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## Making Friends - A Jewish Value Starts Early

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A close-up photograph of a young girl with brown hair, smiling and peeking from behind a white surface. She is wearing a light-colored, textured sweater. To her right, the arm and shoulder of a person wearing a blue and white checkered shirt are visible.

## A Collection of Stories and Holocaust Remembrances

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From the Editorial Board

## We Must Never Forget

The concept of history’s possibly repeating itself may feel more threatening now than ever before. Holocaust survivors are few and far between as the years distance us from the atrocities and murders. It is incumbent on each of us to continue to tell their stories to every generation.

November 9 and 10, 2018, mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kristallnacht (literally, “Night of Crystal”), the wave of violent anti-Jewish pogroms which took place throughout Germany, annexed Austria, and areas of Czechoslovakia occupied by German troops. The rioters destroyed 267 synagogues, and up to 30,000 Jewish males were arrested and transferred from local prisons to Dachau, Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen, and other concentration camps. Kristallnacht figures as an essential turning point in Nazi Germany’s persecution of Jews.

In this issue, we hear from some who survived that persecution and some who are alive today thanks to their parents’ miraculous escapes, physical and inner tenacity amidst the horrors, and Schicksal (fate). We hear as well from congregants whose firsthand familiarity with the Holocaust expanded through their recent visits to Eastern Europe. To expand your own knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust, visit our Library, guided by the book ideas you’ll find in this issue.

We dedicate this Scroll to all who were affected by the horrors of the past. That can, and must, in some way include each and every one of us.

*By Joni Burstein and Jeff Ogilvie on behalf of the Scroll Editorial Board*



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.

# NOVEMBER 2018 SERVICES

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 (25 CHESHVAN 5779)**

6:15 PM — Tot *Shabbat* (Sanctuary)  
 7:15 PM — Contemplative *Shabbat* Service (*Beit Midrash*)  
 7:15 PM — *Simchat Shabbat* Service (Sanctuary)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 (25 CHESHVAN 5779)**

*Torah: Chayei Sarah*, Gen. 23:1 — 25:18  
 8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (*Beit Midrash*)  
 9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (*Beit Midrash*)  
 9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in *Torah*  
 (Large Conference Room)  
 11:00 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Sanctuary)  
*Bat Mitzvah*: Mia O’Neill

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 (2 KISLEV 5779)**

6:15 PM — Kehillah Kids *Shabbat* Service (*Beit Midrash*)  
 7:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Sanctuary)  
 Honoring Our Veterans

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 (2 KISLEV 5779)**

*Torah: Toldot*, Gen. 25:19 — 28:9  
 8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (*Beit Midrash*)  
 9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (*Beit Midrash*)  
 9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in *Torah*  
 (Large Conference Room)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 (9 KISLEV 5779)**

6:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Sanctuary)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 (9 KISLEV 5779)**

*Torah: VaYetze*, Gen. 28:10 — 32:3  
 8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (*Beit Midrash*)  
 9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (*Beit Midrash*)  
 9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in *Torah*  
 (Large Conference Room)  
 5:00 PM — *Shabbat* *Mincha* Service (Sanctuary)  
*Bar Mitzvah*: Lucas Herrera

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 (16 KISLEV 5779)**

6:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Sanctuary)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24 (16 KISLEV 5779)**

*Shabbat VaYishlach*, Gen. 32:4 - 36:43  
 8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (*Beit Midrash*)  
 9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (*Beit Midrash*)  
 9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in *Torah*  
 (Large Conference Room)  
 5:00 PM — *Shabbat* *Mincha* Service (Sanctuary)  
*Bat Mitzvah*: Hazel Barzilay

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 (23 KISLEV 5779)**

6:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Sanctuary)

## Committee Meetings in November - Get Involved!

Committee Name	Upcoming Meeting Date	Email Contact for Information
Adult Learning	Wed. Nov. 28, 6:00 PM	adult_learning@tbsneedham.org
Brotherhood	Tues. Nov. 5, 7:15 PM	brotherhood@tbsneedham.org
Chesed	Tues. Nov. 27, 7:30 PM	chesed@tbsneedham.org
Communications	Wed. Nov. 28, 7:15 PM	communications@tbsneedham.org
Garden Club	Tues. Nov. 6, 7:00 PM	gardenclub@tbsneedham.org
Library	Every Wed. in Nov., 10:00 AM	library@tbsneedham.org
Scroll Editorial Board	Thurs. Nov. 1, 12:00 PM*	scrolled@tbsneedham.org
Shomrei Adamah	Thurs. Nov. 29, 7:30 PM	shomreiamamah@tbsneedham.org
Sisterhood	Tues. Nov. 13, 7:30 PM	sisterhood@tbsneedham.org
Teen Engagement Committee	Mon. Nov. 5, 7:30 PM	teen_engagement@tbsneedham.org
Three Score/More or Less	Mon. Nov. 5, 7:30 PM	threescoremoreorless@tbsneedham.org

\* At Mandarin Cuisine

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

From Our Leadership

## TBS Tomorrow Conversations

By Jeffrey Shapiro, President



As I shared during my Yom Kippur remarks, TBS is a remarkable and unique congregation! An important piece of our success that has led directly to the vitality of our community is our thoughtful, deliberative, and collaborative way of reimagining the possible. Each member of our community provides a unique and equally important voice in helping us to chart our communal path forward, creating the congregation that we aspire to become. Additionally, our “Lab of Innovation” philosophy allows us to try new ideas and concepts, not only with the hope that they will succeed, but also with the understanding that, if they fail, that is okay because that too is part of the learning process.

For these reasons, as a natural next step to our *TBS 2020 Vision Initiative (Strategic Plan)*, we introduced an important series of congregational conversations to consider our best path forward as a community. These “TBS Tomorrow Conversations” were formally announced during the High Holy Days, began in October, and have been incredibly well received! During these open-ended conversations, community members, lay leaders, clergy, and professional staff join together to study the four pillars of our Strategic Plan, find areas of personal connection, dream about the future possibilities, and think more deeply about our aspirations for TBS. These are beautiful and engaging meetings that leave participants feeling connected to this initiative in an active and meaningful way.

Thank you to all who have participated and shared such personal, unique, and meaningful connections to TBS, offered thoughtful questions and ideas, and helped us understand - from your own individual perspective - what the TBS of Tomorrow might look like. Among our many blessings are the voices that have spoken and the voices yet to speak!

