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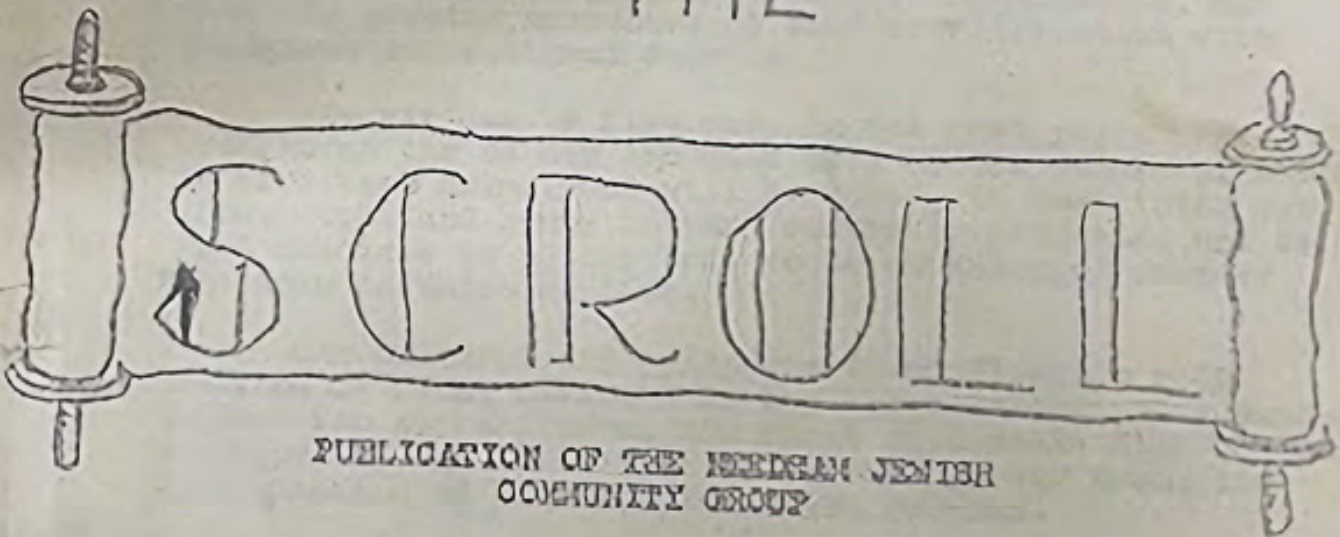
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From the Editorial Board

My dad had two meteorological pieces of wisdom: Year-round, on Wednesdays or Saturdays — doctors' golf days — he'd confuse me by dismissing my queries as to how he played in the rain with, "It never rains on the golf course!" And when it rained in April, he'd croon, "Though April showers may come your way, They bring the flowers that bloom in May..." Then he'd finish by belting, "It ain't rainin' rain, you know it's raining violets."

As I peer out at our early-April nor'easter snow and wind — making mere showers seem quaint — I can only hope that by the time you read this we will be fully in spring, surrounded by flowers. Whatever the weather, in this *Scroll* you can enjoy Art in Bloom flower arrangements inspired by TBS members, wax nostalgic as you view *Scroll* artifacts from years ago, and learn how the Chesed committee provides warmth all year long.

Stay tuned for our next issue, when June will be bustin' out all over!

Ask the Rabbi

Do you have a question you've always pondered but never had the chance to ask? This might be your solution! Submit your questions to scroll@tbsneedham.org. Questions will appear anonymously, together with the rabbi's response, in upcoming issues of the *Scroll*.

Please note: "Ask the Rabbi" is a chance to explore areas related to Judaism. It is not intended for questions about Temple policies, business, or personal questions.

Let Us Hear from You - and/or Join Us!

- We always welcome your input and help. Are there articles you'd like to see included or topics that should be covered? Let us know!
- Might you like to write an article? How about joining us to do editing or layout? Want to help with advertising?

Please email scroll@tbsneedham.org with your ideas, suggestions, or offers to join in the fun of producing the *Scroll*!

By Joni Burstein on behalf of the Scroll Editorial Board



Services in May

All services will be both in person and online for the month of May. An * denotes in person only.
Please check the TBS website and emails for livestream links.

FRIDAY, MAY 3 (26 Nisan 5784)

6:15 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MAY 4 (26 Nisan 5784)

Torah: *Acharei Mot* Lev. 16:1 - 18:30

8:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

9:00 AM Torah Study*

9:15 AM Finding Our Jewish Values in the Torah

B. Mitzvah: Jordan Blaustein and Shayna Blaustein

FRIDAY, MAY 10 (3 Iyar 5784)

6:15 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MAY 11 (3 Iyar 5784)

Torah: *K'doshim* Lev. 19:1 - 20:27

8:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

9:00 AM Torah Study*

9:15 AM Finding Our Jewish Values in the Torah

B. Mitzvah: Maxwell Kessler

B. Mitzvah: Eliza Bello

FRIDAY, MAY 17 (10 Iyar 5784)

5:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service

6:15 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MAY 18 (10 Iyar 5784)

Torah: *Emor* Lev. 21:1 - 24:23

8:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

9:00 AM Torah Study*

9:15 AM Finding Our Jewish Values in the Torah

B. Mitzvah: Kobi Heffernan and Gabriella Rubin

B. Mitzvah: Sidney Toffler

FRIDAY, MAY 24 (17 Iyar 5784)

6:15 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MAY 25 (17 Iyar 5784)

Torah: *B'har* Lev. 25:1 - 26:2

8:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

9:00 AM Torah Study*

9:15 AM Finding Our Jewish Values in the Torah

B. Mitzvah: Samantha Zeylikman

MONDAY, MAY 27 (19 Iyar 5784)

B. Mitzvah: Joseph Rosenberg

Please join the TBS Community for *Minyan*

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

Committee Meetings in May – Stay Involved!

Committees not listed will not meet formally this month.

Committee Name

Adult Learning
ASAI
Brotherhood Board
ConNEXTions+
Garden Club
Scroll Editorial Board

Date and Time

Thur. May 2, 7:45 PM
Tue. May 28, 11:00 AM
Tue. May 14, 7:15 PM
Mon. May 20, 7:00 PM
Tue. May 7, 7:15 PM
Tue. May 28, 1:00 PM

Email Contact for Information

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gardenclub@tbsneedham.org
scroll@tbsneedham.org

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

Welcome New Members

Liana and Chad Brodsky and Ayla (4)
Stan and Estee Dubitsky
Pamela and Jason Kublin and Jordan (3) and Sydney (1)
Daniella Kupor and Brian Darcy and Emily (1)
Rebecca and Moctezuma Sosa



Emerging from COVID: Finding Strength

By Rabbi Jay Perlman

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. Over the years that followed, millions died as the pandemic forced us into quarantine and into enacting countless COVID mitigation protocols. Having, for the most part, emerged from the crisis, it is easy to forget that it was only a few short years ago when its worst, life-altering effects were felt. Still, it doesn't take much effort for us to recall the disruption, anxiety, and fear that were so widely experienced. Reflecting upon the phenomenon of regional and global sickness, Professor Avi Sagi of Bar Ilan University has noted that "plagues ... evoke particularly difficult primary experiences which pose a new challenge to consciousness: a subversion of trust in the order of the world that shakes our sense of existential safety as the world around us becomes alien and threatening." It is a feeling that we know all too well.

