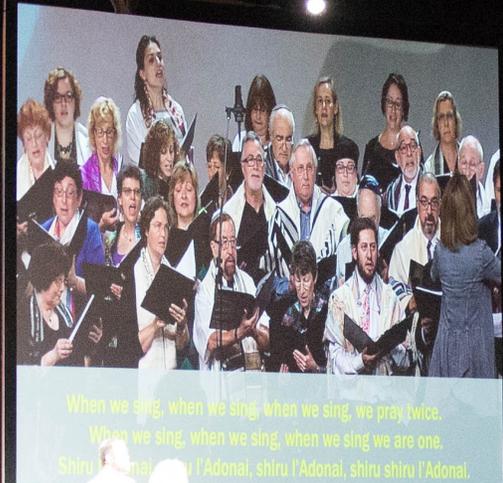


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From the Editorial Board

## Making Professional Connections

A consumer advocate, college essay coach, and custom database developer walk into a shul...

Sounds like the start of a joke? It's actually what happens at TBS. In fact, a lot of other professionals walk in the door too. And now there's a way to know who they are and what they do – with the TBS Business Directory.

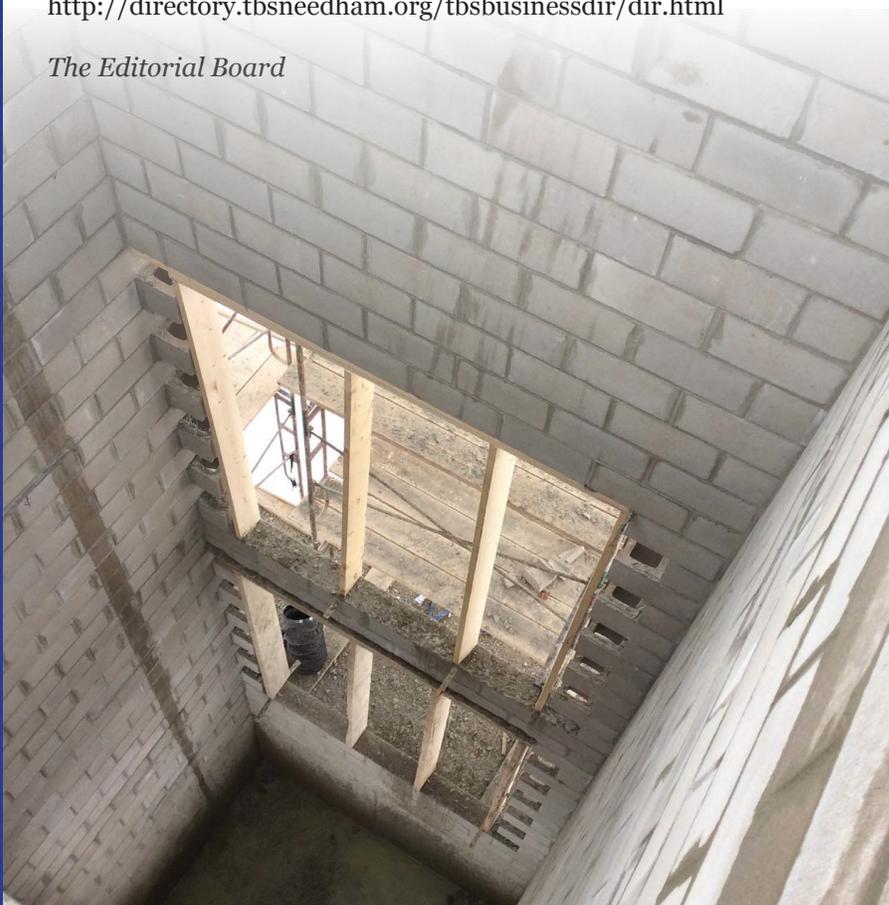
That's right, with the mere touch of your keyboard, you can find out how your fellow TBS members spend their professional time. We hope you'll add your information to the directory and make the number rise even higher.

The TBS Business Directory is an online tool that allows Temple members to list their business name and type, and contact information. Give it a click – or as your grandmother might have said, geb a kuk – and see who's doing what. You can access it through our TBS website using the menu on the left. Once there, a link lets you add your own information as well.

Just one more way Temple Beth Shalom members can connect with one another. Check it out!

<http://directory.tbsneedham.org/tbsbusinessdir/dir.html>

*The Editorial Board*



From the Clergy

## Climate Action by Rabbi Todd Markley



There exists a teaching for children, a proverb of sorts, to help them learn responsibility. I have seen its words hanging in Needham public schools: “We take care of ourselves. We take care of one another. We take care of our surroundings.” This short and easily memorable adage is helpful to children as a framework for remembering how to behave and why. At Temple Beth Shalom, however, this framework for living healthy and responsible lives was adapted for our children in a most Jewish way. At TBS, our children learn that “We take care of ourselves. We take care of one another. We take care of **our world**.” What a quintessentially Jewish adaptation. We can focus on our immediate surroundings *and* we can more fully embrace our Jewish heritage of being a light to all people, of striving for justice and righteousness in a world too often in need of repair.

