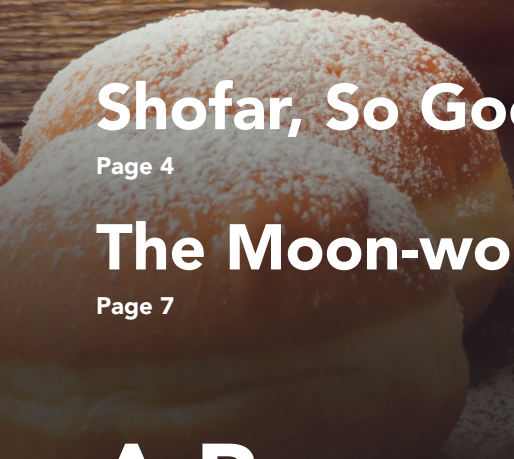


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From the Editorial Board

# Lighting the Night for Others

As we prepare to gather around the *menorah* in our safe, warm homes, it is a good time to think of ways in which we can illumine other lives and bring them the “miracle” of the season as well. While we live with plenty, there are others around the world and even around the corner for whom the holidays may not be so bright and joyful. Fortunately, the TBS family is always here to help other families in need!

One of the most profound ways TBS members have been contributing to the community is through the annual holiday food service event that is overseen by Project Ezra ([www.tbsneedham.org/ProjectEzra](http://www.tbsneedham.org/ProjectEzra)). For the past 20 years, TBS families have worked together to prepare over 150 meals for other families who are less fortunate. In the process, they not only provide food and comfort, they also bring together the shards of light that illumine this season through an act of *tikkun olam*.

Another TBS member who gives of himself to bring light and joy to others is Micky Goldin, our beloved “official” photographer. Having been a member for over 40 year, Mickey has captured the smiles and bright moments of many a *Chanukah* and other *simchahs*. As he prepares to pass on the tripod to other volunteers, we pay tribute to the man who has helped so many smile in more ways than one.

Speaking of passing on the tripod, the *Scroll* is always looking for people who want to give to the community by volunteering to take pictures or write about their favorite events. We want the *Scroll* to be a publication that we can not only take pride in but that we can see ourselves and each other in. For this to happen, we need your help to make this publication all we want it to be.

So at this time of gifts and bringing light to the world, let us all take at least a moment to think of those who may not have much of either and to think of ways we can bring more light to their world...and ours.

Chappy Chanukah!

*L'shalom,*

The Editorial Board

From the Clergy

# Giving Light

By Rabbi Todd Markley



Beginning on December 16<sup>th</sup>, *Chanukah* – our festival of lights – will bring an added glow to many of our homes. One member of our community recently remarked that, now that their children are grown and have left home, she and her husband aren't really sure how to mark this holiday anymore. They still light the *menorah* – at least on most nights – but the spirit and joy of celebrating together, of giving gifts to loved ones, now eludes them.

Of course, the spirit of giving that pervades the *Chanukah* season for so many need not be focused on our children alone. Here are three ways that your family may consider offering of yourselves this year in addition to – or in lieu of – all of the presents that are exchanged.

**Give to some children that aren't your own** – Whether you have children at home or not, this is a great time of year to remind ourselves that so many kids will not be receiving presents at this time of year...or at any time of year. Join us at TBS on the evening of Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> for the annual Fifth Night event (this year taking place on the third night of *Chanukah*). We will sing some favorite *Chanukah* songs, light the *menorah*, and bring new unopened toys to be donated to Birthday Wishes, an incredible organization that makes birthday parties happen for children in homeless shelters.

**Give of your time** – Whether volunteering with Project Ezra at TBS on December 25<sup>th</sup> bringing hot Christmas meals to those in need, or volunteering for the charitable organization of your choosing, we can capture the spirit of this season by offering of ourselves for the sake of others.

**Give thanks** – We have many blessings in our lives to be counted. Start a gratitude journal in which you record one person or experience from that day for which you are grateful before bed each night. Thank a member of your family for something that would never ordinarily occur to you as a reason for offering gratitude (thanking people for “the small stuff” goes

## DECEMBER 2014 SERVICES

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, (14 KISLEV 5775)

6:15 PM—Tot Shabbat  
7:15 PM—Shabbat Contemplative Prayer Service  
7:15 PM—Simchat Shabbat Service

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 (14 KISLEV 5775)

**Torah: VaYishlach, Gen. 32:4 — 36:43**

8:30 AM—Shabbat Morning Minyan  
9:00 AM—Torah Study  
11:00 AM—Shabbat Morning Service  
B'nei Mitzvah: Matthew Maslow and Rebecca Seavey

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 (21 KISLEV 5775)

6:15 PM—Kehillah Kids Shabbat Service  
7:15 PM—Shabbat Evening Service

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 (21 KISLEV 5775)

