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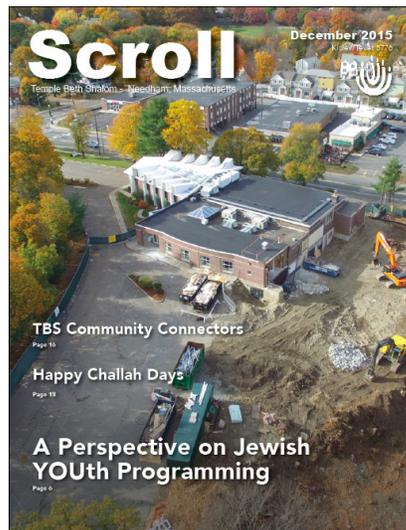
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From the Editorial Board

Jam Packed

As you will see in the pages of this December *Scroll*, our community is full of vibrant activity. In this issue, we hear from our Youth Engagement team, our Brotherhood, our TBS Community Connectors, and our pre-school. There are also lots of events and learning opportunities highlighted with even more to be found in the weekly e-mails. The *Scroll* is “jam packed” with opportunity for you to engage and be a part of our thriving community even as we “live” in the wilderness. There is

even a recipe for *sufganiyot* (jam packed jelly doughnuts) to celebrate *Chanukah* on page 17.



On the cover, we feature the current state of our building project, *Mikdash*. The education wing has been completely removed and all that remains is the sanctuary, Simon Hall, and the old administrative wing. Through the magic of drones we get a bird's eye view!

The *Scroll* editorial board is already working hard on the January *Scroll*. We are looking forward to featuring information, views, and experiences

from our TBS community in 2016.

We wish you all a Happy *Chanukah* and very happy secular new year!

- *The Scroll Editorial Board*

Please join the TBS community for
Minyan Services

Monday **and** Thursday - 7:00 - 7:30 AM (TBS)
Sunday **through** Thursday - 6:45 PM - 7:15 PM (TBS)
Friday - 2:00 PM (Wingate Residences)
Saturday - 8:30 - 9:00 AM

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

From the Clergy

Add Light to Our World by Rabbi Todd Markley

We are preparing to welcome the holiday of *Chanukah*, our festival of lights. At this time of year when daylight is at a premium, it was so wise of our Sages to create a celebration that invites us to add light to our world. In fact, the way in which we light the menorah was a matter of debate for our rabbis, one suggesting that we should remove a candle on each successive night and another arguing that we should add one each evening. Obviously, the latter view won out on the principle that it is better to add light – to multiply blessings – in our world rather than to diminish.

In this spirit, I want to share special blessings with you as you begin to make your way through this December issue of *The Scroll*. During our groundbreaking celebrations for our new TBS home, and for several weeks thereafter, we invited participants to write their own blessings onto stones that are being poured into the foundation of our new temple home. Our hearts are filled by the sentiments which people expressed, blessings that will literally hold our community aloft for decades to come. With thanks to their authors, I share a small sampling of these extraordinary prayers with you here:

- Thank you G-d for bringing us together as a community and please bless all that enter. I pray that all that enter find comfort and peace.
- May we bless this new temple and know that it will continue to give our family a sense of community and belonging.
- I am thankful for this community for its warmth, innovation and creativity. May it continue to inspire and engage those who walk through these doors and may all be blessed with health, joy and a love and connection to the Jewish tradition and Jewish community.
- Let the healing be well and the well heal.
- May there be peace in our minds, peace in our hearts, and peace in the world...
- We are so thankful for our temple community and our spiritual home.
- *L'dor v'dor*. May the essence of generations past join in spirit with the current generation, and those to come.



DECEMBER 2015 SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 (22 KISLEV 5776)

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 (23 KISLEV 5776)

Torah: VaYeshev, Gen. 37:1 – 40:23
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Rashi School)
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Rashi School)
10:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Rashi School)
B'nei Mitzvah: Hailey and Jack Queler

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 (29 KISLEV 5776)

6:15 PM — *Kehillah* Kids *Shabbat* Service (Rashi School)
6:15 PM — *Tot Shabbat* (Rashi School)
7:15 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 (30 KISLEV 5776)

Torah: Miketz, Gen. 41:1 – 44:17
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Rashi School)
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Rashi School)
10:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service (Rashi School)
B'nei Mitzvah: Neilie Alperin and Sam Fox

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 (6 TEVET 5776)

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 (7 TEVET 5776)

Torah: VaYigash, Gen. 44:18 – 47:27
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Rashi School)
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Rashi School)
10:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah: Alexis Gladstone

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 (13 TEVET 5776)

6:00 PM — *Shabbat* Evening Service (Rashi School)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 (14 TEVET 5776)

Torah: Vayechi, Gen. 47:28 – 50:26
8:30 AM — *Shabbat* Morning *Minyan* (Rashi School)
9:00 AM — *Torah* Study (Rashi School)

- May TBS continue to thrive and provide companionship and strength to each of us, in times of joy and times of need. May our home always be filled with friendship, comfort, and light.

And to these prayers – and all the hundreds which have been so thoughtfully and lovingly submitted to form the foundation of our community – we can all say, “Amen!”

From the Administration

Mayim Explorations

By Rabbi Jordi Battis



Mayim Kids Engage in “Explorations” of Content with Real Impact for Our Community

As our Temple Beth Shalom community continues to move and grow during this year in the Wilderness, in our K-5th grade *Mayim* program we are actively working with our TBS kids on content that will both ground us in the present and carry us strongly into the years to come.

