



# THE WINDOW

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New Albany, Ohio

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# Consecration 5777/2016

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# Upcoming Events

## Week of 1/1

<b>Sunday, Jan. 1</b>	NO KT Religious School
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 4</b>	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm
<b>Friday, Jan. 6</b>	Family Friendly First Friday Shabbat and Dinner, 6:30 pm
<b>Saturday, Jan. 7</b>	Simchat Shabbat Services, 10:00 am

## Week of 1/8

<b>Sunday, Jan. 8</b>	KT Religious School, 9:00 am; WBS Mah Jongg, 9:30 am
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 10</b>	Sharyonim Practice, 7:30 pm
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 11</b>	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm
<b>Friday, Jan. 13**</b>	Reform Community Shabbat Dinner at Beth Tikvah, 6:15 pm; Service at Beth Tikvah ft. Rabbi Josh Weinberg, 7:15 pm
<b>Saturday, Jan. 14**</b>	Torah Study at Beth Tikvah, 10:00 am; Havdalah at Beth Tikvah, 6:00 pm

## Week of 1/15

<b>Sunday, Jan. 15th</b>	KT Religious School, 9:00 am
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 17th</b>	WBS Lunch & Learn, 12:00 pm; Sharyonim Rehearsal, 7:30 pm
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 18</b>	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm
<b>Friday, Jan. 20</b>	Shabbat Chai, 6:30 pm
<b>Saturday, Jan. 21</b>	Simchat Shabbat Services, 10:00 am; TBS Quiz Night, 6:30 pm

## Week of 1/22

<b>Sunday, Jan. 22</b>	KT Religious School, 9:00 am; WBS Mah Jongg at TBS, 9:30 am; Board Mtg, 4:00 pm
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 24</b>	Sharyonim Practice, 7:30 pm
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 25</b>	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm
<b>Friday, Jan. 27</b>	Sharyonim Shabbat, 7:30 pm
<b>Saturday, Jan. 28</b>	Simchat Shabbat Services, 10:00 am
<b>Sunday, Jan. 29</b>	KT Religious School, 9:00 am

**\*\*No services at TBS January 13th and January 14th.** All Shabbat services will be held at Beth Tikvah for Reform Community Shabbat!

AFTER ONE YEAR OFF...



TBS QUIZ NIGHT  
IS BACK!

**JANUARY 21, 2017 • 7:00 PM**

**COST TO ATTEND IS ONLY \$10/PERSON!**

WE WILL HAVE FREE SNACKS AND ALCOHOLIC (AND NON-ALCOHOLIC) BEVERAGES FOR SALE AND A RAFFLE TO BENEFIT MITZVAH CORPS WORK PROVIDING YWCA FAMILY CENTER MEALS. WINNING TEAM GETS THEIR PHOTO IN THE WINDOW AND BRAGGING RIGHTS AS THE SMARTEST TEAM AT TEMPLE BETH SHALOM!

# 6 Reflections from Rabbi A



## Fear Itself

A man left for work one Friday afternoon. But, being pay-day, instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend partying with the boys and spending his entire pay check. When he finally appeared at home, Sunday night, he was confronted by a very angry wife.

Finally his wife stopped the assault and simply said to him. “How would you like it if you didn’t see me for two or three days?” To which he replied. “That would be fine with me.”

Monday went by and he didn’t see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results. But on Thursday, the swelling went down just enough where he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

Marcie and I agreed on so much about our parenting. But as you might have been able to suspect, we had our differences as well.

We were on vacation, and while Marcie was attending to one of the kids, I was watching the other as she climbed up on to the ledge between a fountain and the plaza and began to tightrope on the ledge. Marcie looked up, appalled and made a comment regarding her falling and breaking a bone, to which I replied: “Let’s just see how she does.” We assessed the risk differently; and we assessed the reward differently.

In Moses’ final speech, the risk is palpable. The Israelites are standing at the shore of the Jordan, ready to cross over. Moses, as God’s mouthpiece, is exhorting them: everyone is Israel, men, women, children, woodchoppers and water-drawers. There are conditions for their success and the Israelites are there, weighing the options. It’s pretty good on this side of the Jordan. A couple of tribes already have settled in. Who will go?

But first, a different kind of problem so you can tests you own fear of losing out, what scholars call “risk aversion.”

Say you have a 95% chance to win \$1,000 or 100% chance to obtain \$900. Which do you take?

Because we fear disappointment, because we are RISK AVERSE, we accept the illogical, unfavorable settlement of 100% chance to obtain \$900.

