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From the Editorial Board

Space for Science

The TBS Vision Statement talks of our being a community of learners, of action, of chesed, of prayer, and of support for Israel. Many of us take time away from our daily lives to engage in one or a few of these areas. How wonderful that some in our midst spend their daily lives actively involved in at least three of these key areas. They are the scientists among us – those who constantly learn and search for new knowledge, whose actions meticulously and wisely push the frontiers of science forward, and whose goals are driven by their compassion and desire to help make our world better.

In this issue of the Scroll, we present 21 TBS members who work in the field of science. You will see potential synergies among them; we hope they find each other if they haven't already. Congratulations to these congregants, who are forging new paths to groundbreaking discoveries. And in November we look forward to welcoming Dr. Jeffrey Hoffman, NASA astronaut, who will regale us with tales of his journeys to outer space.

- Joni Burstein on behalf of the Editorial Board



Please join the TBS community for

Minyan

Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM.
Monday through Thursday evenings at 6:45 PM.
Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM when *Mayim* is in session
all at TBS.

OCTOBER 2018 SERVICES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 (22 TISHRE 5779)

7:00 AM — *Simchat Torah* Morning Service (*Beit Midrash*)
(*Yizkor* will be read.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 (27 TISHRE 5779)

6:15 PM — Tot *Shabbat* (Sanctuary)
7:15 PM — Contemplative *Shabbat* Service (*Beit Midrash*)
7:15 PM — *Simchat Shabbat* Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 (27 TISHRE 5779)

Torah: Bereisheet, Gen. 1:1 — 6:8
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (*Beit Midrash*)
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (*Beit Midrash*)
9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in *Torah*
(Conference Room)
5:00 PM — *Shabbat Mincha* Service (Sanctuary)
B'not Mitzvah: Chelsea Rosenfelt and Lea Gruen

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 (4 CHESHVAN 5779)

6:15 PM — Kehillah Kids *Shabbat* Service (*Beit Midrash*)
7:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 (4 CHESHVAN 5779)

Torah: Noach, Gen. 6:9 — 11:32
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (*Beit Midrash*)
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (*Beit Midrash*)
9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in *Torah*
(Conference Room)
11:00 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Sanctuary)
B'nei Mitzvah: Noah Gorden and Julia Most

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 (11 CHESHVAN 5779)

6:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 (11 CHESHVAN 5779)

Torah: Lech L'cha, Gen. 12:1 — 17:27
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (*Beit Midrash*)
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (*Beit Midrash*)
9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in *Torah*
(Conference Room)
5:00 PM — *Shabbat Mincha* Service (Sanctuary)
Bat Mitzvah: Ruby Ellerin

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 (18 CHESHVAN 5779)

7:30 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Sanctuary)
(Welcoming the Women of Reform Judaism)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 (18 CHESHVAN 5779)

Torah: Shabbat VaYera, Gen. 18:1 - 22:24
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (*Beit Midrash*)
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (*Beit Midrash*)
9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in *Torah*
(Large Conference Room)
11:00 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Sanctuary)
B'nei Mitzvah: Zachary Hesser and Miriam Pearlstein
5:00 PM — *Shabbat Mincha* Service (Sanctuary)
Bat Mitzvah: Alana Zitomer

Committee Meetings in October - Get Involved!

Committee Name	Upcoming Meeting Date	Email Contact for Information
Adult Learning	Tues. Oct. 30, 7:30 PM	adult_learning@tbsneedham.org
Brotherhood	Thurs. Oct. 4, 7:15 PM	brotherhood@tbsneedham.org
Communications	Wed. Oct. 24, 7:15 PM	communications@tbsneedham.org
Garden Club	Tues. Oct. 2, 7:00 PM	gardenclub@tbsneedham.org
Library	Every Wed. in Oct., 10:00 AM	library@tbsneedham.org
Scroll Editorial Board	Thurs. Oct. 4, 12:00 PM	scrolled@tbsneedham.org
Shomrei Adamah	Thurs. Oct. 25, 7:30 PM	shomreiadamah@tbsneedham.org
Sisterhood	Tues. Oct. 9, 7:30 PM	sisterhood@tbsneedham.org
TBS Tzedek Committee	Wed. Oct. 17, 7:30 PM	tzedek@tbsneedham.org
Teen Engagement Committee	Mon. Oct. 15, 7:30 PM	teen_engagement@tbsneedham.org
Three Score/More or Less	Mon. Oct. 3, 7:30 PM	threescoremoreorless@tbsneedham.org

Please check with the email contact beforehand in case of a last-minute change and for meeting location.

From Our Leadership

Toward Our Thriving Future

By Jeffrey Shapiro, President



It is my hope that our High Holy Days provided you with time for thoughtful reflection, an opportunity to consider the new year ahead and energized you for what is possible! My wife, Lisa, and our sons, Joshua and Benjamin, join with me in wishing you and your family a new year filled with blessing, peace and good health.

As President of our congregation, I am in a unique position to hear and learn about the many impactful, meaningful and genuine ways that our clergy, professionals, educators, lay-leaders and congregants interact with one another. Life cycle events are often cited as the reason families join a congregation. However, in our Temple family we find that these personal interactions with the community and the event offerings are the foundation of who we are and the motivation for why so many stay connected after their life cycle event is over. Our community is not measured by the number of households that “belong” or by our Children’s Center or K-12 enrollment numbers or by the number of programs we offer but instead by the way that we treat one another within our sacred community, and how we treat those in our greater community and beyond.

As a cornerstone of my term as President, I am focused on the question, “**why does a thriving Jewish community matter?**” This is a question that I will be working on with our Board, Leadership Council, Clergy and Professionals to grapple with and build upon. As you know, the trajectory for organized religion is not one of growth, yet TBS is growing! Young people connecting with religious education or their religious community is not strong, yet we are having great success in this area! Empty nesters staying engaged and involved with their temple is not the

norm nationally, yet here at TBS we are having success! We have an active senior population that is deeply connected! Again, we are having success. Success - in terms of positive engagement, relational connections, and lasting and meaningful interactions happening across the generations, life stages, and disparate groups among our community. This is not an accident and is so important.

So why does a thriving community matter? Because throughout the history of our people, we have had many enemies that tried to destroy us. In our darkest hours no one could stop us from praying and being Jewish in our hearts, but they could and did stop us from praying as a congregation. So today, while the choice is ours – how, where and with whom we pray – a vibrant, inclusive, and welcoming Jewish congregation like TBS is critical to demonstrate to the world, to our children and to future generations that the strength of our people is one of resolve and determination. Our ability to congregate, learn and pray as a community is a core value and a choice for which we fought.

I invite you to join with me, become engaged and involved with TBS. There will continue to be many opportunities to help us toward our vision – TBS Tomorrow conversations, Community Advancement conversations, and TBS 2020 Vision work to implement and live our strategic plan – and to help chart our course for the future. Please join with us in this important work. Your voice matters!

“Why does a thriving Jewish community matter?”



