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From the Editorial Board

This issue of the Scroll reminds us of what our community is all about, how to reach out to leadership, and ways to get involved. There are many ways for you to enter our community through Prayer and Celebration, Learning, Cultural Activities, Acts of Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World), Social Opportunities, Community Care, Israel, Interfaith Encounters, Tzedakah, and Leadership.

New programs and opportunities will be created throughout the coming year. Please keep an eye on your weekly TBS This Week e-newsletter, the Scroll, and our website (www.tbsneedham.org) for more information.

As always, if you have questions, we invite you to contact any member of our clergy or our lay or professional leadership. We are here for one another - in person, in print, and however we can technologically make it happen. Enjoy!

With Warmest Wishes and Shalom,

- Rabbi Jay Perlman,*
- Rabbi Todd Markley,*
- Rabbi Julie Bressler,*
- Eugene Stein, TBS President,*
- The Scroll Editorial Board*

We Are Here for You

This is a trying time for all of us, and your Temple community is here to be of help. In addition to the challenges of the coronavirus threat, life events continue.

Have a difficult situation going on in your family? Have you experienced a recent loss of a loved-one? Has your family celebrated an engagement, wedding, birth, or other joyous event? Anticipating upcoming surgery or a hospital stay?

Don't forget to let your TBS family know!

When significant life events are taking place - good or bad- the clergy at TBS want to know, as do our educators when the situation is impacting a child in our learning programs. Please e-mail or call our clergy or educators to share what is happening so that we can be supportive.

We are here for you.

We want to know so we can help!

Online Shabbat Services in October

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 (15 TISHREI 5781)

6:15 PM — Tot Shabbat (Online)
6:15 PM — Erev Sukkot Shabbat Service (Online)
(see page 10 for more details)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 (15 TISHREI 5781)

Torah: Sukkot I, Lev. 22:26 — 23:44 & Numbers 29:12 — 29:16,
Exodus 34:10 — 24
8:00 AM — Sukkot Shabbat Morning Minyan (Online)
9:00 AM — Torah Study (Online)
9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah (Online)
10:00 AM — Torah Study is Great, but What Happens in the
REST of the Hebrew Bible? (Online)
11:00 AM — Shabbat Morning Service (Online)
B. Mitzvah: Jason Hecht
5:00 PM — Shabbat Afternoon Service (Online)
B. Mitzvah: Simon Shoemaker
7:00 PM — Havdallah with Rabbi Todd
& the Markley Family (Online)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 (22 TISHREI 5781)

6:15 PM — Erev Shabbat and Simchat Torah Service (Online)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 (22 TISHREI 5781)

Torah: Simchat Torah, Deut. 33:1 — 34:12
8:00 AM — Simchat Torah Shabbat Morning Minyan with
Yizkor (Online)
9:00 AM — Torah Study (Online)
9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah (Online)
9:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Service (Online)
B. Mitzvah: Clara O'Neill
12:00 PM — Shabbat Morning Service (Online)
B. Mitzvah: Sadie Austin-Marder

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 (23 TISHREI 5781)

3:00 PM — B. Mitzvah: Sarah Robbins

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 (24 TISHREI 5781)

4:00 PM — Consecration Ceremony (Online)
5:00 PM — Community Torah Parade

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 (29 TISHREI 5781)

6:15 PM — Erev Shabbat Service (Online)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 (29 TISHREI 5781)

Torah: Shabbat Bereisheet, Gen. 1:1 — 6:8
8:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Minyan (Online)
9:00 AM — Torah Study (Online)
9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah (Online)
9:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Service (Online)
B. Mitzvah: Naomi Damelin
12:00 PM — Shabbat Morning Service (Online)
B. Mitzvah: Rachel Faberman

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 (6 CHESHVAN 5781)

6:15 PM — Erev Shabbat Service (Online)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 (6 CHESHVAN 5781)

Torah: Shabbat Noach, Gen. 6:9 — 11:32
8:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Minyan (Online)
9:00 AM — Torah Study (Online)
9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah (Online)
11:00 AM — Shabbat Morning Service (Online)
B. Mitzvah: Emma Raphael
5:00 PM — Shabbat Afternoon Service (Online)
B. Mitzvah: Sarah and Emerson Wilson

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 (13 CHESHVAN 5781)

6:15 PM — Erev Shabbat Service (Online)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 (13 CHESHVAN 5781)

Torah: Shabbat Lech L'cha, Gen. 12:1 — 17:27
8:30 AM — Shabbat Morning Minyan (Online)
9:00 AM — Torah Study (Online)
9:00 AM — Finding Our Jewish Values in Torah (Online)
11:00 AM — Shabbat Morning Service (Online)
B. Mitzvah: Ava Schaffer

*Note: Please join the TBS Community for Minyan
Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM
Tuesday through Thursday evenings at 6:45 PM
Zoom links are in the TBS weekly email.*

Committee Meetings in October - Stay Involved!

*TBS Committee Meetings will be virtual online meetings via Zoom until further notice,
to implement health measures for COVID-19. Committees not listed will not meet formally.*

Committee Name	Upcoming Meeting Date	Email Contact for Information
Adult Learning	Wed. Oct. 7, 7:15 PM	adultlearning@tbsneedham.org
Brotherhood	Tues. Oct. 13, 7:15 PM	brotherhood@tbsneedham.org
Communications	Wed. Oct. 21, 7:15 PM	communications@tbsneedham.org
Environmental Action	Thurs. Oct. 22, 7:15 PM	environaction@tbsneedham.org
Garden Club	Tues. Oct. 6, 7:15 PM	gardenclub@tbsneedham.org
Scroll Editorial Board	Tues. Oct. 6, 12:00 PM	scroll@tbsneedham.org
Sisterhood	Thurs. Oct. 8, 7:15 PM	sisterhood@tbsneedham.org
Social Action	Tues. Oct. 6, 7:15 PM	socialaction@tbsneedham.org
Three Score/More or Less	Mon. Oct. 5, 7:30 PM	threescore@tbsneedham.org
Tzedek	Wed. Oct. 14, 7:15 PM	tzedek@tbsneedham.org
Worship Committee	Tues. Oct. 20, 7:15 PM	worship@tbsneedham.org

For further information, please check with the Committee chair at the email address provided.