Or, say you are given a 5% chance to lose \$10,000 or 100% chance to lose \$600. Because you fear the disappointment of large loss, because we are RISK AVERSE, we accept the illogical, and less favorable settlement of 100% chance to lose \$600. You will get slaughtered in Texas Hold ‘Em Poker.

We have a loss aversion, even when the percentages are w/ us.

The Fear of loss has a primitive biological basis. Throughout evolutionary history, anxiety and fear have helped every species to be wary and to survive. Fear bypasses secondary mental processes, shared among all vertebrates, self-focused, narrow focus on short-term bodily safety. Fear can signal us to fight, flee or freeze

I claim we have too many fears. Okay, When you have been hurt terribly – physically or emotionally – that which even seems to have led to that hurt stimulates remembered pain that results in panic. There is a Middle Eastern saying that goes: “If you’ve been bitten by a snake, you are afraid of a rope.”....

Are our fears unfounded? Our world is a risky place and evokes many well-founded fears. From transgenic food to industrial chemicals, from radiation to mobile phone towers, the new technologies of our modern world have offered us wonderful new benefits, which also pose a host of new risks.

Some of these risks are physically real. Many are only phantoms of our perceptions. Both contribute to an undeniably real sense of worry and apprehension that extends far beyond the next 24 hours.

But I take the position of Charlie Brown in Peanuts who once said “I’ve developed a new philosophy... I only dread one day at a time.”

“Fear,” said Bertrand Russell, “is is the parent of cruelty.” Demagogues know how to displace that fear, not on the problem, but on a target that is already disliked. The fear gets expanded into a culturally inflected suspicion of folks acting secretly and by stealth ... the Jews of the *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

So a media story catches the attention of a segment of the public, which becomes aroused and worried. This emotional reaction, not the real risk, becomes a story in itself, prompting additional coverage, which in turn produces and over-focus on the risk. Media entrepreneurs, who work to ensure a continuous flow of worry-news, speed along the cycle often deliberately. Public sentiment causes a cascade. Should an expert come in to try to dampen the now-overly-exaggerated risk is pooh-poohed, or worse – suspected of a heinous cover-up. That is why I am

removing my shoes at airports in America ... and frankly NOT in Israel where they can afford less to extend resources to popular but near superfluous risks in favor of real ones.

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In our newish Sabbath Siddur, Mishkan Tefilah, there is a line that captures my feelings about fear. It reads: "We pray that we many live, not by our fears but by our hopes." I am thankful for that attitude of mine. There is risk, but I cannot allow my mind to be pre-occupied by those risks. I must live by hope – that somehow and in some way, I have adjusted my vision to begin where I am and to move forward with hope.

I'd relate a few moments of fear that we've had as a congregation over the time of my service to TBS. I am settling on ten, though there were many more.

(1) When I was called for an interview in Columbus, I flew from LaGuardia and landed in what was called Port Columbus (sounded more like a place from steamer ships than for airplanes) and exited on to the tarmac ... no jetway. Okay, first challenge: This is a cow town....

Let us live not by our fears, but by our hopes.

(2) I have to set fear up by reminding you that one of the names in Hebrew for to Hell, is Gehennom." So: While still East, I received a phone call from the president of TBS who, with a little twang in his voice, told me he was calling from "G'hanna." And I thought, "This is worse than I thought."

Let us live not by our fears, but by our hopes.

(3) Until recently, we had the slenderest of resources. One YK were set on fire.... Would we survive? But people stepped up and we made it through.

Let us live not by our fears, but by our hopes.

(4) Each year, with a fiscal year that ended at the end of June, we would be running out of money by April and May. Some folks had to pre-pay dues for the following year for us to make it. This went on for years.

Let us live not by our fears, but by our hopes.

(5) As we grew out of our facility for HHDs, we moved to the JCC in Berwick. Eventually we had to have our religious school meet at the JCC. It was time to try to find a new place or build. When we initially eschewed using fundraising firm because it cost too much, I knew that we'd fail ... and we did fail ... and I thought that time was running out. Happily, later, we invested in a fundraiser and felt we could be on the way.

Let us live not by our fears, but by our hopes.

(6) We thought we might find resources with the Columbus Jewish Federation either to develop the land next to our new site in New Albany; or with the JCC to build a North-east branch. It seemed to be our only hope to raise enough money. I even counseled with a charity known for its gifts to Jewish education. I was dismissed with: "Go build your little shul."

Let us live not by our fears, but by our hopes.

(7) I remember a post-B/Mitzvah party at the old COSI where I met up with someone who had facilitated a demographic study of the community. He told me point blank and in these words: "You're going to fail." I turned to a less expensive way of determining

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## Happy 2017 — New Year Again?!

