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May 2019

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# THE WINDOW

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FRIDAY, MAY 3 | 6:30PM

2nd Grade Gesher "Bridge" Ceremony  
Family Friendly Shabbat Service  
&  
First Friday Dinner!

*Join us at TBS for a family friendly Erev Shabbat featuring the  
Kehillat Torah 2nd Graders and stay after for a delicious Middle  
Eastern dinner prepared by the Men's Club!*



**TBS ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, May 19th at 10:30am**

**New Albany JCC**

Join your fellow TBS members & staff as we learn the state of the congregation, reflect on the successes of this past year, and put our minds toward our hopes and goals for the coming year.

We will discuss the 2019-20 TBS Budget and vote on the new board of trustees!  
Don't miss out on this opportunity to have your say in the future of TBS!

*Coffee and refreshments will be served.*



# 4 May Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 1pm— Mah Jongg 4pm— Midweek Hebrew Enrichment	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30pm— First Friday Erev Shabbat Service & Dinner (2nd Grade Shabbat)	<b>4</b> 10am— First Aliyah of Benjamin Silverman
<b>5</b> 9am— Religious School 9am— TBS BIG 10am— Help! Teenager Brunch	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 1pm— Mah Jongg 4pm— Midweek Hebrew Enrichment 7pm— Mahj After Dark	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services (10th Grade Confirmation)	<b>11</b> 10am— First Aliyah of Lauren Eckes
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<b>19</b> 9am— Closing Day Maccabiah 10:30am— Annual Meeting @ JCC NA	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:30am— TBS Around Town @ the Art Museum	<b>22</b> 1pm— Mah Jongg 7pm— Mahj After Dark	<b>23</b> 7pm— Wine & Paint	<b>24</b> 6:30pm— Healing Service 7:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	<b>25</b> 10am— Simchat Shabbat Services
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 1pm— Mah Jongg 7pm— Mahj After Dark	<b>30</b> 12pm— Lunch Bunch w/ Bill Cohen	<b>31</b> 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Service	



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# Youth Group Dates For May

**Chaverim**  
3rd-4th Grade



**5/5**

Lag B'Omer  
Camp Fire -  
12:45pm

**Club 56**  
5th-6th Grade



**5/5**

Lag B'Omer  
Camp Fire -  
12:45pm

**JuBeSTY**  
7th-8th Grade



**5/19**

Cosi -  
12:45pm

**BeSTY**  
9th-12th Grade



**5/5**

Senior Send  
Off -  
12:45pm

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For more information,  
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TBS Kehillat Torah Religious School invites you to

## *The Confirmation* of

Jonathan Bates  
Jakob Bering  
Jacob Cohen  
Emma Cronheim-Strasser  
Emily Dubin  
Ella DuBro  
Melody Green  
Olivia Herman  
Grace Malinger

Elsa Mendel  
Sophia Shai  
Nathaniel Shnider  
Scout Stone  
Dani Wartel  
Taylor Weiss  
Max Westrick  
Benjamin Williams

**Friday, May 10 | 6:30pm**



# 6 The Buzz with Rabbi B



## The Omer: Aim for Gratitude, Not Perfection

I was recently reminded of a story that I shared with you a decade ago, that took place when I was a rabbinical student almost two decades ago. You might know that our Reform rabbinical school, HUC requires all first-year students to spend the first year living and studying in Jerusalem. Even though it was so long ago, I still remember being nervous and anxious to move to Israel for the year, but upon my arrival, everything went much more smoothly than I thought. I got to Jerusalem, was able to find the school, I became good friends with a number of my classmates, and as the year progressed, I started developing a fairly unhealthy ego about my conversational Hebrew, which in my estimation, was pretty great. Well, about six months had passed in my year in Jerusalem, and I continued to feel pretty good about my progress in speaking Hebrew. I could give directions in Hebrew to many places in the city to a cab driver. Most of my classes were taught in a combination of Hebrew and English. Sometimes, in a restaurant, I would even demand to see a Hebrew menu, insulted that the waitress mistook me for an English speaker. Of course, this was usually followed by many sheepish questions for her as I tried to both decipher the Hamburger choices and pry my foot out of my mouth at the same time. Nonetheless, I was feeling pretty good about speaking Hebrew while living in Jerusalem.

