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A Scroll to Be Thankful For

“Justice, justice shall you pursue.”

Such is God’s mandate from the book of Deuteronomy. As the Israelites are preparing to enter the Holy Land, God reminds them that, no matter who they meet and what may befall them, justice is their guiding principle.

So is the case for the Israelites who enter our holy community.

In this issue of the *Scroll*, we will take a look at the responsibilities and rewards that can be found in the pursuit of justice. Defined by Rabbi Robert Orkand as having to do with about the “world as we would like it to be,” social justice calls on each and every one of us to do all the *tikkun olam* we can to improve our world so that the worlds of others may also be improved.

As we begin to take down our *sukkahs* and reflect on the busy but meaningful High Holy Day season, we also begin to look forward to that most festive secular holiday of Thanksgiving. Both seasons mark the harvest and encourage us to invite the community to join us in festival food and fun, whether in a *sukkah* or around a table worthy of Norman Rockwell.

As we take a moment express gratitude for all that we have been given – for our abundant harvest, as it were – it is also a time to consider what more we might do for others. This is the root of social justice and is at the root of the TBS community.

As we continue to develop our new *Scroll* format, one small way in which our community can help us improve is to get involved. As we have more categories of stories and more room for ideas, we invite every one of our TBS family members to gather around our table and help add to its bounty. If you know of an event coming up or if you have pictures or comments about past events, please let us know! You do not need be a professional journalist or photographer to contribute. All you need to do is be willing to pursue.

So, as you recall all of your blessings, be sure to add to your long list your family and friends at TBS and take a moment to think about all they have given to you and what you might give back. That way, we will all have at least one more thing to be thankful for!

With great thanks to all of you!

L’shalom,

The Editorial Board

From the Clergy

Be a Member of the Staff

By Rabbi Jay Perlman



Over the years, I have spoken with many people who have shared that either their or their parent's favorite Psalm is the 23rd. The text is widely known: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want...." Though with most Jewish liturgy I tend to change traditionally 'male-specific' language – moving, for example, from "Lord" to "Adonai" or "Eternal One" - I have found it difficult to move away from "Lord" in the 23rd Psalm. For me, the feel of the traditional English translation – uttered over generations – is an example of poetry's words transcending the specific and pointing towards a meaning that is deeper.

Rabbi Harold Kushner recalls one occasion following the funeral service for the elderly mother of a congregant. A man approached him and identified himself as a friend of the man whose mother had died. He said, "When I listened to you recite the 23rd Psalm at the graveside, I finally understood one line of it that I had never understood before. It's the one about 'Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me'. I never knew what that meant before, but now I think I get it." He continued, "You see, I'm a business man. And if I have a problem with one of my suppliers, I call the president of the company to straighten things out. Usually, though, I don't get to talk to the president of the company. I usually end up speaking to a member of the staff who tries to make me feel better. Rabbi, I think that's what the psalm is saying. When people on earth have problems and they call out to God, God doesn't intervene personally. God relies on a member of God's staff to do the comforting. I see you as part of God's staff sent to comfort people and make them feel better when they are hurting."

I have always enjoyed this story. Not because I see myself as part of any sort of special 'God squad' of support, but rather because Jewish teaching calls upon all of us to be part of God's team of transcendent helpers and healers. The great 7th Century BCE prophet, Isaiah, perhaps said it best: "Not for your own selves shall you live! Rather, a source of light

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NOVEMBER 2014 SERVICES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 (8 CHESHVAN 5775)

Torah: *Lech L'cha*, Gen. 12:1 — 17:27

8:30 AM *Shabbat Morning Minyan*

9:00 AM—*Torah Study*

11:00 AM – *Shabbat Morning Service*

B'not Mitzvah: Lia Kaufman and Allison Zaff

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 (15 CHESHVAN 5775)

6:15 PM—Tot Shabbat Service

7:15 PM—Contemplative Prayer Shabbat Service

7:15 PM – *Simchat Shabbat Service*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 (15 CHESHVAN 5775)

Torah: *VaYera*, Gen. 18:1 — 22:24

8:30 AM *Shabbat Morning Minyan*

9:00 AM—*Torah Study*

11:00 AM—*Shabbat Morning Service*

B'nei Mitzvah: Seth Kleiman and Lucas Ziskin

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 (22 CHESHVAN 5775)

6:15 PM – *Kehillah Kids Shabbat Service*

7:15 PM—*Shabbat Evening Service*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 (22 CHESHVAN 5775)

Torah: *Chayei Sarah*, Gen. 23:1 — 25:18

8:30 AM *Shabbat Morning Minyan*

9:00 AM—*Torah Study*

11:00 AM—*Shabbat Morning Service*

Bar Mitzvah: Joshua Fleckner

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 (29 CHESHVAN 5775)

6:15 PM *Shabbat Evening Service*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 (29 CHESHVAN 5775)

Torah: *Toldot*, Gen. 25:19 — 28:9

8:30 AM *Shabbat Morning Minyan*

9:00 AM—*Torah Study*

11:00 AM—*Shabbat Morning Service*

B'not Mitzvah: Emily Adler and Jenna Sandler

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (7 KISLEV 5775)

6:15 PM *Shabbat Evening Service*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 (7 KISLEV 5775)

Torah: *VaYetze*, Gen. 28:10 — 32:3

8:30 AM *Shabbat Morning Minyan*

9:00 AM—*Torah Study*

11:00 AM—*Shabbat Morning Service*

B'not Mitzvah: Amanda and Kayla Shapiro

From the President

Looking Ahead

By Ed Zaval

During the High Holy Days, we gathered, taking time to pause and quietly reflect upon what we may accomplish in the months ahead. During this past summer, our Board and senior professionals also gathered - in partnership with one another - to consider our community's key initiatives for the coming year.

Embracing Our *Mikdash* Project

All of us have united as a community to give our congregational voice and energy to this remarkable project, sharing in a fantastic design that meets our programmatic needs now and into the future. In the months ahead, the *Mikdash* Leadership Team, together with the Building and Community Campaign Teams, will undertake those tasks necessary to break ground in November 2015, including securing town approvals, completing details of our relocation, finalizing construction plans, and working with our community to support and make the vision of *Mikdash* a reality.

Welcoming Relational Judaism

Our senior leadership will continue to build the spirit of community that we experience together at TBS. We will be doing this by strengthening our encounters with Jewish tradition and also with each other, our families, our clergy, and the greater Jewish community. In doing so, we will be guided by the values and teachings of Dr. Ron Wolfson, as outlined in his outstanding book, [Relational Judaism](#). Initiatives, such as our new *Connector* program, our *Shabbat Share* dinner program, our engagement in Social Justice, and the new *Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project* (see last month's *Scroll*) are just a few examples of how we are working to make this happen.

