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# HAPPY CHANUKAH!



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# · Chanukah Service & Party!

Friday, December 7th at 6:30 pm

JOIN US FOR OUR KINDERGARTEN
CONSECRATION, A BRISKET & LATKE
DINNER BY THE MEN'S CLUB, A SOCIAL
ACTION PROJECT, LATKE CONTEST,
GAMES, SONGS, AND MORE!

COST FOR DINNER \$10 ADULTS / \$5 KIDS / MAX \$30 PER FAMILY

#### THINK YOUR LATKES ARE THE BEST?

LET US BE THE JUDGE! BRING TEN LATKES TO THE PARTY FOR OUR LATKE COMPETITION AND SEE HOW THEY STACK UP!



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23	24	25 Christmas Day TBS Office Closed	26 1pm— Mah Jongg	27	<b>28 7:30pm—</b> Erev Shabbat Services	29 10am— Simchat Shabbat Services
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		Happy New Year! TBS Office Closed	2 1pm— Mah Jongg 6:30pm— Judaism 101	3	4 6:30pm— First Friday Erev Shabbat Services	5 10am— Simchat Shabbat Services
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## Chaverim

(3rd-4th Grades)

**Upcoming Youth Events** 







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



Club 56
(5th-6th Grades)

**Upcoming Youth Events** 







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## JuBeSTY

(7th-8th Grades)

**Upcoming Youth Events** 





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



## **BeSTY**

(9th-12th Grades)

**Upcoming Youth Events** 





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**Be The Light** 

Adapted from Rabbi B's Talk at the Service of Healing

There is a debate in the Talmud about how we light our Chanukah candles. One school of thought, Rabbi Shamai's school, believed that we should light eight candles on the first night, seven the second night, and so on, until there is but one candle left at the end. Rabbi Hillel's school of thought was that we start with one light, and add one every day. Any of us who lights Chanukah candles knows that Rabbi Hillel's way has been followed for many years. One of the important reasons we light our candles this way is that in this dark time of year, we aim to increase our light each day. We are surrounded by so much darkness in our world today. I think many of us are feeling that even more so after the horrific and tragic events in at the Tree of Life Synagogue just over a month ago. Our tradition teaches us that when

we find ourselves in darkness, we must be the light. Like our Chanukiyah, we must increase the light in this world and help make sure we don't fall further into the darkness. So, how do we do this? Where do we go from here? How do we take the next steps? How do we start to go from despair to healing, from the depths of our grief to a glimmer of light and hope?

Unfortunately, our people have been accustomed to facing violence since the beginning. Hannah Senesh wrote "Blessed is the match consumed in a kindling flame. Blessed is the flame that softy burns in a heart's secret place. Blessed the hearts that, like flickering lights, knew to flutter and die without shame. Blessed is the match consumed in a kindling flame." Yet our flame still burns. We are still here. Hope must endure.

Hope. It is what has sustained the Jewish people for millennia throughout our dark history. Rabbi Leora Frankel teaches, "To be a Jew is to be an agent of hope in a world serially threatened by despair. Every ritual, every mitzvah, every syllable of the Jewish story, every element of Jewish law, is a protest against escapism, resignation, or the blind acceptance of fate." One thing that binds all of these national tragedies together is that in their aftermath, after we've seen the worst of people, we often see the best in people. Tree of life was the same. I relearned this lesson from Daniel Tiger, a kids' show based on Mr. Rogers, who happened to live in Squirrel Hill. Daniel is scared after a storm, and his parents remind him to "look for the helpers." People are generally good and want to help. We have to remind ourselves of that over and over again. Dr. Jerry Rabinowitz, 66, made the ultimate sacrifice in an act of selfless bravery. "He tried to assist some of the victims. He actually made it out of the building and then tried to come back in to help others, and he was shot," said Patricia Conderato, 50, a patient of Rabinowitz since she grew up in Squirrel Hill. Rabinowitz was a doctor to Patricia when she was a young girl, and served as a pediatrician when she had a son. "He was always there to help," she said. Many of the survivor reports tell us that people helped each other out. They calmed one another. They gave each other strength.

