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From the Editorial Board

Some people work and get paid their due. At TBS, I pay my dues so I can work. That's my standing joke when people ask how I spend my "free" time. Like so many congregants, my fellow Editorial Board members and I volunteer to help make our TBS community the warm and wonderful place it is.

In this issue, you'll hear from members of various committees throughout the congregation. Their experiences have given shape to our Temple, helped others within and outside our community, and, in every case, brought them friendships and personal reward. If you haven't already joined a committee, well, step right up! There's a way each and every one of us can contribute to the wellbeing of our community.

Meanwhile, you may contribute your thoughts and photos to the *Scroll*. Read on to learn how! Send all submissions by email to: Scroll@tbsneedham.org.

Are You a Collector?

In the January Scroll, we'll feature those among us who collect things. Please tell us how you got interested in collecting and your favorite story related to one of the objects you have acquired. Please include a photo or two. Deadline: November 11. Word limit: 175 words.

Are you a Techie?

What do you do? What was the earliest sign that you were good at all things tech? What do you find most enjoyable, interesting, and/or meaningful about what you do?

Deadline: December 13. Word limit: 175 words. Feel free to include a relevant photo.

Holler If You Bake Challah!

The *Scroll* Editorial Board has extensive culinary experience spanning decades, putting us in the unique position to view, photograph, verbalize, and well, yes, taste and devour challah that you bake. If you would like to have your homemade challah featured in the April *Scroll*, please email us and bring a challah to our "Holler for Challah Editorial Board Meeting" in February (date TBD). Since we anticipate an enthusiastic response, we can only accept the first dozen or so challah bakers, so email us soon – and no later than January 15th – at Scroll@tbsneedham.org.

- Joni Burstein on behalf of the Scroll Editorial Board

Shabbat and Holiday Services in November

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 (4 CHESHVAN 5780)

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 (4 CHESHVAN 5780)

Torah: Noach, Gen. 6:9 – 11:32
8:30 AM — *Shabbat Morning Minyan (Beit Midrash)*
9:00 AM — *Torah Study (Beit Midrash)*
11:00 AM — *Shabbat Morning Service (Sanctuary)*
Bar Mitzvah: Gabe Pressman

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 (11 CHESHVAN 5780)

7:15 PM — *Shabbat Evening Service (Sanctuary)*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 (11 CHESHVAN 5780)

Torah: Lech L'cha, Gen. 12:1 – 17:27
8:30 AM — *Shabbat Morning Minyan (Beit Midrash)*
9:00 AM — *Torah Study (Beit Midrash)*
5:00 PM — *Shabbat Afternoon Service (Sanctuary)*
B'nei Mitzvah: Josh Van Dam and Nina Granik-Eisikovits

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 (18 CHESHVAN 5780)

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 (18 CHESHVAN 5780)

Torah: VaYera, Gen. 18:1 – 22:24
8:30 AM — *Shabbat Morning Minyan (Beit Midrash)*
9:00 AM — *Torah Study (Beit Midrash)*
5:00 PM — *Shabbat Afternoon Service (Sanctuary)*
B'nei Mitzvah: Noah Long and Eli Gaffin

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 (25 CHESHVAN 5780)

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 (25 CHESHVAN 5780)

Shabbat Chayei Sarah, Gen. 23:1 – 25:18
8:30 AM — *Shabbat Morning Minyan (Beit Midrash)*
9:00 AM — *Torah Study (Beit Midrash)*
11:00 AM — *Shabbat Morning Service (Sanctuary)*
B'nei Mitzvah: Nathaniel Ross and Pete Olhava

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 (2 KISLEV 5780)

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 (2 KISLEV 5780)

Shabbat Toldot, Gen. 25:1 – 28:9
8:30 AM — *Shabbat Morning Minyan (Beit Midrash)*
9:00 AM — *Torah Study (Beit Midrash)*

Please join the TBS community for

Minyan

Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM.
Monday through Thursday evenings at 6:45 PM.
All at TBS.

Committee Meetings in November - Get Involved!

| Committee Name | Upcoming Meeting Date | Email Contact for Information |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Adult Learning | Wed. Nov. 6, 6:00 PM | adult_learning@tbsneedham.org |
| Brotherhood | Thurs. Nov. 12, 7:15 PM | brotherhood@tbsneedham.org |
| Communications | Wed. Nov. 20, 7:15 PM | communications@tbsneedham.org |
| Garden Club | Tues. Nov. 5, 7:15 PM | gardenclub@tbsneedham.org |
| Inclusion Task Force | Wed. Nov. 6, 6:30 PM | inclusion@tbsneedham.org |
| Library | Every Wed., 10:00 AM | library@tbsneedham.org |
| Scroll Editorial Board* | Wed. Nov. 6, 12:00 Noon | scrolled@tbsneedham.org |
| Sisterhood | Tues. Nov. 5, 7:30 PM | sisterhood@tbsneedham.org |
| Three Score/More or Less | Mon. Nov. 4, 7:30 PM | threescore@tbsneedham.org |
| Tzedek | Thurs. Nov. 21, 7:15 PM | tzedek@tbsneedham.org |
| Worship Committee | Tues. Nov. 12, 7:15 PM | worship@tbsneedham.org |

* At TBS this month

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



From Our Leadership

Allowing Good Ideas to Flourish

By Jeffrey Shapiro, Congregational President



It is often said, “If you want a good idea to die, refer it to a committee!” My grandfather-in-law, Jack Mendoza, of blessed memory, was often heard explaining why he was on a committee, not on a committee or simply did not want to get involved. As I recall, the overall message was that it was not worth the effort to try to find the solution; instead it was better to complain than explain. I have taken this view and have tried to turn it around.

Our 30+ committees, Arms (Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Garden Club, Three Score More/Less), and Task Forces are the incubators of some of our most creative, meaningful and tangible ideas, events, approaches, and philosophies. I am proud of the work and engagement that comes from our committees and the lay leaders who chair them, the community members who staff them and our professional and clergy partners. Please allow me to share two examples.

TBS Tzedek – A few years ago a group of community members joined with Rabbi Jay to vision how we could / should look at social justice. The group felt that this type of work did not fit a “traditional” committee model, as their work should help incorporate social justice thoughts, ideas, and actions into how we think and what we do within other committees and across our community. Thus, the TBS Tzedek “Committee” was born with an atypical leadership structure, with each project having its own leadership, while still loosely aligned under the TBS Tzedek umbrella. In 2019-2020 we are planning to develop and communicate a liaison model from across TBS so that committees and Arms are better able to connect with these social justice themes and projects. Should you have specific questions or interest in assisting, please contact the TBS Tzedek leaders – Randi Lite, Rick Moody, Elise Gottesman, Stacey Smalley, Carole Mittleman, or Rabbi Julie Bressler (jbressler@tbsneedham.org).