At Temple Beth Shalom, we strive to help our children to understand that our responsibilities extend beyond caring for ourselves, our families, and friends, though all of these are critically important. If we limit our perspective to only those closest to us, we are shirking our responsibility to be active participants in *tikkun olam* – repairing the brokenness in our world. This is true, of course, not only for our children but for the adults in our community as well. This is why we join together to feed those in our Needham community who could use a hot meal on Christmas day through our annual Project Ezra. This is why we collect warm winter coats for Boston’s homeless. This is why our Brotherhood organizes our annual blood drive to give the gift of life to those in need. This is why our clergy participate actively in our Needham Clergy Association, transcending lines of spiritual differences for the sake of doing greater good in partnership with our neighbors. This is why we dedicate a *Tikkun Olam*

## FEBRUARY 2016 SERVICES

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 (27 SHEVAT 5776)

7:15 PM — *Shabbat* Contemplative Prayer Service (Rashi School)  
7:15 PM — *Simchat Shabbat* Service (Rashi School)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 (27 SHEVAT 5776)

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 (4 ADAR I 5776)

7:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Rashi School)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 (4 ADAR I 5776)

*Torah: Terumah*, Ex. 25:1 — 27:19  
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Rashi School)  
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Rashi School)  
10:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (First Parish)  
*Bat Mitzvah*: Anna McConchie

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 (11 ADAR I 5776)

6:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Rashi School)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 (11 ADAR I 5776)

*Torah: Tetzaveh*, Ex. 27:20 — 30:10  
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Rashi School)  
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Rashi School)  
9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in *Torah*  
with Rabbi Orkand (Rashi School)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 (18 ADAR I 5776)

6:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Rashi School)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 (18 ADAR I 5776)

*Torah: Ki Tisa*, Ex. 30:1 — 34:35  
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Rashi School)  
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Rashi School)  
9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in *Torah*  
with Rabbi Orkand (Rashi School)  
10:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Rashi School)  
*B'nei Mitzvah*: William Gillogley and Gabrielle Reiser

Day each spring to doing meaningful volunteer work in the surrounding communities.

We do so because taking care of ourselves, our families, and our friends is of the utmost importance. Yet, we cannot stop there. The world is in need of our support... let's take care of it together.

## From Past to Future: TBS Grows from Strength to Strength

By Jeffrey Shapiro, VP Finance & Treasurer

It is fun to play “Remember When” yet it is even more heartwarming to think about what can be....

I remember being part of the TBS Children’s Center class of 1971, cinder blocks and all! I remember standing before an enormous ark in the sanctuary that appeared to also be a floor-to-ceiling painting. I remember a Youth Room with a pool table, a jukebox, a steno copier and a rotary phone! I remember when there were concerns about the Simon Hall windows lasting through the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s!

### More than Just a Building

More importantly than what I remember about the TBS physical characteristics are the lifelong lessons that I have learned and lived at TBS – the multi-generational friends that I have made (and continue to make); the memorable lessons that I have learned (and continue to learn); the values that have been instilled (and continue to be instilled); and lastly how to make a difference during each precious day on earth. These are the lessons and memories that really matter.

### From Generation to Generation

It was in the 1960s that my parents, Judy & Fred Shapiro, had the fortitude to think about the future, move to rural Needham (my grandfather was certain that a home in Needham would never be a good investment) and take a chance on a “new” Reform Temple. As a young couple with an infant, Lisa and I moved back to Needham, in part to join TBS. I think this was the first year that I was no longer on my parents’ membership!

The lessons and memories that I acquired growing up here at TBS have only become more meaningful, as Lisa and I have been blessed to see these lessons come to life in our

sons, Josh and Ben. It was especially meaningful to listen to our sons chant *Torah* from the same *bima* at which I also became a *bar mitzvah*. Watching our sons take on youth leadership roles at TBS is gratifying. However, TBS is not just about legacies. My wife Lisa is a newer member at 20 years and feels just as comfortable here.



### A Model for Jewish Community

Whether it is your first visit or your umpteenth, TBS is warm and welcoming because of its people and our inclusive, inviting style. Our sense of community and ability to envision and develop cutting-edge programs and initiatives clearly set TBS apart. TBS is a nationally recognized congregation that continues to receive URJ leadership and programming awards. We are at the forefront of what it means to be a Reform Congregation in 2016.

While much time has been focused on the Mikdash campaign and the new physical space, the energy and excitement that is TBS is far greater than any building. Our new home will provide comfortable and versatile space for the myriad program offerings across the generations, week in and week out. But that is not the primary basis for this project. I believe the real excitement of this project is the way that TBS is able to ignite the spark in all of us. Perhaps the recent Pew Study on American Jews is seen by some as troubling, but I believe our inclusive, soft approach to what it means to be a modern Reform Jew makes the future bright here at 670 Highland Avenue, and creates a path for generations yet to come.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Thank You All Project EZRA Volunteers

The number was staggering. The kitchen size about half of what we were accustomed to. But the support of the TBS volunteers met the challenge. Some of our volunteers prepared and assembled the meals while others baked delicious desserts. Still other volunteers delivered the dinners. In all, 149 Christmas Dinners left the Masonic Hall kitchen for the homes of our Needham neighbors. Our sincere thanks to all who made Project EZRA 2015 a success. See related article on page 11.

The Project EZRA Committee

*Lois and Ron Sockol, June and Richard Atkind*

## April 30th: An Evening of Adult Fun - L'Chaim!

Did you know that an autographed Tom Brady football jersey can be transformed into writing centers, prayer book illustrations, or a trip to Costa Rica? It's true! Just look at the results of last year's *L'Chaim* event. A lucky generous bidder went home with the jersey, enabling the Children's Center to provide these kinds of opportunities for our children. And we're looking to make similar wonderful transformations this year!

### What is L'Chaim?

*L'Chaim* (To Life!), formerly known as Taste of the Town, is a fun evening for adult congregants to come together on April 30th, schmooze, dine, and bid on live and silent auction items. It's a win-win event: you get to socialize and have fun, and our creative, innovative award-winning educational programs get funded.

### Award-winning?

That's right, our *Mayim* Program is studied at Hebrew Union College as a model of innovation. Our Children's Center Program has been recognized all over the country. Most recently, the Union for Reform Judaism recognized our Babies, Bumps and Beyond Program as well as our Preschool through 12th grade educational programs for our inclusion efforts and programming. This event funds special one-time programs or capital needs that wouldn't normally be funded, and contributes to the operating budget as well.

