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*Justice, justice
you shall pursue!*



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Having made it through this fine print, you are ready to read about the lawyers among us! But first, read on for solicitations of your input for future issues.

Please send all comments, responses, and inquiries to:
Scroll@tbsneedham.org

Holler If You Bake Challah!

If you would like to have your homemade challah featured in the April Scroll, please email us and bring a challah to TBS on February 6. You can send us a photo of you with your challah or making it, as well as a little background information: where your recipe came from, what variations you make, and anything else of interest you would like to share. We know our readers will enjoy reading about it – and the Editorial Board will eat it up!

Deadline: February 4. Word limit: 125 words.

Are you a Techie?

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

Deadline: February 15. Word limit: 175 words. Feel free to include a relevant photo.

Are You in the Medical Field?

We would like to highlight those in our congregation who provide medical care for others. Please tell us your area of work, how you got interested in this area, and a story related to the care you provide and/or one piece of medical information or advice that fellow congregants might not know!

Deadline: March 15. Word limit: 175 words. Feel free to include a relevant photo.

How Does Your Garden Grow?!

Tell us with photos! If gardening is your passion, we'd love to see the fruits of your labor (probably from past years, due to the early Spring submission deadline noted below). Please send captions with the photos, aiming for under 15 words per photo.

Deadline: April 15. Photo limit: 6. We'll print as many as we can fit!

By Joni Burstein on behalf of the Editorial Board

Shabbat Services in February

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 (6 SHEVAT 5780)

Torah: Bo, Ex. 10:1 – 13:16

8:30 AM – Shabbat Morning Minyan (*Beit Midrash*)

9:00 AM – Torah Study (*Beit Midrash*)

9:00 AM – Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah
(Front Conference Room)

11:00 AM – Shabbat Morning Service (Sanctuary)

B. Mitzvah: Tabitha and Tobin Shneyder

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 (13 SHEVAT 5780)

6:15 PM – Tot Shabbat (Sanctuary)

7:15 PM – Simchat Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 (13 SHEVAT 5780)

Torah: B'shalach, Ex. 13:17 – 17:16

8:30 AM – Shabbat Morning Minyan (*Beit Midrash*)

9:00 AM – Torah Study (*Beit Midrash*)

9:00 AM – Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah
(Front Conference Room)

11:00 AM – Shabbat Morning Service (Sanctuary)

B. Mitzvah: Jack Cooper and Evelyn Gilberg

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 (20 SHEVAT 5780)

7:15 PM – Shabbat Evening Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 (20 SHEVAT 5780)

Torah: Yitro, Ex. 18:1 – 20:26

8:30 AM – Shabbat Morning Minyan (*Beit Midrash*)

9:00 AM – Torah Study (*Beit Midrash*)

9:00 AM – Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah
(Front Conference Room)

10:30 AM – Torah Study is Great, but What Happens in
the REST of the Hebrew Bible?

(Front Conference Room)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 (27 SHEVAT 5780)

6:15 PM – Shabbat Evening Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 (27 SHEVAT 5780)

Shabbat Mishpatim, Ex. 21:1 – 24:18

8:30 AM – Shabbat Morning Minyan (*Beit Midrash*)

9:00 AM – Torah Study (*Beit Midrash*)

9:00 AM – Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah
(Front Conference Room)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 (4 ADAR 5780)

6:15 PM – Shabbat Evening Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 (4 ADAR 5780)

Torah: Terumah, Ex. 25:1 – 27:19

8:30 AM – Shabbat Morning Minyan (*Beit Midrash*)

9:00 AM – Torah Study (*Beit Midrash*)

9:00 AM – Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah
(Front Conference Room)

5:00 PM – Shabbat Afternoon Service (Sanctuary)

B. Mitzvah: Emma Spear

Please join the TBS community for

Minyan

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

Committee Meetings in February - Get Involved!

Committee Name	Upcoming Meeting Date	Email Contact for Information
Adult Learning	Wed. Feb. 5, 7:15 PM	adultlearning@tbsneedham.org
Brotherhood	Tues. Feb. 11, 7:15 PM	brotherhood@tbsneedham.org
Communications	Wed. Feb. 26, 7:15 PM	communications@tbsneedham.org
Environmental Action	Thurs. Feb. 27, 7:30 PM	environaction@tbsneedham.org
Garden Club	Tues. Feb. 11, 7:15 PM	gardenclub@tbsneedham.org
Library	Every Wed., 10:00 AM	library@tbsneedham.org
Scroll Editorial Board	Wed. Feb. 5, 12:00 PM	scrolled@tbsneedham.org
Sisterhood	Mon. Feb. 10, 7:30 PM	sisterhood@tbsneedham.org
Social Action	Thurs. Feb. 6, 7:15 PM	socialaction@tbsneedham.org
Three Score/More or Less	Mon. Feb. 3, 7:30 PM	threescore@tbsneedham.org
Tzedek	Thurs. Feb. 20, 7:15 PM	tzedek@tbsneedham.org
Worship	Tues. Feb. 18, 7:15 PM	worship@tbsneedham.org

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



A Warm Chicago Winter!

By Jeffrey Shapiro, Congregational President



It is difficult to imagine how a trip to Chicago in the winter could possibly be warm! Do not get me wrong – a summer day along the Lake Michigan shoreline is a pretty special one but in the winter, bright, warm, inviting and inspiring simply do not come to mind!

Earlier this winter Chicago hosted the Reform Movement's Biennial meeting for clergy, professionals and lay leaders from the nearly 900 URJ-affiliated congregations in the U.S. and Canada. This is the largest gathering of Reform Jews in the world and provides a unique opportunity to share ideas, learning, aspirations, prayer and music. The common understanding from our liturgy and our Reform values provides a strong foundation from which each congregational community can find its own voice. Of course, no two congregations are the same, so the opportunity to exchange ideas helps each congregation develop in a way that is most meaningful for its own community members.

It was my privilege to represent the TBS community with URJ National Board Member Jamie Fleckner, Rabbi Julie Bressler, Ellen Dietrick, Rahel Gruenberg and Sara Berk. TBS leaders were both presenters and participants at sessions. While I am incredibly proud of the national leadership role that TBS has earned, I am also mindful that we have much to learn from our colleagues as we travel our own aspirational path.

While we look forward to having many opportunities throughout the year ahead to share what we learned in Chicago with the various TBS cohorts, I would like to share a few highlights:

Shabbat Torah Service – in addition to worshiping with over 4,000 other Reform Jews and watching a high-energy parade of Torahs from each of the Chicago area synagogues, there was not a dry eye as we witnessed a Torah scroll, saved from the Holocaust and preserved through the Westminster Synagogue London, ceremoniously turned over from its care at URJ Kutz Camp (since 1974) to a German Rabbinic student who was taking the Torah back to Europe to be used at the synagogue he is set to establish next year.