From the Clergy

Science AND Religion, Not Science vs. Religion

By Rabbi Todd Markley



Surely many in our community are unaware of the fact that, when I departed home at age eighteen to pursue my undergraduate studies at Tufts University, I entered their School of Engineering. I loved my studies of math and the sciences – particularly physics – and saw my future self living in those intellectual worlds. My parents and loved ones knew better. Unbeknownst to me, my family had a small betting pool going as to how long I would stay in the engineering program. My father won the pool with his bet of “one semester.” I had not lost my love for so many of the topics that drew me towards the engineering school in the first place, but it quickly became clear to me that my destiny lay elsewhere. It would take another seven years or so before I felt called to the rabbinate, but that is a story for another day.

Given this personal history, I was so happy that the Editorial Board of the Scroll chose to dedicate this issue to the scientists in our TBS community, and there are many. These are souls who fly in the face of the conventional wisdom that a religious life and dedication to the sciences are somehow incompatible. There are innumerable voices in our society today who perpetuate the now centuries-old “battle” between science and religion. To me, this debate has always seemed unnecessary and counterproductive, often disregarding the roles that progressive and forward-thinking religious communities like our own have played in bettering our world.

Rabbi Jonathan Sachs perhaps put it best in his book “The Great Partnership: Science, Religion, and the Search for Meaning” when he wrote:

“I want...to argue that we need both religion and science; that they are compatible and more than compatible.

They are two essential perspectives that allow us to see the universe in its three-dimensional depth. The creative

tension between the two is what keeps us sane, grounded in physical reality without losing our spiritual sensibility. It keeps us human and humane ...

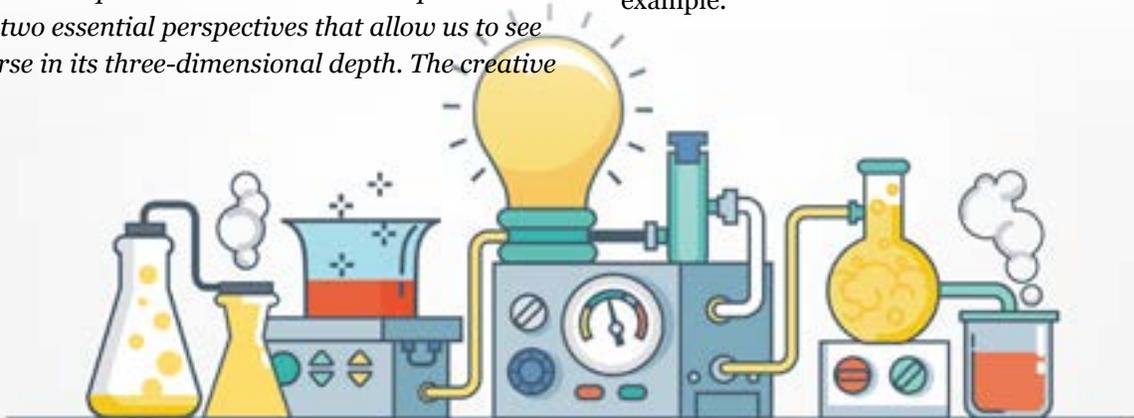
...Science takes things apart to see how they work. Religion puts things together to see what they mean.... Both are necessary, but they are very different. The left brain is good at sorting and analyzing things. The right brain is good at forming relationships with people. Whole civilizations made mistakes because they could not keep these two apart and applied to one the logic of the other.

When you treat things as if they were people, the result is myth: light is from the sun god, rain from the sky god, natural disasters from the clash of deities, and so on. Science was born when people stopped telling stories about nature and instead observed it; when, in short, they relinquished myth.

When you treat people as if they were things, the result is dehumanization: people categorized by color, class or creed and treated differently as a result. The religion of Abraham was born when people stopped seeing people as objects and began to see each individual as unique, sacrosanct, the image of God.

One of the most difficult tasks of any civilization – of any individual life, for that matter – is to keep the two separate, but integrated and in balance.”

For those in our community who have managed to strike that balance in their own lives, thank you for sharing your stories, your wisdom, and your integrated understandings with our Temple Beth Shalom community. May we all learn from your experiences, your thinking, and your example.



Our Walls Do Talk

By Florence Schumacher, Chair, Archives Committee

Have you seen the Temple's Walls of History?

You have probably seen the Walls that begin in the administrative corridors on the main level, but have you visited the Walls that continue on the lower level in the corridors connecting the Teen Center to the Children's Center? These Walls tell the history of Temple Beth Shalom. In the administrative corridor a new history board has been installed, adding to the existing boards tracing the Temple's first fifty years (1955-2005) that were created for the Temple's Fiftieth Anniversary. It covers the next decade, 2006-2015. The Archives Committee created the history boards and updated the Walls, which were installed after the Mikdash project renovation.

Take a Walk through Our History

Walking along the lower level, you can enjoy these historical items:

- 1959 list of Sisterhood charter members (including Ina Glasberg, who became the first woman president of the Temple in 1989)
- Confirmation photos from 1963
- Lists of donors to capital campaigns from 1965
- Lions sculpture acquired from Agudas Israel Temple in Dorchester in 1972
- Consecration photos from 1980
- History boards of the Garden Club, Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Youth Group
- Plaques of the presidents from the above groups



You might even find yourself in one of the consecration or confirmation photos, or perhaps your family's name on the donor boards.

Archives Have a Room of Their Own

The new Archives room also is located on the lower level, in the corridor leading to the Teen Center. Though the Temple Archives were established in 2003, this is the first time they have had a designated space. Historical materials now can be preserved properly in archival boxes for all arms of the Temple. The Garden Club, Sisterhood and Brotherhood documents are all stored in the Archives Room, along with those of TBS in general.



The Archives include documents from the very beginnings of the Temple continuing to today. The oldest items in the Archives include the 1952 minutes from the Needham Jewish Community Group, the precursor to Temple Beth Shalom. Temple newsletters from 1953 are the longest continuing record of our history. We also have various times capsules starting with the one from 1965.

Bring Us Your TBS Relics

The Archives Committee expects to expand the Archives. If you have any old items from the Temple's past activities, please consider donating them. If you have been in charge of a program or held an office, remember to add materials from either to the Archives. You can leave items in the Archives box in the Temple mailroom.

The Archives Committee is seeking new members, so please contact Florence Schumacher (fschumacher@gmail.com) if you might be interested in preserving the Temple's history. The Archives not only preserve the past for the present, but they also preserve the present for future generations.



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

For the most current and complete event notices, please see the TBS calendar (<http://tbsneedham.org/calendar>), the website, and the weekly email. Planning an event? Submit it here: <https://tbsneedham.org/submit>

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TBS Tzedek (“Social Justice”) Committee Presents: One Dreamer’s Story

Thursday, October 4, 7:30 PM, in TBS Sanctuary

Come hear Elias Rosenfeld, Brandeis ‘20, who emigrated legally from Venezuela to the U.S. with his mom and little sister when he was six. When he was in the 6th grade, his mom died, and he learned that her passing meant he and his sister lost their legal status here. Rosenfeld is a participant in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA program. He faces an uncertain future unless Congress and the President can reach a compromise to provide DACAs with permanent legal status. Rosenfeld is a member of many advocacy groups and has interned with Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).



To RSVP, or for more information or questions, contact: tbstzedek@gmail.com

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Shout Out, Brothers! TBS Men’s Sing-Along

Wednesday, October 10, 7:15 - 9:30 PM in TBS Community Hall

Join the men of TBS as we gather ‘round the piano with our Cantorial Intern, DJ Fortine, for songs and snacks in what we hope to be the first of many casual community singing events. You don’t need to know how to read music (or even how to sing ...) - just come to enjoy the company and the tunes! We’ll meet directly following Wednesday evening minyan, which runs from 6:45 - 7:15 PM! And a drum-roll please, for Rabbi Todd’s support and assistance in making this event happen.