There are also many reports the heroism of the first responders. Dr. Keith Murray is a trauma doctor at a local hospital, as well as a member of the Pittsburgh SWAT team. He was getting his son ready for a costume party on Saturday when he got the call and arrived outside of Tree of Life Synagogue. As soon as he was inside, he identified 11 people dead at the gruesome scene, knowing he couldn't help them. The trauma doctor focused on who he could save. Murray saw an elderly couple hiding in a corner and helped usher them to safety. In the main sanctuary, he noticed that there was a victim who was still alive. She was in shock and shot in the arm. Murray applied a tourniquet, turning the second floor of the synagogue into a triage unit. Dr. Lenny Weiss, a UPMC doctor who lives near the synagogue, also went to the synagogue to stop blood loss and save lives. A floor above them, a shootout raged between SWAT officers and the killer. One SWAT officer was shot seven times and critically injured. "He was bleeding everywhere from multiple wounds," he said. The doctor applied a tourniquet to control the bleeding, one of the most important parts of trauma training. "It saved at least two lives Saturday," Murray said. That's the value of having a tactical EMS team with SWAT officers and being able to respond quickly. "You want to be as close to the point of injury as possible," he said. "It's the difference between life and death." There was one horrible monster in that synagogue on Saturday, and an entire community, an entire nation of helpers, of people who want to do the right thing. A lady from Westerville stopped by the Temple this week to drop off flowers and tell us that she supports and cares for us. I saw a number of pictures from friends' congregations on Sunday morning, where they were greeted by bouquets of flowers and encouraging notes left by perfect strangers – people who just felt compelled to show their love and support.

There is of course, also healing power in all of us working to combat senseless hatred. There are so many of us, on both sides of the aisle, who are upset about the state of our city, state, country, and world. But we settle into our camps and completely shut out any conversation from people who may think differently. We can disagree about an issue without demonizing one another. If we want to heal, we must focus on that which can bring us together. We can all agree, that when we hear an anti-Semitic remark, or a racist or homophobic statement, when someone around us says something hateful that we have to call them out. When we hear hate speech from anyone in leadership on either side of the aisle, we have to call them out. When we can actually talk to each other instead of tweeting at each other, when we can have a face to face conversation instead of slamming each other in facebook comments, when we can see the good in every single person created in God's image, then we will begin to heal as a community and as a nation, bringing light into our world.

Yes, we are scared. We live in a scary world. But if we only live in fear, then these terrorists have won, and we will descend into darkness. Instead, look for the helpers. Focus on communities coming together throughout our country and the world to support the Jewish community. Look at our beloved friends from across the faith community of Columbus who have embraced us. Look at all those people with outstretched arms who have said no to hate, no to violence, enough.

One of my favorite lines in our prayer book is found at the end of a prayer of gratitude. It says, "we pray that we may live not by our fears, but by our hopes, not by our words but by our deeds."

As we approach Chanukah this year, our candles take on additional meaning. May we bring light into this world. May we be the light.

#### Rabbi B to Take Sabbatical January 2018

During the month of January, Rabbi Benjy will be away from the Temple on sabbatical.

#### What is a sabbatical, you ask?

There is a tradition within the rabbinic world, based on a section in Leviticus, that every 7 years, rabbis may request a sabbatical year to recharge their spiritual batteries. Rather than take an entire year at once, Rabbi B will take a month each year to learn with and from colleagues and congregations around the country, spend some extra time with his family, and recharge for the year ahead. Rabbi B is grateful to our wonderful leadership and congregation for affording him this opportunity.



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## 10 Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose



#### Consecration and Chanukah Too!! Friday, December 7th

On Friday, December 7th at the 6:30 PM Shabbat Service, the Kindergarteners and all new students in grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Kehillat Torah Sunday School will be helping to lead the Consecration/Chanukah Shabbat. The education of a Jewish child is a joint venture shared by both family and the Jewish community. Consecration is a ceremony used in Reform and Conservative congregations to mark the beginning of formal Jewish education. It is a ritual that dedicates the students to Jewish learning for all time. During this group ceremony, students will be given a small replica of a Torah to symbolize the start of their study of Torah. The students have been working diligently during their weekly music classes learning both English and Hebrew prayers and songs in preparation of this important milestone.

Parents are asked to bring their children at 6pm for a quick rehearsal in an upstairs classroom. A Shabbat meal will be available in the social hall immediately following the service. The cost is \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for children, \$30.00 max per family. Call the temple office, 614-855-4882 or RSVP to www.tbsohio.org to make a reservation for the dinner.

