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1st Grade Shabbat

March 1 | 6:30pm | TBS

Join us for a super fun evening of songs and prayer for TBS's First Friday Shabbat!
Featuring the KT Religious School 1st Graders!

Stay for dinner after services!
Men's Club will be preparing a delicious Italian dinner!

Please rsvp to rsvp@tbsohio.org.



JOIN US FOR

Reform Community Shabbat

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH | TEMPLE BETH SHALOM
6:30 SERVICE | 7:30 DINNER & PRESENTATION
\$10/PERSON WITH RESERVATION, \$15 AT THE DOOR

DR. GARY ZOLA: THEY WILL THINK OF ME FOR A CENTURY
A Bicentennial Reflection on the Life and Career of Isaac Mayer Wise

Isaac M. Wise (1819-1900) was not only the principal organizer of the Reform Movement in North America, he was also a prolific writer and indefatigable controversialist. Wise had three major professional goals: First, he aspired to construct an intellectually and spiritually authentic Judaism for modern times. Second, he sought to unite American Jews under a single religious banner. Third, he labored on behalf of a respected rabbinate that was qualified to lead American Judaism. Dr. Gary P. Zola, Executive Director of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives & The Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of the American Jewish Experience and Reform Jewish History at Hebrew Union College will illustrate these accomplishments through a fascinating examination of colorful historical documents that will bring Wise's remarkable life and career back to life.



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4 March Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30pm— First Friday Erev Shabbat Service & Dinner (1st Grade Shabbat)	2 10am— Simchat Shabbat Service featuring the Creative Writers' Group
3 9am— Religious School 10am— Library Committee Meeting 12:45pm— Chaverim Swimming 3:30pm— Peapod Café w/ PJ Library	4	5 7pm— Purim Spiel Rehearsal	6 1pm— Mah Jongg 4pm— Midweek Hebrew Enrichment 7pm— Mahj After Dark	7 10am— TBS Around Town 7:30pm— 20s-30s Game Night	8 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services 7:30pm— B.R.E.A.D. Meeting	9 10am— Tot Shabbat
10 9am— Religious School 10am— Help! I Have a Teenager 12:45pm— Club 56 Swimming	11	12 7pm— Purim Spiel Rehearsal	13 1pm— Mah Jongg 4pm— Midweek Hebrew Enrichment 7pm— Mahj After Dark	14	15 6:30pm— Reform Community Shabbat & Dinner @ TBS	16 10am— First Aliyah of Natalie Winland 7:30pm— Purim Lock-In
17 9am— Religious School (half day) 11:15am— Purim Carnival 4pm— Board Meeting	18 7pm— Purim Spiel Rehearsal	19 11:30am— WBS Lunch & Learn—Self Defense 7pm— Purim Spiel Rehearsal	20 1pm— Mah Jongg 4pm— Midweek Hebrew Enrichment 6:30pm— Purim Spiel	21 Happy Purim!	22 6:30pm— Healing Circle 7:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	23 10am— Simchat Shabbat Services Confirmation Trip
24 No Religious School Confirmation Trip	25 Confirmation Trip	26	27 1pm— Mah Jongg 7pm— Mahj After Dark	28 12pm— Lunch Bunch w/ Elena Grossman	29 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	30 10am— First Aliyah of Sam Braveman
31 No Religious School						



Coming up at TBS



3/17

Purim
Carnival



3/20

Purim Spiel



4/5

Great
Scott!
Shabbat



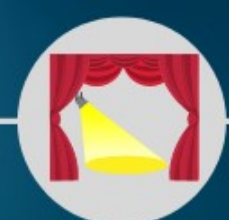
4/14

Mitzvah Day



4/19

TBS Shabbat &
Seder



4/27

TBS
Gala

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Chaverim

(3rd-4th Grades)

Upcoming Youth Events



3/3

Westerville
Watering Hole
Swimming -
12:45pm



4/7

Bowling -
12:45pm



5/5

Lag B'Omer
Camp Fire -
12:45pm

For more information, contact Angelo Dunlap at adunlap@tbsohio.org



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Club 56

(5th-6th Grades)

Upcoming Youth Events



3/10

Westerville
Watering Hole
Swimming -
12:45pm



4/28

Bowling -
12:45pm



5/5

Lag B'Omer
Camp Fire -
12:45pm

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JuBeSTY

(7th-8th Grades)

Upcoming Youth Events



3/16

Purim Lock-in -
7:30pm



4/28

Bowling -
12:45pm

For more information, contact Hannah Rossio at hrossio@tbsohio.org



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BeSTY

(9th-12th Grades)

Upcoming Youth Events



3/16

Purim Lock-in -
7:30pm



4/14

Picnic &
Bowling -
12:45pm



5/5

Senior Send
Off -
12:45pm

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8 The Buzz with Rabbi B



Celebrating Purim: Self Help from the Book Of Esther

A quick search of “self-improvement” on Youtube, Amazon, or any bookstore will lead you to thousands of books and videos about becoming a better version of yourself. There are numerous checklists and different habits to adopt, motivational speakers to watch, and even techniques such as making your bed in the morning and eating more protein. This idea of trying to better ourselves is, of course, as old as humanity itself. That said, I’m not sure there was ever a time like this when you could spend hours on end watching videos about being a better person. I guess watching the videos and reading the books are easier than actually making the changes we need!