Tri-Faith Initiative – we met and learned from three faith leaders – an Imam, a Reverend and a Rabbi (sounds like a set-up doesn't it?) who envisioned, planned, built and now lead a first-of-its-kind, 38-acre campus that houses on one property a mosque, a church and a synagogue. The vision "...By its very model... challenges people of faith ... to be conscious and proactive ..." A living model of what is possible!

Jodi Kantor – A New York Times Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist, who co-authored the story which broke the Harvey Weinstein scandal and added strength to the #MeToo movement, shared her incredible first-hand insight as to how the investigation and reporting came together. A very impressive career for this Camp Eisner alum!

Plenary Speakers – Cantor Barbara Ostfeld, the first female ordained cantor in the Reform Movement (1975); Illinois Governor (and Temple Sinai Congregant) J.B. Pritzker; Former US Ambassador to Israel Daniel Shapiro and Julie Fisher; Emory Professor and Anti-Semitism expert Dr. Deborah Lipstadt; URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs; and Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and former Member of the Knesset, Isaac Herzog.

This was an extraordinary time to share ideas, visions, music and high energy with like-minded Reform Jews who are inspired to think of what can be as we continue, as a movement, to be more inclusive, less rigid and meet people where they are on their Jewish journeys.

Lastly, please take the time today to vote in the World Zionist Congress election for the Reform slate to help develop the Reform community in Israel.

L'Shalom,

Jeffrey Shapiro

Congregational President



From Our Clergy

Zooming Out and Zooming In: The Power of URJ Biennial

By Rabbi Julie Bressler

Although this issue of the Scroll hits your mailboxes in February, I write this article having just returned from the Union of Reform Judaism's Biennial Conference in Chicago this past December. Along with several staff and lay leaders from TBS, I enjoyed five days of workshops, plenary speeches, worship experiences, thoughtful discussions, and many reunions with friends and colleagues from across the country. Biennial is a whirlwind, but it is an experience I treasure every two years!

One of the most powerful experiences of Biennial is Shabbat services. The clergy leading the service (a huge honor to be selected!) craft beautiful worship experiences that highlight the tried-and-true traditions of the Reform movement and feature new ideas and melodies as well. During Shabbat morning services, one moment really stood out to me.

While I loved the new melodies, including a version of Adonai S'fatai written by a former camper of mine, my most powerful moment occurred during the chanting of V'ahavta. I hear this prayer multiple times per week, but being among nearly 5000 Jews chanting its words together brought tears to my eyes. There was something so significant about hearing an entire room of individuals chant these words with gusto. These words compel us to experience and love God with all our hearts and souls, to talk about our identity as Jews publicly and proudly. We were living this call in our truest sense in this moment. It was beautiful.

In addition to magnificent moments of prayer, Biennial provides many opportunities to learn from experts and innovators from across the world. During the same programming block, you can choose to learn about innovative fundraising techniques, hear new music for early childhood settings, study texts about contemporary food production with a Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion professor, or reflect on best practices for engaging teens post-B'nai Mitzvah.

While I focused my learning time on a wide range of topics to bring back to TBS, I want to highlight what I learned about small-group programming. Over the past few years, many congregations across the country have thought about how to build micro-communities within larger congregations. As TBS continues to grow, we hope that all our community members continue to feel the depth of relationship that

is a hallmark of this congregation. Small groups is one way to achieve this goal. These groups, which organize around a study topic, Jewish practice, or communal interest, bring people together who may otherwise not connect with one another. The rabbis and synagogue programming professionals who have already brought "small groups" to their communities shared the importance of these groups engaging in ritual and reflection alongside the activity or study the larger group engages in. This practice enhances the groups' abilities to form deep and lasting connections with one another. Over the next few months, we will begin to think about how to bring more small groups to TBS. Be on the lookout for opportunities to engage, and reach out to me if you are interested in being involved!

I hope you will join us at the next Biennial in Washington D.C. Mark your calendars for December 8-11, 2021!



Welcome New Members

Alison and Michael Leschinski and Olivia (11) and Charles (9)



February Highlights

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Beth Shalom Garden Club Members' Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 9:00 AM, at TBS (Snow date: February 5)

On Tuesday, February 4, the members of Beth Shalom Garden Club will engage in a floral workshop in preparation for Needham's Art in Bloom. This workshop will be followed by a luncheon prepared by the members to celebrate our community in learning about flower arranging and learning how to interpret artwork with flowers. Members only.

These two events - workshop and luncheon - happen every year, and it is a time for all of our members to enjoy all that we have experienced together this year. If you were a member, you could be a part of this very special day. If you are interested in joining, or just want to learn more, contact: gardenclub@tbsneedham.org

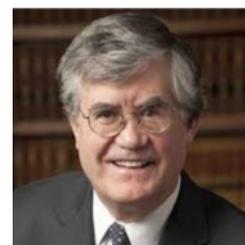


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Changing the Culture of Mental Health: It's Way Past Time

Sunday, February 9, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, at TBS

Please join us for a presentation by the Honorable John Broderick (Ret.), former New Hampshire Chief Justice, now Senior Director of External Affairs at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and a compelling and visionary speaker. Drawing on his personal experience, Justice Broderick has shared his inspiring and instructive message with more than 250 schools and communities in NH, VT, and MA in an effort to destigmatize mental illness. The presentation will highlight the "5 Signs" R.E.A.C.T. Mental Health Awareness Campaign. Just like knowing the five signs of a heart attack or stroke, we should all know the five signs of emotional suffering and what to do to help. Open to the community; appropriate for high school age to adult.



Please RSVP via email to: inclusion@tbsneedham.org; walk-ins are also welcome.

Questions? Contact: inclusion@tbsneedham.org. Please let us know if you have any special needs that require accommodations.

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At My Neighbor's Table Interfaith Potluck Conversation

Restorative Justice - What It Is and How It Can Help

Sunday, February 9, 5:30 - 7:30 PM, at TBS (Doors open at 5:00 PM)

Join us for a potluck dinner conversation on the topic "Restorative Justice - What it is and how it can help." Restorative justice is a process which attempts to hold individuals accountable for harms they have created, give victims a voice, and offer both a way to come together.



