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From the Editorial Board

Here at the *Scroll* we spring into fall, producing no July or August publications. It is a time for reflecting and planning. We thank you for reading and contributing to our content, and we invite you to join us in two key ways:

- Let us know what you like and/or don't like about the *Scroll* and what ideas you may have for the coming year for this, our community's monthly magazine. Email us at scroll@tbsneedham.org.
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Wishing you a safe and happy summer!

By Joni Burstein on behalf of the Editorial Board

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Elyse and Harry Abrahams and Gideon (not yet 1) Kim and Ken Jenney and Lia (7) Diane and Lawrence Marget and David (22) and Mark (19) Matthew and Jennifer Stone and Graham (9) and Margaux (7) Abby Williams and Aidan (not yet 1) Jenna and Michael Willits and Olivia (6) Emily and Eric Yale and Oliver (1)

FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM

"Most people don't know what it means to be a Jew, what antisemitism is, or how it works. Fixing these misunderstandings is necessary to help people recognize and combat anti-Jewish ideas – and understand why pushing back on antisemitism is so necessary."

- Project Shema: projectshema.org

Services in June

Services will be in person and via livestream for the month of June. Please check the TBS website and emails for livestream links.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 (12 Sivan 5783) Torah: *Naso* Num. 6:1 - 12 B. Mitzvah: Alex Austin-Marder

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 (14 Sivan 5783)

5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service (Sanctuary) 7:15 PM *Om Shalom* Yoga Service (Community Hall) 7:15 PM Erev Simchat Shabbat Evening Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 (14 Sivan 5783)

Torah: Naso // Num. 6:1 - 7:89 8:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service (Beit Midrash) 9:00 AM Torah Study (Beit Midrash) 9:15 AM Finding Our Jewish Values in the Torah (Front Conference Room and online) B. Mitzvah: Eva Scharf B. Mitzvah: Audrey Muzikant

FRIDAY, JUNE 9 (21 Sivan 5783)

7:15 PM Erev Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 (21 Sivan 5783)

Torah: *B'Ha'a'lotcha* Num. 8:1 - 12:16 8:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service (Beit Midrash) 9:00 AM Torah Study (Beit Midrash) 9:15 AM Finding Our Jewish Values in the Torah (Front Conference Room and online) B. Mitzvah: Eva Hicks and Nick Herrera B. Mitzvah: Elizabeth Bookston and Lindsey Scheyer

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 (28 Sivan 5783) 6:15 PM Erev Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 (28 Sivan 5783)

Torah: *Sh'lach L'cha* Num. 13:1 – 15:41 8:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service (Beit Midrash) 9:00 AM Torah Study (Beit Midrash) 9:15 AM Finding Our Jewish Values in the Torah (Front Conference Room and online) B. Mitzvah: Hannah Sinclair and Sadie Sinclair B. Mitzvah: Martha Kaufman-Sharp and Jake Oriel

FRIDAY, JUNE 23 (5 Tammuz 5783)

6:15 PM Erev Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 (5 Tammuz 5783)

Torah: *Korach* Num. 16:1 – 18:32 8:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service (Beit Midrash) 9:00 AM Lay-led Torah Study (Beit Midrash) B. Mitzvah: Talia Kramer

FRIDAY, JUNE 30 (12 Tammuz 5783)

6:15 PM Erev Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)

Please join the TBS Community for Minyan

- Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM in person, in the Sanctuary.
- Tuesday through Thursday evenings at 6:45 PM online only. Zoom links are published in the "TBS This Week" email.

Committee Meetings in June – Stay Involved!

Committees not listed will not meet formally this month.

Committee Name

Adult Learning Brotherhood Board Communications Environmental Action Garden Club Library

Date and Time

Wed. June 7, 7:30 PM Tue. June 13, 7:15 PM Wed. June 21, 7:15 PM Thur. June 22, 8:00 PM Tue. June 6, 7:15 PM Every Wednesday, 9:30 AM

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Please check with the email contact in case of a change in date and for meeting location.



