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From the Editorial Board

# The Times, They are a'Changing!

Dylan had it right!

This folk anthem, released in 1964, is as fresh and meaningful today in a world that sees almost constant change, as it was then. While many things may have changed in the fifty years since 1964 (namely music, fashion, and all of us), some things haven't. As the song says, change comes, and our best (and only) choice is to embrace it.

You too can embrace change (or at least embrace Dylan and his contemporaries) in our Folk Purim Spiel which we highlight in this issue and which takes place on March 7. Similarly, we have an upcoming opportunity in March to embrace the change that has come to our Reform Movement when Ron Wolfson, author of [Relational Judaism](#), joins us for our Scholar in Residence Weekend from March 13-15.

And we also need to celebrate and embrace the change that has come to the pages of our *Scroll*. We extend great appreciation to Matt Robinson who has served as editor of our redesigned *Scroll* since its inception last summer. Matt's vision and dedication have led to a newly revitalized and brilliantly colorful communication tool for our community. We appreciate Matt's leadership and dedication and thank him for all of his hard work.

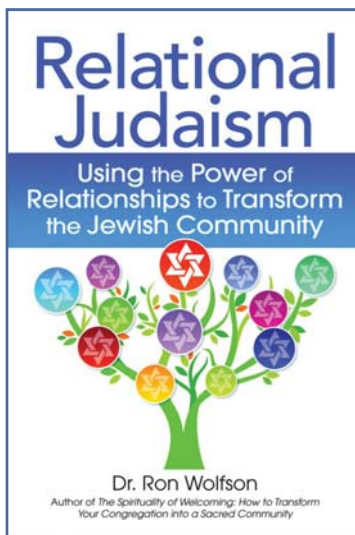
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From the Clergy

# Shaping the Future of Judaism

By Rabbi Jay Perlman

Each year, Temple Beth Shalom invites an outstanding scholar to share an inspirational weekend of learning as our *Scholar in Residence*. This year, from March 13 through 15, we are thrilled to welcome **Dr. Ron Wolfson**. Dr. Wolfson is a visionary Jewish educator whose insights regarding the Jewish community and synagogue life have literally helped to shape the national conversation about the future of Judaism in the United States.



Dr. Wolfson speaks and teaches both nationally and internationally, and is a widely sought-after speaker, storyteller, and teacher. His seminars are often standing room only and his warmth, wit, and wisdom are known to leave a lasting impression.

Our 2015 Scholar in Residence Weekend features a number of exciting learning opportunities:

**Friday evening, March 13**, at 7:15 PM: during our Shabbat service, Dr. Wolfson will be our *Gersten-Hoisington* Speaker. That evening he will offer the weekend's keynote talk: **Envisioning the Relational Synagogue of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**.

**Saturday morning, March 14**, at First Parish Congregation in Needham, 8:30 AM: we will share in a wonderful morning of prayer, Torah Study, and then a session with Dr. Wolfson entitled, **The Seven Questions You're Asked in Heaven**.

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## MARCH 2015 SERVICES

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6 (16 ADAR 5775)

6:15 PM – Tot Shabbat  
7:15 PM – Contemplative Prayer Shabbat Service  
7:15 PM – Simchat Shabbat Service

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7 (16 ADAR 5775)

Torah: *Ki Tisa*, Ex. 30:11 – 34:35  
8:30 AM – Shabbat Morning Minyan  
9:00 AM – Torah Study  
11:00 AM – Shabbat Morning Service  
B'not Mitzvah: Julia Berkman and Stephanie Kaplan

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13 (23 ADAR 5775)

6:15 PM – Kehillah Kids Shabbat Service  
7:15 PM – Shabbat Evening Service  
Scholar-In-Residence Shabbat

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14 (23 SHEVAT 5775)

Torah: *V'Yak'hel*, Ex. 35:1 – 38:20  
8:30 AM – Shabbat Morning Minyan -OOT  
9:00 AM – Scholar-In-Residence Lecture - OOT  
11:00 AM – Shabbat Morning Service  
Bar Mitzvah: Carl Shapiro

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20 (1 NISAN 5775)

6:15 PM – Shabbat Evening Service

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21 (1 NISAN 5775)

Torah: *VaYikra*, Lev. 1:1 – 5:26  
8:30 AM – Shabbat Morning Minyan  
9:00 AM – Torah Study

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27 (8 NISAN 5775)

6:15 PM – Shabbat Evening Service

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28 (8 NISAN 5775)

Torah: *Tzav*, Lev. 6:1 – 8:36  
8:30 AM – Shabbat Morning Minyan  
9:00 AM – Torah Study  
11:00 AM – Shabbat Morning Service  
B'nei Mitzvah: Henry Bierman and Nathaniel Harrington

Please join the TBS community for  
**Minyan**

Monday **and** Thursday at 7:00 AM  
Monday **through** Thursday at 6:45 PM  
Sunday at 8:45 AM

It is a little commitment, but a BIG *mitzvah*!  
We hope to see you ALL there!

