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**BLACK LIVES MATTER**  
**WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS**  
**NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL**  
**SCIENCE IS REAL**  
**LOVE IS LOVE**  
**KINDNESS IS EVERYTHING**

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## From the Editorial Board

February abounds with messages of love, hearts, and sweetness. Their roots, some say, trace back to a man killed for trying to help people escape beatings and torture in Roman prisons. Not very romantic on the surface perhaps, but if romance is about love and love is about putting another before yourself, then the concept of February as a month focused on loving and inclusion starts to come full (heart-shaped) circle.

While we do not observe Valentine’s Day as one of “our” holidays, we do embrace this underpinning of the holiday: lovingly helping those who are oppressed. In this Scroll, you’ll find the impassioned perspectives and selfless actions of members helping those next to and around us – people who are like us but born into different circumstances.

As we commemorate Black History Month and Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month, let us indulge in the ultimate sweetness of living up to Leviticus’s supplication, Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself.

### Has a TBS Member Made a Difference During the Pandemic?

Have you or a TBS member you know been involved in the efforts to help our community and/or country during the COVID-19 crisis? We want to hear about those who have been pitching in to make a difference, whether through volunteering or through work. Was a TBS member making a mask, researching the virus, working on the vaccine, treating those affected, or working outside the home when others were in lockdown? We want to let others in our community know about these efforts and extend our collective thanks. Please submit up to 175 words and up to three photos about yourself and/or the person you know. Deadline: March 15

**Are you in theater?** We know lights are dimmed in theaters these days, but the Scroll wants to shine a spotlight on you! Whether acting, dancing, singing, producing, directing, or making the costumes... if you put your theater passion into action, we want to know! Please tell us what you do, how you first discovered you had talent in this arena, and a favorite story of your time in theater. Deadline: March 15, 2021. Word limit: 175 words. Feel free to include a relevant photo or two.

**Schmears, Schmaltz, and Schlag – Do you have a passion for cooking Jewish foods?** Join our Jewish Food Passion Pageant! Send us up to three photos of your favorite creations for a future Scroll photo feature. If you have a little story to share, you may include that too – up to 100 words. Deadline: April 15.

**Do you feel a spark of warmth, belonging, or joy because of your connection to TBS?** From a fellow congregant’s kindness to hearing a sermon that spoke to you deeply to, well, maybe, reading something inspiring in the Scroll(!), if you have felt that extra something you’re willing to tell us about, we would certainly love to hear it and so would others. Please email us your story, keeping it to 150 words or so. There’s no deadline: we’ll publish these as they come in.

Please send all submissions to: [scroll@tbsneedham.org](mailto:scroll@tbsneedham.org).

*Joni Burstein on behalf of the Editorial Board*

## Online Shabbat Services in February

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 (24 SHEVAT 5781)

6:15 PM — Erev Shabbat Service (Online)  
6:15 PM — Tot Shabbat Service (Online)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 (24 SHEVAT 5781)

Torah: Yitro, Ex. 18:1 — 20:26  
8:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Minyan (Online)  
9:00 AM — Lay-led Torah Study (Online)  
9:15 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah (Online)  
10:30 AM — Torah Study Is Great, but What Happens in the REST of the Hebrew Bible? (Online)  
B. Mitzvah: Elizabeth Idelson

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 (1 ADAR 5781)

6:15 PM — Erev Shabbat Service (Online)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 (1 ADAR 5781)

Torah: Mishpatim, Ex. 21:1 — 24:18  
8:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Minyan (Online)  
9:00 AM — Torah Study (Online)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 (8 ADAR 5781)

6:15 PM — Erev Shabbat Service (Online)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 (8 ADAR 5781)

Torah: Terumah, Ex. 25:1 — 27:19  
8:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Minyan (Online)  
9:00 AM — Torah Study (Online)  
9:15 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah (Online)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 (15 ADAR 5781)

6:15 PM — Erev Shabbat Service (Online)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 (15 ADAR 5781)

Torah: Tetzaveh, Ex. 27:20 — 30:10  
8:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Minyan (Online)  
9:00 AM — Torah Study (Online)  
9:15 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah (Online)  
B. Mitzvah: Nina Bakal

*Note: Please join the TBS Community for Minyan Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM Tuesday through Thursday evenings at 6:45 PM Zoom links are in the TBS weekly email.*

## Committee Meetings in February - Stay Involved!

*TBS Committee Meetings will be virtual online meetings via Zoom until further notice, to implement health measures for COVID-19. Committees not listed will not meet formally.*

Committee Name	Upcoming Meeting Date	Email Contact for Information
Adult Learning	Wed. Feb. 3, 7:15 PM	adultlearning@tbsneedham.org
Brotherhood	Tues. Feb. 9, 7:15 PM	brotherhood@tbsneedham.org
Communications	Wed. Feb. 17, 7:15 PM	communications@tbsneedham.org
Environmental Action	Thurs. Feb. 18, 7:30 PM	environaction@tbsneedham.org
Garden Club	Tues. Feb. 9, 7:15 PM	gardenclub@tbsneedham.org
Scroll Editorial Board	Tues. Feb. 2, 12:00 PM	scroll@tbsneedham.org
Sisterhood	Thurs. Feb. 11, 7:30 PM	sisterhood@tbsneedham.org
Three Score/More or Less	Mon. Feb. 15, 7:30 PM	threescoremoreorless@tbsneedham.org
Tzedek	Wed. Feb. 10, 7:15 PM	tzedek@tbsneedham.org
Worship	No Feb. Meeting Scheduled	worship@tbsneedham.org

*For further information, please check with the Committee chair at the email address provided.*

## Welcome New Members

Jacob and Clare Feiner and Graham (1)

Dave and Nicole Posternak and Max (1)



# Black History Month

By Rabbi Julie Bressler



The events of this past year have forever changed us all. From the pandemic to the election to the racial reckoning occurring in America, our world looks very different than it did just one year ago. Some of these changes leave us with deep scars, while others leave us feeling hopeful. Each of us is uniquely impacted by these events, but we cannot deny that our world is different, we are different, and our understanding of our connections with one another is different.

When the horrific video of George Floyd's murder spread like wildfire last May, it took my breath away. The horrific combination of watching a man literally snuff out the life of another human being while voices in the background pleaded for him to stop was painful. And yet, as horrific as this event was, it was not even close to the first time a seemingly unlawful death or injury had occurred to a Black person in America that year, that month, even that week. However, something about this video, and the context we found ourselves in, woke us up in a new way. We took to the streets in massive numbers; some legislation around law enforcement regulations, policing, and racial profiling passed rapidly; and the national conversation around race and equity took center stage for many months.

