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Happy Chanukah!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 1pm— Daytime Mahj	4	5 6:30pm— 3rd Grade Camp Shabbat	6 10am— Zoom Service & Study
7 9am— Religious School	8	9 10am— TBS Around Town: Van Gogh Exhibit	10 1pm— Daytime Mahj	11	12 6:30pm— Virtual Veterans Day Shabbat	13 10am— Noa Dunkle FA
14 9am— Religious School	15 7pm— BREAD Annual Assembly	16 11am— Lunch & Learn	17 1pm— Daytime Mahj	18 7:30pm— Rossio Concert	19 6:30pm— Shabbat Chai in the Sanctuary	20 10am— Josephine Levy FA 4pm— Tot Shabbat and Havdalah
21 9am— Religious School 7pm— Poker Night	22	23	24 1pm— Daytime Mahj	25 Thanksgiving	26 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	27 10am— Zoom Service & Study
28 6:30pm— Online Chanukah Candle Lighting 	29 6:30pm— Online Chanukah Candle Lighting 	30 6:30pm— Online Chanukah Candle Lighting 		All Outdoor Services are Weather Permitting! Check social media or your email for any changes.		

4 The Buzz with Rabbi B



Fighting Hate with Heart

The Following is an Edited reprint of Rabbi B's Rosh HaShanah Sermon.

Shanah tovah! I would like to begin this morning's talk, by taking you on a trip back to the 1990's. 1993 to be exact. It was a simpler time, before smartphones existed, before social media, the internet itself was only just getting started. This story takes place out west in Billings Montana, in December of 1993. It was one of the early nights of Chanukah, and the Schnitzer family celebrated by displaying Menorahs in the windows of their home.

During this joyous season, they were excited to display their menorahs, eager to teach their kids about taking pride in their Judaism. But one night, the family was startled to hear a crash of broken glass. As they investigated they found a brick had been thrown through the window of their six-year-old son's bedroom. While that act was horrible and disturbing, what happened afterward was far more memorable. This wasn't the first act of hate that Billings had seen that year. In recent months both a black church and a native American family had been targets of intimidation and hate speech. The people of Billings showed remarkable unity and decided that they had had enough with the hate, the bigotry, and the antisemitism. Religious and community leaders, labor union volunteers, law enforcement, the local newspaper and concerned residents united in action and spoke loudly against hate and intolerance, proclaiming in no uncertain terms "Not In Our Town." The following text appeared in the newspaper the next day. It said, "On December 2, 1993, someone twisted by hate threw a brick through the window of the home of one of our neighbors: a Jewish family who chose to celebrate the holiday season by displaying a symbol of faith—a menorah—for all to see. Today, members of religious faiths throughout Billings are joining together to ask residents to display the menorah as a symbol of something else: our determination to live together in harmony, and our dedication to the principle of religious liberty embodied in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. We urge all citizens to share in this message by displaying this menorah on a door or a window from now through Christmas. Let all the world know that the national hatred of a few cannot destroy what all of us in Billings, and in America, have worked together so long to build."

The Billings Gazette published a full-page image of a menorah in their newspaper. By the end of the week more than ten thousand homes became decorated with menorahs. They said, "not in our town." We will stand together, support one another. We will create light among this horrible darkness.

This story is touching on a number of levels. People stood up for one another. They didn't back down in the face of hatred and antisemitism. The community united and said, 'we are here for each other. We care about one another.' And they were able to work together to rid their town of these hate groups. Perhaps what worked almost thirty years ago is still instructive to us today.

As I deliver these words in September of 2021, many of us in the Jewish community have had our guard up for some time now, as the uptick in antisemitism that we've seen in these past years feels very tangible to us. In the weeks following this past summer's fighting between Israel and Gaza, the ADL tracked that antisemitism went up by 75%. And unfortunately, antisemitic speech is one of the only bi-partisan endeavors in our country at the moment - it's coming both from the right and the left. It also just seems like we are living in a time when baseless hatred and tribalism are at an all-time high. We don't talk to people who have views different from our own. We don't pursue friendships with people from different walks of life. We stick with our own tribe and demonize others.

Rabbi Angela Buchdal reminds us that, "Our tradition calls Rosh Hashanah-- Yom Teruah, the day for the Sounding of the Shofar. And the Hebrew word "Teruah" comes from the verb hitria meaning "to warn." A traditional role of the shofar is to wake us up, to call us to account, to remind us of our responsibility to repair the world, and also to warn us of impending danger. The shofar's purpose seems as clear today as ever in our history."

For Alex Zeldin, it began as a normal Friday. He was headed to Trader Joe's on New York City's Upper West Side to pick up some food for Shabbat. As usual, he was wearing his yarmulke, his kippah. When he turned a corner, he realized that a couple of teenagers had started to follow him, spewing antisemitic insults.

"It took me about halfway down the block to realize that the thing that they were commenting on was they kept saying, 'Yarmulke': 'I want to take that yarmulke. I want to hit him in his head and take that yarmulke. That Jewish baby killer,'" Zeldin recalled.

Zeldin's harassers ultimately peeled off, but the fact that they used the term "baby killer" gave him a jolt. "Calling Jews 'baby killers'? That's the blood libel," he writes. "That's a thing that was happening in medieval Europe," referring to the age-old, antisemitic lie that accused Jews of murdering Christian children to use their blood in rituals. What a scary incident.

We in the Jewish community have seen these types of stories - violence against Jews and others - and our hearts sink. We are forever living with the mental stress of Charlottesville, Pittsburgh, and Poway, as well as these various stories of smaller acts of violence. We have seen the ratcheting up of antisemitic incidents on college campuses with people claiming to be anti-Israel but instead their rhetoric is blatantly antisemitic. But there is also the type of antisemitism that is far more common, that I would imagine every single person in this room and watching online has experienced at least once. Someone says something in person or online echoing an antisemitic trope - here's a coupon because I know you people like a good deal. A rabbi named Mara Nathan writes about her experience talking to a parent of her daughter's classmate. She told this parent that her family had immigrated to the U.S. from Russia to escape antisemitic persecution. "Persecution?" the woman said. "Everyone knows that Jews have all the power. You control all the banks and the media, right?" Even the rabbi stood there in stunned silence.

I hear a few times a year from families in the congregation whose kids have faced some sort of antisemitism, whether it is a swastika painted on a bathroom wall, or a number of antisemitic jokes told on the bus, or teammates sending a "heil Hitler" video to the Jewish student. And while these types of situations seem to have increased, they've been around for a long time. So the big question is, how can we respond? What can we do? How can we combat this hate and antisemitism?