**Torah: VaYeshev, Gen. 37:1 — 40:23**  
8:30 AM—Shabbat Morning Minyan  
9:00 AM—Torah Study  
11:00 AM—Shabbat Morning Service  
Bar Mitzvah: Samuel Waller

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 (28 KISLEV 5775)

6:15 PM—Shabbat Evening Service

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 (28 KISLEV 5775)

**Torah: Miketz, Gen. 41:1 — 44:17**  
8:30 AM—Shabbat Morning Minyan  
9:00 AM—Torah Study  
11:00 AM—Shabbat Morning Service  
B'nei Mitzvah: Kenneth Crossman and Gabrielle Teeter

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 (5 TEVET 5775)

6:15 PM—Shabbat Evening Service

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 (5 TEVET 5775)

**Torah: VaYigash, Gen. 44:18 — 47:27**  
8:30 AM—Shabbat Morning Minyan  
9:00 AM—Torah Study

a long way). Or, write a letter to someone who has deeply impacted your life but doesn't know it. Let that person know how grateful you are.

It is wonderful to celebrate *Chanukah* with children, but they are not required to have fulfilling and meaningful days of celebration. May your days of *Chanukah* be filled with much warmth and light!

From the Executive Director

# Shofar, So Good: The Annual Shofar Appeal

By Daniel Barkowitz

As Rabbi Todd discussed in his letter, December is a time of giving. As our secular year comes to a close, we wish to extend our appreciation to all of the families and individuals in our community who heard the call of the *Shofar* by participating in this year's Annual *Shofar* Appeal. Your participation and generosity ensure that our Temple community continues to be able to serve as a warm and welcoming home for all of us.

From supporting each and every program we run to providing assistance to families in need, the *Shofar* Appeal provides the most significant annual contribution from fundraising to our annual needs.

We asked four current donors to share their reasons for supporting the *Shofar* Appeal in their own words:

- **Meryl Poku**, a new member of our TBS family, expressed her feelings this way: “After leaving a very small temple in middle Georgia, I have learned that that I can’t take my Judaism or my temple for granted. I have learned from my small 150-year-old temple that if I didn’t take responsibility for the temple, who would? We are so blessed to have a thriving large Reform temple here in Needham. I don’t want to take it for granted.”
- **Dave Rosenberg** and **Gabi Soble** are also new members of TBS, although Gabi is a familiar face as she is a faculty member in our TBS Children’s Center. They expressed their reasons for giving as follows: “We give because we appreciate all that Temple Beth Shalom has done for us, and our children in particular. While we don’t have the capacity to make a substantial donation, we believe that it is important to give what we can to show support for the institution. Hopefully, someday we will be able to contribute more and further support those who may not be able to contribute as much.”
- **Chrys** and **Michael Heier** have two children who have recently graduated from our TBS programs. They shared that, “As a family, we participate in the *Shofar* Appeal as one way to

give back to the nurturing TBS community that has supported us in times of celebration and sorrow. We want to help strengthen the TBS caring community and its values for the generations to come.”



- **Beth and John Gamel** have been long-time members of TBS. They stated that, “We learned through involvement with our educational institutions that annual giving is vital to the institutions we care about. Donations are part of their budget and essential to maintaining their operations. We believe that capital fundraising and annual gifts are equally important ways to support the people and programs we value at Temple Beth Shalom.”

For all of those still interested in contributing to the *Shofar* Appeal, we continue to gratefully accept donations. Please visit...

<https://www.tfaforms.com/258077>

...to make your contribution online. Contributions listed here are accurate as of November 17, 2014. Future contributions will be acknowledged in later editions of the *Scroll*.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hats For Israeli Soldiers

By Margie Glou and Bobbi Niss



WE DID IT!! With the help of many talented and dedicated Temple members and their friends, we met and exceeded our goal of knitting 118 hats for Rabbi Jay and our TBS travelers to bring to Israel in December.

From our first meeting in January 2014 where we distributed yarn and instructions and started our first hats, to our last meeting on October 6th, we could feel the dedication and compassion of our wonderful knitters. Every knitter brought their enthusiasm and gifted hands to this project!

Many heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated! We never could have accomplished this initiative without you.

We know each soldier will certainly appreciate your gift and think of TBS as they read the label that is sewn into their hat that says in Hebrew, "This was knit for you with warmth and with love from your friends at Temple Beth Shalom, Needham, MA, USA!"

We send them our warm wishes for peace and their safety with each hat.

## Three Score and More

By Roberta Gerson

"Three Score and More" is the TBS group geared specifically towards members of our temple family who are age 60 and up. Our events are an opportunity for friends to reconnect and for new relationships to be formed. We share time socializing, learning, sharing, and giving back to the Beth Shalom family.

Over 100 people attended our first event of the year, "Home Again, the Music of Our Lives," with Cantor Marilyn Becker on October 26. A lovely light luncheon was served afterwards.