When I was in the early part of my twenties, I remember New Year's Eve each year as a stressful evening to plan. Securing plans for New Year's Eve felt like the ultimate test of coolness – return home any time before 3:00 am and I would consider myself to be a loser. Where was I going? With whom would I ring in the new year? (this was pre-Lauren, of course) How much of this would I remember the next day? As I got a little older, New Year's Eve lost its social pressure. I'm writing this in the middle of December without yet having made plans, but I'm assuming our evening will consist of gathering with a few friends and their kids, eating dinner, watching the fake Netflix countdown around 8:00 pm, and then being back home by 9. And that sounds great. The switch from December 31 to January 1 isn't the big deal for me that it used to be. That is in part, due to the fact that I've already celebrated one New Year already this year – 5777. I have to say – as I've gotten older, the values of the Jewish New Year; spending time with family and friends, reflecting on the year that was, making plans to better ourselves in the coming year, taking stock of our lives, those are the values I cherish these days.

I find myself greeting people via email this time of year by saying Happy 2017 instead of Happy New Year. This is in part due to my aforementioned love of Rosh HaShanah, but also because there are other New Year celebrations in Jewish tradition. Yes, leave it to the Jews to have not one, not two, not even just three New Year celebrations. There are actually four different New Year observances in our tradition. Here they are in chronological order. But wait, you thought the beginning of the year was at Rosh HaShanah? In the order of Jewish holidays, Passover is actually first. Mind blown? Read on in this adapted excerpt from an article by Paul Pelaia.

The 1st of Nisan was considered the New Year for counting the years of the reigns of kings in ancient Israel. It is also the New Year for ordering the Jewish holidays. The month of Nisan is closely tied with the festival of Passover, while Rosh Hashanah is seen as the anniversary of the creation of the world, the 1st of Nisan is seen in a way as the anniversary of the founding of the Jewish people when they escaped from Egypt during the Passover story.

1st of Elul: The second "New Year" is on the 1st of Elul, the sixth month of the Hebrew calendar which usually falls in the late summer (was September this year). According to the Mishnah this was the New Year for animal tithes. It was used to determine the start date for the animal tithes to the priestly class in ancient Israel, similar to how we use April 15th in the US as Tax Day. Generally this New Year is no longer observed, although the month of Elul does mark the beginning of preparations for Rosh Hashanah.

1st of Tishrei, aka Rosh Hashanah: Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year with which we are most familiar. It falls on the 1st of Tishrei, the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar, which usually corresponds to sometime in the month of September or early October. It marks the day when the Jewish calendar year advances and is seen traditionally as the date when the world was created. In ancient times it was also used for calculating certain tithes, such as those for vegetables, and for calculating the start of Sabbatical and Jubilee years when land was left fallow.

15th of Shevat, aka Tu B'Shvat: Tu B'Shevat is considered the New Year for trees, usually falling between January and February. According to the Torah fruits cannot be consumed from trees less than three years old, Tu B'Shvat was used as the starting date for determining the age of the trees. It makes it easier than remembering the planting date of each tree on your property. Unlike the 1st of Nisan and the 1st of Elul, Tu B'Shvat is still widely observed as a minor Jewish holiday.

So, if you are unsatisfied with how you spent the evening of December 31, you need not worry. There is another New Year celebration coming up on the 15 of Shevat, which is Saturday, February 11, 2017.

Lauren, Sammie, Jake, and I wish you a very Happy 2017, and a Happy New Year on February 11, April 11, August 23, and September 21.



Reform Community Shabbat  
at  Congregation Beth Tikvah

# Holding the Hope of Israel in our Hearts

Guest Speaker Rabbi Josh Weinberg

President of the Association of Reform Zionists of America



Rabbi Josh Weinberg has been President of ARZA since 2013. After receiving his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin, engaging in the NFTY-EIE program, and studying at the Hebrew University Rabbi Weinberg came to Israel on Aliyah in 2003. He began teaching as a Jewish History faculty member on the EIE program. He subsequently served in the IDF Spokesperson's unit and studied for an M.A. at the Hebrew University in Jewish Education. He was ordained from the HUC-JIR Israeli Rabbinic Program in Jerusalem and is currently living in New York.

## Friday, Jan. 13, and Saturday, Jan. 14

### Friday, Jan. 13, at 6:15 p.m.

Please join us at Congregation Beth Tikvah for dinner before the service. Cost is \$15 per adult, \$5 per child 4 years-old and older. Children 3 and younger eat free. To RSVP and see the menu, go to <http://tinyurl.com/hqh5mm> or by calling the Beth Tikvah office at 614-885-6286.