As we approach Purim this month, it might be interesting to know that the ancient rabbis viewed some aspects of observing Purim as the ultimate self-help guidebook. First, let’s remember the story of Purim itself. You may recall it - the exciting and juicy story of political intrigue and rivalry, love, loyalty, and deceit. If you aren’t satisfied enough with the drama in Washington DC, Purim is here to remind us that there were other polarizing times in our history as well. One of the story’s major protagonists, Esther, ends up revealing her hidden Jewish identity to her husband, King Ahashverosh, to save the Jewish people of Shushan from the hands of Haman, their would-be killer. When Haman is identified as having plotted to kill the Jews, King Ahashverosh has him killed, and the people of Shushan are saved. The story is often used as a metaphor for the Jewish people. We’ve all heard the old description of Jewish holidays – “they tried to kill us, we persevered, let’s eat!” Even in the face of destruction, we hung on; we survived; we became a stronger, better people, and for that, we should rejoice. And on Purim, in the event that we may not know exactly how to rejoice, our rabbis of the Talmud give us some guidelines.

Purim is a holiday in which we are to have parties, consume alcohol, and be merry. You may be thinking to yourself, oh, that’s nice, I’ll have a glass of Manischewitz and call it a day. For many though, the practice of drinking on Purim goes much further. Believe it or not, the Talmud instructs us on how drunk we are to become on Purim! In the Babylonian Talmud, in a section called Megillah 7b, it says, “Rava said, ‘A person must become so intoxicated on Purim that he cannot tell the difference between the statements, ‘cursed be Haman’ and ‘blessed be Mordechai.’” That’s pretty drunk. That’s like having-to-endure-a-high-school-reunion-drunk. So what’s the deal here? Why would our tradition command us to drink like this? The idea here is that in honor of the story, and of Esther uncovering her hidden Judaism, we are supposed to uncover the hiddenness in ourselves on Purim. The commentaries take it a step further and argue that God too was hidden during the first part of the Purim story, but then God revealed God’s self, God came out of hiding, and the Jews were saved. So too are we supposed to come out of hiding on Purim. We have the pass to become intoxicated.

But not all the rabbis (including this one) were totally comfortable with this idea. Don’t get me wrong, we Jews have never shied away from a party, but even in the days of the Talmud, there was concern about excess, safety, and addiction. There is a great story in the same section of Talmud about two rabbis who joined each other for a Purim celebration, Rabbah and Rabbi Zeira. I’ve told this story a couple of times in adult education classes because it’s so great. “Rabbah and Rabbi Zeira once joined together in a Purim feast, and they became intoxicated. [During the evening] Rabbah arose and killed [slew] Rabbi Zeira. The next day, Rabbah [awoke, saw what he had done and] implored for God’s mercy, and Rabbi Zeira was revived. The next year, Rabbah said to Rabbi Zeira, ‘Sir, let us join together for the Purim feast.’ But Rabbi Zeira answered him, ‘Miracles do not happen on every occasion.’” (Rabbi B translation: Oh heck no, I think I’ll go to TBS’ Muppet Purimspiel instead! They only slay the acting.)

So what can we learn from this strange story about a drunk friend killing his friend? First, we learn that the Talmud wasn’t 100% comfortable with the tradition of complete drunkenness on Purim. The rabbis had seen enough negativity around the tradition to include this text in a fairly short compendium of Purim teachings. Think of it as a type of warning. “We know many people will get drunk on Purim, but be careful.”

The second point is the important takeaway when it comes to self-help. We have to try to make our inner selves match our outer selves. In our story above, the rabbis are really saying, people like Rabbah shouldn’t be drinking on Purim because their inner selves don’t match their outer selves. Rabbah shouldn’t be drinking, period. But the rest of us have hope! During the rest of the year, our job is to work on ourselves, to make our inner selves – our secret side, our hidden selves, match what the rest of the world sees. For many of us, that may mean maybe being a little less judgmental of others, giving people a fair shot. Maybe it means letting go of long-held grudges against other people; grudges that are only causing us pain and suffering because we are refusing to let them go. For others of us, it means slowly learning to let go of our anger toward others, and being mindful to appreciate all the good in our lives. And for others yet, perhaps matching our inner selves with our outer selves means finally seeking professional help through darkness toward light. If the hero of our Purim story, Queen Esther, is strong enough to reveal herself against all odds to save her people, perhaps she can inspire us to reveal all the good within each of us.

So there are many layers to this Purim story, many ways we can enjoy the story and improve ourselves at the same time. This year, we will be celebrating Purim in A Muppet Purimspiel on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm, preceded by an amazing Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 17 at 11:15 (following a half-day of Religious School). This Purim, may we each work to be the best version of ourselves, inside and out, so we can celebrate along with the Jewish people. As it was said in the book of Esther, “La yehudim, hayetah orah, vesimcha, vesason, vicar. Ken, tiyeh lanu. The Jewish people who came before us had light, and happiness, and joy, and love – may all these be so for us.”

On behalf of Lauren, Sammie, Jake, Asher, and Noah, I wish you a joyous and motivational Purim!

CHAI-er Learning with Rabbi Lenette Herzog 9



The Voice of Silence: Vashti in the Book of Esther

On the seventh day, when the king was merry with wine, he said to his seven attendants, Mehuman, Bizta, Harbona, Bigta and Avagta, Zeitar and Harka, to bring Queen Vashti before the king, wearing a royal diadem to show her beauty to the nations and the officials. But Queen Vashti refused to come. The king was greatly enraged, and his fury burned within him.