However, as shocking as this video was for me, a white woman living in the suburbs of Boston, this video was not nearly as shocking to my non-white friends and colleagues. What was shocking to them was the sustained outcry from white America because this was not even close to the first time. And they were not surprised when the energy began to die down. One of the most significant impacts of these past nine months is the reality, one which many of us realized before but now are staring at with new and more widely opened eyes, that one's race has a far-too-widespread impact on one's opportunities and place in American society. We've seen the statistics and heard the stories, and now the question is, where do we go from here? How do we begin to chip away at systems of racial inequity that are centuries old and embedded in the laws and policies and biases of our country and our communities?

Personally, I have been trying to break down stereotypes and unconscious biases I possess in my own mind: to understand that for things to change, the status quo - including the aspects I benefit from - needs to change. I need to understand my part in perpetuating white supremacy and racial inequity in America, and work to change myself on the inside as I try to support changes to the larger communities around me. My awareness of this reality long predates the events of the past summer, but the confluence of the events is pushing me to deepen my engagement and learning. However, I know I still have a long, long way to go. I was complacent before, and I know I can no longer turn my face away from the pain of so many. Our inequitable society harms us all.

February marks Black History Month, an important opportunity to elevate and learn about the many significant contributions and voices from Black Americans both past and present. While we may often observe this month by reading Black authors, buying from Black-owned businesses, or reminding ourselves of significant Black figures from history and our present (including our newly inaugurated Vice President), I wonder how we can expand our learning and reflection this month and in the coming months. I have had the great pleasure of working with a wonderfully dedicated group of Lay Leaders who are creating opportunities for reflection and learning around the topic of racial justice for our community and beyond. We have hosted several book groups, reflection conversations, movie discussions, and more, while also participating in and leading community programs around this topic. I hope you will join us in future programs and check out the article in this Scroll about various members of our community who have been engaging in this work within and outside of TBS. We know this article represents just a small sampling of community members and programs connected to this broad topic, and we are so grateful to all of those who have dug deep and engaged in learning, reflection, and action both recently and in ongoing work for years!



From Our Board of Trustees

# Tikkun Olam Repairing the World at TBS

By Linda Hill



I have had the honor of serving on the TBS Board of Trustees (BOT) since 2016. During this time, I have enjoyed working through difficult decisions, celebrating many aspects of, and individuals within TBS, and getting to know my esteemed fellow members of the Board, Leadership Council and various committees. I feel confident in the direction that our Temple is heading and well prepared to address questions that congregants ask of me. I find it joyous to delve into this sacred work in a thoughtful, efficient, and loving way, always with a careful eye on the budget and on the hearts of TBS members and the greater community.

After serving as a General Trustee for one two-year term during which I worked with the Caring Communities (*Chesed*, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Three Score/More or Less and the Garden Club), I am now into my second two-year term in the role of Vice President of *Tikkun Olam*, which includes supporting the lay-led committees of *Tzedek*, Social Action, and Environmental Action, and acting as their liaison to the board.

TBS has broken the vast category of *Tikkun Olam* into these three main committees under which fall many subcommittees and related projects. While this appointment was initially an assignment, I quickly found genuine respect and passion for each of these areas. My greatest pleasure has been getting to know, working with, and learning from the impressive and inspirational chairs who lead these committees and the many amazing committee members and volunteers whose participation bring this sacred work to life. I also love collaborating with and receiving guidance from our Rabbis in this work, especially Rabbi Julie as her passion is social justice.

Each of these committees has grown, reorganized and created its own culture. They all march forward to better the world with strength, intention, experience, and enhanced communication tools. These committees have pivoted and have been able to create plans to continue their work through COVID-19, complex racial justice issues, a presidential election year, unprecedented community need, food insecurity, and persistent, severe threats to our environment.

Jewish tradition teaches that taking care of our natural environment is a *mitzvah* – a sacred responsibility. The TBS Environmental Action Committee (EAC) educates our community about environmental and green initiatives and makes positive changes in TBS's use of energy and natural resources.

The EAC continues to make sustainable enhancements to our building. You may recall the EAC's accomplishment, in collaboration with others, of installing solar panels on the TBS roof. This has proven to be an energy-efficient and money-saving project. Additionally, thanks to the EAC, TBS recently entered into energy contracts with solar farms to benefit both our community's wallet as well as the earth. I am also excited about the EAC's campaign, which lays out ways for us to commit to reducing our own carbon footprint one step at a time, as individuals and as a greater community.

I often hear, "I want to help, but what is the difference between Social Action and Social Justice?" In short, Social Action seeks to help with immediate needs while Social Justice seeks to remedy the reasons responsible for people being in need, often at a systemic or governmental level. An example of this might be to think about immigration. A Social Action response might be to offer tutoring or contribute household goods to a refugee family or a supporting organization. A Social Justice response might be to host a panel on discrimination in education or to advocate for legislation supporting immigrant and refugee families.

The Torah teaches us to accept each other without bias or prejudice. The TBS *Tzedek* (Social Justice) Committee stands against intolerance and hatred by educating, promoting causes, offering programming, and engaging in actions (which are opportunities for people to mobilize around federal, state, and local legislation) regarding a variety of issues that will lead to a more just society.

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# Tikkun Olam – continued from page 5

TBS Tzedek engages our community in issues including immigration and refugee rights, gun violence prevention, interfaith relations, racial justice, voter engagement, and inclusion. They have also developed partnerships with other TBS committees in support of their social justice work. For example, Sisterhood sponsors programs and does justice work in the area of reproductive health.

“It is not your duty to complete the work, nor are you free to desist from it.” Pirke Avot 2:16. The TBS Social Action Committee’s goal is to engage volunteers, of all ages and abilities, to care for and support people in need, in a variety of ways and settings. Social Action offers impactful, meaningful, and creative “Mitzvah Projects” throughout the year, some at TBS and some taking place at our partner organizations. All projects involve learning about our partner organizations, the populations they serve, and getting right to work.

When COVID-19 hit, Social Action reimaged its entire calendar of events and partnerships. Many of the partner organizations that offered shifts could no longer accommodate such programs, and none of the programs that were offered at TBS were possible. The premise of community-building through service work was challenged, while simultaneously, the greater community needs and insecurities grew - and continue to grow - exponentially.