However, one evening, late in December, my “Hebrew ego” took a serious blow. The outing started as an innocent trip to the grocery store – a near-weekly occurrence that was almost always entertaining. In the grocery store, my smile faded as I grabbed what I thought was laundry detergent from the shelf. It was the same “laundry detergent” I had been buying for six months. I glanced down at the bottle as I placed it in my cart, and noticed for the first time, that in tiny English print on the back of the bottle it said, “fabric softener.” At that point, I realized that to my horror I had indeed, for my first six months living in Israel, been washing all of my clothes in fabric softener, and then softening them with a different brand of fabric softener. You can imagine my dismay. I looked at the bottle again – definitely the same one that had sat on my washing machine for three months, where its similar predecessor sat before. Suddenly everything made sense. My clothes always smelled great coming out of the washing machine, but they never seemed much cleaner than when they went in. All my white socks had turned grey. Dirt from a hike in the Carmel mountains remained on my shirt after two washes. After basking in my ineptitude for a short while with a friend, I put the fabric softener down and bought a bottle of Tide, imported from the USA. A little bit more expensive? Yes. Actually detergent? Also yes.

As ridiculous as this scene may appear, I learned a great deal from it. First of all, I learned to wait for shopping until I was joined by Israeli friends or family. But more importantly, I learned a valuable lesson about setting goals that day. For me, a person who before moving to Israel spoke and understood very little Hebrew, to set a goal of conducting all of my transactions completely in Hebrew was a bit unrealistic. I admit this may have been an admirable goal at the time. However, what I didn’t understand at that time, was by setting ridiculous, unattainable goals, I was doing myself a disservice and setting myself up for failure. If I would have considered my abilities at the time and set a more reasonable goal, perhaps my clothing would not have only smelled good but would have been clean as well.

This idea surfaced again years later for me. In one of my confirmation classes here at Sunday School, we were talking about High Holy Day liturgy. This girl, we’ll call her Shaina, said, “In all these prayers it seems like in order to be good in God’s eyes, we have to be perfect... I just don’t think it’s possible.” I was so thankful for that thoughtful comment that I totally agreed with. Clearly, human lives are so complicated with so many different moral and intellectual levels that it is simply impossible for us to be ‘perfect’ human beings. Frankly, I’m not sure what a ‘perfect’ human being would look like – how would he or she act, what could he or she say? In this context, the idea of perfection seemed almost ridiculous. Shaina’s question made me think though. How good is good enough? We recently watched a show called “The Good Place.” In it, there is a group of people who are trying to amass enough good points to be rewarded with going to heaven – the good place – instead of the bad place. We learned in a later season of the show that it might be almost impossible to be good enough to get into the good place. But of course, that’s fiction, and in Jewish tradition, we try to be the best version of ourselves not to attain some level in the afterlife, rather because it’s the right thing to do in this life. So the question is, how good do we have to be? Does God really expect perfection?

In his book called *How Good Do We Have to Be?* Renowned rabbi and writer, Harold Kushner, writes, “no one is perfect. Yet many people measure themselves and others against impossibly high standards. The result: guilt, anger, depression, and disappointment.” Kushner argues that throughout our lives we often feel eternally guilty because our early notion of religion was laden with guilt. His prime example is a look at a story that we all know well, the story of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. Many of us remember that Adam and Eve are in the

paradise of Eden and are instructed by God that they may eat the fruit from any tree except for the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Eve, after some coercion from some sort of being in the garden, eats fruit from the very tree the God forbade them from eating. Adam ate from the tree as well. Our standard reading of this story, at least my reading of it growing up, was that as a result of this, Adam and Eve were punished and sent out of the garden of Eden forever. Kushner takes an innovative look at the text. He writes, "The account of Adam and Eve eating the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and evil, as I see it, is a mythical description of how the first human beings left the world of animal existence behind and entered the problematic world of being human. It is the biblical account of evolution, seeing the difference between humans and animals in moral rather than in anthropological terms." Reading the story in this light, we see this episode as the birth of human morality rather than as a sin for which human beings are to be punished. Kushner continues, "Could it be that, when God told Adam not to eat the fruit of the forbidden tree, God gave not just a prohibition but a warning, like the person telling a friend in line for a promotion, 'you know, if you get that job, you'll have more responsibility and less time with your family.' Might it even be that God wanted Adam and Eve to eat the fruit, though God knew it would make their lives painful and complicated and winced at the pain they would be condemning themselves to." Kushner is suggesting that the story of the Garden of Eden is not an account of people being punished for having made one mistake, losing Paradise because they were not perfect. It is the story of the first human being graduating, evolving from the relatively uncomplicated world of animal life to the immensely complicated world of being human and knowing that there is more to life than eating and mating, that there are such things as good and evil."

Just as our ancestors evolved as a result of eating from the tree of Good and Evil, so too must we grow and evolve. With this in mind, we may understand more clearly that not only are we not expected to be perfect, but Jewish tradition dictates that only through our mistakes can we truly learn and grow. Though we know we must not strive for perfection; we must aim for improvement.