From Our Leadership



By Eugene Stein,
Congregational President

What a way for 5780 to end and 5781 to begin. While the High Holy Day services are still fresh in everyone's minds, I can certainly say they were NOT my grandparents' or even my parents' or even my own previous High Holy Day experiences. But they were inspiring. They brought about a sense of hope and "can-do" that made me feel stronger than I have ever felt before. Reflecting on the past year and everything that has happened and how I, and we as a community, pivoted in the face of unforeseeable and radical changes, I am so proud to be a member of this congregation. Sharing the High Holy Days with everyone, albeit in a completely different way and format, still had that closeness I always remember, that togetherness I always feel. We are exhausted and refreshed at the same time as the lights dim at Neilah.

Getting ready for these particular services, in these times, was no small feat. Work began before the summer to plan, structure, and learn what would be best for our community. And everyone who could get involved and come together did. In last month's Scroll, you read about many of the people behind the scenes making it work; and leading up to services you received the emails with videos; and during services, you saw the output of the hard work. To make these High Holy Days meaningful in these times was an effort of truly all of our clergy, professional staff, lay leaders, and committees. In particular, Carol Bolton Kappel, our Vice President of Religious and Cultural Practices, and David Grebber, the Chair of our Worship Committee, dove right in with the clergy and professional staff to make these High Holy Days meaningful and inspirational, making real the chance to renew, refresh, and refocus.

The spirit of coming together didn't begin or end with the High Holy Days but is a core part of who we are at Temple Beth Shalom. I am privileged to be your Congregational President and humbled by everyone reaching out to be involved, to help, and to lend a hand. The year ahead is filled with suitably adapted programming, learning, and worship. The years ahead see us moving forward, even in these times, on our long-term strategic goals and plans. And we are doing so in spite of the pandemic. We are finding ways to come together as never before, and "embracing" those ways.

The focus on becoming a giving community is not new, but something to highlight and indeed embrace. The TBS Annual Fund is becoming a part of who we are in name, but it has always been a part of who we are in spirit and action. As you hear more about the TBS Annual Fund, you will see that is how we come together as a community to support each other and support the congregation as a whole. It is all of us making the whole greater than the sum of our parts.

These times have not been times for resting either. Your leadership team is navigating in partnership with the clergy and professionals to keep the calendars full of programming, learning, and worship. We are also keeping an eye on our future, and working with our long-term strategic plan, taking care to thoughtfully embrace opportunities as they arise. As you know, we had a once-in-a-20-year opportunity to acquire not one, but two properties that abut our Temple property, and were able to do so in a relatively budget-neutral and cost-neutral way. We are now positioned to plan for the future as we continue to grow and add programming, learning, and support for our community.

We are stronger now and will be even stronger in the year ahead. May you all have a sweet and healthy 5781.

Eugene Stein
Congregational President



Green Tip

Thanks to the Environmental Action Committee for their monthly suggestion of lifestyle changes we can all make to reduce our impact on the fragile earth.

Don't throw away those batteries! This includes rechargeable, button, alkaline and more. You can bring all shapes and sizes - including AA, AAA, A, B, C, and D - to the recycling shed at the Needham transfer station.

Paper and plastic reduction tip of the month: Skip those cartons and use glass containers for your milk, orange juice, apple juice, lemonade and more.



From Our Clergy

A Time for Comfort and Growth

By Rabbi Todd Markley

The annual cycle of Jewish time serves as both a steadying force, bringing us back to places of familiarity and comfort, and also as a mechanism for ushering in the new, the unexpected, the unforeseeable. We are now in the midst of the most intensive month of holy days that serve this dual purpose, the month of Tishrei in the Hebrew calendar, which includes Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. As each holy day arrives with familiar melodies, rituals, family meals, or community celebrations, it brings us comfort. We've been here before, and it is reassuring to return to these well-known and recurring touch-points.

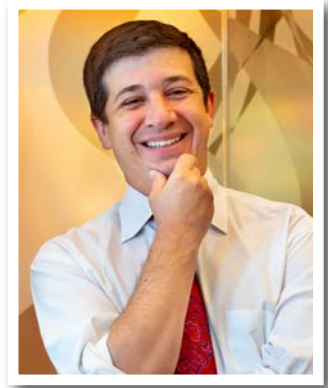
Of course, each new year's month of Tishrei is also a reminder that this year is not the same as last. We've grown. Our circumstances have changed. Our world has been transformed. As this new year of 5781 arrives, we know that the amount of change we've experienced since last year at this time is much more extreme than in a typical year, and the uncertainty about what this year ahead holds in store for us is heightened as well.

How, then, might we use the opportunities these holy days provide – hours set aside for reflection, learning, engagement and personal growth? What themes, naturally embedded in these holidays, might better prepare us for the uncertainties of the years ahead? A few possibilities...

Rosh Hashanah is the birthday of the world and the onset of a brand new year. It is a time of rebirth and of joy. It is a time to hear the blasts of the shofar as an alarm, challenging us anew to confront the oft-harsh realities of our world and our responsibility to address them. So, at this season of Rosh Hashanah...

- What is a new element of your life – or of your family's life – that you seek to introduce this year that will help make this year a sweet one for you and your loved ones? On this birthday of the world, we are reminded that the birthing process of something new is not without challenges and pain, but the blessings that result are worth it.
- What ills in our community or society have you been awakened to anew this year as the shofar sounds? How are you committing to actively address them in 5781?

Yom Kippur is a time for personal introspection and taking an accounting of our very souls. It is an invitation to reflect on the year gone by and to take a hard look at the times when we did not live up to our aspirations for ourselves as we resolve to do better. It is a time to ask for – and to offer – forgiveness as we seek to heal the relationships in our lives. So, at this season of Yom Kippur...