Exploring Key Transitional Moments

Many of our connections to Temple life come as life-cycle events - whether it is a time of family celebration, of accomplishment, or a need for comfort. But transitional moments are found at other times as well: When we pause for a weekly *Shabbat* meal

or when we adjust to the changing landscape of family life, such as our children no longer living at home. Our *Empty Nester* program will continue to grow, and we will be exploring other transitional moments to see how we can engage, and share, in these experiences together.



Celebrating Our Early Childhood Learning

Rabbi Todd Markley, Director of Early Childhood Learning Ellen Dietrick, and our many lay leaders in Jewish learning will be studying the existing landscape of early learning, parenting, and community involvement, including data on Jewish preschool choices in Needham and surrounding communities. Recommendations on how best to position ourselves within the greater community will be made later in the year.

Ensuring Our Financial Health

Looking to the future, our Budget Task Force has begun to prepare operating budgets for FY 2015-16, our year of construction, as well as FY 2016-17, our year of completion. Working in partnership, our lay leaders and senior staff have also developed a draft *Mikdash* Project Budget, which will continually be refined as our work moves ahead.

Improving Our Communications

This year, we will begin to develop a holistic communication strategy to better address the needs of our different congregational segments, focusing on the use of different media to build connections, share our Jewish learning, and coordinate communications. A team consisting of representatives of our Communication Committee, senior staff, and communication professionals, will embark on this new project.

What an exciting and rewarding year lies ahead!

Why a Sukkah?

By Alan Novick

Growing up on Long Island, the only *sukkah* I knew was the one behind our *shul*. It was a creation made of musty, faded, blue canvas wrapped around a galvanized pipe frame, with a *s'chach* (roof) made of bamboo poles just like the ones the life guards used at the town pool. My Hebrew school classmates and I made construction paper "artwork" and strung up pomegranates and bunches of plastic grapes.

I don't think I set foot in a *sukkah* again until our daughter Rachel was in daycare at the local JCC. The *sukkah* was, for me, nothing more than the venue for another party with screaming two and three year olds. It was better than Chuck E. Cheese's, but then, sitting in traffic waiting to get across the G.W. Bridge was better than Chuck E. Cheese's. I'd heard of *sukkot* in people's back yards and even on fire escapes, and we attended *Sukkot* celebrations in a handful of temples over the years, but I don't ever recall being in a family *sukkah*.

Since coming to Needham and TBS, I had participated in the annual ritual of erecting and then dismantling the temple's *sukkah*. On these occasions I would spend about 10 minutes (or less) in a *sukkah*. That always seemed sufficient.

Inexplicably, early last summer I was struck with a virulent strain of *sukkah* fever. I needed to build a *sukkah* and sit in it...in my own back yard. I stumbled upon The Sukkah Project (www.sukkot.com) run by Steve Henry Herman. I ordered their 12' x 12' *sukkah* kit and awaited its arrival. After a trip to my local lumberyard...our new family *sukkah* was up and decorated just in time!



Alan Novick (in red) and crew.

If you recall, *Sukkot* came in mid September last year, and the weather was fantastic! We BBQ'd and ate our dinners in the *sukkah*. We invited the neighbors over, and we sent out an email to a group of our friends inviting them to drop by our "Open *Sukkah*" on the Sunday of *Sukkot*. More than 20 of our friends stopped by.

When I was approached about lending a hand to build a new *sukkah* for TBS, I jumped at the opportunity. My overarching design goal was to have the new TBS *sukkah* used by as many folks as possible and to make it a place to hang out.

What really brought everything together was the official *sukkah* raising after *Yom Kippur*. As I had already completed most of the structural work, all that really needed to be done was to assemble the Children's Center *sukkah*, to roll out the bamboo mats for the *s'chach*, and to decorate the new TBS *sukkah*. I reached out to Ellen Dietrick in the Children's Center and mover and shaker extraordinaire Peggy Gassman. Peggy made decorating the *sukkah* her mission, and recruited folks from all over the congregation. Contingents from Brotherhood, Garden Club, Children's Center, and other wandering souls put

up the roof and decorated like crazy. When the dust had settled, we had a truly wonderful *sukkah*.

Erev Sukkot, before services there was a *kiddish* in the *sukkah*. People flowed in and out, grabbed snacks and *kibitzed* with friends old and new. For me, it was rewarding to see the *sukkah* in use...not for the obligatory 10 minutes, but just to hangout and enjoy the time in the (almost) outdoors.



Getting “Social” with Rabbi Bob Orkand

By Matt Robinson

After retiring from the pulpit rabbinate in Westport, CT, Rabbi Robert Orkand moved to Needham and joined the TBS community, where he was immediately put back to work chairing our new Social Justice Committee.

As he once served as Chair of the Human Services Commission of the Town of Westport, as President of United Way of Westport-Weston, and as President of the Westport-Weston Clergy Association, his dedication to the needs of the community may be no surprise. Even so, the energy with which he has approached his new role is nothing short of and inspiring, especially considering that he moved here to retire!

In addition to serving his own communities, Rabbi Orkand has also made an effort to extend himself and his reach to others in need. A past Chair of the National Commission on Jewish Education for the Reform movement, Rabbi Orkand also served four years as President of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA), helping to run their “Israel Matters” initiative. He also has a special devotion to children, for whom he has authored a trio of prayer books.

While Rabbi Orkand could have easily rested on his many laurels, his continued dedication to supporting and upholding justice in the community and the world continue to drive him and, through him, his community.

Orkand recalls first being asked to chair the Social Justice Committee last August when he and his wife Joyce moved to the Boston area.

“While my first reaction was that chairing a synagogue

committee was NOT my idea of retirement,” he recalls, “I quickly came to understand the wisdom of separating ‘social justice’ from ‘social action’ and decided that I could put to good use what I had learned about community organizing from the work I had done in Connecticut.”

When asked what it is he feels he has learned through his many years of clergy and community work,

Orkand explains the distinction between two terms that, he suggests, many other confuse and conflate.

“I have learned...that ‘social action’ is about the world as it is,” he explains, bemoaning the many people who face hunger and lack of basic necessities each and every day; people who we as Jews, he says, “understand that is our obligation to help whenever and wherever we can.” On the other hand, Orkand notes, “Social justice is about the world *as we would like it to be*. It is about using the political system to change society.” Temporally

speaking Orkand observes that while social action “must be done now,” social justice “requires a bit more patience.” As much as we want to repair the world, sometimes we have to wait to get the job done properly.

Building Relationships

For the past year, the TBS community has been moving toward its goals with such definite social actions as actively promoting what is often termed “relational Judaism.” “The clergy and lay leadership understand the many benefits that can be derived from creating and fostering relationships,” Orkand suggests, noting that the social justice work he has been asked to lead “takes the building of relationships



one step further - using those relationships to move out into the community beyond the synagogue's walls to change the world."