Along with the fundamental work of building relationships and classroom community, learning about and experiencing holidays in the Jewish year cycle, engaging in *T’filah* (prayer services) each week, and gaining the building blocks of Hebrew language understanding and decoding, our kindergarten through 5th grade children and faculty (Jewish Learning Guides / JLGs) have the chance to engage in long-term Explorations that are a form of Project-Based Learning. These Explorations are grounded in the themes we have developed for each year of the *Mayim* program and allow our students to use their learning to create something with lasting impact for themselves and others.

This year’s Explorations are taking us deep into content and community alike.

Jewish Time: Our kindergarten and 1st graders are spending their year on the theme of Jewish Time and Place, learning about the Jewish holiday cycle in real time, delving deeply into *Shabbat*, and bringing Israel close to home. Out of this, the group will bring together child-created art work, photographs of the kids engaged in holiday exploration, ideas for family celebration, and more, to create a wall calendar that their families can use in the next Jewish calendar year.

Torah: Meanwhile, our 2nd and 3rd graders are focusing on the family stories of the *Torah*’s book of Genesis, taking serious time to explore the stories of our *Avot v’Imahot* (forefathers and foremothers): Abraham and Sarah; Isaac and Rebekah; Jacob, his brother Esau, and his dreams; and Joseph and his brothers. Asking questions of the text, creating interpretations, and learning to tell these stories, the kids will get to work with a professional artist-educator to create a mural for our new building. Stretching a story-and-a-half up the stairwell to our new K-5 learning space-to-be, the mural will bring the kids’ images together to tell the stories they have learned and to show our groundedness in *Torah*.

Prayer and God: Finally, our 4th and 5th graders are engaging in an in-depth investigation into the contents of the *siddur* (prayer book) and have been charged with the important task of creating a new edition of the *siddur* that we use for *Mayim T’filah*. The new edition will feature current students’ artwork, reflection questions about prayer and God, and poetry. It will be used on a daily basis in our learning programs.

Social Justice: Additionally, these same students are creating a school-wide *Tamchui*: a *Mayim tzedakah* collective. They will learn about important local organizations,

teach others about them, and help the whole learning program community figure out how best to distribute the *tzedakah* funds they collect over the course of the year.

We are so fortunate to be able to work with our students in ways that both connect them to Jewish texts and tradition and that bridge us all into the next chapters of our story: community connected with time, with *Torah*, with God, and with social justice.



A Perspective on Jewish YOUTH Programming

by Aaron Gurvis

I have been working as an educator in various roles at Temple Beth Shalom for just over a year now. This Fall, I stepped into the role of Youth Engagement Professional alongside Rahel Block. Together, we facilitate and oversee all formal and informal education programs for grades 6-12. I would like to say first and foremost, I love and value the work that I do on a day-to-day basis. I feel that I am doing important work and I want to share with our community why I feel this way. When I think about why I do what I do, I think in terms of certain important and inherently difficult questions. What is the value of my work? What are my goals for the programs that I plan? Most importantly, who do I work for? Do I work for the Temple, the parents of our teens, the teens themselves, or the Jewish People as a whole?

The TBS YOUTH Program Umbrella

So, first of all, what is my work? What is the TBS YOUTH Program? When I say “YOUTH Programming,” I am referring to our program for teens in grades 8-12. Our educational programming for these teens is known as Sha’arim, a series of electives offered here every Tuesday and Thursday night. The program also includes three Shabbatonim, overnight retreats, each year in the Berkshires where we do a combination of Jewish learning

and community building. In addition to these programs, each age group has the opportunity to join us for a longer trip either to New York City to perform community service and/or learn about the experience of Jewish people immigrating to America, to the URJ’s Religious Action Center in Washington, DC, to learn about Jewish views on political issues and to lobby their State Representatives; and to various locations around the country and the world to perform valuable community service work. Outside of these educational programs we also offer monthly BESTY events, purely social experiences to spend time with friends from TBS. All of this is under the umbrella of “YOUTH Programming,” with the emphasis on the “YOU” to help our teens feel a sense of ownership.

Different Perspectives

So now back to my original point: There are a lot of questions. Sometimes those answers are hard to find. How should I react when I am confronted by a student with a question like: “Why do I have to come to Hebrew School? I’m not even going to continue after my Bar Mitzvah.” I know it is important to remember at times like these that we all have different perspectives on what is going on here. That same student who now sees their presence here as a means to an end may still be around five years later running



the youth group. I was once that child who was regularly sent to the office during Hebrew School, so the concept is not foreign to me.

The Big Picture Goal

Sometimes there are moments when I feel like I've found some answers. When I attend a teen-run event or program, or get into a great debate about values, morals, or politics with an eighth grader, it is so easy to see the value in what we do. I believe that ultimately our big picture goal is to create well-rounded Jewish adults: Jewish adults with knowledge of our traditions, values, and practices, who feel an obligation to support and further the Jewish people, and who understand and embody essential Jewish values like B'tzelem Elohim, being created in the image of God, G'milut Chasadim, the obligation to perform acts of loving kindness, and Tikkun Olam, repairing the world and striving to make it a better place. Or, on a much smaller scale, just to be capable of living a Jewish life, raising a Jewish family, and being a mensch.