From the Board

# Bringing Change to Life

By Bernice Sue Behar, Senior Vice-President

Recently, I attended the TBS Sisterhood Spirituality Retreat, along with more than 50 other TBS Sisterhood members. The theme for the weekend was “change.” Many of the activities and conversations allowed us to reflect on change in our lives, how we think about it, cope with it, or even embrace it. The Torah portion that we read concerned the last of the Ten Plagues and the impending change that the Israelites were about to embark upon as they were on the brink of their journey into the wilderness. During the Retreat, we also worked together assembling beautiful gift baskets for women who are clients of Second Step. Second Step helps victims of domestic abuse find stability and chart a course of change for themselves and their families. All together, it was a weekend full of interesting discussion and lots of laughter, but what carries over for me most are the questions about change; about how we, as Jews, make the most of it, and about how we even promote change when we should.



The story of *Purim* tells us of Esther and how she lived secretly as a Jew and as the wife of a king who was carrying out a campaign against her own people. Esther is reluctant to reveal her identity, uncertain what her fate might be if the king learns that she is among those who are targeted for death by the evil Haman. Eventually, she takes the ultimate risk and reveals her Jewish identity to her husband. She and the Jewish people are vindicated when the king, learning the truth, releases the Jews from the edict calling for their demise, and turns on Haman instead.

As we retell this story, perhaps we can recall the times in our own lives when we have taken a risk in the pursuit of a higher good -- maybe it was joining a protest demonstration, or standing up for someone who was being bullied. Maybe we overcame a personal shyness to work on a local petition drive or to make phone calls on behalf of the *Mikdash* community campaign. At each juncture, we take inspiration from the examples of others, or draw on the lessons of our loved ones, our Jewish teachings, and our own inner compasses to propel us to make positive change in the world.



At the retreat, inspirational quotes lined the walls. One of them from author Steve Maraboli read “How would your life be different if... you stopped worrying about things you can’t control and started focusing on the things you can? Let today be the day...you free yourself from fruitless worry, seize

the day and take effective action on things you can change.” These words and the conversation of the weekend remind me that there are so many opportunities for us to work as a community to bring about change. These include the wonderful work of the TBS *Chesed* Committee, the Social Action Committee (Join us for *Tikkun Olam* day on April 12<sup>th</sup>), or the Social Justice Committee. All provide the chance to work side by side with other wonderful TBS members to bring about the kinds of change that make all our lives better. I look forward to joining with you in making change happen!

# Sisters Promoting Change

by Amy Willis

Despite the arctic weather outside our hotel on Cape Cod, the atmosphere inside the 17th annual Sisterhood Spirituality Retreat was warm and inviting. From January 23rd through the 25th, 56 women from Temple Beth Shalom came together for a weekend of prayer, learning, laughter and fun. Our theme this year was “Change,” and we explored various strategies to navigate the changes in our lives and the world around us. We also learned ways to promote positive change.

For the past two years, our retreat has included a hands-on social action project to benefit women in difficult life circumstances. This year we prepared gift packages for eight women currently residing at The Second Step in Newton. The Second Step provides temporary housing and resources to women who survived domestic violence and have taken the positive step of leaving their abusers. In keeping with our theme of change, we sought to support these women who have made an important change in their lives.

Women who live at The Second Step are homeless when they arrive, and they come with only one or

two bags of possessions. In advance of our retreat, a sign-up genius was sent to retreat attendees requesting donations of items that these women need and want as they work toward a new life of independence. Items included bathrobes, slippers, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hair brushes and hair products, skin cream, and makeup and nail polish for job interviews. Our retreat attendees rose to the occasion, providing all of these items and also monetary donations which were used to purchase CVS gift cards for each woman at The Second Step.

During our retreat we assembled the items into beautiful gift packages, and we added to them cozy fleece blankets which we also made together at the retreat. Finally, retreat attendees wrote personal notes to the women at The Second Step, wishing them strength and courage as they continue on their journey of change.

Colorful magnets that retreat attendees brought home remind us, “change brings opportunity.” We hope our efforts will bring new opportunities for the women at The Second Step, and for ourselves.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Got Questions? Our Temple Library Has Answers!

Did you know that when the Broadway musical, “Fiddler on the Roof,” became a movie, Frank Sinatra and Richard Burton expressed interest in playing Tevye? Or that Topol who played Tevye in the movie was 30 years old; or that the director, Norman Jewison, was not Jewish? Find out more in [Tradition!: The Highly Improbable, Ultimately Triumphant Broadway-to-Hollywood Story of Fiddler on the Roof, the World’s Most Beloved Musical](#) by Barbara Isenberg.

How did the Jews fare during the American Civil War? See our books, [When General Grant Expelled the Jews](#) by Jonathan Sarna and [Politics, Faith, and the Making of American Judaism](#) by Peter Adams.