Environmental Action Committee (formerly Shomrei Adamah); **Building, House & Security**; and **Budget & Finance** – About a year ago the Environmental Action Committee came forward with a very exciting solar array concept that they wanted to explore bringing to TBS. During our Mikdash design stage, solar had certainly been considered; however, the equipment weight, technology and financing (based upon tax credits) did not make the idea viable for us as a tax-exempt organization. Over the past few years, fortunately, the financing model has changed. Vendors have worked on ways to sell the tax credits from tax-exempt sites, the weight of the equipment has been significantly reduced and the technology has vastly improved.

Our Environmental Action Committee, co-chaired by Michael Bailit and Jane Evans, proposed the idea to our Building, House & Safety Committee, co-chaired by Loren Shapiro and Marc Friedman. A joint task force that included committee members Joel Golden and Henry Bromberg found a qualified vendor experienced in working with tax-exempt organizations and presented detailed information to our Finance Committee, chaired by Jim Masur. The idea was realistic, the partner legitimate, and the expenses minimal. To top it off, an anonymous TBS donor stepped forward to provide funding to fix our original roof (not part of Mikdash) to prepare it for solar panels.

A few basic facts about our solar array:

- We have 297 solar panels, on 4 roof sections.
- Our solar array provides 40% of TBS’ electricity needs on an annual basis.
- Our carbon footprint has been reduced by 102 metric tons.
- In its first 6 months of operation, TBS has saved \$14,000 in electricity costs.

These two examples demonstrate why good ideas do not die in committees at TBS and how it is that joining a committee, Arm, or Task Force as a community leader is a positive and worthy experience. At TBS, ideas from our committees germinate, grow, and flourish, providing significant community-wide benefits.

I hope you will consider ways you may want to get involved at TBS and have a positive, meaningful, and fulfilling experience that helps build our future. I look forward to partnering with you!

L'Shalom,

Jeffrey Shapiro

From the Rabbi's Desk

By Rabbi Julie Bressler

As we approach Thanksgiving, I am reflecting on one of my favorite *minhagim* (customs) of Temple Beth Shalom. During many of our prayer services, whether on a Friday night or *Mayim T'filah* during the week, we honor the *hoda'ah* (gratitude) prayer through publicly sharing what we are grateful for from the past week. In many other settings, this prayer is reflected upon privately, so why do we share our gratitude aloud? While we each have our own reasons, I appreciate the power in developing collective gratitude and hearing what brings joy to others in the community. Additionally, in our busy lives, it is easy to pass by these moments and move onto the next task without much acknowledgment. Finally, when our world can sometimes feel excessively broken and overwhelming, spending a few minutes sharing the good – sharing what makes us smile – can help us get through the challenging times.

Judaism is full of expressions of gratitude and a focus on noticing our blessings. Our sages teach us that even before we get out of bed, before our feet hit the floor, we are to begin the day by expressing, “*Modeh Ani...*” meaning “I am thankful.” Each morning, we offer gratitude to God for returning our souls to us and for the blessing of waking up to a new day. The Talmud (*Menachot 43b*) also teaches that we should recite no fewer than 100 blessings per day. While this could feel like a huge task for each day, I believe the teaching goes far beyond seeing blessings as checkboxes to reach this number. Instead, I see this call as a push for us to notice and appreciate the many blessings we experience but may not acknowledge each day. The smile on someone's face when we ask how they are doing, the pattern of rain on our windshields, the memory we feel when a favorite song plays on the radio, and those many other moments that often pass us by. While there are certainly days, months, or years when

these blessings may feel outweighed by challenges, noticing the good can support us even in the very tough moments. As someone who can sometimes get caught in the negative too, I try to remind myself of this teaching and take time to find the good as often as possible.

Thanksgiving is also a holiday when we take the time to express our gratitude – to gather with family and friends, eat a meal of our favorite Thanksgiving foods, watch football (or the National Dog Show) on TV, and spend time counting our blessings. Maybe you already do this as a family, or can start a new tradition this year: spend a few minutes of your Thanksgiving day sharing gratitude out loud with one another. Share specific appreciation to someone in the room or about someone whose presence you miss around the table. It may make that stuffing, pumpkin pie, or touchdown taste even sweeter!

I also want to take this moment to express my gratitude to you – the Temple Beth Shalom community – for welcoming me with such kindness and warmth over these past few months. From flowers on my desk on my first day to the many sweet phone calls, emails, conversations at the *oneg* and in the parking lot, and other experiences together, *kosi r'vaya* – my cup overflows – with appreciation and welcome. I feel so very lucky to be able to serve as your rabbi in this holy place.



November Highlights

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“Aliyah L’Rabbanut”: Rabbi Bressler’s Service of Rabbinic Ascent at TBS

Friday, November 1, 2019 at 7:15 pm

Please join us as we celebrate Rabbi Julie Bressler and the beginning of her rabbinate at Temple Beth Shalom! A special oneg will follow our service. We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Julie’s mentor, Rabbi Julia Weisz from Congregation Or Ami in Calabasas, CA. On **Saturday morning, from 9:00 am - 10:00 am**, Rabbi Weisz will lead a wonderful Torah Study. Please join us!



3

Breakfast with Comic Strip Author Terri Libenson - “The Pajama Diaries”

Sunday, November 3, 9:30 - 11:30 AM



TBS’ Adult Learning Committee and Sisterhood invite you to an entertaining morning with Terri Libenson, award-winning author of “The Pajama Diaries.” A funny, art-imitating-life comic strip, “The Pajama Diaries” centers on Jill Kaplan, a Jewish suburban mother who balances a career and family life with her husband and teenage daughters. “The Pajama Diaries” appears daily in the *Boston Globe* and other newspapers throughout the country and abroad. Terri has also authored several books, which will be available for purchase, including Jewish-themed *The Pajama Diaries: Bat-Zilla*. Terri weaves Jewish themes into “The Pajama Diaries” with great humor!

Please join us for a delicious breakfast and fun presentation! \$5.00/person, \$10.00/family. We hope to see you there!

Please register for this event

in advance: tinyurl.com/TBSTerriLibenson

Questions? Contact: adultlearning@tbsneedham.com



Surprising Jewish Musical Stories with Entertainer Frank King

Sunday, November 3, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, at Temple Aliyah, 1664 Central Ave.

Join Temple Beth Shalom’s Three Score/More or Less and Temple Aliyah’s Staying Connected for an engaging presentation, “Surprising Jewish Musical Stories,” with entertainer Frank King. Frank’s discussion will focus on unknown Jewish songwriters and musicians who have an association with well-known classics. This event will be held at Temple Aliyah, 1664 Central Ave., Needham. The \$12.00 per-person cost includes a delicious breakfast. This event is open to the entire TBS adult community and their guests. Come and enjoy!