Types of activities we are considering for the rest of 2014-15 include theatre outings, musical performances, comedy shows, and speakers. We are working with the New Rep Theatre in Watertown to secure tickets to see Olympia Dukakis in "The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore" on Saturday evening, May 16, 2015. Once we finalize our events, we will notify our Temple members 60 and up.

If you are interested in serving on the Board or have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the Co-Chairs, Roberta Gerson (robertager-son@comcast.net or 781-453-9743) and Ina Melen (imelen13@comcast.net or 617-759-2626). We look forward to seeing you at our next event.



Cantor Marilyn Becker and her two accompanists

# The Moon-worshippers

While Jews do not, as a rule, worship entities other than God, the moon plays a vital role in our culture and our history. After all, our very calendar and the way we mark time is according to the moon. So to say that we are moon worshippers may not be that far off.

Just outside of the library is a bronze by famed Jewish sculptor David Aronson called “The Moon-worshippers” (or “Prayer to the Moon”). It was donated to the TBS community by the Bailit family as a memorial to the late David Bailit.

“There is great fantasy in his works,” says Margery Bailit of Aronson. “There was so much wonder and lightness of spirit in the piece and my son was a very lively personality. There was something about the lyricism of the piece that captivated me. That was my motivation in falling in love with it.”

While many may pass by it every day without even noticing, it does warrant a moment or two of consideration, not only for its own beauty but also for its deeper meaning to the Bailit family and the TBS family.

“Our son David was eagerly preparing for his *Bar Mitzvah* and showing a loving desire to be a vital part of the congregation,” Bailit recalls. “He liked his religious instruction and was an active member of the Junior Youth Group. Thus, we decided to honor his life in the Temple with a work of art.”

In addition to the fantastic elements, Bailit says that she was also drawn to “The Moonworshippers” because “the strength, power and permanence of bronze represented our enduring love for our child.... The bronzed whimsical and lyrical quality of the art reminded us of our charming lighthearted and laughing son.” All these years later, the piece still brings comfort and meaning to the Bailits and to many others who gaze upon this important work.

“This magnificent Bronze has allowed me to ponder the purpose of existence,” Bailit says.



# A Reason to Smile - With Mickey Goldin

By Matt Robinson

No matter which of TBS's many events you go to - whether it be the *Purim Spiel*, Sisterhood's Rummage, or simply a new member event - there are a few things that will always be true: There will be friendly people. There will be a strong sense of *Yiddishkeit*. And, more often than not, there will be Marshall "Mickey" Goldin.

Mickey has been a member of the TBS family for decades. Many members owe their smiles to him, as he is a retired but always beloved periodontist. Many others know him, however, not as the man who helped make their smiles, but as the man who helped capture them. For the past countless years, Mickey has been not only an official member of the TBS community, but also its unofficially-official photographer.

"I grew up seeing myself in photos from the youngest age possible," he recalls, noting that there was "an active photo album around the house," so photographic records were as much a part of his childhood as dental records were of his adult life.

Mickey first began using his father's adjustable camera at around the age of 11. He also recalls learning a great deal from books. "We lived up the street from the neighborhood library," he explains. "Knowledge was always available by riding my bike down the street."

His profound interest in the art form developed after he was given a dark room kit at the age of 12 and then an enlarger for his *bar mitzvah*. "I found some older teens who lived around the corner who were good teachers," he says, emphasizing how his desire to learn new things propelled him to make new connections and friendships. "I also consulted with the owner of the local commercial photography laboratory that developed prints for my family's drug store."

In addition to serving the TBS community, Mickey is also a regular fixture at area schools, including St. Sebastian's and Babson. As he was not an employee when he began to shoot sporting events at the schools,



Mickey had to call on his powers of persuasion and his enduring desire to befriend (and the ease with which he does so) to get him official access.

"I realized it would be a great way to practice my art while helping even more people in the community," he explains.

Through his work behind the camera, Mickey has found ways to forge relationships with hundreds of people and taken literally thousands of shots of *simchas*, sports, and other events, many of which can be seen on his website, [www.mickeygoldin.com](http://www.mickeygoldin.com). From performances by *Zamir Chorale* to competitions at historic Franklin Field at his alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania, to the medical tents immediately after the Boston Marathon bombings, Mickey has captured the highs and lows of artistic expression, athletic competition, and life itself.

"I seek to capture both actions and emotions of individuals who are in the spotlight," he explains, "be they on the field or leading an orchestra or a congregational event."