During the spring of 2021, several months after the COVID vaccine had been released, there was widespread hope that the end of the pandemic was near. In response, we began looking for a meaningful way as a congregation to mark this important transition and move forward into a new beginning. Two historical realities helped to shape our thinking. The first is a traditional ceremony of "covenant renewal." Throughout history, the Jewish people have marked the emergence from a time of uncertainty and challenge by gathering as a community to reaffirm the values and centrality of Torah. With Torah seen as a source of stability and strength, a ceremony that newly bound the community to covenant was understood to be a natural way to achieve renewed grounding and focus for the future. Such a ceremony is described in the book of Joshua when the people gathered in the town of Shechem following the people's long, arduous journey in the wilderness and entry into the Promised Land. As well, in the 7th Century BCE, following years of widespread political and religious disarray, King Josiah brought the people together. And then again, in the 5th Century BCE, following the Babylonian Exile,

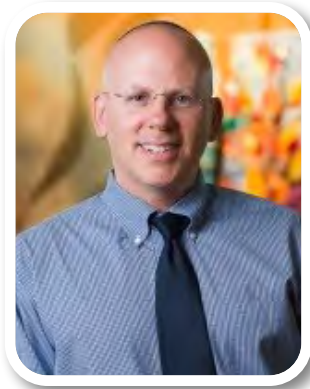
the Jewish people gathered to reaffirm their commitment to covenant.

Also inspiring our thinking about a meaningful way to emerge from the pandemic was the power of creativity and art in community. Historically, collective expressions of art have been shown to create deepened unity amongst people and point them assuredly towards the future. Such was the case, for example, following the Great Depression in the United States. During the 1930s and early 1940s, under the Roosevelt Administration, the New Deal economic recovery programs included the largest public art program of its kind in American history – leading to the commissioning of thousands of pieces of art of all kinds. Reflecting upon the wisdom of this New Deal initiative, artist Ellen Elmes notes: "I believe the government funding of such murals, of the establishment of folk music archives, and of the photographic documentation of the American culture and landscape acknowledged a common experience of resilience in the past and hope for the future. Such hope, inspired by art, can console us by letting us know that we are not alone."

And so, in the fall of 2021, our community embarked upon a project of renewal that would combine both Torah and community-wide creative expression. We commissioned Ariela Housman – one of the few female Torah scribes in the world – to write a new Torah scroll for Temple Beth Shalom. Since the inception of our **Sefer Torah Project** – led masterfully by **Bernice Sue Behar**, **Wendy Gutterson**, and **Rachel Happel** – *Soferet* Ariela has been with us numerous times to teach and to help hundreds of our TBS members – adults, teens, and children – share together in the mitzvah of writing a part of our new scroll. Heartfelt thanks to *Soferet* Ariela, our project leaders, those who served as Torah Guides, our professional team, and all those who participated in the scribing of our Torah through dedication of letters, words, or sections of the scroll!



in Torah and Community



On Sunday, May 5th, at 1:30 PM, with tremendous excitement, we will gather as a community for our formal celebration of the *Siyyum* - “completion” - of our new Torah!

It will be our own reaffirmation of covenant and of the power of community to endure even the most challenging of times. Our afternoon program will be fun-filled and will include spirited music, the penning of the final letters of the Torah scroll, and the presentation of the newly completed Torah scroll to our TBS community! This will be a historic moment in the life of our TBS community and will officially mark the beginning of a new chapter in the life of our congregation. I hope you will be able to join us!

Another Word of Heartfelt Thanks:

Emily, Liana, Jonah, and I are honored that the 20th anniversary of our being part of the TBS community is being celebrated during the same weekend as the dedication of our new Torah scroll! We are beyond grateful to all of those who have worked incredibly hard to make this weekend so special, including many outstanding lay leaders, volunteers, professional staff, educators, and my beloved clergy partners. Thanks also to you - our TBS community - for the profound blessing of allowing me to serve as your rabbi these past 20 years and for embracing our family as warmly as you have!



Siyyum & Celebration

Sunday, May 5, 1:30 pm

Celebrate the completion of our brand-new Torah scroll!

At this special *siyyum* (completion) ceremony, Soferet Ariela Housman will scribe the last few words of the scroll, we will hear the words of the scroll chanted for the first time, and we will honor those involved in the project.

Following this meaningful ceremony, we will have a joyful celebration with music, dancing, activities, and Torah-themed refreshments for all ages to enjoy.



Join us for this historic moment!
t-b-s.me/siyyum



The Energy of Activism

By Wendy Gutterson, Congregational President



If you've talked with me about my role as congregational president, you've likely heard me say "it's 95% joyous and 5% pretty good." While this is my usual response, it's anything but a canned answer. Rather, my response is so automatic because serving as Temple Beth Shalom president is nothing short of wonderful. I love my participation in services and programs, in planning and leading our board of trustees' meetings, and especially in watching our wonderful community grow, adapt, and continue to be the warm, vibrant temple I've always known.

Despite all the engaging programming and my love for our community, I will admit there are times when it's simply hard to show up. There's absolutely no issue once I arrive in the building; that's the easy part. The hard part is what David and I refer to as the "energy of activation." It's that extra effort to grab your coat after a long week, to come out of your warm house, and venture to TBS for Shabbat worship. It's the extra push you need to get up, maybe just a little bit early, to attend Torah study or a Sunday morning program. I must say, however, that every single time I've entered the building, I've been happy that I've participated in whatever it was that brought me to Temple Beth Shalom. This has been true from the early days as a young working mom choosing, at the end of a tiring work week, between getting my small daughters dressed in their temple clothes and heading out the door or changing into my own cozy clothing and relaxing in my home.

Over the years I've noticed that the "energy of activation" seems to apply only to things that might be considered optional. I never miss a board meeting or my planning time with Rabbi Jay and Rabbi Todd. I don't have to think twice about whether or not to participate in Finance Committee discussions or Sefer Torah planning. The items I schedule, the items I commit to, are easy. When others are counting on me, I show up.

For many of us, the events that require the "energy of activation" are the ones that are mostly for our own benefit. When it is something that is meant to bring us joy, to help us connect, to expand our knowledge, why is it somehow harder to show up? This decision to prioritize activities for me, while a lifelong struggle, is certainly made easier by belonging to Temple Beth Shalom. While many of us have joined TBS in order to access the Children's Center, for after-school Jewish education for our children, or for the High Holy Day Services, TBS has so much more to offer. As you ponder the calendar of events you'll find on the following pages, please consider if needing the "energy of activation" is preventing you from stepping in.

So, as I head into my final month as your congregational president, I'm asking you to put your shoes on, grab your coat, and enter into the Temple lobby. Once you're in the building, I promise you won't regret it.