While he may have a good deal of experience in this field, Orkand is keen to call on fellow congregants and community members to do their share. "We are in the process of creating an active Social Justice Committee," he explains, "and would welcome volunteers."

Gathering Together and Moving Forward

As so many of the great movements for justice began in church basements and fellowship halls, Orkand suggests, places like TBS are ideal incubators for ideas and actions that can truly repair and change the world. "Today, congregations around the country are organizing to conquer not only the inequities other people are enduring," Orkand says, "but the indignities their own members are suffering."

In preparation for the new committee and the new action, Rabbi Orkand, Rabbi Jay, and many congregational lay leaders have been attending meetings of the Greater Boston

Interfaith Organization (GBIO).

"There, we join with clergy and laypeople from

more than 60 churches, synagogues, and mosques in the greater Boston area," Orkand explains. "We have learned that true change, in our own lives, in our families and in our communities, emerges out of the relationships we create with one another."

According to Orkand, the work ahead consists of two parts. The first, he says, is to "become closer to one other right here at Temple Beth Shalom." The second is to be part of GBIO's efforts to "bring about societal change through the power of 60 congregations working together."

Conversing and Connecting

Recalling the "house meetings" in which over 100 TBS congregants participated this past year, Orkand suggests that they were created in order to give temple members an opportunity to "tell their stories."

"We wanted to know what their concerns are for their families, their synagogue, the future of Massachusetts and our local communities," he explains. "We wanted to know what kept people up at night. And we wanted to know what brings people joy and what gifts they can share to help their neighbors and their community."

While he admits that the process is "far from complete," he says that a good step forward will be the second round of house meetings that is being planned. He explains that the invitations will be sent out "somewhat randomly" so that participants will be able to bring ideas and insights from different walks and stages of life.

"We don't know what will emerge out of these conversations," he says. "We just want to get to know each other better. We want these conversations to create an even richer web of connection among the members of Temple Beth Shalom." Orkand also hopes that these informal meetings will encourage more members to become more formally involved in temple life.

Among the issues that came up in the first round of meetings were concerns about Israel, immigration reform, the socio-economic gaps, gun violence, the high cost of health care, and many other societal issues. "We are also hearing about deeply felt family issues such as the growing burden of paying off college loans, the pressure our kids are feeling in school, and the problems faced by those who find themselves having to care for elderly parents," Orkand recalls.

Through their own listening campaign and through collaborations with other congregations affiliated with GBIO, Orkand and his new committee hope to identify social justice issues on which people want to work and on which they can work. "Through the stories we are hearing," he says, "we hope to identify issues that might be addressed by the various committees of our Temple. If we know what brings on the darkness in the lives of Temple members and in the lives of people with whom we come in contact, maybe, together, we can create some sparks of daylight."



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Year Long Focus on Early Literacy Skills in the TBS Children's Center



Early literacy is one of the key foundations (along with social emotional skills) for academic success in elementary school. In our family survey last winter, many parents asked how we teach literacy at the Temple Beth Shalom Children's Center. In response, we are pleased to announce a year

long school-wide focus on making literacy learning visible. Our faculty brings a deep knowledge of early literacy learning and intentionally incorporates literacy skill development into the daily curriculum for each child and sharing that with families is our goal.

While at first glance, it is easy to assume that literacy learning is as simple as tracing letters, true literacy development involves a series of higher level skills that are much more complex and can sometimes be hard to see! Over the course of this year, the Children's Center faculty will be sharing their knowledge of how children learn to read and write with families so that they too can more fully appreciate the milestones as children achieve them.



The project includes an intensive faculty study of a brand new text on early literacy which focuses on the six building blocks of emergent literacy that give children the necessary foundation for success in learning to read and write: Conversation, Vocabulary, Story Comprehension,

Complex Language, Print Knowledge, and Sound Awareness. In addition, later this month, each family will receive a copy of *I'm Ready! How to Prepare Your Child for Reading Success*, a new book just published by The Hanen Center, a well known leader in early literacy research for over 35 years. We'll kick the

family study off with an evening of learning with an early childhood literacy expert and then continue with small group conversations and learning in the homes of families around town.

Our year began by highlighting the ways in which we teach children through deep and meaningful conversations about books. Research has proven that reading to children is not enough; it is the conversations that follow that allow children to really concretize the learning and extend it to new experiences. If you step into a classroom, you will see teachers "striving for five," encouraging children to engage in five back and forth turns in the conversational cycle and asking questions that require higher level thinking skills beyond the usual sort of testing ("What color is that?") questions that young children are typically asked. Temple Beth Shalom Children's Center is a leader in this kind of dedicated, intentional curriculum which provides an optimal learning environment for young children.

If you have young children or grandchild and are interested in studying along with us, you can read the first pages of *I'm Ready!* online at <http://bit.ly/TBSliteracy> or order your copy on Amazon.com.

Why Take a Hike on Shabbat?

Shabbat is a great time for exploration of one of the many nature areas in and around Needham! We invite you to take a break from chores and computer screens and join us. Hikes are generally on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM, although in the winter we move them up to 1:00 PM. We walk for 1-2 hours. The terrain can vary, but we try to choose trails that are appropriate for families. Look in the "TBS This Week" emails for details as the hike date approaches. The next two hikes will be on Nov. 15 and Dec. 13. For more information contact Jane Evans (JaneLEvans@verizon.net).

Coat Drive – Donate Through December 19, 2014

Circle of Hope (COH) is a Needham-based non-profit that assists those living in homeless shelters and those struggling for independent lives by collecting, sorting and distributing new and gently used clothing. Temple Beth Shalom is conducting its annual coat drive to assist COH. Please consider donating any

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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 box outside of the Temple office. To make arrangements for larger donations, contact Peggy Lowenstein (pelowenstein@gmail.com). Last year we collected 125 coats. Thank you in advance for helping us to exceed this record!

Sisterhood Makes a Difference

Sisterhood makes a difference in the lives of women at Temple Beth Shalom. We also make a difference in the lives of the youth at our temple home, in the lives of youth in our local community who are experiencing grief, and in the lives of the youth at our sister congregation in Israel. Here are some words from those organizations and people:

The RAC Trip - For the past three years, Sisterhood has helped underwrite the costs associated with the 10th grade trip to the RAC in Washington D.C. For many of the teens, the experience is transformative:

Thank you Sisterhood for helping make this trip so fantastic. I am a changed person after the 10th grade RAC (Religious Action Center) trip. We met so many other kids from Reform temples across the country and that was awesome! I am inspired to continue to stand up for things I believe in.