### Friday, Jan. 13, at 7:15 p.m.

Please join us at Congregation Beth Tikvah for a Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Weinberg. Rabbi Weinberg's D'var will be entitled "**Israel: Living the Dream, Facing the Reality.**" We will explore what it means to be a Zionist and democracy in the Jewish state.

### Saturday, Jan. 14, at 10:30 a.m.

Join us in our brand new Rabbi Gary A. Huber Library for Torah Study. Rabbi Weinberg's D'var will be "**What does it mean to be a religious Zionist from a Reform perspective?**" Please join us for a light lunch afterwards. RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/zp9f5kv> or by calling the Beth Tikvah office at 614-885-6286.

### Saturday, Jan. 14, at 6 p.m. (nosh at 5:45 p.m.)

Join us for Havdalah and a Kumsitz (sing along). We will explore Israel in song and story. The choirs from Congregation Beth Tikvah, Temple Beth Shalom and Temple Israel will lead us in song. Rabbi Weinberg will tell stories and share music as well. A dessert reception will follow.

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**HAMILTON PERFORMED at TBS**

January can be a dark and cold month but there are several light-filled and warm January musical happenings in the Jewish Community.

On Friday, January 27th at 7:30 PM the Sharyonim Choir will be contributing to the spirituality and joy of the Shabbat Service with their choral dimension. Do you know the song Adon Olam? Are you familiar with the musical, Hamilton? The choir will be singing Adon Olam to the tune of You'll Be Back. You have to hear it to believe it!!!

January 13th and 14th is the Reform Community Shabbat weekend. Temple Beth Shalom congregants are invited to Congregation Beth Tikvah to celebrate Shabbat with our Reform Community friends and to hear Rabbi Josh Weinberg, president of the Association of Reform Zionists of America. On Friday, January 13th at 7:15 PM, his D'var will be entitled "Israel: Living the Dream, Facing the Reality." On Saturday at 10:30 AM, Rabbi Weinberg's D'var will be "What does it mean to be a religious Zionist from a Reform perspective?" Saturday evening our own Sharyonim Choir and our TBS Children's Choir will be helping by sharing their voices as we explore Israel in song and story at Congregation Beth Tikveh. Saturday evenings' program will begin at 5:45 pm.

Please join us for these warm, January, musical Shabbats.




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**Further Reflections from Rabbi Apothaker**

*On Mondays, the New York Times publishes letters about experiences everyday folks have had in the City. Here is one from December 12, 2016 that complements my "Rabbi's Reflections" published last month (slightly edited for length). What a contrast!*

Dear Diary,

My husband and I, WW II survivors from Poland, arrived in NY on March 16, 1948, on a dilapidated ship. We were taken to the Latham Hotel at 28th Street and Fifth Avenue. The next morning, my husband, an avid photographer, woke me with a kiss. He was dressed and off to take pictures. "President Truman will be in New York," he said, "and I must take photos." Then he was quickly out the door.

"It is my first day in America," I thought. "I must see President Truman in person." Wanting to look elegant, I put on a dress, plus clothes I had picked out from the American Red Cross in Bremen, Germany: a fur-lined housecoat, high heels and a hat with a long pheasant feather.

Knowing little English, I asked in the hotel lobby if anyone spoke French or German. A woman answered in German. She said President Truman would be reviewing the St. Patrick's Day parade, and told me to go to the library on 42nd Street. Negotiating my way through the crowds, I got lost: The street was empty. So I went around the barriers and walked freely on Fifth Avenue. Suddenly I heard *clop, clop* and a stern voice. "Where do you think you're going?" It was a police officer on a horse.

I held up my index finger. "First day in America," I said. "See President Truman." In one motion, the policeman lifted me up and placed me in front of him on the horse. Convinced he was taking me to jail, soon, from a distance, I saw a huge building with stairs and many men in black hats. The officer pointed to a reviewing stand and said, "President Truman." Then he deposited me back on the street. "Welcome to America."

# Search Committee Update

## Assistant Rabbi Search Committee Working Hard!



Shalom friends! As you likely know, our congregation is undergoing a transition this coming July, as Rabbi A retires and becomes Rabbi Emeritus and Rabbi B becomes our new Senior Rabbi. With Rabbi Benjy shifting to this new position, we have begun the process to secure a new Assistant Rabbi who will also direct all the educational programs of our congregation, including the Religious School and Youth programs. The position will begin on July 1, 2017.

We began the process in September with a meeting of our entire committee along with Rabbi B, so we could chart the path of this coming year. In late October, a sub-group of the committee met to put together an application that our congregation submitted to the Placement Office of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the venue through which all Reform Rabbis go to find rabbinic jobs. The committee completed the application and started getting resumes from candidates who are working as rabbis in various congregations around the country. Another sub-group of the committee met last month to come up with meaningful interview questions to ask these rabbis in interviews.