Making an Impact

As much as I strive to see this big picture and think about the overarching goals of what we do for these teens, I also want to acknowledge the impact this can have on our teens right now in this moment of their lives. We recently received a note from a parent of one of our tenth graders who moved to Needham just last year. She graciously gave us permission to share her words with our community. Here is an excerpt from that letter:

"...We have lived here just over a year and your program is one of the main reasons my daughter feels so at home. She loves going to temple two nights each week for your program. She has made some good friends and feels as if she has been a part of the temple her whole life instead of just one year. She recently told me that the temple is her favorite part of living here..."

A Place to Learn and Achieve

Knowing that they have a safe space where they can be accepted, cared for, and where they can learn, challenge, debate, and grow is so incredibly important in the life of a teenager. Having this setting where a teen can feel comfortable and safe also allows for unique leadership opportunities.

Our professional staff takes care of a lot of logistics, but our programs are in many ways teen-planned and teen-led. This year for their classes, the 8th-12th grade group came up with the electives we teach. We have a teen leader assigned to every one of our youth events, retreats, trips, and programs, all of which is overseen by our YOUth Board. We do everything we can to put the programming in their hands, to meet them where they are and help them to create opportunities that are valuable to them.

So have I answered some of those questions? I think I've gotten off to a pretty good start. What is the value of what we are doing? You can see the value of what we're doing in the smiles on teens' faces as they walk into our building or in the pride they feel in planning and leading their first youth group event. What are my goals for the programs I plan? My goals are to provide teens the space, time, and confidence to learn and achieve what they want while forming strong relationships with their peers, their educators, and their Jewish identities so that they will ultimately grow into well-rounded and capable Jewish adults. Lastly, who do I work for? The answer to that question seems to change every day. I don't know if I'll ever figure it out, but maybe one of these teens will.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You, Jake!

Jake Cisternelli, a junior at Needham High School and a member of TBS, responded enthusiastically to a call for two classroom sensory tables for our preschoolers at TBS's Children's Center, offering to gather the materials and build them himself. As an Eagle Scout, Jake joined other teens across the country in a service project designed to carry out the Eagle Scout Oath "...to help people at all times." Through this project, Scouts practice what they have learned and gain valuable project management and leadership experience.



The two- and three-year olds who received the tables were delighted. We know that young children learn best through hands-on experiences. As they touch and explore items at their new tables, they are investigating - touching, smelling, listening, rubbing, staring, and combining. They are using their senses to collect data, and from each of their encounters build knowledge to answer their own questions. They are scientists at work! The tables Jake built are the perfect size for the children, and will be well used for more discoveries this year and in the years to come.



11th & 12th Grade Community Service Trip To Costa Rica!

On February 18 - 22, 2016, our 11th and 12th Graders will have the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica and perform valuable community service. We will be helping to renovate and improve the Community Center in the underserved community of Martina Bustos in Guanacaste. This trip includes a visit to the Rincon de La Vieja National Park and exploration of the Tropical Dry Forest, as well as the chance for some beach time!

To Register: tinyurl.com/TBSCostaRica
Questions? Contact: Aaron Gurvis (agurvis@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077)

Hats for Israeli Soldiers



Calling all knitters: Join us in making "Knit Hats for Israeli Soldiers" to be delivered by Rabbi Jay and our TBS travelers to Israel in December 2016.

Questions? Contact: Margie Glou (mglou@comcast.net) or Bobbi Niss (bobbiniss@yahoo.com)

Meeting New Temple Members: TBS Shabbat Share

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you enjoy Shabbat dinner? If so, you have a treat in store. All you have to do is contact us and you will be invited to a Temple member's home for Shabbat dinner!

But I don't want to impose...

But I don't want to ask to be invited...

But I don't usually celebrate Shabbat...

But I don't really know all the prayers or follow Jewish issues...

Relax! This is about getting together with other temple members just for the social fun of it. Why? Because we know that the more connected congregants are to one another the happier our congregation is. Our goal is for

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everyone in our community to have the chance to host and/or be dinner guests over the next 24 months.

But wait a second. I don't want to be asked without hosting too.

Perfect! That's the other part of Shabbat Share! If they are able to, guests who are hosted at one dinner are asked to host a future dinner with other congregants. Or you can host first and be a guest later. Both ways work. The nice part is that by the time you've been hosted and been a host, you've met and gotten to know some ten to twenty other TBS members!

The next TBS Shabbat Share will be on December 18th and we are still welcoming hosts and guests. To participate – as a host or a guest – or to join the Shabbat Share Committee, contact us.

Interested but busy on December 18th? We have two additional Shabbat Share dates coming up: February 26 and April 8. Sign up now so it's on your calendar.

Contact: ShabbatShare@TBSneedham.org or Wendy Gutterson (781-453-0732)

Ushers Needed for Shabbat Services at The Rashi School

During our construction, the Rashi community is graciously hosting all our *Shabbat* evening and morning services through the summer of 2016. We look forward to a wonderful year together! For these Diaspora services we need additional ushers and greeters to assist in welcoming our congregants and guests and ensuring we are taking proper care of Rashi's space. The tasks are easy and the need is great. Please consider helping us at this critical time.

Sign Up: <http://tiny.cc/tbsvolunteer>

Questions? Contact: Sandy Hain (tbshalom@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077)

Three Score and More

“Three Score and More” hopes all of our Temple members 60 years and older will join us at our upcoming events to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and make time to socialize, learn, and just plain have fun. If you are

interested in helping out with an event, serving on our Planning Committee, or have questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact us.

