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## From the Editorial Board

November has customarily been a time in America to be grateful. The cornucopia symbolizes plenty, food, and the warmth of gathering families together. We remember our origins, we honor our veterans, and we reflect on our good fortune. At TBS, gratefulness is a year-round experience, and helping others is among the shining examples of how congregants demonstrate their appreciation for what we have and what we can share.

In this Scroll, we learn about the many ways congregants helped those who lack food, and we are invited to join in future such efforts. From the Hunger Initiative to Project Ezra, all give us a chance to reach within and help those without.

Please join in our upcoming issues of the Scroll:

**Are you in banking, finance, mortgage, investments, etc.?** The Scroll wants to hear your story – what got you interested in your field, something meaningful to you about being in it, and timely or unique words of advice you might have for fellow congregants based on your knowledge and experience. Email [Scroll@tbsneedham.org](mailto:Scroll@tbsneedham.org). Deadline: January 15. Word limit: 175 words. Feel free to include a relevant photo.

**We want YOU “Among Us” in the Scroll!**

In the Scroll, we’ve featured many kinds of interests, professions, and talents among our congregants. If we haven’t already, we want to include you! Please feel free to suggest categories we haven’t yet included – especially if it means we’ll hear from you or a TBS member not yet featured in the Scroll. To peruse past articles, see [www.tbsneedham.org/scroll](http://www.tbsneedham.org/scroll). Email [Scroll@tbsneedham.org](mailto:Scroll@tbsneedham.org) with your ideas at any time. Thanks!

*Joni Burstein on behalf of the Scroll Editorial Board*

## 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!

# Online Shabbat Services in November

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 (20 CHESHVAN 5781)

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

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 (20 CHESHVAN 5781)

Torah: VaYera, Gen. 18:21 — 22:24  
8:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Minyan (Online)  
9:00 AM — 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)  
Shabbat Morning Service (Online)  
B. Mitzvah: Evan Feldman  
7:00 PM — Havdallah with Rabbi Todd

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 (27 CHESHVAN 5781)

6:15 PM — Erev Shabbat Service (Online)

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 (27 CHESHVAN 5781)

Torah: Chayei Sarah, Gen. 23:1 — 25:18  
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: Adah Gowan  
B. Mitzvah: Evan Stern  
B. Mitzvah: Ryan Goldberg

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 (5 KISLEV 5781)

6:15PM — Erev Shabbat Service (Online)

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 (5 KISLEV 5781)

Torah: Toldot, Gen. 25:19 — 28:9  
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: Ava and Jacob Towvim  
B. Mitzvah: Abigail Hofer  
B. Mitzvah: Alex Jacoby

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 (12 KISLEV 5781)

6:15PM — Erev Shabbat Service (Online)

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (12 KISLEV 5781)

Torah: VaYetze, Gen. 28:10 — 32:3  
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: Rachel Fleckner

**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 November - 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. Nov. 4, 7:15 PM	adultlearning@tbsneedham.org
Brotherhood	Tues. Nov. 10, 7:15 PM	brotherhood@tbsneedham.org
Communications	Wed. Nov. 18, 7:15 PM	communications@tbsneedham.org
Garden Club	Tues. Nov. 3, 7:15 PM	gardenclub@tbsneedham.org
Scroll Editorial Board	Tues. Nov. 3, 12:00 PM	scroll@tbsneedham.org
Sisterhood	Thurs. Nov. 19, 7:30 PM	sisterhood@tbsneedham.org
Three Score/More or Less	Mon. Nov. 2, 7:30 PM	threescoremoreorless@tbsneedham.org
Tzedek	Wed. Nov. 11, 7:15 PM	tzedek@tbsneedham.org
Worship Committee	Tues. Nov. 17, 7:15 PM	worship@tbsneedham.org

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

## From Our Leadership



By Eugene Stein,  
Congregational President

As we settle into our “new normal” routines for the colder months, the professional staff and clergy have already been going full steam ahead with their routines - many of which are visible to each and every one of you. What is sometimes not so visible

is the strong partnership the clergy and professional staff enjoy with the lay leaders of Temple Beth Shalom - volunteers who dedicate their time, energy, and expertise to helping our community and everyone within.

I'd like to take a moment and highlight what an incredible group of lay leaders and volunteers we have in our community - our Board of Trustees, our committee and subcommittee chairs and the members of those committees, and our wonderful arms - the Sisterhood, the Brotherhood, Three Score/More or Less, and the Garden Club. This collective group, in partnership with our professional leaders and staff, helps to guide our community and invites your participation. Through the Board of Trustees, committees and arms, we are able to participate in all aspects of Jewish Life with each other - virtually and socially distant and beyond just worship (but we have a committee for that as well!).

So who makes up our Board of Trustees and how do they help guide our congregation? The Board is composed of 18 members of our congregation, our rabbis, and non-voting board officers. Working together, this group forms a circle of leadership that works - often behind the scenes - to advance the Temple's strategic vision, assist in developing policies, review and ensure the Temple's financial health is being tended to, and partner with the professional staff to assist them in everything they do for the TBS community.

The Board's Vice Presidents also work with committees that relate to each of their areas of responsibility. For example, Alan Huberman, who is our Vice President of Finance and Treasurer, also works with the Finance Committee (of which he is the Chair), the Investment Committee, the Financial Assistance Committee, and helps guide other committees, where needed, in budgeting, spending, and more. Each of the committees in turn has a chair and may have subcommittees (but more on that in another episode). Alan's background as a partner at an accounting firm, a CPA, and his Temple experience as Assistant Treasurer and a member of the Finance Committee demonstrate what he brings to his role as VP of Finance and Treasurer.