I would like to offer three different tools that we can use to help stem the tide of antisemitic events. First, we must speak up. As Rabbi Daniel Gropper teaches, "In 1963, at the March on Washington, Rabbi Joachim Prinz came to the podium between gospel singer Mahalia Jackson and Martin Luther King, Jr.. Rescued by Rabbi Stephen Wise in 1937 and brought to America where he gained acclaim for his activism, Rabbi Prinz said: "When I was the rabbi of the Jewish community in Berlin under the Hitler regime, I learned many things. The most important thing that I learned under those tragic circumstances was that bigotry and hatred are not the most urgent problem. The most urgent, the most disgraceful, the most shameful and the most tragic problem is silence."

Identifying and calling out hateful speech and hateful acts where we see them can be really tough. It puts us in an awkward position. So often, when we are the witness of or the victim of an antisemitic comment we don't know what to do in that moment. We are stunned, we are hurt, sometimes we almost can't believe what we just heard. But if we do not say anything and let the comment pass, we become complicit in its proliferation. Now this isn't to say that every comment and action deserves an immediate response. Sometimes it's effective to let people know how offensive a comment is. Other times, waiting until a little bit later makes more sense. Last year one of our college students reached out to me because she felt that one of her professor's comments about Israel bordered on antisemitism and she wanted some tools to respond. We talked together to the director of Hillel on campus and got some tips, and at the end of the semester she was able to have a meaningful conversation with the professor. Did she change his outlook? Likely not. But she let him know that his comments made her uncomfortable. And that's a start.

If we're not in a position where we can speak up in the moment, then we can at least report an act of antisemitism to the authorities. Someone said something at work? Reach out to a supervisor. Document every incident. Report it to law enforcement. If you are in school or your child is in school and someone says something, find a trusted adult and tell them exactly what happened. A number of teachers in the districts around the Temple have reached out over the years asking for resources on fighting antisemitism, and that's almost always the result of a student reporting some offense. On Yom Kippur we will be hearing again from James Pasch, who is the regional director for the Anti-Defamation League. They have an online form you can fill out to report incidents of antisemitism. This helps them know where

to focus education, where there are hate hot-spots, and where their programs can have the biggest impact.

Another place where many of us have seen comments that are at least borderline antisemitic is online. We see it in facebook posts and blogs and on tik tok and instagram. We make the horrible mistake of reading the comments under a post about Israel or a political figure. How do you respond to these types of comments? In most cases, I would argue that you shouldn't. I know that it's tempting to want to get in a facebook comment fight with a stranger, but those arguments are almost never productive. And the more attention we give a post, the more traction it gets. I don't know too many people who go to facebook to have their minds changed. If you know someone in real life who has posted something offensive, then I certainly think it's appropriate to reach out and call them out. But as many of us have learned over the years, arguing with an internet troll who is looking only to rile us up, who we may never meet in person, doesn't usually end well. So what can you do? You can report the post or flag it as hate speech. Even though many of these social media companies have been extremely slow to combat antisemitism, they do now have some tools in place that could help.

Another way we can help stem the tide of antisemitism and hate speech is through education and connection. Rabbi Angela Buchdal tells a story about Derek Black, the godson of David Duke. Following in his godfather's footsteps, Derek started his own white supremacist radio show, and he was a rising star, the heir apparent of the white nationalist movement. But when he went to a small liberal arts college in Florida, and saw that his views were unaccepted, he tried to go undercover. When his identity was discovered online, he was completely ostracized at school. No one would speak with him. Except one Orthodox Jew, who invited him to his Shabbat table, every week. Little by little, Black changed his mind. He not only renounced his antisemitic views, but also his racism and his hatred of the LGBTQ community. When he first wrote about his transformation online, his father thought his email had been hacked. But when he realized it was genuine, his father renounced him publicly, as did David Duke. That connection, that one relationship, made all the difference. We as a society are at our best when we look out for each other, when we educate one another, when we learn about each other's culture. We cannot make antisemitism only a Jewish issue. The Jewish community has stood up for oppressed people around the world. We have fought for civil rights. We have stood by our Muslim brothers and sisters when they encountered hate. And if we want others to stand with us, we must continue standing with others who feel marginalized. So many of us have a visceral response when we think about the unthinkable, horrible violence that happened at the Tree of Life Synagogue. I will never forget the images from that day, and the pain that reverberated around the world. But I will also never forget the beauty and humanity of people coming together to say, "hate will not win." In the days following the Tree of Life massacre, many of you were inside in our sanctuary as our congregation was joined by Christian friends, Muslim friends, people from throughout our community who stood together. It was such an important reminder that there is so much more goodness and compassion out there than there is hate and fear. Those relationships start with education. We can also educate through our relationships with our non-Jewish friends and neighbors. Now to be clear, I'm not saying that we should go out and try to proselytize our neighbors and encourage people to convert to Judaism. That has never been part of Judaism. But we should teach others about the beauty of Judaism, just like we want to learn about other religions. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks writes, "Non-Jews respect Jews who respect Judaism, and they are embarrassed by Jews who are embarrassed by Judaism." Maybe we can invite our neighbors into our sukkah, or for latkes on Chanukah, to join us at our seder table learning about the exodus, even for Shabbat dinner. The more we teach and learn, the more we stand together, the stronger we are.

Finally, along with speaking out, educating with compassion, another way we can combat hate speech and antisemitism is to turn inward and look at our souls, lean into our Judaism. One of the tropes of this High Holy Day season is "Return." We sing, *hashivenu adonai elecha v'nashuvah hadeish yamainu k'kedem.* Return again, return again, return to the land of your soul. What if we could actually return this year, not just to that best version of ourselves, but to really live our lives with Jewish values at their center. Even incremental change can make a big difference. One rabbi suggests, "Maybe this year you can add a Jewish

book to your bedside table. Sarah Hurwitz's introduction to Judaism book called "Here all along" is particularly charming. Perhaps you can listen to some Jewish music, watch Shtisel on Netflix, learn to make matzah ball soup or perfect a challah recipe." Maybe you're interested in doing some adult education - we offer a bunch of different classes throughout the year including intro to Hebrew for adults. Or maybe you'll find a connection through prayer and join us either here at TBS or online for services, which can give us the sanctuary we crave after a tough week. Maybe you'd rather act on your Jewish values and volunteer with meals on wheels or at the New Albany Food Pantry or the Mid Ohio Food Bank or here at Temple. Whatever change you make, however you Return, you will certainly be better for it.

One final story for you. One of my friends and colleagues, Rabbi Brian Stoller, who is the spiritual leader of Temple Israel in Omaha Nebraska recently shared a story that happened in his congregation during this past summer. Brian writes, "One day back in April, [Our executive director] Nate Shapiro discovered an antisemitic sticker on a light pole near our Temple. Our security camera captured the man in action, and he was quickly identified as Jonathan Ziegler, a member of a White pride group here in Omaha.