Contact Co-Chairs: Roberta Gerson (robertaellengerson@gmail.com, 617-448-0523) or Ina Melen (imelen13@comcast.net, 617-969-2626)

Volunteers Needed for Bikur Cholim (Visiting the Sick)

Want to do a *mitzvah*? Like to cook or order take-out? Have a favorite chicken soup recipe that is truly Jewish penicillin? Providing a meal to let individuals or families going through a difficult time in their lives know that our Temple community is thinking of them is easy and rewarding.

If you enjoy cooking or ordering take-out, please join our *Bikur Cholim* group and share your talents with our congregation. You select which day is convenient for you. Expenses can be reimbursed and food containers can be provided to you. All you need is your time, your skills and your love!

Questions or to volunteer, contact: Lori Hall (LHALL172@gmail.com) or Suzanne Stein (Suzanne.Stein@comcast.net)

Chanukah Tuna Collection

Chanukah is coming! What a perfect time to show our children that this is also a wonderful time to give to others.



On Friday, December 11, please celebrate Chanukah by bringing cans (or pouches) of tuna or salmon to our services at Rashi School. This tuna will be shared with the families of Family Table, and you'll be adding a little more light to the glow of our *Chanukah* candles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Bumps, Babies & Beyond Program at TBS Recognized

The Bumps, Babies and Beyond Child Development and Parenting Program of Temple Beth Shalom was chosen as one of six honorable mentions for the national Belin Outreach & Membership Award by the Union for Reform Judaism at the 2015 Union for Reform Judaism Biennial in Orlando, FL, in November. The Belin Outreach and Membership Awards are presented to congregations that have developed programs to actively welcome and integrate those new to Judaism, create relationship-based membership engagement models, or develop new, innovative ways to engage members. As part of the award, Temple Beth Shalom will be sharing the program with other communities in order to provide a resource for congregations across the United States and Canada.



The award committee writes that the recognition is “being awarded to synagogues like yours, from around North America, with exceptional programs that demonstrate a significant level of creativity, originality, and replicability.”

Dedicated to providing parents with the tools and resources they need to raise healthy, successful children, Bumps, Babies and Beyond offers a range of options for families experiencing the second and third trimester of pregnancy through newborn stages and into toddlerhood.

Dawn Ellis and Liz Berkman, both licensed social workers and long-time members of the Temple Beth Shalom community, coordinate the program and teach the 11 weekly classes in Jewish learning, child development, and parenting. A JamBaby music class is taught in partnership with Jammin’ With You in Wellesley. Ellis and Berkman

guide new and experienced parents through the joys and challenges of parenting and support parents and caregivers along this important journey. The classes are open to all and serve families from Needham, Newton, Natick, Dedham, Brookline, Boston, and beyond.

TBS Wins the “Exemplary Efforts in Inclusion of People with Disabilities” Award

Full inclusion of all members in every area of congregational life is a wonderful and attainable goal. At the recent Biennial Convention of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), the URJ and the Ruderman Family Foundation named twenty-five congregations nationally as “Exemplar Congregations” who have excelled in one or more areas of inclusion. TBS is proud to be recognized as one of these model congregations. As part of the award, TBS has agreed to serve as a mentor to other congregational professionals working towards similar goals.

At TBS, our Inclusion Task Force (ITF) is made up of adults with disabilities, parents of children with disabilities, and professionals who work with people with disabilities on a regular basis. The ITF recently sent a survey to the congregation, asking members to anonymously indicate what types of needs are present in our community. Members can also offer to be an ambassador to the Inclusion Task Force.



Together, we celebrate this wonderful honor as a TBS community and look forward to the days ahead, as we expand and deepen our inclusion efforts.

HAPPENINGS

Playing the Hand You Are Dealt

by Jon Cohan and Marty Goldberg

It's hard to believe that it was ten years ago that a group of TBS Brothers wanted to find a way to deepen their relationship with TBS, each other and the men's community. They wanted to develop a Brotherhood retreat. With Steve Staum as President and Mike Herman as Retreat chairman,



they did just that! The first Brotherhood Retreat was in Newport, RI, in October 2005. Approximately fifteen men attended, and an annual tradition was born!

This past October, the TBS Brotherhood gathered for its 10th Annual Retreat at the Yarmouth Resort in West Yarmouth, MA. This year's retreat had the same goal as all the others before it – bring a group of men together to experience Shabbat in a different setting and in a unique



way. Rabbi Todd and Rabbi Jay led the attendees through meaningful Torah study and exploration of our theme, “playing the hand you are dealt.” There is no doubt that the Rabbis provided us with great insight into the Torah and into our theme, providing us with meaningful material on the nature of happiness and managing adversity from a Jewish perspective.

The Retreat is also about creating connections: its essence is the spirit of friendship and camaraderie, and Brotherhood. And no such gathering can take place without food! The Brotherhood Retreat featured Saturday morning bagels and lox, lunchtime sandwiches, post Havdalah cocktails, and a nice dinner at the Yarmouth House restaurant. As if that were not enough we also enjoyed a great breakfast out at the Keltic Kitchen in West Yarmouth – perhaps a new tradition. We nourished our



bodies as well as our souls. Our other traditions continued as well – free time in the late morning to relax, exercise, or do whatever you want, and our late-afternoon walk to the beach!

This retreat, like the others that preceded it, was a very successful and enjoyable event. It is inspiring to see the same group of men return year after year and to welcome first-time attendees each year! The group of 15 brave souls that started this in 2005 has grown to over 40 souls throughout the years.

Special thanks go to Mike Herman, who planned the first five retreats, and Marty Goldberg, who has planned the last five retreats; both with flawless precision. Everyone is now looking forward to our 11th retreat in October 2016!