Questions? Contact: DJ Fortine (djfortine@tbsneedham.org)

Song requests? Contact: Matt Robinson (matt@therobinsonreporter.com)

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Three Score/More or Less Kickoff Event – A Musical Variety Show

Sunday, October 14, 3:00 - 5:00 PM at TBS

Three Score/More or Less is excited to announce a musical variety show as our season kick-off event - two hours of classical, jazz & rock music and song. If you have never been to one of our events or if you just ‘joined’ (IDs won’t be checked!), you are especially invited to attend. Rabbi Todd and the Purim Shpiel Band, Sanctuary, including DJ Fortine, and jazz pianist Elliot Steger are confirmed, with more acts to be added. Refreshments served during intermission.



Admission: New members – FREE. Current and regular members – \$12 donation requested to cover event costs. Watch for the flyer with details and reservation information.

Questions? Contact: Gary Goldman (threescoremoreorless@tbsneedham.org)

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Sisterhood of TBS Annual Membership Dinner

Thursday, October 18, 6:30 PM at TBS

Come join us for our Annual Membership Dinner! Enjoy meeting new and old friends. To register for the dinner and/or Sisterhood membership, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SisterhoodTBS>

Questions? Contact: Sari Musmon (sisterhood@tbsneedham.org or sarimusmon@gmail.com)

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13th Annual Brotherhood Spirituality Retreat

Saturday, October 20, 8:00 AM - Sunday, October 21, 12:00 PM

Ambassador Inn and Suites, 1314 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Register here: tiny.cc/bhretreat

Don't let the name scare you. We actually have fun! This event is one of the highlights of the Brotherhood events calendar. Socializing and great meals are mixed with terrific discussions and learning led by Rabbis. All this and some time to yourself make this a memorable and meaningful weekend.

Question? Contact: Ed Schreider or Glenn Stern (brotherhood@tbsneedham.org)

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Needham Interfaith Potluck Conversations

Sunday, October 21, 2018, 5:00 PM at TBS

Tzedek looks forward to welcoming the continuation of the Needham interfaith potluck conversations around race and diversity. Registration will be required; watch for further details and information in future communications.

Questions? Contact: Marlene Schultz (marlene_schultz@verizon.net)

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Sisterhood's Fall Rummage Sale at TBS

**Sunday, October 28 Drop-off Donations: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon,
Rummage Sale: 2:30 - 5:30 PM**

Monday, October 29 Bag Sale: 5:00 - 8:00 PM

It's that time again! Sisterhood needs your donations and assistance. Clean your closets, garages, and attics, and bring your rummage to TBS! Costume/better jewelry welcome. Please: No computers/monitors, no broken/damaged items and no children's car seats. We need everyone's help to make this event successful. Many volunteers are needed Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon during the sale, and Monday evening after the bag sale.



For more information, or to volunteer, contact: Bonnie Littman (781-449-8793, bonlitt@gmail.com)



SAVE THE DATE

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Jews in Space: A Conversation with NASA Astronaut Dr. Jeffrey Hoffman

Sunday, November 4, 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Are you ready to escape gravity and explore the heavens? Join us for the unique opportunity to meet Dr. Jeffrey Hoffman - a real Jewish astronaut. Dr. Hoffman will talk about his experiences traveling into space on five Space Shuttle flights and four spacewalks. Hear first hand what it is like to prepare and go through launch, experience weightlessness, observe the Earth from orbit, and reenter the atmosphere at 25 times the speed of sound. Dr. Hoffman will also reflect on how he sees his career through a Jewish lens. This one time event is open to our entire community - bring your friends and family. A bagel brunch will be served. \$10 per person, \$20 per family.



Reserve your seat here (before space fills): <https://jews-in-space.eventbrite.com>

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The Needham Antiques Show

Sunday, November 4, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, at the Eliot Elementary School

Save the date for the Needham Antiques Show sponsored by Beth Shalom Garden Club. Dealers from six states will be selling quality antiques. Also available: a cafe, bake sale, drawings and verbal appraisals. Location to be announced.

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Prophetic Power & Politics: How Reform Jews Can Create a More Just World

Friday, November 16, 6:15 PM, at TBS

Join TBS Tzedek ("Social Justice") Committee for Shabbat evening services as we welcome Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner, Executive Director of the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism. Rabbi Pesner is an inspirational leader and tireless advocate for social justice. Named as one of the most influential rabbis in the US by Newsweek magazine, Rabbi Pesner encourages Jewish communities to reach across lines of race, class, and faith in campaigns for social justice. He will call us to action, outline the historic roots of our political activism, and propose concrete steps we can take as individuals, as a congregation, and as a movement for Tikkun Olam.



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Seventy Years of the Diaspora with Rabbi Bob Orkand

Sunday, November 18, 2:30 - 5:30 PM

Three Score/More or Less is excited to present a lively discussion led by Rabbi Bob Orkand. This year Rabbi Orkand will explore the current relationship between Israel and Jews living outside of Israel, and what the future may hold. Last year's topic on Jewish humor was a hit. Join us for another engaging learning experience. Truly Yogurt sundae bar will be served to all attendees. Open to the entire adult TBS community.



Cost: \$10 donation per attendee to cover event costs. Watch for the flyer coming soon with all the details.

Questions? Contact: Gary Goldman (threescoreandmoreorless@tbsneedham.org)

SAVE THE DATE

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Annual Brotherhood Blood Drive

Sunday, December 9, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at TBS

Please mark your calendar and join us in the mitzvah of giving blood. The TBS community has contributed more than 100 units of blood each year for the past several years - according to the American Red Cross, ours is one of the biggest blood drives on their agenda. We provide juice, bagels and lox, and other replenishments, and we count on your support as a blood donor and/or as a volunteer.

Plan now! Save your blood for Brotherhood - don't donate elsewhere after the cut-off date:

Whole Blood Donations: The most flexible donation, it can be transfused directly or used to help multiple people. Waiting period: 56 days; October 13 is the cut-off date.

Power Red Donations: A concentrated dose of red cells that uses an automated process to separate out your red blood cells and then safely and comfortably return your plasma and platelets to you. Waiting period: 112 days; August 18 is the cut-off date.

Register in Advance: <http://tiny.cc/tbsblood>

Questions? Contact: Glenn Stern or Jeff Ogilvie, our Chief Phlebotomists (donateblood@tbsneedham.org or brotherhood@tbsneedham.org)



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Gersten-Hoisington Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

**"Engaging Israel: An Exploration of Critical Issues through the Lens of Reform Judaism."
Friday, December 14 – Sunday, December 16, 2018**

Temple Beth Shalom is honored and proud to welcome Rabbi Eric Yoffie - Outstanding Writer, Lecturer, and Past President of the Union for Reform Judaism.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie is a writer, lecturer, internationally-known religious leader and President Emeritus of the Union for Reform Judaism. He has presented at the World Economic Forum in Davos, and has appeared on Fox News, CNN, and many other news outlets. He writes regularly for Time, The Huffington Post, The Jerusalem Post and the Israeli daily Haaretz and is quoted frequently in the general and Jewish press. A bold, compelling, and inspiring speaker, Rabbi Yoffie lectures at universities and congregations on Israel and the Middle East, interfaith relations, social justice, American Religious Life, and American Jewish Life.