Even with the speed and accuracy of today's equipment, Mickey says that it still takes a good eye and sense of anticipation to get "the shot" consistent-

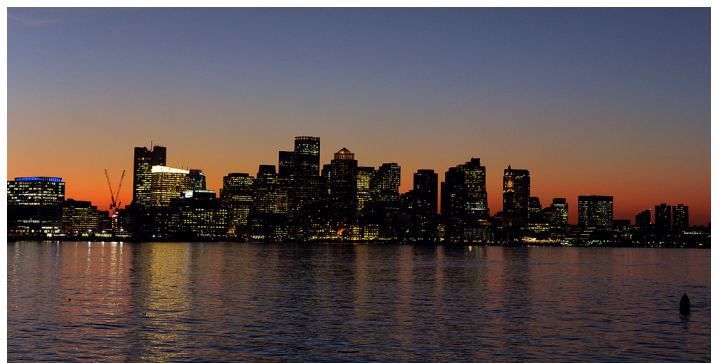


ly. “Anticipation is critical for success with a camera,” he advises, passing on one of the many lessons he received from his many mentors and friends, “but in the moment of the shot, it all makes sense!”

As Mickey and his wife Harriet have been members of TBS for almost 40 years, he certainly knows what is going on at the Temple. In fact, he has captured and documented a good deal of it! “I started to capture some important or educational events during the week and, shortly thereafter, on Friday evenings,” he says, recalling his earliest days of chronicling the congregation.

One of his proudest achievements was capturing Rabbi Rifat Sonsino for an image that now serves as his official portrait. “The portrait of Rabbi Sonsino that resides in the hallway came about when he asked that I take a formal portrait of him,” Mickey recalls. “At the time, I was taking a continuing education course in photography, and I had an assignment to take a formal image of someone I knew.” The image was so popular that when Rabbi Jay and Rabbi Todd joined the TBS family, Mickey was asked to take their portraits as well.

“I take great pleasure in seeing my work displayed on the walls,” Mickey says, showing his own winning smile as he notes that other groups have also used his work in marketing campaigns, medical trainings, and organizational records. “When I walk by these permanent displays, I am once again rewarded by the organizations who have acknowledged my contributions in a very meaningful fashion.”



# EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Here is a selection of events this month. For the most current and complete event notices, please see the TBS website and the weekly email.

## FAMILY CHANUKAH FAIR



Get ready for *Chanukah* with arts & crafts, singing, and more! Geared towards children ages 0-6, and the whole family (including big siblings). You are invited to come for a day of *Chanukah* fun.

**Sunday, December 7, 2014, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (drop in any time!)**

**QUESTIONS?** Ellen Dietrick (edietrick@tbsneedham.org)

**REGISTER:** <http://bit.ly/chanukahTBS>

## TOT SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER



Celebrate *Shabbat* with songs, stories, and prayers in this monthly service designed especially for families with children ages 0-6. All are welcome! This month, join us for a casual family dinner before services. Advance sign-up required.

**Friday, December 5, 2014, 5:30 PM for dinner, 6:15 PM for service**

**QUESTIONS?** Ellen Dietrick (edietrick@tbsneedham.org)

**RSVP FOR DINNER:** <http://bit.ly/TBSdinner>

## SISTERHOOD CELEBRATES: GIRLS, GELT AND GIMLETS



Join us for a fabulous evening of fun to celebrate *Chanukah*. "Girls, Gelt and Gimlets (Vodka)" at Judy Chudnofsky's house. We will eat latkes and gelt, drink gimlets, all while celebrating *Chanukah*. It's sure to be a good time.

**Thursday, December 11, 2014, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**QUESTIONS? RSVP:** Jill Lerner (jillzerner@gmail.com)

# EVENTS (CONTINUED)

## BROTHERHOOD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



Please join us in this priceless act of *tzedakah* at a critical time of the year. Please consider making your contribution to the TBS Brotherhood community blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross.

Give the gift of life and enjoy a complimentary breakfast of lox, bagels, sweet treats, and sincere appreciation.

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**Sunday, December 14, 2014, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Simon Hall**

**QUESTIONS?** Jon Cohan (joncohan@gmail.com)

**REGISTER:** <http://tiny.cc/tbsblood>

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## GARDEN CLUB: PRESSED CARD WORKSHOP



Back by popular demand Cheryl Monroe is giving her pressed card workshop. Learn how to press flowers and herbs and use them to make a beautiful card.

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**Monday, December 15, 2014, 7:00 PM**

**QUESTIONS?** Fawn Hurwitz (fhurwitz@aol.com or 781 444-3219)

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## PROJECT EZRA



On Thursday, December 25, Temple Beth Shalom will once again join hands with the Needham Community Council to provide dinners on Christmas Day. Each year the need seems to increase, so please help us; we cannot do this *mitzvah* without you. Volunteers are needed to carve the turkeys, assemble the dinners, deliver the dinners, and bake “finger desserts.” A *mitzvah* You’ll Never Forget!

Know of someone who needs a dinner on Christmas Day? Please let us know.