L'Shalom,

Wendy



Celebrating Our Heritage

By Gary Goldman and Jessica Baim

On April 20, 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed that May would be Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM). An opportunity to celebrate the inspiring history of Jewish people in America, JAHM is meant to educate diverse public audiences about Jewish culture and spark crucial conversations about the American Jewish present and future. There have been Jews in America for more than 350 years, contributing to all walks of American life. JAHM pays tribute to the generations of Jewish Americans, representing all types of Jewish backgrounds (e.g., Ashkenazi, Beta Israel, Mizrahi, Orthodox, and Sephardic) who helped form the fabric of American history, culture, and society.

American Jews have influenced fields spanning the Arts, Politics, Sciences, Sports, Law, and Economics. They vary from Albert Einstein to Jonas Salk, from Ruth Bader Ginsburg to Ali Raisman, from Mark Zuckerberg to Leonard Bernstein, from Louis Brandeis to Henry Kissinger, from Irving Berlin to Bob Dylan, and from Isaac Bashevis Singer to Rachel Kadish.

From visiting a Jewish museum or historic synagogue to cooking Jewish food to volunteering for a Jewish organization, let's celebrate our unique heritage and contributions to the American people this year and every year going forward. Bring a friend (or friends!) to share our American Jewish experience right here at TBS on May 10 at Shabbat services. We'll have a Community Family Dinner before services at 5:30 PM, our Youth Choir will sing at services, and there will be a joyous oneg after. All are welcome! See page 11 for more details.

Fighting Antisemitism: The Three "D's"

The first "D" is the test of *demonization*. When the Jewish state is being demonized; when Israel's actions are blown out of all sensible proportion; when comparisons are made between Israelis and Nazis and between Palestinian refugee camps and Auschwitz - this is anti-Semitism, not legitimate criticism of Israel.

The second "D" is the test of *double standards*. When criticism of Israel is applied selectively; when Israel is singled out by the United Nations for human rights abuses while the behavior of known and major abusers, such as China, Iran, Cuba, and Syria, is ignored; when Israel's Magen David Adom, alone among the world's ambulance services, is denied admission to the International Red Cross - this is anti-Semitism.

The third "D" is the test of *delegitimization*. When Israel's fundamental right to exist is denied - alone among all peoples in the world - this too is anti-Semitism.

Natan Sharansky – Israeli politician, human rights activist, and former imprisoned Soviet refusenik



B. Mitzvah

Jordan Blaustein, Saturday, May 4

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Jordan loves to design and build, cube, spend time with friends and family, and hang out with his pets.

Mitzvah Project: Jordan is working to help the environment by cleaning and removing trash from Needham and surrounding areas.

Shayna Blaustein, Saturday, May 4

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Shayna loves all things creative, especially singing, acting, and crafts. She enjoys spending time with friends, family, and pets.

Mitzvah Project: Shayna is working to raise funds and collect needed supplies for animals in shelters.

Maxwell Kessler, Saturday, May 11

School: Dover Sherborn Middle School

Interests: Max loves playing soccer, is a big football fan, plays the drums, and loves nature and the outdoors.

Mitzvah Project: Max raised funds for the organization The Ocean Cleanup by designing and selling t-shirts, then donating all the profits.

Eliza Bello, Saturday, May 11

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Eliza loves dancing, participating in theatre productions at her school and camp, and is talented on the sewing machine.

Mitzvah Project: Eliza raised funds for Team IMPACT by selling pillows, bookmarks, and pouches that she sewed by hand.

Kobi Heffernan, Saturday, May 18

School: The Rashi School

Interests: Kobi loves all things sports - especially baseball, football, basketball, fantasy football, the Sox, and the Pats; his dog, Cami; and summers at Crane Lake Camp.

Mitzvah Project: Kobi is volunteering with Needham Challenger adaptive baseball program and the Pan-Mass Challenge Kids Ride to support Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Gabriella Rubin, Saturday, May 18

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Gabby enjoys ice skating, skiing, reading, baking for her family and friends, and cuddling with her two puppies!

Mitzvah Project: Gabby held a bake sale to raise funds to purchase books for kids in nearby communities.

Sidney Toffler, Saturday, May 18

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Sidney is a proud Needham Rockets baseball player. He also loves tennis, golf, fantasy football, ping pong, and dancing.

Mitzvah Project: Sidney is raising funds to build a well in Africa, which will provide clean water to communities in need.



Samantha Zeylikman, Saturday, May 25

School: Pollard Middle School

Interests: Sammy enjoys competitive swimming, baking, crafting, crocheting, and spending time with her friends.

Mitzvah Project: Sammy is crocheting stuffed animals to give and bring cheer to young children in the hospital.

Joseph Rosenberg, Monday, May 27

School: Wilson Middle School

Interests: Joey loves collecting baseball cards, playing baseball and basketball, and going to games at Fenway Park.

Mitzvah Project: Joey was supported in his bar mitzvah learning by Gateways: Access to Jewish Education Bar Mitzvah program.

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

May Highlights

May Community Dinner

Friday, May 3, 7:30 PM, TBS

Join us to celebrate the Perlman family and welcome Shabbat at our May Community Dinner following services. All are welcome at this joyful evening including a festive meal and opportunity to connect with friends.

Register: t-b-s.me/maydinner

Contact: Joelle Schatz at jschatz@tbsneedham.org

L'Chaim: Celebrating 20 Years with the Perlman Family

Saturday, May 4, 6:00 PM, TBS

On this very special night, we will celebrate the 20 years the Perlman Family has dedicated to our community thus far. It will be a joyous night filled with delicious food and beverage, music, dancing, auction items, and a few surprises along the way - and, as Rabbi Jay is an avid baseball fan, all with a nod to America's favorite pastime!

An online auction will feature exciting items: Red Sox tickets, Celtics tickets, theater tickets, and gift cards to local restaurants, breweries, and hotels; a Chihuly glass piece; art by various Israeli artists, including Kozo, Nir Davidson, and David Gerstein; and we are especially pleased to offer creative works from some of the artists in our own community.

L'Chaim is the largest fundraiser of the year for TBS. The proceeds from this event allow us to dream big, and your support helps to make those dreams a reality! Tickets for the in-person event are no longer available, but we invite you to participate in the silent auction.

Visit tbsneedham.org/celebratetbs for more information.

Contact: Joelle Schatz at jschatz@tbsneedham.org



May Highlights continued...

Walk for Hunger

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, offsite

Calling all walkers! Join Team TBS for our fourth annual Project Bread Walk for Hunger, at Needham's own Cutler Park. Connect with old and new friends while doing a mitzvah and fighting food insecurity. This year, this event will be extra special as a part of our celebration honoring 20 years with the Perlman Family! Come between 10 AM and 12 PM. We will build community and raise funds to support JF&CS Family Table and food pantries throughout Massachusetts. Bring the kids, a friend, the dog, and your water bottle and walk as far as you desire while being part of this special event. The entire loop is 1.6 miles long. All ages welcome, under 15 with an adult.



Register: t-b-s.me/walkforhunger

contact: Social Action at socialaction@tbsneedham.org

Celebration Weekend Luncheon

Sunday, May 5, 12:30-1:30 PM, TBS

Join us for a casual lunchtime gathering between the Walk for Hunger and the Sefer Torah Siyyum surrounded by good food and good friends.