The Children's Room (TCR) - For the past two years, Sisterhood has made generous donations to TCR, a grief support agency located in Arlington, MA that supports children and their families who are experiencing a death in their family.

Donna Smith Sharff, Executive Director of TCR relays to us these words from a young mother:

When we arrived at The Children's Room, we were hanging on by a thread. Today, we are standing on solid ground. The tears and laughter we have shared with you fed our souls during a time when there was nobody else in our lives who could. What happens at TCR is very unique and powerful, but more impressive is the lasting effect it had on our family.

Camping Scholarships - Sisterhood has been making donations that enable TBS children to attend Jewish summer camp. We recognize that Jewish summer camp helps nurture the young Jewish soul, forming bonds and connections that last a lifetime. Here are some photos of the many campers who

attend the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) overnight camps, Crane Lake and Eisner Camps.



Youth Programming in Israel - Our sister congregation in Israel - Kehillat Meveserrat Zion (KMZ) has a growing youth population and limited funding to carry out its mission to connect students to the Reform congregation. For the past several years, we have donated funds to help the congregation provide meaningful learning and leadership experiences for its youth.

Dear Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood:

The year started with a bang, with a huge happening organized to attract new members and introduce them to the movement. The senior counselors took part in a nationwide weekend training seminar in Haifa. They met old friends and made new ones, exchanged experiences and participated in numerous workshops that will enrich their leadership abilities.

I have chosen two goals to work on this year: To strengthen the connection between the youngsters and the congregation [and] to increase their involvement in the congregation.

On the community level, a new connection began with the local absorption center and the Ethiopian residents. KMZ's older youth members will soon begin a 'big brother/sister' program where they will be matched with Ethiopian children. The plan includes joint trips and hikes as well.

We thank you for your continued support of our youth programs at KMZ.

Best wishes in the New Year,
Thom Froimovich
Noar Telem Youth Coordinator, KMZ

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Here is a selection of events this month. For the most current and complete event notices, please see the TBS website and the weekly email.

SHABBAT FAMILY DAY



Join us for crafts, songs, stories and more to celebrate Shabbat as a family. Designed for children ages 0-6 and the whole family, including older siblings, are welcome.

Saturday, November 1, 2014 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Drop in any time!
QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Dawn Ellis & Liz Berkman (bbb@tbsneedham.org)

GARDEN CLUB FUNDRAISER: ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE



This is the Garden Club's one and only fundraiser. Come shopping for antiques and enjoy our baked goods table and delicious café.

Sunday, November 2, 2014, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Needham High School
QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Fawn Hurwitz (fhurwitz@aol.com or 914-907-3184)

TOT SHABBAT



Celebrate Shabbat with songs, stories, and prayers in this monthly service designed especially for families with children ages 0-6. All are welcome!

Friday, November 7, 2014, 6:15 PM
QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Ellen Dietrick (edietrick@tbsneedham.org)

CHILD CPR FOR PARENTS



Learn how to perform CPR on children ages 1-8 years old. Also includes choke-saving skills and child-proofing tips. Instructor Teresa Stewart offers the American Heart Association's Family and Friends CPR curriculum (please note: this is not a certification, but was specifically designed, as the name implies, for family and friends.) Teresa became a CPR instructor after her daughter choked (twice!) before her first birthday. Her goal is to help you develop the skills, confidence, and knowledge so if you should ever be in a similar situation, you, too, can save a child's life.

Sunday, November 9, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
COST: \$70/couple, \$40/individual
REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/TBSchild>

LEROY DAVIS SPORTS BREAKFAST: DAN SHAUGHNESSY



Join the TBS Brotherhood for a tasty breakfast and Boston Globe writing legend Dan Shaughnessy to talk about all things sports.

All attendees are invited to bring a “gently” used coat to support our Circle of Hope clothing initiative – and we’ll be doing a 50/50 raffle to help support the Mikdash project.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to help set up the room and prepare breakfast (for 150 folks). Please consider being a part of our breakfast crew. Let Jon know if you can help.

Sunday, November 9, 2014, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Simon Hall

COST: \$5/member, \$10/non-member

QUESTIONS? RSVP: Jon Cohan (joncohan@gmail.com)

BABYSITTING FAIR



Parents, Bring the kids along for a chance to meet eligible sitters.

Sitters, bring your “business cards”, a favorite book or art project to share with the kids, and come to find families in need of sitters.

Sunday, November 9, 2014 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM. Drop in any time!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Dawn Ellis & Liz Berkman (bbb@tbsneedham.org)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/TBSbabysitters>

GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM: “AUTUMN SPLENDOR”



Program: “Autumn Splendor” with Elaine DiGiovanni and Linda Ladd. This duo will create floral designs both formal and informal for the fall.

Monday, November 10, 2014, 7:00 PM, Simon Hall

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Fawn Hurwitz (fhurwitz@aol.com or 914-907-3184)

CHILDREN’S CENTER: STEVE SONGS FAMILY CONCERT



Move, groove, sing and giggle at this fun-filled, wildly entertaining family concert featuring beloved children’s entertainer and co-host of the PBS KIDS Preschool Destination, SteveSongs! Enjoy a morning filled with rockin’ music, movement, crafts, goodies & more to benefit enrichment programs for the Temple Beth Shalom Children’s Center. What better way to spend Veterans’ Day than with your pals and some seriously fun music! Open to all.

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Michele Fox (michelehfox@gmail.com)

COST: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door (if tickets remain!)

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/1qUjXbL>

INSTANT CHOIR - KOLOT KEHILLAH



On Friday nights, November 21 and December 19, TBS will have its first “instant choir,” Kolot Kehillah (voices of the community). Please join Cantor Jonas from 5:45-6:10 PM in the sanctuary where we will learn a piece of music together and then sing it during services.

No musical knowledge, vocal training or Hebrew proficiency is necessary! Bring a friend. This is for all ages but an adult must accompany children under the age of 13. Services begin at 6:15 PM. We hope to see you there!

Friday, November 21, 2014 5:45 PM - 6:10 PM, Sanctuary
No registration required, just arrive ready to sing.

JAMIE FLECKNER: IMPRESSIONS OF ISRAEL



Join us for Shabbat Evening Services and a Shabbat evening presentation. Jamie Fleckner, a beloved member of the TBS community, recently traveled as part of a special delegation to Israel with CJP.

Please join us as Jamie speaks about his experience and shares his impressions.

Jamie Fleckner lives in Needham with his wife Sarah and their children Josh, Hannah and Rachel. The Fleckners have been members of Temple Beth Shalom since 2003. Jamie has been active in Jewish causes, having first served as an Eisendrath Legislative Assistant at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in 1991, and more recently as a member of the advisory board of the Jewish Alliance for Law & Social Action and the Public Policy Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council. He also participates in Jewish learning programs; he is in his second year of the Hebrew College/CJP Me'ah program and his first year of the TBS/CJP Tzion program.