### What's it like to attend?

Adam May, who has enjoyed four of these auction evenings, kvelled about the event: "Besides being a much needed Fundraiser for our Children, *L'Chaim* is a fun-filled night to socialize, drink, and break bread with my Temple family. Sylvia and I look forward to this event each and every year in particular to catch up with all our friends, meet new people, and also support a great cause."

### Where and when will it take place?

Our festivities this year will enjoy a different ambience, with food, décor, lighting, and a special surprise – all at the Westin Waltham, Saturday, April 30, at 7:30PM. Look for your invitation in the mail in March.

### Don't know anyone going? No problem!

Our TBS Connectors will be at *L'Chaim* to welcome you and introduce you to others. Think of the evening as a bar/bat mitzvah and these warm and welcoming members of our congregation as the party facilitators! They'll make sure you're having fun.

### Wanna get involved? Then you'll really know people going!

For questions, to help with or at the event, or to donate an item or service to the auction, contact Wendy Gutterson and Stephanie Javaheri at [lchaim@tbsneedham.org](mailto:lchaim@tbsneedham.org).

## Introducing Mayim Tamid - New for 2016-2017!

Starting in September 2016, Mayim Tamid ("Mayim Always") is a new multi-day program for children in grades 1-3, which combines the after-school care found in many extended day programs with the rich Jewish learning and community building found in Temple Beth Shalom's Mayim program. Children may enroll for two, three, four, or five days per week, Monday through Friday, from 2:45 PM to 6:00 PM. Mayim Tamid will follow the Needham Public Schools' calendar for opening day, closing day, and school vacations, and will open early on NPS early release days. Transportation will be provided from all Needham Public Schools.

**For more information, see:** <http://bit.ly/mayimtamid> or contact Rachel Happel, Director of K-12 Learning ([tbsneedham.org](http://tbsneedham.org), 781-444-0077)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Shabbat Share

**Hi – Want to Have Dinner Together? How's February 26<sup>th</sup>?**

**It's that easy. Just email or call me and we'd love to have you over. Why?** Because we signed up for Shabbat Share. It's kind of a bizarre feeling, yes. I have no idea who I'm inviting over. But if you're a friend of TBS, you're a friend of ours. That's how it works!

Before the objections crowd your impulse, email or pick up the phone. You won't be imposing – we signed up for this! Yes, we'll accept your offer to bring a dish if that makes you feel more comfortable. No, we don't have any set agenda, and the Shabbat part will be lighting candles, having some nice red wine, and enjoying Cheryl Ann's challah, baked a block from our home.

*To come for dinner as a guest (you're already invited – just say yes!) or to host an upcoming TBS Shabbat Share on February 26 or April 8, contact Wendy Gutterson ([wendygutterson@pmrconsulting.net](mailto:wendygutterson@pmrconsulting.net), 781 453-0732), or Wendy Segal ([wendy@radiuseventdesign.com](mailto:wendy@radiuseventdesign.com)).*

Approximately 10% of our Temple families have participated in Shabbat Share since its inception in 2013. Come join in the fun!

## TBS Daily Lay-Led Minyan Services

Throughout the week, members of our community gather for a number of warm and inclusive lay-led services. These services take place even if there are fewer than ten participants, last about 20-30 minutes, and are a meaningful way to start or end your day.

Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM in our TBS Sanctuary, 670 Highland Avenue

Sunday through Thursday evenings at 6:45 PM in our TBS Sanctuary, 670 Highland Avenue

Friday afternoons at 2:00 PM at Wingate Residences (235 Gould Street, Needham, at the Assisted Living Building in the back). TBS members and clergy, along with residents of Wingate and their family members, share in an early *Shabbat* service complete with candle lighting, grape juice, *challah*, prayer, and songs.

Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM in the Rashi School *Chadar Ochel* (the Dining Hall), 8000 Great Meadow Road, Dedham.

Come and experience the warmth of prayer, spirit and community.

## Construction Update

The installation of the elevator shaft!



# Breaking New Ground in Reform Judaism

## URJ Biennial/WRJ Assembly - Orlando, November 4-8, 2015

by Gail Lustig

Some words that come to mind regarding the URJ Biennial and WRJ Assembly in 2015: slate, songs, celebration, learning, sharing, old friends, new friends and, of course, audacious hospitality. Never heard the phrase “audacious hospitality?” It was the overall theme of this year’s event.

From April Baskin, URJ’s inaugural Vice President of Audacious Hospitality:

Upon hearing my job title, people immediately inquire about the meaning of “audacious hospitality.” It is a bold, new, and multi-faceted URJ initiative that encompasses some of our tradition’s most treasured values – lovingkindness, respect, and *tikkun olam* (repair of our world). It is all about putting the ideas of diversity, outreach and inclusion into action – in a framework that addresses both today’s Jewish communal needs and our highest aspirations.

The URJ, the Union for Reform Judaism, and the WRJ, Women of Reform Judaism, voted on several resolutions to guide congregations worldwide in approaching key issues facing society today. A key vote regarded the URJ Resolution on the Rights of Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming People, a groundbreaking resolution that had instant ripples throughout the world. It was amazing to be in the room as delegates shouted “Aye” as the vote was passed.

Temple Beth Shalom had 12 members attending this year: Rahel Block as an educator, Robert (Bob) Brooks as a keynote speaker and presenter, Marilyn Brooks as an attendee, Ellen Dietrick as a presenter, Patti Grossman as an outgoing WRJ national board member, Louis Grossman as a URJ national board member, Rachel Happel as an educator, Gail Lustig as Sisterhood president, Todd Markley as both presenter and congregational rabbi, Trina Novak as a WRJ national board and northeast district board member, Josh Shapiro as a NFTY NE regional board member, and Sara Wittenberg as a presenter. For those of us first- or second-time attendees, it was great to have the guidance of long-time attendees such as Trina, Patti, Louis and Rabbi Markley.