[The king's advisor Memucan said,] "Queen Vashti doesn't just disrespect you, but everyone! For the queen's behavior will make all wives despise their husbands...and there will be no end of dishonor and wrath. If it please

Your Majesty, let a royal edict be issued by you...that Vashti will never again appear before King Ahashverus; and the King will give her royalty to one who is more worthy than she." (adapted from Esther 1:10-20)

Every Purim growing up, there was one character - regardless of spiel theme - who fascinated me, and that was Queen Vashti. Queen Vashti's moment of defiance is not only a powerful act against King Ahashverus, she also creates a void that Esther will eventually fill. Imagine: What if Vashti didn't refuse King Ahashverus' demand? Esther would never become Queen, and Haman's plot to assassinate the Jews of Persia would have been an overwhelming success! When we look at Queen Vashti's scene, therefore, a few elements are striking. Vashti's defiance sets the stage for the Purim story, and she is a parallel figure with Esther, who must also disobey the king and risk her life doing so. Vashti's actions speak volumes, but she never says a word. And finally, the queen's refusal also raises the question: is she a feminist character?

First, there's little to no doubt that the book of Esther is a comedy. The story is full of exaggeration and hyperbole, even in the face of serious themes - including our potential annihilation! For example, did you notice the seven attendants' names? They're tongue twisters in Hebrew that are meant to be funny - it's also a parallel to reading Haman's

sons' names later. Even in this short passage, more silliness ensues: an exceedingly powerful king drinks himself silly at his own week-long banquet; Mehuman's name suddenly changes to Memucan; and perhaps most shockingly, Vashti's simple "no" threatens the entire patriarchy! Even though Vashti's story speaks volumes about how women were treated in ancient times (not great), it's still within the context of a funny story.

Regardless, Vashti's choice is a huge catch 22: she either refuses the king - an act that could result in death - or suffers a huge blow to her dignity as Queen. Adele Berlin's JPS commentary notes that historically, during Persian parties, men would send out their wives and bring in dancing girls. This makes King Ahashverus' request even more insulting to Vashti, as his wife - to not only wear the royal diadem, but also break social norms that would put her own reputation at risk. We often compare Vashti and Esther, but here, Vashti is also like Mordechai, who refuses to bow to Haman. Vashti will not let the king degrade her, even if it means risking her life. Berlin also mentions several ancient stories from this time period that parallel Vashti - a Persian woman who refuses to dance. But whereas most of those women have happy outcomes, Vashti is punished for her actions.

A common theme in the book of Esther is what is hidden or revealed. In this light, Vashti is even more striking because even though the text mentions her, she never speaks, nor does she even appear! Vashti may be silent (an unfortunate pattern for many women in the Bible) and hidden from view, but she makes a bold statement nevertheless - it's simply our job to reveal it.

Just how loud is Vashti's silence? This is the only instance in the entire Bible we see the verb "to refuse" used in the feminine. Certainly, Vashti is not the only woman who acts with defiance in the Bible - just a few include Rachel, who steals from her father; two Egyptian midwives refuse to slaughter Hebrew baby boys; the daughters of Zelophechad who demand to inherit property; Susanna from the book of Daniel also refuses sexual advances; Queen Esther of course; and Yael and Judith, who both trick and decapitate generals to sway wars in the Israelites' favor. But when it comes to flat out refusing, Vashti stands alone. Plus, the narrative conflates Vashti's refusal even further - King Ahashverus becomes enraged, and Memucan outrageously declares that the entire patriarchy is at risk by Vashti's simple "no." In a scene with only men talking, Memucan imagines the (silent, hidden) women of the kingdom speaking about Vashti's actions and showing contempt for men, so he takes radical steps to ensure that this perceived social upheaval doesn't occur. Author Timothy Beal writes, "Ironically, it is at the center of Memucan's speech, which is intended to reassert the proper deferential position of women, that male anxiety about their power to speak finds a way into the discourse."

Unfortunately, Vashti pays dearly for her actions. Even Memucan makes his proposal, Vashti loses her "Queen" title, and she is never heard from again. Whether she is imprisoned, banished or executed, we will never know. The narrative swiftly moves to Esther, and she disappears for good. And sadly, the ancient rabbis have contempt for Vashti too. In their ancient commentary, the rabbis cast Vashti as an evil granddaughter of Nebuchadnezzar. The more outrageous claims by the rabbis say Vashti was so evil, she stripped Jewish girls naked and ordered them to work on Shabbat, and she refused to dance because she grew a tail! While the rabbis may have been reflecting Purim's silly nature (and the ancient rabbis aren't known for their glowing treatment of women overall), their treatment of Vashti is remarkably harsh. It even may have impacted how her story is told today. How often is Vashti left out entirely in Purim retellings, Bible studies and children's books? Even in Purim spiels, Vashti is often rushed through to get to the "main feature" of Esther, or completely skipped over. So often in modern times, Vashti is treated just like she is in the text: marginalized and silenced.