Special Guests: Dr. Rachel King, Title IX Coordinator, Institutional Planning, Curry College; Dr. Jennifer Balboni, Professor of Criminal Justice, Curry College; and Officer Adrienne Anderson, Needham High School Resource Officer

Please bring a vegetarian dish to share; non-alcoholic drinks and desserts will be provided.

Advance registration required; admission is free.

Please RSVP by February 4 to: bit.ly/RestorativeJusticePotluckConversation

Questions, or for more information, contact: info@coopmet.org

Sponsored by: Bahá'i Community of Needham, Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries, First Parish in Needham Unitarian Universalist, Needham Diversity Initiative, Needham Human Rights Committee, Presbyterian Church in Needham, and Temple Beth Shalom



February Highlights continued...

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Environmental Action Committee Workshop

Solar Panels & the Needham Solarize Plus Program
Monday, February 24, 7:30 PM, at TBS

TBS has solar panels on its roof. Do you have questions about putting solar panels on your home? Would you like to learn more about Needham's solar energy program? Then plan to attend this workshop sponsored by the Environmental Action Committee! No RSVP needed. All are welcome to attend.

Questions? Contact: Joel Golden (environaction@tbsneedham.org)

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Volunteer with Sisterhood: Days for Girls

Thursday, February 27, 6:30 PM, at TBS

Sisterhood invites you to volunteer with Days for Girls. Sewers and non-sewers needed. We will be making supplies for this amazing international organization that provides girls from over 100 impoverished countries with a feminine hygiene kit that is reusable and lasts for three years. Children 12 and over are welcome with a parent. Walk-ins are welcome.

To learn more about Days for Girls, visit their website: daysforgirls.org

For more information about volunteering to make supplies, please contact: Susan Patkin or Sarah Fleckner (sisterhood@tbsneedham.org)



Adult Learning

March 22

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

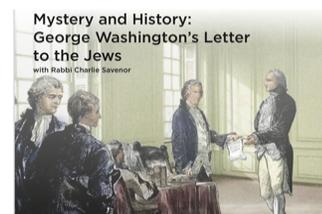
Sunday, March 22, 9:30 AM, at TBS

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 meant.

Rabbi Charlie Savenor grew up in Needham and currently 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). A bagel breakfast will be served.

Questions? Contact: adultlearning@tbsneedham.org.

Cost: \$5 per person, \$10 per family. Register: gwletter.eventbrite.com



Save the Date

March
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Award-Winning Needham's Art in Bloom 2020

Saturday, March 7, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday, March 8, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Now in its 12th year, Needham's Art in Bloom will return by popular demand to the Needham Public Library. There will be 70+ mixed media pieces of artwork by talented Needham High School students and creative, colorful, floral interpretations of their artwork by members of Beth Shalom Garden Club, and participants from Needham & Kalmia garden clubs. Plan to make time for viewing these engaging works of art.

Roche Bros. and Shark/Ninja are generously sponsoring this FREE event.

To view prior Art in Bloom exhibits, visit: NeedhamArtinBloom.com.



March
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A Night of Laughs in the Purim Spirit

Saturday, March 7, 7:00 - 11:00PM, at TBS

In lieu of our traditional musical Purim shpiel, TBS Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Three Score/More or Less will once again co-sponsor a comedy nightclub-style event with three hilarious comedians: Dave Andrews, Paul D'Angelo, and Paul Gilligan. This fun evening will include hors d'oeuvres, desserts, non-alcoholic drinks, and a cash bar. Event open to all over the age of 21. Seating is ten to a table, so plan ahead to sit with friends. Tickets for this immensely popular event go quickly, so get this entertaining night on your calendar right away!

Temple members \$36; non-members \$40; full table/ten tickets \$360.00

Registration required: tiny.cc/comedynight Questions? Contact: Marty Goldberg (brotherhood@tbsneedham.org)



March
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Don't Miss 'Golda's Balcony' - Coming to TBS!

Sunday, March 22, 3:00 PM, at TBS

Join Three Score/More or Less for a riveting performance of "Golda's Balcony" by the highly acclaimed award-winning actress Bobbie Steinbach. This 90-minute one-woman show traces Golda Meir's remarkable rise to become Israel's first and only female prime minister. The play opens on the eve of the Yom Kippur War and uses flashbacks to highlight Meir's life. Q&A following performance. Event open to entire TBS community and their guests. Light refreshments prior to performance. Come and enjoy an inspiring afternoon!

Cost \$15 per person; students, free. To RSVP and purchase ticket:

Please send check, payable to "Temple Beth Shalom," to:

Temple Beth Shalom, 670 Highland Ave., Needham, MA 02494. Note event on check.

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

Three Score
more or less



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The TBS Adult Learning Committee and TBS Sisterhood Presents....
Playing the Part of the Jewish Mother – and Other Insights with Actress Caroline Aaron
Interviewed by WHDH Channel 7 Reporter Kimberly Bookman



Sunday, March 29
9:30AM



Caroline Aaron



Kimberly Bookman

April
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Congregational Passover Seder

Sunday, April 12, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, at TBS

Information about registration, seating arrangements, and more will follow - watch upcoming issues of *The Scroll* and TBS This Week for details.

Recurring Events

Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Every Saturday morning, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Led by Rabbi Perlman, Rabbi Markley, or Rabbi Bressler

Join us for our very popular weekly discussion of the week's *parsha* (Torah portion). Each week members of our community gather to learn, share, question, laugh, and encounter the stories of the Torah in ways that help shape how we see the world, each other, and our lives. All are welcome! Bagels, spreads, coffee, and juice are provided.



Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah

Saturday mornings, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Led by Rabbi Bob Orkand

Each week we will focus on a single Jewish moral or ethical value found in that week's *parsha* (Torah portion). These will include, but are not 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. No RSVP is needed, and everyone is welcome.



Friday Morning Pre-Shabbat Yoga

Every Friday morning, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Led by Stephanie Javaheri

Join Stephanie Javaheri for a mindful and invigorating yoga flow to build strength and flexibility of body and mind. This is a perfect way to get ready for Shabbat! Come with an open mind and experience what yoga can do for you!



Israeli Dance (Intermediate)

Every Monday evening, 7:15 - 9:00 PM, at TBS

Teacher: Emily Perlman

Cost: \$5.00 per class (at the door). No registration necessary.

Israeli dance is a wonderful way to engage the culture of Israel and the Jewish people through music and movement. For all those who love Israeli dance or who have said that they would love to learn, this class is perfect for you! This is an intermediate-level class for those who have some Israeli dance experience. Those who are willing to learn by watching others are also encouraged to attend.