Join us as we consider how we, as part of the contemporary American Jewish community, might most meaningfully relate to Israel during a time of blessing and challenge. See the weekly email and the November Scroll for more information.

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Project EZRA

Tuesday, December 25, at TBS

Temple Beth Shalom will once again join hands with the Needham Community Council to provide Christmas dinners. More information will be provided next month.

For the most current and complete event notices, please see the TBS calendar (<http://tbsneedham.org/calendar>), the website, and the weekly email. Planning an event? Submit it here: <https://tbsneedham.org/submit>

Tzedek Volunteers Work to Keep Massachusetts Open to All

By Sarah Keselman

*“Beloved is humanity, that we are made in God’s image.”
(Pirkei Avot 3:14)*

If we are all made in God’s image, we are all equal. That is why Rabbi Perlman and our Tzedek Committee agreed to bring Temple Beth Shalom into the Needham Coalition for Transgender Equality and join the effort to uphold transgender rights at the ballot box this November. Temple Beth Shalom’s support is backed by the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism (RAC) and Keshet, a national organization that works for full LGBTQ equality and inclusion in Jewish life.

In July 2016, Governor Baker signed legislation - approved by a supermajority in the State House - that updated Massachusetts’ nondiscrimination law to include protections for transgender people in public places. Sadly, that legislation is already being challenged. Question 3 on the November ballot asks voters if they want to uphold the current law. A “YES” vote maintains the law; a “NO” vote would repeal the law and these critical protections. Many people do not know what is at stake.

Opponents of this law would have you believe this is about bathrooms, but it is actually about so much more than that. Without this law, transgender people could legally be refused services in restaurants and retail locations. They could be refused routine or even life-saving medical treatment if a physician does not want to treat a transgender person. We made a promise to our transgender friends, neighbors and fellow Massachusetts citizens when we passed this law. We cannot go back on that promise now. This is why the work of the Coalition, together with Temple Beth Shalom volunteers, is so important.

Countless businesses - including Google, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, the Boston Red Sox, and Trip Advisor - have signed on to support upholding transgender equality because they know it is ethically the right thing to do and because they know that repealing the current law would have a devastating economic impact on Massachusetts. These businesses are joined by hundreds of faith leaders

representing diverse congregations all across our state.

Our work in Needham has already been strong and impactful. The Needham Coalition for Transgender Equality hosted a very successful event on June 6th. More than 200 people came to a panel discussion to learn just how important equal protections are for Massachusetts’ transgender residents. Now, the Coalition is gearing up for an even bigger event on October 22 which will feature activist and author, Sarah McBride. Ms. McBride, the National Press Secretary for the Human Rights Campaign, was the first openly transgender woman to work at the White House as an intern under President Obama and she went on to address the nation during the 2016 Democratic Convention. Follow the *TBS This Week* emails for more details on the event.

The Temple Beth Shalom community - represented by our TBS Tzedek initiative, in partnership with the RAC and Keshet - strongly supports the “Vote Yes on 3” campaign. This support is grounded in our Jewish values of dignity and honor for all.



TBS Members Marlene Schultz, Michelle Hoffman, Sarah Keselman, Jen Muroff, and Deena Siegel at the June 6 event hosted by The Needham Coalition for Transgender Equality.

Three Score/More or Less Had A Busy Summer with Two Exciting Events

“Anything Goes” at the Reagle Theatre!

Thanks to Linda Lourie, TBS’s Three Score/More or Less members spent a summer evening at Waltham’s Reagle Theatre. We enjoyed a great production of “Anything Goes” and then went back to the home of Margie and Alan Glou for a pizza party. It was a tremendous success.

Three Score/More or Less Jazzes Up Boston Harbor!

On Sunday, August 5th, under the direction of Cindi and Paul Elias, Three Score/More or Less took to the water for an evenin’ of cruisin’ and jazzin’. The group took the Northern Lights boat from Rowes Wharf. A jazz band



played as the boat cruised around the harbor and back for stunning views of the skyline. The weather was perfect, a rare occurrence this summer. It was a wonderful cruise and the jazz musicians were fantastic, with particular delight from a saxophone soloist. Fun was had by all around with snacks, laughs, and great company.

Women of Reform Judaism Northeast District Convention Is Coming!

October 25 - 28

The Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Northeast District will be holding its 6th District Biennial Convention, celebrating 10 years together. This year the convention will be held October 25 - 28 in Framingham. Three members of our congregation will be installed as officers: Trina Novak, President; Betty Weiner, Vice President; and Marsha Moller, Membership Secretary. The convention attendees will be joining us for Shabbat services on Friday,



October 26. For more information or to register (you must be a member of Sisterhood), go to wrj.org/wrj-north-east-district-6th-biennial-convention.

Questions? Contact: Betty Weiner (bweiner235@gmail.com)

Shomrei Adamah Update By Jane Evans

The Shomrei Adamah (Guardians of the Earth) Committee at TBS has been quiet for a few years, but last spring found some new energy, and there is a lot going on! We are delighted to announce that in July the TBS Board voted to move ahead with a solar panel system for the Temple building. It is estimated that when the project is complete the system will supply approximately 40% of our electricity needs and provide significant savings. Many details still need to be worked out, but we are on our way. Thanks are due to Joel Golden, and Building Committee co-chairs Loren Shapiro and Marc Friedman for making this happen.

The Shomrei Adamah Committee work falls broadly into three areas:

- Analyze and improve the Temple building’s use of energy and natural resources.
- Provide information and activities for TBS members interested in increasing their connection to nature and/or conservation of resources.
- Connect with other “Green” organizations in the community.

The Committee follows the passions of its members. Several other projects are now underway. One group is taking a look at recycling at TBS, with a goal of improving signage on the containers as well as education about the building’s recycling program. They also plan to examine our use of disposables at TBS events and whether our trash output can be reduced. Another group will focus on an energy audit. We will be comparing our energy usage to that of other synagogues, with help from the Jewish Climate Action Network (JCAN), and we’ll see if there’s room for improvement. We are also talking about bringing back the Shabbat Hike program.

We are always open to new members and new ideas – please join us! Watch for announcements of our meetings in the TBS weekly emails, or contact co-chairs Jane Evans or Michael Bailit at shomreiadamah@tbsneedham.org.

Meet the Scientists among Us

How often do we realize, while we daven at the evening minyan or study with the Rabbis on Shabbat or enjoy a TBS event, that the fellow congregant sitting next to us may be a doctoral research chemist, a macro-economic analyst, a molecular biologist, a physicist specializing in the quantum nature of light, a professor of physiology and biophysics, or a micromechanics research engineer? Not often enough! We are honored that these scientists and many others have volunteered to share with us what they worked on or discovered, and what inspired them to get into their area of research.

Nichole Argo

I am a social psychologist at Carnegie Mellon University who studies how individuals think and behave in situations of group threat.