From Our Clergy Embracing the Present

By Rabbi Jay Perlman



t last, we have arrived at June: the front edge of \Lambda summer. Gratefully, we look ahead towards days of more sunshine, warmth, and a blessedly different pace from the more marathon-like rhythm of autumn through spring. Those of us who are old enough to know better understand that before long, it will be Labor Day again... and the summer months will be behind us. It is precisely for this reason that we should take note of where we are in the cycles of time, and pause and consider the shape we would like these precious weeks to take. With whom would we like to spend more time? Upon what paths would we like to walk? From where would we like to watch the sunset? How often would we like to sit at Fenway? So often, our lives are a blur of running, generating, and striving – a series of days which merges from one to the next. As much as Judaism is a tradition rich in doing, just as importantly, it is a tradition that calls upon us to cease from our doing. Just as the rest notes thoughtfully placed within a piece of music make that work whole, it is the intentionally placed moments of mindful "pause" that enable us to experience the fullness and beauty of life.

Like so many in our community, this summer, Emily and I are experiencing an especially meaningful moment of pause as we beyond-joyfully celebrate this season of graduations. In May, Liana graduated from Brandeis and on June 4th, Jonah will be graduating from Needham High School. To say that we are a bit overwhelmed by it all would be an understatement. As we are thinking about Liana's and Jonah's "next steps," Emily and I are finding ourselves reflective of how far they have come, where they are going, and of how truly proud and grateful we are.

There is a story that is told about the 18th century sage Rebbe Nachman of Bratzlav. It is said that one day, when he was looking out his window, he noticed his student, Chayim, running down the street. Reb Nachman called out to him: "Chayim, tell me, have you seen the sky today?" Puzzled by such a strange question, Chayim replied hesitatingly,



"Why, no. Not really." The Rebbe continued: "Well, have you seen the street lately?" With greater certainty, Chayim responded: "Of course, I have. It is filled with people moving and doing – all pursuing their livelihood." Reb Nachman continued: "Chayim, in 75 years... in 100 years... on this very street, there will be yet other people – traffic and tumult – just as there are today. And so, Chayim, I have to ask: What good is all of this commotion down below if we can't take the time to look up at the sky?"

With summer almost upon us, as we acknowledge the rapid pace of life's ("Chayim's") running, may we slow down long enough to embrace what is most precious. May the coming weeks be a time of renewal and restoration. And may this be a season to rejoice in the innumerable blessings of life, nature, friendship, and love.

From Our Board of Trustees My Meditation on Silent Prayer

By Wendy Gutterson, Congregational President



One of the things I look forward to at every Shabbat service is the silent prayer. Despite how hard I find it to still my mind and sit in silence, I look forward to those brief moments of reflection. I especially appreciate our tradition of moving into silent prayer shortly after the *Hoda'ah* (prayer for giving thanks) and *Misheberach* (prayer for healing), as my personal prayers are so often prayers of gratitude, concern, and caring.

Although silent prayer is meant to be personal, to be the meditation of our own hearts, I thought I would take this opportunity to openly reflect on my thoughts during this part of our weekly worship.

Like many of you, I expect, my first prayer is always for the health and safety of my family. I pray for strength to get us through challenging moments, and I pray for grace when I or those I love stumble. I pray for happiness. I pray for good health for those who are ill. I then pray for the well-being of our Temple Beth Shalom community, for our leadership to have the wisdom to make good decisions and help us remain the vibrant community we love so much. For the past year, I've added a prayer for peace in Ukraine to my prayers for the end to violence in the United States, in Israel, and once again in Sudan. I pray for tolerance and understanding. After these prayers, my mind might begin to wander, and sometimes I pray that the Red Sox will do well in their next homestand. Then I focus again on gratitude - back to the Hoda'ah – and offer prayers of thanks for the relationships David and I have with our children, our extended family, and within our community. By this time, I'm beginning to hear Cantor DJ or Emily's soft guitar melody, and I always conclude with a prayer of gratitude for having moved to Needham and been welcomed into the TBS family more than 25 years ago.

In addition to my silent Friday night gratitude, I want to take a moment publicly to thank the people who have made my first year as President of TBS so richly rewarding and meaningful. Our Board Vice Presidents and Trustees hold a special place in my heart. These volunteers offer their time and energy in so many ways each week and each month. I am grateful for your representation at congregational events. At this time, I especially want to recognize Jeremy Cramer, Jillian Erdos, Sarah Keselman, Marsha Moller, and Jennifer Schneier, who are concluding their Board service. Each of you, individually and collectively, has made our Board better through your questions and your wisdom, and your unwavering commitment to ensuring that the strength of our congregation is long-term. I thank you.