Who is Gabriel Allon? He’s an art restorer, an international spy, and a fictional character in the bestselling series by Daniel Silva. We have two of his books, [The English Girl](#) and [The Fallen Angel](#).

Was your mother too overprotective and smothering? Did she pretend to be you on JDate or try to set you up with a celebrity? Did she play drums at your wedding or have a chromosome for matchmaking? Read 27 essays about mothers in [The Jewish Daughter Diaries: True Stories of Being Loved Too Much by Our Moms](#) edited by Rachel Ament.

## Gersten-Hoisington Memorial Lecture Fund

Named for a pair of popular and beloved community members – former TBS VP Sumner Hoisington and his wife Shirley Gersten, who also served as the Temple’s General Counsel – and started in their honor after their respective passings in 1993 and 1994, the Gersten-Hoisington Memorial Lecture has regularly brought acclaimed scholars and speakers to TBS to help educate and inform the membership and the larger community. Today, TBS’s Scholar in Residence program owes its genesis to the fund that makes the Friday evening annual lecture possible.

According to their son, Allan D. Gersten, “The success to date and what has become of the Lecture Fund has far exceeded expectations.” Gersten also notes that

the Fund itself is secure and that current and future members should be able to enjoy its benefits for many years to come.

Its success and status in helping to provide for an engaging and worthwhile TBS educational experience is secure. If you are interested in establishing a fund at Temple Beth Shalom to support a particular program or interest, please be in touch with Daniel Barkowitz, Executive Director ([dbarkowitz@tbsneedham.org](mailto:dbarkowitz@tbsneedham.org)).

## An Invitation from the TBS Inclusion Task Force

“I’d like to take my son to services, but I worry that his impulsive calling out might disturb other congregants who don’t know about his condition.”

“My mother says she’d like to come to the Scholar in Residence events, but assumes she can’t get into most of the venues with her wheelchair.”

“Our daughter has social anxiety disorder. She’d really like to be involved in BESTY, and we would love that, but her worries get in the way.”

“My hearing loss makes it really hard for me to hear what’s going on at temple. I used to love to go, but these days I miss so much---it’s just a lot easier to stay at home on Shabbat and do my own thing.”

Have you ever felt that you or a family member (or a friend) could not take advantage of the rich array of events at TBS because of a disability? **Then this invitation is for you.**

First, a little background: The newly formed Inclusion Task Force (ITF) is made up of a group of TBS members who have a professional and/or personal commitment to making sure that TBS continues to be a warm, welcoming place for all it’s members, regardless of any special need or condition that may affect them or someone they love. Making sure that TBS is fully accessible to all is not only a matter of human rights and personal dignity, but is a part of our sacred mission that is fully consistent with and guided by our Jewish values.

**Have an announcement? Submit it to the Scroll: <http://bit.ly/tbs-scroll>**

### "From the Clergy", Continued from Page 3

**Saturday afternoon**, at TBS, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM: we will gather with Dr. Wolfson for a special workshop inspired by his latest best-selling book, **Relational Judaism**, which our TBS leadership has been studying for the past three years. This session will provide an outstanding opportunity to engage the author on the how we at TBS can best apply the book's most essential lessons.

**Sunday morning**, from 9:00 – 11:30 AM: we will gather for our final session: **God's 'To Do' List** – a session that focuses on Judaism's emphasis on God's search for us, rather than on our search for God.

To register for any of our sessions with Dr. Wolfson on Saturday or Sunday, please go to: [www.tinyurl.com/TBSSir2015](http://www.tinyurl.com/TBSSir2015).

I hope that you will be able to join us for an incredible weekend!

The purpose of the ITF is to make recommendations to ensure that all members of the community have full and easy access to all activities, events and communication from the Temple. We want to gain a better sense of how many people in our community might be affected by a condition - be it temporary or life-long - that may be an impediment to full inclusion in the wide range of experiences (social, educational or spiritual) available at TBS. In addition, we want to ensure that any print or media communications generated by TBS is accessible to all.

The Jewish Federations of North America designated February as Jewish Disabilities Awareness Month, so now is the perfect time to take action. Please take the 10 minute survey you'll find at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/tbsitf>. *No obligations, no money, and no follow-up emails unless you say so.* It can make a big difference to you or those you care about.

Watch for other news about disability-related events at TBS. It's the beginning of a new era!



# Folk n' Roll

## Temple Beth Shalom Band Brings Passion to Purim

By Matt Robinson

For many in the TBS community, *Purim* has become synonymous with our annual adult *Purim Shpiel*, a show filled with popular music rewritten to tell the Purim story. The house band typically consists of Rabbi Todd, TBS members Rob Sutherland and Eric Luskin, as well as Wayne Johnson, an old friend and bandmate of Rob's. While the band is sad that Wayne is unable to join them for this year's Folk *Purim* extravaganza (March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM), they were excited to perform in their typical four-piece arrangement for the recent TBS Brotherhood and Sisterhood "Marriage Can Be Murder" event under the name "Boys to Mensch."