Rabbi Stoller writes, "I venture to guess that, had we been in Nate's shoes, we would have pressed charges against Mr. Ziegler or sought some kind of legal penalty for him. I probably would have, anyway, to be honest."

But Nate responded differently than I might have, showing a tremendous amount of compassion and courage. He said he didn't want to press charges; he just wanted to sit down with Jonathan and talk to him. To try to understand why he did what he did, and give him the opportunity to meet a real-life Jew and ask whatever he wanted to ask.

And so they did.

Nate, the Executive Director of the Temple, and Jonathan, the fledgling White power activist, got together for a beer and talked. And then they did it again. And again. And in the process, they built a friendship. And Jonathan's heart softened as he came to know his new Jewish friend.

And in early August, just a month before the High Holy Days, Jonathan recorded a video - a remarkable video, in which he apologized publicly to our congregation for what he had done. He owned his actions. And the board of the Temple met and voted unanimously to accept Jonathan's apology.

Sadly, there have been so many antisemitic incidents like this around the country in the last few years. How many times has the vandal sought to make amends? And how many times has the congregation that was targeted received an apology directly from the perpetrator's own mouth?

Probably not often. Maybe not ever.

This is a unique and inspiring story.

There is so much power in relationships. Though it is out of style these days, conversations like this one are our very best way of combating antisemitism. Because when we get to know one another, when we share our lives with each other, we become human again. And in some rare cases, perhaps, we can even become friends.

This is Rosh HaShanah. The dawn of a new year. So we ask ourselves: will we live in fear or will we live in hope? Will we let antisemitism fester or will we bravely address it in our lives? Will we isolate ourselves or will we reach out and build a diverse community of people who care about one another, who stand up for each other? Will we make apologies for our religion, or will we lovingly embrace Judaism and Jewish values? There is so much in our world that is out of our control. We feel that more now than perhaps ever before. But we can reclaim our own narrative. We can write our own story. We can fight hate with compassion, connection, education, and love. Hayom Harat Olam. Today the world is born anew, and we have the limitless capacity for renewal. May we seize this moment, dispel the darkness, and strive toward light.

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Introducing our TBS Religious School Staff 2021-2022 / 5782

Dear Friends,

We have successfully begun our 5782 year of Temple Beth Shalom Religious School! We had a joyful Family Opening Day at Thompson Park on September 26, and then returned to the New Albany JCC the following Sunday.

Our Religious School community is so grateful for the many people whose guidance and leadership helped us begin this year safely. A special thank you to our TBS Task Force, our TBS Staff, and our Religious School Committee, chaired by Amber Bloch.

We're excited to introduce to our community our amazing TBS Teachers and Staff. They are an incredible group of people who dedicate significant time and effort to safely bring Jewish learning, music, and connection to our children, especially during this uncertain time. We're so grateful for each and every one of our teachers!

Finally, Angelo Dunlap begins this year with us in a new full time position as Youth Advisor and RS Administrator. We are so lucky to have Angelo leading our youth programs in this new role at TBS!

Thank you to all of our students, madrichim, parents, teachers, and staff! This will be a different year, but still one of engagement, fun, and meaningful Jewish learning!

Sincerely,
Rabbi Lenette

Susie Blank (2nd grade, Zoom class) has been teaching at Temple Beth Shalom for many years. She and her husband Marvin (known collectively as Moosie) are members of TBS and terrific teachers as well. Susie specializes in creative art projects and is known throughout the Columbus Jewish Community as the "Judaic Mosaic Guru." Susie's love of teaching and Jewish education is infectious to everyone on our team!

Marvin Blank (4th grade, 5th grade Hebrew), along with his wife Susie, is one of our veteran teachers, and this year he is also serving on our TBS Board. Marvin has been an extraordinary teacher, who is warm, patient, funny and caring to each of his students. Marvin is a great Hebrew and Judaics teacher who also has lots of musical talent as well. We are lucky to have Marvin and his wife Susie in our TBS community!

Aliyah Cohen (7th grade, 8th & 9th grade) grew up at Temple Beth Shalom and was a madricha in our Religious School. This is her third year teaching English at Gahanna Lincoln High School and fifth as an official teacher in our religious school. Aliyah is dynamic and caring in the classroom. She develops meaningful relationships with each of her students. We are thrilled to have her back!

Carrie Esker (Hebrew pods) is a second year Hebrew instructor. She is a senior at The Ohio State University where she is studying Jewish history, Hebrew, and dance. Carrie is passionate about teaching, and sharing her knowledge of the Hebrew language, to the next generation of learners. She is excited to meet her students and looks forward to what this year holds.

Laurie Gang (2nd grade) is joining us for her 4th year. She is part of a sister teaching team with Susie Blank! Laurie has been in education for the past 11 years and is currently an Activity Coordinator for Memory Care in Bexley. She is looking forward to our Sunday school time together!

Galit Golan (3rd grade, 4th grade Hebrew) is a veteran Hebrew teacher with her own creative and fun curriculum to introduce our 3rd graders to the alef-bet. Galit is a Lecturer and the Hebrew Language Program Coordinator at the Ohio State University; before starting at OSU, Galit was in charge of the Hebrew program and was a teacher at Columbus Torah Academy. Galit is also teaching Hebrew to our adult learners - please be in touch with Rabbi Lenette to enroll in this fantastic beginner class!

Morgan Handmaker (6th grade, 5th grade Hebrew) is excited for her second year teaching! She was a madricha at TBS and loves working with children. Morgan graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Criminology and is currently pursuing her Master's. She spent a semester studying in Tel Aviv, Israel and is passionate about Judaism!

Robin Leasure (5th grade, 6th grade Hebrew) has been teaching at TBS for a number of years as a teacher, and a madricha before that. She is a member of TBS, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, and she's a native of Columbus. Robin brings extensive knowledge of Hebrew and Judaics to her classroom, as well as an easy-going way and great rapport with kids. She's creative and a lot of fun! Robin also serves as one of our amazing B'nai Mitzvah tutors.

Leah Marek (Kindergarten, 4th grade Hebrew) is excited for her first year of teaching at TBS. She is originally from Shaker Heights which is outside of Cleveland and is currently a senior at Ohio State University studying psychology and public health. Growing up she worked at her temple in Cleveland (Temple Tifereth Israel) for several years as madricha and enjoyed spending time with her Jewish community. Now, she is the president of OSU Hillel where she loves practicing Jewish life on campus.