Friday, November 21, 6:15 PM, Sanctuary

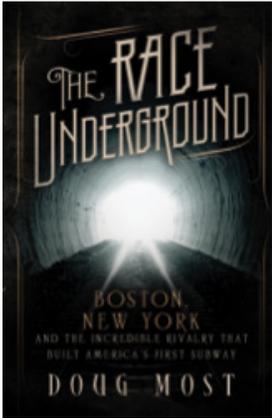
SLEEP SUCCESS FOR YOUR CHILD



A discussion based panel focusing on sleep related issues from newborn through the toddler years.

Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Dawn Ellis & Liz Berkman (bbb@tbsneedham.org)

BAGELS AND BOOK TALK WITH DOUG MOST



Join us for an eye-opening and enjoyable morning as TBS member and author Doug Most shares his favorite stories from his book: “The Race Underground: Boston, New York, and the Incredible Rivalry That Built America’s First Subway.” The Economist magazine has called Doug’s work, a “meticulously researched history.” Kirkus Reviews has noted that it is “an almost flawlessly conducted tour back to a time when major American cities dreamed big.”

Doug will bring photographs from his book and help you appreciate the marvel of underground subway travel. He will talk about two brothers from one of America’s most famous families, the man who put beautiful pianos into living rooms around the world, and the engineer whose firm built New York’s subway and went on to build Boston’s famous Big Dig.



A light breakfast will be served. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Doug Most is a deputy managing editor at The Boston Globe and the former editor of the Globe Sunday Magazine. He is a proud member of Temple Beth Shalom, lives in Needham, and shares his life with his wife, Mimi Braude, and their children Julia and Ben.

Sunday, November 2, 2014, 8:45 AM – 11:00 AM, Simon Hall

RSVP: Deb Hecht (dhecht@tbsneedham.org or 781-444-0388)

GREAT BOOKS OF THE JEWS



Join us for a fascinating Monday “Lunch and Learn” Series.

Jews are known as the “People of the Book” for good reason. The Tanach, otherwise known as the Hebrew Bible, has inspired debate and sparked imaginations for thousands of years. What many of us don’t realize is that the conversations about Tanach (the Hebrew Bible) led to the creation of a number of other books that transformed the way Jews understand their religion, their history and the possibilities of their future.

This course will look at some of those important texts and the role they have played in the development of Jewish thought. Each session of this course will stand alone. No prior knowledge is needed and all readings will be in English.

Complementary lunch will be served at each session (RSVP by previous Thursday necessary so we know how much to order). You may, of course, bring your own lunch as well. Meals are provided thanks to the generosity of the Richard Todd Sacks Jewish Lifelong Learning Fund.

Mondays, 12:00 PM–1:00 PM, Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th

TEACHER: Rabbi Bob Orkand

RSVP: One week prior to each session to Deb Hecht (dhecht@tbsneedham.org)

COMING SOON

SISTERHOOD CELEBRATES: GIRLS, GELT AND GIMLETS



Join us for a fabulous evening of fun to celebrate *Chanukah*. “Girls, Gelt and Gimlets (Vodka) at Judy Chudnofsky’s house. We will eat latkes and gelt, drink gimlets, all while celebrating *Chanukah*. It’s sure to be a good time.

Thursday, December 11, 2014, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

QUESTIONS? RSVP: Jill Lerner (jillzlearner@gmail.com)

BROTHERHOOD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



Do a *mitzvah*! It’s in your blood. Please consider making your contribution to the TBS Brotherhood community blood drive.

Sunday, December 14, 2014, Simon Hall

QUESTIONS? Jon Cohan (joncohan@gmail.com)

PROJECT EZRA



On Thursday, December 25, Temple Beth Shalom will once again join hands with the Needham Community Council to provide dinners on Christmas Day. 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.” A *Mitzvah* You’ll Never Forget!

Know of someone who needs a dinner on Christmas Day? Please let us know.

Thursday, December 25, 2014

QUESTIONS? RSVP: Lois Sockol (781-449-1226) or June Atkind (617-462-4350)

BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD PRESENT: “MARRIAGE CAN BE MURDER”



The Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom invite you to attend the wedding that will end all weddings. The mother of the bride has planned the perfect wedding, but before her beautiful daughter can even say “I do” a bloody killing mars the happy day. It is up to you, the wedding guests to find the killer, determine the motive, and make sure that love lives “happily ever after.”

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, February 7, 2015

LEARNING

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM



Introduction to Judaism provides an opportunity to learn about Jewish history, traditions, holidays and life cycle ceremonies. Participants will gain comfort and familiarity with the symbols, liturgy, music, traditions and Hebrew blessings that accompany Jewish celebrations in the home and synagogue.

Starts Sunday, November 2, 2014, 2:30 PM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Rabbi Jay Perlman (jperlman@tbsneedham) or Rabbi Todd Markley (tmarkley@tbsneedham.org)

COST: \$275/individual or \$360/couple (Advance registration required)

REGISTER: <http://www.reformjewishoutreachboston.org/>

LATE FALL PARENTING & CHILD DEVELOPMENT CLASSES



New Sessions Begin the Weeks of November 3 & 10

Mondays

Toddler Art Class (Ages 1-3 years): **Mondays, 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM**

Second Time Around: (newborn - 6 months): **Mondays, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

Teeter Totters: (6-12 months): **Mondays, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

New Mamas, New Babies: (newborn - 3 months): **Mondays, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

JamBaby Music Class (Ages 3 months - 3 years): **Tuesdays, 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM**
and **Wednesdays, 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM**

Toddler Time: (18-24 months): **Wednesdays, 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

Terrific Tots: (12-18 months): **Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Giggles and Grins: (3-6 months), **Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

CONTACT: Dawn Ellis & Liz Berkman bbb@tbsneedham.org

REGISTER: bit.ly/TBSchild

JEWISH ETHICS & VALUES ... AND ME!



An exploration of traditional Jewish values in the context of today's society

Join us for a lively discussion that links Jewish wisdom to how we live! This class will be taught in English and no prior background in text study is necessary. Come, learn, and share!

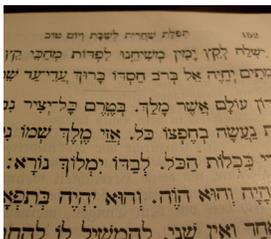
First Wednesday of the month, starts Nov. 5th, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

TEACHER: Rabbi Michele Lenke

REGISTER: Deb Hecht (dhecht@tbsneedham.org or 781-444-0388)

LEARNING (CONTINUED)

ADULT PRAYERBOOK HEBREW A.K.A "SO THAT'S WHAT THAT MEANS"



Take a closer look at the prayers of our liturgy. Have you ever been in the sanctuary during services and said to yourself or to those sitting near you. "I wish I knew what I was saying", or "I like this tune, but what is this prayer about?" or "I wish that I had learned that in Hebrew School!", then this class is for you.