Alan is just one of seven vice presidents - all of whom bring amazing backgrounds and talents and together work to make TBS the community we are and the community we continue to be. Bruce Tribush, our Vice President of Administration, brings his background as an attorney to our administrative work, such as

helping to acquire the two new properties, organizing and working on blood drives, and helping our Temple be more energy efficient by assisting with the installation of the Rooftop Solar Panels.

Jen Schneier is our Vice President of Caring Community. Jen's active work in co-chairing L'Chaim!, working as a Welcome Corps volunteer, and working with our membership committee brings glue to how we all interconnect behind the scenes.

Nichole Argo Ben Itzhak is our Vice President of Early Learning, and she works with Ellen Dietrick and her team in the Children's Center. Coordinating the activities of the committees that help Ellen and helping the committees, leadership, Board and other professional staff work together are just some of the ways Nichole builds synergies among all who have a connection to the Early Learning and the Children's Center.

Dan Ripin, our Vice President of Learning, works closely with Rachel Happel and her team. Dan has been a member of the Elementary Learning Committee and was a co-lead of that committee in the past. Dan is hard at work with the other members of the Board as we explore ways to ensure we account for the growth we continue to experience.

Linda Hill is our Vice President of Tikkun Olam. Linda helps direct the focus and energies of our leadership to supporting all the efforts of repairing the world, social justice, and ensuring the voice of our congregation is properly heard. Working with our professionals, Linda elevates our messages and assists wherever and however it is needed.

Carol Bolton Kappel is our Vice President of Religious and Cultural Practices. Carol brings experience from all areas of the Temple and has previously been a Vice President of Tikkun Olam, and Sisterhood co-President. Carol works very closely with the Worship Committee and professionals to ensure the Board support is there to help them with what they need to meet our needs - our community's needs - for worship and pastoral care.

Space does not permit recognizing the rest of the Board's trustees, our secretary, and our Executive Vice President in this article. But next month, Executive Vice President Wendy Gutterson will introduce herself and her role to you in this leadership column.

Our Vice Presidents are an incredible group working together with the trustees, secretary and Executive Vice President to provide leadership, vision, and support to our community. After you hear from Wendy next month, I will share with you more about our Board, the ex-officio members and how we, together, are more than just the sum of our individual contributions. We are all proud of TBS and the many ways we contribute to building our community.

*Eugene Stein*  
Congregational President



From Our Clergy

## Let All Who are Hungry Come and Eat! Offering Gratitude to the TBS Hunger Initiative

By Rabbi Julie Bressler

During the Passover Seder, we recite the words of Ha Lachma Anya, which includes the line “let all who are hungry come and eat.” It’s a beautiful statement and gesture that expresses one of the core values of this holiday and of Judaism as a whole - everyone should experience the freedom and bounty experienced during a Passover Seder, including the festive meal. In the Babylonian Talmud, this concept is expanded to all times throughout the year, as Rav Huna, one of our great sages, teaches that any time he would sit down for a meal he would declare, “Whoever needs, come and eat (Taanit 20b)!” However, in reality, we may not have the capacity to open our physical doors to any who are hungry for a variety of reasons. And of course, during the time of COVID-19, we are unable to open our literal doors to others because of the important need for physical distancing.

Even in the time of the Talmud, there was discussion about how we honor this idea when physically opening our doors and inviting those who are hungry to enter our homes may not be possible. Rav Matityahu Gaon, a 9th century leading rabbinic authority, interprets this phrase to mean that we should actually support the hungry and the poor before Passover because this enables those individuals to be satiated on the holiday itself instead of wondering where their food will come from on that day when all are required to engage in the Passover Seder and meal.

Why am I talking about the Passover Seder in November? Because we are approaching the closest American holiday to Passover - the holiday of Thanksgiving. While the origin stories of these holidays and the associated rituals may differ significantly, one central piece - a bountiful festive meal surrounded by family and friends - is quite similar. In both cases, we acknowledge and are aware that many in our community find these holidays challenging because of food insecurity.

Hunger in America is an incredibly significant issue. Millions of individuals and families live under tremendous stress each day because they do not always know where their next meal will come from. Over 40 million Americans experienced food insecurity before the onset of COVID-19, and this number has skyrocketed during the pandemic. As a Jewish community, as a TBS community, we felt an urgent need to act, to do what we can to help. This led to the creation of the TBS Hunger Initiative, which has worked diligently over the past few months to create opportunities for TBS members to support



organizations and programs working to provide food to the food-insecure. From educational programs including a webinar and a documentary screening with discussion to hands-on opportunities to cupcake decorating for our youngest members, the Hunger Initiative provided many opportunities for our community to learn and engage.

Even before the pandemic, the TBS community already participated in many programs that engaged with this topic on a monthly and annual basis. I am so proud of our community for stepping up even more during these challenging times. Throughout this issue, you will learn more about the programs and individuals who spearheaded these new and ongoing efforts and what they achieved. A huge Yashar Koach and thank you to each of them, and to all of you who participate in these programs. As we move into the winter months, let’s keep up this important work as we continue to honor the words of our tradition - “Let all who are hungry come and eat.”