Register: t-b-s.me/luncheon

Contact: Joelle Schatz at jschatz@tbsneedham.org

Sefer Torah Siyyum (Completion)

Sunday, May 5, 1:30-4:00 PM, TBS

Help celebrate the completion of our exciting new Torah scroll!

In October 2021, the TBS community joined together to complete the 613th commandment by engaging *Soferet* Ariela Housman to scribe a Torah scroll. This has truly been a community endeavor, with hundreds of TBS members of all ages supporting and participating in the scribing process. At our *Siyyum*, *Soferet* Ariela will scribe the last few words of the scroll, we will hear it chanted for the first time, and we will honor those involved in the project. Following this meaningful ceremony, we will have a joyful celebration with klezmer music, dancing, and Torah-themed refreshments for all ages to enjoy.

Register: t-b-s.me/siyyum

Contact: Rachel Happel at rhappel@tbsneedham.org



Needham Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Sunday, May 5, 7:15 PM, TBS

How Nazi Germany's Destruction of Jewish Businesses Lives On in One Family

TBS member David Gumpert chronicles a journey of family discovery that begins in 1934 in the small German city of Darmstadt. Three members of his family — his grandfather, a great uncle, and a cousin — were tough, hard-charging business owners in a country where 50% or more of the Jewish men owned their own businesses. Suddenly they were face-to-face with a government singularly focused on destroying their businesses — through criminal prosecution, media defamation, and boycotts. He describes his years-long search for their stories to help fill in a side of the Holocaust era that isn't well known or understood and that has important implications for Jews today.



David co-authored *Inge: A Girl's Journey Through Nazi Europe*, a memoir about his aunt's journey as a teenager to escape the Nazis in Belgium, France, and Switzerland. He has written other books about entrepreneurship and small business management, as well as about food politics. He and his family have been members of Temple Beth Shalom for the past 40 years.

Register: t-b-s.me/yomhashoah

Contact: Rabbi Jay at jperlman@tbsneedham.org

Havdalah Rosh Chodesh

Tuesday, May 7, 7:15-8:15 PM, TBS

Please join TBS Sisterhood for our Rosh Chodesh celebration with Rabbi Elyse. Rosh Chodesh has long been considered a special holiday for women and a time for women to gather. We will celebrate the new moon and the new month.

Register: t-b-s.me/roshchodesh

Contact: Sisterhood at sisterhood@tbsneedham.org



Shabbat Celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month

Friday, May 10, Family Dinner: 5:30 PM, Erev Shabbat Services: 6:15 PM, Oneg: 7:45 PM, TBS

Join us for this very special Shabbat in celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month. Bring a non-Jewish friend and share some of what makes our traditions so joyful! We will begin the evening with a festive family dinner featuring all your favorite classic "Shabbat Dinner" items. Following a lively service, accessible for non-Jewish guests, we will have a special oneg with traditional Jewish treats. For a little history on Jewish American Heritage Month, see page 7. Please register so we can have enough food for everyone.

Registration: t-b-s.me/JAHM

Contact: Jessica Baim at jbaim@tbsneedham.org

Partakers College Behind Bars Presentation

Wednesday, May 15, 7:30-9:00 PM, TBS

"To open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness." (Isaiah 42:7)

Join TBS's Adult Learning and Tzedek committees, in partnership with First Parish Church of Needham, for a panel discussion about College Behind Bars, a program of Partakers. Partakers is a local non-profit organization that pairs mentors with incarcerated men and women earning college degrees through Tufts, Emerson, BC, and BU.

Following the presentation, we will have a Q&A with current mentors and two special guests, David Delvalle and Kentel Weaver, who began their Tufts degrees while incarcerated, have been released, and are currently on-campus students! See Boston Globe article: "Tufts University celebrates class of incarcerated graduates at MCI-Concord"

Would You Consider Becoming a Mentor?

Working in teams of two to four people per student, mentors write and visit students in pairs once a month in a secure, open visiting room. Mentors also check in via email, letters, or video calls. Mentors provide encouragement, support, and occasional research. No academic tutoring required!

Register: t-b-s.me/partakers

Contact: Deena Mesnick Siegel at tzedek@tbsneedham.org



May Highlights continued...

Sisterhood Novels at Night

Wednesday, May 15, 7:30-9:30 PM, offsite

Spring is here and as our thoughts turn to warmer weather, please join us for our final installment of Novels at Night, where we will be discussing *Florence Adler Swims Forever* by Rachel Beanland. Bring your thoughts, opinions, questions, and insights about our book. If you have never made it to Novels at Night, don't let that dissuade you from joining us. Each time, we have new and returning attendees.



Register: t-b-s.me/NovelsatNight The address will be emailed to you the night before the event.

Contact: TBS Sisterhood at sisterhood@tbsneedham.org

TBS Brotherhood Community Blood Drive

Sunday, May 19, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM, TBS

Continuing our *minhag* (tradition), TBS Brotherhood is pleased to announce our annual May blood drive. We will once again be serving the traditional bagels and lox feast, as well as sweet treats and individually wrapped snacks, along with lots of love and heartfelt appreciation.

To donate blood: t-b-s.me/giveblood

To volunteer: t-b-s.me/bloodvolunteer

Contact: donateblood@tbsneedham.org or brotherhood@tbsneedham.org



TBS Brotherhood Annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

Sunday, May 19, 6:30-10:30 PM, TBS

For one night only, a part of TBS transforms into a little bit of Vegas (or maybe Everett). And as we all know, what happens at TBS stays at TBS. So, join your TBS brothers for a festive dinner and the gritty competition of elimination poker.

Your \$60 entry fee covers dinner and a generous prize pool. Please register by May 17th to reserve your seat at the table. You do not want to miss out on this fun event.

Register: t-b-s.me/BHPoker

Deadline: May 17

Contact: brotherhood@tbsneedham.org



TBS Tzedek Launches "Get Out the Vote 2024"

Monday, May 20, 7:00-8:00 PM, Online

This online information and planning meeting launches the TBS Get Out the Vote 2024 Postcard Campaign coordinated with RAC's "Every Voice Every Vote campaign." TBS members write postcards to specific people in states where voter registration is low; each card notes when and where to register and gives links to more voter information. Social media outreach to college students and young adults provides non-partisan information on an interactive site developed by the League of Women Voters and includes direct voter registration, information about absentee voting, and national, state, and local candidates.

If you are interested in participating in Get Out the Vote 2024 activities beginning late Aug/early Sept but are unable to participate in the planning meeting, contact Harriet Goldin.

Register: t-b-s.me/gotv

Contact: Harriett Goldin at tzedek@tbsneedham.org



Sisterhood Spring Dinner

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30-9:00 PM, TBS

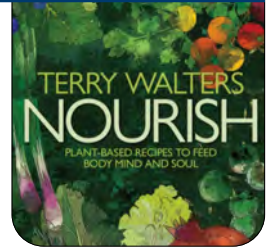
Join us for our Annual Spring Dinner to celebrate our fabulous year! Nourish your Body, Mind, and Soul with delicious food. Terry Walters, bestselling author of cookbook *Nourish* will share tips and tricks for eating well and taking care of ourselves.