So, is Vashti a feminist character? The answer is just as hidden as Vashti's words. We don't know why she refused or what she said; if it was with feminist intentions or if she actually did grow a tail. Regardless of how she exists in the text, Vashti can and should be celebrated as a woman who stood for her ideals, and acted to preserve her dignity. Her refusal may have cost her her life, and it devastated men in leadership who saw a potential risk to their power. Today, in the midst of the #metoo movement, women are still reluctant to tell their stories, for fear that they won't be believed, or that men in power will silence them. If Vashti could speak, what would she say to us today? How might she guide us?

The power of Vashti's silence is that every Purim, when we read the Megillah, we chant her refusal - and her silence becomes our voices. We reveal what has been hidden. Even though we may not have Vashti's exact words, we can still use her presence and force of will - combined with Esther's - to help fortify our own.

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10 Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose



THE MUPPET PURIM SPIEL: SCRIPT AND LYRICS BY SEAN SILVER

Did you grow up watching a Purim spiel (*spiel* is the Yiddish word for play)? Do you think this method of retelling the story of our heroine, Esther, is unique to Temple Beth Shalom? Have you ever seen a Purim spiel? Have you ever dared to participate in one? (Thought-provoking questions...wouldn't you agree)

The term Purim spiel is found throughout Ashkenazic Jewry as early as the mid-1500s! Spiels were acted primarily by poor people like students, musicians, dancers, acrobats, and artisans. The performance space was either in large public venues like yeshivas, or in the homes of wealthy families after a festive meal. If the community was small, the actors took great pains to rehearse in secret and disguise themselves thoroughly so they would not be recognized to their shame. (Perhaps this would be a good idea for Temple Beth Shalom Purim Cast members to consider!!!!) The actors walked through the streets from house to house, followed by hordes of excited children, who would crowd into or hang from the windows of the homes of the rich, in order to see the performance. (Don't worry, you can have your own seat at TBS) In these homes the actors were rewarded in the form of money and/or food. (We have free hamantaschen for ALL!)

Yiddish theater did not spring directly from the Purim spiel. It was, however, influenced by the spiel's energy, warmth and vitality. The amateur folk quality of the Purim spiel and its ability to be ever-topical and irreverent has guaranteed its survival in synagogues and schools.

Join us **WEDNESDAY MARCH 20th at 6:30 PM** for the retelling of Purim story MUPPET style!

A **costume parade for children** will be included in the show and "valuable" prizes will be given to all participants. And now introducing our Muppet Spiel participants:

Purim Character	Muppet Character	Cast Member
Muppet Jr. Singers		3 rd and 4 th graders
King Ahashverosh	Gonzo	Joel Kent
Esther	Esther	Jodi Benningfield
Haman	Fozzy Bear	Nick Ciranni
Vashti	Miss Piggy	Kris Galloway
Mordechai	Kermit	Sean Silver
Zeresh	Penguin	Aliyah Cohen
Yiddish Chef	Yiddish Chef	Michael Berman
Beaker	Beaker	Jonathan Schaffir
Waldorf	Waldorf	Rabbi B.
Statler	Statler	Rabbi L.
Narrator 1	Scooter	Ira Scheer
Narrator 2	Rizzo	Marvin Blank
Announcer 1	Bobo	Rachel Goldblatt
Announcer 2	Sam the Eagle	Michael Cohen
Advisor 1	Bunson	Melissa Goldblatt
Advisor 2 (two muppets)	Yiddish Chef & Annie Sue Pig	Michael Berman & Susie Blank
Court 1	Manamona 1	Emma Rose
Court 2	Laurie Sue Pig	Laura Gang
Court 3	Manamona Jr.	Susan Bugenstein
Guard	Janace	Meredith Paul
Chicken	Camilla Chicken	Gail Rose
Script and lyrics		Sean Silver
Director		Pam Scheer
Choreography		Debbie Costa & Gail Rose
Scenery		Melissa & Rachel Goldblatt
Computer Specialists		Brian Galloway & Jim Bugenstein
Publicity and Program		Amanda Cohen
Piano	Rowlf the Dog	Scot Ashton
Percussion	Animal	Scott Roth

The Directive with Bonnie Abramowitz II



Temple Finances 101: Where Does My Money Go?

As I write this article, TBS is coming off a HUGE WIN for our finances-the Reverse Raffle. This fundraiser, spearheaded by Brian and Sarah Phillips, helped raise close to \$20,000 for Temple Beth Shalom, specifically to cover the increased cost of hiring live security and security enhancements.

Many folks within our community were surprised by the additional ask to raise money for security. I been asked countless times "Isn't that top of budget now?"

Oh how I wish temple budgeting were that easy! Without going into too much detail, our annual budget is prepared to have revenue and expenses match (zero-based budgeting), which means unexpected, unanticipated expenses cause a shortfall for the year, and create an issue for our long-term savings. When the Tree of Life Synagogue was attacked, it made us re-evaluate our annual security needs and how we protect those in our building each day, including our congregants, clergy, and staff.

Even with responsible budgeting, Membership commitments (dues) alone do not provide all of our funding, and each year Temple Beth Shalom needs roughly \$75,000 to be raised through "fundraising" to meet our annual expenses. This is a topic we do not talk about enough, and is sometimes uncomfortable. Conversations like this one are happening at many other congregations too-in talking to my colleagues TBS fares better than most, meaning our membership dollars cover more of our budget than the average congregation.

Recently I've had an increase in questions about temple finances, so I feel I need to bring the conversation to the surface. I've been asked "Why the multiple asks for money?" I've been told "It costs too much money to be a member of a temple". Another comment that cuts deeply: "I don't attend services, so why should I pay full membership?"