### Thoughts of a first-time attendee – Gail Lustig

With the URJ Biennial focus on gathering Jewish leaders and educators from around the globe, the choices throughout the entire four days of the convention felt endless: many workshops, a Marketplace with wonderful shopping opportunities, and services, to name a few. Where else can you find five different choices for morning prayer, from yoga to camp songs? And singing! There was singing during the Plenary sessions, there was Jewish Rock Radio on stage throughout each day, there were song leaders jamming in the halls spontaneously singing, and of course the evening song sessions. What can I say about Friday night services? 5,000 people coming together in prayer and song was an experience I find hard to describe. The picture may give you an idea of the vastness of the room, all voices rising together in song.



The weekend ended on a high note with a speech by Vice President Joe Biden. While we waited for the speech to begin, attendees were tweeting their thoughts, which were being displayed on the stories-high screen. Our own Ellen

Dietrick was taking up the entire screen at one point during the evening! In a room packed with people, I still felt that the Vice President was speaking directly to me. You can see the video of his speech by going to URJ.org and clicking the link to the video.



My final impression was connections. Not only did I meet people from all over the United States and the globe, I also made some very personal connections. I had lunch with a cousin I hadn't seen for 40+ years, dinner with a former colleague I hadn't seen for 17 years, and I bumped into a neighbor from my high school days. For those four days, my social media feeds were filled with Biennial/Assembly pictures of people I didn't even know would be there.



### Reflections from a long-time attendee – Trina Novak

As a veteran of several Assemblies I looked forward to attending all of the WRJ plenaries, workshops, and events. This year, Lilly Ledbetter, winner of the WRJ Jane Evans “Pursuit of Justice” Award, treated us to a special keynote speech. Lilly spent years fighting for equal pay for women, sacrificing precious time with family as well as her personal finances to bring this cause all the way to the Supreme Court. She lost her case, 5-4, with the majority opinion being that she had filed her lawsuit after the statute of limitations date, yet Lilly’s tireless work had caught the attention of the public and Congress. Congress acted quickly, and President Obama’s first bill signed into law was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, which changes

the terms of the statute of limitations, making it easier for women to file equal pay discrimination suits. After listening to Lilly’s inspiring personal story, our delegates voted to adopt a resolution supporting Pay Equity, and pledged to speak out to help close the wage gap between the genders.

### Response from a keynote presenter – Bob Brooks

As a keynote presenter (“The Power of Mindsets: Creating Resilient and Compassionate Congregational Communities”), moderator of a follow-up session to the keynote, and presenter at a session for congregational presidents (“Strategies to Develop Stress Hardiness and Resilience in Our Lives”), I was very moved by the warmth, interest, and responsiveness of those in attendance. It is often said that a speaker “feeds off” his or her audience. In that case, I felt very nourished during the Biennial. I also enjoyed attending the session about inclusion in which Ellen Dietrick and Sara Wittenberg presented. They described the wonderful work being done by the educators at TBS. Sharing the experience of participating in the Biennial with other members of the TBS community, including my wife Marilyn, was very memorable.

Bob’s November website newsletter alludes to his experience at the convention: [http://www.drrobertbrooks.com/monthly\\_articles/](http://www.drrobertbrooks.com/monthly_articles/)



### Impressions from our rabbi – Rabbi Todd Markley

I was blessed to have been invited to lead the NFTY and Summer Camp-themed morning service on the Friday morning of the Biennial. It was an incredible way to start our day, bringing the music of our youth movement and summer camps to life with so many energetic and spirited participants. The fact that I got to lead alongside a cantor from my class at Hebrew Union College and two young adults whom I’ve watch grow up at camp over the last two decades...that was a blessing beyond measure!

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# HAPPENINGS

## TBS Shabbat Hikes

By Jane Evans

Once upon a time, someone told me that in Israel, everyone goes hiking on Shabbat. I have no idea whether this is actually true, but the idea stuck in my head. Four years ago, I mentioned it to the TBS *Shomrei Adamah* (“Guardians of the Earth”) Committee, and the TBS Shabbat Hikes were born.

Our TBS leadership likes to talk about making connections, and the Shabbat Hikes provide a great way to spend time with friends, get the family outside, and/or meet other members who enjoy the outdoors. I think we all intend to get outside more often, but sometimes it takes an opportunity or invitation for us to get motivated. Consider yourself invited!

One of the great things about the Needham area is how close we are to open space. In under fifteen minutes nearly all of us can be at a trail head. I love to introduce people to new hiking/walking destinations.

In **February** 2016 we plan to hike the Olin/Babson Campus, where we can be sure the walkways will be shoveled - just in case. Have you ever seen the Giant Globe on Map Hill at Babson?

In **March** we'll circle the lake at Cutler Park. Rabbi Todd and Rachel Happel will lead the way.

In **April**, we'll visit the brand new 300-foot boardwalk at Ridge Hill. It will be a perfect time to see the early blooms in the wetlands there. Ellen Dietrick will join us and will bring along a craft activity for the younger set.

In **May**, we will climb Wilson Mountain and see the view from the top.

The hike schedule is listed on the back of this month's *Scroll*. Look for reminders in TBS This Week, including contact info and trail descriptions. Put the dates into your calendar now, and join us!

2/27/16	1:00 PM	Olin/Babson Campus
3/12/16	2:00 PM	Cutler Park, Needham Guests: Rachel Happel and Rabbi Todd
4/9/16	2:00 PM	Ridge Hill, Needham Guest: Ellen Deitrick
5/14/16	2:00 PM	Wilson Mountain, Dedham



### Project EZRA: TBS Delivers

By Lois Sockol

It started with a phone call from the UAHC seeking participation in its ambitious program to relieve Christian volunteers from work in soup kitchens on Christmas Day. Although Needham has no soup kitchen facility, it provides meals on wheels. With the go-ahead from Rabbi Sonsino, a partnership was formed with Needham Community Council nearly 30 years ago, making TBS Project EZRA operational. Since then, TBS, in collaboration with The Needham Community Council and Roche Brothers, has provided dinners on Christmas day to Needham residents, many of whom usually receive dinners from Meals on Wheels, which does not operate on Christmas Day.