Karen G. Moseley (4th grade, Aftercare) has been a teacher for many years, and is very much looking forward to her second year as a teacher at TBS! A long time member of TBS, both of her children went through TBS Religious School, and are now college students at The Ohio State University. Her previous teaching experience is as an art, and special education teacher. Karen's kind, gentle manner, creative energy, and genuine concern for her students will help make her a valuable asset to the TBS Religious School Community!

Meredith Paul (6th grade, Aftercare) has been teaching at Temple Beth Shalom for many years. Meredith is currently teaching pre-k children and teaching brings a smile to her face each and every morning, including Sunday mornings! Meredith loves arts and crafts, reading books, playing the piano, and she enjoys taking lots of walks and enjoying nature. Meredith is an all-around great person to have as a role model in our school and she is so happy to be back this year!

Jessica Rife (Kindergarten, 3rd grade) has a BA from Capital University in Early Childhood Education and spends her week teaching Pre-K at the JCC New Albany. In her freetime, Jessica enjoys skating, card games and crafting of all varieties. She is so thrilled to joining the TBS educational community for her second year!

Emma Rose (7th grade, 8th & 9th grade) is joining us for her second year of teaching! Last year Emma and Angelo taught 8th grade online, and this year she's excited to be teaching our teens with Aliyah. Since 2014 Emma has been both a full-time building sub specializing in intervention and an 8th grade tutor in a charter school and loves working with middle school age students.

Maya Rossio (Mitzvah Corps, 7th grade MIT) is excited to be returning to TBS for her second year as a teacher. She was a madricha leading up to her high school graduation. She is excited to use her years of being a madricha to teach 7th grade and Mitzvah Corps. Maya is also excited to be on the TBS staff alongside her family!

Lauren Sferrella (Hebrew Permanent Sub) has been teaching for many years in our Religious School. Lauren is a wonderful teacher with many great and creative skills. She brings energy and great experience to her invaluable role as Permanent Sub, which means that she will be available each Sunday to help as needed in any classrooms who may need her. If you haven't seen her in a while, be sure to say hello!

SPECIALISTS

Lori Baker - Inclusion Specialist: Lori returns to our Religious School team for her fifth year as Inclusion Specialist. Lori helps the religious school experience be much more personable and tailored to the student. She promotes more connection not only between the students and the teachers but also with parent involvement as well. Her warm and understanding approach helps our school stand out as an inclusive and engaging learning space. We are thrilled to have her back on our team once again!

Marc Rossio - Music Specialist: Also known as the “Marvelous Toy,” is a kid magnet. You’ll often see him with guitar in hand (and coffee in the other) and teaching our kids about Jewish liturgy and holidays through song, dance and tons of laughter. Marc leads services and teaches Music to grades throughout the morning. He brings joyous music, laughter, wonderful creativity and easy-going spirit wherever he goes!

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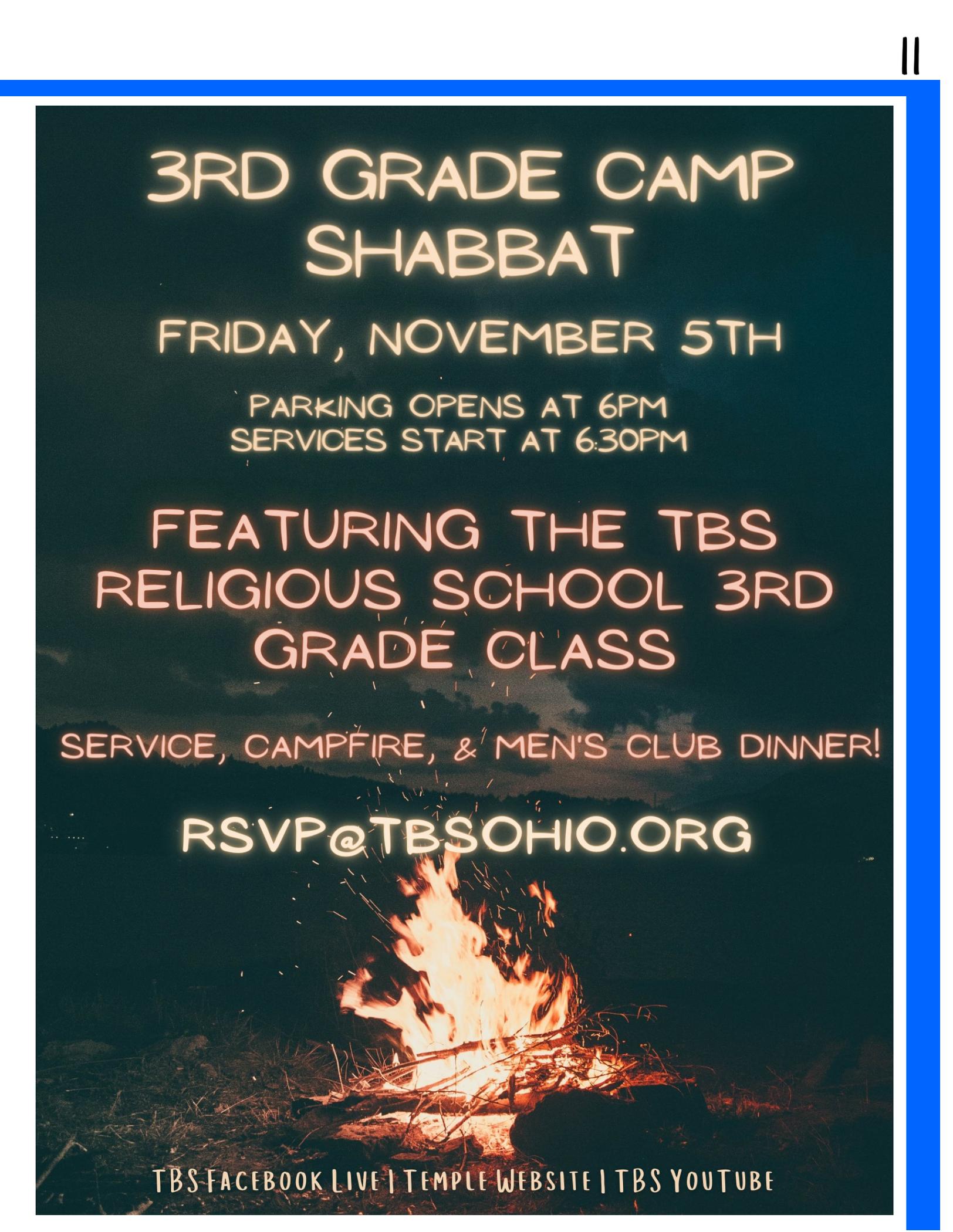
Gail Rose – Music Director and Cantorial Soloist: Gail Rose has been a music teacher for many years, and coordinates all of our music programming here at Temple Beth Shalom. Gail is an outstanding teacher, who brings her experience from over 30 years as a Music Teacher in public school to her Jewish Music Classes here at TBS. She was recently awarded the Lasday Columbus Jewish Educator of the Year award. Her students love learning new songs, dances and Hebrew vocabulary with her. She teaches Music to grades throughout the morning, including Torah trope with 6th grade!