The funding you generously provide to Temple Beth Shalom (regardless of the amount) helps to sustain our existence. Our finances are strong, but as a young temple compared to others in our community, we do not have the benefit of endowments to help us fund our operations. Simply put, we need EVERY family's help to meet our financial goals. We know being a member of a temple is expensive. When you pay for membership at TBS, you are also helping make TBS affordable to those who cannot afford to pay full costs. You help the young family bring Judaism into their lives. You help the widow maintain her connection to TBS. You help the family struggling with medical expenses.

Our temple was founded on the core values of being welcoming and accessible. Next time you are in the building, please spend a moment on the Mezzanine Level and look at the wall above the sofa. Many of those folks who donated to the fundraiser that built our building did not often attend services. But they believed in a vision of a special Reform Congregation in the Northeast suburbs of Columbus...and we're so blessed to be here.

Supporting TBS

**Do you pay the temple with a credit card?
While the convenience is fantastic, it
also costs the temple 3% of each charge
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Tot Shabbat Purim Party!

Saturday, March 9 | 10 AM
@ Temple Beth Shalom

Join Marc Rossio, Angelo Dunlap, Rabbi Lenette, and Rabbi Benjy for Purim songs, stories, snacks, crafts, and a ton of fun for our younger friends and their families!



CALLING ALL 7TH-12TH GRADERS

PURIM LOCK-IN

MARCH 16TH | 7:30 PM | TBS

HANG W/ FRIENDS!

EAT FOOD!

SET UP FOR THE PURIM CARNIVAL!

WATCH MOVIES!

SLEEP?????

RSVP to Hannah Rossio at hrossio@tbsobio.org

Get Ready For The BeSTY Annual

Purim Carnival!

Sunday, March 17 | 11:15am-1pm | TBS

Costumes! Games! Prizes!
Raffle! Bouncy House!

Ticket & Lunch Information

Lunch Passes:

- \$5 per-person
- Children under 3 are free!
- Hotdogs, veggie burgers, chips, soda, & hamantaschens

Unlimited Fun! (\$15/person)

- Unlimited Games
- 5 Raffle Tickets

Extra Raffle Tickets: \$1 each

Receive 1 RAFFLE TICKET for every CAN OF FOOD brought to the carnival (max 10 tickets)! Cans will be donated to Village Coalition Against Hunger



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

presents

the Muppets PURIM SPIEL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 6:30PM



Join in the fun of retelling the Purim story!

Watch as familiar faces and beloved Muppet characters take on an epic interpretation of the story of Esther!

Written by: Sean Silver

Directed by: Pam Scheer

Choreography by: Debbie Costa & Gail Rose



16 Simcha Station

March Birthdays

March 1st — Karen Cohn, Shelby Levinson, Steven Senser
March 2nd — Aaron Garry, Phyllis Kritzer
March 3rd — Katharine Kort, Mitchell Silver
March 5th — Ellery Block
March 7th — Natasha Petroff, Milton Setnar, Lori Shaw
March 8th — Jan Singer, Laura Wartel, Heschel Zuckerman
March 9th — Bonnie Abramowitz, Leah Levinson,
Jeff Rinkov, Laura Rosenberg, David Taylor
March 10th — Lauren Bernard
March 11th — Lauren Cohen, Kathy Minkin, Joy Seeskin,
Miriam Siegfried, Sarah Wilson
March 13th — Leslie Fox, Marcie Golden, Shauna Harrison,
Donna Poppendieck
March 14th — Ben McVay, Rebecca Sela, Andy Senser,
Steve Siegel, Betty Sugarman, Kent Williams
March 15th — Lori Elwood
March 16th — Michael Barker
March 17th — Cathy Cantor, Phyllis Rosen, Robin Williams
March 18th — Bonnie Cram, Eric Emerman,
Randy Friedlander
March 19th — Steve Belford, Paul Roth
March 20th — Marah Derzon, Marc Posner, Gary Rozanczyk,
Toni Shoap, Beth Spiegler, Cindy Weisenberg
March 21st — Daniel Barnett, Alan Mandelbaum,
Stephen Pariser, Andrew Yosowitz
March 22nd — Herbert Bronstein, Sarah Odess,
Tirtzah Sandor
March 23rd — Seth Becker, Jerry Dobb, Jacob Foskuhl,
Michelle Sabadash, Douglas Schram
March 24th — Martin Daner, Mark Hess, Leslie Lansky
March 25th — John Fisher, Barbara Lichtblau
March 26th — Cheryl Boyce, Jaime Goldach, Amiel Mansur
March 27th — Kevin Bowen, Joshua Braveman,
Shelly Goodman, Kathy Segal,
Ron Tannenbaum, Debra Weinberg
March 28th — Carol Fey, Olga Litmanovsky
March 29th — Kevin Ellis, Seth Fliegel, Amanda Lifter
March 31st — Marian Cuenot, Arlene Headlee, Robin Lifter



March Anniversaries

March 1st — Jordan Finegold & Amy Klaben,
Richard & Arlene Headlee
March 13th — Emily Desmond & Bart Kelsey
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On Saturday, March 16th at 10am Natalie Layne Winland, daughter of Neila Lieberman and Eli Winland, sister of Ethan, Deagan, and Letty, granddaughter of Marc and Sharyn Lieberman, Dave and Kathy Winland, great-granddaughter of Burton Lieberman and great-granddaughter of the late Rhea Cohen is called to the Torah for her First Aliyah.

