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April 2018 Nisan-Iyar 5778 All Hands on Deck!

Mitzvah Day

April 22, 2018



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## MITZVAH DAY 2010

## SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND AT 9 AM © TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

#### **On-Site Activites:**

Bags of Hope
Red Cross Blood Drive
TBS Beautification
Therapy Dog Visits
Challah Baking
AND MORE!

#### Off-Site Activites:

Bikur Cholim Project
Ohio House Rabbit Rescue
Meal Delivery
New Albany Food Pantry
Ronald McDonald House
AND MORE!

#### Mitzvah Day 2018 Collection:

Gently Used Children's Books Used or New Sports Jerseys

#### Mitzvah Project Showcase:

Email alpert1343@gmail.com if your 6th/7th grader would like to participate

For off-site activity sign-up and more information please visit tbsohio.org and click the mitzvah day button

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## 4 Upcoming Events

#### 4/1 - 4/8

Sunday, April 1 No KT Religious School

Wednesday, April 4 Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00

pm; Midweek Hebrew,

4:00 pm

Friday, April 6 Family Friendly First

Friday Erev Shabbat Services and Dinner,

6:30 pm

Saturday, April 7 Yizkor Service, 10:00 am

Sunday, April 8 KT Religious School,

9:00 am; WBS Board Meeting, 9:30 am; 2nd Grade Brunch,

#### 4/9 - 4/15

Wednesday, April 11 Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00

pm; Midweek Hebrew,

4:00 pm

Friday, April 13 Sharyonim Shabbat,

6:30 pm

Saturday, April 14 First Aliyah of Sydney

Lesko, 10:00 am

Sunday, April 15 KT Religious School,

9:00 am; KT Religious School Open House,

9:00 am

#### 4/16 - 4/22

Tuesday, April 17 Lunch and Learn,

12:00 pm

Wednesday, April 18 Mah Jongg at TBS,

1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm

Friday, April 20 Shabbat Chai, 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 21 First Aliyah of Lindsey

Cram, 10:00 am

Sunday, April 22 TBS Annual Mitzvah

Day, 9:00 am (Religious

School meets at TBS)

#### 4/23 - 4/30

Wednesday, April 25 Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00

pm; Midweek Hebrew,

4:00 pm

Thursday, April 26 Lunch Bunch with

David Levy, 12:00 pm

Friday, April 27 B.R.E.A.D. Pre- Oneg,

6:30 pm; Erev Shabbat Services, **7:30 pm** 

Scrvices, 7.30 pm

Saturday, April 28 Healing and Meditation

Morning Service, 9:30 am; Annual Gala Fundraiser, 6:15 pm

Sunday, April 29 KT Religious School,

9:00 am; Rabbi B Religious School Celebration, 10:00 am



## 6 The Buzz with Rabbi B



#### The Miracle of the Torah Crowns

You may have seen in last month's Window that we are now the proud caretakers of a beautiful Torah scroll from the Jewish community in Zanesville Ohio. While the synagogue there, Beth Abraham Synagogue recently closed, we will be using their Torah scroll here at TBS, and in so doing, keeping that Jewish community alive spiritually for many years. I have often found that each Torah scroll has its own personality, something unique and special about it, something that connects it to its original community. I certainly feel that way when-

ever we open our Temple's original Torah scroll, that lived for many years in the Pinkus Synagogue in what now is the Czech Republic. Though that community has also been disbanded, when we read from that Torah scroll, it is as if we are connecting directly with the men and women of the Pincus synagogue, and are bringing life back to their community.

Along with the Torah scroll from Zanesville, we also received a number of beautiful rimonim, which are ornate Torah crowns. Each rimon, each crown is unique and has a history of its own. I am reminded of one of my favorite true stories involving Torah crowns. In case you need a little reminder that miracles can happen, I present to you the story of the Two Rimonim:

"Denny Pinkus lived in Old Jaffa, Israel and ran a Jewish antique gallery there. Among the items of silver he offered for sale was a big silver rimon, a Torah crown. You may know that the Torah has two crowns, one on each side. Denny explained that one day, a middle aged man came into his shop with the crown. "I don't want much for it," he said. "I kept it for so many years, since I was a child. I was born in Germany. It was kristallnacht, and we all had to run to the synagogue in order to save something. I was a little boy then. And old man opened the Torah ark and handed me this rimon, this Torah crown, and said to me 'run!' So I did. Then I was taken in by a Christian family. I did not ever see my family again. I went from there to Romania. That's where I came from now. I'm a newcomer to Israel, and I needed the money."