Please register for this event in advance. To RSVP, send your check, payable to Temple Beth Shalom, to: Temple Beth Shalom, 670 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02494. (Be sure to note on the check that it applies to this event.) NOTE: This event occurs at Temple Aliyah.

Questions? Contact: Paul Elias (threescore@tbsneedham.org)



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Environmental Action Committee Workshop: Political Action for Climate Change

Wednesday, November 6, 7:30 PM

Are you concerned about climate change and interested in learning about current Massachusetts laws and upcoming opportunities/barriers for climate action? A representative from the Massachusetts Sierra Club will bring us up to date, and train us how to better engage with public officials to make real progress on these issues. This is part of an ongoing campaign by the Massachusetts Sierra Club to encourage increased involvement across the Commonwealth on solutions to equitably expand renewable energy and reduce pollution. All are invited; no RSVP is necessary.

For future Environmental Action Workshops, see pages 13 & 23 of this issue.

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Special Musical Shabbat Service Featuring Sarah Riskind

Friday, November 8, at 7:15 pm

Please join us for an inspirational Shabbat evening service that features the Jewish choral music of TBS family member Sarah Riskind. Some of Sarah's compositions highlight simple melodies in traditional Jewish scales, while others explore more complex rhythms and harmonies with influences from Tango to Leonard Bernstein. Sarah's Jewish musical voice is shaped by years of having listened to Temple Beth Shalom's inspiring choir and cantors over the years.



Sarah Riskind is the Director of Choral Activities at Eureka College in Eureka, Illinois. She holds degrees from the University of Washington, the University of Wisconsin, and Williams College. Sarah joyfully grew up in Needham and at TBS. Her musical philosophy has been significantly informed by her work as Choral Director and member of the faculty at The Walden School, an inspiring summer program in New Hampshire for creative musicians. Sarah's doctoral research focused on choral arrangements of Sephardic music; her new arrangements were premiered by her ensemble Las Kantaderas del Noroeste and the Seattle Jewish Chorale. Among her original Jewish works, *Oseh Shalom* and *Hariyu* are featured in the Project Encore catalogue of contemporary choral music, and *Psalm of the Sky* will be premiered at the Cincinnati Conservatory Creative Commissions Project concert in February 2020.

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Children's Pajama Drive: Help Cradles to Crayons ("C2C") Clothe Kids in Need

October 20 - November 9!

TBS Social Action is running a Children's Pajama Drive as part of its Year-Round Mitzvah Projects. After receiving the pajamas at TBS, we will bring all donations to C2C on November 10, when we take a volunteer shift at the C2C Giving Factory. (See the November 10 event for details on volunteering!) Please donate a new pair of children's pajamas to meet an immediate need for C2C. All seasons and fabric weights are needed. To shop online on Amazon, visit bit.ly/c2cpajamas and order PJs for donation today. Help children in need and honor our Temple's long-standing tradition of helping others. Thank you for your generosity!



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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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Come Volunteer at the Cradles to Crayons (“C2C”) Giving Factory!

Sunday, November 10, from 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Please join TBS families and individuals for another TBS Social Action Year-Round Mitzvah Project at the C2C Giving Factory in Brighton! This is a fun and rewarding volunteer opportunity for all, including children as young as 5 years old. We'll meet at C2C at 1:15 PM, and will inspect, sort, and package donations to be distributed to children in need throughout the Boston area. Sign up today to help children in need, honor our Temple's long-standing tradition of helping others and have fun working with new and old Temple friends. (See previous item for details on how to make a pajama donation!)

Location: C2C, 155 North Beacon Street, Brighton

To sign up, please visit bit.ly/tbsc2c.

Questions, or for more information, contact: Caryl Mayer (socialaction@tbsneedham.org)

Needham Antiques Show sponsored by Beth Shalom Garden Club

Sunday, November 10, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Beth Shalom Garden Club will sponsor our 22nd annual Needham Antiques Show at the Needham High School Cafeteria. Dealers from several states will be selling quality antiques and featuring verbal appraisals. There will also be a Cafe, a Bake Sale, and a Raffle.

This is Garden Club's only fundraiser, which provides funding for programming, floral education, and community events such as the Vietnam Memorial and Needham's Art in Bloom. We hope to see you there!

With this ad, adult admission is \$6.00 per person.

For more information, please contact: Goosefare Antiques & Promotions (goosefareantiques.com), or Lori Markell or Carol Gershman (gardenclub@tbsneedham.org).



22nd Annual
NEEDHAM ANTIQUES SHOW
NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
609 Webster Street, Needham, MA
Exit 19 off Rte 128 (Highland Ave Towards Needham), Then Left at the 2nd light onto Webster St. The High School Cafeteria is 1 mile from the light on the Right.
Sunday, November 10, 2019
10AM to 4PM
Dealers from Several States Selling Quality Antiques
Special Feature - Verbal Appraisals
From 10:00 to 3:00 With Admission
\$5.00 pr Item/5 for \$20.00
Sponsored by the Beth Shalom Garden Club
Cafe, Bake Sale, & Raffle
For More Information, Please Contact
Goosefare Antiques & Promotions
John & Elizabeth DeSimone, P. O. Box 45
Saco, ME 04072 Tel: (800) 641-6908
www.goosefareantiques.com
Adult Admission \$7.00
With This Ad \$6.00 Each

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Beth Shalom Garden Club's November program: Tomoko Tanaka Ikebana Demonstration

Tuesday, November 12, at 7:15 PM

Beth Shalom Garden Club will present an Ikebana Demonstration by Tomoko Tanaka in Simon Hall, at Temple Beth Shalom. Tomoko Tanaka is a Wellesley resident who studied Ikebana in Tokyo as a teenager. She now teaches the Sogetsu School of Ikebana and demonstrates at garden clubs throughout New England, at Tower Hill and even on PBS. You can see her beautiful arrangements on the internet: search for "Tomoko Tanaka Ikebana." Please come to see a stunning and elegant demonstration by Tomoko Tanaka.

No RSVP is necessary. The community is invited. \$10.00 admission fee is payable at the door.



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TBS Sisterhood Retreat is BACK!

Friday - Sunday, November 15 - 17

Please join us for the 21st annual Sisterhood Retreat. It is sure to be an exciting weekend filled with friendship, laughter, song, services, and Shabbat!! We are thrilled to have Dr. Dena Samuels, PhD, (denasamuels.com) facilitate our weekend. The weekend will focus on how to use mindfulness to make meaningful connections inward and outward, and acquiring skills and strategies for incorporating these practices into your life. This is a great time to come together with other TBS women to enjoy songs, prayer, reflection, and fun! The retreat will be held at the Hilton Bedford Glen Hotel, 44 Middlesex Turnpike, Bedford, MA (only 25 minutes away).

To learn more about the event, please contact: Anne Tribush, Sarah Fleckner, or Susan Patkin (sisterhoodretreat@tbsneedham.org). Look for the registration form in your email.