Rabbi Jay and Rabbi Todd are wonderful partners in my leadership journey at TBS. Each Wednesday morning, the three of us meet to plan, to reflect, and then plan some more. I truly love the opportunity to learn from them; I look forward to these meetings more than one might imagine.

Of course, I'm grateful to those who are at the center of my world: David, Sam, Tzipora, and Adam. Life is simply more meaningful because of each of you.

L'Shalom,

Wendy



B. Mitzvah

Alex Austin-Marder, Thursday, June 1

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Alex loves animals and enjoys playing video games. **Mitzvah Project:** Alex volunteers at the MSPCA Animal Adoption Center in Boston.

Eva Scharf, Saturday, June 3

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Eva loves skiing, running, spending time with her friends, and traveling with her family. **Mitzvah Project:** Eva raised money to create care packages of toys and comfort items for children in Ukraine impacted by the war.

Audrey Muzikant, Saturday, June 3

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Audrey enjoys softball, basketball, skiing, going to Eisner Camp, and spending time with friends.

Mitzvah Project: Audrey chose to make Jared Boxes, care packages for children in the hospital, because she wanted to help sick kids.

Eva Hicks, Saturday, June 10

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Eva loves to hang out with friends and play soccer. She also loves being around animals. **Mitzvah Project:** Eva hopes to complete a project that involves working with animals.

Nick Herrera, Saturday, June 10

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Nick is a huge fan of many sports including baseball and basketball. He enjoys listening to music and drawing.

Mitzvah Project: Nick volunteered for the YMCA to help kids from ages 5-10 and helped referee Junior Celtics games.

Elizabeth Bookston, Saturday, June 10

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Ellie enjoys soccer, swimming, and track, and spending time with friends and family. **Mitzvah Project:** Ellie organized and ran a soccer clinic to raise money for the Boston Children's Hospital.

Lindsey Scheyer, Saturday, June 10

School: Dana Hall School

Interests: Lindsey loves to dance, bake, hang out with her friends and family, and spend her summers at Camp Micah.

Mitzvah Project: Lindsey raised money to buy presents and make activity bags to support the Child Life Department at MGH.



Hannah Sinclair, Saturday, June 17

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Hannah loves art, basketball, reading, her cats, spending time with her friends, and all things Camp Eisner.

Mitzvah Project: Hannah volunteered her time at Unity Farm Sanctuary in Sherborn, caring for their rescued goats, sheep, and llamas.

Sadie Sinclair, Saturday, June 17

School: High Rock Middle School

Interests: Sadie loves being with her friends from home and Camp Eisner, reading graphic novels, and hanging with her pets.

Mitzvah Project: Sadie volunteered her time at Unity Farm Sanctuary in Sherborn, caring for their rescued goats, sheep, and llamas.

Martha Kaufman-Sharp, Saturday, June 17

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Martha loves playing field hockey and spending time with her family and her dog. Mitzvah Project: Martha is volunteering at the Centre Street Food Pantry in Newton, helping to pack grocery bags for hundreds of customers.

Jake Oriel, Saturday, June 17

School: High Rock Middle School

Interests: Jake loves playing soccer and basketball and spending time with family and friends. Mitzvah Project: Jake is collecting supplies, new and used, for the Service Dog Project.

Talia Kramer, Saturday, June 24

School: Kennedy Middle School

Interests: Talia loves acting, trying different foods, and spending time with her friends, her sisters, and her beloved golden retriever.

Mitzvah Project: Talia's mitzvah project raised money for FIDO of Natick, a non-profit steward of Eddie's Park, the dog park in Natick.

Adam Alperstein, Monday, June 26

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Adam loves sports and plays soccer, basketball, volleyball, flag football, and golf. Mitzvah Project: Adam collected sneakers to be donated to Cradles to Crayons.

Eva Helman, Monday, June 26

School: High Rock Middle School

Interests: Eva enjoys hanging with friends, traveling with her family, cheerleading, and dance. She is also a babysitter who loves younger children. Mitzvah Project: Eva plans on raising money for the Alzheimer's Association.