There will be three remaining TBS Tomorrow Conversations in November and December:

**November 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:00 PM,  
November 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:00 PM, and  
December 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.**

We invite you to choose one of these dates and join us! In the spirit of Temple Beth Shalom, your ideas, insights, and questions will help guide our future. This is an exciting opportunity; seize it and add your voice. If you are unable to join us, please look to the TBS This Week to find other ways to add your voice to this important conversation.

Any success that we achieve at TBS is because we are all focused on the needs of our community - understanding that Jewish spirituality, culture, faith, values, and community are experienced by our families in different ways. We are committed to helping each family and each individual find the most meaningful connection rather than being rigid in our beliefs based on outdated traditions or past views of societal norms.

It is our hope that the information, ideas, and thoughts collected from these meaningful, enriching and uniquely TBS conversations will be compiled as part of a report to our community that will be the basis for the next steps in our journey together. This is all about the future of the congregational community that we want in the years and decades ahead for ourselves, our children and grandchildren.

I look forward to continuing our community’s exciting journey together and to all of us helping to make Temple Beth Shalom the most meaningful and joyful community that it can be.



From the Clergy

## Thoughts from Rosh Hashanah

By Rabbi Jay Perlman



*This month we feature an excerpt from Rabbi Perlman's sermon on Rosh Hashanah:*

Each year, the Chamberlain Fellowship brings together a new cohort of four TBS high school juniors and seniors and four sophomores from Eastern University, a co-educational, comprehensive Christian university located in St. Davids, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. A number of the Eastern students have shared that the fellowship was the first time that they had ever interacted with someone who is Jewish. Throughout the year, the students explore Judaism and Christianity – the commonalities and the differences. They are led by faculty from both Eastern and TBS and they participate in two site visits – with the Eastern University students coming to TBS in the fall and our TBS fellows traveling to Eastern in the spring. When together the students learn about . . . question . . . and experience each other's faith traditions as lived on campus and in our congregation.

In addition to a healthy amount of socializing, the fellows also volunteer together on a social action project. New friendships are made and, through this personal encounter, perspectives shaped. Jessica Nielsen, a recent participant from Eastern, reflected honestly upon her experience in the Chamberlain program in a blog post. She wrote:

"I . . . wrestle[d] with how much I ought to express my disagreements . . . Still, I cannot help but share what was, for me, the most beautiful engagement of the entire weekend. On the last night before we returned to Eastern, I found myself sitting next to Rahel Block, the coordinator of the event from Temple Beth Shalom, and Anthony Barr, one of my counterparts from Eastern. Rahel is Jewish, and identifies as part of the LGBTQ community. Anthony is an adopted, African-American Roman Catholic. I, in turn, am Caucasian, and a convert to Eastern Orthodoxy. Over the course of a number of hours, the three of us had very intense debates on the nature of sexuality, sexual ethics, the ends of marriage, the nature of parenthood, the good of adoption, legislating virtue, the nature of freedom, and much more. We would ask each other a question, and listen

intently as the others shared their thoughts, our eyes often wide with surprise as we realized just how drastically we disagreed. The conversation was, perhaps surprisingly, full of laughter and smiles, as the three of us realized that each person was deeply thoughtful, incredibly courageous, and marvelously beautiful."

Jessica continued, "I found myself thinking of what C.S. Lewis once wrote: 'There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal . . . It is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit . . .' By seriously engaging in intense debate, I had been confronted with the beautiful humanity of these others. We did not agree. Yet it was by taking them seriously and believing that their thoughts were worthy of response that the most beautiful friendships began to emerge."

She concluded, "Real friendship is hard, especially when entire traditions separate us from a shared vision of the good. Yet my experience with the Jewish Chamberlain Fellows, and my conversation with Rahel and Anthony, has taught me that people are worth knowing, and knowing fully. They are worth sharing with, they are worth spending time with, they are worth disagreeing with, and they are worth loving."

Reading Jessica's words, I couldn't help but be reminded of the teaching by the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., who said, "Love has within it a redemptive power. And there is a power there that eventually transforms individuals."

Rosh Hashanah is the time when we are asked to rediscover the power of compassion and understanding born out of love. In bold defiance of today's rise in societal "*sinat chinam*" ("baseless hatred") we are called upon – in the spirit of Abraham – to pursue relationships that foster authentic connection . . . to turn away from our screens and turn towards others . . . encountering them "*punem to punem*" – "face to face" – and embracing our shared humanity. Only together, in this way, can we help – one encounter at a time – to help build a world of peace.

# NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

For the most current and complete event notices, please see the TBS calendar (<http://tbsneedham.org/calendar>), the website, and the weekly email. Planning an event? Submit it here: <https://tbsneedham.org/submit>

## 2

### Contemplative Shabbat Service

**Friday, November 2, 7:15 PM**

Please join Talia Stein, our community's Social Justice Rabbinic Intern, as she leads a beautiful monthly Contemplative Shabbat service! Participants will meditate, sing, and reflect as they bring in Shabbat together. The service will be inspired by the liturgy found in the Mishkan Tefilah - our community's Shabbat prayer book. As well, there will be opportunities for personal prayer, reflection and learning. Following our service, we will enjoy a delicious oneg. All are welcome! Please join us!



Shabbat  
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שלום  
Shalom

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### Jews in Space: A Conversation with NASA Astronaut Dr. Jeffrey Hoffman

**Sunday, November 4, 9:30 - 11:30 AM**

Are you ready to escape gravity and explore the heavens? Join us for the unique opportunity to meet Dr. Jeffrey Hoffman - a real Jewish astronaut. Dr. Hoffman will talk about his experiences traveling into space on five Space Shuttle flights and four spacewalks. Hear first hand what it is like to prepare and go through launch, experience weightlessness, observe the Earth from orbit, and reenter the atmosphere at 25 times the speed of sound. Dr. Hoffman will also reflect on how he sees his career through a Jewish lens. This one time event is open to our entire community - bring your friends and family. A bagel brunch will be served. \$10 per person, \$20 per family.



**Reserve your seat here (before space fills):** <https://jews-in-space.eventbrite.com>

## 4

### The Needham Antiques Show

**Sunday, November 4, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, at the Eliot Elementary School**

The Needham Antiques Show is sponsored by Beth Shalom Garden Club. Dealers from six states will be selling quality antiques. Also available: a cafe, bake sale, drawings, and verbal appraisals.

## 9

### Honoring Our Veterans

**Friday, November 9, 7:15 PM**

We warmly invite all TBS veterans to join us for Shabbat evening services as we will be honoring veterans with a special blessing in commemoration of Veterans Day.