Social Action pivoted by seeking new organizational partners and creating new collection strategies. Two of the new partnerships were discovered through partnership with the TBS Community Response for Hunger and are now ongoing *mitzvah* projects. One of these new projects, a TBS fan favorite, is the collection of bag lunches and breakfast foods for shelters in the Brockton area. This monthly *mitzvah* project collects hundreds of items and attracts COVID-safe participation from a widely diverse and ever-expanding group of TBS volunteers. This thirty minute drop-off window has become a highlight of my month. We get to connect, through masks and open windows, with familiar and new community members who are excited and thankful for the collection while we are overwhelmed with gratitude for their participation and generosity. Who could have imagined that we would feel a powerful sense of community and connection in this brief, socially distanced experience?

“*L’fum tzara agra*, according to the effort is the reward.” – Ben Hei Hei. On a personal note, participating in TBS leadership has absolutely strengthened my connection with this amazing community and with my own spirituality and personal growth. My journey with TBS has been deep, broad and nourishing in ways I never expected. I have loved learning the intricacies of this inclusive, smart, and innovative community as I create my path of trying to make a difference. From being an usher, to serving on a variety of committees, to co-founding the Welcome Corps, I find that the more connected I am, the greater the return. No matter what your experience, I invite you to participate in *Tikkun Olam*, or any area of the Temple that excites you, in any way that works for you. Experience the incredible gift of giving! I cannot wait until TBS reopens and I get to help welcome you back into our Temple home during my weekly Welcome Corps shift.



## Green Tip

*Be careful what you recycle. Some things that are long and bend are unacceptable and clog the sorting machines. Wire hangers are the worst offenders, as well as extension cords, computer cables, garden hoses, wire, etc. Stores such as Best Buy, Home Depot, and Staples will recycle many computer items, cables, ink cartridges, and more. No one wants your leaky garden hose - not even the recycle bin - so try sculpting it into art... or go ahead and trash it.*

*Plastic reduction tip of the month: Wash out ziplock bags (inside out) and reuse.*



## Black History Month *- continued from page 4*

This type of deep and challenging personal and communal reflection is something we are familiar with in Judaism, as we engage in it each High Holy Day season. This practice of *Cheshbon HaNefesh*, the accounting of our souls, propels us to think deeply about ourselves and our actions. We take an honest look at ourselves and ask: How do our beliefs and patterns of behavior impact the state of our soul? How do external systems and oppressions impact ourselves and others? What can we do to make internal and external changes to these challenges we see, and don't see, in the world? How can we open and continue to open our eyes to the realities of racial inequity in our neighborhoods and our society?

I hope you will join us at TBS as we continue to ask these questions, question our assumptions, engage in tough conversations, and learn how to be supportive allies and champions for change. It starts with a lot of listening, reflection, and learning. It won't be easy, but we must continue to strive towards this significant goal.

In April 2018, Rabbi Sharon Brous offered this prayer at the opening of the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, which serves as a memorial to the thousands of Black victims of lynching in America.

May it be our prayer too:

*God, thank You. Thank You for planting the seed of possibility that has grown into this holy, life-affirming, memory-holding, courage-generating, truth-telling site.*

*Thank You for giving us eyes willing to see the open wounds, so that we can begin to treat the illness.*

*Thank You for reminding us that both the diagnosis and the treatment are in service of justice, in the interest of dignity, and in the spirit of love.*

*Amen.*



# February Highlights

## Join Us for a Unique *Tzedakah* Trivia Night

**Saturday, February 6, 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

TBS Brotherhood, TBS Sisterhood, and Three Score/More or Less will co-sponsor a unique *Tzedakah* Trivia Night. Hosted by Mike 'Sarge' Riley, Boston sports radio personality, the event promises to be a fun way to put all the miscellaneous facts in your head to work for a good cause. There'll be many categories to tease your memory. All proceeds will be donated to the TBS Hunger Initiative charities. Cost: \$18 per person. Don't miss out on this thoroughly entertaining evening!



You can either register as a team (10 people max), or register individually and be assigned to a team.

Either way, please register at [t-b-s.me/TriviaNight](https://t-b-s.me/TriviaNight) to receive a Zoom link by email.

Questions? Contact: Gary Goldman ([threescoremoreorless@tbsneedham.org](mailto:threescoremoreorless@tbsneedham.org)), Linda Mesnik ([sisterhood@tbsneedham.org](mailto:sisterhood@tbsneedham.org)), or Marty Goldberg ([brotherhood@tbsneedham.org](mailto:brotherhood@tbsneedham.org))

## Presentation by Massachusetts Exonerated and New England Innocence Project Board Member Sean K. Ellis

**Sunday, February 7, 10:00 AM**

TBS Brotherhood and TBS Tzedek invite the community to join us for a morning with Sean K. Ellis. Mr. Ellis was a Needham METCO student in the '80s and '90s. He was convicted in 1995 of the murder of a Boston police officer; his wrongful conviction involved profound police and prosecutorial misconduct. Sean's conviction was reversed in 2015, the reversal was upheld by the Supreme Judicial Court in 2016, and he was fully exonerated last year.

Mr. Ellis is an inspirational speaker - his lack of bitterness and positive energy are truly a testimony to his character. He will be introduced and interviewed by Stephanie Roberts Hartung, law professor at Northeastern Law School and also a board member of the New England Innocence Project.

Time is reserved at the end of the presentation for Q&A from the audience.

Following the Q&A, we will break into smaller groups to reflect on the event.

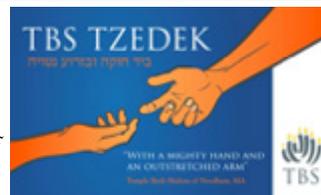
To read more about Sean's story, go to: [justiceforseanellis.com](http://justiceforseanellis.com)

To watch a documentary about his case, go to Netflix and search for "Trial 4" (the documentary title).

This event is open to TBS members.

Please register at [t-b-s.me/innocence](https://t-b-s.me/innocence) to receive a Zoom link by email.

Questions? Contact: [brotherhood@tbsneedham.org](mailto:brotherhood@tbsneedham.org) or [tzedek@tbsneedham.org](mailto:tzedek@tbsneedham.org)



## Rosh Chodesh Adar

**Wednesday, February 17, 7:15 PM**

Please join TBS Sisterhood for *Rosh Chodesh* with Rabbi Julie Bressler. *Rosh Chodesh* has long been considered a special holiday for women and a time for women to gather for a wide variety of activities, from reciting traditional liturgy, to sharing a meal, discussing Jewish ethics, and working for social change.