### Green Tip

*Please don't use plastic straws! Plastic straws are really bad for the ocean. It's estimated that we use over 500 million plastic straws every day in America, and most of those end up in our oceans, polluting the water and killing marine life. Most plastics don't decompose when we toss them and can stay in landfills for hundreds of years. Plastic straws can jam recycling machinery and can't be recycled. Think twice: use reusable straws and refuse plastic ones at restaurants!*



*In November, we honor our veterans. We celebrate those who served in the military, and their families.*

*Our congregation includes members who served in the United States Military and others who protected our Jewish homeland by serving in the Israeli Military. We are grateful to them for their sacrifices and for protecting our freedoms for us to enjoy.*

*Thank you for your service.*

# November Highlights

## Join Social Action's Monthly Bag Lunch and Food Collection for Homeless Shelters

### Friday, November 6, 9:15 - 9:45 AM

Join TBS Social Action as we collect brown bag lunches and breakfast foods for donation to homeless shelters in the Brockton area. This is a great project to do individually or as a family! There are many ways to participate! Assemble, bag lunches, or donate any of many breakfast foods needed to feed shelter guests.

We will collect ALL items on Friday, November 6th, 9:15 - 9:45 AM in the TBS front parking lot. We will be on the far side from the temple, along Highland Ave., closest to Webster St., ready to transfer your items from your car.

To sign up and see donation specifics, go to: [bit.ly/lunchcollection](https://bit.ly/lunchcollection)

To donate non-perishable items before November 6th, or with questions, contact: [socialaction@tbsneedham.org](mailto:socialaction@tbsneedham.org)



## "Mystery and History: George Washington's Letter to the Jews" with Rabbi Charlie Savenor

### Sunday, November 8th, 9:30 AM Rescheduled as a fun Zoom learning experience!

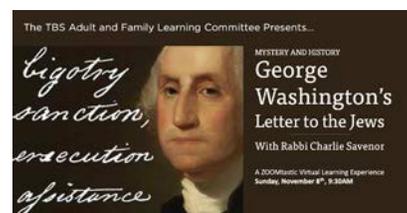
Washington's letter to the Jews of Newport, RI, creates a precedent of equality unknown to Jews during centuries of exile. However, many questions exist about this 1790 document, including who actually wrote the letter and what our first president actually meant. Please join us as we explore this important part of the history of Jews in America.

Rabbi Charles E. Savenor serves as the Director of Congregational Education at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City. Rabbi Savenor has also served as the Director of Kehilla (Congregational) Development for the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Prior to serving the USCJ, Rabbi Savenor was the Associate Dean and Director of Admissions at the Jewish Theological Seminary and Associate Rabbi at Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago (1996-2001).

The event is free, but for \$6 per person we will provide an optional light bagel breakfast. Yes, we will deliver a bagel breakfast kit directly to you! Please RSVP by November 4th.

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

Registration: [george-washington.eventbrite.com](https://george-washington.eventbrite.com)



## Lost and Found in Spain - an evening with Susan and Alan Solomont

### Sunday, November 8th, at 7:00 PM, via Zoom

Three Score/More or Less will host a fascinating conversation between Susan Lewis Solomont, author of *Lost and Found in Spain: Tales of an Ambassador's Wife*, and her husband, Alan Solomont, former U.S. Ambassador to Spain and Andorra (2009-2013). Covering a wide range of topics, from the life of an ambassador and being Jewish in Madrid to finding meaning as an ambassador's wife, the evening promises to be both engaging and entertaining. Q&A will follow the discussion. This event is open to the entire TBS adult community and guests.



Register at: [tinyurl.com/LostandFoundinSpain](https://tinyurl.com/LostandFoundinSpain)

Once registered, you will receive the Zoom information via email.

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



## Awesome In-Person Volunteer Opportunity for Ages 13+

### Medically tailored meals for the chronically ill

The TBS Social Action has partnered with Community Servings (website: [communityservings.org](http://communityservings.org)) to help provide medically tailored, nutritious, scratch-made meals to chronically and critically-ill individuals and their families. Volunteers can expect to help with tasks like peeling and chopping vegetables, portioning and packaging food, and packing meal bags for delivery to Community Servings clients. This organization is amazing and makes for a fantastic volunteer experience!

Comment from a TBS member who volunteered at Community Servings: "This was the most satisfying volunteer shift I have ever done. The Community Servings staff was organized, clear, and helpful with our tasks and kept us busy throughout the shift. It was also really impressive to see their process for thoughtfully and carefully creating delicious and healthy meals for their clients. I cannot wait to return!"

Volunteers will check in at Community Servings, 179 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA, at the time of their shift, where there is plenty of parking in the lot. This is a 25-minute drive from TBS. Masks must be worn throughout and they have adjusted their schedule to accommodate a COVID-safe environment. An orientation will be provided for first-time volunteers, and training and support are provided throughout all shifts.

Volunteers must be 13 years of age or over. Also, all volunteers under age 18 should complete the Youth Waiver, which can be found at [bit.ly/csyouthwaiver](http://bit.ly/csyouthwaiver) (be sure to set the correct date).

To register, go to: [bit.ly/communityservings](http://bit.ly/communityservings) and sign up to fill any of the shifts listed below!

- ◆ Monday, November 9th: 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon
- ◆ Tuesday, November 10th: 1:00 - 5:00 PM
- ◆ Wednesday, November 11th: 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon OR 1:00 - 5:00 PM  
(no school, great opportunity for kids!)
- ◆ Thursday, November, 12th: 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon
- ◆ Friday, November 13th: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

In addition to these sign-up shifts for TBS volunteers, Community Servings will be offering open shifts on and after October 26th to non-TBS volunteers. You are welcome to volunteer for a non-sign-up shift not listed above, but please contact Nate Ross, Manager of Volunteer Service, directly at 617-522-7777 x 228 to arrange your shift. We look forward to this exciting opportunity for TBS members to support people in need!