**Questions? Contact:** Rabbi Perlman ([jperlman@tbsneedham.org](mailto:jperlman@tbsneedham.org))



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### “TBS Tomorrow” Conversations: Please Join Us and Help Shape Our Future!

**Tuesday, November 13th, 7:30 - 9:00 PM**  
**Tuesday, November 27th, 7:30 - 9:00 PM**  
**Thursday, December 13th, 7:30 - 9:00 PM**



Throughout the fall, to further our “TBS 2020 Vision” strategic plan, we are engaging in an exciting series of community conversations. During these discussions, participants join with clergy, lay leaders, and other TBS members to explore the pillars of our Strategic Plan and consider how best to turn vision into reality. You will hear updates and added details, and we enthusiastically welcome your feedback, ideas, and insights. Ultimately, together, we will create a plan to implement our TBS “2020 Vision.” Refreshments will be served. Please join us on any one of these remaining dates as we plan for “TBS Tomorrow!”

To help us plan for attendance, please register for a date at: [bit.ly/TBSTomorrow](http://bit.ly/TBSTomorrow). (Please note: These are not fundraising meetings.)

**Questions? Contact:** Beth Pinals ([bpinals@comcast.net](mailto:bpinals@comcast.net)) or David Kaplan, TBS Managing Director ([dkaplan@tbsneedham.org](mailto:dkaplan@tbsneedham.org), 781-444-0077)

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### Prophetic Power & Politics: How Reform Jews Can Create a More Just World

**Friday, November 16, 6:15 PM, at TBS**

Join TBS Tzedek (“Social Justice”) Committee for Shabbat evening services as we welcome Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner, Executive Director of the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism. Rabbi Pesner is an inspirational leader and tireless advocate for social justice. Named as one of the most influential rabbis in the US by *Newsweek* magazine, Rabbi Pesner encourages Jewish communities to reach across lines of race, class, and faith in campaigns for social justice. He will call us to action, outline the historic roots of our political activism, and propose concrete steps we can take as individuals, as a congregation, and as a movement for Tikkun Olam.



## 18

### Seventy Years of the Diaspora with Rabbi Bob Orkand

**Sunday, November 18, 2:30 - 5:30 PM**

Three Score/More or Less is excited to present a lively discussion led by Rabbi Bob Orkand. This year Rabbi Orkand will explore the current relationship between Israel and Jews living outside of Israel, and what the future may hold. Last year’s topic on Jewish humor was a hit. Join us for another engaging learning experience. Truly Yogurt sundae bar will be served to all attendees. Open to the entire adult TBS community.

**Cost:** \$10 donation per attendee to cover event costs. Watch for the flyer coming soon with all the details.

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



# NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

## 18

### Brotherhood's Leroy Davis Annual Sports Breakfast

**Sunday, November 18, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, at TBS**

**Our Guest Speaker: Brian Robb, Celtics beat reporter for Boston Sports Journal**

As we look forward with great anticipation to this Celtics season, families are invited to join us for breakfast and welcome Brian Robb to hear his take on the 2018-19 C's. Brian is a Newton North and BC graduate. He got his start in journalism creating CelticsHub.com for ESPN, along with Zach Lowe who is now a senior NBA writer at the network. Brian covered the Celtics "Big Three" championship in 2010 and has worked on-air and as a producer at 98.5 The Sports Hub. He has written for the NBA.com, Boston.com and Bleacher Report websites. Brian previously helped produce the Celtics radio pregame show with Sean Grande and Cedric Maxwell and he's now a frequent on-air contributor with Felger and Mazz, Toucher and Rich and other Sports Hub radio shows.

*Brotherhood named our annual sports breakfast in memory of Leroy Davis, a longtime TBS and Brotherhood member, who was known for always going above and beyond whenever help was needed.*

**Tickets:** \$10.00 in advance for TBS members, \$15.00 in advance for non-members, \$20.00 at the door. Kids pre-B'nei Mitzvah age: \$5.00, in advance or at the door.

**Register in advance at:** [tiny.cc/leroy](http://tiny.cc/leroy)

**Questions? Contact:** Loren Shapiro ([lshapiro@villagemtg.com](mailto:lshapiro@villagemtg.com))

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### Sisterhood Chanukah Party

**November 29, 6:30 PM**

Please join us at the home of Jane Blauvelt for a fun and joyous evening to catch up with old friends, meet new ones, and eat latkes!

**Questions, and for directions, contact:** Jane Blauvelt ([janeblauvelt@gmail.com](mailto:janeblauvelt@gmail.com))



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## Hanukkah: The Festival of Lights

**Wednesday, December 5, 4:00 - 8:30 PM, Museum of Fine Arts**

Three Score/More or Less is sponsoring a trip to the MFA for Boston's most vibrant Hanukkah happening! It's a free night of fun featuring music, art, dancing and a menorah lighting in the Shapiro Courtyard. Dance to Jim Guttman's big band "Bessarabian Breakdown," with klezmer dance lessons included, and hear stories by local Moth storytelling champion Rabbi Dan Judson. Join gallery talks and have dinner and latkes in one of three museum restaurants. We'll board the bus at TBS at 4:00 PM and leave the MFA at 8:00 PM, arriving back at TBS around 8:30 PM. Open to the entire TBS adult community and their guests.



**Cost:** \$12.00 per person for the bus; restaurant on your own. Reservation and payment must be received by Monday, November 19. Please send your check, payable to Temple Beth Shalom, to Steve Shapiro, 9 Ardmore Road, Needham, MA 02494.

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

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## Annual Brotherhood Blood Drive

**Sunday, December 9, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at TBS**

Please mark your calendar and join us in the mitzvah of giving blood. The TBS community has contributed more than 100 units of blood each year for the past several years - according to the American Red Cross, ours is one of the biggest blood drives on their agenda. We provide juice, bagels and lox, and other replenishments, and we count on your support as a blood donor and/or as a volunteer.

Plan now! Save your blood for Brotherhood - don't donate elsewhere after the cut-off date:

**Whole Blood Donations:** The most flexible donation, it can be transfused directly or used to help multiple people. Waiting period: 56 days; October 13 is the cut-off date.

**Power Red Donations:** A concentrated dose of red cells that uses an automated process to separate out your red blood cells and then safely and comfortably return your plasma and platelets to you. Waiting period: 112 days; August 18 is the cut-off date.

**Register in Advance:** <http://tiny.cc/tbsblood>

**Questions? Contact:** Glenn Stern or Jeff Ogilvie, our Chief Phlebotomists (donateblood@tbsneedham.org or brotherhood@tbsneedham.org)



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## TBS Administration & Finance 101: How Does It All Work?