This class is for adults with at least basic Hebrew reading skills who are curious and want to participate more fully during services and home rituals by gaining a better understanding of the meaning and traditions surrounding our Hebrew prayers. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about Judaism, the Siddur, its prayers, and ourselves through an exploration of texts and traditions.

Thursdays, Starts November 6th, 2014-15, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

TEACHER: Rabbi Michele Lenke

QUESTIONS? Rabbi Lenke (rabbilenke@tbsneedham.org or 781-444-0077).

REGISTER: Deb Hecht (dhecht@tbsneedham.org or 781-444-0388)

MONTHLY "CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SHABBAT SERVICE"



Beginning in November, we will once again be offering our monthly (first Friday) "Contemplative Shabbat Evening Service." This year, we are happy to have Rabbi Lenke lead these reflective Shabbat experiences.

"Contemplative prayer" begins with an invitation to bring all sides of ourselves to our relationship with God. It is not exclusively meditative but rather it is rooted in an expanded awareness that comes from open hearts and open minds and peace. Poetry, reflection, breathing, learning, and focus are all part of our experience with holiness and with each other.

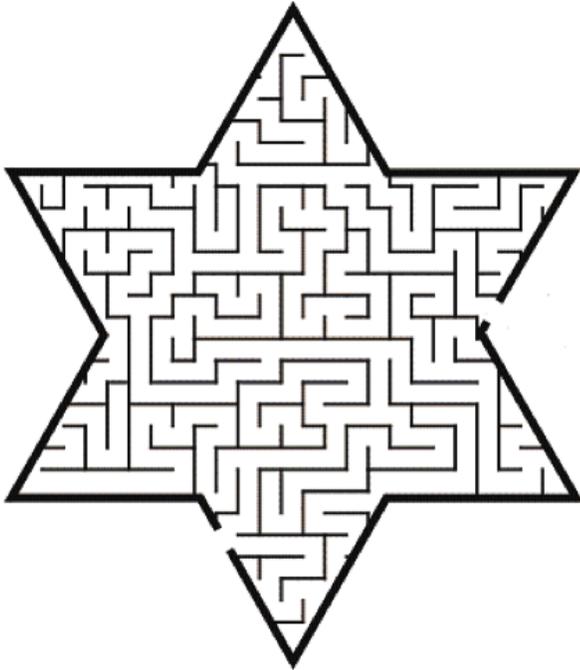
Our service experience begins at 7:15 pm in Room 23/24 and lasts approximately an hour, after which we join with the rest of the community for a joyful oneg!

Fridays, 7:15 PM, Nov. 7, 2014 Dec. 5, 2014, Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr. 10, May 5, June 5, 2015

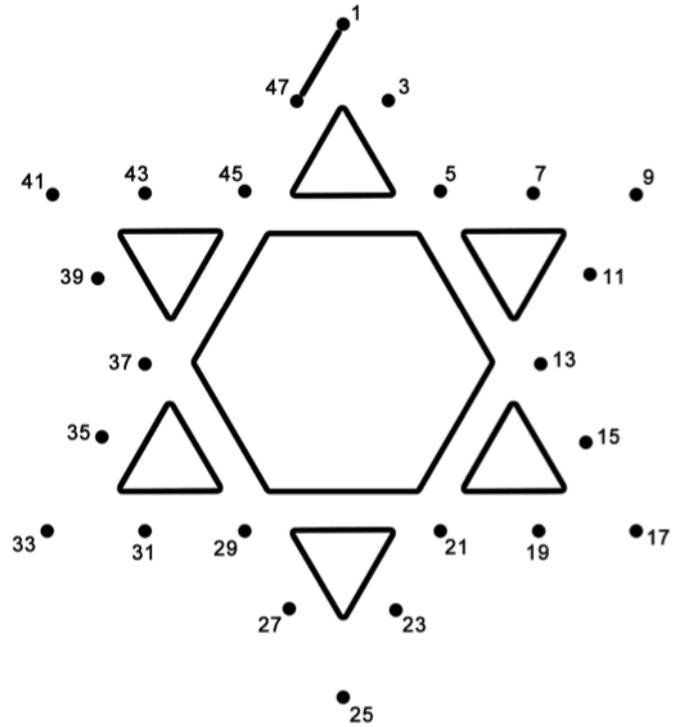
QUESTIONS? Rabbi Lenke (rabbilenke@tbsneedham.org or 781-444-0077).

KIDS PAGE

Right to left, of course!



Hmm, that's odd. What could this be?



Did you know?

Did you know that you can find every letter in the Hebrew alphabet hidden in the Star of David?

How many can you find before looking at the answer?

Star of David Fun Facts

There is an ancient story about how King David's shield was made of two triangles and during battle, the two triangles fused together to form what we now know as the Star of David.

The Star of David was historically used as magical symbol or decoration among many peoples, not just Jewish people.

At times throughout history the Star of David was associated with King Solomon instead of King David

Today the Star of David can be found at the center of the flag of Israel

In Hebrew the Star of David is called Magen David

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



Wendy Shulman

Trustee and Chesed Committee Chair

Wendy Shulman has a long history of serving the community. A volunteer in various capacities with the Needham Public Schools, the Pan Mass Challenge and The Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy (where she tutors third grade students at the Mozart School in Roslindale), Wendy also chaired various committee at Temple Beth Shalom, including the Children's Center Committee and the Membership Committee before taking on the Chair of *Chesed* a few years ago. She also serves on the Board of TBS and is always available to support the community in any way she can. Her husband Bill also volunteers with the Hebrew Senior Life Hospice visiting terminally ill patients. Both Wendy's daughter Sophie, who a freshman at Rollins College, and her son Simon, a junior at Needham High, have benefited greatly from their involvement with the Teen programs at TBS and have carried on the family tradition by giving back to the community as volunteers and in many other capacities.



Wendy, Sophie, Simon, and Bill

What does being Jewish mean to you?

To me, being Jewish means being connected to a vibrant community that has a shared history, shared values and shared traditions. It's a way of living that keeps me centered and focused on what is most important to me - family, friends, and caring for others.

What is your favorite Jewish holiday?

I suppose Passover is my favorite holiday. I love gathering family and friends together for all the holidays, but telling the story of the Exodus has always moved me. There are so many rituals associated with the Seder and they bring the story alive for me. The imagery is just so powerful. As my kids have grown, our rituals have evolved. Each year we create the Seder anew depending on where we are in our life's journey.