I also serve as Director of Research and Field Advancement at Project Over Zero, which partners with domestic and international communities to design and evaluate interventions to prevent or reduce conflict. I hold degrees from Stanford, MIT, and the New School for Social Research. My two main interests are understanding the complex pathway to political violence, and finding ways to foster coexistence and cooperation across group boundaries. My coauthors and I recently completed two studies on these topics. One study shows that our perception of how another group values principles of harm and fairness predicts how we treat them, while our perception of their beliefs in God or authority does not. The other shows that religion can foster intergroup altruism: Palestinians asked to think from Allah's perspective are more likely to value and save the lives of Jewish Israelis in a hypothetical task (citations to these studies are available upon request). My forthcoming book is titled *Rethinking Human Bombs: The Motivations Behind Sacrificial Political Violence* (Beacon Press, 2019).

Alex Banks

My professional career is dedicated to understanding diabetes and obesity. The world has witnessed an alarming increase in obesity with more than 2/3 of all American adults now overweight or obese. Obesity is caused by an imbalance of too many calories consumed with too few calories burned. Prevention or treatment is important as obesity increases the risk for many other health problems, including type 2 diabetes (high blood sugar), heart disease, and some types of cancer.



My research group is testing approaches to decrease body weight or improve glucose levels to treat obesity and diabetes. My education includes an undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Brandeis University (where I met my wife, Sarah Flier, on the fencing team). My PhD studies were completed at Columbia University. I performed post-doctoral training in metabolism at Harvard Medical School where I now hold a faculty position. We live in Needham with Penelope, 6 (Mayim Tamid) and Linus, 2 (Levana). We love the kid-friendly High Holy Day services.

Jay Baum

In the past, patients were often given treatments for cancer simply because it was the standard for that cancer. These "one size fits all" treatments can attack not only cancer cells but also healthy cells, with ineffective and potentially toxic results. We now strive to understand what drives each patient's cancer on an individual level, a new approach known as precision or personalized medicine, with the goal of matching patients to the right drug for their particular disease. This is the focus of my work.

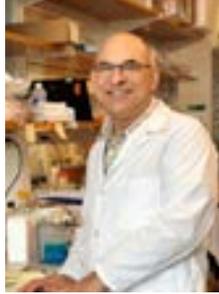


By designing tests to identify what causes a patient's specific cancer to grow, personalized medicine can help predict the response to particular drugs, monitor a patient's disease, and guide physicians to change the course of treatment when needed. For example, by detecting abnormalities (known as "mutations") in some genes that can lead to continuous growth of cancer cells, we can apply a therapy designed to target the specific abnormality.

Almost all of us have family and friends impacted by cancer. I've been motivated by their courage, and am fortunate to help bring several life-changing oncology drugs to patients. In this long battle, the progress we've made and continue to make due to precision medicine is extremely encouraging.

Sam Behar

I have always sought to understand the workings of the natural world. Its beauty and mystery captivate me, from gems and minerals to disease-causing pathogens! As a boy in San Diego my interests were the rocks and shells all around me, and I still enjoy using gems and minerals to create handmade jewelry.

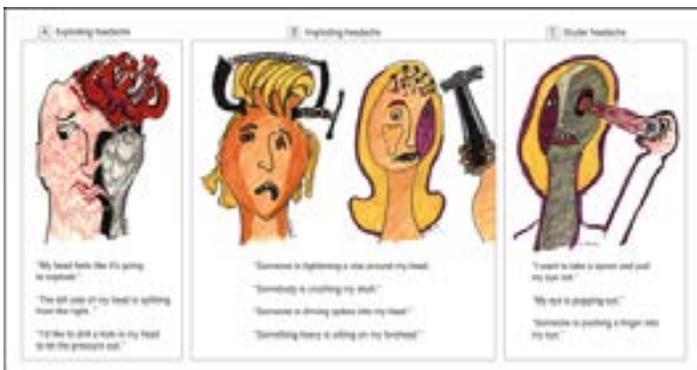


I earned my PhD in immunology and my MD (subspecialty in rheumatology), wanting to research basic mechanisms of important diseases. I came to train at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and stayed on the faculty of Harvard Medical School for more than 20 years. Because of my interest in auto-immunity and autoimmune diseases, I initially studied rheumatoid arthritis and lupus.

When I realized that our discoveries in the lab were more relevant to tuberculosis, I decided to change fields, motivated by the need for study of that globally important disease. Tuberculosis is not just an ancient scourge, but is actually the leading cause of death from infectious disease. I moved to the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and my lab studies how the bacterium that causes tuberculosis evades immunity, and how a vaccine can be developed to prevent disease caused by this persistent pathogen.

Rami Burstein

My most recent work attempts to understand what happens in the brain before, during, and after a migraine attack. What determines whether or not a migraine attack will commence, and why? How does light make migraine headaches more painful in patients with normal eyesight as well as in blind patients? What role does inflammation play



in migraine? What happens to blood vessels in the brain? Why do migraine attacks increase the risk of stroke?

My research has helped explain why certain migraine medications work best if taken at the onset of the headache, how Botox prevents migraine, and how a specific wavelength of green light may lessen the intensity of migraine.

Moving between lab and patients, I try to unravel why migraine drugs can be so helpful to some patients but not at all for others, and how to help physicians know which treatment approach to prescribe for each patient.

My mother's work as the sole medical provider for my kibbutz and surrounding Arab villages drew me to medicine, and seeing Israeli soldiers suffer after injuries compelled me to study pain. Eventually my findings led to my current work on head trauma, headache and migraine.

Below left: Artwork created by my mother-in-law, Lorraine Fink, helps patients tell doctors which kind of migraine they suffer: exploding, impaling, or ocular.

Daniel Cooper

I have a PhD in economics, and my work is divided between analyzing current macroeconomic (aggregate) policy issues and performing research that is more academic in style. My economic policy work is wide-ranging, but recently I have examined why wage growth has been sluggish despite vastly improved



labor markets, how tax policy changes may affect consumer spending, and what is behind the downward trend in labor force participation by men ages 25 through 54. In terms of research, I generally use household-level data to investigate topics related to the broad (macro) economy. My recent analyses include how monetary policy (changes in interest rates) impacts house prices and household expenditures. I am also studying the economic effects of minimum wage changes. In addition, I am interested in topics related to the returns to education, and how student debt affects economic outcomes.

Marc Damelin

I make "guided missiles" to fight cancer. Most anti-cancer drugs have serious side effects because cancer cells are very similar to the body's normal cells, so it's hard for drugs to tell the difference. (In contrast, bacteria are vastly different

from human cells, so anti-bacterial drugs like penicillin generally are effective and don't cause side effects.) I identify specific molecules that decorate the surface of cancer cells but not normal cells, and then attach a potent drug to an antibody that recognizes one of those molecules. The antibody-drug conjugate acts like a guided missile in delivering its payload to the cancer cells while minimizing side effects. Success requires a highly interactive collaboration among cancer biologists, medicinal chemists, protein engineers, toxicologists and clinicians. I lead the Biology group at Mersana Therapeutics, a biotech in Cambridge that specializes in antibody-drug conjugate technology. I love the passionate teamwork of drug discovery and the diligent learning about how nature works, and I am always energized by our collective goal of helping cancer patients.