The Search Committee is now beginning to receive resumes from 5<sup>th</sup> year students at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion who will be ordained rabbis in Spring of 2017. In February, the two of us, along with Rabbi Benjy, will head to Los Angeles to interview any 5<sup>th</sup> year students who have submitted their resumes to us. We hope to leave Los Angeles with a list of a handful of candidates whom we would like to invite to Temple Beth Shalom for an on-site interview.

During February or March we will hopefully have a number of candidates for the congregation to meet informally. The search committee would like as many people to meet as many of the candidates as possible, so we will be hosting congregational receptions for that purpose.

We will continue to keep you up-to-date on this exciting process!

Bethany Klynn and Steve Herman  
Co-Chairs for the Assistant Rabbi Search Committee



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# 12 Celebrations

## January Birthdays

- January 1st — Barbara Holbein, Todd Holbein, Tara Katz, Wayne Crutcher
- January 2nd — Gail Rose, Becca Lusignolo, Lauren Campen, Ted Bernard
- January 3rd — Eric Naiman, Christine Hecht, Russ Flickinger, Matt Freedman
- January 4th — Victoria Loewengart, Marvin Pate, Sandra Roads, Sarah Phillips, Billy May
- January 5th — Larry Eisenman
- January 6th — Kenneth Green, Jill Patterson, Natalya Dubinskiy, Nathan Robbins, Richard Hall
- January 7th — Evan DuBro
- January 8th — Heather Byer, Kate Oppenheimer, Matthew Daner, Brett Handmaker
- January 9th — Donald Feibel, Babette Feibel, Stuart Kerns, Alisabeth Weisenberg, Bette Young
- January 10th — Danielle Koval, Marilyn Friedman, Ingrid Lazerwitz, Joan Wurmbrand
- January 11th — Joe Dorrian, Ari Sinvany
- January 12th — David Cantor, Roberta Kauffman
- January 13th — Jon Wasserstrom, Michael Alpert
- January 14th — Mike Wenter, Steven Meizlish, Sarah Hall, Allison Phalen, Jordan Romanoff, Stephen Kauffman
- January 15th — Michelle Chapman, Osi Zimmer
- January 16th — Karen Altschuld, Emily Wolfe
- January 17th — Lesley Thompson
- January 18th — Ronald Petroff, Adam Saltzman, Jeanne Grossman, Benjamin Weisenberg
- January 19th — Steve Ricker, Steven Bronstein, Jan Cohen, Catherine Taub, Samuel Angart
- January 20th — Jeff Harris, Larry Levinson
- January 21st — Marc Ankerman, Ann Lang, Chris Thompson
- January 22nd — Michael Cohen, Steve Regester, Marya Slade
- January 23rd — Bethany Kinstlinger
- January 24th — Gayle Pavlofsky
- January 25th — Philip Edelsberg, Denise Kohn, Sarah Malkoff, Richard Neustadt, Jim Shulman, David Wartel
- January 26th — Cheryl Bravo
- January 27th — Sophie Loewengart, Nellie Nagy

January 28th — Kenneth Goldberg

January 29th — Avi Gabbay, Marc Horowitz, Rick Sandor

January 30th — Kurt Beatty

January 31st — Laurie McGovern, Elyse Latella, Corey Friedberg, Jim Lusignolo, Susan Valentine-Cooper

## January Anniversaries

January 2nd — Beth & Tim Gerber

January 6th — Lois Kamnitzer & Richard Kallenberg

January 9th — Marc & Judith Ankerman

January 10th — Melissa & Rachel Goldblatt

January 11th — Bennett & Lauren Cohen

January 12th — Lisa & Michael Rubinstein

January 17th — Konstantin & Lyudmilla Litmanovsky

January 24th — Lisa & Tim Ballmann

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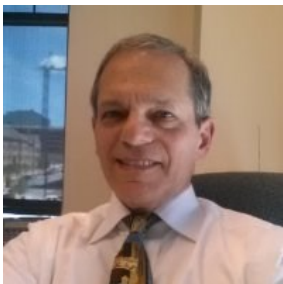


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## A Special Message from Joel Kent



Hope and Peace. Two beautiful sentiments but it is also the official name for the section of reserved burial sites at the Green Lawn Cemetery and Arboretum, available to members of Congregation Beth Tikvah and Temple Beth Shalom. This coming July will mark the 30th anniversary of the agreement which brought into being "Tikvah Ve Shalom" as exclusively reserved to our two congregations. It has been several years since the TBS Window newsletter featured an article on this less frequently publicized benefit of Beth Shalom membership. Because our membership has grown so quickly in the past few years, we thought it would be a good idea to inform our newer members about TvS.