We had a great turnout and meaningful discussion in November for our first *Rosh Chodesh*. We will celebrate the new moon and the new month three times this year as a women's group, with discussion led by Rabbi Julie.

Please register at [t-b-s.me/RoshChodeshAdar](https://t-b-s.me/RoshChodeshAdar) to get a Zoom link by email.

Questions? Contact: [sisterhood@tbsneedham.org](mailto:sisterhood@tbsneedham.org)

## TBS Environmental Action Committee Presents: A Workshop on Composting and Recycling with Charles Wilson

**Tuesday, February 23, 7:30 - 8:30 PM**

Join Charles Wilson of the TBS Environmental Action Committee, who will lead a discussion about "How we can reduce the amount of plastic we presently use with relative ease," including recycling and composting. With the recycling of plastics becoming less prominent in the waste management industry due to a variety of issues, it is more important than ever that we use less plastic; and it's easy to do. Charles is an expert in plastics and the environmental impacts they have had on the environment. He has a Ph.D. in Plastics Engineering and a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering, and has promoted stewardship in Recycling, Reuse and Reduction of plastics throughout his career. Learn how you can reduce your impact on the environment.

Please register at [t-b-s.me/eacrecycle](https://t-b-s.me/eacrecycle) to get a Zoom link by email.

Questions? Contact: [environaction@tbsneedham.org](mailto:environaction@tbsneedham.org)



# Live, From Shushan to Needham, via Zoom: It's Purim 5781!

## Laugh: It's Purim! Silly Stories with Big Joe

**Sunday, February 7, 5:30 PM**

Hailed as "One of the best in the business" by the Boston Globe, Big Joe has been delighting children and families for many years with his exciting storytelling show. With a huge collection of original and classic tales as well as a box filled with puppets, props, and surprises, Big Joe is ready to get us in the Purim spirit with a series of silly stories. Come laugh with us!

Geared towards families with children ages 1-7.

Register at [t-b-s.me/bigjoe](https://t-b-s.me/bigjoe) to receive a Zoom link by email.



## Hamantaschen Orders!

**Orders due not later than Thursday, February 18.**

**Pick up at TBS on Thursday, February 25, 4:30 - 5:30 PM, front parking lot.**

There is perhaps no symbol of Purim that resonates more than *Hamantaschen*, those triangle-shaped filled cookies, and no sweeter way to mark the holiday than by devouring them! We have again partnered with Blacker's Bakery to bring you the freshest baked goods, delivered right to TBS for contactless pickup. \$9.00/half dozen, assorted flavors (raspberry, chocolate, poppy, prune, apricot, lemon), and egg-free available on request.

Go to [t-b-s.me/blackershamantaschen](https://t-b-s.me/blackershamantaschen) to submit an order.



# It's Purim 5781! continued...

## "Esther's Feast" Dinner Order

**Orders due not later than Saturday, February 20.**

**Pick up at TBS Thursday, February 25, 4:30 - 5:30 PM, front parking lot**

The Purim story reminds us of the challenges of being viewed as an "other" in a community and being unfairly judged for having different beliefs. At TBS, we believe that differences and diversity make us stronger as a community. To honor this value, we are partnering with Bonapita Mediterranean Bakery & Grill to support a local business that represents the diversity that enhances our community.

Go to [t-b-s.me/bonapita](https://t-b-s.me/bonapita) to submit an order.



## "Esther Saves the Day" Puppet Show

**Sunday, February 21, 10:00 - 10:40 AM**

When the evil Haman threatens the Jews of Persia, it's up to the brave Esther and her clever uncle Mordecai to save the day in this Purim *Shpiel*. Beauty contests, a forgetful King, and a lottery of DOOM comprise the traditional story of Purim, based on the Book of Esther. Can our heroes unravel Haman's plot in time, or will all the Jews of Persia be destroyed? Go, Esther, Go! Join us for this highly interactive and silly show by Wonderspark Puppets.

Register at [t-b-s.me/braveesther](https://t-b-s.me/braveesther) to receive a Zoom link by email.



## Hamantaschen Baking: Sweet & Savory

- **Sweet Hamantaschen baking: Monday, Feb 22, 6:30-8:00 pm**
- **Savory Hamantaschen baking: Sunday, Feb 21, 4:00-5:30 pm**

Join Sara Berk and Sarah Damelin for guided Hamantaschen baking on Zoom. Sara Berk will teach a traditional sweet hamantaschen recipe, from homemade dough through baking, and Sarah Damelin will lead a savory baking experience, with flavors such as spinach and artichoke, broccoli and cheddar, and more. Join for one or both! Classes are \$18 per household, and space is limited. Ingredient lists as well as a list of the tools that you will need in order to participate along at home will be sent in advance. These classes are intended for adults.

Register at [t-b-s.me/sweetandsavorybaking](https://t-b-s.me/sweetandsavorybaking) to receive a Zoom link by email.



## TBS Purim Celebration for Families!

**Thursday, February 25, 5:00 PM**

Join us for a fun-filled evening of Purim celebration, including a retelling of the Purim story, a brief *megillah* reading, songs, costumes, games, and merriment! Wear your costumes and bring a noisemaker. Geared toward families with elementary and preschool age children.

Register at [t-b-s.me/familypurim](https://t-b-s.me/familypurim) to receive a Zoom link by email.



## Amazing Adult Purim Evening Celebration

**Thursday, February 25, 7:30 PM**

Join us for a fun-filled evening of Purim merriment! Our celebration will include music, a screening of TBS's always outstanding Purim *shpiel*, *megillah*, games, and much, much more! *BYO groggers, hamantaschen, and (adult) beverages!*

Register at [t-b-s.me/purim5781](https://t-b-s.me/purim5781) to receive a Zoom link by email.

For questions about any of these events, email Jessica Baim ([jbaim@tbsneedham.org](mailto:jbaim@tbsneedham.org)).



# Recurring Events

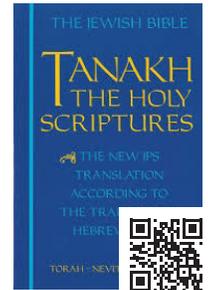
## Torah Study is Great, but What Happens in the REST of the Hebrew Bible?