We are now in a special period in the Jewish calendar called the Omer, the period between Passover and the holiday of Shavuot on June 8. During this period, we are instructed to count each day and acknowledge our gratitude for the blessings of our day to day lives. Counting each day forces us to focus on mindful gratitude for 49 days in a row – a spiritual practice. If we can pause each day, open our eyes to the blessings around us, and express gratitude for them, we will be able to more fully appreciate our lives.

That seems to me to be a good place to start improving ourselves. Let us not strive for perfection, rather, may we find the ability to focus on gratitude; to look at our lives and find the blessings that sometimes seem hidden away. If we can do that, we'll be on our way to finding the best version of ourselves. And if you're thinking about going to Israel with our TBS trip in 2020, I promise to wash my clothes in actual laundry detergent!

# RABBI ON THE ROAD TOUR



## Another Rabbi On the Road Tour Complete!

Rabbi B just finished his 10th annual Rabbi on the Road Tour where he visits TBS college kids, takes them out for a meal, and delivers Passover goodies! What a tour! This year he saw students at Purdue, Butler University, University of Indiana, Miami University, University of Cincinnati, Ohio University, The Ohio State University (joined by Rabbi Lenette too!), University of Pittsburgh, Youngstown State University, and Case Western Reserve University. He traveled 1269 miles, took 28 TBSers out for meals, and delivered an obscene amount of matzah. If you have college age kids in the area who didn't see Rabbi B on his tour, send us an email so we can make sure he sees them next year!

# 8 CHAI-er Learning with Rabbi Lenette Herzog



## **Our Students, Our Guarantors - Thank You for A Wonderful Religious School Year!**

When God was ready to bestow the Torah to the Israelite people, God asked them, "Before I give you all of these important teachings, laws, and values, you need to determine who are your guarantors of the Torah."

The Israelites thought for a bit and then answered, "That's easy! Our ancestors will be our guarantors." But God said, "I'm sorry, but your ancestors are no longer around. How can they be your guarantors? You have to choose someone else."

The Israelites brainstormed some more and then said to Her, "How about our prophets? They should be our guarantors." But God replied, "Your prophets can't be the guarantors - they are only a few members of the community. Someone else needs to be your guarantors."

The Israelites thought for a long time, and then they realized who the perfect guarantors would be. "Our children!" exclaimed the Israelites, "will be our guarantors." God laughed. "Yes, your children are the perfect guarantors. It is for their sake that I will give you the Torah."

Even our most ancient texts understand the power of Jewish education - as our students grow and come to internalize the joy, traditions, and values that make up our Jewish community, they are truly our guarantors.

It is with this spirit that I would like to thank everyone who helped make the 5779 Kehillat Torah Religious School year such a huge success. Our students engaged in so much learning and laughing. We celebrated the holidays together; got to know each other with new high school electives as well as new chugim such as Minute to Win It; grade students and parents joined together for grade breakfasts for the first time; and so much more. On the staff level, we piloted new changes to the madrichim program with great success, and our staff grew as a community through professional development sessions.

I also want to mention how gracefully our staff handled an especially difficult Sunday morning - October 28th, the day after the tragic shooting at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. Our teachers, grieving and processing like all of us, still arrived that morning to give our students a safe space to celebrate being Jewish, as well as facilitating difficult but necessary discussions with our older students. Our staff continued to ensure our building's security and everything went just as smoothly as any other religious school morning. It was a painful and difficult day, but it was also a morning in which we all attended religious school with pride and recommitted to our Jewish ideals of community and *tikkun* olam, repairing our broken world.

This year we had an enrollment of over 250 students and over 50 students in our madrichim program. A huge thank you to our madrichim who gave their Sunday mornings to not only help our teachers run their classrooms, but most importantly, be amazing role models for our students. And we are so thankful to every parent who trusts their children's Jewish education in Temple Beth Shalom's learning community.

And we are so fortunate to have the best teaching staff at Temple Beth Shalom Religious School. The joy and knowledge which they impart on our children is so valuable. This year we are celebrating Meredith Paul and 10 years of wonderful teaching - thank you, Meredith! We also have a number of new teachers, who have brought enthusiasm and renewed creativity to our students each week. Thank you Laurie Gang, Lauren Harris, and Hilary Kleppel, for joining us this year - hopefully, the first of many!

Thank you so much to our entire teaching staff, who help our students be our guarantors of Torah: Andrew Altschuld, Lindsay Altschuld, Jordan Ankerman, Kelsey Ankerman, Cody Ankerman, Jodi Benningfield, Marvin Blank, Susie Blank, Aliyah Cohen, Angelo Dunlap, Laurie Gang, Galit Golan, Marcie Golden, Lauren Harris, Dani Hopping, Madeline Jobrack, Hilary Kleppel, Robin Leasure, Joe Malingier, Meredith Paul, Gail Rose, Hannah Rossio, Marc Rossio, Katie Schneir, and Lauren Sferrella, as well as Rabbi Leigh Ann Kopans and Rabbi Benjy leading our adult education programming.