*The Agreement:* A six member Joint Governing Cemetery Committee was formed in 1987 to represent the interests and issues between the two congregations and to Green Lawn. Each congregation appoints three members to the Committee. Beth Shalom's Committee members are Steve Grossman, Joel Kent and Betty Hersch. Every ten years there must be at least 30 plots sold in the TvS section to the combined membership in order to keep the agreement in force. We have always met those sales commitments.

In the past the Committee has dealt with simple housekeeping issues such as site beautification and cooperation with the Columbus Jewish Historical Society. We have also established a fund for the burial of indigent, unaffiliated Jews. In 1997 and again in 2007, the Committee recommended to their respective Boards that a ten year renewal for the section be approved as well as enlarging the reserved section. The Boards then formally approved the option to renew the agreement. The next ten year renewal is to be considered for approval in the summer of 2017.

*Things you should know:* Who sells the plots? Green Lawn Cemetery owns the property located on the TvS reserved section 116, not the two synagogues. Purchase of a plot is a direct sales transaction between the congregational member and Green Lawn. Who may purchase the plots? Sales may be only to current members in good standing of either of the two congregations. A plot may be used not only for the direct purchaser, but for the burial of a close relative of the purchasing member. An important issue to our membership is who may be buried at this section. TvS was dedicated and consecrated as a Reform Jewish burial ground. This means that all religious practices and burial customs accepted by Reform Judaism are observed, but those who are buried in TvS need not be Jewish. Because interfaith marriages are a reality, our membership will be glad to know that all direct family members, regardless of religious affiliation, may be interred at TvS.

*Monument & Marker decorations, signs and symbols:* Only those symbols that are consistent with Reform Judaism may be displayed. Use of religious symbolism commonly associated with other religions is not permitted in Section 116. I mention this here not only because it is clearly stated within the sales agreement, but it may be a powerful or even a deciding factor if the non-Jewish spouse planning to be buried in Section 116 feels deeply about having the marker feature a cross or some other indication of a religion other than Judaism.

*The Process:* If you wish to purchase a single burial plot or a block of contiguous plots within the Tikvah Ve Shalom section, contact any of the family counselors at Green Lawn Cemetery, although the two counselors most familiar with the TvS section are Shi Mefford and Tim Burkey. The cemetery is located at 1000 Greenlawn Avenue, a short distance south-west of downtown Columbus, at the far west end of Greenlawn Avenue. The phone number is [614-444-1123](tel:614-444-1123). Introduce yourself as a Beth Shalom member. The family counselors will explain the types of spaces available within Section 116. Before a sale is complete, the purchaser must sign a sales agreement that explains what limitations apply to both the use of, or any subsequent transfer of the property. The family counselor will also contact the Temple to verify that you are currently a member in good standing with Beth Shalom.



The year 2017 will bring a multitude of changes that will affect us all. In January we'll all look to Washington, D.C. and the uproar of activities marking a transfer of authority and leadership different from what's happened in most of our lifetimes.

The transitions happening at Temple Beth Shalom are a different matter. The first six months will be filled with some sadness but also some joy. For 37 years, we've been blessed with a rabbinic leader who's been with us through holidays and life cycle events that comprise the highs and lows of life. For our family, Rabbi Apothaker has been a source of compassion in times of loss and a one of joy during the happy events. We will cherish these last six months of his spiritual guidance. Soon you'll be hearing about events honoring his time with us and giving you a chance to say goodbye. At least it won't be a forever goodbye as he moves into his role as Rabbi Emeritus.

At the same time, we're blessed to have a familiar and beloved face ready to take the helm at TBS. We've all watched Rabbi Bar-Lev grow into his new role and we're looking forward to a long future with him as our Senior Rabbi. Over the next few months, you'll be hearing about the search for an Assistant Rabbi so that the Beth Shalom family can continue to thrive. Later this year, we'll celebrate Rabbi B's official installation as Senior Rabbi and the installation of the new Assistant Rabbi.

Another milestone will be becoming debt-free. We are so close to having enough pledges to pay off our mortgage that it's almost palpable. The frustration is that we are not yet at the finish line. As we've worked through this process, every pledge has mattered and we appreciate every member who has made a pledge and is continuing to work to fulfill it. If you have not done so yet or if you find yourself able to offer a little more, please step up for the future of TBS.