I cordially invite all members of Temple Beth Shalom to join us in welcoming our students into their formal Jewish educational life and to celebrate Chanukah as a community.

#### **Broadway Comes to the TBS Bimah**

Do you love Broadway show tunes? This winter you will not have to travel to New York City or pay the high ticket prices to enjoy some of your favorite Broadway tunes. Your very own Temple Beth Shalom Sharyonim Choir will be hosting a special BROADWAY SHABBAT on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Please join us for this red carpet Shabbat.

#### **Veterans' Day Tribute**

I would like to extend a special thank you to all of the Veterans of Temple Beth Shalom and the Jewish community who participated in our November 9<sup>th</sup> Shabbat Service. The Service was one of peace, honor and gratitude as we paid tribute to the men and women who have contributed so much to help the United States and Israel by serving in the armed forces.

Kudos to director, **Debbie Costa** and Sharyonim members: **Madalyn Benjamin, Susan Bugenstein, Nick Ciranni, Cindy Cohen, Marian Cuenot, Rachel Goldblatt, Connie Hirsh, Robin Leasure, Ed Radin, Judy Radin, Cindy Ravisky, Lisa Rubinstein, Arthur Rose, Tom Shook, Barry Yaillen and Randy Zacks** whose renditions of "A Tribute To The Armed Services" arranged by Lloyd Larson, "God Bless America" by Irving Berlin and "Inscription of Hope" by Z. Randall Stroope added spirit, pride and depth of heart to our Shabbat service. A special thank you to our trumpeter extraordinaire, **Larry Remer**, our outstanding guest speaker, **Debbi Sugarman** and to the man who makes this Shabbat happen, our Veterans' Day co-chair, **Steve Seeskin.** 





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#### Religious School Update 5779

We are already almost halfway through an amazing religious school year! We are having a wonderful time joining together on Sunday mornings at JCC New Albany, and we are excited to share some of the new changes to our program and how they are going. First of all I want to thank our incredible teachers, staff, room parents and volunteers who help make religious school possible. Thank you all so much for your hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication to our children's Jewish futures.

There are so many good things happening with every grade. Here's an update on some of the big changes we've made this year, along with an update from Angelo, junior youth group advisor, and Hannah, senior youth group advisor and madrichim coordinator.

- Grade Breakfasts: For each of our K-4 breakfasts, students and parents meet in the gym for a bagel breakfast on Sunday morning, and engage in a family project that will connect with their grade service the following month, Then, students return to class and our parents have their own activity. The goal is for our parents to connect with one another as their own communities within our religious school, and form friendships before seeing each other again at the service in a few weeks! We have had two grade breakfasts so far and we are so excited for more in 2019!
- Hebrew: This year, each grade is in their own class (instead of splitting into two classes per grade) and we are focusing on holistic Hebrew education rather than a sole focus on reading. Whether it's bringing in the marvelous Marc Rossio to help sing prayers, asking what roles blessings and prayers play in our lives today, or doing fun small group work and team games, there is a lot of engagement and fun happening in our Hebrew classes!
- Electives: this year, 8th-10th grades are participating in elective style classes for Judaics during second session. They are in classes with topics such as Jewish ethics, social justice, Jews and sports, and "Jews on stage and screen"! Rabbi B, Hannah and myself are also having a great time leading Confirmation for our 10th graders during the first block. We're seeing our older students make great connections with each other and also learn topics that are interesting and relevant to their lives.
- Professional Development: This year we are thrilled to begin professional development sessions for our staff. The goal of these sessions is to provide further learning opportunities not only to help improve our teaching in-classroom, but also as lifelong learners ourselves! It also provides great moments of community. So far we have had two sessions (one about lessons for every student and another about Chanukah), and we are excited to have at least four more over the course of the year.

#### Junior Youth Groups: Chaverim (3-4) and Club 56 (5-6) - Angelo Dunlap

This year our youth group events have been a blast! We've not only gone on fun trips but we also made connections with new friends. There are two youth groups; in the 3rd & 4th grades we have Club Chaverim and in the 5th & 6th grades we have Club 56. From Apple picking and going to Rockin Jump, to playing games and having a good time after religious school, our youth group program has enabled students to interact with each other in a unique way outside of Sunday School. Upcoming we will have our Chanukah White Elephant party in December and we also will be going to the Conservatory in January. The Dates for the Conservatory have changed for both groups. Club Chaverim (3rd & 4th) will be going on the 13th of January and Club 56 (5th& 6th) will go on the 27th. If you are a parent of a student in these age groups and are not getting the emails for the events please let us know and we will gladly add to you! If you have any guestions please contact me, Angelo Dunlap at adunlap@tbsohio.org.