Emily is an outstanding teacher of music and dance to both adults and children. She has loved Israeli dance since her time living on a kibbutz almost twenty years ago. Emily looks forward to sharing the joy of dance with one and all.

Please call the Temple (781-444-0077) during the day on Monday to confirm that the class will be held.

For more information, please contact: Emily Perlman (Israelidance@tbsneedham.org)



“What Happens after Moses’ death?” with Rabbi Bob Orkand

Saturday mornings, 10:30 AM - Noon, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 21 Apr. 11, May 23, Jun. 6

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? Rabbi Bob Orkand will be holding monthly Shabbat learning sessions to explore these Biblical books.

All welcome, no prior text study experience required. Feel free to stay after the regular Shabbat morning Torah study or to come just for these great learning opportunities!



The Beginnings of Judaism: A Lunch & Learn Series

Mondays from noon - 1:30 PM: February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 23, 30, April 6 and 13

Led by Rabbi Bob Orkand

Join us for a fascinating exploration of Judaism's beginnings. How did Judaism develop from its biblical roots to the highly developed system we know today? In “The Beginnings of Judaism,” participants will explore how the Jewish faith struggled to continually redefine itself during the first thousand years after the completion of the last books of the Hebrew Bible, tenaciously clinging to existence through circumstances that might logically have marked its end. This course explores the evolution of an ancient faith into a system of beliefs, practices, and laws recognizable today as Judaism.

Please RSVP: contact Tiziana Getz (tgetz@tbsneedham.org)

Developing a Sense of Holy Envy

The Chamberlain Interfaith Fellowship

By Rachel Happel

These are just some of the questions that have emerged from the Chamberlain Interfaith Fellowship, a unique partnership

between Temple Beth Shalom and Eastern University in Pennsylvania, which I have had the immense pleasure of co-leading for the past five years. The fellowship brings together four high school juniors from Temple Beth Shalom and four

“Why do you (or don’t you) believe in God?”

“Do all Christians believe that the story of Jesus was based on factual events?”

“How can Jews be both a religion and a people?”

“How can you believe that both science and the Torah are true?”

“What do you think happens after people die?”

“Why do you go to church?”

Developing a Sense of Holy Envy continued...

sophomores from Eastern University for a year of interfaith learning and community building.

TBS member David Feldman founded the Chamberlain Interfaith Fellowship in honor of his lifelong friend, the late Dr. Ted J. Chamberlain (d. 2010), who served as Vice President for Student Development at Eastern University for many years. The fellowship carries forward Ted's unique ability to craft relationships of meaning by bringing together Christian and Jewish students to learn about each other's faith tradition; reflect upon commonalities and differences in the spirit of emerging friendship; grow spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually; and engage in a social justice project for the common good of society and the world. Through a year-long experience, the Chamberlain Interfaith Fellowship gives the fellows the opportunity to experience what the late Krister Stendal of Harvard University once referred to as "holy envy" – a deep appreciation of the beauty, depth, and power of another religious tradition.

The fellowship is built around two travel / hosting experiences that include joint worship, interfaith dialogue, community service, and relationship building. Each fall the fellows from Eastern University visit TBS for a 4-day immersive experience with Judaism, and each spring the fellows from TBS visit Eastern for a 4-day immersive experience with Christianity. During their time at TBS, the Eastern fellows are hosted in the homes of the TBS fellows,

and together they participate in Shabbat services, Torah study, learning sessions with our rabbis and educators, a chesed project, a visit to Mayyim Hayyim, a trip to the Holocaust Memorial, a synagogue and Coolidge Corner in Brookline for a Jewish life tour, and a social outing in Boston. During their time at Eastern, the TBS fellows are hosted in the dorms of the Eastern fellows, and together they participate in a church walking tour, student-led chapel, college-level Bible classes, community service ministry work, activities led by the university's student chaplains, and a Sunday morning church service.

In preparation for the travel / hosting experiences, the fellows engage in learning about Judaism and Christianity, reading books in parallel with each other and diving deep into their own faith tradition and that of the other. Throughout the fellowship, there are many opportunities for interfaith dialogue and community building.

It has been incredible to watch our TBS teens learn and grow through their experience with the Chamberlain Interfaith Fellowship. When they share Judaism with their fellows, they shine with pride; when they are learning about Christianity, they model openness and respect. Overall, the fellows emerge from the experience with a stronger sense of self, as well as a commitment to building relationships with those who are different from them.

Words from Current and Former Chamberlain Interfaith Fellows:

"I think that this experience really helped me find the beauty in religion again. Recently, I had been feeling stuck and honestly tired of the system of religion. I have holy envy for all of the beautiful traditions within Judaism. The mikveh, bar mitzvahs, mezuzahs, etc. All of it was just very powerful and moving. Judaism is very intentional and beautiful, and it made me remember that Christianity can be just like that."

Eastern University Fellow, Cohort 5

"I learned so much about the differences between our religions. Christianity starts with what you believe, but Judaism starts with what you do. Christianity is a faith, but Judaism is a people. For me, Judaism is about community and place and shared values, not about belief in God. But there are also a lot of similarities, like seeing that we should make the world a better place through our religion."

TBS Fellow, Cohort 4

For more reflections from the Chamberlain Interfaith Fellowship Alumni, watch our alumni voices video at <https://tinyurl.com/cifalumni>.



Around TBS

Temple Beth Shalom's Project EZRA

The sky was clear and promising on Christmas morning when the three of us - Anne Braunstein, June Atkind, and Lois Sockol - met at The Needham Community Council at 7:30 AM on December 25. We had come to transport the thirteen turkeys cooked and donated by Roche Brothers. It was a short drive to Temple Beth Shalom of Needham, where volunteers were waiting to begin preparations for 113 appetizing Christmas Dinners to be delivered to Needham residents.

Temple Beth Shalom volunteers carved the turkeys, peeled 75 pounds of potatoes for mashing, cooked mixed vegetables and gravy, prepared stuffings, and portioned out cranberry sauce. Outside the kitchen doors still more volunteers assembled the bags for delivery. When all was complete, the final group of Temple volunteers arrived, many with children in hand, to deliver the Christmas meals to the homes of Needham residents, many of whom are traditionally served by Needham's comprehensive Traveling Meals program.

The partnership forged by Temple Beth Shalom, Needham Community Council, and Roche Brothers has enabled Project Ezra to provide Christmas Dinners since the mid-1980s. It is a partnership that strengthens and thrives to the benefit of all. Temple Beth Shalom's Project EZRA committee wishes to sincerely thank all the helping hands and generous hearts that enabled the delivery of meals and joy this Christmas Day.