Like any year, 2017 will have its celebrations and challenges. Here's hoping that the first will be many and joyous and that the second will be few and easily met. Happy 2017!



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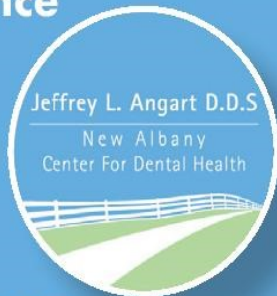
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# 20 Mitzvah Corps Central



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## Upcoming Social Action Activities

**Sunday, January 22nd at 11:30 am @ JCC New Albany**

If you would like to be involved in planning for Mitzvah Day 2017, which will be May 7th this year, please attend our first official meeting. All are welcome!

**Sunday, February 26th at 9:15 am @ JCC New Albany**

Social Action Project with Women of Beth Shalom to benefit the Ronald McDonald House!

## B.R.E.A.D. Donors

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## The Caring Circle Needs YOU!

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## The Myth of Lilith

By Susan M. Bader, TBS Library Committee Volunteer

Have you heard a screech of an owl, the squeak of a door, or a bang in the night? Careful, you might be facing the demon Lilith visiting you as a night monster or as a woman looking for equality in her lifetime.

In early biblical history Lilith is the first wife of Adam and until her rebirth within the contemporary feminist movement she had the reputation of being a demon. Lilith, Adam's first wife myths tell the stories of her being a kidnapper, murderer of children and a seducer of men. She was known to slip into houses looking for warm newborns. Unless the child had an amulet inscribed with the names of three angels sent from God, the child may develop a terminal illness or be kidnapped.

As a seducer, she had the special ability able to appear as a woman or man depending on her prey. Multiple demons, called Lilith were hungry for victims because they had once been human who had themselves died young. These demons could slip through windows looking for victims to take the place of husbands and wives whom they themselves never had.

Lilith was made from dirt, the same used for Adam from the first story in Genesis 1:27. She was determined to be his equal partner, not a submissive creature, which led to the demon mythology. In the 1960's Lilith image was transformed with the help of feminist theologian Judith Plaskow's midrash on the role model for women fighting misogyny. In 1972, Lilly Rivlin published an article on Lilith for the feminist magazine Ms., with the aim of recovering her for contemporary women.

Then in 1976 the magazine Lilith was founded. The magazine took her name because the editors were inspired by Lilith's fight for equality with Adam. An article in the introductory issue spelled out Lilith's appeal and rejected the understanding of her as a demon. Since then, interest in Lilith has only grown among Jewish feminists, neo-pagans, and women listeners to contemporary music (highlighted in the Lilith Fair), poets and other writers.

For more information, Google Lilith, checkout the authors mentioned above or start with these additional recommendations:

Baskin, Judith. Midrashic Women: Formations of the Feminine in Rabbinic Literature. University Press of New England: Hanover, 2002.

Kvam, Krisen E., et al. Eve & Adam: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Readings on Genesis and Gender. Indiana University Press: Bloomington, 1999.

Sefer Ha-Aggadah.

Please note many back issues of the Lilith magazine are on the Non-Circulating and Reference shelves in the TBS Library. These are available for your reading in the comfort of the Library.

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where the Jewish community was moving, a housing developer and a friend of my in-laws, Mr. Jack Wallick (may his memory be blessed). I asked him where he thought the Jewish community would move. Since he was investing the money, and his Jewish home-building counterparts were investing the money, he told me where, and we are here.

Let us live not by our fears, but by our hopes.

(8) But it was not easy. We were having trouble raising the money. In the meantime, I was thinking: this seems to be failing. Perhaps you ought to see what else can happen. Later on, one of our Board Members said in an open board meeting, "We ought to declare bankruptcy." I got an offer from a prestigious congregation in a place with weather that far more pleasant than here.... I said to Marcie – "I have to make a decision: To do what is right for me, or to do what is right." I did what was right.

Let us live not by our fears, but by our hopes.

(9) One of the reasons that Rabbi B. is here is because I took a chance when a person I knew from Goldman Camp wanted to do an internship. I took many, many blows from our leadership when I rearranged our youth group and religious school dollars to hire Daniel Schwartz. Daniel's positive experience warmed his 4-year rabbinical school roommate to consider us more closely ... and that a big part of why Rabbi B., that roommate, is with us today. On a side note, the hire for part-time work of Rabbi Debbie Lefton, one of the keys to TBS's rapid growth after her hire, was met with only slightly less antagonism. But you can see the results. Problems....

Let us live not by our fears, but by our hopes.

