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April 15th-17th We March Forward Together



Gala Weekend Checklist:

Join us Friday, April 15th @ 6:30 for a Shabbat Chai!

Make sure you RSVP for the Gala on April 16th!

Don't forget to sign up for April 17th Mitzvah Day!

Reflections from Rabbi A



Sometimes things seem to happen for a reason ... and sometimes not.

Three years ago, my daughter, Leah, was in Washington, D.C. attending the Annual National Meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women. During her college days, she had worked in that office as an intern – her chosen agency as part of her degree in Public Policy from Ohio State. Now she was attending the conference and has maintained the relationship. While at that meeting in March of 2013, she went to the Gift of Life bone marrow registry to be swabbed.

She was signed up for the conference in March 2016.

But in January, that changed. She got the one in ten thousand calls, a call from the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry letting her know that she was a potential match for someone fighting acute myelogenous leukemia.

We knew about this leukemia. One of her cousins, married and a father of two children under thirteen years old, was a victim of this life-ending condition. His sister, happily, was a match and she was able to donate to help save his life.

Leah has always been reasonable and mitzvah-oriented. She was however so unreasonably afraid of needles, that the only time I even touched her in discipline was to restrain her so that she would get the shots she required. Now nearly 25 years old, she never really got over those fears. But to do this procedure involved getting shot after shot after shot – this to bring her normal white cell blood count from, say, around 6,000 to 85,000. Bones aching, she made it through, telling me the day afterwards, “Well, I am really happy that I don’t have to take any shots today.”

After two months of testing and medical screening, I was happy to accompany Leah while she spent March 16 donating peripheral blood stem cells to a stranger. We know that he was a 40-year-old man with three children. Leah does not know who he is or where in the United States he lives ... and will not know for some time.

She is realistic. Unfortunately the treatment for her cousin came too late, and, as things became desperate, the Rabbis from his shul came to the hospital in Ann Arbor with tallitot so that he could put them on his boys before he died. He succumbed the last time Michigan beat Ohio State in football.

Leah wrote on her Facebook page that she was asking “for good thoughts for my recipient who will get these cells tomorrow and whose life will, God willing, be saved.”

Her cousin, Jeffrey Camiener, alav hashalom, was an extremely nice fellow, well thought of wherever he went. And the questions of “Why Him” of course plague his memory.

You see, there are a lot of times in life when we don’t know “why.” We oftentimes hear it said that “Everything happens for a reason.” But who said that? You don’t find those words in Jewish texts. Of course, there are some like the mystic Baal Shem Tov, who said that everything happens for a reason ... that even when a leaf falls, it happens for a reason. Those who believe this way oftentimes turn to the story of Purim as proof. In the tale, many coincidences take place



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Join us on Sunday, May 8th at 9:00 am for a wonderful morning! Prospective students can join with their soon-to-be classmates and enjoy a fun filled morning of Religious School. While students are in class, parents are invited to an informational meeting about the school, and about our Sunday School for Adults program. There will be plenty of time to drink coffee, eat bagels, and get to know other parents as well!

Schedule:

- 9:00 am - Classes for students begin!
- 9:15 am - Prospective parents meet with current parents to chat about TBS and the Religious School.
- 9:45 am - Informational Meeting about TBS and the Religious School and our Sunday School for Adults Program.
- 11:00 am - Kids in K-2 are dismissed! Have a great week!
- 12:45 pm - Kids in 3-10 are dismissed! Have a great week!

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Event co-chairs Janice Brillson and Marilyn Friedman, plus the Spring Gala committee, have planned an evening filled with food and fun. It's a great opportunity to catch up with your Beth Shalom friends — and to thank Rabbi A. and Marcie for three-plus decades of leadership.

Rabbi Apothaker became a rabbi at TBS when our congregation was less than three years old and still sharing a building with Eastminster Presbyterian Church. On July 4, 1980, he led the first of what would become more than a thousand Sabbath services.

From weddings, baby namings and b'nei mitzvahs — to all of our holiday celebrations — both Rabbi A. and Marcie have been leaders in our congregation's most joyous events. Join us at The Gala and show them how much they have meant to us over the years!