#### Madrichim Program and Senior Youth Groups: JuBeSTY (7-8), BeSTY (9-12)

There have been several programs and opportunities that 7th-12th graders have been able to participate in during this first half of the school year. There have been a few changes to the Madrichim program as well as programs for JuBesty and BeSTY, our two youth TBS groups.

One change in the program this year is the addition of a Madrichim led group called the Mitzvah Core who has provided us with several school wide mitzvah project and activities. So far, they have planned art projects, mitzvah projects (for the homeless population specifically), an interactive learning program where kids got to learn about famous American Jews, and more. This group of creative and enthusiastic teens has been positively impacting everyone around them and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings. The 5779 are dedicated, open minded, and passionate about helping and learning in the classroom. I regularly witness them going out of their way to help their students without being asked. Whether they were providing emotional support after the Tree of Life shooting occurred or helping their students with Hebrew, they consistently act as selfless teachers and role models.

The TBS Youth Groups (JuBeSTY & BeSTY) have had several events including ice skating, a lock-in, NFTY Kallah, lazer kraze and more. This is a great way for our Jewish teens to explore their identity and meet people similar to them. There is on average one event per month, so stay tuned for upcoming details. All TBS youth is more than welcome to join us during these events. You don't have to be a Madrichim to participate!

I have high hopes for 2019.

We can't wait for our next "semester" (Jan-May) of religious school!

#### "With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility": Remembering Stan Lee, 1922-2018



This November, we lost a titan not just in comic books, but in the entertainment industry: Stan Lee, born Stanley Lieber. Lee started at Marvel Comics as an intern in the 1930's, eventually becoming a writer, and he helped create some of Marvel's best known heroes, including Spider-Man, Iron Man, The Avengers, and the X-Men. Later, as publisher, Lee became the face and creative force behind Marvel's brand. For decades, Lee was a staple at comic conventions, and he famously made cameo appearances in almost all of Marvel's films. For superhero fans, it is difficult to imagine a world without Stan Lee.

Superheroes are now a multibillion dollar industry, but at their core, superheroes are about pursuing justice and accepting the humanity in everyone, ideas Lee has championed his entire life. And if those sound like Jewish values, Stan Lee's Jewish identity may have played a part in it. Jews were kept out of artistic fields in the 30's due to anti-Semitism, so they created and published superhero comics. In

the 60's, thanks to Lee and others, comics became more overtly Jewish. Here are a few ways that Jewish values and themes show up in Stan Lee's work:

#### Pursuing justice and equality

Lee often expressed his views in a section of his comics called "Stan's Soapbox" and he wasn't afraid to be transparent about what superheroes stand for. When fans claimed that superheroes shouldn't intersect with politics, he responded that superheroes stand for justice and equality, and that racism is never acceptable in any form. In one particular Soapbox, Lee expressed the Jewish teaching that all people are created in the image of God.

Stan Lee stood by his words by including diverse characters, including iconic superhero women such as Invisible Woman and Jean Gray, along with Black Panther and other African American characters as early as the 60's. Lee risked his job several times to be more inclusive and diverse. Marvel's Black Panther film was a huge success, and also became a huge moment for black American culture and made important steps in Marvel and film diversity.

#### **Empathy towards others**

The central verse of Torah is "Love your neighbor as yourself." Unfortunately, it can be too easy to judge someone who is different from us. Lee's heroes were often discriminated against by the (fictional) public, even when they saved people or even the world. Spider-Man is called a menace in the Daily Bugle newspaper; the X-Men's mutant powers were dehumanized and shunned by the human majority; and Fantastic Four's The Thing constantly suffered when the people he saved reacted with indignation and hatred. These heroes are clear metaphors for minorities, including Jews, who were discriminated against just for being who they are. (While Lee did create The Thing and Magneto, he didn't make them Jewish characters - more on that another time!) Millions of Americans not only connected with these characters emotionally, and Lee and his co-creators also helped foster empathy and understanding towards those who were different. And, they helped us accept and be proud of our own differences.