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TBS Brotherhood Leroy Davis Sports Breakfast with Red Sox Pitcher Craig Breslow

Sunday, November 17, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

This year our featured speaker is Red Sox pitcher Craig Breslow. Craig is a New England native, a Yale graduate, and a member of the 2013 Red Sox championship team. He pitched professionally for 15 years and even played for Team Israel in the qualifying round of the 2017 World Baseball Classic. Craig topped The Sporting News list of smartest athletes in 2010. This past year, he was hired by Theo Epstein as the Chicago Cubs' Director of Strategic Initiatives. Craig is a galvanizing and well-informed speaker, and will regale us with his insights and commentary.



Tickets: \$15.00 in advance, \$20.00 at the door. Kids pre-B'nei Mitzvah age: \$10.00 in advance or at the door. This event may sell out! Register and pay for tickets in advance at: tiny.cc/leroy.

Questions? Contact: Loren Shapiro (brotherhood@tbsneedham.org)

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TBS Tzedek: Gun Violence Prevention Panel Presentation

Monday, November 18, 7:30 - 9:00 PM at TBS

TBS Tzedek will host a panel on gun violence prevention. Our guests will be:

- Ruth Zakarin, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
- Dr. Peter Masiakos, Co-Founder of the Massachusetts General Hospital Center to Prevent Gun Violence
- Vikiana Petit-Homme, Southeastern Mass Regional Director, March for Our Lives
- Donald M. Osgood, Sr., Peace Institute Advocate and Trauma Specialist, Louis D. Brown Peace Institute

The panel will shed light on gun violence prevention actions you can take, gun violence as a public health issue, and gun violence as a community crisis. The TBS community is invited to attend; no RSVP is necessary.

Questions, or for more information, contact: tzedek@tbsneedham.org



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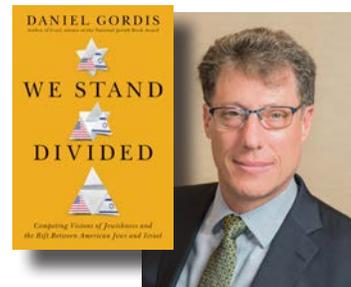
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We Stand Divided: Competing Visions of Jewishness and the Rift Between American Jews and Israel

Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 - 9:00 PM

The Adult Education Committee is thrilled to welcome nationally acclaimed scholar Dr. Daniel Gordis, who will discuss relations between US Jews and Israelis, and his recent book, "We Stand Divided: Competing Visions of Jewishness and the Rift Between American Jews and Israel." Dr. Gordis lectures throughout the world on Israeli society, American-Israeli relations, and the challenges facing the Jewish state. Dr. Gordis is twice a winner of the National Jewish Book Award and author of numerous books on Jewish thought and political currents in Israel. He authors a regular column, "A Dose of Nuance," for the Jerusalem Post and is a regular columnist for Bloomberg Opinion. Dr. Gordis is also the Koret Distinguished Fellow at Shalem College in Jerusalem.

RSVP for this event here: bit.ly/tbsgordis



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Join TBS Social Action As We Volunteer at the Greater Boston Food Bank!

Saturday, November 23, from 1:00 to 3:30 PM

Please join us as we volunteer at the Greater Boston Food Bank as part of our Year-Round Mitzvah Projects. This project takes place the Saturday before Thanksgiving - what better and more meaningful way to show your gratitude than by helping to serve the hungry?

We will inspect, sort, and package grocery products for distribution to hunger relief agencies. The work is fun and always enhanced by the enthusiasm of our TBS volunteers. Must be 16 or older to volunteer. Everyone leaves with a feeling of satisfaction having done a job to help those in need along with new friends.

To sign up, please visit: bit.ly/tbsfoodbank.

Questions, please contact: Stephen Staum (socialaction@tbsneedham.org)



From Stockbridge to Needham - A TBS Coffeehouse with the Piper-Hopkins Band

Saturday, November 23, 7:45 PM, at TBS

Join Three Score/More or Less as the TBS Community Hall is transformed into the "From Stockbridge to Needham" coffeehouse, featuring the Piper-Hopkins Band (piper-hopkins.com). The band will play two sets of interpretive folk-style arrangements of music from the '60s and beyond. Intermission will include delicious desserts and beverages. Cost is \$20 per person. This event is open to the entire TBS adult community and their guests. Come and enjoy an evening of music and friendship!



Please register for this event in advance. To RSVP, send your check, to be received by November 15, payable to Temple Beth Shalom, to: Temple Beth Shalom, 670 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02494. (Be sure to note on the check that it is for this event.)

Questions? Contact: Roz Kushner (threescore@tbsneedham.org)

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Thanksgiving Pie Bake for Homeless Women and Children!

Monday, November 25, 6:00 PM

Join us as we bring a new Social Action Mitzvah Project to TBS! All ages and abilities are welcome! We will bake apple pies to help brighten Thanksgiving for women and their children at a local soup kitchen and homeless shelter. We will gather and bake together at TBS. This multigenerational event will not only provide joy to the people we are serving, but will be a fun, bonding experience, bringing TBS families together. What better time of year to show our gratitude than at Thanksgiving? We will provide all of the ingredients and materials. Please bring yourself, your friends and a desire to participate in this mitzvah.

Registration for this project is required, no later than November 22nd.

To register and let us know you are coming, send email to: socialaction@tbsneedham.org

Upcoming Events

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Gersten-Hoisington Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

Friday, December 6th - Sunday, December 8th

The Jews of Italy: History, Culture, Literature, Arts, Music, and Food with Professor Marc Michael Epstein. This weekend will have four events summarized below. See page 16 & 17 for more details.

Friday Night Shabbat Services - 7:15 PM

"Edom: This is Rome"

Shabbat Morning Learning - 9:00 AM

"How I Met the Pope (And Why Anyone Should Care)"

Saturday Evening Program and Dinner - 7:00 - 10:00 PM

"A Musical & Artistic Celebration of Italian Jewish Life - with Delicious Italian Dinner"

Sunday "Bagel & Lox Brunch" Presentation - 9:30 AM

"Art Detectives: From Spain to Italy – A Jewish Mystery"



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Annual Brotherhood Blood Drive

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

Mark your calendar and join in the mitzvah of giving blood. The Red Cross depends on TBS to have a big turnout at this time of year. Let's do it again! Donate a unit of blood, we'll give you a bagel schmear with all the trimmings - and you'll be doing a mitzvah!

Register NOW to reserve the time that works for you, at tiny.cc/tbsblood. You can also sign up as a volunteer to help and assist the donors.