If you haven't already done so, please RSVP
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Temple Beth Shalom is a warm and inclusive congregation whose members are inspired to explore and express Judaism within the broad and dynamic framework of Reform beliefs and practices. We seek to provide Jewish spiritual, educational and social opportunities which encourage personal development and social responsibility as well as promote greater knowledge of our Jewish history and culture.



... Esther – from out of nowhere – becomes the Queen, Mordechai's in the right place at the right time, the King can't sleep ... and then we find out that it all happened for a reason.

The Jewish Spanish philosopher, Yehuda Halevi, taught in the eleventh century, that there are three different causes for death: one is a natural cause, one is an incidental cause and sometimes there is a Divine cause ... sometimes ... but certainly not always. And in the next century, the rationalist, Maimonides thought that, while divine providence controls the collective destiny of the Jewish people, when it came to the destiny of individuals God's providence was limited to the most righteous and learned - not to the masses!

To modify a two-word popular statement: Stuff happens! And it doesn't always happen for a reason!

That is why it always shocks me when someone suffers a tragedy and friends tell them: "God has his reasons." Or: "God doesn't give us more than we can handle." Who said? I've seen all too many people who God has given a lot more than they can handle. Who knows why? Not everything makes sense.

So God puts us on earth to try to better the odds. In the Shakespearian classic, Julius Caesar, Cassius says to Brutus: "Men at sometimes are masters of their fates." Yes, there are things in life without reason, but other things with. God does not make a personal appearance in the Story of Esther and Mordecai and the salvation of the Jews of Shushan. But God's representatives, you and I, and Leah, can and must.

When they completed the harvest of the stem cells, the 16 oz. or so looked so common, similar to a heavy baggie of turkey gravy. Things got more serious when I read the expiration date on the bag. All this work and by this time the next day, this fluid's life-giving force will expire. But the sense of both urgency and hope would be stimulated by the last scene.

You know the tale of Sisyphus, punished for eternity by being forced to roll an immense boulder up a hill, only to watch it roll back down, repeating this action in perpetuity? Well, these difficult trips from Detroit from Jackson, MS, the multiple shots, the body pain, the anxiety, the "culling" procedure itself, could have all been in vain until, about a half hour after procedure was over. Then I saw the courier speaking with the coordinator of this whole sophisticated and highly-orchestrated procedure. On that courier's travel bag was the blue insulated container with the stem cells. In his pocket was a ticket that would allow him guaranteed travel on any airline from Detroit to any airport at any time to deliver "life" to the "dying." The Sisyphean boulder would make it over the top.

Yes, there are things in God's hands, others in ours. Yes, there are things beyond our control, but much that we can control.

While we battled against "Haman," Mordechai and Esther went to work and took things into their own hands. And when they did, we were able to prevail against forces that might have destroyed us. We sought a sign of God's presence, and we found the divine spark God planted within us.

And as individuals we get tired of combating the physical and emotional challenges we confront. But we dare not give in to despair ... we dare not lower our bar. We can be examples of what was said of the Jews in the days of Purim: "*La-yehudim hayata orah v'simhah* – and for the Jews there was light and joy... *kein tihiyeh lanu* – so may it be for us." Amen.

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The Buzz from Rabbi B

Rabbi Benjy A. Bar-Lev, Associate Rabbi



Freedom During Passover: Food Security in 2016

In the summer of 2004 Karena Bailey moved to the Colorado Rockies for a change of pace and to enjoy the clean mountain air. Although she enjoyed the beauty of the town, she had a difficult time finding work there. After her intended job fell through, she searched for months to get any type of work, even looking outside of her professional field. After six months of searching, Karena ran out of money. She was alone and stranded. On top of her financial woes, she soon after became very ill with a rare intestinal infection. She had no job, no health insurance, and few friends in her new town. She was sleeping on the floor of a friend's vacant rental property. A few months later around the December holidays, she was able to secure a part time job in a mall shop with good co-workers and a nice boss. She made enough money to put gas in her car, pay a few bills, and eat at least one meal each day.