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**Thursday, December 25, 2014**

**QUESTIONS? RSVP:** Lois Sockol (781-449-1226) or June Atkind (617-462-4350)

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# LEARNING

## Welcoming Shabbat: A Weekly Highlight for Young Learners

by Ellen Dietrick, Director of Early Childhood Learning

Visit Temple Beth Shalom on a Friday morning and you encounter the feeling of *Shabbat* in the air. Smell the delicious scent of baking *challah*, hear the sounds of children's voices singing familiar prayers, and see them walking carefully up to the bima to open the doors of the ark to return the torah. The day is filled with rituals and traditions as we eagerly anticipate the arrival of *Shabbat* on Friday evenings.

The weekly experience is carefully designed to support the young learners of our congregation in meeting God, celebrating *Shabbat*, entering the sanctuary, and becoming familiar with Jewish ritual. As the children grow, these encounters evolve in new ways. By the time the children graduate, we expect them to be able to articulate the events in their lives that bring joy, as well as connect those to the joy of *Shabbat*.

The day begins in a unique way for each class. Children make braided *challah* to take home, filling the halls of the entire temple with a warm, welcoming scent. They recite the *Shabbat* blessings and share a *Shabbat* snack of *challah* and grape juice. The children then gather for a school-wide *Shabbat* celebration in the sanctuary with Emily Perlman, our musical leader, and Rabbi Jay or Rabbi Todd. Emily's rich musical background and strong understanding of children's development enrich our experience each week.

The *Shabbat* celebration provides a chance for children to experience the joy and tradition of *Shabbat*, learn sanctuary and prayer etiquette, the structure of the *Shabbat* service, and the words and melodies for the prayers. Teachers regularly review the expectations for sanctuary time with the children, preparing them to participate. Even the youngest children learn to care for the sanctuary and interact

with the service by sitting calmly, noticing the beauty of our surroundings, listening quietly, and standing to greet the Torah. They are active participants in the experience and have quickly learned the words to the songs and prayers, as well as the signs and hand motions that go with many.



With a focus on the simple versions of the same prayers recited during our congregational Friday evening and Saturday morning services, the children learn skills that will last them a lifetime. The sanctuary time is also a chance for our youngest congregants to get to know our rabbis. Rabbi Todd and Rabbi Jay join the gatherings to lead the *Shema* and the beginning of the *V'ahavta* prayers (yes, even the two year olds know the Hebrew words!) and the children delight in giving a "*Shabbat shalom*" high five to Rabbi Todd or Rabbi Jay on their way out of the sanctuary.

I invite you to take a peek into this special TBS tradition:

- Read our book about the *Shabbat* service routine and expectations of sanctuary conduct at <http://bit.ly/shabbatbook>
- Learn more about the carefully planned goals and key concepts of our *Shabbat* curriculum at <http://bit.ly/shabbatgoals>
- Watch and sing along with Emily Perlman on our TBSCC *Shabbat* Celebration playlist on YouTube at <http://bit.ly/shabbatvideos>



# SAVE THE DATE

## SHIR APPEAL PERFORMS



Shir Appeal, Tufts coed Jewish a cappella group will be performing at TBS as part of our Friday night *Shabbat Shira* service. Please join us for a musical winter evening.

**Saturday, January 30, 2015, 6:15PM**

## AUDITIONS! THE WIZARD OF OZ



Temple Beth Shalom is pleased to present "The Wizard of Oz." Auditions will be held at TBS on Tuesday, January 20, Wednesday, January 21, and Sunday, January 25, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. We welcome all adults, teens, and children to audition. You don't need to be a Temple member, so please tell your friends!

Performance dates are Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 8:00 PM, and Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

More information will be forthcoming, but, if you have any questions, please contact any one of the producers below.

**January 20, January 21 and January 25, 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:** Richard Atkind (richatkind@verizon.net), Barbara Pack (barbpack@comcast.net), or Janet Zaval (janetzaval@gmail.com)

## BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD PRESENT: "MARRIAGE CAN BE MURDER"



The Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom invite you to attend the wedding that will end all weddings. The mother of the bride has planned the perfect wedding, but before her beautiful daughter can even say "I do" a bloody killing mars the happy day. It is up to you, the wedding guests to find the killer, determine the motive, and make sure that love lives "happily ever after."

**Saturday, February 7, 2015**

**TICKETS:** <http://tbsmurder.eventbrite.com>

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND: DR. RON WOLFSON



We are excited to welcome professor and author Dr. Ron Wolfson as our scholar-in-residence in March. This promises to be an exciting and educational experience for all. More information to follow.

**Friday, March 13 - Sunday, March 15, 2015**

# LEARNING

## SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY



Join us for our very popular weekly discussion of the week's *Torah* portion. Each week, between 40 and 70 members of our community gather to share, question, laugh, eat and encounter the stories of the *Torah* in ways that help shape how we see the world, each other, and our lives. No experience is necessary and all are welcome!