Whole Blood Donations: The most flexible donation, it can be transfused directly or used to help multiple people. Waiting period: 56 days - **October 12 was the cut-off date.**

Power Red Donations: A concentrated dose of red cells that uses an automated process to separate red blood cells and safely return your plasma and platelets to you. Waiting period: 16 weeks/112 days - **August 17 was the cut-off date.**

Questions? Contact: Our Chief Phlebotomists (donateblood@tbsneedham.org)

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Upcoming Events

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Environmental Action Committee Workshop: Purchasing Green Electricity

Monday, December 9, 7:30 PM

Interested in switching to green electricity but confused about where to start? Or do you already purchase what is advertised as “renewable energy” but are not sure it is really green? A representative from the Green Energy Consumers Alliance will clarify the many misconceptions about this topic in order to allow you to make informed and responsible choices. No RSVP needed; all are welcome to attend.

11

Sisterhood Chanukah Party

Wednesday, December 11, at 6:30 PM

Sisterhood is hosting our annual Chanukah Party! This is always a fun and joyous evening and a great time to catch up with old friends, meet new ones, eat latkes, and spin the dreidel!

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Project EZRA – A Mitzvah You’ll Never Forget

Wednesday, December 25

Temple Beth Shalom will once again join hands with the Needham Community Council to provide Christmas dinners. Each year the need seems to increase, so please help us. We cannot do this mitzvah without you. Volunteers are needed to:

* assemble dinners * deliver dinners * bake ‘finger desserts’

To participate, please call: Lois Sockol (projectezra@tbsneedham.org, 781-449-1226 or 781-864-2393) or Anne Braunstein (781-444-4240).



January

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Immigration Justice Community Education Forum

Thursday, January 9, 2020, 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Join TBS Tzedek as we present speakers from a Safe Communities Act advocacy group, the Massachusetts Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), and local speaker(s) who will share their stories about the impact of federal immigration policy in their lives. Opportunities for action will be suggested, and a Q&A session will follow the speakers. Stay tuned for details.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Hope Forbes and Steven Hecht and Madison (3) and Ella (1)
Leon Aronson and Judith Keone
Aaron and Jamie Miller and Capri (Not yet 1)
Richard Reisman
Jeffrey Wolfson
Jacob and Jaclyn Cohen and Hunter (4) and Piper (1)

From the Perspective of Grandparents

By Marcia and Ken Brier

Passing Jewish tradition onto the next generation is a blessing shared by parents and grandparents. In our TBS community we are thrilled to have so many multi-generation families. Thank you to Marcia and Ken Brier for sharing your story:

Our grandson, Jacob, now 2½ years old, is our first grandchild, and he is a fourth generation Brier to be a

every day at the Children’s Center. We see the growth in him every single day.

We are gratified that the Temple staff and his teachers all seem to take as much pride in Jake’s accomplishments as we do! Jake was born almost a month early, and he has been a



member of Temple Beth Shalom. We couldn’t have been happier than to introduce Jake to Temple life as soon as he was eligible to enter the Children’s Center a year and a half ago.

Our son, Michael, Jake’s dad, also went to the TBS preschool. He had a fine experience, but we have noticed with pleasure how much the place has changed in the last 30-plus



years. From all that we can see, Jake has flourished each and

bit behind on some of his physical skills. His teachers have played a key role in his great progress. He has practiced his crawling and walking all around the Temple. Jake seems to



take pride in his new accomplishments, and the teachers and staff always demonstrate to him how proud they too are of him.

Each night we receive a “TBS Digest,” which has several pictures of the kids in his class and, of course, of Jacob. I can’t even

Included here are a few photos of grandparents (and great-grandparents) and their Children’s Center student grandchildren.



begin to tell you how happy we are to receive the pictures – and the emails between our “kids” and all the grandparents go round and round each evening. Especially if there happens to be a video!

Jacob also thrives on the socialization at TBS. He has many friends. The girls seem to want to help him with just about everything!

Last year I (Marcia) had a fantastic experience. My daughter-in-law, Andrea, asked me if I would like to join Jake for Shabbat. I ran over to the school, and Jake and I were asked to hold the Torah during the service. Everyone around was snapping pictures. One day at his bar mitzvah, we will show him those

pictures. He is learning the prayers, songs, and our customs from such an early age. And the projects the kids do in class are unique and fun!

We are blessed to be a member of such a wonderful congregation, and we believe Jake’s experience at TBS has already enriched his life.



*Moments from TBS Family Shabbat, and Festival celebrations.
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The Jews of Italy: History, Culture, Literature, Arts, Music, and Food

with Professor Marc Michael Epstein

Friday
December

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Saturday
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Sunday
December

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Friday Night Shabbat Services - 7:15 pm, at TBS

Topic: “Edom: This is Rome”

Professor Epstein will speak on “Edom: This is Rome.” He will introduce us to the historic rich Jewish culture of Italy and help us see the connection between this week’s Torah portion (which references Jacob’s brother, Esau) and Rome.

To register for these events and purchase tickets for the Saturday dinner go here:

<http://tbsneedham.org/sir>

Shabbat Morning Lay-Led Minyan Service - 8:30 am, at TBS
Shabbat Morning Learning with our Scholar - 9:00 am, at TBS

Topic: “How I Met the Pope (And Why Anyone Should Care)”

During the spring of 2018, Professor Epstein journeyed to the Vatican to meet Pope Francis I. How he came to do that, how he almost did not go, why he did, and what he experienced and learned will form the basis of our discussion of Jewish-Christian relations emerging from the Torah portion and from the history of the Jews in Italy.

**Saturday Evening Program and Dinner - 7:00 - 10:00 pm, at Masonic Hall,
1101 Highland Ave, Needham**

**A Musical & Artistic Celebration of Italian Jewish Life -
with Delicious Italian Dinner**

Together, we will explore the rich variety of almost 2,000 years of Jewish life in Italy as Professor Epstein guides us on a musical and visual tour of Jewish Italy — from the Arch of Titus and the Roman catacombs to the rich splendid productions of Jewish life in Renaissance Italy, and beyond. The evening will be accompanied by a full Italian dinner, with a different artistic and musical theme for each course. **\$30 per person - buy tickets here: <http://tbsneedham.org/sir>**

Sunday “Bagel & Lox Brunch” Presentation - 9:30 am, at TBS

Topic: “Art Detectives: From Spain to Italy – A Jewish Mystery”

A deceptively simple image in a forgotten book, a trail of clues, a fabulous discovery opening up a whole universe of Jewish culture: we will take a detective-story approach to closely reading the clues in art to discover unique ways of peering inside the consciousness of Jews who fled Spain to Italy, opening up the world of those who have gone before us. A full bagel and lox breakfast will be served. Suitable for adults and families with children, ages 9 and older.



About Our Scholar

Professor Epstein, a renowned scholar of Jewish art and illustrated manuscripts, will be joining us for an inspiring weekend.