- In what ways have you not lived up to your expectations of yourself set a year ago at this time, and how do you seek to make more progress towards those goals this year?
- Who are the important people in your life with whom you ought to reconcile now... without leaving the health of your relationship at risk in a year of such uncertainty when we need one another most?

Sukkot is the Jewish holiday which invites us to leave our places of comfort and return to the great outdoors and the uncontrollable forces of nature we encounter there. It is also our harvest holiday, a time to count the oft-overlooked blessings in our lives and give thanks for them. So, at this season of Sukkot...

- When the harsh uncertainties of our world confront us – when big decisions seem even harder and more daunting – what are the elements of your life that you can control, and how will you choose to exert control where you're able... and let go when you are not?
- What are the blessings in your life that are sustaining you through the challenging times in which we are living? you through the challenging times in which we are living?

And finally, **Simchat Torah** celebrates the conclusion of a year's worth of Torah study and the beginning of a brand new year immersed in our sacred texts. It is a reminder to us that our learning ought never cease throughout our lifetimes. So, at this season of Simchat Torah...

- What do you want to commit to learning more about in the year ahead? There is no shortage of wisdom to be gained... To what will you commit to learning this year – about yourself, about others, about our world?

Most importantly, perhaps, this season serves as a reminder that we do not make our way through time from year to year on our own. We do so with our families, our friends, and neighbors. We do so within the setting of our Jewish community, and we ought be heartened by the fact that none of us needs to enter this new year – with all of its blessings and all of its challenges – alone.



October Highlights

Welcome Back Membership Kick-Off for Sisterhood

October 14 – Part A:

Large, Interactive Virtual Gathering 7:00 - 8:00 PM. Join us for some virtual schmoozing and fun activities!

October 18 – Part B:

Socially Distanced Small Backyard Events 10:00 - 11:30 AM. Let's connect safely in person!

Check your email for more details.

Environmental Action Committee Workshop: Buying Green Energy for Your Home

Monday, October 19

Confused about options for buying renewable energy for your home, and wondering how green it really is? TBS member Mat Tuttelman will explain the ins and outs of buying green energy for your home:

- MA SMART Program
- Buying vs Leasing Solar
- Solar and Energy Storage
- How you can reduce your carbon footprint
- How going solar can increase your retirement savings
- How going solar can increase your home's resale value
- How to buy solar power without installing it on your home (Community Solar)

Registration is required. Register now and receive a Zoom link - go to: bit.ly/eacbuysolar

Questions? Contact: EnvironAction@tbsneedham.org

Beth Shalom Garden Club: “Make It Your Own”

Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 7:15 PM (on-line)

Beth Shalom Garden Club will present a virtual demonstration by four Garden Club members who will be designing their floral arrangements. With materials provided free to paid members, participants will create their own arrangements inspired and led by the floral designers. Don't miss this opportunity to design a beautiful floral arrangement in your own home. Be sure to update your membership or join the Garden Club.

Questions? Contact: gardenclub@tbsneedham.org

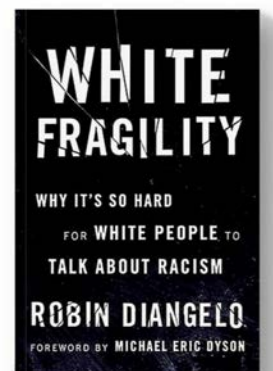


Sparks of Insight Fall Series: Exploring “White Fragility” by Robin DiAngelo

Thursdays, October 8, 15, 22, and 29, 7:15 – 8:45 pm

Join Rabbi Jay Perlman as we read and discuss the bestselling book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. As part of our TBS anti-racism initiative and in keeping with our season of self-reflection, we will consider the meaning of “white fragility” as described by the author and critically discuss its impact on ourselves and on how we engage with others.

Registration URL: [Bit.ly/Bookgroup](https://bit.ly/Bookgroup)



Save the Date

Beth Shalom Garden Club: "Flowers for a Special Occasion"

Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 7:15 PM (on-line)

Beth Shalom Garden Club presents Carolyn Ellis, a talented floral designer, who will demonstrate floral arrangements for special occasions. Carolyn is a Senior Flower Associate of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and has created many "Art in Bloom" arrangements on the Road Shows, as well as programs on the MFA-sponsored "Home Table Designs." She is a long-time member of the Weston Garden Club. We look forward to seeing her talent on Zoom.



For more information about this program, or how to join Beth Shalom Garden Club, contact: gardenclub@tbsneedham.org

Environmental Action Committee Workshop: What's up with the Recycling Business?

Thursday, November 12, 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Have you wondered how changes in the international recycling market have impacted Needham's recycling program, and what the future may hold for your carefully separated recyclables? Save the date for a Zoom workshop with Greg Smith, Superintendent of Needham's Recycling and Solid Waste Division.

Registration is required. Register now and receive a Zoom link - go to: <http://bit.ly/needhamrecycle>

Questions? Contact: EnvironAction@tbsneedham.org

Fall Festivals and Celebrations

The Festival of Sukkot

Friday Evening, October 2 – Friday Evening, October 9

Sukkot is one of the most joyful festivals on the Jewish calendar. "Sukkot," a Hebrew word meaning "booths" or "huts," refers to the Jewish festival of giving thanks for the fall harvest. The holiday has also come to commemorate the 40 years of Jewish wandering in the desert after the giving of the Torah atop Mt. Sinai. Also called Z'man Simchateinu (Season of Our Rejoicing), Sukkot is the only festival associated with an explicit commandment to rejoice! Sukkot is marked by several distinct traditions. One, which takes the commandment to dwell in booths literally, is to erect a sukkah, a small, temporary booth or hut. Sukkot (in this case, the plural of sukkah) are commonly used during the seven-day festival for eating, entertaining and even for sleeping.



New Member Welcome Virtual Oneg

Friday, October 2, 5:30 – 6:00 PM

New members who have joined the TBS community in the past year are invited to join us for a small group meet and greet as we begin the fall festival of Sukkot, a holiday focused on welcoming. Contact Community Engagement Manager Rahel Gruenberg (rgruenberg@tbsneedham.org) for Zoom information.