#### Balabustas in the Kitchen

This year volunteers delivered 149 dinners. Some volunteers arrived at 8:15 AM to skillfully carve the succulent turkeys, while others began peeling 100 pounds of potatoes for mashing. Still more volunteers baked finger desserts, brownies and cookies of all descriptions, and brought them individually wrapped on Christmas morning. Just beyond the kitchen doors, additional volunteers readied the bags for delivery, including in each a dessert, drink, apple, or clementine to complement the dinner to come. By 11:30 AM the hot fixings were placed in aluminum ready-to-warm dinner pans and put into their delivery bags. At 11:45 AM more volunteers arrived, many with youngsters in hand. They gathered up bags to deliver to waiting Needham neighbors. The warmth emanating from the kitchen, the dinners, and their smiles was palpable.

#### Behind the Scenes

A flurry of activity enables these Christmas deliveries. Community Council collects recipients' names and negotiates with Roche Brothers to provide turkeys. The EZRA committee buys those items not provided: additional stuffing, cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, fruit, butter, milk, and cooking tins. The Atkins and Sockol families work out the delivery routes and address the delivery bags. Since Project EZRA's inception, a generous TBS donor has underwritten half of our expenses, with the

remainder budgeted through the social action committee. With so much of the food donated by Roche Brothers and the Community Council, our costs for providing nearly 150 meals averages under \$500.

#### The Rewards Are Enormous

Everyone benefits from Project EZRA. Need proof? Some volunteers have been participating for more than 27 years! "Bernie and I look forward to doing this each year because we meet so many nice and appreciative people," said Cheryl Segaloff. "It is great to know that we bring a touch of joy to many Needham residents on Christmas Day," added master chef Jerry Sands. "It is a joy to be able to spread cheer to our Needham neighbors during this time when they might need a bit of help," chorused Margie and Alan Glou. Many individual recipients send small donations, as well as write notes of gratitude: "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 we will be unable to meet the need, but the many TBS volunteers always prove me happily wrong.

# EVENTS THIS MONTH

For the most current and complete event notices, please see the TBS calendar (<http://tbsneedham.org/calendar>) and the weekly email. Planning an event? Submit it here: <http://bit.ly/tbs-scroll>

## Garden Club Workshop

All members are invited to our Annual Workshop/Luncheon. This is not to be missed!!!

**Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 9:00 AM, at The Christ Church Episcopal 1132 Highland Ave**  
**For more information or to RSVP, contact:** Fawn Hurwitz ([fhurwitz@aol.com](mailto:fhurwitz@aol.com), 781 444-3219)

## TBS Sisterhood Creates with Sylvia's Art Bar



Join us for an evening of art and design! During this fun and creative evening, Sylvia will guide us through various mixed media techniques including creating your own paper. Refreshments will be served before we begin the project. Watch your mailbox for more information.

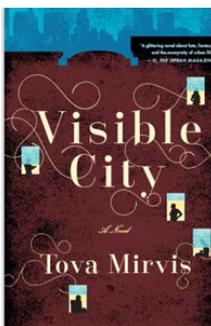
**Thursday, February 4, 2016, 7:30 - 9:30 PM, at the home of Danielle Darish, 23 Country Way, Needham.**  
**Questions? Contact:** Janice Epstein ([janiceeps@comcast.net](mailto:janiceeps@comcast.net))

## Families with Young Children: Mitzvah Fair

Do your small part to improve the world! We'll cook for the soup kitchen, and create *tzedakah* boxes. Free pizza lunch, but please register.

**Sunday, February 7, 2016, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM at the Village Club, 83 Morton Street**  
**RSVP:** <http://bit.ly/TBSmitzvah>  
**Questions? Contact:** Ellen Dietrick ([edietrick@tbsneedham.org](mailto:edietrick@tbsneedham.org)) or visit [www.tbsfamily.org](http://www.tbsfamily.org)

## Bagels and Book Talk with Tova Mirvis



A warm welcome back to Tova Mirvis, author of “The Outside World” and the national bestseller, “The Ladies Auxiliary.” Her essays have appeared in various anthologies and newspapers, and her fiction has been broadcast on NPR. A recipient of a Massachusetts Cultural Council Fiction Fellowship, Tova lives in Newton with her three children. Please join us for a presentation and reading of her newest book, “Visible City”, described by reviewers as “gorgeously written and enormously wise on the subject of art, ambition, parenting, betrayal, and what it means to take care of the one you love.” Advance reading recommended.

**Sunday, February 7, 2016, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, at The Village Club, 83 Morton Street.**  
**RSVP by January 26, 2016:** June Atkind ([junatkind@aol.com](mailto:junatkind@aol.com)).

# EVENTS THIS MONTH

## Tufts University's Shir Appeal

Join us for a special musical service featuring Shir Appeal, Tufts University's award-winning co-ed Jewish a capella group.

**Friday, February 12, 2016, 7:15 PM at the Rashi School**

**For more information, see:** <http://www.shirappeal.com>

## Brotherhood/Sisterhood Progressive Dinner



Enjoy a night of food and fun with your Brotherhood and Sisterhood. We are seeking homes to host the dinner. If interested, contact Lisa Channen or Jon Cohan.

**Saturday Evening, February 27, 2016**

**Questions/RSVP:** Lisa Channen ([lchannen@gmail.com](mailto:lchannen@gmail.com)) or Jon Cohan ([joncohan@gmail.com](mailto:joncohan@gmail.com))

## Families with Young Children: Hamentaschen Bake

Roll, fill, and pinch. Make your own hamentaschen to bring home! Free, but please register.