Register: t-b-s.me/springdinner

Deadline: May 10

Cost: \$30

Contact: TBS Sisterhood at sisterhood@tbsneedham.org



Got Stress? Meditation Techniques to Help

Wednesday, May 29, 7:15-8:30 PM, TBS

Want to feel better and do better? There are so many ways to take care of our health, and while there is no ONE way, we often overlook what's always with us: our body, mind, and breath. This is where the practice of meditation comes in. Join yoga and meditation teacher Stephanie Javaheri. Learn exactly what meditation is, the science behind meditation, benefits of meditation, and tips for starting a meditation practice. Stephanie has been a practitioner of yoga and meditation for more than 20 years and has taught in various settings such as corporations, hospitals, religious institutions, and studios. She loves to share the practices of yoga and meditation to help others see that meditation may cause extreme happiness!

Register: t-b-s.me/stressrelief

Contact: Adult Learning at adultlearning@tbsneedham.org



Recurring Events

Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Thursday, May 2, 7:15-9:15 PM, TBS

Join other Sisterhood members on the first Thursday of the month for Mah Jongg. New and seasoned players are welcome!

Register: t-b-s.me/mahjongg

Contact: Holli Bassin and Abby Harmon at sisterhood@tbsneedham.org

Pre-Shabbat Yoga

Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 9:00-10:00 AM, TBS

Step into spring with strength, balance and alignment through the practice of yoga. Join experienced yoga teacher Stephanie Javaheri for a weekly mindful yoga “work in” to cultivate awareness physically and mentally. Feel better in your body and your mind. Slow physical movement, breathwork, and meditation blend together in this 1-hour class.

Drop in at TBS for the in-person class, or join in via Zoom; no registration is necessary.

Drop in: t-b-s.me/preshabbatyoga

Contact: Stephanie Javaheri at sjavaheri@mac.com



Recurring Events continued...

Finding Our Jewish Values in the Torah

Saturdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 9:15-10:15 AM, TBS

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

Join us in person at TBS or drop in online at t-b-s.me/findingvalues

Contact: Jessica Baim at jbaim@tbsneedham.org



Israeli Dancing

Mondays, May 6, 13, 20, June 3, 10, 17, 24, 7:00-8:30 PM, TBS

Join Emily Perlman for a wonderful Israeli dance experience. Israeli dance is a great way to engage the culture of Israel and the Jewish people through music and movement. This is an 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.

Cost: \$5 per session, paid when you attend.

Contact: Emily Perlman at eperlman@tbsneedham.org



Panim el Panim/Face to Face - A Special Discussion Series with Israelis

May 9, June 2, 12:00-1:00 PM, Online

For many years, Congregation Mevasseret Zion (CMZ), a progressive community outside Jerusalem, has been Temple Beth Shalom's "sister congregation." When this program was originally created, the ongoing topic for conversation was to be the Israeli judicial reform proposals. With the current crisis in Israel, we will now be supporting our Israeli partners as they struggle during war. Each month, we will gather via Zoom in a conversation facilitated by Rabbi Jay and Rabbi Alona Nir Keren of CMZ.

Register: t-b-s.me/panim

Contact: Rabbi Perlman at jperlman@tbsneedham.org

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

Fridays, May 10, June 7, 9:15-9:45 AM, TBS parking lot

We are back for our fourth year of this popular TBS Social Action mitzvah project! We look forward to your participation as we donate bag lunches and breakfast foods to homeless shelters in the Father Bill's network of shelters in Brockton. This is a great project to do individually or as a family!

Participate in this mitzvah every month and help us provide 100 bagged lunches and lots of breakfast foods needed to help feed guests at these homeless shelters! Donate any of the following: bag lunches, case(s) of water, package(s) of juice boxes, bottle(s) of condiments, and a variety of breakfast items including muffins, individual size cereal boxes, yogurts, fruit cups, or ground coffee. We will be ready to unload your items from your car as you drive up.

Can't make it to the collection? No problem! Non-perishable donations may be dropped at a Needham address prior to the collection day by emailing us and signing up for your donation. Thank you for helping to feed the stranger.

Register: t-b-s.me/baglunch

Contact: Linda Hill at socialaction@tbsneedham.org



Sisterhood Canasta

Thursday, May 16, 7:15-9:15 PM, TBS

Join other Sisterhood members on the third Thursday of the month for Canasta. Seasoned players are welcome!

Register: t-b-s.me/canasta

Contact: Holli Bassin at sisterhood@tbsneedham.org

Save the Date

ConNEXTions Red Sox Game

Sunday, June 2, 1:30-5:30 PM, offsite

ConNEXTions is going to Fenway Park and watching the Red Sox take on the Detroit Tigers! Grab your tickets before they run out by registering. We look forward to spending a day at the ballpark with our ConNEXTions Community! Temple Beth Shalom is subsidizing the cost of this event to reduce the price for all. If you require additional financial assistance in order to participate, please be in touch with Rabbi Todd at tmarkley@tbsneedham.org.

TBS ConNEXTions ("connections") is a sub-group of the TBS community focused on engaging adults in their 40's-60's in Jewish life on their own terms and for their own benefit. While, for many, early years of involvement in the community are marked by time spent for and with children, there comes a time to ask, "What's next?" This group provides adults opportunities for fun, time with friends, learning, and doing good in our world. Want to learn more or get involved? Contact us at connections@tbsneedham.org.

Register: t-b-s.me/redsox

Cost: \$30 per ticket

Contact: Craig Lustig and Lori Shaer at connections@tbsneedham.org

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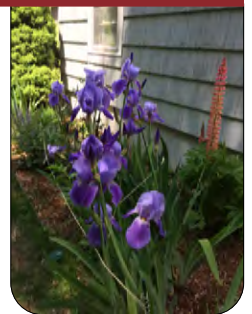
Gardens in New England

Tuesday, June 4, 7:15-8:45 PM, TBS

Jana Milbocker, a local garden designer, will present a slide program on special gardens to visit in New England. She has written a valuable guide to gardens and nurseries throughout New England that you can take with you as you view beautiful gardens in the area. Check out her website: EnchantedGardensDesign.com. Hope to see you there!

Cost: Garden Club members: free. Guests: \$10.

Contact: Carol Gershman at gardenclub@tbsneedham.org



Save the Date continued...

Brotherhood BBQ

Thursday, June 6, 6:00-9:00 PM, offsite

See old friends *panim el panim* (face to face), make new friends, and enjoy a traditional backyard BBQ with all the fixin's. Beer and soft drinks will be served, all to the accompaniment of musical entertainment by Theophonic Haze, aka The Official Purim Band. Bring your guitar, mandolin, banjo, or zither if you want to sit in with the band!

Bring a chair and pray for sun. Rain date is Thursday, June 20th.

Register: t-b-s.me/brotherhoodbbq

Contact: Brotherhood at brotherhood@tbsneedham.org



Koleinu Concert

Sunday, June 9, 7:30-9:00 PM, TBS

Koleinu, Boston's Jewish Community Chorus, returns to Temple Beth Shalom in concert with Cantor DJ Fortine! This season, Koleinu is featuring new repertoire and past favorites from women composers, including TBS's own Sarah Riskind. Join us for an exciting and spirited evening of music and community!