Fall Festivals and Celebrations cont

Erev Shabbat Services and Sukkot Celebration

Friday, October 2, 6:15 PM

Sukkot Building Contest

Entries due Friday, October 9

Legos, cardboard boxes, wood and nails, candy. Build a sukkah out of whatever materials you wish and enter into our community-wide contest. The goal of a sukkah is to offer shelter from the elements, but preserve the opportunity to see the stars through the roof. Beyond that, all creativity is welcome! Kids and adults, individuals and teams, mini-sukkah or large sukkah, all entries are warmly invited!

Send a photo and description of your entry to Rosie Kahan (rkahan@tbsneedham.org) by Friday, October 9. We can't wait to see what everyone creates!

Dinner in the Sukkah

Saturday, October 3 through Saturday, October 10

Come have a meal in the TBS sukkah! Reserve a space, bring a picnic dinner, and spend time enjoying Sukkot in one of our community's two beautiful sukkot. Two families can join us each night and each will be assigned their own sukkah. If you'd like to help beautify the sukkah, please bring a decoration along! Sign up here: bit.ly/sukkahmeal

Sukkot Tot Shabbat

Friday, October 2, 6:15 PM

Meet us in the parking lot, tune your radio to our TBS station (info provided when you arrive) and get ready to rock with Josh Shriber! Each family will stay inside their car for this event. Feel free to pop through your sunroof! Register here: bit.ly/totsukkah

Sukkot Morning Service

Saturday, October 3, 8:00 AM

Build Your Own Sukkah

Interested in building a sukkah at home? Here are two resources to get you started.

The Sukkah Project: sukkot.com

How to Build a Sukkah: bit.ly/buildsukkah

Order a Lulav & Etrog

Each year, we purchase several sets of lulav and etrog for TBS use from Israel Bookshop in Brookline. If you'd like a set of your own, please call them directly: (617) 566-7113.



The Holiday of Simchat Torah

Friday Evening, October 9, and Saturday Evening, October 10

Immediately following Sukkot, we observe Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, a fun-filled day during which we celebrate the completion of the annual reading of the Torah



and affirm Torah as one of the pillars on which we build our lives. At TBS each year, the Torah scrolls are taken from the ark and carried around the Sanctuary. Then two Torah scrolls are unrolled in a large circle for all to

see. During the Torah service, the concluding section of the fifth book of the Torah, D'varim (Deuteronomy), is read, and immediately following, the opening section of Genesis, or B'reishit, is read. This practice represents the cyclical nature of the relationship between the Jewish people and the reading of the Torah. Share this joyful ceremony!

Friday Evening Shabbat Services & Simchat Torah Celebration

Friday, October 9, 6:15 PM

Simchat Torah Morning Service with Yizkor

Saturday, October 10, 8:00 AM



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Consecration Ceremony

Monday, October 12 (Columbus Day), 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Celebrate our newest elementary students as they begin this phase of their engagement with Torah and Jewish tradition. All are invited to join us. Children being consecrated and their families will receive a separate link via email.

Community Torah Parade

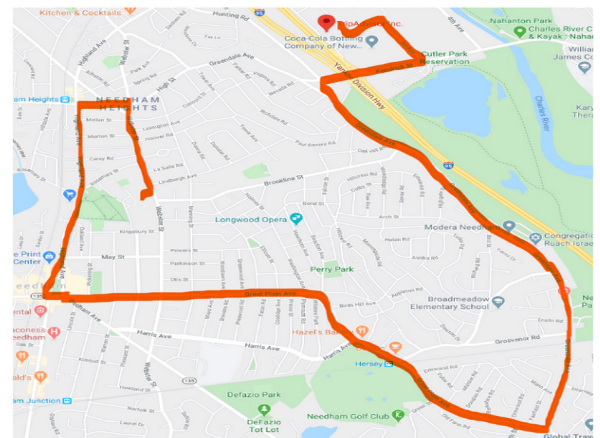
Monday, October 12 (Columbus Day), 5:00 pm

Join the parade OR cheer from the sidelines!

Join the parade: Gather at 5:00 PM in the TripAdvisor parking lot: 400 1st Avenue, Needham - first right off Highland Avenue across 128/95; continue to corner at B Street. Decorated cars and mazel tov signs are welcome (special prizes for all who decorate their cars!). When you get there, tune your radio to the special TBS station to hear the festive music!

Cheer from the sidelines: The parade will start at TripAdvisor (400 1st Avenue). At 5:15 PM we will travel through the Industrial Park to Kendrick Street and then up Greendale Avenue, up Great Plain Avenue to Needham Center, up Highland Avenue to Needham Heights, then onto Webster Street to TBS. Gather your family and stand along the route to cheer on the Torah and all of our newly consecrated students as they travel back to our Temple home. Once we arrive in the Temple parking lot, there will be a unique opportunity to drive through and view the unrolled Torah.

Simchat Torah Parade, Monday, October 12, 5-6pm, 2020



Recurring Events

Job Seeker Support Group with Jewish Vocational Services

Alternating Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) has partnered with TBS for a free biweekly Job Search Support Group. The goal of this group is to provide support, information, and strategies to professionals in managing their job search in the age of Covid-19. This series will be run by experienced Career Professional Amy Mazur.

The Support Group can be joined at any time after it starts; how long the program continues will be determined later.

For more information: check the flyer at bit.ly/jobseekinfo or contact Jessica Baim (jbaim@tbsneedham.org)

To register: go to bit.ly/NeedhamSupportGroup (case-sensitive); a Zoom link will be sent once registered.

Finding Our Jewish Values in the Torah, led by Rabbi Bob Orkand

Shabbat mornings, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Each week we will focus upon 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. Registration required; class is free.

This is a virtual class on Zoom. Please register, and you will receive a link to the Zoom class.

To register for this class, go to: bit.ly/weeklyvalues



Recurring Events continued ...