Project EZRA Co-Chairs: *Lois Sockol, Anne Braunstein, June Atkind*



Join the Bashers and Play Softball with the Men's Shul Softball League!



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Rabbi Jay Perlman on TV!

Sunday, December 29, 7-7:30 am, and AGAIN on March 15



Rabbi Jay appeared on TV, sharing his ideas about connection and community on Jewish Perspective, hosted by Rabbi Elaine Zecher, WHDH/7News. If you didn't catch him on December 29th, watch the rebroadcast live on March 15th, or DVR!



The Lawyers Among Us

Ilan Barzilay

I am both a techie and a lawyer. When I was in high school I had an interest in the law but wasn't sure what to do with myself before I could go to law school. My mother said, "You like math and science too; why don't you study Engineering in college and become a patent lawyer?" Being a good Jewish boy I did as I was told. I've spent my legal career dealing with intellectual property and technology of all sorts. For years I litigated and tried IP cases (like Perry Mason but waaaaay nerdier). Now I focus on getting patents for new technologies invented by super smart people. My day is filled with phrases like "machine learning," "trained model," and "Alexa, stop that!" In conclusion, I, for one, welcome our new computer overlords.



Richard Blank and Lauren Inker

Richard and Lauren met on the first day of law school at Georgetown University, on August 23, 1984.



Richard: My practice is focused on drafting and administering special needs trusts. These are trusts for disabled individuals that are funded either through the disabled person's assets (often the proceeds of a personal injury action) or the disabled person's family (e.g., an inheritance from a parent or grandparent). While the drafting part is fine, what I really enjoy

is administering the trusts as trustee. (I serve in that role in some but not all trusts.) I like interacting with families on a personal level, helping out as needs change over time.

I am a co-author of *Managing A Special Needs Trust: A Guide For Trustees*. The book has gone through several editions, the most recent of which should be coming out in the next few months.

Lauren: I started out as a prosecutor in the Suffolk County District Attorney's office, then went to the Public Records Division of the Secretary of State's office. For about fifteen years I have been on the Children and Family Law panel of the Committee for Public Counsel Services, doing Care and Protection cases and Children Requiring Assistance cases, representing both children and parents. It is the most important work that I have done in my career, and the hardest. If I were not with Richard there is no way I could handle it. We are blessed to have found each other.

John Bookston

I received a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1971. I practiced public interest law (Legal Services, ACLU, Public Defender) until 1985. I then returned to Cambridge to get an ED.M.



from Harvard Graduate School of Education and taught math (my undergraduate major at Michigan) in public secondary schools until I retired in 2015. I still involve myself in community and legislative issues and volunteer to tutor math in Boston schools.

Ken Brier

As the son of a tax accountant and lawyer – TBS founder Phil Brier – I fell into the practice of tax law naturally. But unlike my father, I ended up focusing on the legal side of tax practice. After obtaining my CPA certificate in the course of a couple of years with a "Big Eight" accounting firm, I switched my focus to law, practicing with several well-regarded Boston law firms. I ultimately focused on estate planning and trust and estate matters, as well as general tax, for a wide-range of individuals and companies. I made another major switch in 2003, leaving the world of "Big Law" to set up a boutique law firm in Needham, now known as Brier, Marandett & Rossetti LLP.



I enjoy matters calling for creative planning and implementation, and in 1994 was elected as a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). While enjoying keeping up with the technical side, I also appreciate that clients come to me with real-life problems that require real care and concern.

Michael Brier

I am a litigator, which essentially means that I represent individuals and businesses who are involved in lawsuits. Sometimes that means going to trial, which is the most exciting part of my professional life. More often, that means hashing out a settlement that the parties can live with.



I actually began my career doing criminal litigation. After graduating from Princeton University and Boston College Law School, I spent a few years prosecuting criminal defendants in Essex County. As most former prosecutors will tell you, the courtroom experience was invaluable.

These days, most of my cases involve businesses in some way, but beyond that it is extremely diverse: one day I might be dealing with a dispute among beneficiaries of a family trust; the next day I am dealing with a commercial eviction; then on the third day I'm litigating an employee's non-compete. The variety keeps things interesting.

Rick Brody

As a founding partner at Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, I have spent over 40 years representing thousands of clients. Prior to BHPK, I worked as an assistant district attorney for the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and



as a senior partner at Morrison & Mahoney. At BHPK, I focus on personal injury, victim's rights, municipal liability, employment law, construction litigation, professional malpractice, and premises liability. I also speak in both Massachusetts and across the country. In one memorable case, I received recognition for my work on a personal injury matter that resulted in a \$12.3 million judgment.

Ryan Ciporkin

What I like about being a general litigator and trial attorney is the variety of legal challenges that I deal with on a daily basis. I remember one morning in court when I successfully defeated my client's former employer's attempt to enforce an egregious non-compete agreement that purported to bar him from working in a trade in an entire industry. In the late morning, I went to an inspection of another client's property where experts confirmed that her property was damaged by a series of floods negligently caused by the upstairs neighbor. That afternoon, I took the deposition of a witness in a contentious business dispute where I obtained key admissions supporting my client's case, thereby leading to a highly favorable settlement. And in the evening, I prepared for an oral argument the following morning at the Appeals Court which resulted in a decision affirming the jury verdict in favor of another client. The work can be challenging but the satisfaction I have when I am able to help a client is worth it.



Drew Dulberg

In first grade, I decided that I was going to be an author when I grew up. By my senior year of college, I had expanded my options to teaching English or going to law school. My English professors were unanimous: go to law school. So I did, and now I get to tell stories to judges and juries (mostly non-fiction, but stories nonetheless) as a partner at WilmerHale in the Business Trial Group. Most recently, I was fortunate to be a member of the team that represented Harvard College in the case challenging its use of race in the undergraduate admissions process; the outcome was reported as a victory for diversity in higher education. I live in Wellesley with my incredible wife Rachel and our two children, Aidan (4), Chloe (almost 2), and Bernese mountain dog. Aidan and Chloe love going to school at TBS!



Jay Fialkov

I became a lawyer hoping to work in areas that interested me – books, music, movies, sports. After law school and a clerkship for a wise, kind judge, I started working for a fancy Boston law firm. One day during a lunch break I met a guy playing saxophone on a street corner in downtown Boston. His band became my first music client. This led to work in the 1980s and early 1990s for countless rock bands and others on the Boston music scene, including many artists you probably never heard of and



(thankfully!) others ranging from Phish to New Kids on the Block that had some success. After 15 years in private practice, I shifted gears and became “in-house” counsel at WGBH, Boston's public broadcaster, where among other things I manage legal and business affairs for national PBS television series we produce (FRONTLINE, American Experience, etc.). As before, I help talented creative people produce what they want to produce. I am grateful for the clients and colleagues I've become friends with over the years, and for the opportunities I've had to make a small behind-the-scenes contribution to American culture.