EVENTS THIS MONTH

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

The Conversation Project

“One conversation can make all the difference.” The Conversation Project is dedicated to helping people talk about their wishes for end-of-life care. It’s not easy to talk about how you want the end of your life to be, but it’s one of the most important conversations you can have with your loved ones. Join the Reverend Rosemary Lloyd from The Conversation Project and members of our community as we explore and discover together our hopes and dreams for our future. All adult family members are welcome. Go to <http://www.theconversationproject.org> for more information and to download your “Starter Kit.”

Tuesday, December 1, at 7:00 PM at The Village Club, 85 Morton Street, Needham

Questions? Contact: Wendy Shulman (wshulman1@gmail.com) or Rabbi Bob Orkand (rorkand@gmail.com)

Sisterhood Chanukah Party

Come share latkes and stories as we move into the Winter season. Watch your email for a link to sign up.

Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 PM at the home of Judy Chudnofsky, 42 Cranberry Lane, Needham

Questions? Contact: Jill Lerner (jillzlearner@gmail.com).

Families with Young Children: Chanukah Pizza Party

Join us for menorah making and a pizza lunch.

Sunday, December 6, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, at The Village Club, 83 Morton Street

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/TBSmenorah>

Questions? Contact: Ellen Dietrick, Director of Early Childhood Learning (edietrick@tbsneedham.org)

Fifth Night Charitable Giving Celebration

A fun and simple way for children to participate in *tzedakah* by giving one night of *Chanukah* gifts to a child in need. Coming together to celebrate and donate will help our children learn how their giving will benefit other children and their families and make the holiday even more meaningful. Registration required: see the TBS weekly e-mails for details.

Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 - 7:30 PM at The Rashi School

Families with Young Children: Tot Shabbat

Celebrate Shabbat with songs, prayers, and the much-loved baby challah! No registration needed.

Friday, December 11, 6:15 PM at The Rashi School

Questions? Contact: Ellen Dietrick, Director of Early Childhood Learning (edietrick@tbsneedham.org)

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Shabbat Hike! Elm Bank Reservation, Dover

Mostly flat but bumpy terrain. Entrance off Rt. 16. Follow the one-way road about 3/4 around the peninsula until you cross a small bridge. Park in the lot or along the road (this is the canoe launch) and walk back across the bridge to meet at the trailhead. Leader: Marlene Schultz.

Saturday, December 12, 2:00 PM at Elm Bank Reservation, Dover

Questions? Contact: Marlene Schultz (Marlene_Schultz@verizon.net, 617-513-3076)

TBS Brotherhood - Community Blood Drive



Do a *Mitzvah*! Donate Blood! Please join us in this priceless act of *tzedakah* at a critical time of the year. We are also asking those between ages 18 and 45 to swab your cheek to become a potential bone marrow donor for Gift of Life; no sign-up necessary.

Sunday, December 13, 2015, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Lt. Manson H. Carter VFW Post 2498, 20 Junction Street, Needham

Register Online (optional): <http://tiny.cc/tbsblood>

Questions or RSVP? Contact: donateblood@tbsneedham.org

TBS Garden Club - Herbs: The Star Ingredient

The Garden Club is having a program on “Herbs: The Star Ingredient” with Laurie Bogosian and Carol Bello. This is a cooking demonstration using fresh herbs. Please join us!!!

Tuesday, December 15, 7:00 PM at The Village Club, 83 Morton Street, Needham

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

Project EZRA - Christmas Day

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, bake “finger desserts”, and deliver the dinners. Know of someone who needs a dinner on Christmas Day? Please let us know. Project Ezra is a mitzvah you’ll never forget.

Friday, December 25, 8:00 AM: Meal preparation begins. **11:45 AM:** Delivery of meals begins.
at Masonic Lodge Hall, 1101 Highland Avenue

Questions? Contact: Lois Sockol (781-449-1226) or June Atkind (617-462-4350).

Annual TBS Brotherhood Goes to the Celtics Event

Again this year the Brotherhood has secured 40 Skybox tickets to a Celtics game. This year’s game is matchup against Celtics’ arch rivals the Los Angeles Lakers! This school vacation special will be sure to sell out early!

Wednesday, December 30, at 7:30 PM at TD Bank Garden, Boston, MA

Questions or to reserve your tickets, Contact: Ken Davis (pkedavis@aol.com)

SAVE THE DATE

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

Three Score and More Goes to the Movies and Dinner

Three Score and More will be going to the movies at the Showcase Cinema at Dedham Legacy Place in the afternoon and then to dinner at Wicked Restaurant downstairs. At this time, we don't know what movie we will be going to see. If you are not familiar with Wicked, it serves more than pizza; they have meat, chicken, fish, and vegetarian entrees. We will have a set menu with several dinner selections and seating in their function room. A flyer will be forthcoming over the next few weeks with specific information, including time and movie and restaurant costs.

Sunday, January 10, 2016, at Dedham Legacy Place and Wicked Restaurant

Questions? Contact: Ina Melen (imelen13@comcast.net, 617-759-2626) or Roberta Gerson (robertaellengerson@gmail.com, 617-448-0523).

TBS Garden Club: Flower Arranging from our Seasons

Join us for a presentation on "Flower Arranging from our Seasons" by a speaker from a local organic farm.

Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 7:00 PM, at The Village Club, 85 Morton Street, Needham

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

18th Annual Sisterhood Spirituality Retreat

Join us for a unique and exciting weekend on Cape Cod filled with friendship, creativity, worship, laughter and song! Led by our own Temple Staff and Sisterhood retreat planning committee, we will enjoy a relaxing and wonderful weekend together. Reconnect with old friends and make new friends in a warm and welcoming environment. Space is limited so register early - watch your email for the registration form.

Friday, January 22 – Sunday, January 24, 2016, Cape Cod

Questions? Contact: Amy Willis (willisamy@comcast.net) or Shelley Goldman (eljo4@comcast.net)

Families with Young Children Event: Tu B'Shevat Party

Come celebrate the birthday of the trees with crafts, planting and a pizza lunch. Free.

RSVP: bit.ly/TBStrees

Sunday, January 31, 2016, 12:00 - 1:00 PM at The Village Club, 83 Morton Street

Questions? Contact: Ellen Dietrick, Director of Early Childhood Learning (edietrick@tbsneedham.org, or visit tbsfamily.org)

Celebrate Rabbi Sonsino's 50 Years in the Rabbinate



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

Friday, April 8, 2016, 7:15 PM, at The Rashi School 8000 Great Meadow Road, Dedham
For questions or to RSVP, contact: Margie Glou (mglou@comcast.net), Ina Glasberg (Ina.ron@verizon.net), or Rabbi Jay Perlman.

LEARNING

“Lunch ‘n’ Learn” with Rabbi Bob Orkand

Religious Literacy: Everything the Well-Educated Person Should Know

Unfortunately, the majority of Americans fail basic tests about religion. A basic understanding of religion is crucial for today’s educated citizen. For many of us, religion is a powerful cultural identifier and impacts our everyday expression of ourselves. Religious literacy—the knowledge of basic teachings, symbols, practices, founders, institutions, and values of the world’s religious traditions—can shed new light on the world around us and knock down the boundaries between us, making us better neighbors and better citizens. Please bring your own lunch and enjoy!

Mondays: December 7 and 14 from 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

at Wingate Residences - The Board Room - 235 Gould Street, Needham

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

“Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah” with Rabbi Bob Orkand

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

Every Shabbat through December beginning October 3rd from 9:00 - 10:00AM

at The Rashi School, 8000 Great Meadow Road, Dedham

Questions? Contact: Deb Hecht, TBS Adult Learning Administrator (781-444-0077, dhecht@tbsneedham.org)

Kolot Kehillah

Join Cantor Jonas right before Friday evening Shabbat services, and learn a new piece of music in the style of an “instant” choir to be sung during services. No musical knowledge, vocal training, or Hebrew proficiency is necessary. This is for all ages but an adult must accompany children under the age of 13. No registration required, just arrive ready to sing. Kolot Kehillah is always from 5:45 - 6:05 PM, except on December 11th.

Fridays, 5:45 - 6:05 PM, December 11 (6:45 - 7:05 PM), January 22, February 26, March 18, April 29, May 20, June 17 at The Rashi School, 8000 Great Meadow Road, Needham

Questions? Contact: Cantor Jonas (Mjonas@tbsneedham.org, 781-444-0077)

“What’s Nu?”: Come, Share, and Learn with Rabbi Lenke

Join with Rabbi Lenke on the first Wednesday of each month for an opportunity to engage in discussion regarding a current event impacting the Jewish community. Conversations will explore meaningful issues, as well as their implications, impact, and influence on our lives as Jews or as part of a Jewish family. Feel free to attend one or each of the sessions as each month will focus on a different topic.

“What’s Nu?” is an opportunity to explore current events and issues that impact our lives and touch upon our values. We will meet on the first Wednesday of every month, from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

Wednesdays, Next session December 2, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

at Wingate Residences - The Board Room - 235 Gould Street, Needham

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

TBS Community Connectors

by Michael Bailit

“How did you get involved at the temple?” This is a commonly asked question of those who are engaged in some manner in TBS congregational life.

On the afternoon of *Yom Kippur* this year, past TBS Brotherhood president Rich Luskin shared that it was enrolling his daughter Emily in the Children’s Center that led him into TBS, but it was a personal invitation from a fellow Children’s Center parent also with a daughter named Emily (Jerry Aransky) to attend a Brotherhood event that led to his long and deep relationship with TBS.

In fact, the majority of people who experience TBS as home do so because someone literally or figuratively held out a hand or put an arm around a shoulder and offered an invitation. Absent that invitation, it can be hard to find one’s way into congregational life, despite our many, many publicized activities and a sincere and concerted effort by our lay leadership, clergy and professional staff to create a warm and welcoming community.

Extending Invitations to the Community

Understanding that most of us would like to feel connected to and a part of the TBS community – to feel welcomed, to recognize smiling faces at temple events, and to feel cared for – TBS launched a new initiative in 2014 called “Community Connectors.” Our objective was to reach out to adult members of the community who are not currently actively engaged in any aspect of TBS life like Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Garden Club, *Torah* study, worship, committee participation, ushering, etc. Recognizing that lack of active engagement may be a choice, and that it does not necessarily reflect the depth of the relationship any one of us may feel with the Temple, we still wanted to extend an invitation to those who would appreciate the type of invitation Rich received from Jerry.

Inviting a More Involved Relationship

The “Connectors” are a friendly, outgoing group of temple members of varying ages. They reach out to individuals and couples and ask for the chance to get together – a cup of coffee, a glass of wine – to get to know the other person(s) a little better and invite a more involved relationship *in whatever manner would be of interest*. For those

with such interest, we help them identify opportunities that might match their interests.

