoots of daffodils and tulips start their rise toward the sun. Our thoughts turn to gardening and planning our gardens for the spring and summer.

Our Garden Club is busy planning and presenting Needham's 3rd Art in Bloom on March 4, 5, & 6 at the Needham Public Library. Our members will be interpreting in flowers high school students' artwork that were randomly assigned at our February Luncheon. Members of the Needham Garden Club and Kalmia Garden Club will also design floral interpretations. Our Needham's Art in Bloom is modeled after the Museum of Fine Arts Art in Bloom, but ours is close to home. This year to continue Needham's tercentennial celebration, our Garden Club will be presenting a special exhibit in the Bosworth and Wyeth Rooms in the Needham Public Library. Our club wants to thank Roche Brothers for sponsoring this year's Art in Bloom and the Needham Exchange Club and Parametric Technology Corporation for funding the Bosworth-Wyeth exhibit. The general public in invited to attend and it is free for everyone. We hope you will come to see artistry, color, and beautiful flowers at our own Needham's Art in Bloom.

Some of our members will be exhibiting in the Boston Flower and Garden Show at the Seaport World Trade Center on March 16-20. If you are looking for more signs of spring, be sure to visit the Boston Flower Show.

On March 22, Tony Tedesco will be

entertaining and teaching floral design to the three Garden Clubs of Needham: Beth Shalom Garden Club, Needham Garden Club and Kalmia Garden Club. Once a year the three Needham garden clubs get together at a tri-club program at Temple Beth Shalom and sponsor a talented floral designer. Tony is known worldwide and is always inspiring. The public is invited and donations are welcome.

March is such a busy month. On March 31, Thelma Shoneman will be instructing our members in a floral design workshop. This workshop is open to members only and registration is required.

Our club is very fortunate to be able to educate our members with so many programs and workshops through our fundraising and sponsorships. The results of our education can be seen in our bima arrangements every week.

If you have any questions about Garden Club or would like to join us, please contact me at *calhal71@comcast.net*.

See you at Garden Club.

Carol Gershman, President

# Needham's Art in Bloom 2011

Student Artwork with Floral Interpretations



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

Friday, March 4 Exhibits 1-5

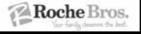
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# From the Library

We've been incredibly busy at the Temple Library! We're in the process of re-organizing the library (watch for more information on our "grand" reopening!) The collection continues to grow with wonderful donations given in honor of each b'nei mitzvah.

A couple of the new titles that we've added are *The Rabbi* and The 29 Witches by Marilyn Hirsh, (this children's picture book can be found in the area of the children's folk tales), and The Secret Shofar of Barcelona by Jacqueline Dembar Greene (a wonderful tale of the meaning of the High Holy Days during the Spanish Inquisitions.) This book can be found in the children's holiday collection. We've also added many titles for adults as well as DVDs and compact discs.

Please drop on by the library, located opposite Simon Hall. If you have any suggestions for titles please let me know as we're always glad to hear about new titles that we may be missing in our collection.

Please also consider volunteering for the Library Committee. This is a wonderful way to serve our community in our exciting re-designed space!

Lisa Rothenberg

# "Library Re-Design Opening" Sunday, April 3

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Refreshments and a tour of the library will be offered.

# From our Executive Director



#### The Whole Megillah

On Purim, we read from the Scroll of Esther, or the Megillah Esther, as to how Esther, with the help of a mensch of an uncle Mordechai and her admiring husband Ahasuerus, saved the Jewish people from destruction at the horrible hands of Haman. Since Esther's story is a long and complicated one (with lots of twists and turns), it isn't too surprising that the phrase (in Yiddish) gantze Megillah began over time to refer to

any extended story. In English, when we want all the details of an event (in excruciating detail), we often refer to getting "the whole Megillah".