We are thrilled to announce that Madeline Jobrack is the recipient of this year's Torah Aura Award! This award, sponsored by JoAnne and Steve Grossman, recognizes excellence in teaching among our religious school staff. Maddy grew up at TBS and has been teaching for us for many years, both as a madricha and a religious school teacher. This year, she led our first-grade class as well as high school elective classes, including a fantastic elective about Jews on the stage and screen. Maddy is an absolute joy to have on our religious school team and Columbus is lucky to have her as a professional educator in the community as well. Congratulations Maddy, and thank you for everything you do for our students.

A special thank you to Lori Baker, who served as our Inclusion Specialist this year. Lori, thank you for helping us create an inclusive and safe environment for all of our religious school members. Any of our teachers, parents, and students who work with you can attest to your kindness and deep caring of each of our students. You didn't hesitate to go above and beyond even if it meant taking time during the week. We are so lucky to have you on our team!

I would now like to thank several parents and community members who give their own time on Sunday mornings to help make our religious school so great. Thank you, Scott Roth, for volunteering your time in the office on Sunday mornings, letting Angelo and me be fully engaged in the school. And thank you, Karen Moseley, for helping with snack several mornings as well!

Thank you to our Room Parents: Amber Bloch, Lisa Singer, Emily Alonso-Taub, Alisa Handmaker, Bonnie Cram, Michelle Waltman, Michelle Sabadash, Kathryn Remer, Kari DuBro, Debbie Costa and Lori Baker. Your support for each of our grades and for school-wide events throughout the year was invaluable!

A huge thank you to Mindy Agin, our Religious School Committee Chair, and the Religious School Committee, who met multiple times over the course of the year. Our religious school community is blessed to have a committee which is so deeply invested in the success of our religious school, lifting up the brightest elements of our school as well as room for it to grow. Thank you for helping us create and implement such a fantastic vision for Jewish learning at TBS, and I look forward to continuing to bring our goals to fruition next year.

The thank yous continue with our education staff, Hannah Rossio and Angelo Dunlap, who put in tireless work behind the scenes throughout the year.

Hannah, you have been such a phenomenal addition to our team. Thank you for helping our Madrichim program reach new heights - it remained as fun as ever while introducing a level of professionalism to our high school students. Your time with the BeSTY board and our senior youth groups will surely leave a mark as well. We are really going to miss you and wish you only the best in New York!

Angelo, you help with the religious school more than most people might realize - from attendance to gathering supplies for teachers, attendance and chugim electives, to leading our junior youth groups to fun places each month. Thank you for everything you do for our religious school community and for being such a joy to work with.

I would like to thank the Temple staff, for all of their work behind the scenes - whether it was making flyers for our youth group events, spending time in the lobby Sunday mornings, or even Starbucks coffee runs, it is all deeply appreciated. Thank you, Jillyan Will, for providing security every Sunday morning to help ensure our students are safe, as well as teaching our teens self-defense! Thank you to Gail Rose for continuing to imbue our students with a love for Jewish music, and for bringing the Klezmer Band for a memorable performance - hopefully, we'll see them again soon!

A special thank you to Rabbi Benjy for his support in all aspects of the religious school, from envisioning and implementing new changes to leading services to standing outside to greet our families every morning along with myself and Marc. I am so lucky to be able to learn from you and to be your clergy partner - it almost makes up for the moose costume you made me wear on Mitzvah Day!

When we end a book of Torah, we traditionally recite "Chazak chazak v'nitchazek!" which means "Strength, strength, may we be strengthened!" As we end this school year, may we be strengthened by all of the blessings in our lives, and go from strength to strength as we joyfully look towards the future.

#### **EPIC Welcomes Andeisha Farid**

**Saturday, May 11th at 6:30pm | Peace Lutheran Church**

**Please join us for this open discussion, coffee, and dessert with Andeisha Farid. Andeisha Farid is the founder of AFCECO (Afghan Child Education and Care Organization). Through their orphanages they provide a loving and supportive home for children who have lost parents and family. Andeisha has received global praise for her work, including from former President Barack Obama. She has also been featured by Brian Williams on NBC Nightly News. She is a Vital Voice for Women and for change in Afghanistan.**

**Please RSVP via the Facebook event:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/events/565619687264051/>**

# 10 Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose



## Observing Israeli Holidays In Columbus

The month of May hosts three important Israeli holidays: Yom HaShoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'atzmaut. I hope our Temple Beth Shalom Community can join our greater Columbus Jewish Community to commemorate and celebrate all or some these holidays.