B. Mitzvah continued...

Eli Cramer, Thursday, June 29

School: High Rock Middle School

Interests: Eli plays on two hockey teams, plays competitive tennis, and loves the Kraken, Bruins, and Maple Leafs.

Mitzvah Project: Eli is volunteering his time with Adaptive Skating, helping children and adults with disabilities learn to ice skate.

Henry Grossman, Thursday, June 29

School: Dover Sherborn Middle School

Interests: Henry loves to play lacrosse and travel with his family when he isn't living his best life at Camp Tevya.

Mitzvah Project: Henry is working the family apiary, harvesting/selling honey to support a Norfolk Beekeeping Association grant program in his grandmother's honor.

Andrew Jacoby, Saturday, August 26

School: Dexter Southfield School

Interests: Andrew likes to hang out with friends and play video games. He also likes to spend time with his dogs.

Mitzvah Project: Andrew is volunteering at Good Sports, an organization that provides sports equipment to children in underserved communities.

To participate in B. Mitzvah services, join us in person in the Sanctuary, or check your Shabbat email for Vimeo links.

June Highlights

Parchment Sewing Workshop with Soferet

Sunday, June 11, 2:00-4:00 PM Beit Midrash

Calling experienced stitchers! Join us for a special workshop to sew together some of the completed sheets of parchment that make up our new Torah. Since a Torah is made of completely natural materials, the sheets of parchment are hand-sewn, using a kosher needle and giddim (animal sinew). Demonstration, instruction, and hands-on practice with these unusual materials will be included in the session. Open to teens and adults. Some sewing experience is preferred.

Register: t-b-s.me/Parchment



Brotherhood BBQ

Wednesday, June 7, 6:00 - 9:00 PM Ed Zaval's Backyard

See old friends *punim* to *punim*, make new friends, and enjoy a traditional backyard BBQ with all the fixin's. Beer and soft drinks will be served.

All to the accompaniment of musical entertainment by Theophonic Haze, aka The Official Purim Band. Bring your guitar, mandolin, banjo, or zither if you want to sit in with the band!

Bring a chair and pray for sun. Rain date is Thursday, June 15.

Register: t-b-s.me/brotherhoodbbq

Recurring Events

Om Shalom Yoga Service

Friday, June 2, 7:15 PM TBS

Om Shalom Yoga Shabbat creates a spiritual space that centralizes healthy movement and breath work as part of a Shabbat service. The practice includes Shabbat prayers, music, and ceremony woven together into a movement-practice that makes for a unique prayer experience.

Ages 12 and above are invited to participate. All physical abilities are welcome. Yoga mats are available; feel free to bring your own if you prefer.

Our Om Shalom leader, Andrew Tanner, is a global yoga teacher and public speaker known for his yoga industry advocacy, soulful style of teaching, and unshaken faith in his students' ability to transform for the better. Andrew is proud to have grown up at TBS and thrilled to be coming home to share his passion for yoga.

*Note: Our new monthly Om Shalom service will run concurrently with our regular Simchat Shabbat musical service. Both services will conclude at approximately the same time and participants will enjoy a sweet Oneg together.

Finding Our Jewish Values in the Torah

Saturdays, June 3, 10, 17, 9:15-10:15 AM Conference Room (front)

Each week we will focus on a single Jewish moral or ethical value found in that week's *parsha* (Torah portion). These will include, but not be limited to, Justice, Compassion, Environmental Ethics, and Business Ethics. A variety of rabbinic sources will enrich our exploration as we seek to apply each week's value to our lives today.

Drop in at TBS to join the discussion in person, or go to t-b-s.me/findingvalues to join in via Zoom. No registration is necessary.

Israeli Dancing

Mondays, June 5 & 12, 7:00-8:30 PM Simon Hall

Join Emily Perlman for a wonderful Israeli dance experience. Israeli dance is a great way to engage the culture of Israel and the Jewish people through music and movement. This is an intermediatelevel class for those who have some Israeli dance experience. Those who are willing to learn by watching others are also encouraged to attend. The tuition is \$5 per session, which is paid when you attend.

Contact: eperlman@tbsneedham.org











Recurring Events continued...

Breakfast Food and Bag Lunch Drive-Up Collection for Homeless Shelters

Friday, June 9, 9:15-9:45 AM Parking Lot (Front)

Please join TBS Social Action in this impactful mitzvah project, as we collect bag lunches and breakfast foods for donation to homeless shelters in the Father Bill's network in the Brockton area.