While the Torah crown was beautiful and unique, it didn't make any sense for Denny to buy them for his shop. Who would want one Torah crown, when they were supposed to be a pair. But against his better judgment, he bought the crown and put it on display in his store.

One morning, after many years had passed, a woman came into Denny's shop, who wanted to sell some silver objects. "She opened her bag," he said, "and I could not believe what I saw. The second rimon, the second Torah crown." I asked her where she got it, and she replied, "I am a new immigrant from Argentina. I was born in Germany. It was that terrible day, kristallnacht, when the Nazis started to destroy the synagogues. We all ran to our synagogue, to save some of the things that were dear to us. I ran there too. When I was next to the Torah I saw this rimon lying there. I took it, then when we got home I kept it with my dolls hidden away. I was sent to a convent to live with nuns. After that I moved to Argentina. Now I live here."

Denny couldn't believe what he was hearing. "Do you have any brothers or sisters?" "Yes, I had a brother, but as far as I know he was killed in a concentration camp." "How old was he?" "He was three years older than I was." She had tears in her eyes, and I did too, Denny remembers.

"I bought all the silver she had, and after she went away I compared one rimon with the other. Everything, every detail, was exact. There was no mistake. These two rimonim were born together, they were a pair. After a few weeks of research, I found the man through the Jewish Agency, and I asked the same questions again. Yes, he had a sister, three years younger than him. She didn't make it out. They were from the same small town."

Denny said to the man, "I know where your sister is, and she is very much alive. She's here in Israel. That rimon you saved and the rimon she saved are identical. I think you can meet your sister now."

They got in Denny's car, and drove to his sister's apartment, ten minutes away. It was his sister. A history of forty four years passed in the room in seconds. You need two rimonim for the Torah. They are together now. Brother and sister – the two crowns."

This beautiful true story reminds us that miracles can still happen in our world, even after so much pain and suffering. As Spring approaches, may we remember that sometimes miracles happen, and sometimes we need to work to make those miracles occur, to help our fellow human beings, and be God's hands on earth. I invite you to come to Temple anytime to see the beautiful Torah scroll and rimonim, the Torah crowns of which we are now care takers. May they remind us of life's possibilities.

### 8th Day of Passover Yizkor Service

Saturday, April 7th 10:00 am Temple Beth Shalom

#### Save the Date

2nd Grade "Gesher" Shabbat Friday, May 4th

Join us in celebrating our 2nd graders as they begin their Hebrew learning journey!

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## 8 CHAI-er Learning with Rabbi Lenette Herzog



#### Mitzvah Day and Passover - a Match Made in Egypt

While celebrating Passover at our community and family Seders last week, we retold the Passover story, including its most climactic moment, the splitting of the Sea of Reeds. Many of us-particularly if we grew up with the Ten Commandments or Prince of Egypt films--may recall Moses lifting his staff and the sea miraculously parts.

However, our ancient teachers tell a different version of the story. A midrash (sort of ancient Jewish fanfiction) describes how the sea did not immediately split when the Israelites arrived at the shore.

Frightened by Pharaoh growing closer with his chariot army, the twelve tribes started arguing which tribe was going to head into the churning waters first. During the chaos, an Israelite named Nachshon ignored the argument and leapt bravely into the sea.

Meanwhile, not knowing what to do, Moses decided to pray to God. God heard Moses praying and exclaimed to him, "Why are you so swept up in your lengthy prayers, when My people are about to get swept away by the sea!?" And Moses responded, "What else, God, can I do?" God replied, "Go talk to the people! Get your staff! Do something!"

At the same time, Nachshon was in danger. The sea got to his knees, rose to his torso, and then approached his ears. Nachshon was about to be completely covered by the water when the sea finally divided and allowed the Israelites to cross to freedom. The rabbis tell us that it is only because of Nachshon's bravery that God split the waters.