Wednesday, May 1st starting at 7:15 PM, the Columbus Board of Rabbis' will sponsor a Yom HaShoah commemoration at Wexner Heritage House. The guest speaker will be Jeannie Smith, daughter of Irene Gut OpDyke, who was a Polish rescuer. Irene's life story was recently told on Broadway in the nationally acclaimed play "Irena's Vow". OpDyke wrote "In My Hands" –Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer. The book that gives a detailed account of her life during the Second World War and is used in classrooms around the country.

Friday, May 3rd at 12:00 will be the 34th Annual City of Columbus Yom HaShoah Observance and Holocaust Remembrance held in Columbus City Hall Chambers, 90 W. Broad St. The speaker will be Holocaust survivor, Dr. Al Miller of Cincinnati. Miller was born in Berlin in 1922. He will share his story of survival.

Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 PM, Yom Hazikaron will be observed at the Greater Columbus Jewish Center, 1125 College Avenue. This hour long program will consist of poetry, music and visuals to remember Israel's Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism.

Thursday, May 9th from 4:30 – 6:30 PM, PJ library will be celebrating Yom Ha' Atzmaut family style. There will be inflatables, kid friendly food, Israeli folk dancing, games and our own, Marc Rossio!

Thursday, May 9th the Yom Ha'Atzmut Israeli dinner will begin at 6:30 and a concert by Israeli/Ethiopian singer, Gili Yalo, will immediately follow. Yalo's family were part of Operation Moses-covert evacuation of Ethiopian Jews from Sudan during the 1984 famine. Music encouraged Gili and his family to keep on moving. He sings in both English and Amharic in the band's style of traditional Ethiopian music with a soul, funk and jazz contemporary vibe.



## TBS AROUND TOWN

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## Columbus Museum of Art

**TUESDAY, MAY 21 | 10AM | \$9**

Enjoy a guided tour at the museum and see the special exhibition  
*Life In The Age Of Rembrandt!*

Please arrive early. Bus leaves TBS at 10am, tour begins at 10:30am.

# The Directive with Bonnie Abramowitz II



Is your child going to Jewish summer camp? TBS has a limited amount of need-based scholarships available. Please contact Bonnie for more information.

**Please open your mail from TBS this month! Our fiscal year ends on June 30th, and at that time all outstanding balances are due.**

**Your cooperation makes all the difference by:**

- sending in your payment
- contacting the office if you have questions on your account
- calling our Executive Director to discuss your financial circumstances

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The Bartenders ~ All Entertainers ~ All Who Donated & Solicited Auction Items

# 12 Simcha Station

## May Birthdays

May 1st — Hesh Green  
May 3rd — Daniel Dolsky, Michael Rothstein  
May 5th — Arlene Setnar, Lindsey Shapiro  
May 6th — Allison Kleinman, Darrin Resnick, Katie Scheiner, Steven J. Seeskin  
May 7th — Susie Black, Shayna Levi  
May 8th — Linda Rubin, Randall Siegel  
May 9th — Sheri Benson, Michael Berman  
May 12th — Neil Carron, Mark Epstein, Gregory Feldman-Hill, Connie Freundlich, Randie Sass  
May 13th — Arnold Alpert  
May 14th — Melissa Barnett, Hannah Rossio  
May 15th — Sheryl Heit, Amir Rubin  
May 16th — Dan Phalen  
May 17th — Michael Popa  
May 18th — Constance Cantor, I. David Cohen  
May 19th — Bradley Goldman, Robin Hammond, Robin Leasure  
May 20th — James DeBold, Carolyn Mendel, Frederick Merchant  
May 21st — David Cohen, Todd Goldman, Cathe Kobacker, Bruce Wylie  
May 22nd — Susan Lazerwitz, Suzanne Segal  
May 23rd — Evan Cohn, Larry Mendel, Jennifer Richardson, Marlene Robbins, Brian Voronkov  
May 24th — Katherine Carroll, Lindsay Popa, Ginna Rinkov  
May 25th — Jeremy Rycus, Allan Scheiner  
May 26th — Billy Murray, Carol Neubauer  
May 27th — Jean Krum  
May 28th — Gary Dicker, Jordan Finegold, Pam Lippy, Sherry Solomon, Nancy Tannenbaum  
May 30th — Davora Beatty  
May 31st — Lori Feibel, Mark Glazman, David Kleppel, Becky Scherzer