**Tuesday, December 11, 7:15 PM**

The Temple's Community Advancement Team is hosting a presentation to educate TBS members on the operations that support our community and organization. We are inviting the entire community to join us for this special event.

**Questions? Contact:** Tiziana Getz, Office Administrator (tgetz@tbsneedham.org)

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## Gersten-Hoisington Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

**Friday, December 14 – Sunday, December 16, 2018**

**Engaging Israel: An Exploration of Critical Issues through the Lens of Reform Judaism**

Temple Beth Shalom is honored and proud to welcome Rabbi Eric Yoffie - Outstanding Writer, Lecturer, and Past President of the Union for Reform Judaism.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie is a writer, lecturer, internationally-known religious leader and President Emeritus of the Union for Reform Judaism. He has presented at the World Economic Forum in Davos, and has appeared on Fox News, CNN, and many other news outlets. He writes regularly for Time, The Huffington Post, The Jerusalem Post and the Israeli daily Haaretz and is quoted frequently in the general and Jewish press. A bold, compelling, and inspiring speaker, Rabbi Yoffie lectures at universities and congregations on Israel and the Middle East, interfaith relations, social justice, American Religious Life, and American Jewish Life.



Join us as we consider how we, as part of the contemporary American Jewish community, might most meaningfully relate to Israel during a time of blessing and challenge. See the weekly email and the December Scroll for more information.

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## Project EZRA

**Tuesday, December 25, at TBS**

Temple Beth Shalom will once again join hands with the Needham Community Council to provide Christmas dinners. Each year the need seems to increase, so please help us; we cannot do this mitzvah without you.

Volunteers are needed to carve the turkeys, assemble the dinners, deliver the dinners, and bake “finger desserts. Please participate! Know of someone who needs a dinner on Christmas Day? Let us know!

**To sign up for any one or more of these tasks, contact:** Lois Sockol (781-449-1226, lsockol@comcast.net) or Anne Braunstein (617-462-2214)

For the most current and complete event notices, please see the TBS calendar (<http://tbsneedham.org/calendar>), the website, and the weekly email. Planning an event? Submit it here: <https://tbsneedham.org/submit>



## TBS Connections

During the High Holy Days I took a nasty fall in the Community Court, and while waiting to be treated at the ER I began to worry about how I would take care of myself



as a single senior living alone. As news of my mishap spread, the Temple family responded as it always does, with heartfelt well-wishes, offers of meal delivery, rides to medical appointments, and “whatever we can do to help.” Membership at TBS has almost doubled in size since I first joined nine years ago, yet the various arms of the Temple continue to provide endless opportunities for participation, leadership and most of all friendship. It is those cherished relationships I developed over the years as a member of Sisterhood, Three Score and More, the Library Committee, the Welcome Corps, and ZAP Productions that sustained me when I was at my most vulnerable. I am very grateful to be healthy and strong once again and to be part of this exceptional faith community. Lucky me! Thank you one and all.

- Barbara Pack

## Sukkah Appreciation

On Sunday, September 23, a merry band of men and women led by Alan Novick completed the building of the two sukkahs adorning our Temple. Many families, 7th-grade students, and individuals of all ages joined Peggy and Andy Gassman in the fun and helped to decorate our beautiful temporary dwelling. Later that day, children attending our Block Party decorated pumpkins and other handmade decorations that they added to the sukkah. The results would not be possible without the generosity of Volante Farms and our own Beth Shalom Garden Club. In addition, thank you to our Temple family for donating materials and time to make these sukkahs lovely spaces for all to enjoy during our Sukkot holiday. Many members joined our staff and rabbis to begin the Sukkot celebration, enjoying food and drinks and each other’s company under a full-moon night sky, which even included a viewing of the space station. The main sukkah provided a beautiful venue for this celebration. The night was indeed magical!



## Temple Beth Shalom Piecemakers

Do you love to sew? A sewing group is being formed at TBS this fall to make items for charitable organizations. This group is supported by the TBS Social Action Committee and offers opportunities to combine your love for sewing and Tikkun Olam. Our first projects include making tote bags for young mothers, to be distributed through My Brother’s Keeper, and ‘loveys’ or small quilts for young children, to be shared by social workers in DCF foster care homes. We will select projects based on members’ interests and sewing skills. Membership is open to all age groups. Knowledge of and comfort with a sewing machine are essential. Our meetings will be determined by the members’ availability.



**If you are interested, please contact:** Judy Weinberg (judithfweinberg@gmail.com, 617-548-7567)

### Coat Drive

#### December 2 through December 21

Circle of Hope (COH) is a Needham-based non-profit assisting those living in homeless shelters or struggling for independent lives by collecting and distributing new and gently used clothing. Temple Beth Shalom is conducting its annual coat drive to assist COH. Please consider donating any of your unneeded coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and boots for men, women and children. All donations must be clean and in good condition as they will be immediately distributed. Please place donations in the designated bin in the Temple lobby. Watch for announcements of dates when contributions can be made during Children's Center and Religious School drop-off and pick-up. To make arrangements for larger donations, contact Peggy Lowenstein (pelowenstein@gmail.com). Last year we collected over 200 coats. Thank you in advance for helping us to exceed this record.

### Passport to Israel

Do you have a child that might one day travel to Israel? Sign them up for Passport to Israel! This is a risk-free program that multiplies your funds for a teen trip to Israel. You contribute \$700, TBS's Jerry Aransky Passport to Israel Fund pitches in, and when your child is ready to go on a trip to Israel CJP contributes another \$700! If your child doesn't end up going, you get 100% of your contributions back. Sign up begins in 3rd-7th grade.

**For more information, or to fill out the interest form, go to:** [goo.gl/forms/xZACKSav107artEC2](http://goo.gl/forms/xZACKSav107artEC2)

**Questions? Contact:** Deb Hecht (dhecht@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077)

### TBS Library: Holocaust Studies and Jewish Book Month

By Roberta Gerson

#### Focus on the Holocaust

The TBS Library has a large collection of books in the Holocaust Studies section in the Beit Midrash. A few notable books are highlighted below. You can find them in the "...As Featured in the Scroll" section of the Community Court.

*Hunting Eichmann: How a Band of Survivors and a Young Spy Agency Chased Down the World's Most Notorious Nazi* by Neal Bascomb. A forerunner to the recently released movie, *Operation Finale*, on the same subject.