This story teaches us a powerful lesson about the balance of prayer and action. Prayer is of course an important aspect of our lives, and can provide comfort, healing, awareness and gratitude. However, we cannot hope to build a better world without leaping into it and actively trying to create that world - even if it means going to a new place, making time in our already busy schedules, not to mention the necessary discomfort of acknowledging another person's suffering and pain. As Rabbi Tarfon says, "It is not upon you to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." We might not be able to solve all of the world's problems - but neither can we assume another will solve the issue (as each tribe tried to pass off responsibility on the other), or depend on God to heal the world for us (as Moses did).

In fact, social action can be prayer. While reflecting on marching with Martin Luther King Jr in Selma, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote, "Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying.'

With this in mind, we hope you will take part in our **annual Mitzvah Day on April 22nd!** The entire Temple Beth Shalom community is invited to be a "Nachshon" and leap into acts of tikkun olam, repairing the world, both at our synagogue and also in several off-site projects. From making sack lunches and donating blood, collecting gently used books and jerseys to socializing therapy dogs and cooking dinner at the Ronald McDonald House, there are so many ways to pray with our hands, feet and hearts.

I would like to end with one more Passover story. We learn the Israelites left Egypt in such a rush, their bread didn't have time to rise. However, our tradition notes that Miriam made the time to bring timbrels and other musical instruments - as a prophet, she knew redemption would come and the Israelites would celebrate.

May our Mitzvah Day be filled with Nachshon's courage and Miriam's optimism! May our actions not only make a difference in our community, but may we also celebrate it by further incorporating mitzvot and community service into our daily lives.

## Do you have friends who are looking for a Reform community in Columbus?





## Spring Open House!

### At Our Sunday Home, the New Albany JCC

Sunday, April 15th, 9:00 am

Temple Beth Shalom Religious School at the New Albany JCC



150 E. Dublin Granville Rd New Albany, OH 43054 614.855.4882

RSVP to rabbilh@tbsohio.org www.tbsohio.org

Join us on Sunday, April 15th at 9:00 am for a wonderful morning! Students will meet their new teachers, say hello to old friends, and begin to make new ones! Prospective students can join with their soon-to-be classmates for a great morning! Parents will have informational meetings, then are invited to join us for our all school assembly at 10:30 followed **bagel brunch** at 11:00 am!

#### Schedule:

9:00 am - Classes for students and presentations for parents begin

10:30 am - All School Welcome Back Song Session begins

11:00 am - Bagel Brunch and Playtime begin

11:30 am - K-2 Families are dismissed

11:30 am - 3rd Grade - High School Classes begin

12:45 pm - Shalom! Have a great week!

Please bring your friends who are looking for a joyful, personal, and accessible Reform congregation right here in New Albany!

RSVP to Rabbi Lenette Herzog at rabbilh@tbsohio.org or 614.855.4882









YOU'RE INVITED TO

# Lunch Bunch

### THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH | 12:00 PM

Join us for a new TBS tradition, the monthly Lunch Bunch! This month Funeral Director at Epstein Memorial Chapel, David Levy, will be joining us for a fascinating talk about his profession. Don't miss out on this chance to get an insiders look into life at a funeral home.



# Featured Speaker David Levy,

Funeral Director and
TBS Member

\*LUNCH BUNCH WILL TAKE PLACE AT NOON ON THE
LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH\*



#### Gala Fundraiser Update

The gala invitation mailing has stirred up a lot of exciting talk!

This year we are celebrating Rabbi Benjy's 10th Year of Service on April 28th at 6:15pm at the Jefferson Country Club with an evening of dinner, entertainment and dancing. It's going to be a lovely evening and hopefully, with your help, a successful fundraiser.

Our fundraising goal is set at \$25,000. While it is a lofty goal, it is one that is attainable with everyone's help. Whether you attend, sponsor, or purchase a digital tribute, you are adding to

#### the success of this fundraiser.

We rely heavily on this event to support the operations of our temple. TBS is a place of fellowship-we embrace all who wish to express themselves jewishly. We hear time and time again what a warm and welcoming community we provide. Your generosity allows us to continue our mission.

In addition to the event on Saturday evening, we invite you to join us Friday evening 4/27 at 7:30pm or Sunday 4/29 at 10am during religious school to celebrate Rabbi Benjy. Please find these events listed in more detail below and do not hesitate to call the temple office with questions at 614-855-4882. We are here to help.