## May Anniversaries

May 7th — Robert & Rose Berk  
May 8th — Rabbi Benjy & Lauren Bar-Lev, Kenneth & Caroline Green  
May 14th — Marc & Lori Rossio, David & Josefina Taylor  
May 15th — Gary & Elaine Barnett, James & Susan Bugenstein, Stuart & Karen Keren  
May 16th — Melissa & Amiel Mansur  
May 19th — Jonathan & Yassamin Bleiweiss  
May 20th — Lynn & Eric Emerman  
May 21st — Kim & Joe Dorrian, Todd & Sarah Odess, Raul & Gabriela Weiss  
May 23rd — Marty & Heather Oppenheimer  
May 24th — Gregory & Pamela Feldman-Hill  
May 25th — Jenna & Randolph Schultz, Sean & Jennifer Silver  
May 26th — Hesh & Leslie Green, Nathan & Valerie Robbins  
May 27th — Michael & Melanie Berman, Herschel & Faye Sigall, Zachary & Lisa Singer  
May 28th — Martin & Sally Daner, Jonathan & Lori Feibel, Jon & Julie Handler, Michael & Christine Hecht, Steven & Dawn Schneir  
May 29th — Naomi & Rob Cohen, Craig & Lindsey Shapiro  
May 30th — Jan & Cindy Cohen, Lori & Patrick Elwood, David & Jamie Goldach

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לדודי BELOVED'S AND  
ודודי MY BELOVED  
לי IS MINE

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Isabel Goldstein  
Aiden Shnider

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On Saturday, May 4th at 10 o'clock in the morning, Benjamin Nathan Silverman, son of Joshua Silverman and Angela Weiss, brother of Emma Weiss, will be called to the Torah for his First Aliyah. He is the grandson of Hal and Sherie Silverman of Columbus, Ohio and the late Doug and Celine Endicott of Grove City, Ohio. He is also the great-grandson of the late Bert and Sadie Alper and the late Julius and Annette Silverman.

Benjamin is a 7th grade student at New Albany Middle School and attends Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School. He plays hockey in the EYHA league and in his spare time, he enjoys playing video games and spending time with family and friends.

For his mitzvah project, Benjamin volunteered at the Licking County Humane Society where he spent many hours helping to get dogs and cats ready for adoption.

Ben and his family would like to thank Rabbi Benjy, Rabbi Lenette, and Hannah Rossio, for their encouragement and enthusiasm in helping him prepare for his special day.



On Saturday, May 11th, at 10 in morning Lauren Eckes, daughter of Allison and Brad Eckes, sister of Jake, granddaughter of Holly and Les Somogyi, Sandy and Gary Eckes of blessed memory, is called to the Torah for her First Aliyah.

Lauren is a 7th grader at New Albany Middle School. She enjoys tennis, snowboarding, and skiing. She loves to spend her summers at Camp Emma Kaufman with her friends in Morgantown, West Virginia.

For her bat mitzvah project, Lauren is helping to collect books for the Read to Succeed Organization to help change the lives of underprivileged children by empowering them with better education opportunities.



On Saturday, May 18th at 10 o'clock in the morning, Eric Joshua Schuster, son of Betsy and Mark Schuster, brother of Ally Schuster, grandson of Carol and Fred Luper and Barbara and Marty Schuster, is called to the Torah for his First Aliyah.

Eric is a 7th grader at Columbus Academy and he attends Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Religious School where he is involved in the Madrichim in Training Program.

He is a competitive gymnast and runs track and cross country.

For his mitzvah project, Eric volunteered at his gymnastics gym during the summer helping the younger level gymnasts improve their skills. Eric enjoys working with children both at temple and at the gym.

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# 14 WBS & Men's Club



Women of Beth Shalom

The Women of Beth Shalom have had successful social action projects and fun ladies night out events in the past months. We are looking for interested ladies to join our board for next fiscal year. If you are interested please reach out for more information.

We hope to see everyone soon! Any questions or feedback, don't hesitate to send us an email, [womenofbethshalom@gmail.com](mailto:womenofbethshalom@gmail.com)  
Lesley Thompson and Rachel Westrick



We will be providing dinner for the 2nd grade Gesher Shabbat on May 3rd. We hope to see you there.

If you are interested in helping or getting involved in the TBS Men's Club, email [tbsohiomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:tbsohiomensclub@gmail.com).

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## Building A Community

As we work our way through this year's budgeting process, we are mindful to:

- Provide for the warm and inclusive atmosphere we have all come to expect at TBS
  - Continue the successful affinity groups implemented this year
- Renew our commitment to security enhancements and live security
  - Provide our employees with reasonable pay adjustments

We have been fortunate to keep our membership rates and religious school tuition the same as last year, thanks to our generous congregants who give above their annual commitment. The best way for our temple community to continue to thrive is for more of our families to step up.