For questions or more information, contact our Social Action Chairs at [socialaction@tbsneedham.org](mailto:socialaction@tbsneedham.org)



## Beth Shalom Garden Club: "Flowers for a Special Occasion"

### Tuesday, November 10, 7:15 PM (online)

Beth Shalom Garden Club presents Carolyn Ellis, a talented floral designer, who will demonstrate floral arrangements for special occasions. Carolyn is a Senior Flower Associate of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and has created many "Art in Bloom" arrangements on the Road Shows, as well as programs on the MFA-sponsored "Home Table Designs." She is a long-time member of the Weston Garden Club. We look forward to seeing her talent on Zoom.



For more information about this program, or how to join Beth Shalom Garden Club, contact: [gardenclub@tbsneedham.org](mailto:gardenclub@tbsneedham.org)

# November Highlights continued ...

## Environmental Action Committee Workshop:

### “What’s up with the Recycling Business - Current Situation, Future Recommendations”

**Thursday, November 12, 7:30 - 9:00 PM**

Greg Smith, Superintendent of Needham’s Recycling and Solid Waste Division, will discuss the current state of recycling in Needham and the country, including the impact of China's dramatic changes in which recycling they will accept. He will follow this with recommendations about how we can make changes in the short term within our TBS building and individual homes to improve recycling, and how we can move toward a more sustainable future.



Registration is required.

Register now and receive a Zoom link - go to [bit.ly/eacrecycleworkshop](https://bit.ly/eacrecycleworkshop)

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

## Join TBS Social Action’s 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Bake for the Homeless

**Location: TBS front parking lot**

**November 16, 1:00 - 2:00 PM or 7:00 - 7:30 PM: Pick up boxes used to deliver pie slices**

**November 23, 6:30 - 7:30 PM: Collection of pie boxes**

Homemade pies will be donated to the Allston Brighton Food Pantry. This year, we are hoping you will participate by baking in your own homes to help people in need to enjoy Thanksgiving as best as possible. It’s a great project for individuals or families.



Boxes are required for delivery! Pick up your box(es) in advance on Thursday, November 19, at either 1:00 - 2:00 PM or 7:00 - 7:30 PM.

Please email [socialaction@tbsneedham.org](mailto:socialaction@tbsneedham.org) to make arrangements for box pick-up if these times are not possible.

Wear a mask and gloves while you prepare and bake your pie(s), slice and wrap individual pieces, place your pie slices on disposable pie plates and box for delivery.

Boxed pie collection is on Monday, November 23, 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

Registration is required. For sign-up and important details, go to: [bit.ly/applepiebake](https://bit.ly/applepiebake)

Please review the instructions and the recipe on the website thoroughly.

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



# Save the Date

## “At My Neighbor’s Table” Potluck Conversation

**Sunday, December 6, 5:00 - 6:30 PM**

Details and registration info for this 10th "Potluck Conversation" will be published in TBS This Week and on the TBS and TBS Tzedek Facebook pages.



# Project Ezra

Gratefully, Lois Sockol



It was about 35 years ago that the UAHC (Union of American Hebrew Congregations) called Stephanie Kalin, then the director of the Needham Community Council. Stephanie was uncertain about their message so she called me. At the time, I was president of the Needham Community Council, and being Jewish, perhaps, I could sort out their proposal. The UAHC was developing an ambitious program to relieve Christian volunteers from work in soup kitchens on Christmas Day.

“But we have no soup kitchen. It’s the Traveling Wheels program supervised by the Needham Health Department that delivers meals, and it does not operate on Christmas Day,” Stephanie said.

“Well, then, maybe we can,” I replied. “Just maybe, Needham Community Council in partnership with Temple Beth Shalom can design a program to deliver needed meals on Christmas Day.”

A smiling Stephanie nodded her head and Project EZRA took its first step towards reality. Just one last vital detail. I needed to present our idea to the Rabbi and when I did, Rabbi Sonsino enthusiastically supported it. Thus a partnership was sealed, and a program born.

Stephanie worked with the Board of Health to reach out to those in need of dinners and make them aware of the new Christmas Day program. As names flooded into the Council office, their secretary, Barbara Ryan, organized the necessary information. . . addresses, phones numbers, and number of meals needed. In addition they provided us with some of the necessary food items, including cans of gravy, cranberry sauce, and bags of stuffing.

Stephanie expanded our partnership by including Roche Brothers, which provided twelve turkeys. In later years it evolved into twelve cooked turkeys in order to satisfy Board of Health requirements. Sandy Robinson, the present Director, expanded the partnership further by having the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Needham provide the containers for the dinners.

From its beginning, the support from the Temple Beth Shalom community to prepare and deliver the meals was massive and heartwarming. Congregants David and Sydney Feldman supplemented the Temple’s budget so that extras could be included with each meal: a piece of fruit, usually a clementine, a drink, and perhaps another extra.

On Christmas mornings, volunteers arrived at the Temple kitchen at 8:00 AM to skillfully carve the succulent turkeys, while others began peeling 100 pounds of potatoes for cooking and mashing. Still others prepared stuffing, gravy, vegetables and cranberry sauce. The quiet TBS kitchen morphed into a bustling site.

Another cadre of volunteers had baked mouth-watering finger desserts, brownies, and cookies of all descriptions, and brought them individually wrapped on Christmas morning. Just beyond the kitchen doors, still more busy volunteers readied the bags for delivery.

By 11:30 AM the hot fixings were served in aluminum ready-to-warm dinner pans and put into their delivery bags. At 11:45 AM the final volunteers arrived, many with youngsters in hand. They gathered up their assigned bags to deliver to waiting Needham neighbors. The warmth emanating from the kitchen, the dinners, and the bright smiles were palpable.