PS: We are updating our marketing material, and would love to know what you love about Temple Beth Shalom. Please email me at <a href="mailto:babramowitz@tbsohio.org">babramowitz@tbsohio.org</a> with a sentence or two of what makes us special and different. Your feedback is important to us.



## 12 Celebrations

#### **April Birthdays**

April 2nd — Diane Herman, Troy Friedlander, Lisa Freedman

April 3rd — Elaina Mears, Amitai Sela, Lisa Siegel

April 4th — Cindy Coleman, Andrea Malinger, Stewart Block, Carol Aurnou, Arica Sandler

April 5th — Caroline Cohn, Judith Yaross Lee

April 6th — Diane Sokolov, Neill Barger, Sheri Gittins

April 7th — Michael Zucker, Thomas Schwartz, Marcie Phalen, Aaron Phalen, David Stein, Bernard Cohen, Rachel Westrick, Linda Barger, Jennifer Ross

April 8th — Larry Cowan, Sandra Phalen, Leah Miller

April 9th — Lisa Hess

April 10th — Miriam Shoap, Richard Headlee, Phyllis Byer

April 11th — David Benjamin, Amy Klaben

April 12th — Kim Dorrian, Cindy Ravitsky

April 13th — Roger Friedman, Jessica McDermott, Dawn Weiler, AC Strip, Scott Abramowitz

April 14th — Sherrie Merchant, Chad Holbein, Peggy Masser,

April 15th — Barry Steinman, Dane Perelstein, Karen Matros

April 16th — Mark Slabodkin, Maureen Handler (Rife), David Kerns, Sara Scolnick

April 17th — Judy Feiertag, Dave Mandelbaum

April 18th — Shari Brooks

April 19th — Bart Kelsey

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

April 21st — Wendy Cohen, Janet Yaillen

April 22nd — Caroline Green, Robert Weiler

April 23rd — Emily Desmond, Joshua Kass, Ira Scheer, Janet Meltzer, Andrea Kleppel, Charles Macia

April 24th — Ellery Cadel, Howard Eckstein

April 25th — Jason Levine, Michele Gurevitz, Yakov Kamenetskiy, Jonathan Kent

April 26th — Mark Schuster, Adam Smith, Julie Dunkle

April 27th — Cynthia Cohen, Jean Epstein, Sarah Friedberg, Leslie Aronoff

April 28th — Alexander Kamenetskiy, Herschel Sigall, Stacey Tucker

April 29th — Josh Klaben-Finegold, Diana Gerber, Barbara Belford, Mark Mandelbaum

April 30th — Marsha Block, Molly Wylie

#### **April Anniversaries**

April 6th — Gene Goldberg & Cheri Papier

April 9th — Ron & Nancy Tannenbaum

April 10th — Ira & Pam Scheer

April 12th — James & Renee DeBold

April 14th — Todd & Karen Matros

April 16th — Steve & Jamie Allen

April 17th — Philip Edelsberg & Marlene Levine

April 20th— Bob Schwartz & Nancy Krasa

April 24th — Lauren & Andrew Campen Bethany Klynn & Ben Payne

April 29th — Matthew & Rebecca Minkin





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## Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose



#### Sharyonim Shabbat is Friday, April 13th!

I cordially invite you to a music filled Shabbat on Friday, April 13th at 6:30 PM.

The Sharyonim Choir will be leading us in prayer with their beautiful sound, rich harmonies and ruach (spirit). Please help us make a joyful noise!

#### Dayenu, Chad Gadya and Let My People Go

Passover is around the corner and we are focusing once again on the saga of the Exodus from Egypt. The Passover Seder (Pesach, festival of unleavened bread, festival of the paschal offering) fulfills the biblical commandment from God written in the Book of Exodus

to teach and re-teach in every generation the story of Passover. Songs help reinforce, add group involvement and bring life to the many themes or meanings in our Passover story.

"Dayenu" means "It would have been enough". The song is a message of thanks and gratitude to God. It is important to appreciate even the simplest of favors. "If God did a simple favor for us and didn't do anything else, it would have been sufficient", even if granting more favors would have helped the Hebrews to escape slavery sooner, or helped contribute to less suffering.