*Irena's Children: The Extraordinary Story of the Woman Who Saved 2,500 Children from the Warsaw Ghetto* by Tilar J. Mazzeo. The story of an amazing and selfless woman, Irena Sendler, a Polish Catholic social worker, who risked her life smuggling Jewish children out of the ghetto one by one and then worked after the war to reunite them with their family members who survived.

*East West Street: On the Origins of "Genocide" and "Crimes Against Humanity"* by Philippe Sands. A remarkable story of two Jewish men, studying at the same university but working independently, who developed these two concepts to help prosecute Nazi war criminals.

*A Brief Stop on the Road from Auschwitz* by Göran Rosenberg. A true story about a journalist and his fraught relationship with his father, who survived Auschwitz.

#### Jewish Book Month 2018

Do you know who Fanny Goldstein is? Born in the Ukraine, she was the first female Judaica librarian and the first woman to direct a branch library in Massachusetts, where she headed Boston Public Library's (BPL) West End Branch for many years. She created programs and provided books specific to the different ethnic communities she served. But, most importantly, she was the founder of Jewish Book Week, which was expanded in 1943 to become Jewish Book Month.

Jewish Book Month is held annually in the month before the Chanukah gift-giving season (roughly during the month of November). This year, Chanukah starts on Sunday evening, December 2. Jewish Book Month activities include speaker series, book fairs, exhibits, lectures, and discussion groups and will be held in and around the Boston area. This is a great opportunity for you to discover new authors and learn about new books by some of your favorite authors. The Library Committee will be purchasing selected books featured during this time.

You can find more information about Jewish Book Month (or about any other kinds of Jewish books) at the Jewish Book Council website ([www.jewishbookcouncil.org](http://www.jewishbookcouncil.org)).

### Bring a Small Stone from Israel for Our Sanctuary Doorway



A special new element has been added to our building as part of our Mikdash project. When our new Temple home was built, we created – in the doorway of the Sanctuary – a special threshold of Jerusalem stone. We did so in order that all those who enter our Sanctuary pass over an Israel-inspired holiness. In recent weeks, a special lucite container has been added to this space, touching the Jerusalem stone and rising up along the left side of the Sanctuary door. Into this container, we invite those who have been to Israel to place a small stone that they have brought home from their trip. In this way we hope to fill our container with many stones and thereby create an even richer connection to Israel.

The small stone that you bring may come from Jerusalem or Tel Aviv or Beersheva. It may come from the Mediterranean seaside or near the Dead Sea or from atop Masada. It may come from anywhere your personal journey has taken you. On the wall, near our Israel-stone container, you will find an envelope containing a special prayer for you to recite before placing your stone in the container. We invite you to take a moment and find meaning in this special personal ritual.

While it is not required, if you would like to share the story of your stone, please send a brief note to Rabbi Jay (jperlman@tbsneedham.org). We will be keeping a diary of all those stories that are shared. So . . . the next time you are in Israel . . . be sure to choose a meaningful stone that you'd like to bring back to Needham and add to our Temple home!

### Introducing Talia Stein, TBS's new Social Justice Rabbinic Intern

Dear TBS Community,

I am very excited to be joining you this year as TBS's new Social Justice Rabbinic Intern! I will be at TBS on a part-time basis while I am a 4th year rabbinical student at Hebrew College in Newton Center. I am passionate about exploring the connections between Judaism and social justice, making Jewish practice both meaningful and accessible, and watching the Eagles games on Sunday afternoons. (I know this is risky to say in New England!)



I am eager to get involved with all of the educational and advocacy efforts that the TBS community is already part of and to create new programs with you. I am also thrilled to have the opportunity to pray with you on the first Friday evening of every month at the TBS community's Contemporary Service.

I look forward to meeting you and discussing whatever is on your mind! Please feel free to reach out to me. My email address is [tstein@tbsneedham.org](mailto:tstein@tbsneedham.org). I am always happy to find a time to meet up for coffee and chat. I anticipate a meaningful and productive year together!

With Shalom,  
Talia

# LEARNING

## 70 Years of Israel: Diaspora Relations – The Next Generation

### Sunday, November 18, 2:30 - 5:30 PM, with Rabbi Bob Orkand

Join Three Score/More or Less for a thoughtful discussion led by Rabbi Bob Orkand. It's been 70 years since Israel was founded in 1948. Many of us remember the emotional moment when the new state was declared. In those days 'we are one,' the tagline of UJA, seemingly resonated with every American Jew. Things seem to have changed. Today there is great debate about the Israel/Diaspora relationship. Some suggest that the relationship is in trouble. Rabbi Orkand will lead us behind the headlines. The afternoon will include a delicious Truly Yogurt sundae bar. Open to the entire TBS adult community and their guests.



**Tickets:** \$10 per person. Reservation and payment must be received by November 11. Please send your check, payable to Temple Beth Shalom, to Steve Shapiro, 9 Ardmore Road, Needham, MA 02494.

**Questions? Contact:** Gary Goldman (eljo4@comcast.net)

## The Jewish Influence on Jesus - Lunch and Learn Class with Rabbi Orkand

### Mondays at 12:00 Noon

To understand the profound effect Jesus had on the world, it's important to realize that his actions and teachings didn't emerge from a vacuum. Rather, they were the product of a fascinating dialogue with - and reaction to - the traditions, cultures, and historical developments of ancient Jewish beliefs. In fact, early Judaism and Jesus are two subjects so inextricably linked that one cannot arrive at a true understanding of Jesus without understanding the time in which he lived and taught. This course will explore the environment in which Jesus lived and how Judaism influenced him. No prior knowledge is needed. Classes began in October, but participants may come to any (or all) sessions. **Prior registration is requested.**

**Please RSVP to:** Tiziana Getz, Office Administrator (tgetz@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077)

## Intermediate Israeli Dancing

### Monday Evenings, 7:15 - 9:00 PM, at TBS

Israeli dance is a wonderful way to engage the culture of Israel and the Jewish people through music and movement. Some experience is helpful, because this class is intermediate, but beginners are welcome to give it a try! Come and join us for one or many fun evenings of music, movement, Israeli culture, and great company. Our class leader, Emily Perlman, is an outstanding teacher of music and dance to both adults and children. She looks forward to sharing the joy of dance with one and all.

*Please call the Temple office during the day on Monday to confirm that the class will be held.*

**\$5.00 per session, payable at the door; no RSVP is necessary.**

**Questions? Contact:** Emily Perlman (eperlman@tbsneedham.org)



# A Collection of Stories and Holocaust Remembrances

## A Family Ordeal

By Jean and David Gumpert

One of the reasons America's crackdown on immigrants and movement toward tyranny is so frightening to us is that it recalls the rise of Hitler and of how our parents barely escaped Germany during the 1930s. Our parents were just teenagers, and had to interrupt their educations to flee.