I have not kept an exact count, but over the past forty years Project EZRA has brought dinners, cheer, and comfort to thousands of its Needham neighbors. Many individual recipients send donations as well as notes of gratitude – enough to cover a wall! Just a minuscule sample:

*“The friendliness and warm wishes of the couple that delivered my meal almost brought me to tears.”*

*“Thank you for your kindness and neighborliness in delivering a wonderful Christmas dinner.”*

*“Having gone through a year of cancer treatment, it was so nice to receive a delicious meal on Christmas Day.”*

Each year as the number of requested dinners grows, I worry that we will be unable to meet the need, but the many TBS volunteers always prove me wrong.

This year will be different. The restrictions COVID-19 places upon us prohibit our kitchen preparations. But once again we put our heads together to formulate a plan. We will purchase and deliver dinners on Christmas Eve. So check the back cover of this issue of the Scroll and please answer the phone when Project EZRA calls for volunteers.

# Recurring Events

## Job Seeker Support Group with Jewish Vocational Services

**Alternating Thursdays: November 5 and November 19, 4:00 - 5:00 PM**

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.

The Support Group can be joined at any time after it starts; how long the program continues will be determined later.

**To register:** Please email the instructor (Amy Mazur) directly: [amuzur@jvs-boston.org](mailto:amuzur@jvs-boston.org)

**For more information:** check the flyer at [bit.ly/jobseekinfo](https://bit.ly/jobseekinfo) or contact Amy Mazur ([amuzur@jvs-boston.org](mailto:amuzur@jvs-boston.org))



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

**Shabbat mornings, 9:00 - 10:00 AM**

Each week we will focus upon a single Jewish moral or ethical value found in that week's parashah (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.

**This is a virtual class on Zoom. Please register, and you will receive a link to the Zoom class.**

**To register for this class, go to:** [bit.ly/weeklyvalues](https://bit.ly/weeklyvalues)

## Beginnings of Judaism, Part 3: Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Bob Orkand

**Mondays, 12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM - Thirteen classes through December 21**

Judaism has had a long and rich history that reflects and was influenced by the conditions under which the Jewish people have lived for centuries. And yet, Judaism remained a distinct faith that influenced the cultures and religion of others. Rabbi Bob Orkand will continue his exploration of Jewish history, beginning with a look at the Pharisees and Sadducees and their varying interpretations of Jewish law and practice. Please note that since each session stands alone, it is not necessary to have participated in prior sessions. All are welcome. Registration required; class is free.



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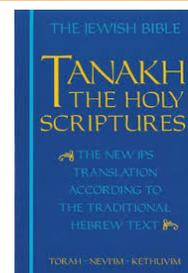
## Torah Study is Great, but What Happens in the REST of the Hebrew Bible?

**First Shabbat of the month: October 3, November 7, December 5, 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.

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## 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.

This is a virtual class on Zoom. Please register, and you will receive a link to the Zoom class.

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## Socratic Paths: King Lear

King Lear is a treasure-rich tragedy about political decay originating in personal offense or resentment. That aspect of the play is noticeable, at least, to anxious observers of American politics. "Tis the times' plague, when madmen lead the blind." (IV,1) But rather than superimposing contemporary problems onto the play, we'll mine the play for a deeper understanding of the relationship between the personal and the political. Its language alone transports us out of this inarticulate world to a place of poetic insight; its cosmic narrative puts all false narratives zu Asche, zu Staub.

New and returning readers are invited to participate in this year's "slow read." With an experienced facilitator, we look carefully at the text and discuss the issues that interest us, especially from a Jewish perspective. As is our custom, we read aloud for 10-15 minutes, which provides a focus for conversation and a chance to revisit details. Participants are encouraged to read one act per week and to enjoy any of the audio or video productions available. No tuition for this course.

Download a copy of King Lear in your preferred format at: [bit.ly/leardownload](https://bit.ly/leardownload)

Registration for a Zoom link is required - register at: [bit.ly/registerkinglear](https://bit.ly/registerkinglear)



*King Lear weeping over the death of Cordelia*  
(James Barry)

## 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 and Facebook Page for further information, to sign up, and to find some tasty recipes and cooking resources.

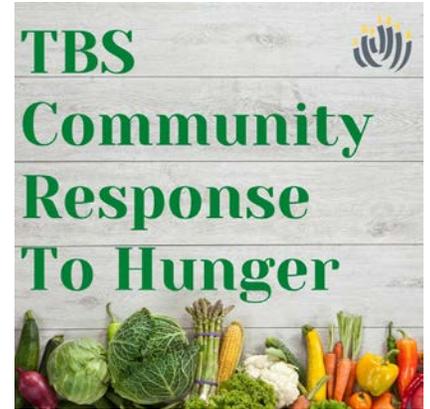


# Community-Wide Response to Hunger AKA: The TBS Hunger Initiative

## A TBS Summer of Helping

By Jessica Baim

This summer, as the impact of the still-emerging pandemic was being felt across our state and country, the TBS leadership created a new Social Action endeavor: the Community Response to Hunger, affectionately known as The Hunger Initiative. The committee's mission was to raise awareness about food insecurity through both action and educational programming. Our goal was to find creative volunteer opportunities while adhering to Massachusetts' restrictions for in-person gatherings, as well as provide financial support to local organizations that work in the food security arena. Temple members with interest and professional expertise in Social Action and Social Justice formed the core of the committee, and I thank them for their enthusiasm, wonderful ideas, and, of course, for creating and implementing the programs shared below. As our regularly scheduled year of programming has begun, the Social Action Committee is absorbing the Hunger Initiative, to continue great work in the field of fighting food insecurity and raising awareness.



If you would like to receive the TBS Social Action newsletter or learn about upcoming Mitzvah Projects, please email [SocialAction@tbsneedham.org](mailto:SocialAction@tbsneedham.org).