No matter where they play – parties, other temple events, or even just in Rob's basement - Markley notes that one thing remains consistent: "We always have fun no matter where we're playing!"

### Guitar Player Turned Drummer, Turned Rabbi

Starting as a guitar player at age five, Markley took lessons and continued to play through high school. As he prepared to go to college (and eventually into the rabbinate), something changed.

"Somewhere in early high school or middle school, I bought a drum set," the self-taught percussionist recalls, noting that one of his first significant performances on the new instrument came as part of a Phish cover band. "I discovered that I preferred drums to guitar for live performance, and I've been doing that ever since."

### Talent From Within

When asked how the TBS-based band came together, the drummer of such unique acts as Poetic Justice (his high school band) and Frink (his post-college band which was named after the character Professor Frink from "The Simpsons") explains that he had become aware soon after coming to the area that there was a great deal of talent in the congregation.

"I knew that Rob and Eric were both talented musicians," he says. "I approached them to help with

our first musical Purim show in 2008. In 2009, Rob recruited Wayne to help out, and we've been doing this ever since."

"Wayne and I found each other early," recalls Sutherland, who "cannot remember really remember when I wasn't into music." Having been in string bands since sixth grade, Sutherland and Johnson joined forces sometime around high school and continued to play together after college.

Luskin also says that he has been playing in bands since his teenage years.

"I continued on and off for ages," he says. "Mostly off. Sometimes on."

While living in PA, he served a similar role

in the *spiel* band at Temple *Shir Ami* in Newtown.

"The band and the drama club put on ever increasing Purim spectacles," Luskin recalls, singling out his favorite production - "Bat-mensch."

Upon moving to Needham, Luskin took on bass duties for the local folk-rock collaborative known as The Maple Street Project. "We released two secular CDs and a *Chanukah* CD," he explains, adding that, for the past eight years, the Project has performed at TBS's monthly family services as well.

When asked how the music relates to his spiritual life, Luskin suggests that music is "very much a part of one's spiritual life" and sees it as a "blessing" to have been able to find such talented friends who have the opportunity and desire to perform and make music together.

Sutherland also sees a strong connection and goes so far as to say that he has "found a great deal of spiritual wisdom in the lyrics of popular music." He also finds a great deal of satisfaction and joy in performing with this particular group.

"It's been my great pleasure to work with these guys,"

*"Few things are as awesome as making music"*



## FEATURE STORY (CONTINUED)

Sutherland says, “and to discover that music you thought you either a) didn’t like or b) were done with years ago can have a whole new life when you learn to play it and get to sing Todd’s hilarious Purim lyrics.”

While Markley often gets credit for the shows, he is keen to point out how much support he gets from the other guys. “Wayne came up with the last two musical themes,” he explains, noting how a great deal of inspiration comes from his creative colleagues as they joke around during rehearsals.

### Putting it All Together

Markley is also amazed at how many other members of the congregation get involved, either by coming to the show year after year or by making suggestions for future shows.

“Congregants have started getting really excited about what the forthcoming musical themes will be,” Markley observes, “which is great!”

“Todd writes all the scripts and lyrics,” Luskin claims, calling this, “an absolutely herculean feat.” The band then comes together to work on song selections and arrangements and then to rehearse. “The cast then saunters in at the last minute,” Luksin says, “and with just one rehearsal on the day of the show - makes it all

look easy.”

Markley and his musical mates say that, while they appreciate all their families and fellow congregants do to put the show together and to keep the music playing, if they could have one thing that these other bands have it would be a little more touring support.

“More than almost anything else...we just want roadies,” Markley smiles. “We all feel like we’ve been *shlepping* equipment for too many years now!”

Despite the crazy hours and occasional backaches, the boys in the band seem to agree that the ability and opportunity to make music is a blessing and are grateful that they can make others sing, dance and smile at least once a year.

“There’s nothing better than making music with close friends,” Sutherland suggests, “except taking it out and showing a whole roomful of people a good time with it.”

“Few things are as awesome as making music,” Luskin agrees. “Add to that the opportunity to bring *Purim* to life for the TBS community each year and it gets even better!”



# Education

## Constructivist Learning at Temple Beth Shalom Children's Center



by Ellen Dietrick, Director of Early Childhood Learning

חַנּוּךְ לַיֶּלֶד עַל פִּי דַרְכּוֹ גַם כִּי יִזְקֵן לֹא יִסּוּר מִמֶּנּוּהָ

*Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)*

At TBS Children's Center, our educational philosophy is based on Constructivist Learning Theory. In constructivist classrooms, teachers are guides. They listen to children, ask them questions, and uncover their ideas. In constructivist classrooms, the focus is on the learning process, with children learning *how* to learn. Children learn critical thinking and creative problem solving, essential skills for 21st century learning.