She had a hard time watching people doing holiday shopping, while there were some days where she didn't eat much at all. Her situation was not looking good. That evening, as Karena sat in her car, she prayed a very specific prayer - please God, provide me with a decent meal, so I can get healthier, beat my illness, and be strong. Having gathered enough strength to drive herself home, she started the car, and headed toward the rental property. As she pulled up the driveway, she looked toward her front door, and saw four large grocery bags on her front stoop. She sat in the car for a moment looking at them - what could that possibly be? She got out of her car, looking for a sign that anyone was there or had been there. Nothing. She walked over to the bags and saw something amazing. Four large bags of groceries. Not just any groceries, but many of the foods that Karena loved and would have bought if she had the money to do so. She was shocked.

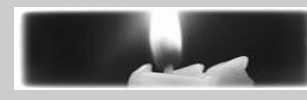
Few people, including her family knew where she lived. She had been pretty quiet about her financial woes. She called everyone she could think of, but nobody confessed to leaving all that food for Karena. She later said, "In a way, those grocery bags of food saved my life. I had good food to eat. I became stronger, and got better physically. After the gift of groceries, my faith was strengthened, and my

spiritual vigor increased. I became myself again. It was only a few weeks after that that I was offered a good job in my profession, and was back on my feet shortly after that. You might say that the groceries were the most miraculous gift I could have received, because they were an injection of positive energy - exactly what I needed to go on. Karina later found out, that her boss, the owner of the little shop in the mall, had purchased the groceries for her. He said to her, "I was hungry once. I remember. I couldn't forget if I tried. When I got back on my feet I promised to always remember my experience, and help people in small ways wherever I can."

Near the end of this month starts the wonderful holiday of Passover. Passover is a time to be with family, a time to celebrate the freedoms we have. I remember our family seders growing up - they were chaotic to say the least. I can still close my eyes and see our family's seder table in my grandparents' living room. I can smell the matzah ball soup. I can picture my Grandfather asking us if we know what "moraine" is (cattle disease). I can hear my grandmother and mom laughing together. Time around the family seder table is irreplaceable - it is so important. But even as we sit around these tables in 2016, joyfully telling the story of our people who went from slavery to freedom, we must remember that there are many within our own community who are not yet free, who do not have a table around which to sit. They are people who don't have enough to eat, who go to bed hungry, who are lacking in strength. As Samuel Chu from Mazon reminded us at the Reform Community Shabbat last month, the latest numbers show that right now there are 48.1 million Americans struggle with hunger every day, including 15.3 million children, and 5.4 million seniors. Thousands of people right here in our city are in need. Here in Ohio, we are the 6th worst in the nation, with more than 16% of our households being food insecure. But we can help.

During our Passover seder, there is a famous line in our haggadah which says, "*Ha lachma anya*. This is the bread of affliction... Let all who are hungry, come and eat; all who are needy, come and share

April Yahrzeits



April 1

Rose Cooperman
Ronald Costa
Seymour Golden
Saul Horn
Richard Jackson
Yuliy Kamenetskiy
Marvin Metz
George Resnick
Yetta Roth
Sanford B. Sanford
Theodore Sindlinger
Alan Weinberg

April 8

Ida Basch
Paula Benjamin
Sifried Ehrenberg
Abraham J. Gershovitz
Jacqueline Hoff
Evelyn Jacobs
David A. Kass
Melvin L. Klein
Ida Madorsky
Aron Mizrahi
Anna Rich
William Teitel
Adolph Weiler
Bess Wine

April 15

Edna Mae Abel
Richard J. Abel
Abraham Allen
Benson Apothaker
Donald Berger
Ben B. Bronstein
Christopher Cassidy
Benjamin Coe
Carole S. Deibel
Rabbi Charles J. Freund
Celia Friedlander
Ben Green
Barbara Holstein
Jack Kessler
Theodore Lansky
Belle Lurie
Margaret McCullough
Edward Miller
Ethel Neustadt
Irving Perelstein