A Positive First Year

The 2014-15 year was our pilot. We started the program after several months of brainstorming and with much support from Rabbi Todd and Ellen Dietrick. The response we received from those we contacted in our first year was heartening. Many of the people we contacted were indeed interested in deepening their relationship. One person wrote, “Your call came at a great time. I can’t thank you enough for reaching out to me. I just haven’t known how to get involved.” Another person wrote, “I wanted to thank you so much for taking the time to meet with me and for the connections you are making for me and for us. As you know, it’s all about the connections and you are making it easier for us to ease into a new community with a welcome feeling and an open heart and that makes all the difference.” For those individuals, our Connectors made referrals to professional staff and lay leaders who were leading activities of interest to the individuals, or they simply referred them to scheduled activities of interest. From these introductions and referrals, congregants found new ways into TBS life. For example, one person joined the Brotherhood softball team, a second attended the Sisterhood retreat, a third joined the Music Committee and a fourth joined the Communications Committee.

Not all of those we contacted last year wanted anything more from their TBS relationship. Yet, even those people appreciated being contacted. One person wrote, “Thank you for taking the time to meet with us. It’s great that the temple cares about keeping people connected.”

We are continuing the program again this year with an expanded group of Connectors. We look forward to facilitating more “connection” in 2015-16. If you think we could help you find a way to deepen your TBS relationship, but we haven’t called you yet, please email me: mbailit@bailit-health.com

KID'S PAGE

Hanukah Crossword

Across

1. During Hanukkah, children play with a _____.
3. Hanukkah lasts for ___ nights.
5. During Hanukkah, people light _____ in a menorah.
6. Many people give and receive _____ during Hanukkah.

Down

2. Hanukkah is also called the Festival of _____.
4. A special Hanukkah treat is _____ or potato pancakes.

You Decide

The ancient rabbis argued over whether to start with eight candles and end with one or to light it the way we do today. Which do you think is a better system? Why do you think we start lighting only one candle and increase the number of candles each night?

Cooking Corner: Sufganiyot

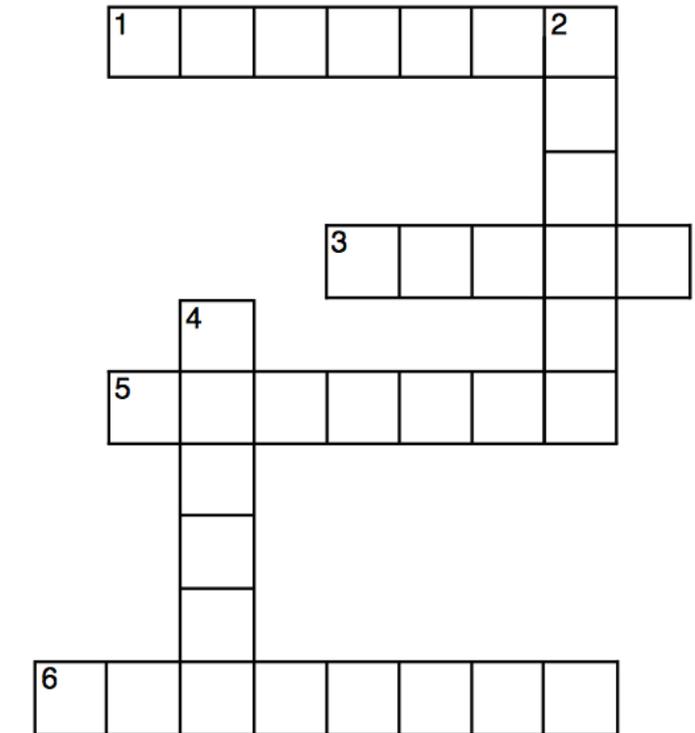
Food fried in oil recalls the legend of the miracle of one small jar of oil lasting for eight days when the Maccabees rededicated the Temple and needed oil to light the eternal lamp. In Israel, kids eat sufganiyot, jelly doughnuts, to celebrate Chanukah. Try making some at home.

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 2 cups hot milk
- 2 packages dry yeast
- 1/4 cup lukewarm milk
- 6 egg yolks
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 cup butter
- Rind of 1 lemon or orange
- Jam for filling
- Oil for frying
- Confectioner's sugar

Instructions:

Sift 1 cup flour into hot milk and beat until smooth; allow to cool. Dissolve yeast in lukewarm milk, add to the flour



mixture and set aside for about 30 minutes. Mix the egg yolks and sugar with the vanilla and rind; add to dough. Add remaining flour and the butter. Knead dough and set aside; allow to rise until doubled in bulk (about 45 minutes). Roll out on floured board to 1/2-inch thickness and cut into rounds. Put a teaspoon of jam in the center of one round and cover with another. Press edges together and allow doughnuts to rise in a warm place. Fry in hot oil, drain and dust with confectioner's sugar. Yields about 20 doughnuts.

Adapted from The Jewish Parent Page of the Union for Reform Judaism



Happy Challah Days by Ellen Dietrick

At TBS Children’s Center, the children wait eagerly for Friday mornings. Walk into either of our two sites to be greeted by the sweet scent of freshly baking *challah* wafting in the air. *Challah* baking is a highlight of our week!

As the children move through their preschool and kindergarten years at TBS, they develop an expanding understanding of how *challah* connects to *Shabbat* and Jewish life. Gathering together as a class for the *Shabbat* table rituals each Friday, our two-year-olds learn that on *Shabbat* we light candles, drink grape juice, and eat *challah*. Building on that knowledge, our three-year-olds learn that each part of *Shabbat* has its own blessing and they learn the Hebrew words to those blessings. Our four- and five-year-olds learn that when we say *Shabbat* blessings and do *Shabbat* rituals we are thanking God for giving us such a special day and they begin to reflect on and share the blessings in their own lives.