**Sunday, February 28, 2016, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM, at the Village Club, 83 Morton Street**

**RSVP:** <http://bit.ly/TBSbaking>

**Questions? Contact:** Ellen Dietrick ([edietrick@tbsneedham.org](mailto:edietrick@tbsneedham.org)) or visit [tbsfamily.org](http://tbsfamily.org)



*Spring will be here sooner than you know it! Art in Bloom. March 4 - 6, 2016 at the Needham Public Library.*

# SAVE THE DATE

Planning an event? Submit it to the Scroll: <http://bit.ly/tbs-scroll>

## Knitting Mavens

Like to knit? Want to do a mitzvah? Like being with friendly people? Join our special Knitting Mavens and knit a “caring wrap,” a baby blanket, or a hat for an Israeli soldier. We will supply the yarn, needles and easy instructions.

**Thursday, March 3, 2016, 7:30 PM at Margie Glou’s house, 14 Greendale Ave, Needham.**

**RSVP or questions? Contact:** Margie Glou ([mglou@comcast.net](mailto:mglou@comcast.net), 781-444-0943) or Bobbi Niss ([bobbiniss@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbiniss@yahoo.com), 781-431-7610)

## Art in Bloom - Temple Beth Shalom Garden Club



Needham’s Art in Bloom will be at the Needham Library. Make sure you come see the Needham high School students’ great artwork and the floral interpretations from our club. This is an event not to be missed!

**Friday - Sunday, March 4 - 6, 2016, at Needham Public Library**

**Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM; Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Sunday: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Questions? Contact:** Fawn Hurwitz ([fhurwitz@aol.com](mailto:fhurwitz@aol.com), 781 444-3219)

## Families with Young Children: Tot Shabbat / Shabbat Dinner

Enjoy a kid friendly Shabbat dinner together. \$25 per family. Then, join us to celebrate Shabbat with songs, prayers, and the much loved baby challah! Bring your family for one or both events.

**Friday, March 11, 2016, 5:30 PM dinner, 6:15 PM service at The Rashi School**

**RSVP for Dinner:** <http://bit.ly/TBSShabbatDinner>

**Questions? Contact:** Ellen Dietrick ([edietrick@tbsneedham.org](mailto:edietrick@tbsneedham.org)) or visit [www.tbsfamily.org](http://www.tbsfamily.org)

## TBS “ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND”



Join us throughout this special weekend as we welcome renowned artist **Gary Rosenthal**. Gary will be our Gersten-Hoisington speaker on Friday evening and will be leading a series of workshops that will inspire mind, heart, and hand. Our weekend will culminate on Sunday with a community-wide program for all ages during which we will create beautiful *mezuzot* that will be affixed to the doorposts within our new Temple home!

**Friday, March 11, 2016 – Sunday, March 13, 2016.** Watch your e-mail and mailbox for more information!

## Shabbat Morning Yoga

Come and do something that is good for your body and good for your mind. Whether you are looking to change up your routine, try something new, or already understand the benefits of yoga, join Stephanie Javaheri for an invigorating yoga flow incorporating mindfulness and breathing. For beginners or veterans alike. Come with an open mind and experience what yoga can do for you. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one. *\*Bring a can of tuna or salmon for Family Table!*

**Saturday, March 12, 2016, 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM at The Village Club, 83 Morton Street, Needham**

**To RSVP or for questions, contact:** Stephanie Javaheri ([sjavaheri@mac.com](mailto:sjavaheri@mac.com))

# SAVE THE DATE

## Families with Young Children: Seder Plate Day

Make a beautiful seder plate to use at home or give as a gift! Plus join us for a pizza lunch. Free, but please register.

**Sunday, March 13, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM at the Village Club, 83 Morton Street**

**RSVP:** <http://bit.ly/TBSsederplate>

**Questions? Contact:** Ellen Dietrick ([edietrick@tbsneedham.org](mailto:edietrick@tbsneedham.org)) or visit [www.tbsfamily.org](http://www.tbsfamily.org)

## Sisterhood Women's Seder

Save the date for an evening of friendship, music and fun, and enjoy a fabulous pot-luck Passover dinner.

**Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 6:30 PM at The Village Club**

## Celebrate Rabbi Sonsino's 50 Years in the Rabbinate



Join us as the TBS Community celebrates Rabbi Rifat Sonsino's 50 years in the Rabbinate. A special *Shabbat* service will be followed by a festive *oneg*. More information about this event will be coming in future issues of the *Scroll*.

**Friday, April 8, 2016, 7:15 PM, at The Rashi School, 8000 Great Meadow Road, Dedham**

**Questions or to RSVP, contact:** Margie Glou ([mglou@comcast.net](mailto:mglou@comcast.net)),  
Ina Glasberg ([Ina.ron@verizon.net](mailto:Ina.ron@verizon.net)), or Rabbi Jay Perlman.

## L'Chaim: An Adult Evening of Fun and Friendship



Mark your calendar for an adult evening of festivities to benefit the Children's Center, Mayim, Gesher L'Noar, Teen Learning and programs for families with young children.

**Saturday, April 30, 2016, 7:30 PM, at the Westin Hotel, Waltham**

**Register Now:** <http://tiny.cc/lchaim>

**Questions? Contact:** Wendy Gutterson or Stephanie Javaheri ([lchaim@tbsneedham.org](mailto:lchaim@tbsneedham.org)).

## Shabbat Kallah

Three Score and More is sponsoring a "*Shabbat Kallah*" on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Rabbi Emeritus Rifat Sonsino will be conducting a day of learning and sharing, featuring the topic "Judaism and Islam." This event is open to the entire TBS community. More information will be forthcoming.