Jean's father, Otto, came with his mother in 1936, and with help from American relatives found a job in New York. Her mother, Greta, came alone in 1938, and worked as a maid in the old Pennsylvania Hotel in Manhattan. Jean's parents met in New York. Jean's grandfather, Felix, was imprisoned in Dachau concentration camp for a month after Kristallnacht, and released. Her grandmother, Johanna, was hidden by sympathetic German neighbors in the woods for several days around the same time, so Felix and Johanna were able to follow their daughter, Greta, to the U.S. shortly after she arrived in New York. Jean's grandmother and grandfather lived with her parents in New York and New Jersey for the rest of their lives.

David's father, Louis, left Germany in 1933, after barely escaping an anti-Semitic mob while working on a farm. He emigrated to Palestine, and from there came to the U.S. in 1934, to join his older brother, who was in Chicago. His mother, Leonore, was sent alone to the U.S. in 1938, at age 15, and lived with several foster families in Chicago. David's parents met in Chicago. Leonore's father, Julius Joseph, was imprisoned in Germany from 1936 to 1939 on fraudulent charges because he owned a business the Nazis stole from him. He was expelled from Germany in August 1939, just before the start of World War II, and made it to the U.S., where he lived with relatives in New York. But his wife, David's grandmother, Clara, decided to stay back and look after her own mother. Once the war broke out she couldn't get out, and was murdered at a Polish concentration camp in 1943, together with two brothers. Ironically, her mother, David's great-grandmother, survived Theresienstadt and made it to Switzerland, only to learn that all three of her children had perished in the Holocaust. She died in a Swiss old-age home in the 1950s.

David wrote a history of his mother's family's ordeal escaping Germany, mainly through the eyes of his mother's sister, Inge Joseph Bleier, who was sent on a Kindertransport to Brussels at age 13, where she was trapped by the German invasion of Belgium in 1940. She wound up with a group of 100 other Jewish children living in an abandoned chateau in southern France. David spoke about his book, *Inge: A Girl's Journey Through Nazi Europe*, at Temple Beth Shalom in 2004, shortly after it came out. There is a copy in the Temple Beth Shalom library, and it is also available on Amazon.

## What My Father Wants Us to Know

By Eta Chansky

My father, Joe Isaac Marmor, the second youngest of seven brothers and sisters, came from a middle class Orthodox Jewish family. Born in a small Romanian town with a Jewish population of about 2,000, my father had friends from all religions. Yet anti-Semitism was all around. He was told never to walk alone home from school and he always kept a stick hidden in his clothes.

At around age 12, my father moved to a Ghetto about an hour walking distance from his home. He was young and did not know the difference. He knew he had to do good work, and he always remembered that his father said, "Do not stay with old people."

With his best friend since childhood, he was deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau at age 14. Working as a carpenter to build furniture, he ate whatever he found. If he found food he would barter it for better food. He might eat grass, a flower, or chew on pigskin.

In Birkenau they asked for anyone who knew how to remove dead skin from feet. No one wanted to volunteer but my dad, the naïve young boy, volunteered to take care of the chief of the SS. He told the sergeant that he needed boiling water and a blade since his mother used to take care of her feet by soaking them in boiling water. My father did such a good job that the sergeant opened up his closet and

told him to take whatever he wanted. My dad took any food he could carry back to his bunk for his people. They were so mad at him for taking a chance, but they were happy for the food.

He also worked for a Head Capo named Balken, who took care of him and one day allowed him to go visit his



A picture of my Dad's family before the war. His pregnant mother, father and oldest brother did not survive the Holocaust. My dad is the little boy in front of his dad.



A picture of my father and his grandchildren at his 90th birthday this past summer.

sisters in the women's camp. His three sisters were part of Schindler's List and he reunited with them after the war.

He was with his best friend from home the entire time until his friend got sick one day before getting liberated from Neunburg vorm Wald. My dad carried him and fed him scrapped potatoes that he crushed with his teeth for him. His best friend died in my dad's arms. That was the worst day for him.

When the camps were liberated, my father was hiding in haystacks in a barn. Eventually, the Americans found him and carried all 55 pounds of him out on a stretcher.

He went back to his town to gather his belongings from his neighbor. Every day his neighbor said that he would get back his belongings, "tomorrow." He never got back anything.

My father never wanted to talk about the Holocaust because he was told it would bring back bad memories. But now that his generation is dying out, and realizing that anti-Semitism still exists, he wants to show what it can lead to, and to send this message: "Hatred should be gone. Love your people and people should love you back. No anti-Semitism should live today since if you cut your wrist everyone bleeds the same color blood. Voice your opinion and if you see something that is wrong do something about it."

*Marmor siblings who survived:*

Helen Cohen (b. 1924)  
Ester (dob unknown)  
Shari Fine (b. 1926)  
Joe Issac Marmor (b. 1928)

*Marmor siblings who perished:*

Herschel Marmor (1923-1941)  
Shmaia Marmor (1934-1942)

# Wrestling with the Holocaust

By Alan Stern

*Italics: Interview with Samuel Stern, by Jeffrey Ogilvie*

Hineni. Here I stand - the child of a Holocaust survivor. The story I was born with took me a while to understand and appreciate, and ultimately to embrace.

*Samuel Stern was born in the city of Furth, a few miles north of Nuremberg, on January 4, 1939 -- a short time before the invasion of Poland by Germany and Russia that marked the commencement of World War II. Sam's family on his mother's side was from Erlangen, also a suburb of Nuremberg. However, the Nuremberg laws enacted by the Nazi government in 1935 prohibited Jewish women in the Nuremberg area from giving birth in any hospital except the hospital located in Furth, and restricted the choice of Jewish names to a short list that included the name "Samuel."*

I really did not think about what it meant to be the child of a survivor until after my junior year of high school, when we traveled to Germany as a family. Sure, I had heard my father speak about his upbringing in Germany, his experiences in the ghettos and camps, and subtle stories of Germany, Poland, Russia, and the war, but no one spoke in details. Perhaps they were trying to not relive the past, or protecting me from their pain, or just not knowing how to pass along a painful history. Then, in 1980, my father traveled to Germany on business and took me and my mother with him.