Register: t-b-s.me/koleinu

Contact: Jessica Baim at jbaim@tbsneedham.org

Jewish Boston: A Ride through History with Daniel Dain

Sunday, June 9, 9:30-11:30 AM, TBS

In his new work, *The History of Boston*, local author Daniel Dain explores the rich panorama of the city's political, ethnic, and social history, from the arrival of the Puritans, through the American Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, the civil rights and other political movements, to the dynamic cityscape of today.

In his visit to TBS, Daniel will focus specifically on the Jewish aspects of Boston's history, including such topics as the first Jewish colonialists, the immigration of Central European Jews in the 1840s, the establishment of the first synagogues and cemeteries, Jewish settlement in the "South End" and the growth of the Garment District, the immigration wave of the 1880s, the Jewish exodus from Mattapan and Dorchester to the outer suburbs, and the arrival of Jews from the former Soviet Union. He will also discuss the history of antisemitism in Boston, including the late 1930s diatribes of Father Coughlin (which led to violent, local attacks by the Christian Front), Jewish/Christian reconciliation, and the latest protests against Israel on area campuses.

Daniel Dain, Esq., was born in Boston and grew up in Newton. He writes and lectures widely on land use law and urban planning and is the founder and president of the law firm Dain Torpy. Among his many professional and civic associations, he is a board member of the Vilna Shul in Boston. He lives in Needham with his wife and two children.

Brought to you by the TBS Antisemitism Awareness Initiative and the Adult Learning Committee. Refreshments will be served.

Register: t-b-s.me/historyride

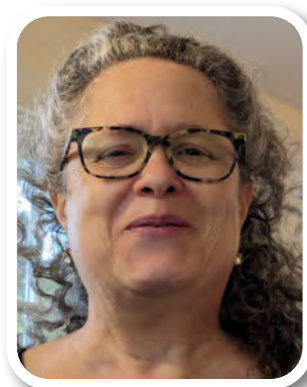
Contact: ASAI at asai@tbsneedham.org



Chesed: Helping and Kvelling at TBS

By Mindy Pasco-Anderson

In times of need and in times of celebration, our Chesed program expresses how much our community cares. Chesed is an opportunity for all of us to volunteer to provide compassionate care for others in our community. The following is just a short list of many of the ways Chesed plans to reach out this year. Perhaps you'll find something you'd like to do. If so, please let us know!



- Birth of a new baby: make mazel tov calls and deliver a baby basket with a hand-knit blanket and other goodies.
- Birth of a grandchild: send mazel tov cards.
- B. Mitzvah: plant a tree in Israel in the name of the B. Mitzvah student.
- Wedding: for couples married at TBS, provide a gift of a honey pot to the newlyweds.
- Loss of a loved one: offer condolences from the community and a meal during *sh'loshim*, deliver a gift of honey at Rosh Hashanah..
- Loss of a pet: send sympathy cards.
- In need: deliver home-cooked or purchased meals. Provide rides for local Jewish seniors to attend Shabbat or High Holy Day services.
- Illness: make check-in calls and (as needed) offer a hand-knit Caring Wrap, small gift for a sick or injured child, and meals.
- Education: Chesed provides educational programs about life-cycle events such as end-of-life considerations.

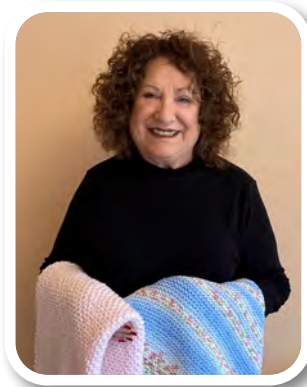
Helping your fellow Temple members can be as direct as providing one specific, time-bound task. Deliver, call, visit, cook, knit, shop – it's up to you. Choose from among the many ways Chesed reaches out, and begin making a difference – one person at a time! And please know that you will be reimbursed for the cost of meals you purchase. To help, contact Mindy Pasco-Anderson at chesed@tbsneedham.org.

If you or someone you know is in need of support and/or comfort – or you know of a birth, wedding, or other simcha in the community – please contact either Rabbi Jay (jperلمان@tbsneedham.org), Rabbi Todd (tmarkley@tbsneedham.org) or Rabbi Elyse (epincusabrahams@tbsneedham.org).

The Joy of Delivering Baby Baskets

By Beverlee Bookman

I first became involved in Chesed several years ago. When I learned about all the wonderful mitzvahs this committee does for the TBS community, I wanted to become a committee member right away. As soon as I heard that there was an opportunity to visit and welcome the newest members of TBS, young families with babies, I volunteered immediately! To each one, I deliver a beautiful gift package, which includes a baby blanket knitted by our very own “knitting mavens.” I find it so gratifying to be the first part of a family's journey with Temple Beth Shalom.



Shiva Support

By Liv Nash

I have been involved with Temple activities for over 12 years now. Having been on the Board of Trustees and co-chair of the Membership Committee, I recall that I was approached by someone on the Chesed Committee to assist with shiva coverage when I had finished my duties as financial secretary.

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A Scroll Through Time

By Joe Marcus and Joni Burstein

A group of TBS volunteers comprise the Archives Committee, which preserves and shares historic Temple artifacts including documents, photographs, and audio and video recordings. A current project of the Archives Committee involves the digitization of printed material. Digitizing past issues of the *Scroll* not already available on the TBS website revealed a walk back in time, including old covers like the one adorning this issue and these pages.



Gary Goldman (left), co-chair of the Archives Committee, and Joe Marcus, Archives Committee and Scroll Editorial Board member, scanning one of the Scrolls.



Mysteries of Ancient Scrolls

To a casual observer, the *Scroll* starts a new volume each September and numbers the issues from 1 to 10 between September and June. This month is Volume 51 issue 9, but we know the congregation is more than 50 years old. That led the Archivists to hypothesize that the publication was renamed *Scroll* 50 years ago. That seems plausible, perhaps, until you actually see that it has been called the *Scroll* since the summer of 1953.

So how did we get to this point? Archival archeology uncovered the answer: we had more than one volume 1! As best we can tell, there was a volume 1 in 1953 as well as in 1959, and our current volume 1 was published in 1973.

Rabbi's Message

Brethren, if not the most important Jewish festival is certainly the most dramatic: it marks the beginning of our people as a nation. It inaugurates the Jewish, its message to one for all men at this—**PHOENIX**.

This year's Festival falls during a time of great public school, hence these should be an "outlet of interest" and we hope to see an extremely large attendance at Passover morning, normally on Saturday, April 13. There will be services at the conclusion of the festival on Thursday evening, April 12, at which time Yotzer (memorial) prayers will also be recited.

Rebels urge people to practice some discipline in their lives. I think some members of our congregation should consider for the duration of the festival from setting any formal and unbusinesslike party, of course, a beautiful spirit can pervade the home, the more the practice. Each family should participate in a Seder and there are some excellent suggestions which will make the Seder a most enjoyable and profitable affair at the same time.