Confidence Through Baking

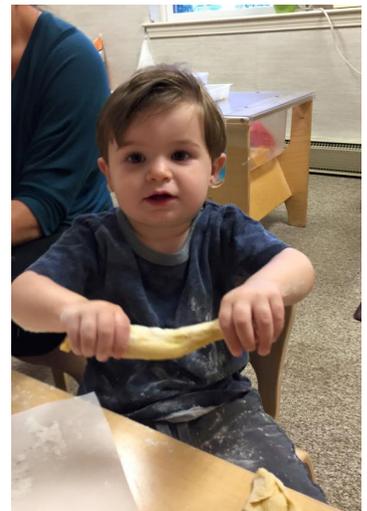
The layers of learning involved in our weekly *challah* baking extend to many curricular areas. The process of organizing the materials and following the recipe sequence of dividing the dough, rolling the logs, and braiding them

together requires children to carry out the multiple steps and directions involved in a complex process. In our four-year-old and kindergarten classes, children are guided by a series of photographs and simple captions that walk them through this process, promoting independence. Children develop confidence in their skills and abilities and proudly carry their *challahs* home to share with their families at the end of the school day.

You may be surprised to learn that kneading, rolling, and braiding the *challah* dough develops children’s small-muscle control and eye-hand coordination, preparing them for the intense writing activities they will experience in the early elementary school years.

Make a Challah of Your Own

Join our *challah* baking tradition by filling your own home with the scent of freshly baked *challah* on Friday mornings. We generally purchase *challah* dough from Blacker’s Bakeshop in Newton (and you can, too!), but sometimes we like to mix up a batch of our own. Try this favorite recipe shared by TBS Children’s Center teacher Maria Gonzalez Griffith and long-time teacher and current substitute teacher Smadar Stearns.



TBS Children's Center's Favorite Challah

Ingredients:

4 eggs at room temperature
7 cups bread flour
2 pkgs or 4 1/2 tsp rapid-rise yeast
2 tsp salt
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup canola oil
2 cups very warm water (bath temperature)
1/4 cup honey
poppy seeds (optional)

Directions:

Let eggs get to room temperature. Put 5 cups of the bread flour in mixer bowl. Add yeast, salt, sugar. Blend, keeping mixer on low with the regular beater (not the dough hook). Add 3 eggs one at a time, then oil, then water. Put mixer on higher speed, squirt in 4 big squirts of honey (about 1/4 cup). Turn off mixer, scrape off beater, replace with dough hook. Turn mixer on low. Add the remaining 2 cups bread flour gradually. Let mixer knead for 5-6 minutes, until the dough is mostly pulled away from the sides. Leave in the bowl, put a dish towel over it, and leave it to rise in a warm place.

In the summer let the dough rise on the counter. If it is cold in your kitchen you might want to put it in your oven that has been turned on to warm and then turned off, with a pan of water in the bottom of the oven. Another option is to let it rise all day or overnight in the refrigerator. This method works well if you want to get the dough made, go off to work and then come home and bake it.

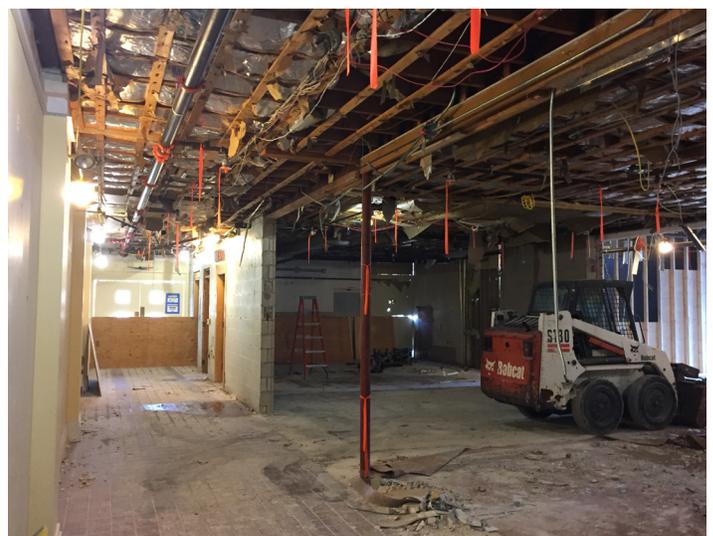
Let the dough rise 2-3 hours or until it has doubled in bulk and comes up over the edge of the bowl (using the oven trick, it rises faster). Punch it down and turn it out onto a floured surface. You can make two big *challahs* or three or even four small ones. For each *challah*, cut the dough into three parts. Make the parts into long logs, and braid them. To braid, start in the middle. Braid down one side, then flip it over and braid the other side. Put all the loaves together on one cookie sheet. Make a shiny coating for the *challah* by mixing an egg yolk with 1 tsp of water, and brushing the egg mixture all over the tops of the *challah*, then sprinkle on poppy seeds. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes.

Eggless *challah*: Using above recipe, substitute egg replacement powder for the three eggs. Mix powder with water before adding to the dough mixture.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Here is an inside look at the demolition of the internal spaces. Can you recognize these locations?

Overall work is progressing as the new foundations are laid and the steel arrives!



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