*Sam, his parents, and his older brother lived in Nuremberg for about 2½ years after Sam was born. Nuremberg was an important seat of Nazi power, and on November 29, 1941, the Nazi government carried out the deportation of some 1,000 Bavarian Jews 1,000 kilometers away to the Riga ghetto. Sam's family was in a group of 512 from Nuremberg. They traveled in second-class railway cars, and the adults were required to purchase tickets for 60 marks each. Sam and his brother were the only children to eventually return.*

I wish I could tell you it was a fabulous trip, but it wasn't. My vivid memories are of soldiers with machine guns at the airport, and the face of the rabbi we befriended while

there only to learn of his assassination several months later. Instead of finding a source of pride in my family's heritage, I returned fearful that the Germans were trying to bury our history.

Our time in Germany as a family served to focus my thoughts. As an only child, I had a special relationship with my parents. We were a small, mighty unit that shared a lot and protected one another. Was I an only child because it was too painful to bring another child into the world? As I got older, I slowly pieced together my family's stories and tried to make sense of them, but I never really grasped what the stories meant to me and for me until I took a course in college on death and dying.



Sam and Alan Stern

*At first Sam and his family were not separated, and spent two years in Riga, both in the Jewish ghetto and in a neighboring camp. In January 1944, Sam's father was taken away to Buchenwald, and Sam, his brother, and his mother were taken to Ravensbrück - back in Germany. They never saw his father again. Months later they eventually received his father's death certificate through the inter-camp postal service, showing the date of his death:*

*August 30, 1944. In early 1945 Sam and his brother and mother were moved to the concentration camp Bergen-Belsen. On Sunday, April 15, 1945, they and the other prisoners were liberated by British troops. Sam retains a memory from that date: the sight of captured German soldiers being marched away in files under the guard of British tanks.*

One of our assignments was to report on a book that dealt with death and to describe how it was, in some fashion, meaningful to us. I read Rabbi Harold Kushner's *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. I read it over and over. Something clicked as I contemplated how my family's experience was akin to those who suffered in other ways, including the Kushner family, whose son suffered from a fatal congenital disease.

As part of my research, I interviewed my parents. Our intense and deeply introspective conversations about

my upbringing and our family's history catapulted me into learning more. I read more about being the child of a survivor; I attended conferences about children of Holocaust survivors; I joined second-generation groups; and I befriended people who shared the same story.

Why did this book affect me so profoundly? Maybe my story was a cancer that needed to be defeated. Maybe our family story needed to be unearthed, discussed, and embraced. Looking back upon that time, I now realize how important it is to view my father's survival as a blessing.

*They were not in good health, and remained in the barracks at Bergen-Belsen until August as they recovered. Then they moved back to Nuremberg, and stayed until late 1946 at the newly constructed Jewish Community Center set up to house Jewish refugees. They were able to contact some of his mother's relatives who had moved to New York prior to the Nazis' rise to power, and those relatives sponsored their immigration. They first traveled from Nuremberg to England, and then crossed the Atlantic by boat to New York City.*

Another college event locked in my memory was the honor of hearing Eli Wiesel speak. As a friend and colleague of Eli Wiesel, my dad was given the responsibility of transporting him to Brown. Several hours before the event there was a knock on my dorm room door. I opened the door and there stood my two heroes, Eli Wiesel and my father - Eli holding a cake my mom had baked, and my dad holding a six pack of beer.

*While in Nuremberg his mother met a Jewish man who had been drafted into the Soviet army, fought the Germans on the Eastern front, and then in the confusion at the end of the war deserted in Vienna and made his way to Nuremberg. He too traveled on the same boat to New York, and after they arrived he married Sam's mother. The family was separated then for a short period of time: his mother worked as a live-in housemaid, while Sam lived with cousins and his brother went to live in Florida with an uncle. In the summer of 1947 they were reunited, and lived in Manhattan before moving to Queens.*

Perhaps this event was symbolic of two survivors handing something over - some form of nourishment to the next generation. Perhaps it was about the importance of continuing to tell their stories. But, as with many stories, they are not always happy. They come with constant reminders of the past. They come with reality checks. Together, we have battled the effects of post-traumatic stress, depression, and the loss of my grandparents and my

dear mother. Together, we have tried to figure out our own responsibilities in telling our family tale. The key is that we have not done this in isolation. We have grown to continue our stories together. Together we have endured.

*Sam went on to attend graduate school in Baltimore, where he met Doris. Sam and Doris were married in 1961, and Alan, their only child, was born in 1964. Sam earned his graduate degree in biology, and taught at Johns Hopkins, Harvard, and Boston University, where he served as associate dean of the College of General Studies. For many years he has been a member of Temple Aliyah. In keeping with his willingness to speak to audiences about his experiences in the Holocaust, Sam and his brother returned to visit Nuremberg in 2011 on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the deportation of the Nuremberg Jews. His story, along with that of six other educators, is set forth in "The Triumph of Wounded Souls: Seven Holocaust Survivors' Lives" (Bernice Lerner, University of Notre Dame Press, 2004).*

All told, I now know how my role is more clearly defined. I know that my dad's story is my story. I am the conduit. My duty is to hold on to our story, to embrace it, to relish it, to pass it on. My children and one day their children will also be charged with learning and embracing their family story. It is a story I didn't necessarily choose, but it is a story that is clearly my birthright.

Hineni Father. Here I am.

## A Trip of a Lifetime

By Jill and Gerry Finkelstein

We never imagined how incredible and meaningful the Temple trip to Eastern Europe would be. We both wanted to take this trip to personally honor the Holocaust victims. We saw the beauty of Krakow, Budapest, and Prague and came to also understand the Russian influence in Warsaw. Our guides were excellent, and we had also had the superb guidance of Rabbi Perlman. Together with our wonderful traveling companions we had one of the most amazing,



educational and emotional experiences of our lives.

There were so many highlights, but two really stand out. The first was our visit to Sobeslav, a small city in the Czech Republic, the original home of our Holocaust Torah, now standing in the Beit Midrash. The former temple there is now a residential home but there is a plaque on the wall indicating it was the site of the original synagogue. We were greeted there by the town officials, the local press, and a man whose family had come from the town. They were all so excited to see us and treated us like celebrities. You may wonder why the Torah was not returned to Sobeslav. Sadly, there are no more Jews living in Sobeslav. The Torah, donated to our Temple by the Grossman family, is a wonderful connection to the memory of Jews from there and all of Eastern Europe who died in the Holocaust.