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**Every Saturday 9:00-10:00 AM, Community Room**

**TEACHERS:** Rabbi Jay Perlman and Rabbi Todd Markley (September - June)

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## THE JOY OF JEWISH DANCE: ISRAELI DANCING



Israeli dance is a wonderful way to engage the culture of Israel and the Jewish people through music and movement. For all those who love Israeli dance or who have said that they would love to learn, this class is perfect! Instructor Emily Perlman is an outstanding teacher of music and dance to both adults and children. She has loved Israeli dance since her time living on a *kibbutz* almost twenty years ago. Emily looks forward to sharing the joy of dance with one and all. All ages and abilities are welcome.

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**Mondays, 7:00-7:30 PM (beginner); 7:30-9:00 PM (intermediate), Simon Hall. Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 AM, Room 15**

**TEACHER:** Emily Perlman

**COST:** \$5.00 per class (at the door). No registration necessary.

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## DOING GOOD WHILE DOING WELL



Please join us for “Doing Good While Doing Well” an educational session on the role of charitable planning in securing a lasting legacy for yourself, your children and your community. How do you pass on your assets, during life or at death, in the way that is most meaningful to you, ensuring that your wealth helps support you into your older age, supports your family after you are gone, and supports the charitable causes most important to you? Ken Brier, TBS member and attorney specializing in estate planning and taxation will discuss how to utilize the tax advantages afforded to charitable giving to minimize federal and state taxes so that your money best benefits you, your family and your priorities.

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**Sunday, December 7, 2014, 9:00 AM – 10:30 PM**

**TEACHER:** Ken Brier

**RSVP:** Deb Hecht (dhecht@tbsneedham.org or 781-444-0388)

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## How to Light the Chanukah Candles

We place candles in the *Chanukiyah* (Chanukah Menorah) from right to left, but we light the candles from left to right. On the first night, we light the *shamash* (helper candle) and then light one candle on the far right side. On the second night, we put two candles on the right side, light the *shamash*, then light the new candle first, starting from the left and moving to the right. We continue this way every night of *Chanukah*, adding a candle each night.

### Chanukah Candle Blessings:

1. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam A-sher Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-tav Ve-tzi-va-nu Le-had-lik Ner shel Cha-nu-kah.

2. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-a-sa Ni-sim La-avo-te-nu Ba-ya-mim Ha-hem Ba-zman Ha-zeh.

3. (First Night Only) Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-heche-ya-nu Ve-ki-yi-ma-nu Ve-higi-a-nu Laz-man Ha-zeh.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר  
קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר חנוכה.  
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נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.  
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שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

## The Dreidel Game



### What you will need:

1 dreidel and a few dozen tokens, such as candies, chocolate gelt, pennies, buttons, etc.

### What you do:

- Split the tokens equally among all players.
- Each player puts one token in the "pot" (the center of the playing area).
- One person spins the dreidel. One of four things can happen:

The dreidel lands with the letter **NUN** facing up. Nothing happens. The dreidel is passed to the next spinner.

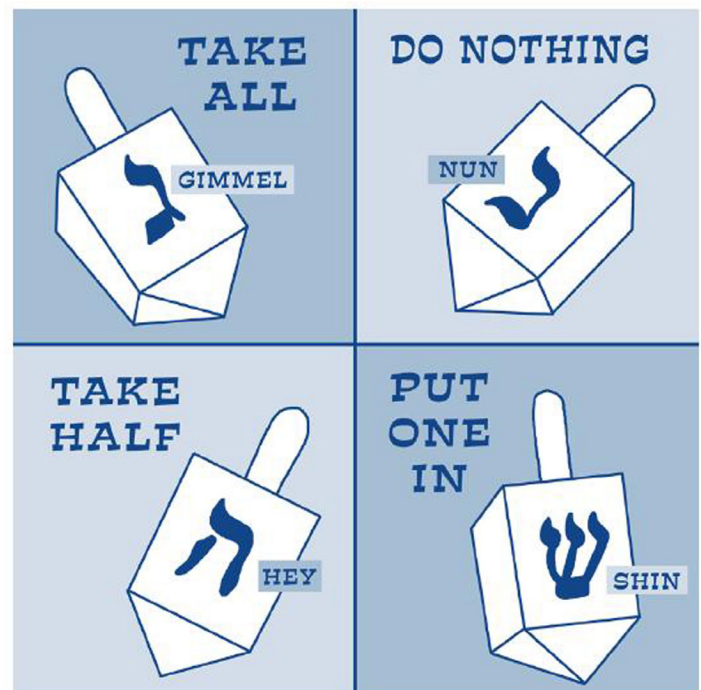
The dreidel lands with the letter **SHIN** facing up. The spinner puts another token into the pot. The dreidel is passed to the next spinner.