Winner of the 2015 Jewish Book Award in Visual Arts for *Skies of Parchment, Seas of Ink: Jewish Illuminated Manuscripts*, Marc Michael Epstein is currently Professor of Religion at Vassar College, where he has been teaching since 1992 and was the first Director of Jewish Studies. A graduate of Oberlin College, Professor Epstein received his PhD at Yale University, and did much of his graduate research at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Professor Epstein has written numerous articles and three books on various topics in visual and material culture produced by, for, and about Jews. His prior book, *The Medieval Haggadah: Art, Narrative, and Religious Imagination* (Yale, 2011) was selected by the London Times Literary Supplement as one of the best books of 2011. During the 1980s, Epstein was Director of the Hebrew Books and Manuscripts division of Sotheby's Judaica department, and continues to serve as a consultant to various libraries, auction houses, museums and private collectors throughout the world. He currently serves as a consultant for the Fowler Museum at UCLA, where he is in the process of helping plan a major exhibition on aspects of Kabbalah and its relationship to visual culture.



Did You Know?

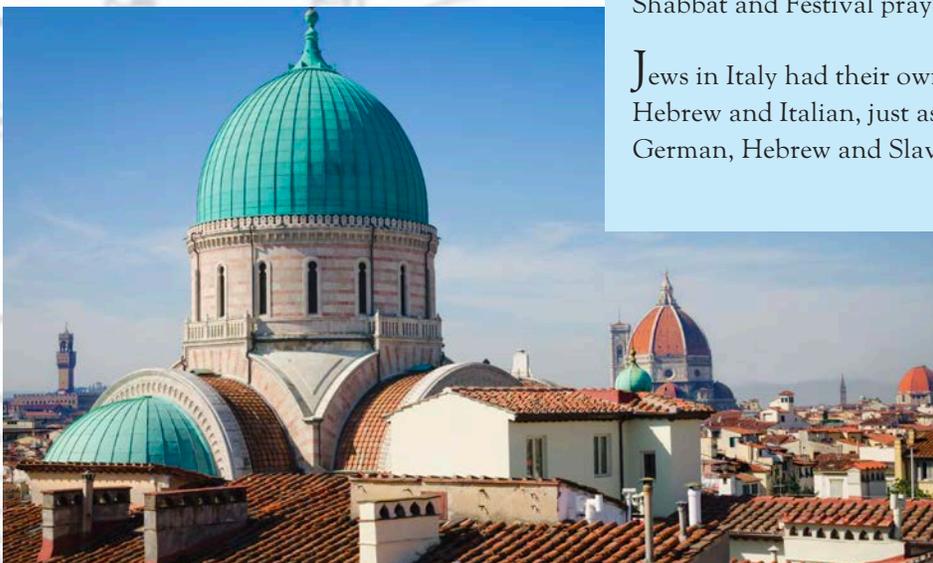
Jews were first taken to Rome en masse in 70 CE as slaves, when the Romans destroyed the Second Jerusalem Temple, but many Jewish merchants and settlers were there even earlier, making Jews more Italian than many of the Italians who were naturalized after the Romans!

Venetian Jews once had a rabbi— Yehudah Aryeh “Leone” Da Modena, who dealt with questions like playing tennis on Shabbat (he loved tennis) and traveling to synagogue by gondola. He approved the singing of polyphonic choral music in the synagogue, and wrote the first known Jewish autobiography, which contains a wonderful portrait of him on the title page.

Whereas the Sephardic Jewish liturgy (synagogue service) preserves the traditions of the immense and important Babylonian Jewish community (the Talmud, after all, was “born” in Babylonia/ present-day Iraq,) the Italian Jewish community preserved the liturgy of the ancient Land of Israel, and eventually transmitted it to Ashkenazic Jewry.

Though it is certainly not true historically, the Jews of Rome had a tradition that St. Peter was imprisoned at Rome and sent a beautiful poem to the Roman Jewish community to show that he was really still secretly a Jew. That poem, *Ilu Finu Maleh Shirah KaYam*—“If our mouths were filled with song as the sea is with water,” is still used today as part of the Shabbat and Festival prayers by Jews around the world.

Jews in Italy had their own language—Judeo-Italkit, which combines Hebrew and Italian, just as Yiddish combines elements of Middle High German, Hebrew and Slavic languages.



Committing to Our Committees: A Rewarding Experience

TBS members reflect on what makes their involvement in Temple life (as part of a committee or initiative) so meaningful to them. To find out more about any committee and how you may get involved, please refer to the 2019-2020 TBS Community Guide or reach out to the members mentioned below.

Anne Baron – Archives Committee

I met Florence Schumacher in our 2011-12 Adult B'nei Mitzvah class. In 2016, as head of the Archives Committee, she told me about the soon-to-open archives room in the renovated Temple. I told her if she needed help to let me know.

In the winter of 2017 we began going through boxes together figuring out what to keep. Between her personally knowing founding members and me having had kids in the preschool, we identified people in photos and better understood the content in these boxes. It was a 'l'dor va'dor collaboration.' I had a great time learning more of our Temple's history and looking through mimeographed Scrolls and papers from earlier, pre-computer days. Since then, I have helped on other occasional projects.

The best part was meeting Archives committee members who had been helping Florence all along. They remembered people and events from before my years at the Temple and it has been fun learning from and getting to know them.

Margie Glou – Adult Learning Committee

Several years ago Ina Glasberg suggested I join the Adult Learning Committee of which she was a long standing member. I had attended a few Scholar in Residence Weekends which I found educational and enlightening, and thought this would be a challenging and rewarding committee for me to join.

And indeed I did make a wise decision. Our Committee has evolved, grown and expanded its programs to include a

Joel Golden – Environmental Action Committee

I have long been actively committed to reversing the effects of climate change. But in mid 2018 I was feeling deeply frustrated that national policy appeared aimed at actually reversing the last decade's gains. I very much needed to feel like I was doing something to move the needle in the right direction, however imperceptibly.

So when I was offered the opportunity to participate in an initiative to install rooftop solar panels on the Temple building, I accepted without hesitation. Thanks to Loren Shapiro of the Building Committee, and the enthusiastic support of Temple leadership, we were able to fast track the project. By early January of this year the system was operational, generating a third of our electricity needs without carbon pollution and producing significant dollar savings. Soon afterwards we were able to complete an energy audit that resulted in the installation of lighting and HVAC upgrades expected to reduce our energy usage by 10-15%.

I feel quite gratified to have been part of these projects that are in keeping with TBS's mission to be good stewards of the Earth. As a result of this work I have also become reenergized to advocate at the national level for solutions to the climate crisis.

health series and multiple diverse educational opportunities attracting TBS members of all ages and stages of life. We are constantly researching a wide variety of new programs which creates enthusiastic and interesting discussions at our meetings. I always leave our meetings feeling that we are truly providing enriching educational opportunities to our TBS members.