### Taught by Rabbi Bob Orkand

First Shabbat of the month, February - June, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Have you ever wondered where the Biblical stories of our ancestors go after Moses' death at the end of the Book of Deuteronomy? Our Torah-study cycle allows us to spend a lot of time on the five books of Torah, but what about the rest of what appears in the Hebrew Bible? We will do our study online, beginning with the book of Nahum. No prior knowledge is needed. All are welcome! Registration required; class is free.

Please register at [t-b-s.me/latebooks](https://t-b-s.me/latebooks) to receive a Zoom link by email.



## Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Bob Orkand: "A History of the Jews in America"

### Mondays at noon, beginning February 1

Jews have lived in what is now the United States for 366 years. The contribution by American Jews to this nation has been extraordinary, in large part because of the freedom afforded to not only Jews but to other minority communities as well.

There has been a long-standing fear that Jews in America are doomed to assimilate, that they cannot survive in an environment of religious freedom and church-state separation. In the United States, where religion is totally voluntary, where religious diversity is the norm, where everyone is free to choose his or her own brand of Judaism - or no Judaism at all - many have assumed that sooner or later Judaism will disappear. And so, each generation has had to wrestle anew with the questions of whether its own children and grandchildren will remain Jewish, whether Judaism as a faith will end and carry on as ancestral memory alone.

Amazingly, then, Judaism in the United States has not only survived but thrived. This course will look at why this is the case. How have America's Jews adapted to living in a land of freedom? And, what has America's Jewish community contributed to this, its home?

No prior knowledge is needed. All are welcome! Registration required; class is free.

Please register at [t-b-s.me/JewsInAmerica](https://t-b-s.me/JewsInAmerica) to receive a Zoom link by email.

Questions? Contact: Jessica Baim ([jbaim@tbsneedham.org](mailto:jbaim@tbsneedham.org))



## "Socratic Paths: Jerusalem and Athens" with Jason Happel

### Sunday mornings through April, 9:30 to 10:45 AM

Two cities, signifying the sources of philosophic reason and biblical revelation, gave birth to two ways of life. Writers who are sensitive to these ways have explored whether they are always in tension or can be reconciled. Join us for a series of short texts that raise the question, in different ways, of the relationship between these two orientations.

"Socratic Paths" offers an opportunity to slow down, read carefully, and converse with others who are interested in understanding what several worthwhile books have to say. We practice shared inquiry, engaging with a text and other readers. An experienced facilitator helps discussions unfold naturally, in light of the reading. Each of the reading-based sessions is scheduled to begin on the first Sunday of the month and run for four Sundays. A special one-session introduction will be offered on January 31. All sessions will be on Zoom (video or telephone). You can register for one or more months. All sessions are free.

- February 7, 14, 21, 28: Sophocles, Antigone
- March 7, 14, 21, 28: Plato, Euthyphro
- April 4, 11, 18, 25: Rousseau, Profession of Faith of the Savoyard Vicar

Please register for this class at [t-b-s.me/socraticpaths](https://t-b-s.me/socraticpaths) to receive a Zoom link by email.

For more information visit: [brasidasbooks.xyz/programs](https://brasidasbooks.xyz/programs)



# Recurring Events continued...

## Israel Is Beautiful - A TBS Virtual Journey

**Three Sunday - morning sessions through March:  
January 24, February 28, and March 21 at 9:30 AM**

Attend a guided tour of Israel with TBS from your couch! Join the TBS Adult and Family Learning Committee for this immersive and educational Israel experience. You'll enjoy guided video tours with live interactive discussion from Peter Abelow, our personal guide in Israel.

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Join the TBS Adult and Family Learning Committee for this immersive and educational Israel experience this Winter! Guided video tours with live interactive discussion from our personal guides in Israel.

### January Trip 1

Three Sunday morning Zoom sessions, 9:30AM

Register today!

This Virtual Israel Experience is free to TBS Member Families, \$36 for non-members. Join any or all sessions!

This program is made possible by TBS and through contributions to the Richard Todd Seckis Lifelong Learning Fund.



Tour the walls of the old city, built in the 16th century

### February Trip 2



Explore this breathtaking oasis

### March Trip 3



A stroll through Old Jaffa, a city with a 6,000 year history



The Old City of Jerusalem from the vantage point of the Haasi Promenade (Tayelet)



A stroll through nature in Nachal Katlav, outside Jerusalem



Zichron Yaakov - a city built by the pioneers of the 1880s

This Virtual Israel Experience is free to TBS Member Families, \$36 for non-members. Join any or all sessions!

Please register at [israelisbeautiful.eventbrite.com](https://israelisbeautiful.eventbrite.com) to receive a Zoom link by email.

## Finding Our Jewish Values in the Torah, Led by Rabbi Bob Orkand

**Shabbat mornings, 9:15 - 10:15 AM**

Each week we will focus on a single Jewish moral or ethical value found in that week's *parshah* (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. Registration required; class is free.

Please register at [t-b-s.me/findingvalues](https://t-b-s.me/findingvalues) to receive a Zoom link by email.



## Pre-Shabbat Yoga

### Fridays, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Join Stephanie Javaheri every Friday morning for pre-Shabbat yoga. Her classes offer an energetic mindful flow focusing on alignment and breath to create a 'work in' rather than a 'work out.' Her aim is to help others find a sliver of stillness and to feel more grounded in body and mind. Stephanie sees yoga as being accessible to anyone with an open mind and the willingness to go within.

Please register at [t-b-s.me/yoga](https://t-b-s.me/yoga) to receive a Zoom link by email.



## Meatless Monday Needham

The TBS Environmental Action Committee invites you to join Meatless Monday Needham. This is a public awareness campaign to encourage healthy eating habits that prioritize human and environmental health. Supporters are asked to take a simple online pledge: serve meatless, healthy plant-based meals on Mondays for 12 weeks.

Please explore the Meatless Monday Needham website ([meatlessmondayneedham.org](https://meatlessmondayneedham.org)) and Facebook Page for further information, to sign up, and to find some tasty recipes and cooking resources.



# Save the Date

## Needham's Art in Bloom 2021

### Monday, March 1

Needham's Art in Bloom 2021 exhibits will be available for everyone at [needhamartinbloom.com](https://needhamartinbloom.com). NAIB 2021 will be totally virtual. Art is still created by talented high school students and floral designs by Beth Shalom Garden Club and participants from Kalmia and Needham Garden Club. Step into spring with art-inspired beautiful flowers.