The dreidel lands with the letter **HEY** facing up. The spinner takes half of the tokens in the pot. The dreidel is passed to the next spinner.

The dreidel lands with the letter **GIMMEL** facing up. The spinner takes all the tokens in the pot! The dreidel is passed to the next spinner.

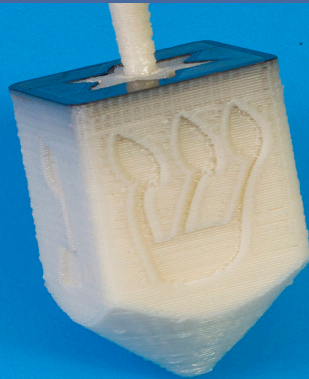
- The game continues until one person has won all the tokens!

Extra Rules: If you run out of tokens before the game is over, you either leave the game or ask a fellow player for a loan. Also, if you play with real coins, some portion of the winnings should be put in the "pushke" (charity box).



# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

## CHANUKAH IS FUN AT TBS!



**December 7, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM** - Young Children's *Chanukah* Fair, Simon Hall

**December 11, 7:30 PM** - Sisterhood Board Meeting and Early *Chanukah* Party.

Girls, Gelt and Gimlets (and Latkes of course!) - join members of our Sisterhood for an evening of fun and to celebrate *Chanukah*. Contact Jill Lerner for more information ([jillzlerner@gmail.com](mailto:jillzlerner@gmail.com)).

**December 16** - Make sure to kindle the lights of *Chanukah* in your home or at TBS.

**December 18, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, 2014** - Fifth Night, Charitable Giving Celebration.

You are invited to attend the 2014 Needham, MA 5th Night Celebration, hosted by Temple Beth Shalom. The event will be a fun and simple way for children to participate in *Tzedakah* by giving one night of *Chanukah* gifts to a child in need. Coming together to celebrate and donate will help our children learn how their giving will benefit and impact other children and their families and make the holiday even more meaningful. Registration is at <http://bit.ly/fifthnight>

**December 21, 4:00 – 5:30 PM**, *Chanukah* Hoedown with Josh & the Jamtones, Bring the whole family for a cd release party for the new Jammin' with Jew: Holiday Explosion album! Lots of fun holiday and spiritual songs with a cool rockin' reggae/ska vibe to all the tunes. Featuring a remix of the classic Amen. Come dance, sing, and celebrate! Go here to get your tickets: <http://bit.ly/tbs-hoedown>



Another Beautiful Simchat Torah Service



# Loren Shapiro

## House Committee Chair

A proud son of “Meffah,” Loren grew up happily surrounded by synagogue life. As a young man, Loren’s social life greatly revolved around USY events. His ties were so strong, in fact, that after graduating college, his old USY basketball coach offered him a job in the mortgage industry! Over 30 years later, Loren is still in the business and still involved with synagogue life.

Loren and his wife Allison have been Needham residents for 18 years. Their daughter Talia is a Needham High senior and their son Daniel is a junior. Rounding out the clan is their faithful companion Charlie T. Wonderdog.



The Shapiro Family (w/Charlie)

At TBS, Loren got his start as an usher and trustee and now chairs the House Committee. Ever eager to participate and help, he is also involved in the Brotherhood Board, *Mikdash* Building Team, Music Task Force, and the annual *Purim Spiel*. He also plays on the men’s *Shul* softball team. Allison is Membership Chair of the Garden Club and has co-chaired Needham’s Art in Bloom since its inception.

In addition to working with the TBS family the Shapiro family maintains a relationship with Family Promise of Metro West that was initiated when Talia and Daniel volunteered with them for their *B’nei Mitzvah* Project. This group of interfaith organizations (including TBS) helps support homeless families. From setting up beds to cooking meals, the entire Shapiro clan does all they can to help those in need.

### What does being Jewish mean to you?

Being Jewish is a large part of my identity and is a way to connect with others. I think that connection is found in our culture, history, common background. I can connect through religious observance, but being Jewish also gives me a moral compass, guidance in lifecycle events, traditional foods, and a certain humor to share too.

### What is your favorite Jewish holiday?

I’d have to say Passover. It’s NOT the *matzah* and bitter herbs for Passover that’s the attraction, it’s really the *Seder*. Passover has always been the biggest family gathering of the year for me. Some of my earliest memories are of my father’s extended family gathering for a *Seder*, 30-40 of us in all. One of my cousins still does his best to re-create those gatherings, but with added twists that make the *Seder* an audience participation dinner theater. We don’t just tell the story, we live it. Our hosts dress as Moses and Pharaoh, we walk through an improvised sea, drink milk and honey, throw plagues everywhere, and make finding the *afikomen* like a game show!