Beginnings of Judaism, Part 3: Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Bob Orkand

Mondays, 12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM – classes through December 21

Judaism has had a long and rich history that reflects and was influenced by the conditions under which the Jewish people have lived for centuries. And yet, Judaism remained a distinct faith that influenced the cultures and religion of others. Rabbi Bob Orkand will continue his exploration of Jewish history, beginning with a look at the Pharisees and Sadducees and their varying interpretations of Jewish law and practice. Please note that since each session stands alone, it is not necessary to have participated in prior sessions. All are welcome. Registration required; class is free.

This is a virtual class on Zoom. Please register, and you will receive a link to the Zoom class.

To register for this class, go to: bit.ly/registersthree



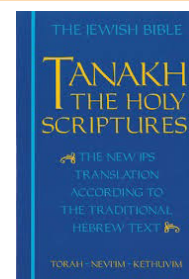
Torah Study is Great, but What Happens in the REST of the Hebrew Bible?

First Shabbat of the month: October 3, November 7, December 5, 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Have you ever wondered where the Biblical stories of our ancestors go after Moses' death at the end of the Book of Deuteronomy? Our Torah-study cycle allows us to spend a lot of time on the five books of Torah, but what about the rest of what appears in the Hebrew Bible? We will do our study online, beginning with the book of Nahum. No prior knowledge is needed. All are welcome! Registration required; class is free.

This is a virtual class Taught by Rabbi Bob Orkand on Zoom. Please register, and you will receive a link to the Zoom class.

To register for this class, go to: bit.ly/laterbooks



Pre-Shabbat Yoga

Fridays, 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Join Stephanie Javaheri every Friday morning for pre-Shabbat yoga. Her classes offer an energetic mindful flow focusing on alignment and breath to create a 'work in' rather than a 'work out.' Her aim is to help others find a sliver of stillness and to feel more grounded in body and mind. Stephanie sees yoga as being accessible to anyone with an open mind and the willingness to go within.

This is a virtual class on Zoom. Please register, and you will receive a link to the Zoom class.

To register for this class, go to: bit.ly/preshabbatyoga



Governance & Leadership

The By-laws of Temple Beth Shalom establish an 18-member Board of Trustees that includes 10 Officers and 8 Trustees who are each elected by the congregation at the annual Congregational Meeting and Celebration. The exact responsibilities of the Board are enumerated in the by-laws but generally involve hiring clergy, fiduciary oversight, governance, compliance and community oversight for the long-term health and stability of our community. The Board meets year-round at least monthly. Historically, in our community, the Nominating Committee (traditionally chaired by the immediate past president with eight elected members) propose a slate of candidates for consideration by the congregation and a vote by the members of the congregation present at the annual Congregational Meeting and Celebration. The Board works with our clergy, professional leaders, staff members and other lay leaders in leading our community and creating the overall spirit, culture and relational community that is the fabric of TBS.

If you have ideas, questions or concerns please feel free to contact Eugene Stein, TBS President (president@tbsneedham.org).

A Community on a Mission With a Vision

Temple Beth Shalom is a warm, vibrant and diverse community of individuals and families. We unite in a dynamic, ongoing relationship by a desire to embrace the values, traditions and teachings of Torah through the lens of Reform Judaism. Through worship, celebration, lifelong learning and service to others, we seek to inspire spirituality, nurture personal growth, promote social justice, deepen Jewish experiences and enrich the life of each member. We work in partnership with our neighbors to foster a stronger Greater Boston community, particularly in our home of Needham. At the same time, we endeavor to sustain Israel and the Jewish people throughout the world. We are bound together by covenant and strive to be a community of blessing.

Vision

Temple Beth Shalom is a warm and vibrant Reform congregation where life is inspired by the values of Torah. We feel a deep sense of belonging to our congregation and commitment to one another. We see ourselves as partners – working closely to create a strong Jewish community for ourselves and for our children.

- We share our individual skills, talents, stories, and dreams to help make our congregation engaging and meaningful for all.
- We are nourished by the relationships that we share, and over time, members of all ages deepen their connection with our community and with Judaism.
- We are a community of learners. At every age and from every background we grow in knowledge and deepen our understanding of the traditions and wisdom of Judaism. We are a community of prayer and celebration. We gather to experience the joy and spirit of our people's liturgy, poetry and music.
- 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. Together we help to nurture belonging, resilience, and shleimut – wholeness in our lives.
- We are a community of action. We engage in acts of Tikkun Olam – healing our world – and pursue Tzedek – righteousness and justice – through social action and political activism. We do this individually, as friends, and as families – affirming our responsibility to make a positive difference for others, for ourselves, and for our planet.

Mission

At every age and from every background we grow in knowledge and deepen our understanding of the traditions and wisdom of Judaism.

- We are a community that supports Israel. We foster a meaningful relationship with Israel, the eternal and sacred home of the Jewish people.
- We seek a relationship with God that is personal. Living in the tradition of being Yisrael – “one who wrestles with God” – we cherish our diversity of belief and Jewish expression. Each of us thoughtfully searches for understanding, guidance, and inspiration from the teachings and many voices of our tradition.
- We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation – blessed to share in the life of a community that is diverse by age, family, religious background, unique needs and abilities, ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation. We see each other as having been created B'tzelem Elohim – in the image of God – with a spark of the sacred in each of us. Membership in our congregation and education for our children are accessible to all, regardless of financial circumstance.
- We recognize and celebrate our commonalities, while honoring and cherishing our differences. We support all of these ideals by engaging and nurturing the best possible leadership for our community – clergy, professional and support staff, educators, and lay leaders. Our leadership blends organizational innovation with the inspirational values of our tradition.
- So too are we committed to maintaining and building a Temple home that warmly and comfortably houses the myriad souls who inhabit our sacred space throughout the year. Ours is a covenantal partnership dedicated to creating a Kehillah Kedoshah – a holy and radiant Temple Beth Shalom community.



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TBS Committees & Arms

At Temple Beth Shalom, we welcome our members to engage with our work and with each other by participating in and taking leadership roles in our committees. Please learn about the exciting work we do and get involved by reaching out to the committee chair listed or contacting TBS President, Eugene Stein (president@tbsneedham.org).