Hannah Rossio – Co-Madrachim Coordinator: Hannah is excited to be back at Religious School as the Co-Madrachim Coordinator for her third year. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, her time was cut short in NYC, but she is happy to be back in Columbus surrounded by her family and people. She graduated from Ohio University in 2018 with a Communications major specializing in diversity and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality studies. Some of her biggest passions include singing, traveling, wine and fine dining, and social advocacy. She is excited to be reunited with a community she knows and loves so well.

Angelo Dunlap – Youth Director and RS Administrator: Angelo is joining us in a new full-time role this year as Youth Director and RS Administrator! While continuing his responsibilities as Administrator, Angelo will also be leading our Youth programs at TBS, including our junior and senior Youth Groups, and co-captaining Madrichim Coordinator with Hannah Rossio. Angelo is an experienced teacher and many students have enjoyed learning and laughing with him over the years. He is outgoing and has a love of everything related to Judaism and Jewish Education. You will likely see him with a Starbucks in hand!

Rabbi Lenette Herzog – Associate Rabbi, Director of Education: Rabbi Lenette is honored to begin her fifth year leading our Religious School and serving the TBS community as Associate Rabbi. Rabbi Lenette was ordained from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in 2017 and during her years there earned a Masters in Hebrew Letters and a Masters in Jewish Education from the HUC Rhea Hirsch School of Education. She co-teaches Confirmation with Rabbi Benjy and visits all our classrooms on Sunday mornings. In her spare time, Rabbi Lenette enjoys exploring Columbus, yoga, and reading comics and graphic novels.

Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev – Senior Rabbi: This is Rabbi Benjy’s 14th year at Temple Beth Shalom, and he continues to bring laughter, engaging learning, and fun to our Sunday mornings at Religious School! You can find him leading tefilah services, teaching adult classes, teaching 10th grade Confirmation with Rabbi Lenette, and having fun in classrooms.



3RD GRADE CAMP
SHABBAT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

PARKING OPENS AT 6PM
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12 Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose



TBS Veterans Day Shabbat, Friday, November 12th

Our Temple Beth Shalom Rabbis, musicians, and staff have worked extremely hard in order bring kedusha (holiness) and ruach (joy) into your lives as you have engaged in weekly Shabbat and High Holiday Services in person, virtually or in your cars in our parking lot. We are not about to let a pandemic get in the way of our commitment to annually recognize, appreciate and celebrate our Veterans of the U.S. Allied Forces and Veterans of the Israel Defense Forces. Veteran's Day Shabbat will be held virtually on Friday, November 12th at 6:30 PM.

Debbie Costa, Nick Ciranni and I will be leading (make sure to sing with us) the Star Spangled Banner and Hatikva as well as other patriotic songs. Our Sharyonim Choir, directed by Debbie Costa, will once again make a virtual appearance to lead us (a reminder to sing with us) in God Bless America and A Tribute to the Armed Forces.

Our Schlichah (Columbus's ambassador from Israel), Michal Avera Samuel, will be our guest speaker. Michal was born in Gondar, Ethiopia and made Aliyah as a young girl with her family in 1984 as part of Operation Moses. She is a leader within the Ethiopian-Israeli community and has been advocating for the successful integration of Ethiopian Israelis throughout her professional career.

Michal joined the Fidel Association in the year 2000 and served as director of professional training, PR, community development and deputy director prior to being appointed as executive director in 2011. She served as executive director until taking on this position as Schlichah to Columbus, Ohio. To read more about Fidel go to: <https://en.fidel.org.il/> Michal earned a B.A. and M.A. in Educational Counseling from The Haifa University.

We are asking all American and Israeli veterans to e-mail our marketing director, ACohen@tbsohio.org, a picture of yourself or a loved one in uniform for our tribute slide show. These photos are due by November 8th. If you have sent a photo in previous years, there is no need to send one again.

Thank you to Steve Seeskin for co-chairing this event with me. Your untiring enthusiasm and dedication is inspiring to us all. We look forward to sharing this special Shabbat service with you.



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Virtual Veterans Day Shabbat

November 12th | 6:30pm | Online Only



WITH GUEST SPEAKER
MICHAL AVERA SAMUEL
Community Shlichah at JewishColumbus

PICK UP DINNER FROM THE BERWICK BEFORE SERVICES!

The Berwick has a Tour of Italy Shabbat Dinner available for pre-orders. Available for pick-up from 5-6pm on November 12th at TBS. Check the eWindow for more information!

Tune in from home:

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A Gift That Will Maintain TBS For The Next Generation

You love Temple Beth Shalom. The Temple has been there for you and your family through all the highs and the lows. It is your sincere hope that the Temple will continue to thrive for years to come, and provide a Joyful, Personal, and Accessible Jewish experience for people of all ages.

What if I told you that you don't have to "hope" for this future for TBS. Instead, **YOU** can play an active role in creating that future, and it's incredibly simple to do!

LIFE & LEGACY is an incredible opportunity to secure the future of TBS via the power of **legacy giving, or after-lifetime gifts**. Sponsored by JewishColumbus, TBS is participating in year two of LIFE & LEGACY along with the other area synagogues and Jewish agencies. TBS has a goal of securing at least **18 new legacy commitments by February 28, 2022**, and we have a long way to go. With your help, we can reach this goal and secure a \$5,000 incentive grant from JewishColumbus! TBS met its year one goal, and the incentive grant funds purchased much of the streaming equipment that makes it possible for so many to enjoy a high-quality Shabbat experience from home.

TBS LIFE & LEGACY Chair, Pam Scheer, was an early adopter of LIFE & LEGACY. Below she shares her and her husband Ira's legacy giving journey, and provides perspective on how this opportunity really is for everyone.

What inspired you to want to become chair of TBS's LIFE & LEGACY initiative?

It was a moment of serendipity. Ira and I had just started working with the Columbus Jewish Foundation on a legacy gift when staff from Jewish Columbus (including Bobby Covitz) came to a TBS Board of Trustees meeting to talk about LIFE & LEGACY. I had started to learn on my own about legacy giving and had discovered that it wasn't as mysterious as it seemed; I had worked with Grinspoon on a project at GUCI and respected the organization. I felt that it was something I could share with the congregation.

How easy was it for you and Ira to make your legacy gift?

That's the beauty of LIFE & LEGACY - it can be very, very easy. We found a simple approach for us that will remain flexible and easily changeable as time goes on.