For more information, email [gardenclub@tbsneedham.org](mailto:gardenclub@tbsneedham.org).



## Is There Such a Thing as Jewish Comedy Anymore?

### Sunday, March 7, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Join Three Score/More or Less for a lively conversation with Rabbi Bob Orkand. In the last of a series on Jewish humor and comedy, Rabbi Orkand will discuss what Jewish comedy looks like at a time in Jewish history when many of the things Jews used to laugh at no longer exist and when Jews, at least in America, are not challenged by the tragedies for which there was no response possible other than humor. This event is open to the entire TBS community and guests. Come learn a little, and surely laugh a lot!

Register in advance at [t-b-s.me/RabbiOrkand](https://t-b-s.me/RabbiOrkand) to receive a Zoom link.

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



## The Gersten-Hoisington Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

### Friday evening, March 12 - Sunday, 14: "Jews and Cinema"

We are excited to offer this program with Professor Eric Goldman, and will be finalizing plans and registration soon.

- Friday Night Services - The American Jewish Story Through Film: The Early Years
- Saturday Morning - The American Jewish Story Through Film: The 1940s through Today
- Saturday Evening - Film screening
- Sunday Morning - Lens on Israel: A Society through its Cinema



# Toward Racial Justice: TBS Perspectives and Actions

We are a community committed to the pursuit of *Tzedek* – Righteousness. Below are stories by a few of the many TBS congregants engaging in thoughtful work inspired by the words of our tradition that teach, "It is not your responsibility to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." Many of the pieces include ideas for how you can get involved; there will be more opportunities for learning and engagement at TBS and in the greater community in upcoming months as well. If you have questions, curiosity, or wish to learn more, please reach out to Rabbi Julie Bressler.

## Elizabeth Grossman

Fresh Food Generation (FFG) is a minority owned and run business whose mission is to disrupt food disparities by creating a common food experience. Everyone deserves to eat well, no matter where they live. As in many places, Boston's lower-income communities suffer from limited access to fresh food, a structural inequity that feels wrong. FFG serves the entire Greater Boston area and is intentional about finding opportunities to make affordable, healthy food more readily available in low-income neighborhoods. Through my work as a teacher at the Edward Brooke Charter School in Boston, I have seen the food insecurity issues, which my students' families faced before COVID-19, circumstances which have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

After meeting Cassandra Campbell (founding partner of FFG), I knew we could align the TBS community's interest in "doing good" by supporting a minority-run business, enjoying delicious catered meals and providing food support to the Brooke Charter School community. This first effort in



Liz Grossman and Cassandra Campbell

October at TBS was a roaring success: TBS members placed 50+ orders from FFG and also donated nearly \$10,000, enabling FFG to distribute turkeys and fixings to 300 Brooke families over Thanksgiving!

COVID-19 has heightened our awareness of the interconnected nature of our broader community. Our Jewish values are reflected through this effort, values which TBS Children's Center teaches our kids on a daily basis ("we take care of each other"). Fresh Food Generation will be back in January; please join us in enjoying a delicious meal while supporting an amazing business with a mission to change Boston's food system.

## Beth Pinals

My road to social justice work emerged from several pathways. A pause after many years in Temple leadership, culminating in Mikdash, opened up space for the pursuit of social justice. We had spent years trying to distinguish between social action, reflected in the array of community service projects, and social justice, focused on policy and larger-scale change. Our entry into this arena was to help congregants consider the question, "What keeps us up at night?" and mobilize engagement and action within



the community accordingly. A handful of TBS leaders attended a Greater Boston Interfaith Organization meeting. That evening, it was hard for people to wrap their heads around the connection between their gentle, suburban life and the issues of teen deaths, poverty, and homelessness that the Boston members were tackling. Of course, deeper exploration exposes that those issues exist right here in Needham.



A few years later, our rabbis helped to build a structure for social justice work, and simultaneously with the creation of TBS *Tzedek*, I was able to help facilitate the growth of *Tzedek Reflection* (TR) – a synagogue collaborative that creates space for congregants across denominations to learn together, share experiences, and study best practices, as well inspire one another. TR, which holds biannual gatherings, has aimed to galvanize Jewish community involvement for crucial issues such as economic inequality, food justice, immigration, sanctuary, and voting rights, and has explored the connection between anti-semitism and racism.

Fast forward a few years to 2020, a year that exposed the underpinnings of all of these issues – systemic, institutionalized racism – which has permeated our national culture from its inception and become so embedded that we might not even recognize racism or our own privilege or bias. Instead we often keep these hardships, injustices, and inhumane practices at a distance to feel safer and avoid guilt.

Through a part of my psychology consultation practice, which supports youth in organizing and pursuing systemic change in their communities, I've had to explore my own biases and assumptions. I've witnessed the everyday individual and cultural racism embedded in our town, state and country. In the Needham High course I co-facilitate, called Courageous Conversations on Race, we consider:

- Why do we negatively judge or keep distant from our neighbors with different backgrounds or skin colors?
- Why do kind, hardworking, law-abiding people of color have to worry about accusations, biased curriculum, undue discipline or even at times wrongful incarceration?
- How do our policies, practices, and laws sustain a

system where those with less privilege and opportunity continue to be held in disadvantaged positions, while those in power (and with economic means) sustain or even increase their advantages?

- How can a person feel whole and thrive at the expense of others' wellbeing?
- What can I do with my privilege beyond feeling guilty or uncomfortable? How can I use my privilege for the greater good?

And most importantly, how can our community be enriched and our relationships and humanity deepened if we embrace diversity and live as antiracists?

As we enter 2021 – a year in which we hope for healing, renewed leadership, greater health, and TBS commitment to the Jewish value of justice – I feel blessed, albeit at times challenged, by this call to self-reflection and to action. I hope that you'll join me in our quest.

**Jenn Scheck-Kahn**

For so many of us, the 2016 election marked a turning point. A surprising number of the deeply held beliefs that, only months before, seemed so commonplace and obvious that we didn't need to speak about them, now felt



threatened. We drew up signs and took our children to the first protests we'd attended, but that wasn't enough. The political upheaval in Washington, D.C., felt arresting and I wasn't sure how to find a meaningful place

for myself in that movement, but I could take small steps locally, involving myself in programs and organizations that imagined the community I most wanted for my neighbors, our children, and ourselves.

When the annual Eliot Cultural Festival needed a leader, I convinced a friend to split the role with me. Celebrating the rich diversity of heritages that comprise the Eliot Elementary School students, the festival, in typical years, features 15 culture stations, international performances, a parade of families, and the crowning delight – a divine and generous potluck with dishes that surpass Needham's best restaurants.