Elliot Herman – Investment Committee

I was asked to join the Investment committee about 8 years ago as I have been in the investment world for over 25 years and the committee's founders were ready for a 'hand-off' of duties. The Temple was intent on adding a more structured,

David Grebber – Worship Committee

I am a second-generation TBS member. I still refer to my parents' contemporaries as "Mr." and "Mrs." Having moved back to Needham in the early 1990s and joining the Temple with children in the Temple's Children's Center, I wanted to get more involved in the governance of the Temple that I still considered my sacred home from my childhood. But with work commitments and young children, taking on a time-consuming responsibility did not appear on my "to-do" list. Steve Snyder, whom I had met while we were both on the Rabbi Search Committee, and Rabbi Perlman invited me to be part of the Worship Committee, to represent the "younger" membership of the Temple community. How I long to be considered part of the "young" segment today!

At our first meeting, I sat with the venerable leaders of our Temple community: Mr. Berg, Mr. Sands, Mrs. Chaffin, Mr. Melen, Mrs. Raskind and Mrs. Glasberg, just to name a few. Here sat my parents' contemporaries – people I have known since childhood. People who attended Board of Trustee meetings around my dining room table. People who attended my baby naming, my bar mitzvah, my wedding. People who celebrated such joyous lifecycle events with my family and people who supported me and my family during the darkest days after the death of my father. People who built the Temple community and whom I admired for their dedication and commitment to our Temple. It was actually a humbling moment to introduce myself, not just as Kivi and Irma's son, but as another link in the legacy of our

founders. *L'dor vador* – from generation to generation.

The committee meetings were so interesting. We discussed changing the hours of our weekly Shabbat services. We changed the layout of the High Holiday chairs in Simon Hall with a new temporary Bimah. We introduced the new prayer books and changed the flow of our services by introducing modern song and text and providing greater opportunity for personal reflection and experience. We organized and coordinated efforts to make services as seamless as possible during the Temple's sanctuary renovation. We talked about the kashrut laws for meals served within the Temple's walls. Conversations were often spirited and with strong opinions shared, but they were always respectful. All Arms of the Temple were represented at that table each month – Sisterhood, Brotherhood, the Board of Trustees, the Garden Club, Social Action, and the Adult Choir.

While serving on the Worship Committee during those first few years, I became more connected to the inner-workings of Temple governance, and forged closer relationships with the committee members I still call my "Temple Family" today. By sitting on the Worship committee, not only did I honor the legacy of my parents' leadership and values, but I also set an example for my children, who in their own right, became leaders within the Temple community as well. Today, I chair the Worship Committee with an extraordinary group of leaders whom I admire and respect for all that they do for our Temple. To them I say, "Todah Rabah."

disciplined, and institutional approach to the management of the endowment and I was happy to help. The committee initially worked to revamp the endowment Investment Policy Statement and to think about the short and long-term goals of the endowment. Eventually, the committee decided to invest the Temple's funds with the Jewish Community Endowment Pool (JCEP). This pool is institutionally managed and overseen by prominent members of the Jewish community and has a long history of use by temples nationwide.

I have enjoyed the chance to interact with each Temple president and senior professional and lay leaders, and have gained great insight into the dedication and atten-

tiveness this group has for the Temple and its congregants. I am proud to be able to contribute in my small way and look forward to continuing my efforts in conjunction with members of the Finance committee to help solidify the long-term sustainability and growth of the Temple.

Aaron Hirshfield – Communications Committee

After being a part of the TBS community for a few years, I was looking for a way to give back. Initially I wasn't sure how but then I was introduced to the Communications Committee by Peter Mesnik. The group was involved with the TBS website and I have a technical background, so it seemed like a good fit. Little did I know that this group



Committing to Our Committees: A Rewarding Experience (continued)

wasn't just about the website but had its hands in almost every communication that TBS has with its members: our website, the Scroll, the membership directory... the list goes on. It's astounding how much work everyone in this small group does. For my part, I was able to help out pretty quickly with our new website and became involved in other areas such as giving input to the Scroll layout and even keeping our AV equipment up to date. The support from the rest of the group is amazing and it's really enjoyable to work with everyone who's involved.

Harvey Kaufman and Alan Huberman - Finance Committee

As individuals who are analytical by nature and love numbers, we gravitated towards getting involved with the Finance Committee as a way in which we could contribute to the financial workings of TBS. Coming together as a group on a monthly basis allows us to interact and collaborate, discuss issues and opportunities, and also help to keep TBS and our community continuously moving forward.

For both of us, the cornerstones of our Jewish community are our homes as well as Temple Beth Shalom. We help to build a community by sharing in life's experiences together, learning, getting involved in community service, participating in celebrations, new opportunities and challenges, and even being involved with the death of a loved one by offering our support. Besides ourselves and our wives, we both have children for whom a welcoming community offering a wide range of services is important. This community requires that many people bring their special interests and talents together, and we are thrilled for the opportunity to serve our community and to help ensure that it remains strong for the years and decades ahead.

Peggy Lowenstein - Children's Center Learning Committee and Finance Committee

I became a Children's Center parent in 1994, when total enrollment was around 75 children. As a newcomer to Boston, the preschool was the place where I made life-long

friends and where we, as a family, began to feel a part of the Needham community.

Fast-forward twenty years: I once again engaged with the Children's Center. As a member of the Finance Committee, I was asked to look at the economics of the preschool program. This one-time project evolved and today, as a Trustee, my focus is early engagement.

I couldn't have picked a better time. My responsibilities, mostly financial, are interesting, but most exciting has been the opportunity to watch the evolution of the program. During this time, I have been privileged to support the expansion of the already creative curriculum, the introduction of the full day/full year option and the move to a terrific new facility. Most important, though, is knowing that the early engagement program, as a welcoming and now large community, serves the same purpose for young families today that it did for mine.

Loren Shapiro - Building Committee

When I was asked to join the Building Committee, I thought it was a joke since the longtime members were people like Dave Berg and Roger Ambuter, who were professional engineers. A career in mortgage banking didn't seem to fit the profile. But needing help for some smaller projects, I got quotes and made decisions on a painter to freshen up two of the TBS bathrooms. Little did I know that one small task would lead me onto the team for Mikdash, the largest construction project in our congregation's history. This past year I was able to work in cooperation with the Environmental Action Committee to bring solar energy to our TBS home. This was a wonderful opportunity to do something for the congregation that would reduce the carbon footprint of our building and save us thousands of dollars at the same time. Along the way, I was able to learn about roofing systems, solar inverters and panels, government credits, and utility pricing. And now I have a new hobby, checking our solar output each day at tiny.cc/TBSsolar.