Committee members: Linda Hill, Jane Evans, Heidi Shaff, Caryl Mayer, Deena Siegel, Ellen Fine, Lori Shaer, Bernice Behar

## Helping Jews in Need During a Pandemic: A Conversation with Social Services Agency Yad Chessed

By Sheryl Hirsch

On June 16, as the kickoff program for the TBS Community Response to Hunger, TBS hosted the Zoom presentation and discussion Helping Jews in Need During a Pandemic: A Conversation with Social Services Agency Yad Chessed. Nancy Kriegel, Executive Director of Yad Chessed, the Jewish social services agency that supports those struggling with financial hardship and food



Nancy Kriegel

insecurity, led the discussion and was joined by Yad Chessed Director of Client Services, Sue Barron. Nancy and Sue discussed how the agency is serving a critical role during the COVID-19 crisis while continuing to help hundreds who were struggling even before the crisis. They also shared how the agency partners with CJP and other local agencies such as Jewish Family & Children Services, Jewish Vocational Services, Jewish Family Service of Metrowest, and Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters in helping the growing number of people in our community seeking support.

Due to the pandemic, requests for assistance have increased by 50 percent and thanks to donor support, CJP and Yad Chessed's hard-working staff,



Sue Barron



# Hunger

the agency is able to respond swiftly. As Nancy noted, “We are a small and nimble agency and are able to be flexible in quickly meeting the needs of each client. Whether it’s helping pay for a new water heater, eye glasses, transportation to appointments, or the rent, we are here for those in our community who need help.”

Yad Chessed provides direct support in three ways: emergency financial assistance, grocery gift cards, and guidance about available resources and benefits. Those who need help can contact Yad Chessed at 781-487-2693 or at [intake@yadchessed.org](mailto:intake@yadchessed.org). For more information, visit [yadchessed.org](http://yadchessed.org).



## Cupcakes for a Cause: Thank you J Cakes Needham!

By Marlene Greenstein

In the U.S. today, 11 million children face hunger – that’s one in seven kids. We all have a role to play in fighting hunger, whether young or old. Children can make a positive difference in the lives of other kids in need. It’s important to talk to children about food insecurity, and inspire them to act to fight hunger.

This spring, Julie Dananberg, a TBS Children’s Center parent, and owner of J Cakes Needham, offered the Children’s Center families a fun morning learning how to decorate cupcakes on Zoom. Families received a box with materials needed to decorate a tasty cupcake, along with age-appropriate materials on how to talk with children about hunger and encouraging them to help. This sweet program included a donation to JF&CS Family Table as part of the Community Response to Hunger.



*Julie Dananberg*

“When Jessica Baim approached me with the idea for “Cupcakes for a Cause,” I was thrilled to be able to combine three things I love: decorating cupcakes, working with children, and giving back to the community! During a time when we were still so isolated from each other, it was nice to be together with the kids on Zoom, doing a fun and tasty activity. It also was an opportunity for families to begin to have conversations about food insecurity in our community.” Only when we work together - young and old - can we focus on ending hunger. Thank you, Julie! Everyone had a delicious time!



# The TBS Hunger Initiative continued ...



## Car Parade Food Drive at Family Table of JF&CS

By Julia and Andrew Berkman

Many people came to drop food off in a socially distant manner at JF&CS in Waltham. We collected bags of food (over 800 lbs!) from people's cars and worked together with TBS teens and JF&CS staff to sort and organize the different types of food so they could be dispensed evenly throughout the community. It was amazing to see the community come together in a time of need, especially when so many are living in complete uncertainty. It's so reassuring to know there are places providing food and other necessities. This experience not only deepened our appreciation and understanding of community service but also left us with a good feeling. We were so glad that TBS gave us the opportunity to volunteer at the Car Parade Food Drive.



By Bernice Sue Behar, Director of Family Table

JF&CS Family Table is the kosher food pantry serving the Greater Boston area. Not surprisingly, the pandemic has brought many challenges to the lives of the people we serve - people who struggle to get by even in the best of times. This unprecedented health crisis has brought many more people to our door who are having trouble feeding their families. Each month, Family Table relies on donations from TBS and 70 other synagogues and Jewish Day Schools for much of the food we distribute. COVID-19 has made it difficult for synagogues to collect food donations, but this past summer TBS got creative and held a fantastic "donation parade" to benefit Family Table. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of the TBS community when more than 800 pounds of food arrived at our door! Teen members of the community, including Julia and Andrew Berkman, Avram Needleman, and Jacob Freedman helped sort the food and stock our shelves, which was tremendously helpful as well. Many thanks to everyone who donated food or worked to make the Family Table donation parade a success!

## Family Table Distribution

By Matt Robinson

As my 7-year-old daughters are actively into tikkun olam, I am always looking for opportunities that will allow them to participate in hands-on community service. Unfortunately, most organizations I contacted prohibit families from participating in their programs unless all members are over 13 or even older.

We were thrilled to hear from friends at TBS that the Family Table program at JF&CS was available for all of us! Every time we go, we not only run into old friends as we work our way through the well-organized and (thankfully) well-stocked food line, but we make new friends as well, both at JF&CS and when we drop off the food to the grateful recipients. The girls even sent one of their handmade scarves to a woman they met while dropping off food a few months ago and we have written back and forth to a few new friends as well. Family Table is a wonderful program that accepts anyone who wants to participate and that allows everyone who does to make new connections that will surely enrich themselves and others!