Constructivist Learning Theory was developed by educational philosophers Jean Piaget (1896-1980), Lev Vygotsky (1896-1934), John Dewey (1859-1952), and others. Piaget's research found that children learn best through concrete experiences in which they can explore and discover on their own problem solving through hands-on experiences. Vygotsky coined the idea of Social Constructivism, recognizing the collaborative nature of learning. His research showed that optimal learning happens when children work in collaboration with an adult. Dewey's ideas extended this thinking, stating that children need real life experiences and opportunities to think and articulate their ideas.

At TBS Children's Center, our philosophy is neither "play-based" nor "academic." At TBS children learn through purposeful play experiences, developing academic skills within meaningful contexts. This is called Constructivist Learning.



A class of three to four year old children recently expressed an intense curiosity about babies. The children were asking big questions and developing their own theories about all things baby. Carefully planning a constructivist learning experience, the teachers offered the children a variety of books about caring for babies. Then, knowing the importance of real life experiences, they invited a real baby into the classroom for the children to observe. This baby was on the verge of standing up on his feet and walking. The children watched intently, entranced by the baby as he used the muscles in his arms and legs to push up his backside. The children noticed the hard work the baby was doing as he tried to stand and added to their body of knowledge on the topic.

At Temple Beth Shalom, children are thinkers who construct knowledge through interacting with the world around them. Working together as a community of learners they ask questions and explore big concepts. Jewish values are woven into the daily curriculum. Together with gifted teachers and peers, each learner constructs meaning as he or she engages in carefully planned experiences. Children are



continually active, finding out about and making sense of their world. It is through these experiences that they remake their mental structures, and over time, tackle more and more complex information. This remaking of mental structures ensures that learning is stable and lasting. Without this foundation, learning does not last. As the famous quote goes, "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

# Mikdash

We are so happy that over 230 households have already made gifts & pledges to our Mikdash project. This represents almost a third of our congregation, and we are receiving new support every day. While our Mikdash Community Campaign continues, we want to take this opportunity to publicly thank all those who have already committed to this historic effort. We know that the list, below (accurate as of February 12, 2015), will continue to expand (and we will print again), and you can find a regularly updated list of supporters at [www.tbsmikdash.org](http://www.tbsmikdash.org). If you have not yet made your pledge to the campaign, please know that in order to build our new home we need you to add your name to the many who have already stepped forward... please join us today by contacting Heidi Schwartz at (781) 444-0077 or [hschwartz@tbsneedham.org](mailto:hschwartz@tbsneedham.org).

**On behalf of our entire TBS family we want to extend heartfelt appreciation to all those who have already offered their support ... and we look forward to adding your name to this list!**

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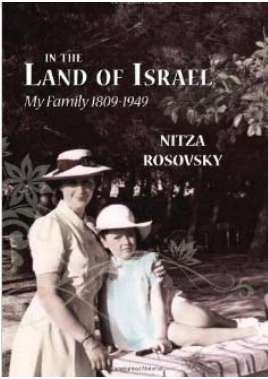
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# Events

## in March

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

### IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL: MY FAMILY 1809-1949 - A TALK WITH NITZA ROSOVSKY



Three Score and More is sponsoring a talk with Nitza Rosovsky about her book, described as "...a remarkable combination of social history and personal reminiscence." Nitza has written and lectured on history, archaeology, photography, and travel. She is the seventh generation of her family to be born in what was then Palestine, and lives in Cambridge, MA with her husband Henry.

Her book will be available for purchase. This event is open to the entire congregation.

**Sunday, March 1, 2015, 10:30 AM (coffee) followed by talk at 11:00 AM**

**COST:** \$5.00 per person

**RSVP:** Mail your check (payable to Temple Beth Shalom) with name, phone #, and number of guests to Millie Cohen, 67 Noanett Road, Needham, MA 02494

### TBS GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS: NEEDHAM'S ART IN BLOOM 2015



Now in its 7th year, award winning Needham's Art in Bloom will return by popular demand to the Needham Public Library. There will be 55+ mixed medium pieces of artwork by talented Needham High School students and creative, colorful, floral interpretations of each art item by members of the Temple Beth Shalom Garden Club. Roche Bros. has generously sponsored this FREE event.

**Saturday, March 7, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM,**

**Sunday, March 8, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Needham Public Library**

### FOLK PURIM SHPIEL (ADULTS ONLY)



This year's Purim show will feature the music from your favorite folk music artists with lyrics rewritten to tell the Purim story. Appetizers and dessert will be served, and a cash bar will be available. The cost is \$18 per person. This will be a fantastic night for adults only, with time for schmoozing with friends, much revelry, many Purim antics, and lots of fun! All are invited to dress up for the occasion...the folkier the better!