"Chad Gadya" is a Hebrew phrase meaning: "One Kid", where "kid" in this case means a baby goat. This Passover song chronologically describes all the empires throughout Jewish history that have occupied the Land of Israel who, one by one have been destroyed by successive empires, with the Jewish nation at the bottom, symbolized by the baby goat. The purpose of the song is to teach that every evil-doer, no matter how strong, will eventually suffer the consequences of their actions at the hands of God. This song inspires a firm and mature faith and belief in the power of God.

I used the picture book, "one Little Goat" adapted and illustrated by Marilyn Hirsh to teach the song. The children were fascinated to learn which country represented each character. They are:

Kid - Jewish people, Cat - Assyria (Iraq), Dog - Babylon (S. Iraq), Stick - Persia (Iran), Fire - Macedonia, Water - Rome, Ox - Syria, Butcher - Crusaders, Angel of Death - Turks, God - sends Jews back to Israel.

"Let My People Go" is a spiritual in which the text is taken from Exodus 7:26. After learning these songs, children enjoyed acting out the parts of Moses, Pharoh and the Jewish people.

These songs are included in all of the Haggadahs that I have ever seen. Please include these songs in this year's Seder to reinforce the Passover themes and to give your family and guests the opportunity to be musically involved in the mitzvah of retelling the story of the Exodus from Egypt.



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## Presidential Address



#### Annual Meeting—Sunday, May 6th at 10:30 am (NA JCC)

Order. By the time you're reading this, it will be time for the Passover Seder which, literally, means "order". There is a ritual and we follow the procedure. We drink the wine, we tell the story, we sing the songs, we eat the special foods. We follow the order.

For some Jews, the holiday is filled with memories of Seders past. Everyone remembers how their Bubbe served the gefilte fish and what jokes Zayde said whenever a specific moment in the Seder arrived.

For Jews by choice, Passover comes with a special set of rules to followed, somehow making it easier to embrace newly adopted faith. Future Passovers will bring memories of which years the matzo balls were like rocks and which years they were fluffy clouds.

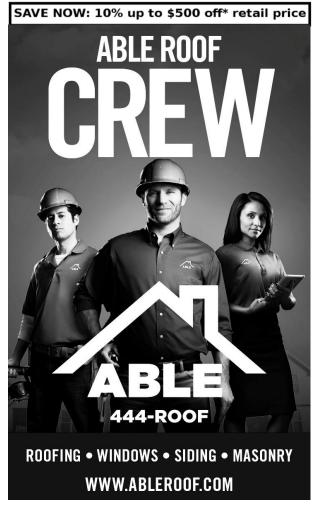
No matter what category applies to you, there's always something special about that first bite of matzo and there's no denying how good, a week later, that first bite of pizza tastes.

And speaking of order . . . Seriously, this is the Co-President's Article, we had to get around to Temple Beth Shalom business sometime . . . it's almost time for the Annual Meeting. It's on **Sunday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m.** at the New Albany JCC. You can drop the kids off for Sunday School then join us for bagels, coffee, and a business meeting. There are some important matters to discuss and vote on, including the 2018-19 TBS Budget and the new Board of Trustees. We'll also honor retiring Board members and hear reports from the Rabbi and the Exec-

utive Director. It's the one time of year that we ask everyone to be participate in the running of Temple Beth Shalom.

So, we hope you enjoy your Seder, whether it's your first or your seventieth. And we hope to see you on May 6. Chag Sameach!





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- Keith Golden & Jodie Meizlish, in memory of Seymour H. Golden
- Robert Schwartz & Nancy Krasa, in memory of Leah Golin
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♦ Claudia & Ken Been, in honor of the birth of Rabbi Benjy and Lauren's babies! Mazel Tov!