# Toward Racial Justice continued...

Not only is there an Israeli table, but we also host an American Jewish table to juxtapose the similarities and distinctions of each culture. I've co-chaired this event for two years now because I love how it centers our differences as the source of entertainment and education, empowering children to wear traditional clothes or teach others words from their first language. Above all else, our festival is about inclusion, and last year 40 parents contributed to the planning efforts, which led to over 200 students, teachers, and their families in attendance. While this year's celebration will take a dramatically different form, I welcome all Eliot families who'd like to join our planning efforts to be in touch with me directly ([jscheckkahn@gmail.com](mailto:jscheckkahn@gmail.com)).

Long before the racial equity movement of last summer illuminated the racist biases and policies that endanger our Black and brown friends, the Needham Diversity Initiative (NDI) led events, book clubs, and meetings intended to educate us about underrepresented groups. The first event I attended was a vigil held in the town center after the atrocities in Charlottesville; I stood in a circle of strangers who came to speak out against those who denigrated Blacks and Jews like me, and I was touched by that support. From an eye-opening, comprehensive program, I learned about the gender spectrum. At another, I gained practical advice on how to be an upstander. In book club, neighbors described a very different experience of living in Needham from mine. Now I attend programs as often as I can and help select books for the Diversity and Discussion Book Club as well as moderate discussions with local authors at book club meetings. To learn more about NDI, join the mailing list ([ndigooglegroup@googlegroups.com](mailto:ndigooglegroup@googlegroups.com)) to find information about our monthly meetings and other programs.

## Young Adult Perspective:

By Carly Patkin

In late May, a Black man by the name of George Floyd was brutally murdered by police in the streets of Minneapolis. He had been accused of paying for an item at a convenience store with a counterfeit bill and was subsequently held down by a white police officer until he could no longer breathe. In the following days and weeks, news channels and social media posts filled just about every internet platform with news about Floyd's murder.

The murder of George Floyd sparked outrage in the Black community and beyond, and spread awareness of the need for the kind of change that Black Lives Matter (BLM) and other organizations have been working towards for years. Although Black Lives Matter was originally founded as an organization in 2013 after police-issued community watch coordinator George Zimmerman was acquitted of the murder of teenager Trayvon Martin, it is also recognized as a social movement and shows tremendous power as an agent of change. Despite the countless killings of Black individuals since our country was founded (on land stolen from Native Americans) and the efforts of BLM, it was George Floyd's murder that seemed to awaken many to the racism that Black people and BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color) encounter every day in America.

Now that more people are recognizing the terrifying reality that millions of Americans face every day, what can we do to help? This was a question a lot of people seemed to be asking themselves as the events of last summer unfolded. Especially during a pandemic, what could we do to support BLM and BIPOC communities in America? It's easy to distance oneself from the problem or feel like it is too hard to make an impact. However, we are all part of the problem and we all need to be part of the solution.



The first step in working towards any kind of change is to change within yourself. There are many resources that people can use to educate themselves on the history of racism in America, police brutality, and the Civil Rights movement. In addition to learning, individuals can ask themselves: who else in my life can I help educate about racism and the importance of the BLM movement? Family is a great place to start. Donating and buying from Black-owned businesses are also important ways to support the effort towards racial equality. Of course, attending protests and showing up physically are important; however, these days it is not a safe option for everybody.

Over the summer, social media users became very vocal about what it is like to be Black in America, how the country needs to change in order to move towards racial equality, how white individuals can work towards being allies, and much more. The use of social media as an outlet for information and resources effectively targeted younger users of social media, making it easy and accessible for them to learn about other people's experiences. Users shared and re-shared educational resources and organizations seeking donations.



As I was working towards educating myself and supporting Black communities and the BLM movement, I still felt like there must be more we could do. How could we as a community show our support for Black communities in a COVID-safe way? I decided to make lawn signs that said "Black Lives Matter, We Stand Together" to sell to neighbors and members of the Needham community. The purpose of these signs was to make it visibly clear that our community supports Black lives and the BLM movement and to keep this issue at the forefront of everyone's mind. At the

time I did this, there were a lot of people selling Black Lives Matter lawn signs in Needham, so I am not claiming this as an original idea. It was just my small way of getting involved.



My neighborhood was very supportive and nearly everyone bought a sign or two to display on their front lawn. After selling all 100 signs, the \$2,000 of proceeds and

donations went to the BLM organization and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.



In mid-September, however, signs began to disappear from people's lawns: we had a sign thief. As I was away at school, I was not able to help with replacing the signs but to my delight my persistent neighbors have been replacing signs when they get stolen. The fact that someone continues to steal the signs from our lawns is just another indication of how much more work has to be done.

Feeling immense support from Temple Beth Shalom as a community working toward change got me thinking about the Jewish value of repairing the world, Tikkun Olam. As Jews we see it as our responsibility to work towards fixing the brokenness in our world. Everyone deserves to be treated with humility and respect. All people are created in the image of G-d, so we must stand together and fight against the oppression of any people.

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## The Environmental Action Committee and Green Needham Present: A National Climate Action Plan

**Monday, March 15, 7:30 PM**

Frustrated with the lack of progress on climate change? With new national leadership we have a historic opportunity to tackle the climate crisis. Derek Walter, U.S. Climate Program Director of the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), will discuss their bold and comprehensive Climate Action Plan, which includes the launch of a satellite to identify sources of global methane pollution - a powerful greenhouse gas 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. EDF is a trusted, respected organization with a strong record of accomplishments, so this is a program you will not want to miss! To learn more, visit their website: [edf.org](http://edf.org).



Zoom registration details to follow - watch for them in the March Scroll and TBS This Week.

Questions? Contact: [environaction@tbsneedham.org](mailto:environaction@tbsneedham.org)

## Passover is Coming!

**The first Seder is Saturday, March 27.**

Watch your March Scroll and TBS emails for details on programs to celebrate the holiday!

## Writing a Legacy Letter: Sharing Your Values with Loved Ones

**Four sessions (Dates to be announced)**

If sufficient interest is expressed (see sign-up information below), TBS Adult Learning, TBS Tzedek, and Three Score/More or Less will co-sponsor a second legacy letter writing series. Presented by Jay Sherwin, this free four-session Zoom course is designed to introduce the concept of Legacy Letters and help you craft your own. And you don't have to be of a 'certain age' to start the process!