Natalie is a 7th grader at Bexley Middle School where she is on the golf team and sings in the choir. She attends Temple Beth Shalom's Kehillat Torah Religious School where she is involved in the Madrichim in Training Program. She enjoys playing soccer and basketball, reading and spending time with family and friends. She looks forward to spending her summers with friends at Camp Livingston in Bennington, Indiana.

For her mitzvah project, Natalie worked with the Columbus Jewish Historical Society to transcribe oral history interviews. She loves hearing the stories her great-grandfather shares and wanted to help preserve the stories shared by members of the Columbus community.

The family would like to thank Robin Leasure for her time and dedication in preparing Natalie for her special day.



Samuel Joseph Braveman, son of Michelle Sabadash and Joshua Braveman, will be called to the Torah for his First Aliyah on Saturday, March 30 at 10am. He is the grandson of Sharon and Norman Braveman of Rockville, Maryland, and Carolyn and Joseph Sabadash of Kettering, Ohio.

Sam is an 8th grader at Columbus Academy and attends Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School. He plays baseball for the Ohio Surge. He also enjoys playing piano and is a cellist in the Middle School Orchestra. This year, Sam was elected to Student Council and was the Spelling Bee champion. In his spare time he loves playing video games and cheering on his favorite teams, the New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox!

For his mitzvah project, Sam focused on education, helping students during TBS' Midweek Hebrew Enrichment and working on a project to support PJ Library. Sam would like to thank Rabbi Lenette, Rabbi Benjy, and Hannah Rossio, for their encouragement and enthusiasm in helping him prepare for his special day.

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Women of Beth Shalom

Thank you to all who attended quiz night, a great time was had by all! Bring out your inner artist at our girls night out on March 10th at Art Garden in Gahanna, 4:30pm-6:30pm. If you did not receive the sign up genius and are interested in attending please contact Michelle Waltman, mwaltman14@gmail.com, for more information. Passover will be here soon so we hope you can help us celebrate at our annual womens seder led by Rabbi Lenette on April 7th, 5pm at TBS, RSVP to Alisa Handmaker, amwh_2000@yahoo.com. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

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



We will be providing dinner for the 1st Grade Shabbat on March 1st. We hope to see you there.

Todd Goldman has decided to step down as our Vice President. As we don't have an outlined procedure for elections, I would like to appoint Mark Koval to take over the duties of Vice President.

If you are interested in helping or getting involved in the TBS Men's Club, email tbsohiomensclub@gmail.com.



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Sustainability Through Donors and Strategic Plan!

Recently, Bonnie traveled to Costa Rica. As she was touring through the beautiful country she drove past a synagogue and started thinking how amazing it is to have a synagogue in a place where probably we would least expect it. With its beaches, rain forests, and volcanoes, Costa Rica is an abundant natural playground. However, even with a very small Jewish population, a couple of synagogues do exist there.

On the flip side, Bonnie is reminded of her synagogue in Bentonville, Arkansas where she lived prior to moving to Columbus. She has recently become aware that the population of that synagogue has decreased to 1/3 of the number of families that comprised it just a couple of years prior. They are also without a building. Will this congregation endure these substantial challenges? Or, will it have to close permanently?

David grew up in Portsmouth, Ohio in a small Congregation which relied on student rabbis from HUC for rabbinic service. At the time his sister completed religious school, she was the last child of religious school age and religious school ceased to exist. While there is still a small Congregation in Portsmouth, it has to be very difficult to sustain itself.

How do these synagogues and others around the world and in the U.S. maintain their sustainability, or in the alternative, lack their ability to thrive? Although the definitive answer is probably not known, we here at Temple Beth Shalom know that we thrive because of our fabulous clergy and staff, Board of Trustees, volunteers, and generous donors.

In regards to the donors, we feel lucky to have donors like you who help TBS prosper. We are thankful to everyone who has given to our annual campaign, contributed to the capital/mortgage campaign, increased their annual dues this past year, and donated at other times of the year.

We recently celebrated some of our donors on January 25 with a donor appreciation pre-neg before the Broadway Shabbat. There we were able to thank them personally and talk about their future visions of TBS. We are so appreciative of The Men's Club, especially Brett Handmaker and Mark Koval for providing such a lovely spread of food.

Additionally, we are excited to have completed the TBS Strategic Plan 2019-2022 that will aid in sustaining us through the next chapter of TBS! Special thanks to Phil Goldstein who was instrumental in gathering the information, meeting with the Board, Rabbis, staff, and congregants, and then drafting an innovative document. We are elated about this plan that will guide us into the future. The Strategic Plan will be laid out more in future Window issues but the 5 key strategies are:

1. Increase member engagement
2. Plan for the long term/improve financial stability/maintain and upgrade facilities
3. Recruit new members
4. Maintain high quality of education/continue to innovate
5. Engage more congregants in TBS social action initiatives

We are gearing up for a plethora of events this Spring. You won't want to miss the Purim carnival on Sunday, March 17 and the Purim Spiel on Wednesday, March 20 where the TBS Muppets will entertain and amaze you! In April, get ready for the TBS Annual Passover Seder on Friday, April 19. At the end of April on the 27th, gear up for a cabaret themed gala! More TBS talent will be unveiled that evening which will also include dinner and a silent auction.