David Gorden

I am a Certified Wetland Scientist and Certified Professional Soil Scientist with a Master of Science degree and 24 years of strategic experience in the clean energy, environmental, engineering, and natural resource fields. I, perhaps more commonly known by my wetland-themed poetry as "That Wetlands Guy," have a strong record of performance in helping clients obtain necessary permits and achieve regulatory compliance at the federal, state, and municipal levels. I am experienced in site selection and evaluation, wetland determinations and delineations, agency liaison and permitting compliance services, and public presentations as well as navigating community processes.



Suzanne Jacobs

I am the Associate Director of Diabetes Research at the Broad Institute. My work focuses on the intersection of human genetics and metabolic disease. I help lead a multidisciplinary research program whose goal is to determine genetic contributors to type 2 diabetes, and then to use this knowledge to improve patient care through development of new treatments for type 2 diabetes and determining how genetic variation influences human physiology and treatment response.



My lab carries out studies that use human genetics as a starting point for identifying the molecular, cellular, and physiological changes that lead to increased or decreased risk of developing type 2 diabetes. This involves figuring out which genes and proteins are affected by diabetes-associated genetic variants, if the activity of the affected proteins is increased or decreased, which tissues the proteins act in, how that change in protein activity affects the health of the cells and tissues, and how that contributes to the metabolic dysfunction that characterizes type 2 diabetes.

Monty Krieger

I like to share what I have learned about the world, be it in the realm of history, psychology, art, or science. Sharing with one person is wonderful, sharing with groups is even better, and sharing is most meaningful when the recipients can use their understanding to positively impact lives. This is probably why I love to teach and became a university professor. My classroom teaching has been a major component of my professional career since I joined the Biology Department faculty at MIT in 1981; here, I am lecturing to students in MIT's upper-level undergraduate Human Physiology course. I was trained as a chemist, and an unusual feature of my teaching biology to undergraduate and graduate students is that I never took a biology course in my life, ever - including high school!



Several of my warmest memories come from my 'guest' teaching at the TBS preschool and at the Rashi school, when I shared with the children (including my own) the concepts of atoms and molecules and how they can come together to form solids, liquids and gases. Demonstrations including the 'electric pickle,' liquid nitrogen, the world's oldest known rock, and making green slime were particularly fun.

Ken LeClair

What a great time to be working in the medical sciences! I decided to study immunology due to my mother's death from cancer when I was six, and some severe allergic reactions after I was swarmed by hornets during childhood. Immunology is the study of how the body defends itself against infections, and how it usually protects us from uncontrolled cell growth.



Scientists have made remarkable advances understanding

how the immune system works, thanks to recombinant DNA technologies that can be used to clone and express genes. I used my Immunology and Molecular Biology training to help bring biologic (protein-based) drugs and cell and gene therapy products through clinical trials and to the market.

My proudest accomplishment was playing a small role helping Novartis and UPenn scientists bring CAR-T (chimeric antigen receptor) T cell therapy (Kymriah®) through FDA approvals. CAR-T therapy uses gene transfer methods to reprogram the patient's own immune cells to recognize and kill leukemia cells. Hundreds of pediatric patients worldwide have already been saved thanks to these remarkable CAR-T products!

William Lehman

As a student, I became interested in cellular motility occurring within lowly protozoa and in more sophisticated mammalian cells. Later, as a postdoc at Brandeis and ever since, I have explored how muscle contraction movements are regulated. A bit of history: back in 1953, in the same laboratory in England where double-helical DNA was being proposed, Hugh Huxley (later at Brandeis) discovered that muscles shorten and consume energy by means of the relative sliding of microscopic thick and thin filaments. However, unless switched off at rest, muscles would permanently contract and deplete energy stores. The off-switch remained uncertain for 40 years after discovery of the contraction mechanism. I (now at BU) and colleagues at Brandeis and UMassMed then showed how the protein tropomyosin blocks filament interactions stopping contraction and relaxing muscles. We have continued this work obtaining near-atomic resolution (pretty) images of the process.

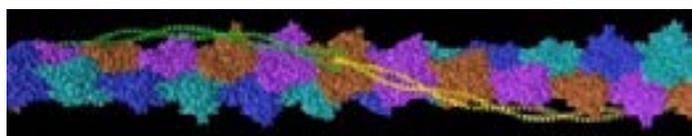


Image shows tropomyosin on thin filament actin.

Samantha Lundeen

Not only am I a scientist, but I spend every day learning alongside other scientists. They're the 4- and 5-year-old children in the classes I teach in the TBS Children's Center, and they approach each moment of the day with curiosity and creativity.

We spend the year asking questions, testing our ideas, and solving problems collaboratively, using the scientific method to understand what happens in the classroom and the world around us. Finding a caterpillar on the playground leads to learning about the habitats, needs, and

life cycles of caterpillars. A question about explosions leads to a month-long experiment on demolishing pumpkins (including dropping them off the TBS roof).

My fellow scientists are constantly coming up with questions and ideas - we never run out of fun, inventive ways to test our theories in the classroom. As a child said while creating a chain of dominos one day, "We are experimenting! No one has ever done this before! What do you think is going to happen? We are like scientists!" We're not like scientists - we are scientists!



Francisco J. Quintana

I am a biologist studying the immune system, our bodyguard in charge of fighting off microbes so we do not get sick. Sometimes, however, the immune system attacks our own body, causing diseases such as multiple sclerosis or diabetes. For the last 25 years I've studied how the immune system is controlled, and how to manipulate it therapeutically.



I studied biology in Argentina, and afterwards moved to the Weizmann Institute in Israel for my graduate studies. In Israel, I also started a life-changing and exciting "project": I met my wife, Tamara. I was then recruited by Harvard Medical School to lead a research group that studies the regulation of the immune system. In addition, I also direct the research of a company we started to take some of our discoveries to patients. Every day I wake up excited, thinking about our ongoing experiments and the talented scientists from around the world that share with me their enthusiasm, intelligence, and, most importantly, sense of humor, with the common goal of making a significant contribution to human health. Together with Tamara, Tomas, and Lucia, they make me feel blessed each and every single day.

Daniel Ripin

I am a physicist working at MIT Lincoln Laboratory in Lexington. My research has focused on studying light in extreme conditions; the quantum nature of light (sometimes light is observed to behave as a wave, sometimes as a particle) has always fascinated me. As a graduate student, I built a 'laser' (nod to Austin Powers fans) which generated some of the shortest flashes of light that have ever been made. The shorter



the flash of light, the faster behavior in materials you can observe. At Lincoln Laboratory, I have been developing lasers that operate at new colors and higher powers. Recently, I changed topics and am leading a group that builds some very sensitive digital cameras. Some of these are used, for example, in various NASA telescopes. I have a wonderful wife, Laura, and two girls, Clara (11) and Sylvie (9).

Jeffrey Samet

I am a physician scientist. That is not a well-understood notion among those not in medicine or science. My mom never quite understood it; she always appreciated having her son, “the doctor,” but never knew what I was doing with all that time that I was not seeing patients. My explanation was that taking care of patients as a primary care and addiction medicine physician is great (satisfying and hopefully helpful), and also enables me to think about ways to try to improve the way that we care for patients, specifically those with substance use and/or an HIV infection. Our work has been in the U.S. and, internationally, for 18 years in Russia. My official role is the John Noble Professor of General Internal Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) and Chief of General Internal Medicine at BUSM and Boston Medical Center.