**Saturday, April 30, 2016, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Clubhouse Community Room at Ledgebrook, 261 Nahanton Street, Newton.**

**Questions? Contact:** Roberta Gerson ([robertaellengerson@gmail.com](mailto:robertaellengerson@gmail.com)) or Ina Melen ([imelen13@comcast.net](mailto:imelen13@comcast.net))

# Children's Acts of Loving Kindness

By Ellen Dietrick, Director of Early Childhood Learning

Jewish tradition teaches us that “the world stands on three things: Torah, worship and acts of loving kindness.” *Gemilut chasadim*, acts of loving kindness, are a collection of acts which detail the way we as a Jewish community are obligated to take care of each other by caring for the needy, visiting the sick, comforting the mourner, and burying the dead, among others. *Gemilut chasadim* goes beyond simple kindness to spelling out the real life moments in which we need to take care of each other, and how to go about each of these acts with graciousness and decency.

## How to Take Care of Each Other

Typically, we think of *gemilut chasadim* as actions taken by the adults of our community. In fact, when given the opportunity, young children are eager to participate. In the Children's Center classrooms, we talk frequently about how each of us can “take care of each other.” When asked how they care for others, the children offered many examples:

*I could give candy and food.*

*I am kind to my friends when I jump in the bouncy house.*

*I made a birthday cake for someone in my family.*

*I made a rainbow to cheer someone up.*

*I got an ice pack when my friend bumped his head.*

## Cooking for the Injured or Sick

Sometimes these *gemilut chasadim* are demonstrated within the walls of the classroom and sometimes the caring extends beyond, to the Temple community as a whole.

When the Chesed Committee recently put out the call on behalf of a member of our TBS community who had injured her foot, the four- and five-year olds in our Children's Center's Ruach class jumped into action. Learning that the foot injury had triggered a need for meals, they eagerly got to work preparing dinner. They worked together to cut onions, red peppers, and garlic. They added black beans and mixed them together with the veggies and made some white rice to go with it. Knowing that Shabbat was approaching, they decided to bake an enormous challah filled with sweet cranberries to bring sweetness to this family. To go with the meal the children created beautiful cards to be delivered to the injured community member. They dictated and illustrated their wishes for a speedy healing.

## Understanding Tzedakah

In exploring the circles of need in our community, the Children's Center students have also been thinking about the coins they have contributed to *tzedakah*. When one of our two-year-old students recently brought in money to donate to the classroom *tzedakah* box, the children noticed the box was worn and decided to make a new one. While they chose stickers to beautify the box, they talked about who they would like to choose as the recipients of their *tzedakah*. Would it be toys for a child without? Or a winter coat to keep someone warm? It is inspiring to witness two-year-olds having philanthropic discussions that demonstrate their true understanding of *gemilut chasadim*. Through these everyday conversations, children learn that helping each other willingly and with care is a foundational Jewish value.

## Further Reading

Many of our best discussions of *gemilut chasadim* at the Children's Center are inspired by reading children's books. Here are a few of our favorites to check out:

For babies and toddlers:

*Baby Be Kind* by Jane Cowen-Fletcher

*Mitzi's Mitzvah* by Gloria Koster

For preschoolers:

*One Good Deed* by Terri Fields

*How Dalia Put a Big Yellow Comforter Inside a Tiny Blue Box: And Other Wonders of Tzedakah* by Linda Heller and Stacey Dressen McQueen

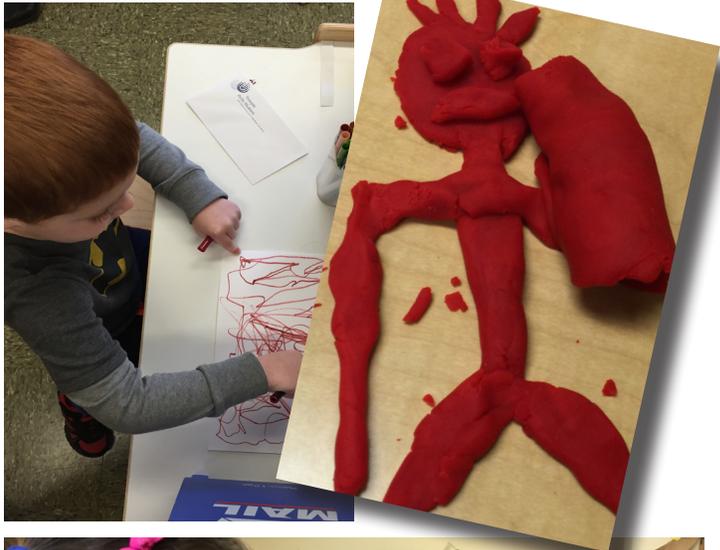
*Grandma Rose's Magic* by Linda Elovitz Marshall

For elementary aged children:

*The Blessing Cup* by Patricia Polacco

*Even Higher!* by Eric Kimmel

# The Art We Make



# Ina Melen and Roberta Gerson

## Bringing Friends and Neighbors Together

If you want to know just how far Temple friendships can develop, read on. This is a story about two strangers, one a former flight attendant and the other a former senior product manager at a financial services company.

### Something special in the air

Ina Melen retired from working as an American Airlines flight attendant. She and Ralph, her husband of 53 years, joined TBS 42 years ago. Their daughter Debbie became a bat mitzvah at TBS and their son Nathan celebrated his bar mitzvah in Israel. Ina and Ralph have three beautiful grandchildren.

Roberta Gerson is retired from her position as a senior product manager at a financial services company. She has been a TBS member for almost 15 years.

When Ina and Roberta volunteered to co-chair the Three Score and More group last year, they were total strangers to each other. They soon found many a connection.

### Loving being Jewish

**Ina:** Being Jewish is who I am. I grew up in an Orthodox home and one of the things that I learned and love about being Jewish is how close and important family is. Most Sundays, we would visit family and then have dinner together. When I married and had a family of my own, I tried to continue the tradition of lighting candles on Friday night, sitting down as a family together for dinners, and keeping in close communication with my family.