#### Humility

According to Torah, even though Moses was a singular prophet and leader, his humility knew no bounds. Stan Lee ushered in a new age of superheroes, and in doing so, he inspired millions of fans. He changed storytelling in entertainment, and became the face of a multibillion dollar franchise. But through it all, Lee was dedicated to his fans. For decades he fostered dialogue with fans and traveled to conventions all over the country, even into his 90's, and spent hours taking photos and signing autographs, along with speaking in interviews and on panels.

I know this because I am one of those lucky fans. I've seen Stan Lee on several panels, and actually met him at Phoenix Comic-Con in 2011. I waited in line for over an hour, and the whole time he was smiling and talking with fans. Soon enough it was my turn, and I was absolutely terrified. He asked me how I was doing. I said it was an honor to meet him, and I asked him to sign a Spider-Man book that included his favorite Spidey story, and mine. Once he finished signing, I thanked him and shook his hand. I always imagined I would meet him again.

In the coming months, may we celebrate Lee's legacy and take to heart one of his most famous phrases: "With great power comes great responsibility." That power resides in each of us to be a light in the darkness - to be true heroes when we see the humanity in everyone. Thank you, Stan. Zecher tzaddik livracha.



## Coming up at TBS



Consecration & Hanukkah Party



1/25

Sharyonim Broadway Shabbat



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Hebrew Name Shabbat



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Jubilee Singers



Purim Carnival



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**Purimspiel** 



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Great Scott! Shabbat



4/27

TBS Gala

For more information, contact tbs@tbsohio.org

## Shabbat Speaker - David Cohen

Friday, December 14th | 6:30PM

Only ONE in 5000 people live to 100. In David Cohen's latest book "1000 Years of Memories" he relates the remarkable life stories of 10 individuals who have reached age 100 and beyond and are still with us today.

David's presentation shares the core values, hopes, dreams, goals and especially the struggles these 100 year olds endured during the depths of the depression of the 1930s and the devastation of World War II. You will get a glimpse of how they aspired and achieved during a highly productive life regardless of obstacles that occurred along the way.

David also talks about what steps each of us can take to live a long and healthy life. Please come and listen to this highly entertaining and informative presentation about centenarians.

## JHARYONIM BROADWAY JHABBAT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25TH 7:30PM

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#### Sparkly Squirrels, Security, and Smiles

In November, I attended the Temple Administrator's conference along with 200 of my colleagues from across the country. I am thankful to the Board of Trustees, Staff and Clergy for this amazing opportunity to recharge my leadership battery and collaborate with folks from congregations large and small. There are many facets to the role of Executive Director, and the conference learning focused on how to ignore the "Sparkly Squirrel"-that shiny thing that distracts you from the hardcore, big picture work to be done. It was wonderful to immerse myself in the energy, education, and focus the conference provided, and I return to TBS recharged and ready for the tasks ahead.

I know security is on the minds of many of you after the horrific and senseless shooting in Pittsburgh last month. As a Jewish community we are working together to strengthen security protocols and training for all organizations. Jewish Columbus is holding a security forum at TBS on December 5th at 7pm, and all are welcome to attend. This forum will focus on security skills and situational awareness training from leading professionals. It is also an opportunity to ask questions and have your concerns heard. Please look for an email from Jewish Columbus with more details.

At the recommendation of law enforcement professionals, we are making changes to entering the building for our services. The mezzanine level doors will now be locked at all times, and all members now need to enter our building through the parking lot doors. Please be mindful of this change when coming and visiting TBS. On Friday evenings, 15 minutes after services begin, the lower parking lot doors will be locked and you will need to be buzzed into the building. If you arrive 30 minutes after services begin, we ask you to please be patient to be buzzed in. Our staff is getting the oneg ready, and may step away from door monitoring for a few minutes.

We are also looking to expand the number of greeters at our services. As a personal and welcoming congregation, we are always mindful to engage others we don't know in conversation. You can help us tremendously by signing up to be the welcoming face at the door. More details to follow-please check the eWindow for sign-ups.

A HUGE THANK YOU to those who contributed towards our High Holy Annual Appeal. I am SO EXCITED to share that we met our goal this year! The funds raised help support the many activities that take place in and around TBS.