A legacy gift does not need to be included in a will. There are other options and the staff at Jewish Columbus and the Foundation are amazing. They can offer guidance on what might be the best route for you to choose. TBS also has some professionals who can point you in the right direction. I wish we had been aware of all of the resources available before we started our process.

"But Pam, I already give to the Annual Appeal and the gala. Isn't that enough?"

You have to think of it as completely different way to support TBS. You do it once and you're done; you are permanently part of the TBS Legacy Society. Gifts to the gala and the appeal become part of that year's operating budget. However, a legacy gift joins with other legacy gifts to grow TBS's endowment, which strengthens the Temple's financial position for generations to come. Someday you won't be around to contribute to the gala, but your legacy gift will last forever.

What is your advice to people who feel like they need to choose between their family and TBS when making estate plans?

If you make a gift of 1% of an IRA or other fund, will your heirs even notice the difference? At the same time, you are setting an example for them on the importance of charitable giving. You should also discuss your plans with them because you might be surprised by their enthusiasm about your planned gift.

What does being a legacy donor mean to you and Ira?

TBS has been a tremendous support to our family in our years of membership. Now we know that we can support the Temple long after we're gone. We hope that we'll inspire our children for their future charitable gifts.



TBS Legacy Society

Growth for the next generation

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 BEN & BARBARA MCVAY
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What To Do With Fall Leaves In Your Yard

In past articles we have discussed composting kitchen waste and mulching grass clipping and the benefits of both. Now that fall is upon us the question is what to do about those pesky leaves that keep falling in the yard. I found this great article from Recyclebank that has several cost-effective methods of utilizing those leaves that are, eco-friendly, and nutritionally helpful to your lawn and garden.

What nutrients do leaves have for your garden or yard? The Nebraska extension office reports that leaves contain nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium and other trace nutrients. The leaves are broken down by microorganisms and fungi that consume the leaf tissue and deposit their own rich waste into the soil.

Doing Nothing - If the idea of leaving leaves all over your lawn doesn't distress you, then do it: Leave leaves on your lawn, right where they fall. That's right: Do nothing! The leaves create their own ecosystem, providing shelter and food to animals like chipmunks, and insects like worms, and butterflies – and then the leaves compost, returning nutrients to your soil. Besides those pros, you also save money and resources by avoiding electricity or gas used to power leaf blowers or lawn mowers. Sounds like a pretty great way to enjoy fall!

Mulching Leaves - If you have a moderate amount of leaves in your yard, mulching is the quickest, lowest effort, and greenest way to clean up your yard this fall: All you have to do is mow over the leaves right where they are. If you mow without a mower bag, you can leave the leaf chippings where they are; they'll provide nutrients that will support the health of your lawn come spring. If you mow with a mower bag attached, you can then spread the chopped-up leaves in flowerbeds, where they will act as nutrient-rich mulch. One downside here is burning the gas for the mower!

Creating A Compost Pile of Leaves - If the idea of leaving leaf bits strewn about your yard isn't appealing, you can put in a little bit more time and effort and compost the leaves – a solution that can be as green as mulching, when the only con is the gas or electricity used to power a leaf blower, or even greener, if you opt to rake instead. First, gather all the leaves into a pile, and cover them with a tarp. The tarp prevents them from blowing away and helps create an environment ripe for composting. Turn the leaves with a rake to help add oxygen to the pile 3-4 times throughout fall and winter. This promotes decomposition. By spring, you should have some good compost to work with.

Using Local Yard Waste Services To Compost Leaves - If your municipality collects leaves, either curbside or at a drop-off center, you have another eco-friendly option at your fingertips, as those leaves are then turned into compost. Once the leaves are all gathered together, the only environmental cons here are the use of bags to contain the leaves, and the gas used for transporting the leaves to a central collection spot. But! If you are leaving your leaves out for your municipality to collect, be sure to follow their instructions for how they'd like to collect the leaves. If they would prefer you leave the leaves unbagged, at the curb, it's important to time your raking as close to the pick-up time as possible.

Leaving Leaves at The Street - Unless your leaves are going to be picked up ASAP, placing leaves in the street can clog storm drains contributing to flood conditions, and can create hazardous situations for drivers and pedestrians, as leaves easily get picked up in the wind, become slick after rain, or just plain block sidewalks.

Burning or Trashing Leaves - Don't do it! Burning leaves releases molds into the air that are not great for human health. Trashing leaves contributes to methane buildup from landfills.

Before you decide what to do with the leaves that are collecting on your yard, you may want to rake them in a pile and let the kids jump into them along with dog. Or embrace your inner child and jump in yourself and have a leaf fight.

You can follow the TBS Green Team on our Facebook page at facebook.com/tbsohiogreenteam or click on our link from the TBS website.

TBS Green Team

Rick S, Tirtzah S, Joanne G, Steve G, Alan K, Bonnie C, Rona R, Neil C, Lesley T, Michael G.

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BREAD Annual Assembly is on Monday, November 15

BREAD's mission is "to build the power of people of faith to solve community problems" and their current initiatives highlight dramatic disparities in employment, housing, health, wealth and quality of life for people in our local community.

Our TBS Rodef Tzedek Network is helping to build up POWER for JUSTICE so join us as we push to end racial and economic inequality in Franklin County.

The 2021 Annual Assembly is the culmination of the listening process that BREAD uses to select the issue to work on and will be on Zoom this year at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15. The Zoom link will be in the eWindow.

The next issue that BREAD will be working on will be selected at the Annual Assembly and TBS Network members will be able to vote and have a say in which issue is selected.

Some of the issues being considered relate to the effects of climate change on the quality of life for residents of Franklin County.

Contact Laurel Zulliger for more information. 614-323-6419 Lzulliger@Gmail.com



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.

Interested members can add their name to the Circle's email list and volunteer if and when they are able to. Please send an email with your contact information to the tbscaringcircle@gmail.com.

CHANUKAH TOT SHABBAT!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH | 4PM

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



18 Chanukah

Chanukah Blessings

Candles are added to the Chanukiah from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Chanukah, kindle the Chanukah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.) Light the *Shamash* (the helper candle) first and use it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights; say or sing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

First Night Only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.



Let's Play Dreidel

The Hebrew word for dreidel is *sevivon*, which in Yiddish, means to turn around. Dreidels have four Hebrew letters on them, and they stand for the saying, *Nes Gadol Haya Sham* - "a great miracle occurred there." In Israel, instead of the fourth letter *shin*, there is a *peh*, which means the saying is *Nes Gadol Haya Po* - "a great miracle occurred here."