Happy Holidays.
Yours,
Ernest B. Sacred
(Available in the Temple Secretary's Office)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, March 2	8:15 PM
Shabbat (Rescheduled from February 10)	
Saturday, March 3	10:00 AM
Shabbat at Robert Baker	
Friday, March 10	8:15 PM
Shabbat	
Saturday, March 11	11:00 AM
Shabbat	
Friday, March 12	8:15 PM
Shabbat	
Saturday, March 13	11:00 AM
Shabbat	
Friday, March 14	8:15 PM
Shabbat	
Saturday, March 15	11:00 AM
Shabbat	
Friday, March 16	8:15 PM
Shabbat	
Saturday, March 17	11:00 AM
Shabbat	

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK: AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

By Rabbi Isaac M. Stein

March 28 our services began promptly at 8:30 PM, and in the Omer Shabbat which follows.

You and I have worked very closely with one another these past years, spending considerable time together in following up on various concerns, problems, educational endeavors, programs, and other situations. As we have shared burdens and sorrows, so let us now share the joy of a milestone in the Jewish Community when two congregations, traditional and liberal, meet, study, work, worship, cooperate, seek counsel, and celebrate together in brotherhood and harmony.

I look forward to the privilege of sharing my Pulpit with you, with warm regards, I remain,

Faithfully yours,
RABBI DR. ISAAC M. STEIN
Rabbi Dr. Isaac M. Stein
Temple Beth Shalom
1064 Central Avenue
Needham, Massachusetts 02464
February 13, 1978
Dear Rabbi Korff:
On behalf of the officers and members of Temple Beth Shalom, it is my special privilege to accept your thoughtful invitation to worship at one congregation at Temple Beth Shalom on Shabbat evening, March 24th.

On that occasion we will have the opportunity to wish you and your Temple members our kindest regards and best wishes as you begin your new year at Temple Beth Shalom.

I, too, for my part, considerate words concerning the friendship that you and I share. This is a unique responsibility to be the spiritual leaders in congregations of diverse, many of whom regard their

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Saturday, April 1 11:00 AM
Bar Mitzvah: William Kaplan
Friday, April 7 8:15 PM
Guest Speaker: Martin Goodman
"Action Now For Soviet Jewry"

Saturday, April 8 11:00 AM
Bar Mitzvah: Judith Maron

Friday, April 14 8:15 PM
Interfaith Sabbath With A Demonstration Passover- Seider

Saturday, April 15 11:00 AM
Bar Mitzvah: Eric Strawson

Friday, April 21 8:00 PM
Sabbath Eve Service
Passover begins at sunset - First Seder

Saturday, April 22 11:00 AM
Sabbath Service - First Morning of Passover

Thursday, April 27 7:00 PM
Passover Family Service
Last Evening - Pottery - Yizkor

Friday, April 28 8:30 PM
Sabbath Eve Service
Sabbath Youth Group Creative Service

Saturday, April 29 11:00 AM
Bar Mitzvah: Hilary Waxman

SABBATH CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

April 7	8:01
April 14	8:14
April 21	8:26
April 28	8:39

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK: IT'S TIME TO JOIN ARZA

By Rabbi Rivon W. Slavkin

In recent months I have shared the information that our congregation has received concerning the newly established Association of Reform Zonists of America. With the arrival of the application forms a few weeks ago, the time has come for each of us to consider our individual commitment to this organization.

ARZA was established by an overwhelming vote of the USARZ General Assembly, November 21, 1977. Prior to the vote, a heated controversy of just a few months entailed more than 12,000 members. ARZA represents a forthright statement of conviction that the time has come for the American Reform Jewish Community to work to maintain and secure the rights of those Reform Jews who live in Israel. For eighty years, only the Orthodox group has been so duty-organized, thereby ensuring a place within the councils of the World Zionist Organization where its voice could be heard and where decisions favorable to strengthening Orthodox hegemony were made.

Because of such organizational strength today, the Orthodox establishment denies Reform Jews the right to perform marriages, funerals, and conversions. The Israel Rabbinic Conference has been refused land on which to build a new synagogue. And in recent months, the Orthodox are again seeking to amend the Law of Return, which, if successful, would bar Reform converts from identifying with the Jewish people. Especially during this month when we consider again Passover's message of freedom for our people, it is without recognize the effort being made by ARZA to come to the aid of those Reform Jews who choose to identify with the Re-

form Jewish institutions already established in Israel.

At the World Zionist Congress held in Jerusalem in February, for the first time our Reform Movement was officially represented by 9 delegates who in turn represented more than five and a half percent of the total votes in the recently held Zionist assembly. Leading ARZA's delegation were Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, its chairman, and Rabbi Alexander H. Schneider, president of the USARZ.

Now is the time to join ARZA. The annual dues (\$10.00 - individual, \$15.00 - couple, \$5.00 - student) are used entirely in support of ARZA's programs and projects.

Please call the Temple office for more information and for the Membership Application Form.

EDITOR'S NOTE - With this edition, I take over the editorial and administrative reins of the Scroll from Dave Wilson, who so ably handled them for the past several years. It is my hope that the Scroll will become a more valuable instrument of communication among the members of our congregation.

I hope the new design, which was so creatively produced by Ms. Sharon Fisher, a member of my secreted art staff at the Phoenix, is only the first step in accomplishing this goal. I am confident that the Scroll is the congregation's, and, therefore, your suggestions and contributions are welcomed. We have a Newsletter Box at the Temple - the deadline for each issue remains the 30th of the preceding month - 90 days before you receive it.

Stephen H. Minton
Editor

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, August 31 11:00 A.M.
Sabbath Service
Bar Mitzvah: SHARON RAPIKIN

Friday, September 6 7:45 P.M.
Sabbath Service
Board of Trustees Installation

Saturday, September 7 11:00 A.M.
Sabbath Service
Bar Mitzvah: MATTHEW KELLER

Sabbath Service 10:00 P.M.
(Social Hour at 9:30 P.M.)

Friday, September 13 7:45 P.M.
Sabbath Service
Bar Mitzvah: MARA HATPOFSKY

Sunday, September 15 7 and 9 P.M.
Eve of Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 16 9 and 11 A.M.
ROSH HASHANAH (First Day)
Vesper Service 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, September 17 10:00 A.M.
ROSH HASHANAH (Second Day)

Friday, September 20 7:45 P.M.
Sabbath of Repentance

Saturday, September 21 11:00 A.M.
Sabbath Service
Bar Mitzvah: NANCY MANDEL

Tuesday, September 24 7 and 9 P.M.
KID RUSH

Wednesday, September 25 9 and 11:15 A.M.
YOM KIPPUR (Morning Services)
Musaf 1:15 P.M.
Family Service 2:00 P.M.
Colloquy 3:00 P.M.

(With the participation of Prof. David Wyman, author of *The Abolishment of the Jews*)
Mishnah, Yizkor, Tefillah, Havdalah 4:15 P.M.