Lester Pies
Blanche Richardson
Mack Roth
Marjorie Sher
Edward Shnider
Howard Smilack
Morris Spector
Al Tannenbaum
Maurice Washer

April 22

Ida Alpert
Marilyn Blackstone
Marion G. Cohen
Shelia Feinknopf
Louis P. Finkelstein
Edward M. Fuler
Ruth Jaffe
Lilian Kanter
Minna Landers
John L. Mormol
Shirley Pavlofsky
Martha L. Rosenberg
Ada R. Sachs
Lois Snider
Elton Steinman
Bernard Wolkow

April 29

Allen Baker
Salley Blum
Yette Brillson
Tina Cohen
Jack Cooperman
Nachum Feinstein
Sally Figler
Irving Fireman
Reuben Guthoff
Leonard Holstein
Ruth Kleiman
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Gerald Malmon
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Pesach with us.” It doesn’t matter what the person’s race or gender or religion - here we are commanded to open our doors to anyone in need. Rabbi Sarah Weissman teaches us that “Giving charity is a built-in component of many Jewish holidays, from Purim to the High Holidays. But the invitation extended in the Haggadah is unique: we don’t just give money or food to others in honor of the holiday. During Passover, we don’t go out and drop some coins into a beggar’s cup or drop off some cans at a food bank. We open our doors and invite the needy into our homes, to sit at our tables with our loved ones, to join us in a more intimate, personal way. *Ha lachma anya* begins the Maggid section of the Seder, the telling of the story of the Exodus. In a way, this invitation to share *lachma anya*, the matzah, bread of affliction and liberation, demonstrates that Passover is an antidote to isolation. Meals and stories, the twin essences of the Seder, are meant to be shared. The Haggadah teaches us that our obligation is not only to give to the poor, to fill their physical needs, but is also to fill their emotional and spiritual needs, the needs of support, caring, acknowledgment. The invitation of the Seder is an offer of nourishment of all kinds.”

If we think about our lives in terms of the Pesach story, many of us would find that we are much more like the Egyptians than the Israelites. Many of us are comfortable, well nourished, and not in need. But Pesach reminds us that we must use that power we have for good. Pesach reminds us that we too were slaves, we too were Israelites, and it’s important for us to act on behalf of those who are in need.

So what can we do? The best thing we can do is open up our homes and our seders to those in need.

Maybe we have a friend or an acquaintance who we know could use a good meal, and an invitation to seder may be just the salve he or she needs. We can also help by supporting our United for Hunger Walk-a-Thon for Mazon on May 1st. The Religious Schools of all three Reform Congregations are coming together to raise money for Mazon, a Jewish organization that helps solve issues of food insecurity in our country. The walk will provide funds for Mazon and food for the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. You can enter as a walker with our Religious School students for \$18, you can sponsor a child who is walking for \$18 or more, or you can donate to the fund. You can find a link on the Temple website to do that. Join us at the New Albany 2-8 building on May 1st at 9:00 am for a wonderful program - it will be a walk-a-thon followed by a Rick Recht Concert - hopefully we will raise lots of money to help some of the people in need in our communities.

Back in Colorado, Karina took her boss’s message to heart, and has been buying groceries for people in need ever since January of 2005. Recently, when reminiscing with her boss, she found out how much he paid for those bags of groceries: \$75. “That seventy five dollars saved me.” It wasn’t just the food that saved her, it was the fact that someone cared, that someone acted on her behalf, that someone put himself in her shoes, and found it very difficult to walk. Let us, this Passover season, remember that during our seders, we are instructed to literally picture ourselves as slaves coming out of Egypt. Let us open our doors and our hearts and our wallets to those in our community in need. And let us, this Passover season, work to make our community a place where no one is enslaved, and everyone is free.