**JF&CS**  
Jewish Family & Children's Service



## TBS Delivers Hundreds of Food Items to Homeless Shelters

By Linda Hill



On August 21st, the Community Response to Hunger, in partnership with the Social Action Committee, collected 115 brown bag lunches along with hundreds of breakfast items for donation to homeless shelters in Brockton and Stoughton. We were excited to offer this opportunity to the eager TBS community as our small part in helping to meet the huge need, which has increased vastly since COVID-19.

Volunteers were invited to sign up to assemble 10 brown bag lunches, and/or donate condiments, cases of water, juice boxes, and a variety of breakfast items including muffins, bagels, cereal, yogurts, fruit cups and ground coffee.

We collected the donations in the TBS parking lot during a 30-minute window, with a Covid-friendly collection process, in which we retrieved donations from people's cars while drivers remained seated, before delivering the food to the shelters. Arrangements were also available for non-perishable donations to be dropped off prior to the collection date, which was helpful for those who had conflicts during the collection window.

Over fifty TBS families and individuals donated to this Mitzvah Project and did so with generosity, community spirit, and love. The staff and clients at the MainSpring House, West Elm Street Shelter, and the Evelyn House could not have been more grateful for our donations. We look forward to offering this opportunity again!

## Community Servings

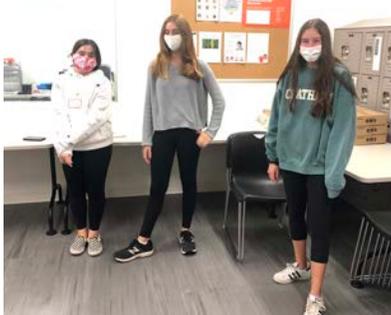
By Karen Resnic



A team of TBS members recently hunger by volunteering at

Jamaica Plain. This incredible organization is focused on providing medically tailored, nutritious, scratch-made meals to chronically and critically ill individuals and their families throughout Massachusetts. Community Servings also provides nutrition education services and food service job training, and partners with local farms to increase access to fresh and local foods and reduce food waste.

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Volunteering at Community Servings is fun, easy and rewarding. Each volunteer was welcomed at the front desk and quickly given a temperature check. After a quick introduction to the organizational mission and donning of hair nets, gloves and aprons, we were led into the professional kitchens and assigned tasks. We took turns measuring portions to the tenth of an ounce, and assembling and packaging full meals. Images of Lucy and Ethel on the assembly line at the chocolate factory immediately came to mind! Other volunteers helped chop, peel, and prep ingredients. It was a little like being on the set of Chopped!

A highlight of our experience was learning to operate the machine that seals each meal tray with cellophane. All together we assembled over 500 healthy meals! We enjoyed working alongside and chatting with the local chefs-in-training who skillfully run the kitchen.



# The TBS Hunger Initiative continued ...

The entire operation at Community Servings is professionally managed and value driven. It was very satisfying to contribute in some small way to their inspiring mission. They are very receptive to individual and group volunteers and online sign up is easy at [servings.org](http://servings.org). So grab a few friends or join a group of TBS members and head to Community Servings!

## Hunger in America Movie Screening and Discussion

By Gary Goldman and Linda Mesnik

On Sunday, August 30th, the TBS parking lot became the venue for the screening of the award-winning documentary *Hunger in America*. Hosted by Three Score/More or Less and TBS Sisterhood, the event was part of the TBS Community Response to Hunger.

The weather was with us, as we had a glorious night to watch a movie outside. For those who couldn't be there in person, there was the option to attend via Zoom. Rabbi Jay launched the event with a moving introduction that included the importance of the Hunger Initiative, a review of the hunger problem in America, and appreciation for our efforts.

We watched the movie on a big screen and socially distanced with friends. It was wonderful to gather together as a powerful voice to improve the food insecurity problem in America. When the movie was made in 2014, one in six people were struggling with hunger. Over 50 million people did not have enough food. Today with the pandemic, things are even worse.

After the movie Bernice Sue Behar, TBS member and Director of Family Table at Jewish Family & Children's Services, spoke about the hunger problem. She educated us on various programs available to help those in need and in particular childhood nutrition programs. She also implored us to be advocates for change to combat some of the systemic hunger problems. After her outstanding presentation, she fielded questions from the audience.

We raised over \$600 for the hunger initiative! Many thanks to those who attended, those who contributed, and those who helped to coordinate the event. All proceeds were donated to the Needham Community Council and Family Table at JF&CS. It was a fantastic evening, as well as a reminder that more needs to be done in this area.



## High Holy Day Food Drive with Needham Community Council Food Pantry

By Kris DeGraw Danna

For more than 25 years, families have depended on the Needham Community Council Food Pantry (NCCFP) for everything from fresh fruits and vegetables to personal care products. There are now over 300 active Needham households that are being served. Since March, there has been a 20% increase. The Food Pantry averages over 300 visits and delivers 75 household grocery orders per month. Yet another big blow to the Food Pantry in 2020



has been the cost of food. This year has seen an increase of food costs by 300% due both to economic conditions AND to the loss of unsolicited food donations, as the Food Pantry has been unable to accept walk-in donations due to COVID safety measures.

It has been almost twenty years since Temple Beth Shalom first partnered with NCCFP for the High Holy Day Food Drive. In the past (more normal!) years, congregants have filled and schlepped up to 700 bags of food in order to fill the pantry shelves and help our neighbors in need. NCCFP has shared with TBS that our High Holy Day Food Drive is their single biggest donation of the year. This year, the story is more devastating and more families are in need. And TBS didn't disappoint! We worked closely with the Food Pantry and pivoted our efforts to an online Food Drive, using an Amazon cart of items preselected by the Food Pantry for the items they most needed. Thank you to all who participated!