What is your fondest memory involving Jewish Life?

Creating my daughter's tallit for her Bat Mitzvah is among my fondest memories. I had painted a design on the silk and then woven in pieces of thread and tzitzit from both of her grandfathers' tallit and from her great-grandfathers' tallit as well. Each time I sat down to work on it, the sense of family history and

continuity was palpable for me. It was created with love and received by my daughter on her Bat Mitzvah day with great joy.

What brought you to TBS?

We moved to Needham when my daughter Sophie was 3 and my son Simon was 1. We chose Temple Beth Shalom at that time because we wanted our kids to be in preschool and religious school with friends from their own neighborhood. It was a leap of faith because we really didn't know very much about the community. It didn't take long for us to realize how inviting and warm a community TBS is. At every milestone, and so often in between, we are so grateful for the impact the decision to join TBS has had on our family. Our children have developed deep and lasting relationships with peers, clergy and staff with whom they have learned, traveled, celebrated and mourned. They have a community who cherishes them and who they cherish in return.

Why did you become involved in temple leadership?

I became involved in temple leadership because I was asked to participate by Ina Glasberg. I don't even remember what that first step into community life was, but before long I was asked to Chair the Children's Center Committee and then later the

CHAI LIGHTS (continued)

Membership Committee and now I chair the Chesed Committee. At every step, clergy and lay leaders have encouraged and supported my efforts and I've found that the more I participate the more connected I feel! I am so proud to serve on the TBS Board where I am impressed time and again with the positive energy of the lay leadership and with the inspired leadership of Rabbi Jay and Rabbi Todd.

How do you hope to contribute to our Temple community?

My current role as Chair of the Chesed Community allows me to contribute in ways that I never imagined I could and has been among the most rewarding experiences of my life! Every day I get to talk to members of the TBS community who are struggling with illness and offer them a little something as a gesture of support. It might be a wrap hand knit by our Knitting Mavens, or meals cooked by Bikkur Cholim, or visits from our Caring Connections group, or a Caring Cup filled with goodies, or a card hand drawn by our littlest members of the Children's Center.

Additionally, our Career Connections group offers career counseling, our Caregiver's Course offers educational programming for caregivers and our Simcha group delivers a baby gift to new parents and grandparents. Our Shiva Outreach group reaches out at our most vulnerable time when we have experienced a loss.

Our Chesed Leadership Team is committed and creative and we work with scores of wonderful volunteers whose gestures of support, large and small, are met with profound gratitude. People are reminded by these moments of care that they are not alone, that they are deeply connected to a warm and caring community at Temple Beth Shalom.

SPOTLIGHT

The Chesed Committee

"We are a community of Chesed – compassionate outreach. We care deeply about one another, rejoicing in each other's simchas and reaching out to support one another in times of need..." - Temple Beth Shalom's Vision Statement

Temple members follow our TBS vision in so many different ways:

Bikkur Cholim: Provides a home-cooked or store-bought meal for those in our community who are experiencing an illness or long-term health care issue. Other members provide much needed transportation to medical appointments.

Knitting Mavens: Makes beautiful hand-knit or crocheted caring wraps or lap blankets that are given to congregants who are ill and dealing with long-term treatment or recovery. This "hug" lets them know that we are thinking of and praying for them.

Caregiver's Course: Provides support to caregivers within the TBS community by offering them informal and confidential discussion groups and educational programming around issues of health, aging and caregiving for the entire community.

Shiva Outreach: Comforts us with offers of support at our most vulnerable moments, when we have suffered a loss. Provides a meal during or after the Shiva period, or just offers our condolences and understanding.

Simcha Group: Celebrates the joyous moments in our lives by bestowing lovely "welcoming" gifts to families of newborns, including a hand-knitted or crocheted baby blanket.

Caring Connections: Connects with those in our community who would benefit from visits, calls, cards and other outreach.

Caring Cups: Reaches out with a Temple Beth Shalom Caring Mug filled with comfort items for those in our community who are experiencing an illness, injury or going through a difficult time.

CareerConnections: Offers assistance for Temple members who are looking for employment or considering a career/lifestyle change.

To join in any of these efforts, please contact Wendy Shulman, *Chesed* Chair, (wshulman1@gmail.com). If you or someone you know is in need of support and/or comfort, please contact Rabbi Perlman (jperlman@tbsneedham.org).

A Call to Prayer

TBS Member Steve Peljovich Proposes a Daily *Minyan*

By Matt Robinson

As is the case with so many of our beloved TBS family members, Steve Peljovich has found comfort in the daily recitation of the Mourner's *Kaddish* following the passing of his father. While he has usually been able to find a place to recite the prayer in the presence of a *Minyan*, he is often unable to join the prayer gatherings that are hosted here at TBS on Monday and Thursday mornings and on *Shabbat*.

A few weeks ago, Steve asked whether we might ask if others might be interested in starting an evening *Minyan* for people who wish to say *Kaddish* or simply gather with friends in prayer and reflection.

On Sunday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM, all are invited to an 'Evening *Minyan* Exploration Meeting' to discuss what we, as a community, might like to do and how. No commitment is necessary. Simply RSVP to Rabbi Perlman (jperlman@tbsneedham) to let him know that you are coming.

During our recent *Yom Kippur* services, Steve addressed the entire TBS community. He said that, even though he was invited to speak by Rabbi Jay, he felt that it was his father who had compelled him to present his idea before the community. He told of his upbringing, and of how his parents had escaped from Eastern Europe during WW II to Cuba, where they belonged to the historic congregation known as *El Patronato de Cuba* (The Patronage of Cuba one of 5 synagogues in Cuba at the time). When revolution began to stir in their new home, the Peljoviches moved again- this time, to Miami.

Here, Steve's father joined Temple Menorah, a community that had generously opened its doors to Cuban Jews in the 1960's and allowed them to partake in all aspects of the synagogue without asking for dues. Such an example of social action fits right in with our community and with this edition of the *Scroll*.

The *Mitzvah* of Visiting a House in Mourning

"My father was always very grateful and worked hard to give back to his *shul* through charity," Steve recalled, "but more importantly, through participation. Growing up, my dad would take me with him



to services on *Shabbat*, afternoon *Minyan* when he could attend, and always to houses on *Shiva* calls, even when I did not know the person who passed. My father was a strong believer in the *Mitzvah* of visiting a house of mourning to pay your respects. Over time, this became one of my father's callings. He became the guy who ensured there would be a *Minyan* every day at Temple so that folks who wanted/needed to say *Kaddish* could do so."

Steve spoke of all that he had learned from his father – from the recipes that inspired him to run a restaurant to the spiritual lessons that continue to inspire him and his family to this day.