Mara A. Schonberg

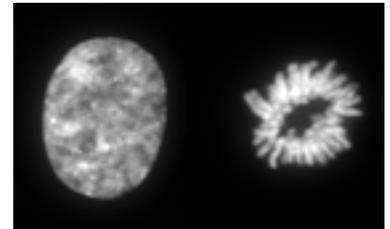
I am an internist and health services researcher (research focused on improving healthcare delivery) at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Specifically, my research focuses on improving decision making around cancer screening, especially for older adults. As part of my work, I co-developed the website ePrognosis which helps doctors consider patient life expectancy when deciding whether or not to recommend different medical interventions. I also developed a pamphlet decision aid to help women aged 75 and older make more informed decisions about mammography screening. I am currently developing and testing a tool to help women in their 40s make decisions with their primary care physicians about mammography, breast MRI, and/or genetic counseling. I am also working on a tool to help women aged 70 and older with stage 1 breast cancer decide on breast cancer treatment. Please let me know if you are interested in learning more about my work.



Judith Sharp

Cell division is a process fundamental to life, and is achieved by an ancient mechanism shared by all plants and animals on earth. Cells spend most of their time with the genome in a relaxed state, churning out messages from the DNA to the rest of the cell. Just prior to cell division, the genome becomes a shape-shifter, transforming from the relaxed, jelly-bean-like shape to short, condensed, linear structures that are divided equally to two daughter cells. The average human lifespan requires approximately 10 trillion cell divisions, so cell division is under exquisite regulation for normal growth and development.

In my work, I’ve discovered a signaling pathway that is important for the “shape-shifting” phase of cell division. During the message-making part of cell division, there are specific protein:RNA complexes attached to the DNA to help structures stay relaxed. However, just prior to cell division, the cell flips a switch, in effect kicking these same complexes off of the condensing DNA.



Human chromosomes during cell division.



Protein:RNA complexes (red) attached to DNA (blue) in its relaxed form (left) are evicted during cell division (center, right).

By causing the removal of the protein:RNA complexes, this switch, or signalling pathway, enables the cell to divide the DNA equally to both daughter cells.

Richard Temkin

I am a physicist in the MIT Physics Department and the MIT Plasma Science and Fusion Center. I loved math as a high school student, but I couldn’t figure out what a mathematician would do for a career. Then I found physics: interesting because of its applications, and because it uses a lot of math. I conduct research on novel applications of Very High Frequency (VHF) microwaves. The Department of Energy funds my research group because we contribute to developing fusion energy as a safe form of nuclear energy. We are also funded by the Department of Defense because of applications in radar, and by the National Institutes of Health to improve



LEARNING

Shabbat mornings at TBS, 9:00 - 10:00 AM. No RSVP needed! All are welcome!

On Shabbat mornings we often have more than one enriching opportunity for Torah learning. You can choose the learning that is right for you.

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Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah. Each week Rabbi Bob Orkand leads us in focusing upon a single Jewish moral or ethical value found in the week's *parsha*. A variety of rabbinic sources will enrich our exploration as we seek to apply the week's value to our lives today.

The History of Israel in a Nutshell: A 4-Session Journey from Biblical Times to the Present

Four Thursdays: October 11 and 25, November 1 and 8, 7:30 - 9:00 PM

In December, a full bus of TBS travelers will be journeying to Israel with Rabbi Jay and Emily and educators from our learning team. During their travels they will explore sites that span Israel's 3,000 year history. This course, open to all, will chronologically cover that journey across time - bringing to light and life the main events of Israel's Biblical and political landscapes. While this course is intended to deepen the experience of our TBS Israel travelers, all are welcome!



Please RSVP: Tiziana Getz, Office Administrator (tgetz@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077)

The Jewish Influence on Jesus - Rabbi Orkand's Monday Class

Mondays at 12:00 Noon, beginning October 15, at TBS

To understand the profound effect Jesus had on the world, it's important to realize that his actions and teachings didn't emerge from a vacuum. Rather, they were the product of a fascinating dialogue with - and reaction to - the traditions, cultures, and historical developments of ancient Jewish beliefs. In fact, early Judaism and Jesus are two subjects so inextricably linked that one cannot arrive at a true understanding of Jesus without understanding the time in which he lived and taught. This course will explore the environment in which Jesus lived and how Judaism influenced him.



Participants may come to all or any of Rabbi Orkand's sessions. **No prior knowledge is needed.**

Prior registration is requested: Tiziana Getz (tgetz@tbsneedham.org)

Friday Morning "Pre-Shabbat" Yoga

8:45 - 9:45 AM, in Community Hall

Join Stephanie Javaheri for a mindful and invigorating yoga flow to build strength and flexibility of body and mind. This is the perfect way to get ready for Shabbat! This class is for beginners or veterans of yoga. Come with an open mind and experience what yoga can do for you! Please bring your own mat if you have one. We will have a few available. Participants may come to one, some, or every Friday morning session. No RSVP is necessary. No class October 5, November 23, December 28.

Questions? Contact: Stephanie Javaheri (sjavaheri@me.com)



Jews in Space: A Conversation with NASA Astronaut Dr. Jeffrey Hoffman

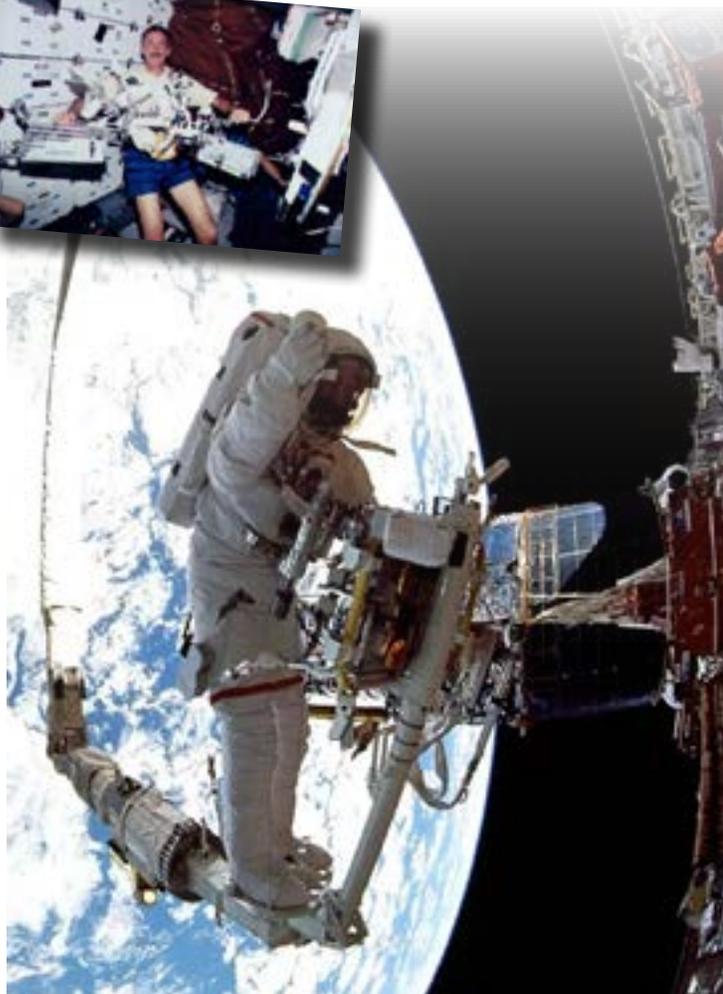
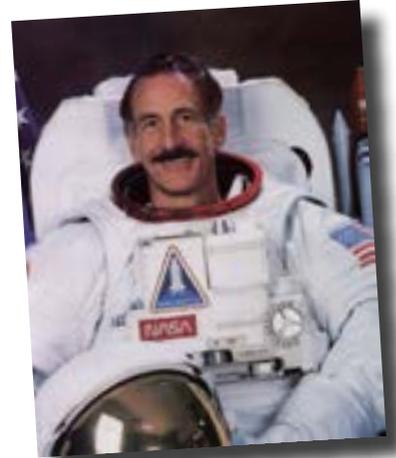
Sunday, November 4, 9:30 to 11:30 AM, Community Hall