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- Susie & Marvin Blank, in honor of the births of Noah & Asher Bar-Lev
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- ♦ Adelaide Mentser & Barry Mentser, in honor of the birth of twin boys!
- Barbara & Mitchell Shifrin, in honor of the birth of Rabbi Benjy & Lauren's twins
- Rabbi Stephanie & Bobby Covitz, in honor of the Bar-Lev's new additions! Mazel Tov!
- Diane Sokolov & Walter Hirschberg, in honor of the Twins!
- Neil & Marci Carron, in honor of the Bris for Rabbi Benjy's twins
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- Alan & Alexandria & Family, in honor of Steve & Jo Anne Grossman's anniversary/retirement
- Carol Rich & Gary Dicker, in honor of Steve & Jo Anne Grossman's anniversary and retirement
- ♦ Marsha & Ellery Block, in honor of Steve & Jo Anne Grossman
- ♦ Joyce & Herb Bronstein, in honor of Steve & Jo Anne Grossman's anniversary and retirement
- Pam & Ira Scheer, in honor of Steve's retirement & Steve & Jo Anne's anniversary
- David Neubauer & Jean Krum, in honor of Steve's retirement & Steve & Jo Anne's anniversary
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- ♦ Martha P. Shaw, in honor of Steve & JoAnne Grossman
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#### Women of Beth Shalom

The Women of Beth Shalom had a wonderful women's Seder, we would like to give a special thank you to the Seder committee! We have our <u>first annual bingo night on April 8th at 3:30</u> at TBS, please RSVP to <u>mwaltman14@gmail.com</u>. Please check our Facebook page frequently for upcoming events and if you have any suggestions for any events you would like for us to be involved with please don't hesitate to reach out to us. WBS is starting a book club and is looking for members. If interested please contact Judi Mormol at <u>osuconrads@aol.com</u>.

Lesley Thompson-co president <u>Lesleyt72@gmail.com</u>

Rachel Westrick-co president Rheleenp@sbcglobal.net

#### Men's Club

Men's Club will be hosting their monthly social dinner on **April 12th at Chuy's (Easton) at 7pm**. Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:tbsohiomensclub@gmail.com">tbsohiomensclub@gmail.com</a>.

A big THANK YOU to the Men's Club for helping to fund the new temple freezer!

## SAVE \$200 OFF MITZVAH DJ ENTERTAINMENT

Take advantage of \$200 towards bar or bat mitzvah celebration DJ entertainment, simply mention this offer when scheduling your event!

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## MAZEL TOV! We had a **BLAST** at your b'nai mitzvah celebration

Alli Scolnick Josh Berzow Isabel Goldstein Aiden Shnider

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### WANT TO SEE CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT?

TBS is looking for a dedicated congregant to serve as a liason to the Franklin County Consortium for Good Governance! If interested or for more information, please contact Bonnie Abramowitz at (614) 855-2882!

## GroundsGuys

My name is Lance Shnider. I am a proud resident of New Albany, and recently took on a new venture. I am now a partner in The Grounds Guys, a fantastic lawn care and outdoor space beatification company that serves this area. My involvement brings a new level of commitment to MY community, New Albany, as we work to service a greater population of customers in this area. I live in New Albany, my kids go to New Albany schools, and our friends and neighbors live in New Albany. I'm excited about the opportunity to help my neighbors and community continue to grow outdoor spaces and develop their landscape into their dream properties.

No one cares more about our community and neighbors than someone that has made their home here. Trust your home to us. From landscaping and yard maintenance, aeration, fall and spring color to holiday lighting and snow removal, we do it all.