Friday, September 27 7:45 P.M.
Sabbath Service
Bar Mitzvah: DAVID MARRAS

Sunday, September 29 7:45 P.M.
Sabbath Service
Eve of SODOT (Family Service)

Monday, September 30 10:30 A.M.
SODOT Morning Service
(At Temple Beth Jewish
45 Puddingstone Lane, Newton Centre)

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE
PROVIDES
PROFESSOR DAVID S. WYMAN
AUTHOR OF
ABANDONMENT OF THE JEWS
YOM KIPPUR COLLOQUY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
3:00 P.M.

RABBI AND MRS. SONENSHIN'S OPEN HOUSE

On Monday, September 16, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, from 2:30 - 3:00 p.m., Rabbi and Mrs. Sonenshin will be having an Open House at their home at 79 Highgate Street to which the congregation is cordially invited.

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Friday, September 2 8:15 PM
(Guest speaker)
Family Shabbat Service
Rabi Hershkowitz

Monday, September 5 8:00 PM
(Guest speaker)
Rabi Hershkowitz - Evening Service
Rabi Hershkowitz - Evening Service

Tuesday, September 6 9 & 11 AM
Rabi Hershkowitz - Morning Service
Rabi Hershkowitz - Evening Service

Wednesday, September 7 10:00 AM
Rabi Hershkowitz - Morning Service

Friday, September 9 7:45 PM
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah: JEFFREY TANNOR

Saturday, September 10 11:00 AM
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah: JEFFREY TANNOR

Wednesday, September 14 7 & 9:30 AM
(Guest speaker)
Kol Hanefesh

Tuesday, September 15 9 & 11:30 AM
Yom Kippur Morning Service
Musaf Service (led by BRSTY)

Friday, September 16 8:15 PM
Kol Hanefesh
Yom Kippur Evening Service
Cantorial - Cantorial Soloist
Yom Kippur - Tefillah, Havdalah

Sunday, September 17 7:45 PM
Shabbat Service

Monday, September 18 7:45 PM
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah: MICHAEL SANDERS

Friday, September 23 7:45 PM
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah: MICHAEL SANDERS

Monday, September 26 7:45 PM
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah: MICHAEL SANDERS

Friday, September 30 7:45 PM
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah: MICHAEL SANDERS

Monday, October 3 7:45 PM
Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah: MICHAEL SANDERS

Dear Friends,
I am writing these words in the middle of June for the September Scroll. By the time you read this letter, summer will be in full swing and we will be ready to welcome the fall. I hope you had a good summer and are now eager to get involved in your activities with new energy and renewed devotion.

The month of September and the corresponding Jewish month of Tishrei are rich with all kinds of commitments - Public school, religious school, extra-curricular programs, family obligations, three different Jewish holidays, not to mention work and professional demands - these and others will inevitably compel us to re-evaluate our schedules in order to accommodate them in our busy lives. I hope we will also take some time to look at ourselves and at each other's lives. How do we manage to take account of our own lives? How do we manage to do just that? A few years ago, a colleague of mine proposed a list of questions that each of us needs to ask at this time of the year. Among them are:

What was your greatest achievement this last year?
What was your greatest disappointment this last year?
What is the last year brought you the most joy? The most regret?
When did you fight this last year, and are you sorry for it?
What are you doing to make this coming year a better one?
The year is gone for ever. We cannot alter it. But we charge ourselves as we prepare to welcome the new year. A happy and a healthy one for each and every one of us.

Rabbi Ajay Sonenshin, Ph.D.

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Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood Spring Rummage Sale

Sunday, June 2 - 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, June 3 - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Bag Sale
Drop-off - Sunday, June 2
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Simon Hall

Sisterhood needs your donations and assistance. Please call to volunteer!

(Please, no broken or damaged items.)
Baby and infant accessories are no longer accepted, but baby clothing is welcome.
No undergarments will be accepted.
No computers or monitors, unless they are new.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Bonnie Litman: 781-449-8793 or bonlit@gmail.com

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Seeking Torah & Haftarah Readers for the High Holy Days

Do you enjoy reading? Have you ever read to one of our Torah or Haftarah readers? Do you ever wonder what it would be like to read Torah or Haftarah during the High Holy Days? If you are interested in becoming a reader, please contact Rabbi Rivon Slavkin at 781-449-8793 or rslavkin@templebethshalom.org if you are interested. I look forward to hearing from you. Rabbi Rivon Slavkin

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RUMMAGE SALE

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood Spring Rummage Sale
Drop-off - Sunday, June 8
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Simon Hall

Sale Sunday, June 8: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Bag Sale Monday, June 9: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sisterhood needs your donations and assistance. Costume and better jewelry is also welcome. Please call to volunteer!

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A Modern-Day Dilemma

With a nod to numerology, we ponder: Do we begin renumbering, calling the September 2024 issue Volume 72 rather than Volume 52? There is no Talmudic precedent, and in-depth scouring of the book of Numbers betrayed a plethora of lessons but none on this topic. What will the decision be? Watch your mailbox in late August and find out!

Art In Bloom 2024



*Maisie Berger, Title: Blind Contour Portrait,
Floral Arranger: Lauren Kinghorn*



*Naomi Fleegler, Title: AP Photography,
Floral Arranger: Jane Brand**



*Maytal Kramer, Title: Art 1,
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It was a time when I was going back to work while my husband and I raised our two children. I needed something that didn't require a lot of time, but something that would have meaning, something that would satisfy my desire to give back to the community.

As part of the "Shiva Team," I contact families who have experienced a loss and offer not only condolences on behalf of the Chesed Committee and the Temple, but also comfort just by reaching out to let the individual or family know that they are in our thoughts and that we are there for their support. A meal for the family is also offered.

The past couple of years have been different due to COVID - phone calls or emails were made and, unfortunately, meals could not be delivered. Despite this, families were so appreciative of our contact - just letting them know that we are here for them to either talk about their loved one or to simply hear a voice from their Temple community letting them know that we

recognize their loss. A mitzvah such as this not only provides the intended recipient with a "hug," it provides the member providing it with one as well.

Today we are once again able to provide meals to our members. Part of my role is to offer a meal to the family to be delivered at a time that works best for them. I typically purchase a roasted chicken, vegetables, fruit for dessert, and maybe a challah, and then deliver the meal to the home. It is a simple task that provides immeasurable comfort to a family in need of compassion and time to mourn.

Returning the Kindness: Meals for Those Injured or Ill

By Peggy Gassman

As an active TBS member, I knit baby blankets, healing wraps, and hats for Israeli soldiers. But the easiest and least time-consuming role I fulfill is to provide meals to individuals or families who are experiencing an injury or illness. Meals can be store-bought or home-cooked and the expense is reimbursed by the Chesed Committee. My family was a recipient of meals when I was being treated for a serious illness. People were so generous and thoughtful at the time. I hoped that one day I would be able to reciprocate. For many years now, I have been providing meals to those in need when asked. This simple task gives me the opportunity to realize how my effort can make a difference at such a time. 🕯️



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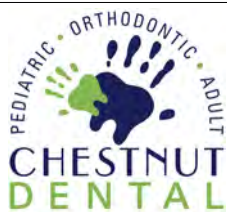
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