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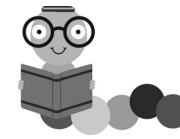
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The Kosher Bookworm By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson

Lee Mandel Author of 'Unlikely Warrior: A Pacifist Rabbi's Journey from the Pulpit to Iwo Jima', to Speak at Beth Tikvah Columbus

On Monday, May 2, at 7:00 PM at Congregation Beth Tikvah, Lee Mandel will deliver a presentation on his 2015 book *Unlikely Warrior: A Pacifist Rabbi's Journey from the Pulpit to Iwo Jima*. This presentation is a community wide event sponsored as part of the 2015-2016 JCC of Greater Columbus Bookfair Program. The book is the well-researched and very well written account of Rabbi Roland Bertram Gittelsohn (1910-1985).

Mandel is a retired physician from the US Navy Medical Corps, at the rank of Captain. He has previously published *Moryak: A Novel of the Russian Revolution*, for which he was awarded the 2010 Grand Prize for Fiction from the Santa Fe Creative Arts Council. Additionally, as an acknowledge authority on JFK, Lee was featured on "Ten Things You Don't Know About John F. Kennedy," in one of the episodes of the History Channel's 'Ten Things You Don't Know About...' series.

Roland Gittelsohn story begins as a first generation American born of an immigrant family that settled in Cleveland, Ohio. His father, Reuben, was a frustrated physician and his grandfather, Benjamin Gittelsohn, was an Orthodox rabbi. Roland was a brilliant student and a champion high school debater. In 1936, he was ordained as a Rabbi by the Hebrew Union College, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gittelsohn went on to become a beloved congregational pulpit rabbi. However, he became most well-known for his extreme pacifist views, which he frequently expressed. In his mind, warring was totally unacceptable and could not be justified under any circumstance. This, of course, was during a time in history between the two World Wars; the first often being referred to as "the war to end all wars."

Nazi Germany under Hitler began waging war on his neighboring sovereign nations and news of Hitler's acts of antisemitism on Jews within Germany began trickling into the US. Even this did not dissuade Gittelsohn from his ardent pacifist stand including his urging the US to stay out of the European affairs of the time. Then, December 7, 1941 came and with it the unprovoked and massive attack by the Imperial Japanese Navy on Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands. The American overwhelming reaction was shock resulting in a quick Declaration of War.

Pearl Harbor and the Declaration of War against Japan deeply troubled a now conflicted Gittelsohn. He ultimately convinced himself war was justified under these circumstances, a change of personal conscious and conviction not undertaken lightly. True to his new values, he made application to become commissioned in the active duty Navy Chaplain Corps. After attending Chaplain School, Gittelsohn became the very first Jewish Navy Chaplain to be assigned to the Marine Corps. He endured considerable antisemitism during stateside and Hawaiian Islands assignments.

Fast forward to Iwo Jima; assigned to fleet marines. Gittelsohn was in the thick of this most horrible of battle-grounds. He administered to the spiritual and comfort needs of marines -- many frightened, wounded, and far too many dying. As is a Navy Chaplain's training, he saw to the needs of marines regardless of their respective religion. He served most courageously in a very hostile environment of incoming fire -- often placing his own life in danger.

In the immediate aftermath of this long and hard fought battle, one of the important tasks for the survivors was the proper burial of the remains of their far too many marine comrades. The Iwo Jima battleground cemetery was divided in Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant sections. The Senior Chaplain at Iwo Jima selected Navy LT Gittelsohn to make the eulogy speech for all buried in the battleground cemetery. There ensued an uprising by Gittelsohn's colleagues, especially the Catholic Chaplains, to not allow a Jew to eulogize the non-Jewish hero-dead. The Senior Chaplain stayed with his original plan despite these protests and threats to appeal up the chain-of-command. Gittelsohn in a near last minute decision declined to make the eulogy speech in order to protect the Senior Chaplain from a controversy that would most assuredly have been a blemish on his military record. Thus, chaplains from Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish denominations gave separate eulogy speeches over the buried in their respective cemetery sections. Gittelsohn, not having time to rewrite the eulogy he prepared for all the buried marines, delivered that prepared eulogy over the Jewish Section. What followed was nothing short of amazing. I will leave it to Lee Mandel to tell the rest of the story.

Please plan to attend Lee Mandel's remarks on this extraordinary rabbi, chaplain, and human being. Contact Cheryl Dritz (614-599-6238), at the JCC, for event details and to reserve a seat. It is an event not to miss!