## April Yahrzeits

Theodore Lansky

Margaret McCullough

Belle Lurie

Ruth Mellman

Edward Miller

Ethel Neustadt

Irving Shulman

Morris Spector

Monya Tolkan

**Jack Weiss** 

April 20th

Abraham Allen

Donald Barger

Albert Chait

Marion Cohen

Louis Feingold

John Flately

Ben Green

Ruth Jaffe

Ada Sacks

John Mormol

Irving Perelstein

Elton Steinman

Martha Rosenberg

Sheila Feinknopf

Louis Finkelstein

Norma Gurevitz

Marilyn Blackstone

Al Tannenbaum

Maurice Washer

Lester Pies

Mack Roth

Bertie Sass

#### April 6th

Ida Basch

Paula Benjamin Sigfried Ehrenberg

Sally Figler

Muriel Goodman

Jacqueline Hoff

David Kass

Melvin Klein Alberto Levitan

Ida Madorsky

Toby Malmon

Sylvia Miller Aron Mizrahi

Celia Ostrov Newman Adolph Weiler

Esther Prizant

Anna Rich

Myer Scheinholtz

Harrison Schuster

Vladamir Slabodkin

William Teitel

Alan Weinberg

Bess Wine

Alvin Worly

#### April 13th

Richard Abel

Max Ankerman Benson Apothaker

Ben Bronstein

Christopher Cassidy

Benjamin Coe

Carole Deibel

Seymour Feldman

Charles Freund

Celia Friedlander

Abraham Gershovitz

Daniel Haas

Barbara Holstein

Nettie Itkoff

Jack Kessler

Irene Klaben

#### April 27th

Ida Alpert

Erwin Barnett

Yette Brillson

Helen Brody

Jack Cooperman

Lillian Daner

Nachum Feinstein

Edward Fuller

Reuben Guthoff

Leonard Holstein

Lillian Kanter

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To get started, sign up with your Plus Card at www.kroger.com/communityrewards, and select TBS as the organization you wish to support. (You can find us on the list under Temple Beth Shalom on Johnstown Road, or use the organization code 81105.) Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for TBS every time you shop and use your Plus Card! Remember—all participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for their chosen organization.

## <sup>20</sup> Mitzvah Corps Central



#### Featured Event - Mizvah Day

We are so excited for our Annual Mitzvah Day, which will be on <u>Sunday, April 22nd at Temple Beth Shalom at 9:00 am!</u> We encourage everyone of all ages to take part.

We will be collecting:

- **Gently Used Children's Books for The Read to Succeed Foundation** (Emily Spector's ongoing Mitzvah Project www.readtosucceedfoundation.org)
- Used or New Sports Jerseys for Jerseys of Hope (www.jerseysofhope.com)

You can drop them off at Temple anytime in April or bring them to Mitzvah Day.

#### On-site Activities will include:

- Sack Lunches for Friends of the Homeless
- Dog Treats for Pets Without Parents
- Bags of Hope for Homeless Families Foundation
- Challah Baking
- TBS Beautification Project for Earth Day
- Art Creations for Nursing Home Residents
- Therapy Dog Visits
- Project for Pride Parade
- Mitzvah Project Fair\*
- The Giving Tree
- Visits from New Albany Police Department & Fire Department
- American Red Cross Bloodmobile

\*If your 6th or 7th grader would like to showcase their project, please email alpert1343@gmail.com

#### Off-site Activities will include:

- Prep & serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House
- Tour & project the Bikur Cholim (Kosher Kitchen) at Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Play with bunnies at the Ohio House Rabbit Rescue
- Tour & Deliver meals at LifeCare Alliance/Meals on Wheels
- Stock & organize shelves at The New Albany Food Pantry (formerly Village Coalition Against Hunger)

The off-site activities have limited quantities so sign up now via the link on www.tbsohio.org.

In order to do all these mitzvahs, we need supplies! Below is a link to our Amazon Wish List for items we need for the day. If you would like to donate items, we would greatly appreciate it! If you do make a purchase via the link below, the items will be shipped directly to Temple. If you work for a business that would like to donate items, please get in touch with me! **Please** order by April 13th.

Amazon Wishlist: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ya2vdgye">https://tinyurl.com/ya2vdgye</a>

#### B.R.E.A.D. Rises!

Clarissa Epps, from the BREAD organization will join us at 6:30 p,m, on Friday, April 27th.

Plan to come to services early and you will have the opportunity to learn about B.R.E.A.D. (Building Responsibility, Equality and Dignity) and to share in some bread, cheese and wine provided by the TBS Social Action committee.

Clarissa will educate us about this important group whose mission is "to build the power of people of faith to solve community problems" and you will learn why your attendance at the Nehemiah Action on May 7 is so very important.

#### WHAT IS B.R.E.A.D.?

We are not talking the kind that you slice and eat, although this BREAD rises too.

BREAD stands for Building responsibility Equality and Dignity. People of faith working together to pursue justice, change public policy, and support initiatives that improve lives in our local community. Come and hear more on April 27th at 6:30pm

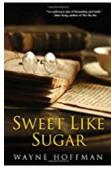
### The Kosher Bookworm

Guest Book Review— "Sweet Like Sugar" by Wayne Hoffman



By Joy Seeskin

Note from Steve Seeskin, Library Committee Chairperson: This month The Kosher Bookworm features a book review by my wife, Joy. Of course, the reviewed book is shelved as a part of the TBS Library collection in the Fiction Section. Thank you to Joy and hopefully she will accomplish two things: 1) encourage you to read the reviewed book and 2) encourage you to submit (to steve.seeskin@gmail.com) and share a review of what you have recently read.