Matt Fogelman

I represent plaintiffs in employment and personal injury cases. In the employment arena, anything that workers face, I help with – discrimination, sexual harassment, unpaid wages/commissions, overtime, non-compete agreements, assisting people with severance if they get terminated. I stand up for the little guy. I battle large corporations, insurance companies, and large law firms -- working on behalf of our clients, motivated to obtain a favorable result on their behalf. In the personal injury arena, the majority of the cases are car collisions, pedestrians who get hit by cars, dog bites, and the horrors stemming from sexual abuse.



It's an honor and a privilege to represent individuals, real people suffering real pain, and to hold wrongdoers accountable and responsible for the harm that they have caused with their misconduct. In recent years, I have secured jury wins for a 65-year-old mechanic who was forced out by new management; a woman who was fired after suffering from postpartum depression; a woman who severely injured her teeth biting into a piece of bone in a hamburger; and a victory at the Supreme Judicial Court vindicating the rights of employees who use marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Ken Goldberg

One of the nicest moments I shared with my father was when I graduated from law school. Twenty-five years earlier he had graduated from B.U. Law and thus was afforded the opportunity to hand his son that very same diploma he had earned a generation earlier. At that moment, I thought I would be a big-firm litigator and our legal paths would probably never cross. Years later, I actually joined his practice and eventually made it my own. Early on we took on most any type of case, but I've since narrowed the focus to real estate transactions and I keep my hand in litigation with a fairly robust personal injury caseload. I take pride in being a lawyer, knowing that I can help people in times of crisis and stress. Like my father before me, I am often called on to provide counsel to people who just need to talk through a problem. This is a tradition I am most proud of carrying on.



...More Lawyers Among Us

Michael Goldberg

My path to becoming General Counsel at Simply Business (SB), a digital marketplace providing small businesses with competing insurance quotes, is a bit unusual and included a diverse set of experiences and numerous geographic locations. After a post-undergrad year working in Hawaii (and learning to surf!), I moved to Boston and spent several years in corporate public relations at BankBoston (remember them?) before heading to law school. Once an attorney, I moved to NYC and cut my legal teeth at a large national law firm before moving in-house to the Boston Consulting Group (BCG). During my 11-year tenure at BCG, I was very fortunate to be able to spend three years working and living in London with my wife, Becka, and our three kids. The work was intense and the experience life-changing – we enjoyed extensive family travel to approximately 20 countries, including two amazing weeks touring Israel! In 2018, things came full circle when I returned to Boston, where I have spent the last two years building out SB's Legal and Compliance function.



Howard Goldman

An entrepreneurial drive had me pursuing a career in business but my Jewish mother held the law profession in high regard and steered me toward law school.

After law school, I worked as an associate at a large and a smaller Boston law firm, concentrating on real estate, venture capital deals and business litigation. This work experience, coupled with business development skills I learned from the partners at these firms, provided the necessary tools to develop my own law firm in 1987, focusing on real estate, finance, and business litigation.



Since its inception, the practice has flourished. In 1998, I moved the firm from Boston to Needham, trading commute time for the ability to volunteer in the community as a coach for my sons' sports teams and as a member of the Zoning Board, Brotherhood President and many other local nonprofits.

Today, Goldman & Pease LLC has grown to include six lawyers and six support staff. I am delighted that my entrepreneurial dreams have been satisfied in a fulfilling and rewarding legal career.

Michael Jabbawy and Stephanie Singer

TBSCC parent Michael Jabbawy and TBS member Stephanie Singer have teamed up at Morse, a business law firm based in Waltham. We love working with entrepreneurs to help them turn their business ideas into a reality. We advise entrepreneurs



and startups on all stages of their business journey -- formation, issuing equity to team members, hiring employees and contractors, raising funds from friends and family, angels, or venture capital (VC) investors, entering into commercial contracts... all the way up through a successful exit. (And we've done it all with some TBS member-founded companies!) We also represent VC and angel investors in their investments into startups. After many years at big downtown firms, we both chose to leave the world of "big law" for a more targeted law firm platform that allows us to work more efficiently on the types of clients we enjoy the most. Let us know if you ever want to chat about startups!

Kenneth Kams

After 15 years of riding the train from Needham to Boston to practice as a corporate attorney, my wife, Jill, and I spent Hanukkah of 2014 considering the vision of leaving my partnership at a large firm and building my own boutique law firm to support businesses from formation to sale. As naturally conservative thinkers, we spent the next few months analyzing, budgeting and strategizing all aspects of this decision to see if it might be possible. Luckily, with the support of family, friends and business contacts, we made the amazing decision to take this leap, opening Kams Law Group LLC in May of 2015. Jill retired from teaching to run the accounting, marketing and administrative departments, so that I can focus my energies on handling day-to-day legal issues that arise for my clients. It's been an incredible journey, allowing me to fuel an entrepreneurial drive, service my clients at a more personalized level and, most importantly, to control my career and family balance in a way that perfectly aligns with our family's values.



David Kapson

I pursued law school after working 6.5 years as a business analyst for IT consulting firms. Following law school graduation, an associate position at the law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges brought me to the Boston area, where I represented private equity firms in take private, control and minority transactions in industries including media/telecommunications, Internet technology and financial and retail services. I later joined the Jones Day law firm to represent large financial institutions negotiating bank financings and credit arrangements on their behalf. After Jones Day, I transitioned from law firm to in-house work at State Street Bank. I am currently Vice President and Senior Counsel at State Street, representing their global brokerage business where I now review and analyze new product and global expansion opportunities, respond to inquiries from State Street's regulators and negotiate client and vendor agreements.



Jon Levin

I have been a member of Temple since 1980. I am an attorney licensed in Massachusetts who specializes in assisting individuals buying and selling real estate as well as drafting estate planning documents. I also help families who have lost a loved one and need assistance with probating wills. I have a passion for helping my clients and take pride in returning emails and phone calls in a timely manner, usually within the same day.

I grew up and currently reside in Needham. My office is located in Needham right across the street from our Temple. My wife is Beth, and we have two sons, Nicholas, who just had his Bar Mitzvah this past February, and Liam. I also volunteer in many different capacities with the Needham community, which include Newman PTC, Metrowest Basketball, Needham Little League, and Needham Soccer.