Volunteers are invited to sign up to assemble 10 bag lunches, cases





of waters, condiments, juice boxes, and a variety of breakfast items including muffins, bagels, ground coffee, cereal, yogurts and fruit cups.

On Friday, June 9, between 9:15-9:45 AM, just pull up on the Webster side of the TBS Front Parking Lot and stay seated as we collect your donations from your car.

Can't make it to the collection? No problem! Please email us at socialaction@tbsneedham.org to arrange to drop your donation of non-perishable items at a Needham address prior to the collection. Thank you for helping us to feed the stranger in our midst. Register: t-b-s.me/baglunch Deadline: 06/08/2023

Contact: Linda Hill at socialaction@tbsneedham.org with any questions or to request to be added to our mailing list

Adult Learning

and the Community Scholar Program

By Lois Sockol

The mission of the Adult Learning Committee has always been to bring interesting and informative programming to our TBS community. When COVID struck in 2020 and shut down our in-person programming, Adult Learning needed to find a new way to keep the TBS adult community active and engaged. Under the leadership of Peter Mesnik, we began a partnership with the Orange County Community Scholar Program (CSP). Their accessible online programming flung open the doors of our synagogue to a world of information and adventure.

Founded in 2001, CSP is a nonprofit group committed to igniting passion for Judaism through a wide variety of adult Jewish education programs and experiences. For example, in January alone, Stephen Berk, professor of Holocaust and Jewish Studies at Union College, offered a four-part series on *Demystifying History*, focusing on Putin, Ukraine, and the Jews, which enabled a deeper understanding than news coverage alone could supply. Following on its heels was another four-part series, *From the Rise of an Empire to the Arab Spring: Understanding the Arab and Islamic World*.

CSP's offerings are varied. Some are in the form of a series, some a single presentation, some tours of distant places. To mention but a few, Howard Lupovitch, author of *A History of the Budapest Jewish Community*, offered a talk on Herzl's Budapest; Evgenia Kempinski, owner of Online Jewish Travel Club, spoke on the Jews of Argentina: "They sowed seeds and harvested doctors;" and David Horowitz gave an overview of Israeli current affairs, live from Jerusalem.

Each CSP program is interesting, informative, and enriching. And because TBS supports CSP, all you need to do to access a program is follow the link provided in the Temple's weekly news email, TBS This Week. An online search of CSP will also display present and future programs as well as a registration link.

Although established and supported in California by nearly a score of synagogues, CPS is also supported by several synagogues in New York, Washington D.C., and Temple Emanuel of Newton, as well as TBS. If you are interested in



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HaBayit Shelanu (Our House)

By Liron Riess

A ayim Tamid is a program where children come to TBS multiple days per week for integrated afterschool care and Jewish learning. It shares many characteristics with our once-perweek Mayim program, but it also has its own unique feeling. The children enjoy family-like group experiences, engage in Jewish content, share meals, play indoors and outside, and are part of the fabric of the broader TBS community. Mayim Tamid is designed to feel like a "home away from home" every day after school!

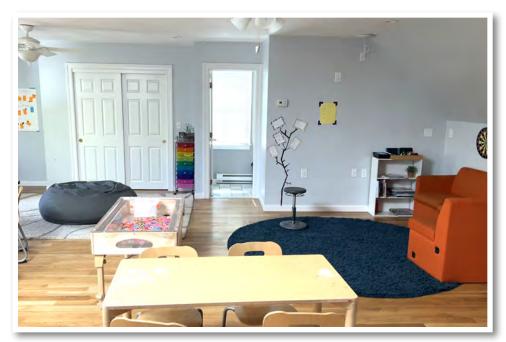
When TBS purchased the house at 28



Habayit

Greendale Avenue, we were able to bring our vision of Bayit - a home atmosphere – to a new level! In addition to the four classrooms we continue to inhabit within the TBS building, Mayim Tamid has five brand new learning spaces within the walls of the Greendale property.