Temple Beth Shalom wouldn't prosper without all of you so thank you!

-Bonnie Cram and David Segal

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Thank you to Brian & Sarah Phillips, TBS Men's Club,
and our entire temple community for making our
first annual reverse raffle a success!

WBS Women's Seder

Sunday, April 7th | 5pm | TBS

Led by Rabbi Lenette Herzog &
Cantorial Soloist Gail Rose.

Please join us as we experience a special seder that highlights the connections between women and the Passover story. We'll raise a few glasses of wine to our matriarchs, celebrate the five women who helped bring about the Exodus, reimagine traditional elements of the seder, such as the Four Daughters, and more! Plus, eat a delicious seder meal and connect with other wonderful women at Temple Beth Shalom!

Name: _____

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You may list up to 3 names of women
with whom you wish to be seated.

Please send check payable to Women of Beth Shalom to TBS,
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Women of Beth Shalom



Lunch & Learn

March 19 | 11:30am

Jillyan Will is back and will be demonstrating basic self-defense techniques in the social hall.

Please come in comfortable clothing and footwear. This event is open to everyone at TBS.

Jillyan is a retired NA police officer who now runs her own business teaching self-defense.



Women of Beth Shalom

LUNCH BUNCH

MARCH 28 | 12PM | \$10/PERSON

Connecting the Dots Between Climate Change and Human Health

How is Elmo's 'Near & Far' schtick connected to talking about climate change? What do rising temperatures have to do with precipitation? What is an aedes aegypti mosquito and why are they able to survive in places they couldn't survive before? What do earlier springs and later falls have to do with Lyme disease? What is an urban heat island? Why is ozone bad nearby and getting worse? How can climate change effect drinking water?

Climate change is harming our communities in many ways. Human health was not commonly discussed as a consequence of climate change, but is very real and present.

These questions and more will be answered and discussed.



Elena Grossman is the Program Manager for Building Resilience Against Climate Effects in Illinois (BRACE-Illinois). BRACE-Illinois is a partnership between the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health and the Illinois Department of Public Health to help prepare Illinois for the health effects from climate change.

TBS Library News

By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson



Attention all readers: *Todah rabah!* The Kosher Bookworm is delighted to announce an anonymous congregant's generous library donation of 80 Jewish theme books. This congregant bought out and then donated the entire Judaica collection from the Village Bookshop during their Going Out of Business Sale. Among these volumes, there is bound to be a book with your name on it.

This reminds the Kosher Bookworm to mention donations of gently used or new books of a Jewish content or written by a Jewish author are always welcome. You may stop in the Office to get a tax donation receipt. Also, your tax-deductible cash donations to the TBS Library Fund are also welcome and will be used to buy new books. The Library Fund is an effective way to mark the occasion of a yahrzeit, life cycle event, special birthday or anniversary, or to express gratitude.

Other new library acquisitions: The TBS Library has recent shelved two new books bought with the aforementioned Library Funds. These books are hot off the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) Press - Reform Judaism Publishing (RJP):

☆ *This Joyous Soul: A New Voice for Ancient Yearnings* by Alden Solovy with the Foreword by Rabbi Sally J. Priesand. Creative liturgy is a mainstay of modern Jewish worship, both in the synagogue and in our private moments of joy and sorrow. *This Joyous Soul* provides a resounding yet contemporary voice that weaves new inspiration into traditional prayer. Structured to reflect the morning service found within the Reform siddur, *Mishkan T'filah*, this new collection invites a deeply personal prayer experience that will strengthen our connection to Jewish tradition and inspire us to make the prayers in the Reform siddur our own.

Like its predecessor, *This Grateful Heart*, this volume opens a door into the transformative power of prayer by breathing new life into the age-old conviction that our words have the power to impact the world. Whether for the individual or as a supplemental resource for the congregation, this anthology encourages us to explore the siddur with fresh eyes as we further our own personal practice of spiritual alchemy.

☆ *Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority: Our Jewish Obligation to Social Justice* edited by Rabbi Seth M. Limmer, DHL and Rabbi Johah Dov Pesner. This foundational new book reminds us of our ancient obligation to bring justice to the world. The essays in this collection explore the spiritual underpinnings of our Jewish commitment to justice, using Jewish text and tradition, as well as contemporary sources and models. Among the topics covered are women's health, LGBTQ rights, healthcare, racial justice, speaking truth to power, and community organizing.

Look for our next The Kosher Bookworm article in the June 2019 edition of The Window.

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TBS Passover Seder

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH | 6PM

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Ella Goldstick
Leah Golin
Yetta Jobrack
Gertrude Lazerwitz
Bruno Levenbach
David Lockshin
Evelyn Lynch
Devorah Perelstein
Charles Polacheck
Murray Rubin
Edith Samuel
Mike Schwantes
Allison Senser

March 8th

Leah Apothaker
Gussie Applebaum
Maryann Colangelo
Henry Dreyfuss
Thomas Dubin
Kay Feinknopf
Sylvia Feinstein
Robert Freed
Revekka Glazman
Bertha Headlee
Gloria Keren
Charles Lorber
Herb Lustig
Simon Mart
William Papier
Irv Schiffman
Max Werner

March 15th

Mavis Banks
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March 29th

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Milton Katz
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Friday, March 22 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.