**Saturday, March 7, 7:30 PM**

**COST: \$18.00 per person**

**RSVP: <https://folkpurim.eventbrite.com>**

#### **ADULT MEGILLAH READING**

**Sunday, March 8, 8:30 AM**

Join us in Rabbi Jay's study as we explore the entire story of Purim from the Megillah!

# Events (continued)

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND: DR. RON WOLFSON



Join us March 13-15 for our Scholar in Residence weekend with Dr. Ron Wolfson. Our topic is “Relational Judaism’: Engaging This Generation and Next!”

This promises to be an exciting and educational experience for all. Here are the key events of the weekend. More information can be found using the RSVP website below.

- Shabbat Evening Services - Friday, March 13, 7:15 PM, “Envisioning the Relational Synagogue of the 21st Century”
- Shabbat Morning Services - Saturday, March 14, 8:30 AM at First Parish, 23 Dedham Ave,
- “The Power of Community: A Torah Study Text-plotration” with Rabbi Perlman - Saturday, March 14, 9 AM - 10:20 AM at First Parish, 23 Dedham Ave
- “The Seven Questions You’re Asked in Heaven” - Saturday, March 14, 10:50 AM - noon at First Parish, 23 Dedham Ave
- “Relational Judaism”: A Workshop on Crafting Community - Saturday, March 14, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Temple Beth Shalom
- “God’s ‘To Do’ List” - Sunday, March 15, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

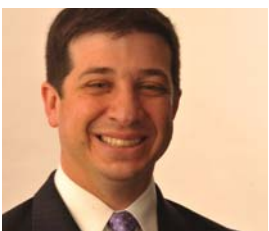
For more information, see the back cover of this issue.

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**Friday, March 13 - Sunday, March 15, 2015**

**RSVP:** <http://tinyurl.com/TBSsir2015>

## A SPECIAL RITUAL OF “ASCENT” TO NEW RABBINIC LEADERSHIP



Please join us during Shabbat evening services for a special ritual of “ascent” honoring Rabbi Todd Markley on becoming Senior Rabbi of TBS.

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**Friday, March 20, 2015, 6:15 PM, Sanctuary**

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

# Save the Date

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## TIKKUN OLAM DAY



Tikkun Olam Day is an annual event at TBS for congregants to engage in activities to ‘repair the world,’ locally and beyond. Members of all ages come together to knit caps for Israeli soldiers, sort food at the Greater Boston Food Bank, sew isolette blankets for preemie infants in rural communities, collect and sort food for JF&CS Family Table, prepare the land for spring at the Needham Community Farm, make birthday cards for homeless children in Framingham or entertain residents at North Hill. Our children in the Mayim program will be working on Chesed projects in conjunction with these efforts.

Kick off your day with Rabbis Jay and Todd. Bagels and coffee are offered in Simon Hall starting at 8 AM and throughout the morning.

Bring a friend!

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**Sunday, April 12, 2015, 8 AM (bagels) and throughout the day**

**RSVP:** Please choose an activity from the Tikkun Olam flyer, then email [judithfweinberg@gmail.com](mailto:judithfweinberg@gmail.com) with your choice

## GARDEN CLUB: HOW CLIMATE CHANGE IS AFFECTING US ALL



Richard Primack of Boston University will be talking about “How Climate Change is Affecting Us All.”

The Northeast is bearing the brunt of climate change in the nation. Come find out about the heat waves, torrential rains, flooding and snowstorms that we are experiencing and what we can do to prevent it.

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**Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 7:00 PM**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:** Fawn Hurwitz ([fhurwitz@aol.com](mailto:fhurwitz@aol.com) or 781 444-3219)

# Save the Date

## L'CHAIM: A TOAST TO OUR CHILDREN



An evening of fun and friendship to enhance our children's learning programs. Enjoy an elegant dinner with friends, bid generously to benefit Children's Programs at TBS, and show your love and commitment to our community!

**Sunday, May 2, 2015, look for an invitation soon!**

## GARDEN CLUB: CONTAINER GARDENS

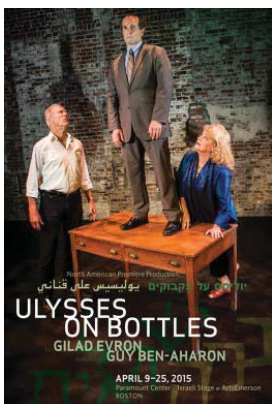


Donna Lane will do a program on "Container Gardens." Please bring in any containers you would like to swap.

**Monday, May 11, 2015, 7:00 PM**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:** Fawn Hurwitz (fhurwitz@aol.com or 781 444-3219)

## ISRAELI STAGE'S ULYSSES ON BOTTLES



Ulysses on Bottles tells the story of two unlikely companions: an Israeli-Arab literature teacher (Ulysses) and a successful Israeli-Jewish attorney (Gilad) who takes on his case pro bono. Ulysses is arrested for trying to bring Russian literature to Gaza, a beautiful metaphor that unveils the collisions of the personal and the political within the Middle East. Gilad wrestles with people living in separate realities where a life of privilege is pitted against a life of scarcity, and the play raises profound questions about morality and freedom.