Indoor Space



3rd grade learning space

he main house, which was previously two apartments, is now two learning spaces: one on each floor. The renovations created a beautiful homey environment for this year's two first-grade Mayim Tamid classes. It was important for us to set up the space so it feels very different from school. After their busy school day, students need to feel like they are coming home when they arrive. On their first day in the new space, the children's reaction was, "This is not a classroom – it's a house!" Different rooms, interesting angles and corners, and a full-size kitchen allow for a cozy, warm atmosphere.



HaBayit Shelanu (Our House) continued...

n any given day, you may find groups of children sprawled on the rug playing with Legos, reading books on a sofa in what looks like a living room, or eating at the kitchen table! Here are some comments from our first graders about the *Bayit*:

- Evie T.: It looks pretty different from my classroom at Newman. I like to play in the play kitchen inside the real kitchen!
- Evie S.: It actually used to be a house for some people; that is why we call it the *Bayit*, because it is a house in Hebrew!
- Gabby said that she loves taking her shoes off at the *Bayit*!



Bayit Backyard



4th grade classroom (former garage)

The garage building originally had room for two cars and an office plus an upstairs apartment. It was completely renovated into three learning spaces, including two separate rooms on the first floor and one room upstairs. Different in style, the two first-floor spaces feel modern with new laminate wood floors and furniture appropriate for the 4th graders. The upstairs is spacious, has a skylight, and is furnished appropriately for 3rd graders. Here are some comments from the children:

- Maya A.: I like the big classrooms. They feel not too tight in space.
- Whitney K.: When we were waiting for the *Bayit* to be built, our classrooms were in Community Hall and it was noisy. I like that even though you can sometimes hear the other classroom, it is still quiet and you can have more private space.
- Elliot and Zachary said they like the size of their classroom and that they have a bathroom inside the classroom.





1st grade enjoying snack at the Bayit Kitchen!



Snack at the Bayit's Kitchen

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Preserving Our History Celebrating 20 Years of the Archives Committee

By Florence Schumacher

Past

Starting as a small section of shelves and a few random boxes in the library, the archives now has its own space on the lower level of TBS. We have extensive holdings about the Temple's history, organized and stored in archival boxes to preserve them for posterity.



Archival storage boxes in the Archives Room

Among the earliest holdings in the archives:

- The 1952 minutes of the Needham Jewish Community Group, the precursor to TBS
- Almost all the issues of the Scroll since 1953
- Confirmation photos since 1963
- Time capsules since 1965

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After finding copies the oldest copies of the *Scroll* lying around the library shelves, I realized the need to preserve these. The Board approved the Archives to become part of the library in January 2003. Lisa Rothenberg, the librarian, and I became co-chairs of the Archives Committee.



Confirmation class, 1965





Preserving Our History continued...

Present

Current active members of the Archives committee, which I continue to co-chair, are Michael Bailit, Ken Davis, Margie Glou, Gary Goldman (co-chair), and – newly added this year: – Jeff Cotton, Peggy Gassman and Ben Spector. Margie was an original member and has served on the Committee for 20 years.

The Archives' first project was interviewing our founding members, many of whom were still alive in 2003. Margie and Alan Glou conducted the interviews, and the members' insights are preserved on CDs in the Archives. Michael Bailit notes, "Now, as the members of the founding generation dwindle, we will not lose the benefit of the oral history that they have been able to share with us."



The Archives also has interviews with most of the former Temple presidents. These have recently been digitized and will be placed on the Temple website.

In 2005, the Archives produced a video of the Temple history for the 50th Anniversary. We also created a time capsule scheduled to be opened on the 100th anniversary, in 2055.

In 2007 Joan Bycoff and I created the Walls of History, tracing our history by decade from the early 1950s to 2015. These large collages are mounted in the administrative corridor and on the lower level. They will be updated in 2025.

Outdoor dedication, 1959



Carrying the Torah into the sanctuary during 1959 dedication





TBS Athletic Trophy, 1960s

Also mounted on a wall in the lower level is the lion sculpture acquired from Temple Agudas Israel in Dorchester in 1972. It was lying unidentified in a closet before the Archives Committee rescued it and posted it with information about its history.

Another major project was documenting the origins of our Holocaust Torah. Working with a contact in Prague, we created a plaque that was dedicated and posted on the site of the former synagogue in Sobeslav, Czech Republic. It explains that a Torah from that synagogue now resides at our Temple.



TBS-sponsored basketball team, circa 1960s



Recent projects have included sponsoring Shabbat services honoring families who have membership with multiple generations (2022) and the Brotherhood Shabbat in April of this year.