Mitzvah Corps Central 25



March Monthly Mitzvah - Jewish Family Services Macaroon Collection

Jewish Family Services is an organization rooted in a rich history of Jewish values and more than 3800 years of experience. They help people in the two most important aspects of their lives: family and work. Through a unique combination of mental health and workforce development services, they help people and families become stronger. They help them to be self-sufficient, both emotionally and financially. In short, they change people's lives — one life at a time.

We will be collecting macaroons for JFS Passover Gift Bags. Please drop off items at TBS or bring them to Sunday School by March 31st.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 10th 9:15am @ JCC New Albany - Mitzvah Day Committee Meeting

If you would like to be on the planning committee, have ideas for service projects or want to donate items, please email rachel.murray26@gmail.com

Sunday, April 14th - Annual TBS Mitzvah Day

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 or 614.561.4346.

B.R.E.A.D. Network Meeting/Oneg Shabbat is Friday, March 8th

This is your opportunity to learn about B.R.E.A.D., which is comprised of many different religious groups that work together for SOCIAL JUSTICE in our local community. TBS has been active in B.R.E.A.D. for years yet many of our TBS members don't realize how important each B.R.E.A.D. member is to the progress made on community issues. Clarissa Epps from BREAD will update us on the issues that BREAD is currently working on, such as affordable housing, juvenile justice and problems affecting senior citizens. Please join us after services on Friday, March 8, to learn how you can get more involved in B.R.E.A.D.



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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APRIL 27 | 6:30PM



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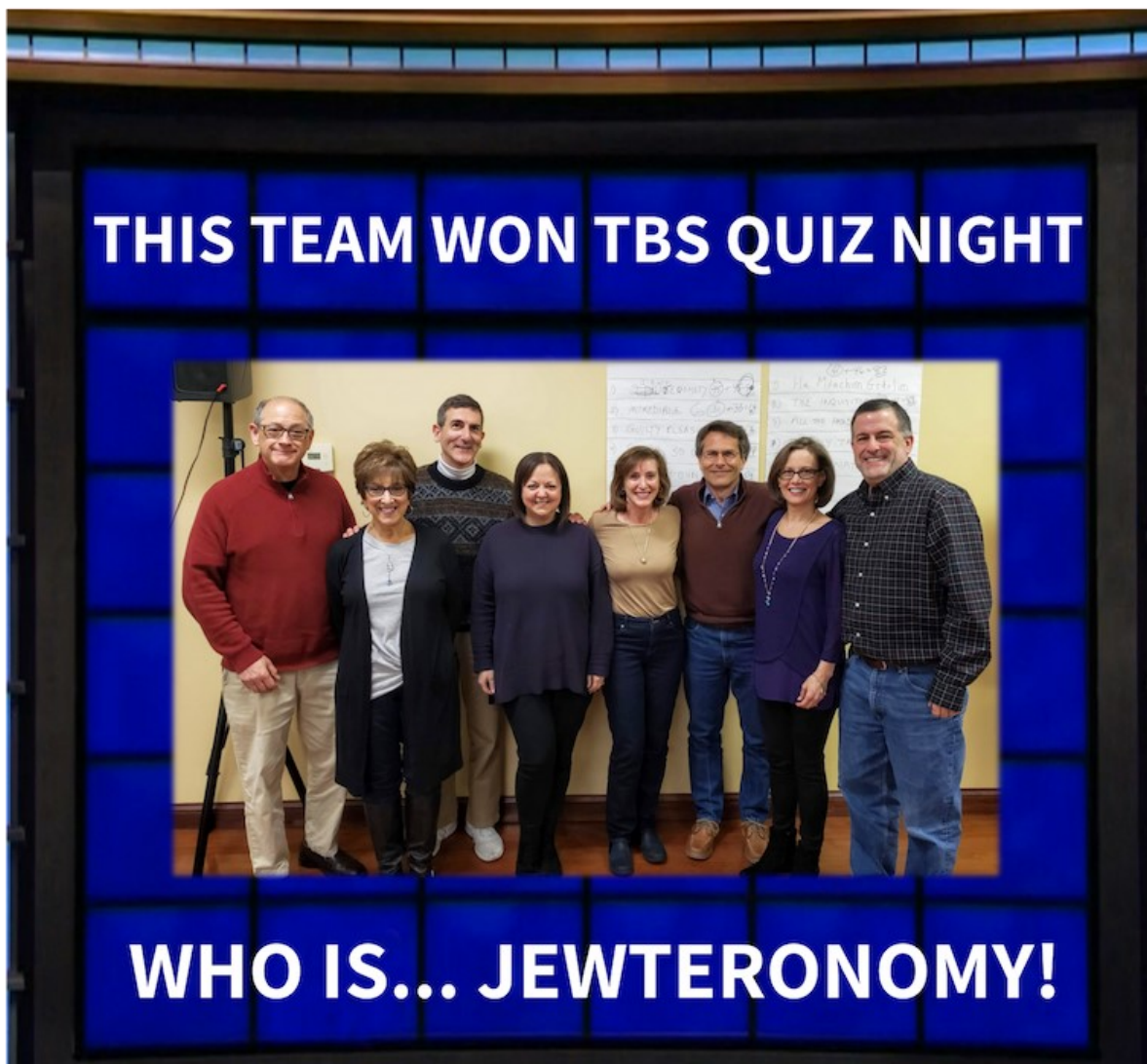


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