Dana Lewis

I have spent the last 18 years counseling families on structuring highly-sophisticated estate plans, including life insurance planning, charitable gift programs, and other strategies relating to the elimination and minimization of gift, estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes. My practice also includes extensive experience in estate and trust administration. As a partner at Rubin and Rudman LLP, I spend my day as part lawyer, part social worker, part friend, and part confidante. Over the course of long relationships with clients, I have learned to read family dynamics and help families plan for themselves and for successive generations. I consider working with clients' other advisors, such as accountants, life insurance agents, financial advisors and investments advisors key to my holistic approach to my practice.



Joe Lipchitz

I have always wanted to be a lawyer. In fact, my mother-in-law refers to me as "The Only Happy Lawyer." I do truly love my job! I started my career as a captain and military prosecutor in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, trying felony cases largely involving sex, fraud, or drugs. This was an unbelievable experience. I am now a litigation partner at Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr in Boston. I've been in private practice in Boston for over twenty years, focusing on complex corporate litigation and employment matters for businesses and business executives. I also specialize in First Amendment law. The most memorable defamation case I handled was when I successfully represented the Boston Herald against the lead singer of the band BOSTON, with the court ultimately ordering him to pay over \$170,000 in costs. Getting a front-row seat to the inner workings of a dysfunctional rock band was enlightening and entertaining. Law school was the best decision I ever made, because that is where I met my amazing wife.



Jim Masterman

In 1Kgs 21, Naboth owned a vineyard. King Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth." Naboth refused. The King returned home to sulk until Queen Jezebel intervened, had Naboth later convicted on false charges and stoned to death. King Ahab then seized the vineyard without compensation. The story is one of the earliest accounts of a taking by eminent domain. The US Constitution's 5th Amendment provides that private property shall not be taken without just compensation. Boston's Government and Prudential Centers, the Big Dig, and Jersey Street outside Fenway Park for fan use, required takings. I am an eminent domain trial lawyer. When a taking is made, owners can have a jury determine value. In almost 40 years of practice, I can't recall a single incident of stoning.



Rebecca Raphaelson

I am an attorney at Mintz. My practice encompasses a wide range of litigation matters, including construction, complex business litigation, and fiduciary matters. I represent clients in a variety of business disputes, negotiations and investigations, in litigation and in alternative dispute resolution forums. Much of my work focuses on construction litigation where I represent property owners and general contractors in construction disputes in the public and private sector, and counsel clients on issues related to project delays and defective work. I also represent project owners (commercial, residential, education, medical, and nonprofit) and contractors on drafting and negotiating contracts. I am committed to pro bono work and have represented multiple clients seeking asylum. My infant son recently attended his first naturalization ceremony for one of my asylum clients!



Jeff Rosin

I have been practicing law for 25 years, and focus on employment and wage-hour disputes, franchise law and litigation, and employment policies compliance. I was raised in Needham, Bar Mitzvah'd at Temple Beth Shalom, and have 4 children all embedded in TBS educational programming



...Even More Lawyers Among Us

Daniel Savrin

I have been a member of TBS for 27 years and former TBS trustee. I am also an antitrust and litigation partner at Morgan Lewis, an international law firm. A native of Brooklyn, I moved to the Boston area after graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law.

I primarily represent consumer-facing companies, including automotive, retail, e-commerce and health care concerns, facing government civil and criminal investigations, and civil and class action litigation. I have a national (and, at times, international) practice. I also provide guidance and counseling in the areas of antitrust, consumer protection, advertising and marketing, privacy and health care regulation.

I am the editor of a leading treatise on consumer protection law and hold (or have held) leadership roles in the Boston and American Bar Association, as well as at Morgan Lewis. Closer to home, I have been active at TBS, the Needham Education Foundation and BSA Troop 13. I regard my most important role as being the husband of Mary Ann Duchna-Savrin and the father of Lauren and Michael Savrin.



the complicated legal process while staying attuned to their unique and emotionally charged needs. The path of my legal career has been varied. I began as a Spanish and Russian interpreter at a tiny law firm representing workers injured at sea. After graduating from NYU Law School in 2005, I explored the many possibilities open to a young lawyer. I practiced at a large New York firm representing manufacturers of pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and everyday consumer products. After moving to Needham, I worked at a small firm trying a case involving trade secrets of the greeting card industry. Outside of private practice, I teach US Law to international law students at Northeastern Law School and volunteer at MetroWest Legal Services.

Jeffrey Shapiro

A fundamental question exists - does a law degree create opportunity or does a law school education create a universal foundation to build upon? Whatever the answer, I have had a varied, interesting and meaningful legal career.

Professionally, I have served as an Assistant District Attorney, an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), a Chief Operating Officer, Chief of Staff to the Commonwealth's Attorney General and as a Congressional staffer.

Currently, I serve as the Commonwealth's First Deputy Comptroller. I am a leader of the state agency that manages the Commonwealth's payroll, financial processing of over 12 million transactions, processing of approximately \$65 billion annually, and the financial reporting for the Commonwealth. Zeroes matter! As an AAG I was co-counsel for the Commonwealth in the antitrust Consent Decree which led to the acquisition of Filene's by Macy's.

The law provides a solid foundation for so many professional pursuits because it requires one to listen, research, communicate well and identify solutions. I am blessed to have had a career that I have so enjoyed.



Ryan Schaffer

"Gotta run...donut emergency!" My tongue-in-cheek declaration always gets a laugh from my family, but often holds a lot of truth. As in-house counsel for Dunkin' Brands, the global franchisor of Dunkin' and Baskin-Robbins, every day is different. From



strategizing on the best way to speak with equity analysts and investors about our financial results and plans as a publicly-traded company, to dealing with the high-profile bankruptcy of a key supplier in our \$3 billion global supply chain, the world of coffee, donuts and ice cream is much more complex than I imagined when I came to the company after years in private practice as a corporate attorney at Ropes & Gray. From working on the initial public offering (IPO) when Dunkin' was my client, to now being part of the team supporting more than 20,000 franchised

Dunkin' and Baskin-Robbins locations around the world, it's been an incredible (and delicious) learning experience and a heck of a lot of fun.