Dreidel is a traditional Chanukah game played in Jewish homes all over the world, and rules may vary. Here's how to play the basic dreidel game:

1. Any number of people can take part in this great game.
2. Each player begins the game with an equal number of game pieces (about 10-15) such as pennies, chocolate chips, matchsticks, etc.
3. At the beginning of each round, every participant puts one game piece into the center "pot." In addition, every time the pot is empty or has only one game piece left, every player should put one in the pot.
4. Every time it's your turn, spin the dreidel once. Depending on the outcome, you give or get game pieces from the pot:
 - a) **נ** - **Nun** means *nisht* or "nothing" in Yiddish. The player does nothing.
 - b) **ג** - **Gimel** means *gantz* or "everything" in Yiddish. The player gets everything in the pot.
 - c) **ה** - **Hey** means *halb* or "half" in Yiddish. The player gets half of the pot. (If there is an odd number of pieces in the pot, the player takes half of the total plus one).
 - d) **ש** - **Shin** (outside of Israel) means *shtet* or "put in" in Yiddish.
פ - **Peh** (in Israel) means "pay." The player adds a piece to the pot.
5. If you find that you have no game pieces left, you are either out or may ask a fellow player for a loan.





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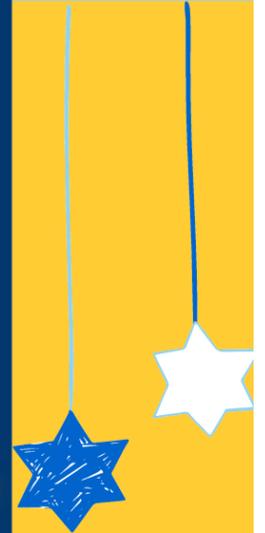
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... Decorate Your Car Contest! ...

... Dreidel Tournament! ...

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JFS CHANUKAH DRIVE

Every year, TBS Religious School partners with Jewish Family Services to help local Jewish families in need celebrate Chanukah. We're shifting to a gift card drive again this year, in the interest of health and safety.

Everyone in our TBS community is welcome to donate to our gift card drive! Please send gift cards to the TBS office, and we will match them with families in need of gift cards. **Religious School families:** Each grade has been assigned to 1-2 anonymous families. The families will be shared in the Religious School Newsletter coming out later this week. Each parent and child in each family needs 2-3 gift cards.

Please donate gift cards from places like Amazon, Target, and Kohl's with a wide selection. **You can donate one of two ways:** purchase plastic gift cards online and have them ship to TBS, or select the "print at home" option, and deliver that printed gift card to TBS. Religious School families: please mark the grade and child/parent the gift cards are for in the "notes" section while checking out, or on a sticky note.

We need all gift cards by November 15 so they can be distributed before Chanukah begins on November 28.

Thank you for participating in this important mitzvah and giving to families who are going through even harder circumstances this year!

Chanukah Concert

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Orlay Alonzo

Wednesday, December 1st • 7:30pm

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November Birthdays

November 1st — Shira Ehrenberg, Juliann Zeidman
November 2nd — Micah Harr
November 3rd — Scott Kallenberg
November 5th — Susan Bader, Scott Kleinman, Caitlin Stewart
November 6th — Kathryn Adler, Paul Been, Michele Flickinger
November 7th — Melissa Mansur, Adlai Neubauer
November 8th — Karen Miner-Romanoff, Susan Wolkow
November 10th — Angelo Dunlap, Richie Rathkopf
November 11th — Melanie Butter, Eric Ross, Amy Stone
November 12th — Jill Fortney
November 13th — Nicole Berg, Ed Radin
November 14th — Judy Ankerman, Alan Klodell, Michelle Waltman
November 15th — Tracy Gilbert
November 16th — Jodi Bering, Nancy Krasa, Jonathan Schaffir,
Jay Sokol, Bobbie Weiler
November 17th — Joyce Bronstein
November 18th — Betty Hersch, DJ Scherzer
November 19th — Tamara Malkoff, Charlie Miles
November 20th — Patricia Pinto
November 21st — Jonathan Cohen, Sandi Dubin, Greg Fortney
November 22nd — Brad Eckes, Tera Kauffman, Dawn Schneir
November 23rd — Barry Chapman, Art Rogovin
November 24th — Shelly Bloom, Joel Marcovitch
November 25th — Orlay Alonso, Gil Feiertag, Dustin Schmidt,
Jason Zimmerman
November 26th — Kriss Galloway
November 27th — Nadav Cohen
November 28th — Chance Nathanson, Sean Silver
November 29th — Beth Goldstein, Patty Tumen
November 30th — Laura King, Marci Meizlish

November Anniversaries

November 3rd — Scott & Allison Kleinman
November 5th — Larry & Katy Cowan
November 10th — David & Andrea Kleppel,
Lesley & Chris Thompson
November 12th — Neal & Alisa Becker, Alex & Sandi Dubin
November 14th — Michael & Amber Bloch,
Kenneth Goldberg & Holly Hobzek
November 15th — Becca & Jacob Foskuhl
November 19th — Ross & Lindsay Maltz
November 22nd — Sarah & Brian Phillips
November 25th — Chris & Osi Zimmer
November 26th — Jeff & Jodi Harris, Mitch & Christie Miller,
Sandra & Michael Roads
November 27th — Steve & Theresa Belford,
Matthew & Tera Kauffman
November 28th — David & Cathy Cantor, Steven & Wendy Cohen
November 29th — Nissan & Candy Bar-Lev,
Timothy & Deborah Leasure,
Amy & Anthony Liccardi, Lyn & Sam Meyerhoff,
David & Kathy Segal

Noa Dunkle



On Saturday, November 13th at 10 o'clock in the morning Noa Dunkle, daughter of Julie and Jason Dunkle, sister to Madison, Mitchell, Kayden and Chandler, granddaughter of Esther Silverman and Jay Weitz, of blessed memory, Sidney and Rachel Weiss, Stephen Weiss, Harvey Weitz, Warren Ackerman, Morris Silverman and Michael Silverman, is called to the Torah for her First Aliyah.

Noa is a 7th grader at New Albany Middle School and she attends the Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School where she is involved in the Madrichim in Training Program.

Noa enjoys horseback riding, hanging out with her friends, babysitting, and anything and everything to do with animals!

Josephine Levy



On Saturday, November 20th, at 10 o'clock in the morning, Josephine Sara Levy, daughter of David and Julie Levy, sister of Elisabeth and Leo, granddaughter of Janet Levy, Peter and Ellen Levy, Carolyn Addair, and Leck Addair, is called to the Torah for her First Aliyah.

Josie is a 7th grader at Bexley Middle School. She dances at Columbus Dance Theatre in the Intensive Training Program, sings in the Bexley 7th grade Bella Voce Choir, and also plays piano. She enjoys baking, all things Marvel, reading, collecting Squishmallows, listening to music, hanging out with friends, and helping to care for her family's 5 pets. Josie also looks forward to visiting her family in other states whenever she can and loves researching new places to travel.