Adult Learning Committee

In partnership with our clergy, we craft the learning vision of the TBS community and make it happen. We seek to create numerous opportunities for inspiring the mind and deepening one's connection to Jewish tradition, culture, teaching, history, and practice through learning. Our goal is to inspire engagement in Jewish learning throughout our Temple Beth Shalom community. For more information on how to become part of the Adult and Family Learning team, please contact Committee Chair Peter Mesnik (adultlearning@tbsneedham.org). We are always seeking new members who can bring their unique perspective and talents to our committee.

Archives Committee

We preserve materials that document the history of our Temple community. We have organized available materials that record our past, and now we continue to collect and preserve the memories of today for tomorrow in the dedicated Archives Room on the lower level of the Temple. Our goal is to preserve the history of Temple Beth Shalom, from its past through its present, for our future. To join us, submit something for the archives, or for more information, please contact Florence Schumacher (archives@tbsneedham.org).

Chesed (Caring) Program

Chesed outreach helps to organize community-wide efforts that support part of Temple Beth Shalom's vision statement: "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. Together we help to nurture belonging, resilience, and shleimut – wholeness in our lives." We are an ever growing circle of Temple members who actively engage in acts of compassionate outreach. To join us or for more information, please contact Mindy Pasco-Anderson, Chesed Chair (chesed@tbsneedham.org).

Children's Center Learning Committee

The Children's Center Learning Committee is a group of dedicated members of the Temple Beth Shalom community who share a commitment to making the Children's Center a program of excellence. Guided by Jewish tradition, we study educational practices, assist with policy development, and make connections to the larger Temple community. To join us or for more information, please contact Shimrit Black (childrenscentercommittee@tbsneedham.org).

Communications Committee

We are responsible for creating engaging communication between and among our TBS members and the community. We develop, maintain, and support traditional media and electronic channels. Our goal is to enhance the ease, effectiveness, and consistency of TBS communications and member interactions. To join us or for more information, please contact Steve Sherry (communicationscommittee@tbsneedham.org).

Community Advancement (CA) Team

The financial needs of the TBS community are not sufficiently met through annual membership commitment and tuition payments. In order to remain a vibrant, successful community TBS relies upon the generosity of our members and others. The TBS Community Advancement Team supports the financial position of the TBS community by organizing and expanding our congregation's philanthropic giving. We build upon existing successful programs, apply creative thinking to help our community achieve its goals, and establish a financial foundation to support continued growth. To learn more about our Community Advancement work, please contact Beth Pinals (communityadvancement@tbsneedham.org).

Elementary Learning Committee

The Elementary Learning Committee is a group of dedicated members of the Temple Beth Shalom community who share a commitment to making Mayim (TBS's K-5 Learning Program) a program of excellence. Guided by Jewish tradition, we study educational practices, assist with policy development, and make connections to the larger Temple community. To join us or for more information, please contact Chanit List or Ariel Shoemaker (elementary_learning@tbsneedham.org).

Environmental Action Committee

Jewish tradition teaches that taking care of our natural environment is a mitzvah – a sacred responsibility. We believe it is ethically imperative for Jews to work toward lessening our environmental impact and thus uphold the Jewish ideals/mitzvot of Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World), Tzedek (Justice), and Bal Tash'chit (Prohibition against wanton destruction). Our goal is to educate our community about environmental initiatives and make hands-on positive change at Temple Beth Shalom and the greater community in our use of energy and natural resources. To join us or for more information, please contact Jane Evans or Michael Bailit (environaction@tbsneedham.org).

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee serves as a resource to assist the financial leaders and the Board with understanding the finances, reviewing



and suggesting approaches to long-term planning, and overseeing the financial functions of TBS. The Finance Committee takes an active role in the preparation of the annual budget and during that process, explores alternatives or options with the professional staff, and makes recommendations to the Board based on its guidance and direction. The committee also oversees the annual financial audit conducted by an independent auditor. If you're interested in joining the Finance Committee, please email Alan Huberman (finance@tbsneedham.org).

Financial Assistance Committee

The role of the Financial Assistance Committee is to provide financial assistance to our Temple community in accordance with our mission and vision statements. It is a core value of our congregation that a family's financial limitations should never become a barrier to TBS membership and the education of our children. All applications received are confidential and reviewed with sensitivity. Applications are reviewed in the spring and throughout the year as there are needs. The committee is composed of a Chair, the President, and two congregants appointed by the President. The Controller serves as an ex officio member of the committee. For more information or for an application, please contact Joe Morency (jmorency@tbsneedham.org).

House/Safety/Security Committee

We are the "caretakers" of our Temple building and facilities. We ensure that all in our community have a suitable environment in which to plan and produce activities in the realms of worship, education, social, and administration. From maintaining the building to making our parking lot safe for our children to arranging security for major congregational services and events, we seek to enhance the warm and inviting atmosphere of our congregational home. Our goal is to sustain the facilities, conduct comprehensive reviews, and implement safety, security and loss prevention policies and procedures that encompass all functional areas and physical needs of our congregation. To join us or for more information, please contact House/Safety/Security Committee Chairs, Loren Shapiro or Marc Friedman (house@tbsneedham.org).

Investments Committee

At the direction of the Board, the Investment Committee provides oversight for the TBS Endowment Portfolios, as well as supports other investing activity. We do this to help ensure that the goals and financial objectives of the Temple are being met. TBS currently engages an outside investment adviser to handle the day-to-day management responsibilities of the Endowment Portfolio. The Investment Committee interfaces with the outside manager and the Board, providing updates during the year. The Committee is available to provide additional investment insight and advice to the Board on other Temple investments as needed. If interested, please email Elliot Herman at investments@tbsneedham.org

Israel Committee

Recognizing that Israel is the eternal and sacred home of the Jewish people and that a meaningful relationship with Israel is important for our community, we help our congregation create the best possible opportunities for engagement and connection. Our goal is to be a catalyst for all congregants of Temple Beth Shalom, both

individually and collectively, to deepen their relationship with Israel and her people. For more information, please contact Rabbi Perlman (jperlman@tbsneedham.org).