Yuliya Gertsberg Scharf

I focus my practice on probate and fiduciary litigation, resolving disputes over wills, trusts, and other estate-related controversies that often arise in the context of family relationships. I love this work because it combines my many years of litigation experience with my passion for working closely with clients to help them navigate (or avoid)



Steven Singer

I have been at the same law firm—Hale and Dorr which became WilmerHale—since 1978 (which makes me a bit of a dinosaur in today's world). I serendipitously became a corporate lawyer working with biotechnology companies. My very first assignment at the firm was to work as the most junior lawyer on a team representing one of the first biotechnology companies in Massachusetts. Cambridge has been the home to many of these companies, so it was a great place to develop this specialty. I love working with these companies because they are doing things that are important to all of us—developing drugs to treat widespread diseases as well as orphan diseases that only impact a small population. Working with doctors and scientists who are so dedicated to patients is very inspiring. My work involves helping these companies obtain financing for their activities—venture capital,



IPOs, etc.—and develop drugs in collaboration with larger pharmaceutical companies. Over the years, I have balanced working with clients and internal management roles at the firm, and for the last 12 years I have split my time between Boston and New York (but still a Boston sports fan, so no doubt where my loyalties lie). As I approach the end of my legal career, I feel very lucky to have joined WilmerHale and to have become a participant at the early stages of an industry that is focused on doing such important things.

Jason Stone

After swearing throughout law school that there were two types of law I would never do - Personal Injury and Real Estate - my career



in Entertainment Law did not bloom as I had hoped and I accepted a job in Manhattan as a personal injury lawyer. 18 years later, the choice could not have suited me better. Always having enjoyed fighting for the little guy, it was natural to represent people against insurance companies' heavy-handed tactics. The Law Office of Jason D. Stone was born in February, 2004, three months after I married my wife, Aimee. Two years later, immediately prior to Marlee's birth, I

hired my first associate. There were three employees when Brett was born in 2008, and now there are 34. Through handling all aspects of their recovery, both financial and physical, we have been able to provide peace of mind to thousands of innocent injury victims.

Lana Sullivan

Employment law governs the rights of employees and employers and has a practical impact on the lives of many given that most people have a connection to the world of work. As an employment litigator, I represent mostly plaintiff employees in employment disputes. The work is not only intellectually challenging given that employment law is a large discipline that is ever-changing, but is also professionally rewarding as it affords me the opportunity to make a real difference in people's lives. After graduating from Brown University, I attended law school at the University of Connecticut and I worked at a variety of law firms before I started my own firm. My practice never gets dull as each person, each case, and each set of facts presents its own unique and varied set of circumstances. As one juror once remarked to me after a successful verdict, it is possible to "change lives" through law.



Lauren Weitzen

As is the story in the Book of Job, sometimes bad things happen to good people. Sometimes the decent men and women in our communities are faced with adversity or misfortune and it is our obligation to assist and support those individuals. No matter the hardship, our criminal justice system recognizes the right to counsel for each person. With a desire and obligation to contribute positively to my community, after law school I joined the public defender's office, where I handled hundreds of criminal cases for indigent clients often struggling with mental health issues and substance abuse. After seven years, in 2014 I transitioned to private practice and joined my



father, Richie Weitzen, at Lawson & Weitzen. As a Partner, my practice still focuses mostly on criminal law. I remain a determined advocate with significant courtroom and trial experience representing individuals facing criminal investigations and charges in state courts across Massachusetts. In addition, I often represent people seeking to seal or expunge prior criminal records that continue to unfairly impede future opportunities.

Richie Weitzen

Lawyers are problem solvers. I've always taken pride in assisting others in meeting and overcoming the varied problems they face. Starting as a public defender in NYC, I developed a knack for communicating efficiently, and effectively working the cases of the countless clients I encountered in the day and night court sessions in Manhattan. I specialized in representing youthful offenders and runaways, where getting those kids out of the overloaded system was paramount. Then I decided to better use my Kellogg Business School degree, moved back to Boston, started my own firm and worked as a business and real estate attorney. Now, as a part of the aging boomer population and with my considerable experience I am counseling and providing individuals and families with recommendations and guidance regarding retirement concerns, business exit strategies, family care planning and estate and end-of-life planning. Our firm, Lawson & Weitzen, LLP, has nearly 40 attorneys representing (and problem solving) for both individuals and businesses of various sizes.



Rick Winkler

My background is as a business/licensing lawyer with 20+ years' experience in-house servicing corporations. My current position is Technology and Commercial Counsel with Axiom Global, Inc., where I provide legal advice, counseling and service to procurement, healthcare, professional services and energy teams of Fortune 500 and other clients to ensure companies' liabilities and legal risks are minimized in furtherance of strategic goals and objectives. I regularly lead management through major licensing transactions worldwide. I draft and negotiate a variety of commercial agreements, including software license, software-as-a-service, professional services and hardware sales agreements. I have significant responsibility in areas of intellectual property protection, data privacy/security and compliance.



Adam Zaff

I've been practicing law for twenty-five years. I primarily work in Family Law and Immigration. I also practice in criminal and bankruptcy. My work can very rewarding when I'm able to help client achieve their goals. It's always interesting and I find I'm always learning something new.





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WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS

VOTING PERIOD

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – Wednesday, March 11, 2020

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

- 18 years old or older (by June 20, 2020)
- Self-identify as Jewish
- Agree to the “Jerusalem Program,” the official platform of the WZO and the Zionist Movement
- Agree to pay a minimal processing fee

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The World Zionist Congress is the parliament of the world’s Jewish people. Established by Theodor Herzl in 1897, it comprises 500 delegates and meets in Jerusalem every five years. It enables delegates to exert ideological influence on both Israeli society and the global Jewish agenda. This includes allocating financial and other resources to various organizations – including the Reform Movement – in Israel. The 38th World Zionist Congress is scheduled to meet in Jerusalem from October 20 – 23, 2020. These elections will determine the size of the various delegations to the Congress. We are seeking to maximize the size of the Reform Movement delegation.

Currently, the United States has 145 delegates in the WZC, the largest single delegation outside Israel. Thanks to a robust turnout in the 2015 elections, 56 of the 145 delegates represent the Reform Movement and, as a result, have been able to ensure that more than \$20 million over five years is being directed to the Israeli Reform Movement. By comparison, the Israeli government annually provides nearly \$1.1 billion to Orthodox and Haredi institutions in Israel.

A strong election turnout among North America’s Reform Jews and our supporters will ensure that financial resources will continue to flow to our Israeli movement – including Reform congregations and institutions.

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All voting will be completed online and will be accessible from mobile devices. It is a simple process and will take only a few minutes. Beginning on January 21st, for information on how to vote, go to the ARZA website: www.arza.org.

To receive an email reminder to vote on January 21, 2020, fill out the form at:

www.bit.ly/WZCElectionReminder

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