The Jewish people have wandered far and wide across the world, soaring high in areas such as sports, medicine, business, and science. But very few have made it into outer space. One who has is coming soon to TBS to talk about it. Join us on Sunday, November 4th, for the unique opportunity to meet Dr. Jeffrey Hoffman, a real Jewish astronaut.

Are you ready to escape gravity and explore the heavens?

Dr. Hoffman will talk about his experiences traveling into space on five Space Shuttle flights and four spacewalks. Hear firsthand what it is like to prepare and go through launch, experience weightlessness, observe the Earth from orbit, and reenter the atmosphere at 25 times the speed of sound. Dr. Hoffman will also reflect on how he sees his career through a Jewish lens.

This one-time event is open to our entire community, so bring your friends and family. A bagel brunch will be served. \$10 per person, \$20 per family. **Reserve your seat here (before space fills):** <https://jews-in-space.eventbrite.com>



About Dr. Hoffman

As a NASA astronaut (1978-1997) Dr. Jeffrey Hoffman made five space flights, becoming the first astronaut to log 1000 hours of flight time aboard the Space Shuttle. He has performed four spacewalks, including the first unplanned, contingency spacewalk in NASA's history (STS 51D; April, 1985) and the initial rescue mission that repaired the optics of the Hubble Space Telescope (STS 61; December, 1993). His primary research interests are in improving the technology of space suits and designing innovative space systems for human and robotic space exploration. He is Deputy Principal Investigator of the MOXIE experiment on NASA's Mars 2020 mission, which will for the first time produce oxygen from extraterrestrial material, a critical step in the future of human space exploration. Dr. Hoffman is director of the Massachusetts Space Grant Consortium. In 2007, Dr. Hoffman was elected to the US Astronaut Hall of Fame.

Dr. Hoffman is a professor in MIT's Aeronautics and Astronautics Department. He received a BA in Astronomy *summa cum laude* from Amherst College (1966); a PhD in Astrophysics from Harvard University (1971); and an MSc in Materials Science from Rice University (1988).

Sing Out, Brothers! TBS to Launch New Singing Group

By Matt Robinson and DJ Fortine

The TBS community can be described in many ways: spiritual, giving, active, and to a great degree, musical. On October 10, 2018, this last aspect will come alive with the launch of what we hope will become a regular gathering of male (for now) members who are musically inclined (or at least appreciative of music).

The idea first came about when members Matt Robinson and Evan Metter were talking about their personal passions; their discussion eventually turned to music. “We were catching up after TBS Family Camp,” Robinson recalls, “and we started to talk about new ideas for events and activities.” While they both appreciate and participate in many of the TBS Brotherhood’s programming and offerings, they saw an opportunity to offer more activities for men. “Many women have their own book clubs and social gatherings with TBS women,” Robinson observed, “so we wanted to give something to the many men in our midst.”

Among the many ideas the dynamic duo devised was a singing group. Robinson had sung in a group at the Newton JCC with Ken Davis (a Brotherhood member who recently made a singing splash as part of the talented TBS troupe in “Damn Yankees”), and had enjoyed the friendship and musical talents of Alan Glou (who has had his own band and performed all over the area for many years). He invited Davis and Glou to co-lead this new musical gathering. “Music is a form of communicating, making people relax,” Glou offers. “It changes their moods ... clears people’s minds ... and helps them to think better when the music is over.”

When advised to arrange for an official sponsor, the quartet turned to TBS’s beloved cantorial intern, DJ Fortine. “It seems like a perfect fit for our community,” Fortine said, noting that it will complement the new liturgical singing group he is planning to launch soon. “There are so many talented people here, and this should be a really fun musical event!”

People who wish to participate are invited to contact DJ at djfortine@tbsneedham.org. Anyone wishing to make a song request can send sheet music or just the title and artist to Robinson at Matt@TheRobinsonReporter.com. “We are open to any kind of music,” Robinson reports, “but hope to have this be more popular and showtunny than liturgical, especially as DJ is bringing that on soon as well. “Most of all,” Metter adds, “we want guys to come out, gather ‘round the piano, sing (or not), have a snack and a drink, and just have fun!”



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October 5

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Lillian Appelson
Jason Berger
Cynthia Sue Cardillo
Leonora Davidson
A. Peter Davidson
Kenneth Ellis
Robert Evans
Bette Finkelstein
Joseph R. Freshman
Oscar Y. Gamel
David Gibgot
Max Godes
Lena Goodman
Sally Goodman
Myra Halpern
Marjorie Harmon
Perry Philip Hart
Helen Karatzas
Howard Karp
Irving J. Lefkovich
Phyllis M. Levine Cynamon
Mark London
Howard Magier
Dorothy L. Marson
Irving May
Myer Miller
Stephen Rauch
Herman Rosin
Norma Rosin
Henry Sadow
Bertha Sandberg
Abraham Seri
Henrietta Serwer

Beatrice Shapiro

Alan Shear
Marshall Singer
Diane Stocklan
Jacob Strasnick
Avis Young

October 12

Marilyn Alpert
Irene Bailit
Rebecca Lauren Bernstein
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Harold Brick
Sheila Helen Cohen
George E. Cotsonas
Zelda Cutler
Miriam Erdos
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October 19

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10 Wednesdays, October 3 - December 19 (No class 10/31 and 11/21) 6:00 - 8:00 PM,
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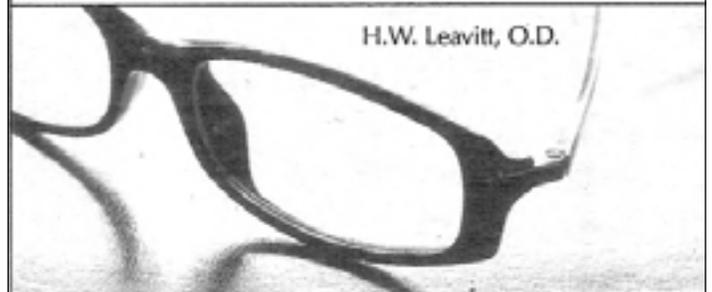
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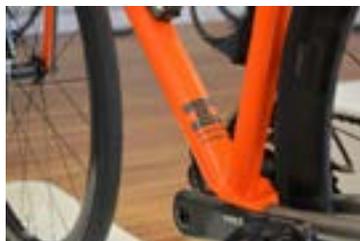
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