Deena Siegel - Social Justice Committee

After the 2016 election, I felt the collective outrage so many of us shared. In the fall of 2016, I attended an educational forum on the Safe Communities Act hosted by TBS Tzedek. The Tzedek Committee immediately felt like a good fit and

helped me to reconnect with the Temple community after my kids completed Hebrew School and were away at college and beyond. As the granddaughter of immigrants and refugees, as a citizen of a great country with complex interfaith and interracial roots, and as a human being deeply concerned by gun violence, Tzedek's commitment to social justice in these areas speaks to me. At a recent Tzedek meeting, Rabbi Julie challenged us to think about what gets us up in the morning (rather than what keeps us up at night!). If you are feeling overwhelmed and powerless, as I often do, please join us at one of our meetings or at an event to brainstorm about what gets you up, and to support one another as we trudge this road together.

Michelle Zaff - Teen Engagement Committee

I first became involved with the Teen Engagement Committee because my own kids were active in the TBS Teen programs. My daughters, Rachel and Ally, have grown up at the Temple. They attended the TBS Children's Center and between them, they have served as BESTY President, Religious and Cultural VP, Social Action VP, Lounge Night planners and grade reps. They have traveled with Temple programs to Costa Rica, D.C., and Philly. Through the youth group they have played laser tag, gone skiing and zip lining, had massive sleepovers (shul-ins) at TBS, attended Levi Leap dances, and hung out with friends. I have been so grateful for the social, religious, service and leadership opportunities my girls enjoyed through their time at TBS. I have seen the youth programs change and evolve over many years and many leaders/educators and I am invested in helping to make the TBS teen programs a fun, welcoming, interesting and accessible place for all TBS teens, so that they can have great connections to each other and to Judaism, as I see with my girls. That is why I have been happy to serve as a member and then chair of this important TBS committee. I encourage anyone interested to please join us.

Janet Zaval - Music Committee

"The research on the benefits of singing in groups is stunning. Choral singing calms heart rates and boosts endorphin levels. It improves lung function. It increases pain threshold [and] lifts self-esteem while reducing feelings of stress and symptoms of depression. It enhances one's sense of purpose...."*

Last year I decided to give the TBS singing group, *Shirat Shalom*, a try. Although I enjoy singing, I did require some coaxing from my husband, Ed, who was planning to check it out. After one rehearsal, I was hooked!

DJ Fortine provides a warm and welcoming space for those who are brand new to choral singing as well as those more seasoned. With the warm assistance of Rob Sutherland on guitar, singers are encouraged to try different harmonies and find a comfortable singing range. The makeup of the group is fluid; you can choose to participate in one service or more. Rehearsal commitments are few – only two to four times per event.

I love being a part of *Shirat Shalom*, singing in Hebrew, meeting new people, and the sense of accomplishment of learning a new piece. I am relaxed, calm, and happy after each rehearsal – and was surprised to find research acknowledging such wonderful benefits!

* From the book *WHEN, The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing* by Daniel H. Pink



Who's New on the TBS Professional Staff

We are pleased to formally introduce a number of new TBS professional staff members. You may already know some of these staff members as they have previously had other roles at TBS. To help our community understand each professional's specific responsibilities, for each professional we are providing a list of "Things That People Can Come to Me For." If you have questions about any of the roles described below, please don't hesitate to reach out to our new professionals. They look forward to hearing from you! If you have general questions or are still not sure who to contact for a response to your specific questions, please feel free to call the Temple Office at 781-444-0777. A member of our staff will be happy to connect you with the appropriate professional. Alternatively, feel free to stop by in person! A member of our volunteer Welcome Corps will be happy to help.

[Rabbi Julie Bressler - jbressler@tbsneedham.org](mailto:jbressler@tbsneedham.org)

Assistant Rabbi

- Conversation about anything! Life, Judaism, big questions, small questions, prayer, sports, you name it!
- How to get connected to the community
- Learning about social justice opportunities
- Support and guidance through lifecycle events and other experiences of all sorts

[Rahel Gruenberg - rgruenberg@tbsneedham.org](mailto:rgruenberg@tbsneedham.org)

Community Engagement Manager

- High Holiday Coordination
- Membership Engagement
- Rentals (including but not limited to B'nei Mitzvah Celebration)
- Welcome Desk Staff Liaison

[Jessica Baim - jbaim@tbsneedham.org](mailto:jbaim@tbsneedham.org)

Program and Communications Coordinator

- Meeting and event logistics support
- Master calendar management
- Print and digital communications coordinator

[Rosie Kahan - rkahan@tbsneedham.org](mailto:rkahan@tbsneedham.org)

Clergy Administrator

- Support to the clergy team and the Director of the B'nei Mitzvah Journey Program.

[Sara Berk - sberk@tbsneedham.org](mailto:sberk@tbsneedham.org)

Director of K-12 Inclusion and Associate Director of K-12 Learning

- Questions regarding inclusion in our K-12 learning programs
- Questions about our K-12 learning programs

[Julia Zinn - jjinn@tbsneedham.org](mailto:jjinn@tbsneedham.org)

Assistant Director of 8th-12th Grade and Special Programming

- Questions about 8th-12th Grade programming
- Questions about K-12 special programming
- K-12 Substitute teacher coordination

[Jodi Fletcher - jfletcher@tbsneedham.org](mailto:jfletcher@tbsneedham.org)

K-12 Administrator and Logistics Coordinator

- K-12 Learning Program Coordination
- K-12 Jewish Connection Experiences Logistics
- K-12 Transportation Coordination
- K-12 Learning Program Questions



Around TBS

Circle of Hope Coat Drive

December 8 through December 23

Circle of Hope (“COH”) is a Needham organization assisting those in need by collecting and distributing new and gently used clothing. TBS is conducting its annual coat drive to assist COH.

Please consider donating coats, hats, scarves, gloves and boots for men, women and children. All donations must be clean and in good condition as they will be immediately distributed. Please place donations in the designated bin in the Temple lobby. Last year we collected over 200 coats. Thank you in advance for helping us to exceed this record.



Watch for announcements for dates when contributions may be made during Children’s Center and Religious School drop-off and pick-up.

To make arrangements for larger donations, please contact: Peggy Lowenstein (coatdrive@tbsneedham.org)

Environmental Action Committee Workshops

The Environmental Action Committee and the Adult Learning Committee are pleased to announce 2019-2020 Workshops. Find out more in the box below.

If you would like more information, please email: environmental_action@tbsneedham.org

TBS Environmental Action Committee is pleased to announce

2019-2020 Workshops

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670 Highland Avenue, Needham

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Large Conference Room

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Ins and Outs of Buying Green Power - December 9th

What do do with Waste: Composting and Recycling - January 13th

How to Have a Healthy Yard (Pesticide Free) - January 28th

Solar Panels & the Needham Solarize Plus Program- February 24th

Pros and Cons of Buying an Electric Car - March 4th

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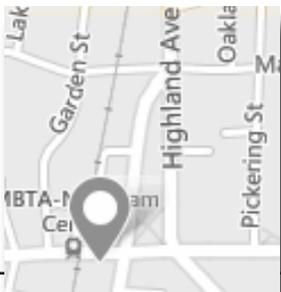
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