(10) There is some fear in retiring. But we continued to grow and to build, now no longer because of me, but due to the organization we built, the volunteers we have. It'd be a great thing if we could retire with the mortgage fully paid off and with extra money for the kitty to cover capital repairs and improvements.

Let us live not by our fears, but by our hopes.

In the Bible, God incessantly tells the People Israel not to fear.

- When Avram sets out into uncharted territory as the first to enter into a covenant w/ God, he is told, "*al tira*." Be not afraid.
- When Isaac sets out from the security of home and does not know where the road may lead, God says, "*al tira*," be not afraid, and reasserts the blessings promised to his father Abraham (Genesis 26:24).

When the elderly Jacob prepares for his journey down to Pharaoh's palace to be reunited w/ his son Joseph after twenty years of separation, God encourages him, *al tira*, "fear not" (Genesis 46:3).

In every generation—from Ruth to David to Daniel—our biblical ancestors heard these words just when they needed them most. Just when they felt most vulnerable, most alone, so many of our prophets heard and delivered God's message of hope: "Fear not, for I am w/ you. Do not be frightened, for I am your God" (Isaiah 41:10).

It is important to make a distinction between hope and optimism. The two are often confused, but they are profoundly different. To be optimistic means to believe that everything is heading towards a happy ending. To have hope means to believe that whatever happens, a way of coping and building towards the future may be found.

Some of us seem to be hard-wired for optimism, convinced that things will work out well. Such optimism is a matter of personality or disposition.

Hope is harder; it is a matter of faith...

Hoping, of course, is another way of what other call "praying." It is an expression of an unsure outcome. It envisions an end result now in some doubt and that some Force, whatever one would call it, improves that chances for success, if just by a little bit. And that hope-prayer, however it is expressed, can lead to some personal, even courageous, action – as opposed to do-nothing resignation – that will increase the chances for a positive conclusion/consequence.

Fearful people are less happy, less generous and less forgiving. When we fear, we also indirectly hope that we do not become a victim of that which we fear. Fear constricts; it blocks our full potential for human interaction. It is when despair seems overpowering, that hope, even a glimmer of hope emerges: a hug, a word spoken in love, an object of beauty, an act of kindness. Go ahead and fear, but master, or at least, manage the fear – that you might live more fully and more joyfully.

Let me end with a story,

Just outside the walls of Jerusalem to the west, there is a steep wadi called in Hebrew Gey-Ben-Hinnom, the Aalley of the son of Hinnom. In ancient Israel, during the time of the Kings, this valley was the site of a pagan cult devoted to a god called Moloch, a god worshipped with human sacrifices, especially children. In Jewish tradition, the name of this place – Gehinnom – became the term for Hell. (Remember: Sounds like Gahanna?)

Years ago, Israeli archaeologists' excavation in Gehinnom revealed a burial cave, the tomb of a wealthy Jewish family from the period just after the destruction of the First Temple in 569 BCE. The archaeologists unearthed of pottery, other household objects, and also, unexpectedly, they came upon two tiny silver scrolls, just a few inches long hidden in this cave for 2600 years! A team worked carefully and patiently for many months to clean the scrolls and unraveled them, gently and slowly, line by line.

When they were finished, they the oldest Biblical text in our hands. This is what they found: “May God bless you and keep you; may God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God’s face be lifted toward you and may you be granted peace.”

They had discovered an ancient benediction out of Gehinnom, a blessing that somehow survived in and through hell – a sign of hope: hope for us, the descendants of those who first wrote these words, the descendants who still recite these words today.

When we Happy 2016, we express a hope – we don’t know if it will be true – that those to whom we say it will have a good year, one filled w/ blessings, not just received, but also given; When we say, “May you be inscribed in the Book of life,” we pray for an unknown. We live, not by our fears, but by our hopes.

Such words - Live not by our fears but by our hopes - permitted our ancestors to escape Egypt into the unknown, to traverse the wilderness, and to cross the Jordan, and, after millennia, permitted me and Temple Beth Shalom to have reached this day. We pay that it will permit us to continue to be a blessing to the community and – we pray – beyond, to the world.

## Have a question or concern?



There are many ways to get in touch with TBS!



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## Erev Shabbat Service Schedule

Time	Week of the Month	Evening Theme
6:30 pm	First Week (Service & Dinner)	“First Friday” Family oriented service, with music and story!
6:30 pm	Second Week	“Life-Long Learning” Educational presentation, usually with text. Standard TBS music.
6:30 pm	Third Week	“Shabbat Chai” All music service with the “Shabband”!
7:30 pm	Fourth Week	Classical Shabbat with Sermon. Formal TBS music.
6:30 pm	Fifth Week (when applicable)	Traditional Shabbat with Standard TBS music.

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