A copy of *Unlikely Warrior* is available for loan in our Temple's Library and is shelved with Elazar Catalog Number 799.7MAN.

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B'nei Mitzvah for April

Bar Mitzvah, Max Westrick is called to the Torah on April 2, 2016 at 4:00 pm for his First Aliyah. Max is the son of Rachel and Timothy Westrick, brother to Bryce, Jack and Sloane, and grandson to Bob & Teri Floscowe and Ed & Grace Westrick. Max attends Kehillat Torah at Temple Beth Shalom and is currently enrolled in the 7th grade at New Albany Middle School. Max, who enjoys playing soccer, hanging out with friends, reading and playing saxophone, would like to thank Rabbi Benjy and Brett for their help in, "making every tutoring session fun!"



Bat Mitzvah, Abby Bryce Goldberg, is called to the Torah on April 16, 2016 at 10:00 am for her First Aliyah. Abby is the daughter of Holly Hobzek and Ken Golderg. She is the sister of Sam and Leia Goldberg and granddaughter to Joseph & Eleanor Hobzek and Donald & Judy Goldberg. Abby attends Kehillat Torah religious school at Temple Beth Shalom and is currently enrolled in the 7th grade at Karrer Middle School in Dublin. Abby volunteered her time and delivered meals to those in need throughout Central Ohio. Abby, who loves sports, choir and vacationing to the beach, would like to thank Wendy Cohen for all of her help in preparing for her Bat Mitzvah.



Bat Mitzvah, Sophia Rachel Shai is called to the Torah on April 9, 2016 at 10:00 am for her First Aliyah. Sophia is the daughter of Sharon and Oren Shai. She is the older sister of Stella Shai and granddaughter to Elmer & Patricia Stoneking and Amnon & Edia Shai. Sophia attends Kehillat Torah at Temple Beth Shalom and is currently in the 7th grade at Heritage Middle School in Westerville. Sophia, who enjoys playing violin, soccer and swimming, would like to thank her tutor Robin Leasure for all of her help.



Bar Mitzvah, Samuel Harrison is called to the Torah on April 16, 2016 at 4:00 pm for his First Aliyah. Sammy is the son of Shauna and Jeffrey Harrison. He is the grandson of Linda & Bob Edie, the late Sanford Heyman, and Marlene & Jerry Harrison. Sammy is currently enrolled in the 6th grade at Gahanna Middle School South. Samuel enjoys studying languages and history with an affinity for politics and social justice. He likes spending time with friends, family and his cat Abigail. Sammy shared his love of reading by donating books to Nationwide Children's Hospital through the Reach Out And Read Program.



Bat Mitzvah, Isabella Minkin is called to the Torah April 9th at 4:00 pm for her First Aliyah. Isabella is the Daughter of Matt and Becky Minkin. She is the sister to Nicholas and granddaughter to Marilyn & Herb Minkin and Sue & Dick Coomer. Isabella is currently enrolled in the 7th grade at Columbus School for Girls where she enjoys playing basketball, golf, drawing and spending time with friends and family. Isabella gave her time to the residents of the dementia unit at the Sunrise of Bexley center. She would like to thank Rabbi Benjy and Brett for, "making tutoring so much fun!"



Bat Mitzvah, Elsa Mendel is called to the Torah April 30 at 10:00 am for her First Aliyah. Elsa is the daughter of Carolyn and Brian Mendel. She is sister to Corinna and Adaline and granddaughter to Marjorie & Neal Toebe and Phyllis & Charlie Mendel. Ella attends Kehillat Religious School at Temple Beth Shalom and is currently enrolled as a 7th grader at Chillicothe Middle School, where she enjoys cheerleading, running track and being with friends and family. Elsa graciously gave her time to the Ross County Human Society where she took care of the animals at the kennel. Elsa is grateful of the, "tutoring and support" provided by Rabbi Apothaker.