Even though the High Holy Days for 5781 have concluded, you can still donate to the Needham Community Council Food Pantry through their Amazon cart by using this link: [bit.ly/nccfp](https://bit.ly/nccfp)

## TBS' Long-Standing Relationship with JF&CS Family Table

By Lori Shaer

For many years, TBS has provided JF&CS Family Table with 100 cans of tuna and salmon each month. Family Table's monthly grocery distribution relies on Temple communities like ours to fulfill the needs of their clients. When TBS had to close its doors to people coming in and out of the building in March due to COVID-19, as the TBS Family Table Site Coordinator, I immediately wanted to find a way to continue to meet our monthly commitment to Family Table. I reached out to IT Systems Administrator Deb Hecht, who was able to set up a link for our community to easily donate a minimum of five dollars to TBS so I could then use the funds to purchase tuna and salmon in bulk and have it delivered directly to Family Table. At the beginning of the pandemic, tuna and salmon were challenging to find online. To locate 100 cans in a cost-effective way, I had to purchase these items from three different websites and shipping was taking longer than usual. Thankfully, we were still able to supply Family Table more cans than our goal, and it has continued each month since. While we still cannot drop off cans to the bin in our beautiful foyer at TBS, my in-box is often filled with donations of \$10, \$18, or \$25 by our generous community. As of September, when this is being written, we have collected just over \$2,000! Thank you and let's keep this rolling, especially into the winter months!

To donate to Family Table through TBS, please use this link: [bit.ly/tbstofamilytable](https://bit.ly/tbstofamilytable)



## Welcome New Members

Judy Hyatt and Fred Goldstein and Lily Hyatt (12) and Ethan and Amelia Goldstein  
Cara and Bradley Karelitz and Zachary (3) and Mari Rose (1)  
Ilenna and David Stein and Isabel (4) and Aliza (not yet 1)  
Phoebe Thaler

# Hats Off! to All Our Wonderful Knitters

By Margie Glou

Temple Beth Shalom's Knitting Mavens recently sent 140 hats to soldiers serving in the Israeli Defense Force. This mailing brought a total of 590 hats made and delivered to Israel since 2013.

In the past, Rabbi Jay and our TBS travelers to Israel have met personally with Channah Koppel, the organizer of this international project. Since Covid-19

has restricted travel, it was decided not to wait and to mail the hats this year.

During the past seven years, our 50 knitters have displayed an overwhelming dedication to this project. They consistently continue to share their enthusiasm, time, compassion, and

tremendously gifted hands.

Channah is going to include pictures in her upcoming blog. To read Channah's blog and for more information about the Hats for Israeli Soldiers project, visit [www.hatsforisraelisoldiers.blogspot.com](http://www.hatsforisraelisoldiers.blogspot.com)

We all feel a connection to Israel. For those of us who can't travel, this is a unique way to say "we are with you and support you."

To join our wonderful Knitting Mavens, contact Margie Glou at [mglou@comcast.net](mailto:mglou@comcast.net) or Bobbi Niss at [bobbinniss@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbinniss@yahoo.com). We supply the yarn, needles and pattern.

We just need you to join us!



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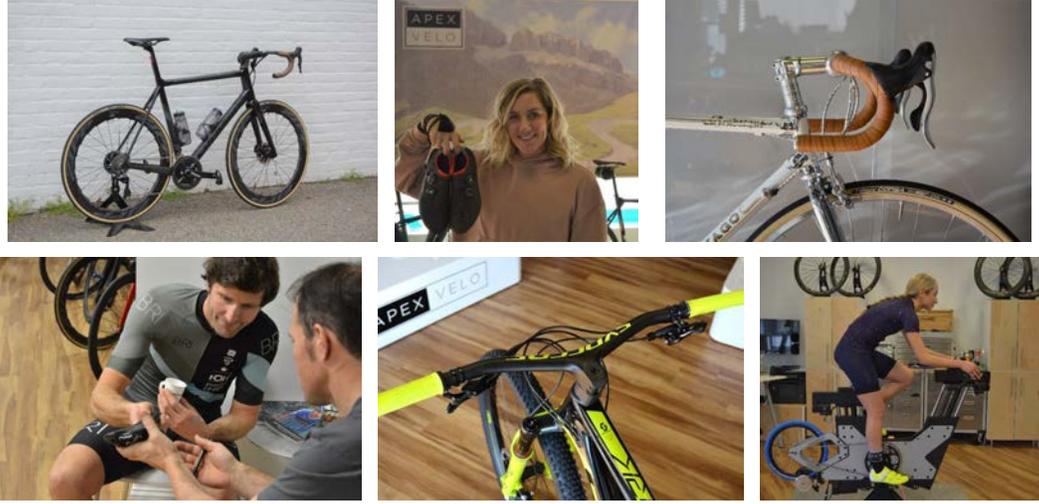
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## Afternoon of December 24

For the last forty years, scores of Temple Beth Shalom volunteers have given the gift of comfort and nourishment to thousands of their Needham neighbors by providing meals on Christmas Day. Yes, circumstances will make this year different. No high energy bustling in the Temple kitchen. No more potatoes peeled, turkeys carved, meals prepared on-site, and packaged. No more deliciously baked dessert by TBS members.

Nevertheless, by working with our partner, Needham Community Council, the essential goal of Project Ezra can be realized. We will provide the needed dinners, not on Christmas Day but on the afternoon of December 24.



The holiday meals will be prepared by a local restaurant. Their packaging will include directions for rewarming. What we need, what I am asking for, are volunteers to pick up the meals and deliver them to the awaiting recipient's door.

### Can you help?

Can you deliver some meals on the afternoon of December 24th?

Can you help make this happen?

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