Leadership Development Committee

A strong congregation is critical for our Jewish community, now and in the future. Leadership training develops the foundation that all leaders need by teaching them about TBS's history, values, and beliefs. It also helps emerging leaders better understand themselves as leaders, recognize their strengths and areas of growth, and appreciate how their leadership style will impact the sacred work of the congregation. The Leadership Development Committee is responsible for helping all current and future leaders learn these things so they can embark on their journey and inspire sacred action within our community. For more information, please contact Wendy Gutterson, Executive Vice President (leadership_development@tbsneedham.org).

Library Committee

With both a circulating collection as well as a reference collection, the mission of the Temple Beth Shalom Library is to provide our Temple members with a wide variety of materials of Judaic interest in a warm and relaxing atmosphere that encourages reading for pleasure, enrichment, and learning. Our Library is located in two areas: the Community Court and the Beit Midrash. In the Community Court you can pull a book or two off the shelves to read in comfort. Not done? Check it out in the Community Court and take it home. We encourage you to borrow books from both locations. To find out more about the Library or to join the Library Committee, please contact Roberta Gerson (library@tbsneedham.org).

Long-Range Planning Committee

Periodically, the Long-Range Planning Committee meets to assess, update, modify, and incorporate new information into the congregation's strategic plans. The committee meets on an ad hoc basis and often works on special projects, such as a multi-year plan related to long-term giving and community advancement. They also work with standing committees to develop and harmonize shared visions and plans, and to assist where needed as committees incorporate their respective visions and plans looking ahead. For more information, please contact Wendy Gutterson, Executive Vice President, at longrangeplanning@tbsneedham.org.

Member Relations Committee

By creating many different "gateways of entry" to the TBS community, we inspire and nurture a healthy and engaged Temple membership. We welcome our newest members. We help our members get to know one another and feel at home. We support our members as they strive to find their place in the community and get involved. We encourage our members to invite new members to join us. We look forward to getting to know many more of you in the coming year! For more information, or to join our committee, please contact Robyn Glazier and Sarah Mesnik (member_relations@tbsneedham.org).

TBS Committees & Arms

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Music Committee

Under the leadership of Cantorial Soloist DJ Fortine, Rabbi Jay and Chair Rob Sutherland, the Music Committee is focused on various music initiatives at TBS, such as creating Temple music resources for our website, supporting visiting artists and events, and introducing new venues for congregational music-making and learning. If interested, please email Rob Sutherland (music@tbsneedham.org).

Personnel Practices Committee (PPC)

The PPC helps to ensure personnel/human resource matters are conducted in a consistent and professional manner. From the writing and review of the Personnel Manual to making recommendations on Employee Benefits, we assist the Temple and provide advice in finding, growing, and retaining employees that serve the needs of our Temple community in ways that are aligned with and reflect our community's values. To join us or for more information, please contact Personnel Practices (personnelpractices@tbsneedham.org).

TBS Welcome Corps

The mission of the TBS Welcome Corps is to actively greet every Temple guest with "audacious hospitality" and an eye toward safety. The experience of walking through the door reflects the overall warmth and spiritual richness of our congregation. Our dedicated volunteers, along with a handful of committed staff members, warmly greet Temple members and guests between the hours of 8:15 am and 8:15 pm on weekdays. They are a wonderful resource for commonly asked questions and gain great satisfaction from engaging in Temple life through this very visible, interactive and important role. Co-chairs: Julie Bailit and Linda Hill (welcomecorps@tbsneedham.org)

Teen Engagement Committee

The Teen Engagement Committee meets monthly and consists of Temple Beth Shalom community members and staff. We advise, provide feedback, and partner with staff to support our grades 6-12 Jewish teen programming. We bring our perspective, passion, and experiences to the committee to thoughtfully impact the TBS community. For more information or to join our committee, please contact Jenny Small at teen_engagement@tbsneedham.org.

Social Action Committee

TBS Social Action offers impactful, meaningful and creative "Mitzvah Projects" throughout the year, some at TBS and some off-site. Our goal is to engage volunteers, of all ages and abilities, to care for and support people in need. All projects involve learning about our partner organizations and the populations they serve, and getting right to work. We also support our B. Mitzvah teens

with their mitzvah projects as well as other Temple groups with their social action activities. To share your ideas, ask questions, and/or to join our mailing list contact Heidi Shaff, Caryl Mayer and Linda Hill at socialaction@tbsneedham.org.

Tzedek Committee

TBS Tzedek works to help repair the world through advocacy and raising awareness around critical issues facing our community, our nation, and the world at large. Within our committee, we have subcommittees focusing on Reproductive Justice, Inclusion, Racial Justice, Interfaith Relations, Voter Engagement, Immigration, and Gun Violence Prevention. To get involved or to learn more, please contact tzedek@tbsneedham.org

Worship Committee

At Temple Beth Shalom, we believe in upholding community as a sacred value, where each individual strives to honor and support the religious, spiritual, and shared practices of our community. Worship can awaken, animate, challenge, and surprise. It can shine a light in dark times and nurture gratitude for the gifts we have been given. The Worship Committee works closely with our clergy, the professional staff, and the Temple Arms to offer input on worship-related matters (both substantive and detailed), participate in worship services, and oversee lay-led services to create and sustain meaningful worship experiences. If you are interested in joining us, please contact David Grebber at worship@tbsneedham.org.

Arms of Temple Beth Shalom

Sisterhood

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom is a vibrant multigenerational group of women who come together to experience community, connection and involvement. Our Sisterhood provides endless opportunities for participation, sharing, and Jewish discovery through interesting and meaningful programming. We support our Temple and find friendships as well as a sense of belonging to an extended family. Being a member of Sisterhood is an opportunity to connect with other women in a Jewish setting. To join or for more information, please contact Linda Mesnik, Sisterhood President, at sisterhood@tbsneedham.org.