President's Column

Steve Herman, TBS Board President



Each spring there is a certain nostalgia as we stretch and shake off the winter. Each spring I hear the song "Here Comes the Sun," and it's like the first time I ever heard the song. I think this is why we celebrate Passover in the spring time, so we can celebrate the years that have passed, yet look forward to what the future has to offer. And this spring is full of opportunities to look forward. With The Women of Beth Shalom's 18th Women's Only Seder, the events over the Gala Weekend, and of course the Temple Wide Seder!

Diane and I are very excited to spend the evening with Rabbi Apothaker, Marcie Golden and all of you to celebrate the 36th year of a career steeped in dedication and hard work. Rabbi Apothaker and Marcie Golden have provided this community with such vision, guidance and dynamic synergy and we cannot thank them enough...they are truly inspirational. We are very much looking forward to dining, celebrating and laughing along together as we launch forward into this new chapter of Temple Beth Shalom!

Of course the Gala Weekend isn't just about Saturday night! We invite you to join us on Friday April 15th for a wonderful Shabbat Chai featuring the Shabbat! It will be a great way to kick off the Gala weekend and truly come together as a community! And of course, the crown of the Gala Weekend is the Mitzvah Day Celebration! There are many, many

outstanding activities to take part in and wonderful opportunities to give back to the community. We will be joined in our efforts this year by our friends from across the parking lot at All Saints Episcopal Church! A huge thank you is owed to Marilyn Friedman, Janice Brillson and the rest of the Gala Committee for their hours of hard work and dedication to ensuring this weekend's success. Thank you all.

I would be remised if I didn't mention the April 22 Temple Beth Shalom "First Seder". A wonderful opportunity to get together with the community, be with friends and family and not have to worry about preparing a Pesach meal! For a nominal fee, which can be found elsewhere in "The Window", we welcome everyone, one and all, to join in our Passover Seder!

Thank you,

Steve

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10 9:00 am Kehillat Torah 9:15 am Study with Rabbi/ Sunday school for parents 4:00 pm TBS Board Meeting	11	12 6:00 pm Weight Watchers	13 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 4:00 pm Kehillat Torah Midweek Hebrew	14	15 6:30 Gala Weekend Shabbat Chai!!!	16 10:00 am Bat Mitzvah, Abby Goldbergs First Aliyah 4:00 pm Bat Mitzvah, Sammy Harrison's First Aliyah 6:30 pm The Gala!
17 9:00 am Mitzvah Day!!!	18	19 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 6:00 pm Weight Watchers	20 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 4:00 pm Kehillat Torah Midweek Hebrew	21	22 5:30 Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 Temple Wide Seder!	23 10:00 am Simchat Shabbat Services
24 9:00 am Kehillat Torah 9:15 am Study with Rabbi/ Sunday school for parents	25	26 6:00 pm Weight Watchers	27 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 4:00 pm Kehillat Torah Midweek Hebrew	28	29 6:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service	30 10:00 am Bat Mitzvah, Elsa Mendel's First Aliyah

Women of Beth Shalom Present
The 18th Annual Women's Seder



Sunday April 3rd, 2016
4:30 pm

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What's The Skinny
At Temple Beth Shalom?

April:

- 1st—4th Grade Shabbat 6:30 pm
- 3rd—18th Annual Women's Seder, 4:30 pm
- 11th-14th—Rabbi On the Road!
- 15th—Gala Shabbat Chai, 6:30
- 16th—Spring Gala honoring Rabbi Apothaker and Marcie Golden, 6:30pm
- 17th—Mitzvah Day at TBS
- 22nd—TBS Wide Pesach "First Seder"

May:

- 1st—Reform Community Walk-A-Thon featuring performing artist Rick Recht, 9:15 am
- 6th—2nd Grade Bridge Ceremony Shabbat
- 12th—TBS Craft Night! Get Creative at TBS! 7:00 pm
- 13th—Confirmation Shabbat

June:

- 3rd—Send off Shabbat
- 11th—Shavuot

April Birthdays

Friday, April 1st: Elijah Fox, Matthew Harris, Claire Klodell, Alyssa Schottenstein, Avery Bank, Aaron Loochtan