Our new reverse raffle event was successfully implemented this year and we are planning on making next year's raffle even bigger. The raffle was a great source of revenue generated for the temple and much of the money raised came from support outside TBS membership. Our annual spring fundraiser continues to be a fun evening for the TBS community and the money raised at this event contributes significantly to our fundraising needs. We ask for your continued support for these programs, whether you give financially or donate your time as one of our valuable volunteers throughout the year. We know your time is valuable, and your support of our various programs and activities only serves to enhance our temple family.

TBS looks forward to providing you with the varied religious, social and educational opportunities from religious services to Lunch Bunch to youth education and activities that you desire.

We urge you to attend the TBS Annual Meeting, which takes place on Sunday, May 19 at 10:30AM at the New Albany JCC. You will learn more about the budget and the recently developed Strategic Plan and have the opportunity to ask questions about these and other TBS matters that are of interest to you. We look forward to seeing you there.

-Bonnie Cram and David Segal

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- ◆ Laurel & John Zulliger, in memory of Phyllis Rosen
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## **MUSIC DIRECTOR'S FUND**

- ◆ Joel & Ada Kent, in memory of Ada Sacks
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## **RABBI APOTHAKE EMERITIS DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- ◆ Neal & Maureen Handler, in memory of Rose Cooperman & Stanley Handler
  - ◆ Philip Edelsberg & Marlene Levine, thanking Rabbi Apothaker for his translation help
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## **RABBI BAR-LEV'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- ◆ Sheila F. Torch, in memory of Dave & Belle Lurie
  - ◆ A.C. & Karen Strip
  - ◆ Philip Edelsberg & Marlene Levine, thanking Rabbi Benjy for his translation help
  - ◆ Marc Rheingold, in honor of Rabbi Benjy's conducting Samantha & Justin's wedding
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## **RABBI HERZOG'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- ◆ Joshua Braveman & Michelle Sabadash, in honor of Rabbi Lenette
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## **ROLF KAUFMAN FUND**

- ◆ Alan Klodell, in memory of Sidney Lefton

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## May 3rd

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Abraham Golin  
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Irene Klaben  
Mildred Kutell  
Sara Liebert  
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Lillian Senser  
Margaret Sindlinger  
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Monya Tolkan  
Terry Tucker  
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Jack Warner  
Robert Weinberg  
Jack Weiss

## May 10th

Hortense Cobey  
Adell Coleman  
Bart Epstein  
Louis Feingold  
Louise Glazer  
Elsie Goldmann  
Irving Goldmann  
John Goldstick  
Norma Gurevitz  
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Gilbert Levy  
Milton Prystowsky  
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Evelyn Smith  
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Lucy Weisel

## May 17th

Erwin Barnett  
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Rosette Benzakein  
Helen Brody  
Lillian Daner  
Jack Feinstein  
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Harry Raab  
Agnes Regueiro  
Herman Ringelheim  
Ruth Siegfried  
Nathan Staman  
Morris Treger  
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## May 24th

Hy Ankerman  
Jerry Beery  
Sally Epstein  
Herman Friedberg  
Elaine Haidt  
Rose Kaplan  
Ross Knill  
Nancy Markle  
Carol Pavlofsky  
Lillian Pies  
Sidney Rocker  
Henry Rozanczyk  
Arnold Sachs  
Henry Schulte  
Helen Shulman  
Ethel Solomon  
Hattie Stetelman  
Raymond Tannenbaum  
George Zahn

## May 31st

Richard Altman  
Aaron Braveman  
Haia Devora Buium  
Jack Cohen  
Rebecca Cohen  
Carol Davia  
Ruth Fiske  
Pavel Glazman  
Max Gurevitz  
Lillian Herold  
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Geraldine Phalen  
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Friday, May 24 at 6:30pm

## *Meditation & Healing Shabbat*

Please join us for a unique healing experience.  
The service will feature a guided meditation for  
healing and wellness led by TBS congregants,  
Tirtzah Sandor and Nick Ciranni.

# 18 Mitzvah Corps Central



**Thank you to everyone who worked on the committee, donated items, participated in off-sites and showed up at Temple for an amazing day filled with Mitzvahs! Mitzvah Day 2019 was a huge success and we can't thank you enough!**

On Mitzvah Day 5779 TBS congregants...

Packed 446 Buddy Boxes for the Family Mentor Foundation  
Baked 200 dog treats for Pets Without Parents  
Served breakfast to 150+ people at Ronald McDonald House  
Braided & baked 50 loaves of Challah  
Made 50 plates for Heritage House & Kensington Residents  
Stuffed 16 bears for Zusman Hospice patients  
Dozens tried the distracted driving simulator from the NAPD  
Tied 10 blankets for My Very Own Blanket  
Read to 5 Therapy Dogs  
Climbed aboard 1 fire truck  
Gardened with residents of Wexner Heritage House

... and much more!