TBS Scouts Troops

Preserving Our History continued...

Future

The Archives is always looking for materials about the past and to learn what history younger members might be interested in.

Scrolls are missing from 1970-1974, April 2015 and May 2016. If you have any of these or other materials that might be of archival interest, please leave them in the Archives box in the mailroom or contact me at archives@tbsneedham.org.

Margie Glou reminds us of our ongoing challenge: "The Archives must continue to record the history of TBS."



Among the large Garden Club holdings



TBS has had a nursery school for over 50 years





Outdoor play area for the nursery school today

HaBayit Shelanu (Our House)

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Outdoor Space

Everyone loves the playscape at TBS, but it can be challenging in size for our older children. With the greater amount of time that Mayim Tamid children spend at TBS, age-appropriate outdoor space is crucial. The *Bayit* has a fenced backyard, a safe driveway space, and other smaller play areas around the buildings. The children are able to kick a ball and play catch on the lawn, and drive scooters and dribble basketballs in the driveway. We have plans to add more features to offer greater variety for older elementary-age children. Outdoor play is a core practice in Mayim Tamid and having



3rd and 4th grades love to play ball on the driveway



Soccer in the backyard

additional areas to explore outside is a great bonus of the *Bayit*.

The move to the *Bayit* was extremely positive but also came with challenges.

We needed to adjust to a space that is a little more remote from the rest of TBS, figure out what should be available there for educators and children, create indoor and outdoor spaces that function well, transition children from one building to another, and create dismissal procedures that work for parents who have children in both buildings. Our creative team of educators worked hard to create structures and routines to make it work.

After spending a long time in temporary classrooms in the Community Hall, Mayim Tamid's move to the *Bayit* has been very exciting. The Mayim Tamid community is so very grateful to have a new place to call home!

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partnering or becoming a supporter of CSP, you can find additional information at www.occsp.org.

The Adult Learning Committee is committed to continuing to bring live, enlightening in-person programs to TBS, and to providing the rich offerings of CSP's virtual programming as well.



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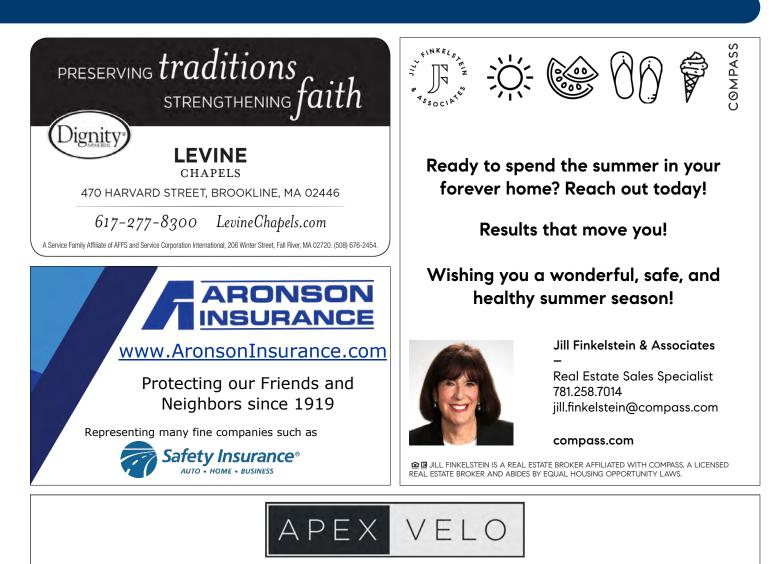
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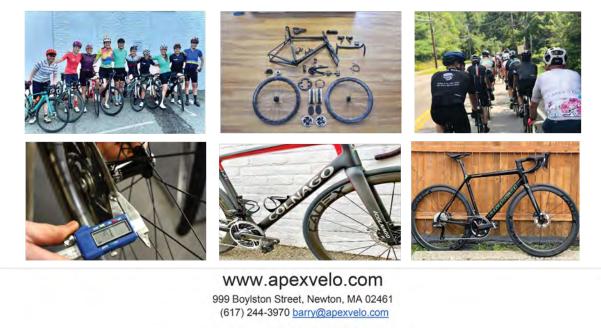
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