Since each class will build on prior discussions, four-week attendance is encouraged. Let's generate warm thoughts together!

Join the priority enrollment waiting list at [t-b-s.me/legacysignup](http://t-b-s.me/legacysignup) to receive email notification of the dates and a Zoom link. This event is open to the entire TBS community; limited to 20 participants.

For additional information about this program, go to: [t-b-s.me/legacyinfo](http://t-b-s.me/legacyinfo)

Questions? Contact: Gary Goldman ([threescoremoreorless@tbsneedham.org](mailto:threescoremoreorless@tbsneedham.org)), Deena Siegel ([tzedek@tbsneedham.org](mailto:tzedek@tbsneedham.org)), or TBS Adult Learning ([adultlearning@tbsneedham.org](mailto:adultlearning@tbsneedham.org))



## Job Seeker Support Group with Jewish Vocational Services

**Bi-weekly in March and April, 4:00 - 5:00 PM (Dates to be announced)**

Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) has partnered with TBS for a free biweekly Job Search Support Group. The goal of this group is to provide support, information, and strategies to professionals in managing their job search in the age of Covid-19. This series will be run by experienced Career Professional Amy Mazur.

To receive email notice of the dates and a Zoom link, please email the instructor (Amy Mazur) directly: [amazur@jvs-boston.org](mailto:amazur@jvs-boston.org)

For more information: check the flyer at <http://bit.ly/jobseekdetails> or contact Amy Mazur ([amazur@jvs-boston.org](mailto:amazur@jvs-boston.org))



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# Announcements

## New Books in the TBS Library

Despite the coronavirus, we continue to purchase new books for the TBS Library:

- *Love Letters: Poetry of the Aleph Bet* by TBS member Sharon Salinger. A collection of poems and illustrations inspired by the letters and nekudot (the marks indicating vowels and the dots indicating pronunciation) of the Hebrew alphabet. Many of these poems debuted at Shabbat morning minyan. Sharon kindly donated a signed copy to the TBS library. It is also available to purchase at [silverstreetmedia.com/damianos-publishing/p/love-letters-poetry-of-the-aleph-bet](http://silverstreetmedia.com/damianos-publishing/p/love-letters-poetry-of-the-aleph-bet).
- *The Lion's Den: Zionism and the Left from Hannah Arendt to Noam Chomsky* by Susie Linfield. An examination of how eight prominent 20th century intellectuals wrestle with the idea of Zionism, Israel, and its conflicts with the Arab world.
- *On Division* by Goldie Goldbloom. A novel set in the very observant Williamsburg, Brooklyn community. Surie Eckstein, soon to be a great-grandmother, suddenly finds herself pregnant at 57. A story of family secrets, one woman's middle age awakening, and the exploration of one's individual identity and community.
- *Working Towards Whiteness: How America's Immigrants Became White: The Strange Journey from Ellis Island to the Suburbs* by David R. Roediger. Roediger examines 20th century America and the ethnic groups considered white today, like Jews, Italians, and Polish Americans, who were once considered undesirable by the WASP establishment. Roediger traces how they became part of white America while demonstrating how some members of these groups adopted the racism of the very whites who previously looked down on them as inferior.

Contact **Roberta Gerson** ([library@tbsneedham.org](mailto:library@tbsneedham.org)) for information on accessing these and other books in the TBS Library. Please note that announcements of new books and other book-related topics will be featured from time to time in *TBS This Week*.

## Thank You, TBS!

Yes, this was a different year. As different for Project EZRA as for most endeavors. But one attribute remained the same: the incredible support of the Temple Beth Shalom community. Owing to the help of the many TBS volunteers, 269 meals were delivered to the tables of our Needham neighbors! A record number for Project EZRA, a dark sign of the times.

Included with each meal was a greeting card composed by the children of the TBS Children's Center. Cards so delightful and cheerful they are bound to create smiles and uplift spirits. Just looking through them brightened my day, and I know it did the same for the recipients.



Thank you to the community of Temple Beth Shalom for your faithful support of Project EZRA and for its mission of giving and caring.

*Lois Sockol – Project EZRA*

## We Are Here for You

This is a trying time for all of us, and your Temple community is here to be of help. In addition to the challenges of the coronavirus threat, life events continue.

Have a difficult situation going on in your family? Have you experienced a recent loss of a loved one? Has your family celebrated an engagement, wedding, birth, or other joyous event? Anticipating upcoming surgery or a hospital stay?

Don't forget to let your TBS family know!

When significant life events are taking place – good or bad – the clergy at TBS want to know, as do our educators when the situation is impacting a child in our learning programs. Please e-mail or call our clergy or educators at: 781.444.0077 to share what is happening so that we can be supportive.

We are here for you. We want to know so we can help!



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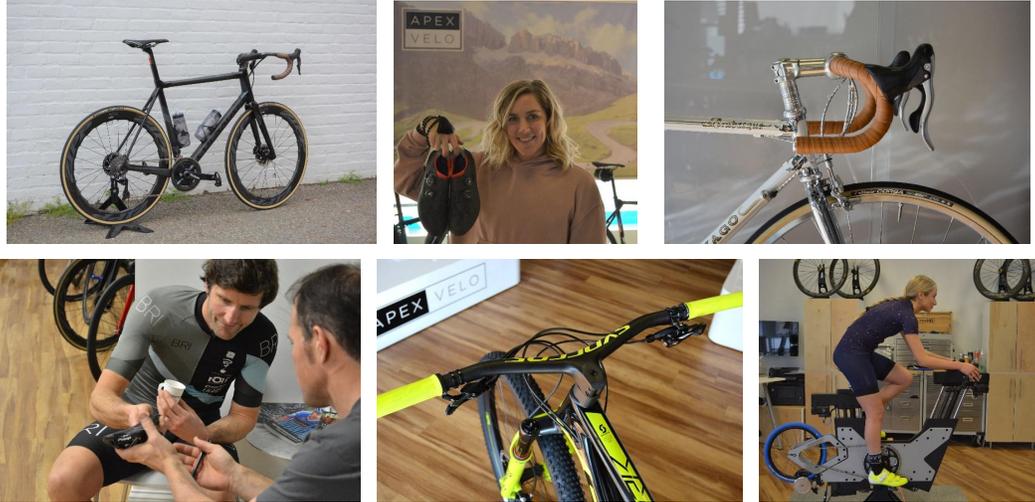


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