Brotherhood

Brotherhood membership is free to all men in our community. Curious? Want to know more about Brotherhood and how you can get involved? Come to one of our open planning meetings. We almost always meet on the second Tuesday of the month from September through June. Check the TBS calendar for details or drop us a quick note at brotherhood@tbsneedham.org. If you want a new way to engage with the men of TBS, Brotherhood just might be for you. By the way... you can always drop by one of



T'filah: Prayer and Celebration

SHABBAT SERVICES

Erev Shabbat Evening Services at Temple Beth Shalom are a time for spirited song, prayer, and sharing as a community. We invite you to celebrate Shabbat with us as together we seek rest, renewal, and inspiration. Our Erev Shabbat evening services are joyful, participatory, and rich with beautiful music led by our Cantorial Soloist, DJ Fortine, or Cantorial Soloist, Emily Perlman. Our services feature guitar and voices raised together in song. The prayer book's poetry (provided virtually) and a thought-provoking weekly *D'var Torah* (Torah Teaching) inspire reflection and provide timely insight as we consider how Jewish wisdom might inform our own life journeys. These services take place weekly at 6:15 PM, online.

Tot Shabbat: On the first Friday of the month, beginning at 6:15 PM, families with young children are invited to share in an age-appropriate Shabbat service led by our very own Josh Shriber. Each Tot Shabbat service is filled with energy, family warmth, song, dance, and light.

B. Mitzvah Services

Poetry, music, prayer, and song blend as our B. Mitzvahs join Rabbi Perlman, Rabbi Markley, Rabbi Bressler, Cantorial Soloist DJ Fortine, and/or Emily Perlman to lead us in prayer. Due to current restrictions, these services are currently limited to the B. Mitzvah families in person in our Sanctuary and are live streamed to invited guests.

Shabbat Morning Minyan and Torah Study

Held at 8:30 am, an informal, participatory, lay-led Shabbat morning minyan service is held online. This minyan service is immediately followed at 9:00 am by a lively Torah Study discussion led by either Rabbi Perlman, Rabbi Markley, or Rabbi Bressler. We also offer a fascinating Torah Study discussion entitled "Finding our Jewish Values in Torah" led by Rabbi Bob Orkand.

Weekday Minyan Services

Morning Minyan every Monday and Thursday morning beginning at 7:00 AM

Weekday Evening Minyan every Tuesday through Thursday evening: 6:45 - 7:15 PM

Members of our community gather virtually for a warm and inclusive lay-led service. These services take place even if there are fewer than 10 participants, last about 20-30 minutes, and are a meaningful way to start or end your day.

our virtual Schmoozefests to stick your toe in the water and find out about the good we do and the fun we have doing it. For more information, please contact Glenn Stern, Brotherhood President at brotherhood@tbsneedham.org.

Three Score

Three Score/More or Less is the Temple Beth Shalom group that includes all members of our Temple family who are age 55 and over. No need to register or pay a membership fee. If you're in the demographic, you're in! Our programs, held regularly throughout the year, are a diverse blend of social, cultural, spiritual, and educational events that strongly connect us to TBS and to each other. A nominal fee for each event covers the cost. With a large active and inclusive Board, many enthusiastic voices contribute to ideas for new initiatives. For more information, contact Co-Presidents Gary and Shelley Goldman at threescore@tbsneedham.org.

Garden Club

The Beth Shalom Garden Club is open to all floral arrangers and non-gardeners alike. You need not be an expert in flowers to be a member. You just need to appreciate their beauty. The objective of BSGC is to promote an interest in flower arranging, gardening, horticulture and conservation. We lend our creativity to enhancing various Temple events and holidays throughout the year, including the weekly Sanctuary floral arrangements. We present programs and workshops designed to educate and inform members about flower arranging as well as container gardening and horticulture. For more information about becoming involved in the Beth Shalom Garden Club, please contact BSGC CEO Ruth Ann Feinberg or President Carol Gershman at gardenclub@tbsneedham.org.



Some Often-Asked Questions

What are Shabbat Evening Services like?

Our Shabbat evening service is held virtually every Friday night and live-streamed through Vimeo. The service is led by our clergy and includes beautiful singing and music from our Cantorial Soloists. There is a lively chat before and after as well, so everyone can greet new and old friends!

What if it is difficult for me to log on at 6:15 PM?

Don't worry! We welcome you whenever you can join us, even after the service begins, and always have technical help available. It is wonderful to see our virtual Sanctuary gradually fill as more and more people arrive to join their loved ones and friends for Shabbat.

What are services like?

Do I need to know Hebrew to appreciate the experience?

All of our services feature song, warmth, and spirit and are accessible to everyone. Our prayer book, *Mishkan T'filah*, is transliterated for those who do not read Hebrew. Links to the relevant pages are provided for the current week's service. Our rabbis and musical leaders guide us through the service thoughtfully with explanations and teachings to ensure that everyone is sharing in a meaningful way.

When we are in our building, is the Sanctuary accessible and accommodating to everyone?

Our Sanctuary is located on the first floor of our building; there are no steps into the building or into the Sanctuary. We have large-print prayer books and hearing-assistive devices, which are easily accessible. We also have a ramp up to the bimah. We welcome everyone to join us for Shabbat!

How can I celebrate a life moment with a special blessing during services?

If you are interested in celebrating a life moment (birth, anniversary, special life change) with a blessing during our Shabbat services, please contact either Rabbi Perlman (jperlman@tbsneedham.org) Rabbi Markley (tmarkley@tbsneedham.org), or Rabbi Bressler (jbressler@tbsneedham.org). They will be happy to help!

Is it possible to purchase my own copy of our prayer book *Mishkan T'filah*?

Of course. To order your own copy of *Mishkan T'filah* (and/or a number of other Jewish books and resources) please go to www.ccarpress.org.



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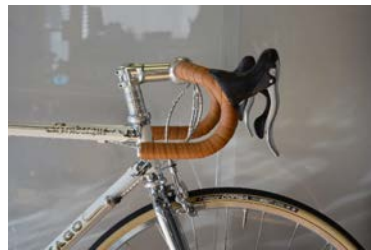
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