Made 250 cat toys for Pets Without Parents  
Packed 150 Blessing Bags for the YWCA Family Center  
Collected 100s of books for Read to Succeed Foundation  
Made 50 bags for Bikur Cholim Children's Hospital  
Tye-dyed 36 shirts for the TBS Pride parade float  
Played with bunnies at the Ohio Rabbit House Rescue  
Collected 12 jerseys for Jerseys for Hope  
Donated 10 pints of blood for American Red Cross  
Delivered Passover bags to 4 homebound TBS members  
Took pictures with 1 Mitzvah Moose  
Cleaned and organized shelves at the NA Food Pantry

## Monthly Mitzvah: NCJW Back-to-School Store Collection

National Council of Jewish Women Columbus Section is starting the first annual Back-to-School Store coming Sunday, July 28, 2019! They will need lots of help to make this a success!

The Back-to-School Store is a one-day pop-up department store that provides the right tools for a successful school year. The store promotes self-esteem and enthusiasm for learning for elementary age children by providing school supplies, clothing, winter gear and a book at NO COST to families. Children from low-income families are invited to participate through a variety of local service agencies, churches, synagogues, schools, and community service organizations. The participants are assigned a time to shop at the store and are guaranteed to receive: an outfit of clothing, socks, underwear, winter coat, hat, gloves, personal care items, backpack, a book and school supplies of their choosing. While the children are shopping with their "personal shopper" volunteer, their parents and guardians are invited to the Family Resource Room. The Family Resource Room is a collaboration with other organizations that provides resources to families ranging from vision screenings to financial advice assistance to information on childhood safety and smoking cessation. This year, we hope to serve 75 children ages 8 to 11 years old this year.

### Donations/Collections:

We are collecting NEW underwear, socks, hats, and gloves (tags on or in the package). Specifically, we are in need of:

- Socks: boys' M (9-2.5) and girls' M (9-3.5); boys' L (3-9) and girls' L (4-10); mens' (6-12); womens' (4-10)
- Underwear for both boys and girls: youth small, medium, large, XL & mens' small
- Boys' and girls' winter gloves

Consider making a monetary donation to our store. If you would like to learn more about the Columbus NCJW Back-to-School Store, make a donation or to become a volunteer for the event, please visit: <https://www.ncjwcolumbus.org/back-to-school>. You can also drop off donated items at TBS. Thank you!

## Upcoming Events

**B.R.E.A.D. Nehemiah Action is Monday, May 6, 2019 6:45 p.m. Celeste Center, 717 E. 17th Ave.**

**Mark your calendar and please plan to attend! Look for the blue balloons so we can sit together.**

Did you know that there is a 27-year difference in life expectancy between the suburbs of Columbus and the inner city ZIP codes?

This year B.R.E.A.D. IS working on an issue related to Eldercare that contributes to this huge discrepancy in life expectancy. If you attend the Nehemiah Action then you support their efforts to improve the lives of all the senior citizens in Franklin County.

## Deliver Kosher Meals to families at Nationwide Children's Hospital

Bikur Cholim translates to "visiting the sick," but the newly formed Bikur Cholim Society of Columbus does much more than visit. The society provides kosher meals to observant families who come from around the world to Nationwide Children's Hospital for treatment. We operate solely through donations and volunteers who pick up meals (already prepared) and deliver them to Children's and/or Ronald McDonald House. Signing up is easy—just follow this link to the sign-up Google doc for details. <https://tinyurl.com/yd4ulho2> QUESTIONS? Contact TBS Member Deb Rycus at [deb.rycus@gmail.com](mailto:deb.rycus@gmail.com) or 614.561.4346.



## The Caring Circle Needs YOU!

The Temple Beth Shalom Caring Circle helps congregational members with everything from organizing rides for those who are unable to drive to doctors' and other appointments, to meals for families with new babies. The Circle would love to have more volunteers! There is no obligation.

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# Join us for Erev Shabbat Services!

Friday	Time	Theme
First Friday	6:30pm	Family oriented service with music & story followed by dinner in the social hall.
Second Friday	6:30pm	Focus on Life-long learning with text study. Standard TBS music.
Third Friday	6:30pm	Shabbat Chai - All music service with the Shabband!
Fourth Friday	7:30pm	Traditional Shabbat Service with a sermon and traditional TBS music.
Fifth Friday	6:30pm	Traditional Shabbat Service with a sermon and traditional TBS music.

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