I hope to see all of you on December 7th at our annual Chanukah dinner prepared by our amazing Men's Club. Last year over 100 families dined on brisket and latkes. Please RSVP to help ensure the proper amount of food and seating.

Happy December!

### Supporting TBS

#### THERE ARE MANY AVENUES TO GIVE TO TBS!

- Donate via check or credit card
- Donate gifts of stocks or securities
- Donate through a donor advised fund
- Donate matching gifts through your employer
- Name TBS in your estate plan
- Planned giving

There's a lot of talk lately on year-end giving and tax implications. Did you know - if you are 70.5 years or older and have an IRA, you can potentially donate money directly from your IRA account to TBS without that gift counting as income?

This provision is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution, and might be right for you. Want to know more? Consult your tax advisor or Bonnie Abramowitz who can connect you with a professional to discuss further.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ONE OF THE ABOVE? PLEASE CONTACT BONNIE ABRAMOWITZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AT 614.855.4882 TO DISCUSS THE OPTION THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU.



## 16 Let's Celebrate 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 using it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights; say or sing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיוּ וְצִוְּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֵׁל חַנִּכָּה.

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.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם שֶׁעְשָׂה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתִינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הַהֵּם בַּוִּמֵן הַזֵּה.

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:** 

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֶחֵיָנוּ וַקִּיִּמְנוּ וַהָגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמִן הְזָּה.

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.

# Set's Play Dreidel

The Hebrew word for dreidel is sevivon, which, as in Yiddish, means to turn around. Dreidels have four Hebrew letters on them, and they stand for the saying, "Nes Gadol Haya Sham," meaning "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."

Playing with the 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, raisins, 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) 1 Nun means "nisht"or "nothing" in Yiddish. The player does nothing.
  - b)  $\lambda$  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 "shtel" or "put in" in Yiddish.
    - 9 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."

## 18 Simcha Station

#### **December Birthdays**

December 1st — Amy Levine

December 2nd — Lisa Rubinstein, Michael Scheiner

December 3rd — Dana Mason, Arthur Rose

December 6th — Lori Rossio, Peri Siegel

December 7th — Colleen Rosenberg

December 8th — Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev, Edit Grayfer, Steve Gurevitz

December 9th — Diane Crislip, Rabbi Lenette Herzog, Sanford Meizlish

December 10th — Bennett Cohen, Sherrie Kass-Roth, Alan Meisterman,

December 11th — Rose Berky, Jennifer Silver

December 12th — Lee Goodman, Andrea Kool-Tucker, Todd Matros

December 13th — Jeremy Cram, Karen Ricker, Amy Rubin, Francine Wahrman

December 14th — Madeline Jobrack, Jeff Stone

December 17th — Andrew Altschuld, Kaye Norton, Connie Rittenhouse, Solly Yassenoff

December 18th — Carol Lynn Levine, Josefina Taylor, Susan Weiler

December 19th — Terri Searfos

December 20th — Nancy Paul, Luba Shnider, Elyse Weiss

December 21st — Krista Fliegel, Aaron Friedberg, Jessica Rathkopf

December 22nd — Allison Eckes

December 23rd — Robert Covitz, Nurit Friedberg

December 28th — Harlan Louis, Faye Sigall

December 31st — Jodi Harris, Constance Meizlish

#### **December Anniversaries**

December 5th — Janice & Mitchell Silver

December 16th — Judith Yaross Lee & Joseph Slade

December 17th — Sandy & Bruce Wylie

December 21st — Lisa & Matt Friedman, Lori & Rich Shaw

December 22nd — Ann & Daniel Lang,

Victoria & Steve Loewengart

December 23rd — Gerry & Joel Kent

December 25th — Linda & Richard Rogovin

December 28th — Sandra & Dan Phalen, Patti & Robert Wolf

December 29th — Carol & Hal Borovetz,

Linda & Larry Mendel, Sherri & Darrin Resnick, Terri & Bryan Searfos

December 31st — Julie & David Levy

#### **January Birthdays**

January 1st — Wayne Crutcher, Susan Culkar, Barbara Holbein, Levi Wilson

January 2nd — Ted Bernard, Lauren Campen, Gail Rose

January 3rd — Russ Flickinger, Matt Freedman, Christine Hecht, Eric Naiman

January 4th — Victoria Loewengart, Marvin Pate, Jacqueline Philips, Sarah Phillips, Sandra Roads