Israeli Stage's production features, Daniel Berger-Jones, Ken Cheeseman, Jeremiah Kissel, Will Lyman and Karen MacDonald.

**April 9 - 25, 2015**

**RSVP:** <http://www.israelistage.com/event/ulysses-on-bottles/>

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:** suzytobin@hotmail.com

# Learning

## SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY



Join us for our very popular weekly discussion of the week's *Torah* portion. Each week, between 40 and 70 members of our community gather to share, question, laugh, eat and encounter the stories of the *Torah* in ways that help shape how we see the world, each other, and our lives. No experience is necessary and all are welcome!

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**Every Saturday 9:00-10:00 AM, Community Room**

**TEACHERS:** Rabbi Jay Perlman and Rabbi Todd Markley (September - June)

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## THE JOY OF JEWISH DANCE: ISRAELI DANCING



Israeli dance is a wonderful way to engage the culture of Israel and the Jewish people through music and movement. For all those who love Israeli dance or would love to learn, this class is perfect! Instructor Emily Perlman is an outstanding teacher of music and dance to both adults and children. She has loved Israeli dance since her time living on a *kibbutz* almost twenty years ago. Emily looks forward to sharing the joy of dance with one and all. All ages and abilities are welcome.

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**Mondays, 7:00-7:30 PM (beginner); 7:30-9:00 PM (intermediate), Simon Hall. Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 AM, Room 15**

**TEACHER:** Emily Perlman

**COST:** \$5.00 per class (at the door). No registration necessary.

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## NEW ADDITIONAL MINYAN SERVICES



TBS now holds 10-20 minute Minyan services every day. Monday & Thursday at 7 AM. Saturday 8 AM. Sunday 8:45 AM. Monday-Thursday 6:45 PM.

If you haven't attended, please consider dropping in on a service. It is a great way to reinforce the strength of our community and it is a great Mitzvah.

As with all prayer at TBS, these services are warm & inviting. Take the opportunity to "press pause" on your hectic day and take a few minutes to refresh your batteries.

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**Mondays & Thursdays at 7 AM. Saturdays 8 AM. Sundays 8:45 AM.**

**Monday - Thursday 6:45 PM**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:** [steven.peljovich@gmail.com](mailto:steven.peljovich@gmail.com)



# Kids Page

## PURIM!

### Make Your Own Grager (Noisemaker)

No *m'gillah* reading is complete without *gragers*! They're easy and fun to make at home.

#### Bell Grager

Materials:

One colorful popsicle stick

Colorful twine

8-12 Colorful small bells (you can get them easily on Amazon)

Scotch tape

#### Directions:

String the bells on to the twine.

Wrap the twine around the popsicle stick

Secure the ends either by tying loose knots or by taping it down.

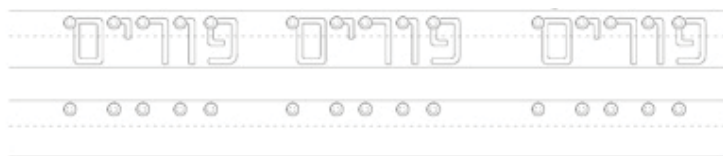
Shake!

*From ReformJudaism.org*

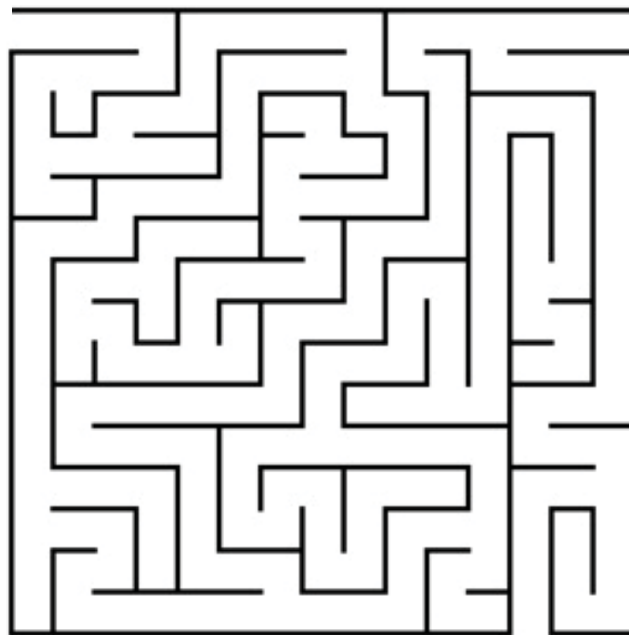
Color this Purim scene, cut it out, and give it to a friend or family member to wish them a *Chag Purim Sameach!* A happy Purim!