"I can recall, very clearly, my father telling me over and over how it is one of the greatest *mitzvahs* to pay my respects, console a mourner, and provide them with a *Minyan*...to help the mourner and the mourned move on with their lives."

Coming Together as a Community

As everyone in our community has been touched by loss, Steve hopes that we will all come together in a community-wide example of social action to make our world as it should be by allowing our fellow congregants to have this most important service provided by our community, so they no longer have to go elsewhere to seek solace, comfort and support.

"There are many aspects of the Jewish religion that provide comfort, structure and meaning at different

parts of our lives,” Steve observed. “Until you have experienced it, and at some point we unfortunately all will, it is hard to appreciate that Jewish tradition really does death well. It is weird to talk about, but after going through the agonizing first few weeks and doing lots of reading, I really appreciate how Judaism’s ways of mourning help us.”

After the traditional period of *shiva*, during which the mourners stay home, Judaism prescribes a return to the world, but in parts. One of the ways it supports that transition is through the daily engagement in the community *Minyan*. As the situation is one we have all experienced and will again, Steve hopes that we can all come together to provide this familial community *mitzvah* to each other and, ultimately, to ourselves.

Honoring Jewish Tradition

“I have taken it upon myself to honor my father and Jewish tradition by following the *guidelines* for one who has lost a parent,” Steve explained. “I am hopeful that following this structure will help me *deal* with my loss and allow me to move forward.”

Though he has many months without his beloved father ahead of him, Steve takes comfort in the processes that his faith provides and hopes to be able to take more comfort in the community that he has relied upon for 14 years for so many other spiritual, emotional and physical needs.

“What I have learned during this time,” Steve remarks, “is that Jewish tradition has enabled me to maintain a very special daily connection with my father. Every morning, the first thing I do is spend time reflecting in prayer and getting myself ready to face my work, and my everyday encounters without constantly thinking about him.”

In Search of a Place to Pray

While he begins his days alone with his thoughts and memories, Steve and many others still seeking to be with others at some point of each day. “If my mourning is private time,” he notes, “in the evening, I have found myself looking for community. Each day, I drive to the closest synagogue that I know is holding a *Minyan* where I can accept the kindness and consolation of strangers and honor my father’s memory through prayer.”

As he drives around the region in search of a place to pray, Steve often thinks of what it would be like to be able to have the consistency and comfort of knowing that he could go to be with his friends and family at TBS to fulfill this obligation and to deepen his

connection to his father and his community.

“I know that we already do a lot to support those who have experienced a loss,” Steve says, “and I know that we have a wonderful Monday and Thursday morning *Minyan*, as well as evening and morning *Shabbat* services, where our members can say *Kaddish*.” Even so, Steve adds, he wonders if he is the only one who might find a daily *Minyan* to be even more comforting, supportive and enriching.

On November 2, that question will be answered.

As he concluded his *Yom Kippur* talk, Steve again spoke of his father and the example he had set for himself and his family.

“A number of years ago,” he recalled, “my father began studying the *Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers)*, a series of chapters dealing with ethical and moral principles that guide us in how we live. According to one of the teachings, the world stands on three things- Torah, Prayer, and Kindness to others. To me, creating a *Minyan* for mourners is one of the most selfless acts of kindness we can do for each other.”

Steve then quoted the great sage Hillel and his famous questions, “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And when I am only for myself, what am ‘I’? And if not now, when?”

To me,” he explained, “Hillel is asking us all the same question I am asking you. Will you join me on my journey? Will you help me add to our TBS community’s outreach by helping us consider whether we might ensure a home at TBS every evening for mourners seeking to heal through prayer?”

“As I think of my own Jewish journey...and my father...I cannot think of a better way to honor my dad’s legacy than by trying to set up in my temple community the legacy that he has left behind in his.”

Please join us for:

An Evening Minyan Exploration Meeting

Sunday, November 2 7:00 PM

To discuss the idea of an evening *Minyan* for people who wish to say *Kaddish* or simply gather with friends in prayer and reflection.

RSVP: Rabbi Perlman
(jperlman@tbsneedham.org)

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shall you be for all people!" If, in fact, we are part of a sacred staff motivated by a vision inspired from on high, Isaiah's message is our mission statement. We are here – he teaches - not for own sake alone – to pursue personal happiness, satisfaction, and fulfillment. Rather, we are called upon to reach beyond our own natural desire to satisfy self and instead to seek out those who "walk in the valley of the shadow." When we do – when we bring light, help, and hope to others – then we become worthy of seeing ourselves as part of God's most holy staff.

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When it's *Yom Kippur* and Your Kids are Fighting

It is *Yom Kippur*. Day of Atonement. We stand today before G-d, before our loved ones, before ourselves, and we ask for forgiveness for all that we have done wrong this year. All our regrets. All our sins.

This year our boys are 10, 9 and 4. They are old enough to grasp this concept in simple terms. So we have talked about it, explained the meaning of this important day: why we fast, why we go to temple, why we take it all so seriously.

The Book of Life.

That always scares them. It is a scary concept: who shall live, who shall perish...

It was scary for me as a child.

I remember sitting in temple, next to my dad, imagining G-d up high in the clouds with a great big book - literally turning pages and writing names in the Book of Life.

And yet.

They still fight.

The kids.

All day long.

I think we said to them about 9 times today, "You guys, it's *Yom Kippur*..."

But it doesn't matter. It doesn't register.

And if I am truly honest, I haven't been perfect today myself.

I was grumpy and mean this morning to my husband for no real reason.

I was impatient with my children for fighting so much.

I probably thought some unkind thoughts.

And yet.

I think it is ok.

I believe in a G-d who understands. Who gets it. We are not perfect. We are trying.

We are atoning, but still making mistakes as we go along. It's life, it's messy, loud, complicated life and G-d understands.

Today is not about being perfect. Today is just like every other day, really.

Except we are thinking more about who we are, who we have been, and who we want to be.

And G-d hears us. G-d knows.

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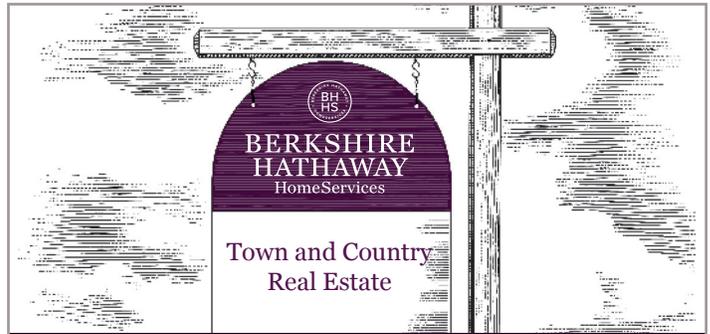
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