**Roberta:** Being Jewish means belonging to a special people, one with a rich and vibrant history. Although we are a small percentage of the world's population, I am especially proud of the spiritual and intellectual gifts we have made and continue to make to society.

### Sharing similar fond moments in Jewish life

**Ina:** Traveling with my family, including my mother, to Israel, and seeing firsthand my heritage and religion up close is my fondest Jewish memory. We celebrated Nathan's bar mitzvah at the top of Masada. Standing next to him as he read his Torah and Haftorah portions at such an historic site was so moving and something that I will always cherish.



**Roberta:** I really have two special memories. The first is becoming an adult bat mitzvah and reading from the Torah. As part of this ritual, I wore my father's tallit, which I continue to wear at services to this day. When I wrap myself in it, I feel my father's presence. The second is my TBS trip to Israel with Rabbi Jay and Emily. Visiting sacred places with TBS members made the trip more meaningful and I got to know more folks from our community.

### Getting involved in Temple and leadership

**Ina:** I recently retired and wanted to become more involved with the Temple. When the previous co-chairs approached me about leading Three Score and More, I thought it would be a perfect fit for me – to be able to give back to the Temple, make new friends, and work on planning events and programs like cultural and social ones that I love.

**Roberta:** My primary reason for joining a temple was spiritual, to learn more about my Jewish heritage and attend services, but I also wanted to meet Jewish people and make friends in the community which is difficult to do when you are single and don't have children. I have always enjoyed volunteering. It just seemed natural to get involved when I moved to Needham and joined TBS – first with Sisterhood, then with the Temple library and helping with advertising for the *Scroll*, and now co-chairing Three Score and More. And, like Ina, I love making new friends.

### Becoming good friends...

So just how far has this friendship evolved? Some years ago, Ina and Ralph moved to a condo in Newton. Just a few months ago, Roberta bought the condo next door. Look for them commuting together to Three Score and More... and more and more.

## Three Score and More - Enjoyment at the Core

Three Score and More is Temple Beth Shalom's social group for all Temple members sixty years and beyond. We are a social group - we do not fundraise; we just have fun! The only expenses incurred are the prices of our events.

Our goal is to bring our members together through entertaining, cultural, educational, and informative programs and events. Our Mission Statement says it all: "To provide a comfortable, welcoming, and nurturing venue at Temple Beth Shalom for our members sixty years and older. Our programs and initiatives enable our vital community to stay connected to our Temple, and develop new and enriching relationships while maintaining long-standing friendships."

In past years we have attended comedy nights at the JCC, musical programs, spiritual and enriching programs with our rabbis, educational events with interesting authors, our always popular Boston Pops concerts, and joint programs with Temple Aliyah.

This past November, we took in "The Rat Pack" performed at the Reagle Music Theatre in Waltham, followed by a congenial pizza party at the home of Margie and Alan Glou. A fun-filled evening for all! In January we enjoyed an afternoon movie topped off by dinner afterwards.

Upcoming events include a *Shabbat Kallah* (topic: Judaism and Islam) on Saturday, April 30, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., led by our wonderful Rabbi Emeritus Rifat Sonsino, and a spring outing to the Boston Pops (always a sell-out event). Our goal is to offer varied events that have broad appeal with entertainment, relaxation, and enjoyment as their core.



Please join us. We invite your ideas and welcome your vibrancy. Help us to expand our base and provide everyone with opportunities to socialize and enjoy good times with peers within this special Temple group.

The co-chairs of our group this year are Ina Melen (imelen13@comcast.net or 617-759-2626) and Roberta Gerson (robertaallengerson@gmail.com or 617-448-0523). Please contact them or any member of Three Score and More and join us! We look forward to welcoming you to our future events!

## Biennial, continued from page 9.

### Observations from our educators – Ellen Dietrick, Director of Early Childhood Learning

Sara Wittenberg and I had the honor of sharing the recent work that has been done around including children and adults with special needs into the TBS community. We shared our story of working to make TBS more inclusive and gave participants several resources and tools to take similar steps in their own communities. It was clear from the questions and stories shared by others from around the country that TBS is a very special place and that we are on the cutting edge in this area.

Attending Friday night services I experienced the energy that comes from beginning Shabbat with 5,000 others and noticed that so many of the most popular and well-known tunes nationally are also our favorites at TBS.

### Conclusions from our Board member – Patti Grossman

The Biennial (and WRJ Assembly) exceeded my expectations and having the opportunity to see Vice President Joe Biden was extraordinary! I loved being surrounded by so many enthusiastic Temple Beth Shalom participants!



Open to all members of a URJ congregation, the next biennial will take place in Boston, December 6-10, 2017. We hope to see all of you there to welcome Reform Jews from all over the world!

## WITH EQUALITY FOR ALL!

Delegates overwhelmingly passed a resolution affirming the full equality, inclusion, and acceptance of transgender/gender non-conforming individuals, officially welcoming them into our congregations, camps, and other Reform institutions.

The Reform Jewish Movement is proud to have adopted the most far-reaching resolution on transgender rights of ANY major religious organization.

# KID'S PAGE

## Guess the Rabbi

How well do you know your rabbis? Take this quiz to find out!

Is it Rabbi Todd or Rabbi Jay? Circle the correct answer for each fun fact. Bring your completed Kids' Page into one of the rabbis and win a prize.



One year my summer job was driving an ice cream truck.		
I love going to Red Sox games at Fenway Park.		
I once lost a tooth in a skiing accident.		
I have a son who was born on my birthday.		
I love coffee ice cream with peanut butter candy mixed in.		
I started playing guitar when I was five.		
I have no brothers or sisters.		

I've seen at least 300 concerts in my life.		
I love going bicycle riding in New Hampshire and Vermont.		
I've been to 41 out of the 50 United States.		
I once had a day named after me in Fort Smith, Arkansas		
I have two sisters and a brother.....and I am the oldest.		
I know all of the words to the first rap song ever written.		

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