Sweet Like Sugar, a novel by Wayne Hoffman is an insightful story. The author chooses a very difficult time in the life of a selfemployed marketing executive, twentyseven year old, Benjamin Steiner. Benji is a conflicted young man who struggles with where he belongs socially and religiously. He knows he is Jewish but resists the "rules" as he calls them and is not an observant Jew. His Jewish experiences at this time revolve around Life Cycle and Holiday

coordinated by his semi observant very opinionated mother.

Benji is barely scraping by with his business and is furiously working on a proposal for an ad campaign he hopes to land for a popular gay bar. He is unexpectedly found in the company of a rabbi he has never met, Rabbi Zuckerman. Rabbi Z needs the coolness of Benji's office on hot afternoons as the air conditioning of Benji's office is working, and not so much in the bookstore of the Rabbi.

Orthodox Rabbi Zuckerman has recently lost his wife and is suffering from overwhelming grief and loneliness. His wife Sophia, was to him his bashert, a Yiddish word meaning the person you are fated to meet. When he mentions bashert to Benji, Benji has his doubts as to whether there is a bashert for him.

Benji and Rabbi Z establish a close and unlikely friendship. Over a period of months Benji transports the Rabbi to and from his bookstore, morning and evening. Often, they share a coffee and a sweet snack while Benji listens to the Rabbi's stories. Telling these stories seem to bring the rabbi to life again.

Rabbi Z tries to convince Benji that to be a good Jew is not dependent on his attending Friday night services or observing other rituals. Rabbi Z told Benji that he, Benji, has disconnected from his Jewishness and he needs to recon-

#### **Book Club Chavurot!**

The library Committee Welcomes all TBS Book Clubs to join together and utilize available resources!

The Library Committee is available to bring guest speakers, provide space for book club meetings, and can provide outreach for book club membership!

Contact Steve Seeskin(steve.seeskin@gmail.com)

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nect. He told Benji that, "Judiasm is not only about refraining from doing bad things." It is also about doing good things."

Sweet Like Sugar explores issues including secrets, friendships, romance, and religion. This book is worth your time if only to make you think about your "bashert" and what it might take for you to be a good Jew.

Wayne Hoffman writes for several publications such as the Washington Post, Village Voice and others. He has authored three novels. He lives in New York City and the Catskills.

## <sup>22</sup> March Bat Mitzvahs



On Saturday April 14th **Sydney Lesko**, daughter of Tom and Marlene Lesko, sister of Joshua Lesko granddaughter of Richard & Sheri Sherman, Michael & Margaret Budd, and Thomas & Joyce Lesko will be called to the Torah for her first Aliyah.

Sydney is a 7th grader at Weaver Middle School in Hilliard. She attends the Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School. Sydney is active with the Hilliard Weaver Middle School cheer team and track. She also plays soccer for the Hilliard travel team.

For her Mitzvah project, Sydney raised money to donate to Canine Companions.



On Saturday, April 21st **Lindsey Cram**, daughter of Bonnie & Jeremy Cram and the sister of David, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. She is the granddaughter of Jeanne & Steve Prawer and Carol & Doug Cram.

Lindsey is a 7th grader at New Albany Middle School and she attends Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School where she is involved in the Madrichim in Training Program. She enjoys running on the New Albany Middle School Track team, playing soccer and basketball, downhill skiing, playing the guitar and baking. Lindsey looks forward to spending her summers with friends at Birchtrail Camp in Wisconsin.

For her mitzvah project, Lindsey volunteered at the 5th Avenue Food Pantry downtown preparing and serving breakfast to the homeless. She also volunteered at Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna

at their Sunday Free Community Lunches. She assisted with meal-prep, served lunch and helped clean up.

Lindsey would like to thank Rabbi Benjy, Rabbi Lenette and Ben Rosen in preparing her for this special day.

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#### **Erev Shabbat Service Schedule**

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





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