Sunday, April 3rd: Gabriella Levine, Max Goodman, Ethan Winland, Elaina Mears, Amitai Sela

Monday, April 4th: Cindy Coleman, Avi Rubin, Andrea Malinger, Nathaniel Konin, Elijah Flickinger, Annabelle Feibel, Carol Aurnou

Tuesday, April 5th: Caroline Cohn, Judith Lee

Wednesday, April 6th: Diane Sokolov, Alex Worly

Thursday, April 7th: Thomas Schwartz, Bernard Cohen, Linda Alter, David Stein, Robert Blum, Madison Waltman, Michael Zucker, Linda Barger, Rachel Westrick

Friday, April 8th: Larry Cowan, Sandra Phalen, Jasmine Rubinstein, Linda Sher, Landon Crawford

Saturday, April 9th: Lisa Hess, Scott Alpert, Ari Gillespie Levine

Sunday, April 10th: Madelyn Lee, Miriam Shoap, Richard Headlee

Monday, April 11th: Joshua Voronkov, Louie Becker, Max Westrick, Amy Klaben, Liam Covitz, Jordan Skilken

Tuesday, April 12th: Eric Bravo, Kim Dorrian, Tess Hoch, Cindy Ravitsky

Wednesday, April 13th: Scott Abramowitz, Roger Friedman

Thursday, April 14th: Grace Braslawsce, Peggy Masser, David Fishman

Friday, April 15th: Riley Bullock, Barry Steinman, Dane Perelstein, Abby Goldberg, Karen Matros, Erica Goldman



Saturday, April 16th: Mark Slabodkin, Zachary Boyce, Pedro Faerman, Maureen Handler

Sunday, April 17th: Dave Mandelbaum, Charlotte Smith, Judy Feiertag

Monday, April 18th: Jillian Brodsky, Leo Rycus, Max Rycus, Gabrielle Fireman, Max Beeler, Shari Brooks

Tuesday, April 19th: Bart Kelsey, Mindy Hickenbottom, Jillian Bullock

Wednesday, April 20th: Richard Meizlish, Jerrold Lazerwitz, Elinor Kaufman, John Richardson

Thursday, April 21st: Wendy Cohen, Janet Yaillen, Steve Herman

Friday, April 22nd: Robert Weiler, Caroline Green

Saturday, April 23rd: Sidney Derzon, Janet Meltzer, Andrea Kleppel, Ira Scheer, Charles Macia, Emily Desmond

Sunday, April 24th: Elizabeth Lynn, Ellery Cadel, Maxwell Scheiner, Brendan Cohen

Monday, April 25th: Samuel Harrison, Michele Gurevitz, Yakov Kamenetskiy

Tuesday, April 26th: Mark Schuster, Campbell Thompson

Wednesday, April 27th: Jean Epstein, Cynthia Cohen

Thursday, April 28th: Harrison Lippy, Alexander Kamenetskiy, Nathan Salon, Josh Berk

Wednesday, April 29th: Barbara Belford, David Griffaton

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1. Passover Pottery at Wexner Heritage **NEW** (15 person limit)
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4. Ronald McDonald House (2-3 families per shift)
5. New Albany Nature Preserve (Unlimited)
6. Meals on Wheels (10 person limit)

For More Information and

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We look forward to seeing all of you April 17th at 9:00am at Temple Beth Shalom!

Beth Shalom Temple Youth Group Spring Events!

BeSTY (9th-12th Grades)

Saturday, April 2nd – Havdallah Movie Night

Saturday, May 7th – Scavenger Hunt at the Zoo

Sunday, May 15th – Columbus Clippers

Club 56 (5th-6th Grades)

Sunday, April 3rd – Video Game Truck

Sunday, April 31st – Rule 3

Sunday, May 8th – COSI

JuBeSTY (7th-8th Grades)

Sunday, April 10th – LazerKraze

Saturday, May 7th – Scavenger Hunt at the Zoo

Sunday, May 15th – Columbus Clippers

Chaverim (3rd-4th Grades)

Sunday, May 1st – COSI

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