Learn to write the word Purim in Hebrew:



Help Queen Esther get to King Ahashverous' throne.



Thanks to Ann Koffsky for providing this coloring page. Ann is an author, illustrator and editor at Behrman house publishers. For more free monthly pages, sign up at [www.annkoffsky.com](http://www.annkoffsky.com).



**Liz Grossman**  
Trustee, Chair of Children's Center Learning Committee  
and Chair of the Early Engagement Committee

*Jake, Henry (4), Liz and Sydney (2) Grossman*

A mother of a 4 year old and 2 year old, Liz Grossman works at The Edward Brooke Charter School in Roslindale. Her husband is a second-generation Temple member who attended the preschool as a child. They joined TBS to become part of a warm, caring and open community.

### **What does being Jewish mean to you?**

Judaism unites me with generations of family members before me through shared history and, more meaningfully to me, shared values.

### **What is your favorite Jewish holiday and why?**

I love the family traditions of Hanukkah, especially making latkes and watching the excitement of our kids. I enjoy getting together for large family dinners, which I suppose means I like most of the holidays!

### **What is your fondest memory involving Jewish life?**

Visiting Israel with my family while competing in the Maccabiah games. I look forward to going to Israel with my husband and kids in the years to come.

### **What brought you to TBS?**

My husband is from Needham and attended TBS preschool. We loved how the Children's Center is a thought leader in child development and takes a proactive approach to improving their practice of caring for and growing our kids in a Jewish way. Also, the broader TBS community was warm, open, and welcoming in a way that far exceeded our expectations.

### **Why did you become involved in temple leadership?**

I enjoy being involved in the communities in which my family is engaged and I also want to set an example of giving back for our children.

### **How do you hope to contribute to our temple community?**

I would like to bring my perspective and open mindedness to the discussion to continue to help to set a high standard for TBS' Children's Center and the broader TBS community.

# COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

As Liz is in charge of both the Children's Center Learning Committee and the Early Engagement Committee, we wanted to give her an opportunity to describe the role of these committees and to invite others to join her dedicated efforts on behalf of the TBS community.

## The Children's Center Learning Committee

The Children's Center Learning Committee (CCLC) is a group of dedicated members of the Temple Beth Shalom community who share a commitment to making the Children's Center (CC) a program of excellence. Guided by Jewish tradition, we study educational practices, assist with policy development, and make connections to the larger temple community.

One of our core goals is to enhance our knowledge of current educational practices in order to be able to understand, articulate, and explain the importance of the work being done in our Children's Center classrooms and make informed decisions about the Children's Center. This year, the TBSCC teachers will be embarking on a dedicated study of early literacy and implementing that learning in the classroom. In order to support those efforts, the CCLC is reading and discussing a series of articles on the topic.

Throughout our process, we continue to keep the temple mission at the forefront of our work and align what we do with the overall learning programs at the temple. Another of our significant goals this year is working in partnership with the Board of Trustees in addressing one of the six temple leadership goals that has been set for the year: position early childhood learning at TBS for meeting the needs of the greater Needham population with excellence in the next decade.

Thank you to the committee members who are giving of their time in service of the TBS community this year: Seth Battis, Amy Gold, Jesse Tobin, Michele Markley, Steve Shimshak, Ellen Dietrick, Sarah Burns, and VP of Early Childhood Learning Meredith Fried.

## The Early Engagement Committee

Like so many of you, I was first drawn to Temple Beth Shalom through my children. Attending Tot *Shabbat* on Friday evenings, my son Henry loves to clap and sing along and I leave knowing I am providing my children with a rich Jewish experience. Created only three years ago, the Early Engagement Committee is one of the newest committees at Temple Beth Shalom. The Early Engagement Committee considers the needs of our current and prospective families with young children ages 0-6, and thinks about how TBS serves those needs and envisions a future where all TBS families with young children feel known, connected, and part of our Jewish community. This year committee members are focusing on building relationships with families with young children through acting as welcoming and schmoozers at Tot *Shabbat* and other events and welcoming new members to the community with personal phone calls.

Starting with just three annual events per year, the program for families with young children has blossomed over the last three years since the committee was founded and during this past fall alone, the temple hosted over 50 classes and events for families with children ages 0-6. From the classic and well loved Temple Tots class where families sing and enjoy holiday crafts, to our new pre-natal classes and new mom groups, TBS is a place for families!

Thank you to our dedicated committee members: Jenny Berk, Emily Robinson, Gabby Spear, Tricia Sherman, Ellen Dietrick, Brian Weinstein, Dana Lewis, Liz Berkman, and VP of Early Childhood Learning Meredith Fried.

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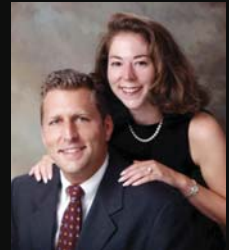

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