### What is your fondest memory involving Jewish life?

If I had to pick a single memorable event, it would be the TBS trip to Israel just before our kids’ *B’nei Mitzvah*. The opportunity to travel around Israel with the others from our congregation made it the best possible experience for our entire family. We loved being immersed in the culture, seeing the blend of ancient and recent history, the food, and the chance to become better friends with the others on our trip. The highlight was spending Shabbat dinner with families at our sister congregation near Jerusalem that week. It was so much fun to relax, learn, and share experiences with our hosts. We have a lifetime of memories from just that one dinner.

### What brought you to TBS?

Our first contact with TBS was when the kitchen in our house was under construction and we were looking for an alternative place to have our son’s *bris*. A few years later, Talia and Daniel were in a Sunday school program outside of Needham as they were entering elementary school. Allison and I decided

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that we wanted them to learn and grow with the kids they already knew from around our town through playgroups, school, sports and other activities. We loved the Tot *Shabbats* and later the *Simchat Shabbats* at TBS for engaging the kids. I think the music really sealed the decision for me. I remember going to a Friday night service around *Chanukah* when the Maple Street Project played. I had heard of “*Shabbat Unplugged*” before, but these guys were plugged in and doing their own original Chanukah songs. I remember thinking, “How cool is that?”

### Why did you become involved in temple leadership?

Well, it was the only way I could sneak into having a part in the TBS *Purim Shpiel*....

Seriously though, my parents were always active board and committee members at the congregation where I grew up, so it felt natural to jump in and participate when a few people at TBS asked me to take a role in helping to guide our congregation. Being part of leadership is a good way to get wired into what’s happening at TBS and I’ve met a lot of thoughtful, talented people as a result. I really value the friendships I’ve made working with others in our congregation.

### How do you hope to contribute to our temple community?

I hope to continue being involved in all sorts of ways. For High Holy Days, I help staff our alternative service at Rashi and it’s gratifying to be a part of that service and see its growth in popularity. I participate as much as possible with the Brotherhood, especially manning the kitchen crew for our breakfasts. The last several years I’ve chaired House Committee to keep our building intact and functioning as best as possible. Knowing a lot about the building has led me to join the *Mikdash* team and I’m proud to be a part of that group going all the way back to when we were vetting architects to conduct our space assessment a few years ago. I hope I’ll be able to contribute time, energy in similar ways in the future and see our new building become a reality.

## SPOTLIGHT

### The House Committee

The House (Building) Committee maintains our temple home. The TBS mission statement says of our congregation:

“We are a community of learners - At every age and from every background we grow in knowledge and deepen our understanding of the traditions and wisdom of Judaism. We are a community of prayer and celebration - We gather to experience the joy and spirit of our people’s liturgy, poetry and music.”

The House Committee ensures that our sanctuary, school building, meeting rooms, public spaces, and grounds are suitable for all of the worship, learning, and gatherings that take place at TBS.

We work closely with other committees whose responsibilities align with ours. We exchange information and ideas with the Safety and Security Committee about the flow of people and vehicles. We also look to *Shomrei Adamah* for questions and guidance about TBS’s carbon footprint and ways to conserve economically and ecologically.

We advise our facilities manager and staff regarding many of the day-to-day maintenance needs. We also assist in the bidding process and vendor choices for larger projects and forward information to the TBS board when large expenditures are needed. We make recommendations regarding custodial staff, utility providers, and other vendors who work on our building.

The House Committee would like to recognize the following members for all of their diligent work:

Alan Novick, Michael Smalley, Marc Friedman, Mark Fisher, VP for Administration - Rich Atkind, staff liaison Sandy Hain, and especially Dave Berg who has cared for our temple home since ground was broken over 50 years ago.

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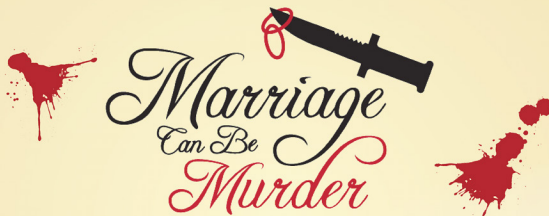
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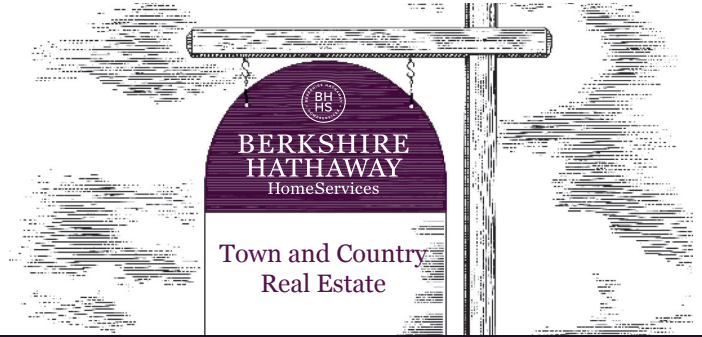
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