For her mitzvah project, Josie is collecting needed items for animals of all kinds and sizes at Columbus Humane. Each year for her birthday, Josie has supported Columbus Humane with donations and she plans to participate in their volunteer program when she is old enough to do so.

Mazel tov

November Jahrzeits 25

November 5th

Raymond Cohen
Walter Deutsch
Burton Fogelman
Faith Goldstein
Rubin Halperin
Joseph Harber
Elizabeth Harm
Milton Herskowitz
Mary Frances Klein
Jay Leibovitz
Max Pearlstein
Milton Pinsky
Herman Rogovin
Ben Zion Sosewitz
Julia Wasserstrom
Mark Weisbaum
Louis Wine
Pauline Wurmbrand

November 12th

Ronald Benjamin
Doris Bonfield
Mary Brightman
Ella Ciranni
David Dobres
Paul Kerestes
Hyman Mandelbaum
Eva Moss
Edwin Pearlman
Robert Schubach
Michael Segal
Gussie Seiden
Gitlia Shteingolts
Alfred Spiegler
Hilda Waltman

November 19th

Newman Baum
Herbert Cantor
Arthur Cohen
Malcolm Coleman
Marsha Froelich
Dolores Gelfand
Mark Goldman
Rochelle Goldman
Judith Hecht
Jean Herritt
Gail Hollander
Carolyn Huiss
Maria Johnson
Yelizaveta Kamenetskaya
Fannie Kessler
Barbara Krum
Isabelle Meyers
Mary Janice Partridge
Jonas Rosenthal
Sheldon Rossio
Betty Seicol
Gilbert Seiden
Stephen Solomon
Gertrude Staler
Michael Strip
Jack Tamarkin
Edith Weinberg
Lillian Weinberg
Helen Wright
Bette Young

November 26th

Sadie Alper
Phyllis Bricker
Enrique Cuno
Rose Diamond
Sandra DuBro
Helen Krasa
Thomas Leasure
Brenner Levinson
Anne Neubauer
Morton Nitzberg
Gertrude Oppenheimer
Abraham Pearlman
Rachael Pollock
Anne Reed
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Your TBS Library - Part 2

By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson

Last month we provided you with information about the TBS Library including how to sign out and return a book, and about the Elazar Jewish Classification System we use to catalog our collection. This month, as promised, we will tell you about using the online cataloging system.

The TBS Library uses a commercially available online service to catalog, maintain, and search our library. When we want to catalog a book, we turn to this service, known as LibraryThing.com, which is a specialized books subject matter database application. The Library Committee uses LibraryThing.com to search The Library of Congress, Amazon or other book sources for cataloging data including title, author, book cover picture, publisher, publication date, both Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress Numbers, subject matter(s), etc. Once found, we then electronically add it to our collection. Our last step to complete the cataloging process is to assign an Elazar Number. This is accomplished, as follows: First, we check to see if the book has already been assigned a number by the Elazar Cataloging Authority. Second, if the first step did not produce a result, we use an Elazar Jewish Classification System source book to determine the appropriate number. We enter the Elazar Number into the cataloged item record as a book tag. We also put a laminated tag physically on the book cover (usually the spine) and then shelve the book by its assigned Elazar "tag" number.

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To gain access, simply enter the TBS Library web address (URL) into a web browser. That address is: <http://www.librarything.com/TempleBethShalom>. There are no sign-in (user) names nor passwords to memorize. The site is open to the congregation and the public at large; however, the software will not allow you to create, change nor remove any cataloging records. (Therefore, you can be fearless you will not damage our catalog system.)

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To search for a book, complete the small input box "Search this library" found near the top right of the screen. You can enter any of the following: title, author, or tag value. Next to this entry is a menu choice; it is recommended you select "All fields" and then click on "Search." All cataloged volumes meeting your search criterion will then appear in the next window. You can then find the book on the library shelves by its tag number. Those volumes not having a tag number have been recorded in the catalog but are pending being assigned a tag number and shelved.

To browse the library catalog more generally, you can sort the catalog by clicking on any one of the catalog's column headings, for example, "Title." This will sort the entire catalog by title. To change to descending sorted order, merely click on the column header again.

Happy book searching in your TBS Library Electronic Catalog System!

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Destination Better

Hope is the ability to combine aspiration with patience; to be undeterred by setbacks and delays; to have a sense of the time it takes to effect change in the human heart; never to forget the destination even in the midst of exile and disaster.

- Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z"l

Since assuming our "pandemic co-presidency" on July 1, 2020, we have often alluded to the work needed to guide TBS toward her "destination" in the midst of our upended world. This destination is defined by our desires as individuals and as a congregational family "to get to better." Unlike the December 2020 Thanksgiving and winter holidays, where for many it was unsafe to gather, this year, we are moving cautiously and optimistically and are "getting to better" as we look forward to the opportunities to celebrate during this season with those whom we love. As anyone who attended some part of our High Holiday services this past September can attest, our talented rabbis and staff, along with our lay leaders, were 'undeterred by setbacks' and demonstrated agility and creativity to execute very meaningful High Holiday worship experiences. Despite loss and the effects of pandemic stress on each of us, we at TBS are moving forward with determination and care to achieve our goal of "getting to better."

However, coming out of a pandemic and helping people find and feel a connection to TBS is a community effort. To truly arrive at "Destination Better," we need your help. Looking for a meaningful family or individual activity – volunteer during Mitzvah Day this spring. Do you enjoy attending services – consider joining Sharyonim or Religious Practices Committee. Interested in helping create an environmentally conscious congregation – participate on the Green Team. Do you love to plan themed parties/fundraisers? Consider helping with the spring gala. Are you persuasive and great at sales? Be part of the Reverse Raffle. If each of us takes one small step, we will reach our destination.

An example of someone who embodied this spirit of hope and a commitment to "getting to better," was Don Feibel, of blessed memory. Don, who passed away in October, was a long-time congregant, volunteer, and active board member. Our thoughts are with Ronni and the entire Feibel family during this difficult time. Don truly believed in TBS and at his core, was committed to helping us move forward and "get to better" especially in terms of our building infrastructure and finances. With his great sense of humor, thoughtful advice, and kind words, he sincerely cared about people. Those of us who served on the Board, Finance, and Building committees are better people and lay leaders for having known and worked with him. Don's positive attitude pushed all of us to work for a better tomorrow.

We hope these upcoming holidays will be meaningful ones for all of you. As we find opportunities to reconnect, we will move forward individually and as a congregational family and ultimately "get to better."

Shalom,
Mindy Agin & Michael Griffaton, Co-Presidents



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