The other highlight was a definite 'high' for Gerry. Several of the group went to the Orthodox synagogue in Budapest on Shabbat morning. When it was time to say the blessings over the Torah, Rabbi Perlman was called up, a very nice gesture to invite a guest, especially a Rabbi, to come forth for an aliyah. Much to Gerry's surprise, after some more reading from the Torah, the leader pointed to him to come forward. In Gerry's words, he was shocked and didn't know what to do. Rabbi Perlman helped him regain his composure, as Gerry put it, and he went forward, still incredulous that he was receiving such an honor, an aliyah in Budapest. (Perhaps his age or bowtie contributed to his selection!) Gerry still calls it one of the personal highs of his life.

We learned so much and saw many moving and historical sites, which are indelibly etched in our minds - in particular, the heartrending and powerful memorial "Shoes on the Danube Bank" in Budapest. We encourage everyone to visit and be part of such an extraordinary Eastern Europe journey.

We will never forget.

## Considering Our Future, Informed by Our Past

By Carol Kappel

In October 2017, 30 of us set out with Rabbi Jay to trace the Jewish experience in Eastern Europe. This journey, taken alongside my husband and a diverse group that would forever be bound by the intensity of our travels, took us to once vibrant centers of Jewish life, cruelly extinguished by the Nazi-fueled genocide - places where the unspeakable and incomprehensible happened. Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Sobeslav, Prague, and countless quarters and villages, between Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, all provided abundant reminders of the destructive power of hate.

Driven by what I consider unprecedented and alarming times in our country, I felt a personal urgency to trace what unfolds when humanity becomes consumed by hate, intolerance, indifference, and marginalization. I needed to gain an understanding of how Nazi Germany descended to a genocidal society while the world stood by and watched (or consciously ignored), resulting in one of the darkest, most catastrophic episodes in human history. I walked on what I considered sacred ground at Auschwitz, Plaszow, and Terezin, imagining and



confronting the horrors that defenseless children were robbed of their futures and that millions of other human beings, no different than any of us, were murdered because of who they were.

***“Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”***

*Words penned by George Santayana and prominently displayed at Auschwitz, the notorious concentration camp where close to 1 million Jews were put to their deaths.*

Lessons learned from this life-altering trip underscore the importance of taking action to sustain a democratic, just and tolerant society. Being a history teacher provided me with an opportunity to fulfill that obligation and bring this trip to life for my 8th grade students in Newton. I wrote blog entries every single day; I videotaped updates from

those very sites that were preserved expressly to remind us of what human beings are capable of doing to each other; and I Skyped with them as well in order to answer their questions in real time. If truth be told, an entirely new set of questions emerged after my time in Eastern Europe while old presumptions gave way to new insight. Indeed knowledge is power.

Continuing on to Israel, we came to realize that the modern State of Israel had emerged from the ashes of a dark and calamitous chapter in human history, and that in spite of the Holocaust, light, promise, and hope have filled that desolation. Many days of this trip were emotionally and physically exhausting, yet I returned with a sense of optimism and purpose. I am most grateful to have had the opportunity to remember the past and, as we all hope, not be condemned to repeat it.



### **We honor the memories of all who were killed in the Holocaust.**

#### **Here is a partial list of family members of TBS congregants:**

- The families of Anna Spector and David Bursztyn
- Family of Rami Burstein
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- Family of Rebecca Kenney
- Herschel Marmor, Shmaia Marmor
- Family of Joe Isaac Marmor and Eta Chansky
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- Family of Jeremy R. Serwer

This month we also recall the members of the Jewish community of Sobeslav, in the Czech Republic, all of whom were deported by the Nazis to Theresienstadt in November 1942. Temple Beth Shalom is honored to possess and read from a Torah scroll once owned by the Sobeslav synagogue. May their memories continue to be for a blessing.

# Making Friends - A Jewish Value Starts Early

By Ellen Dietrick, Director of Early Childhood Learning

According to *Pirke Avot*, the compilation of traditional Jewish ethical teachings, *dibuk chaverim* or cleaving to friends is one of the 48 virtues necessary for acquiring Torah. Children who have developed the skill of *dibuk chaverim* feel a sense of affiliation. They enjoy being around others, develop a special friend, and begin to participate in group activities at school. The primary goal of an early childhood education is for children to develop relationships with people outside their immediate home environment. At Temple Beth Shalom Children's Center, the goal is an even greater one: to develop lasting Jewish friendships and to feel connected to the larger Jewish community, both at Temple Beth Shalom and beyond. Our goals reach past having friends and spending time with them into the deeper concepts of community, appreciation, and honor for others.

## Forming Connections

Over the past few months, Children's Center faculty have focused on supporting children in developing these relationships. Peek into the classrooms and you will see many examples of *dibuk chaverim* in action.



Many think that one- and two-year-olds are in the pre-friendship stage, but even our youngest children are already well connected to each other. In our Keshet Class (1-2 year-olds) on the way from their classroom to the sanctuary to celebrate Shabbat, they spontaneously joined hands. And when one child needed assistance getting ready to go outside, it was a fellow one-year-old who stepped in with an offer of assistance in putting on shoes.





In our Galim Class (2-3 year-olds), children have been working collaboratively around the classroom to achieve joint objectives. With a sensory table filled with assorted dried beans, the girls decided to work together to fill a dump truck with beans, each taking a turn to do their share.



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Our Geshem Class (4-5 year-olds) has been very focused on the topic of relationship-building this fall. The teachers' goal has been to instill the values of an empathetic, kind and supportive classroom community. Together with the children, they decided to connect the fall holiday of Sukkot and the acknowledgment of the kind acts seen in the classroom each day. The children were invited to dictate a note each time they witness a kind act. Each kind act was noted on a paper link, which became a beautiful and meaningful decoration for the sukkah.

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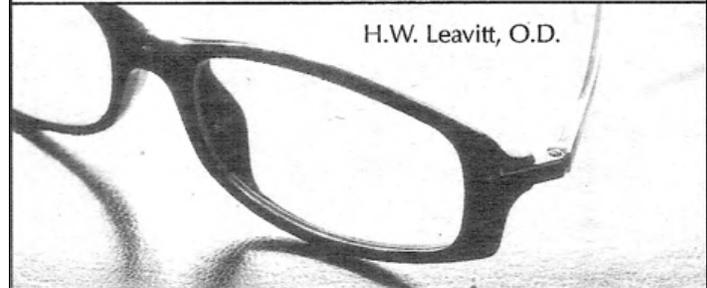


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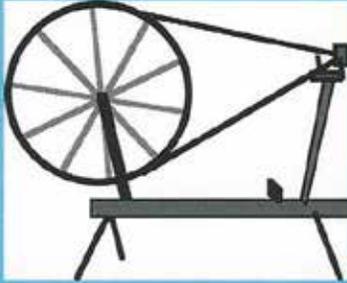
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