Since my space in the Scroll is limited, I will spare you the whole Megillah of my first few months here at Temple Beth Shalom, but I will share a few of the more relevant details. I have been blessed by the opportunity to begin to work closely with the many committees and lay volunteers at Temple Beth Shalom as we work on strengthening our administrative structure and support to provide each of you with reliable and current information about events, worship services, and educational and social action opportunities. In the next few months, you will see some changes to how we deliver news to you (via the Shabbat Shalom email), delivering the highlights of the information you need in a format conducive to your needs.

In February, I had the opportunity to learn from some of my colleagues at the NATA Institute and I look forward to putting some of the ideas and strategies developed during that week into use soon. We hope to make use of new and developing technology as we continue to build upon our already strong foundation. If any of you want to hear "the whole Megillah" of plans and ideas which we hope to implement, feel free to contact me. I would be happy to share all of the details; although I can't promise the same level of intrigue as Esther's

On Purim this year, you can see Temple Beth Shalom's production of the entire story of Esther (albeit with a slightly more modern musical accompaniment). Details about this event are available elsewhere in the Scroll. We promise you an entertaining evening which won't focus on the whole Megillah!

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

Friday, March 11 - Sunday, March 13 **Featuring: Professor Paul Liptz Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion** Jerusalem, Israel

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

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

#### **Erev Shabbat Service:**

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

#### **Shabbat:**

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

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

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

#### **Sunday:**

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

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This month, I would like to **share a list of essential questions** for you, as parents, and your children to discuss. The answers to these important questions may change

over time; however, this academic and college process must include time to ponder, formulate new questions, and then figure out the next few answers and actions which may present new questions. Do not rush through these discussions; the outcome should help to determine your child's future.

Which are your most challenging subjects? Which are your strongest subjects?

Generally, what level classes do you take?

What are your academic goals for this school year?

What are your long-term academic goals?

How would you describe your study habits, study skills, organization, and motivation?

Do you typically perform well on standardized test? Do you feel that you need help to improve in this area?

Have you taken a test-prep course or private tutoring? Did it help?

Have you started to look at colleges? Online/virtual and/or real visits?

On a scale of I-I0 (I0 = hardest), how hard are you willing to work for high test scores and admission to top choice colleges?

Have you already determined which tests you should take? Have you determined the best test dates to take these tests?

On that same scale of 1-10, how important is it to you to get into one of your top-choice colleges?

Requesting help with these answers is your job; *Chyten* is the best place for assistance with your decisions.

Remaining SATTest dates for juniors are May 7, June 4, and early October (both SAT I and SAT II testing are available). Remaining ACT dates are April 9, June 11, and September.

AP Classes are challenging, college-level courses offered in some high schools. If you are questioning your student's preparedness for the **May AP Exams** in ANY AREA, please consult with *Chyten*. Make sure that your student is confident re: format and content of AP tests in US History, Biology, English, and others.

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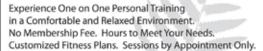
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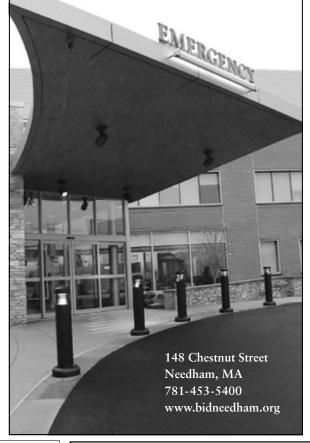
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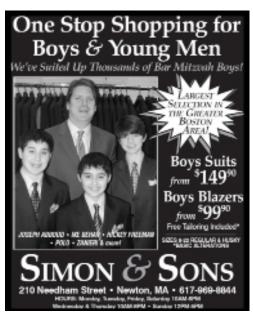




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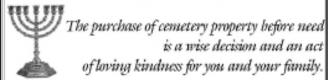
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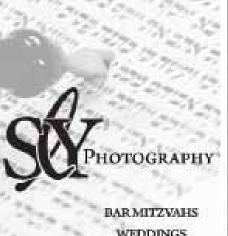
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