January 5th — Larry Eisenman

January 6th — Kenneth Green, Richard Hall, George Nagy, Nathan Robbins

January 7th — Evan DuBro

January 8th — Brett Handmaker

January 9th — Babette Feibel, Donald Feibel, Bette Young

January 10th — Marilyn Friedman, Joan Wurmbrand

January 11th — Joe Dorrian

January 12th — David Cantor, Roberta Kauffman

January 13th — Jon Wasserstrom

January 14th — Sarah Hall, Stephen Kauffman, Mike Wenter

January 15th — Osi Zimmer

January 16th — Karen Altschuld, Emily Wolfe

January 17th — Lesley Thompson

January 18th — Jeanne Grossman, Ronald Petroff

January 19th — Jan Cohen, Steve Ricker, Catherine Taub

January 20th — Jeff Harris, Larry Levinson, Wendy Singer

January 21st — Marc Ankerman, Ann Lang, Richard Prystowsky, Chris Thompson

January 22nd — Hal Borovetz, Michael Cohen, Steve Regester

January 23rd — Bethany Kinstlinger

January 24th — Jodi Benningfield, Amanda Olsen, Gayle Pavlofsky

January 25th — Philip Edelsberg, Katherine Goldman, Jon Handler, Denise Kohn, Sarah Malkoff, Jim Shulman, David Wartel

January 26th — Amy Liccardi

January 27th — Nellie Nagy

January 28th — Kenneth Goldberg

January 29th — Avi Gabbay, Marc Horowitz, Rick Sandor, Sandy Scheiner

January 30th — Kurt Beatty

January 31st — Corey Friedberg, Elyse Latella, Jim Lusignolo,

#### **January Anniversaries**

January 2nd — Beth & Tim Gerber

January 6th — Lois Kamnitzer & Richard Kallenberg

January 9th — Judith & Marc Ankerman

January 11th — Lauren & Bennett Cohen

January 12th — Lisa & Michael Rubinstein

January 17th — Lyudmilla & Konstantin Litmanovsky

January 18th — Denise & Richard Kohn

January 20th — Judy & Francine Wahrman

## HEBREW NAME SHABBAT Friday, February 8th | 6:30pm Have you always wanted a Hebrew name but don't have one? Please join us for this special naming Shabbat service! Please contact Rabbi Benjy by February 4th to participate!



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## 20 WBS& Men's Club



We are looking forward to our annual White Elephant party on December 16th, dinner catered by Nazareth, presents and fun! Free for all paid WBS members and \$10 for non-members. Please save the Date for Quiz Night on February 9th at TBS, start getting your teams ready. Also, our annual Women's Seder is on April 7th at 5:00pm. We look forward to seeing you at these fun events.

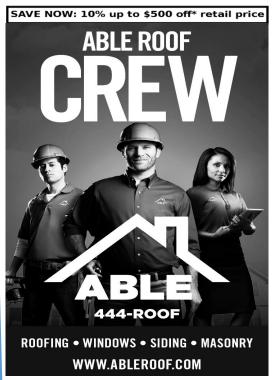
We hope to see everyone soon! Any questions or feedback don't hesitate to send us an email, <a href="www.womenofbethshalom@gmail.com">www.womenofbethshalom@gmail.com</a>
Lesley Thompson and Rachel Westrick



Join us on Friday, December 7th for the TBS Chanukah Party! Dinner will be prepared by the Men's Club!

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









#### Join Us At The TBS Chanukah Party!

As the days get colder and a bit darker, we look forward to the Festival of Lights, Chanukah, to help us feel brighter and warmer during these December days. At this time of year, we also are drawn to traditions which provide comfort and enhance our ways of celebrating.

One of our favorite traditions is the annual TBS Chanukah party which will take place this year on Friday, December 7. We hope that you will join your Temple friends to celebrate not only Chanukah but Consecration as well! The

Consecration service begins at 6:30pm where you will see Temple's youngest children receive their Torahs as they begin their formal Jewish learning. Right after services, the Chanukah party starts! It is sponsored by the Men's Club with a delicious meal including latkes, brisket, and sufganiyot! The Men's Club works tirelessly each month prepping, cooking, and serving the First Friday meals. We at TBS are so thankful that we have such a great group of men who are willing to donate their time, effort, and money to help in making Temple such a festive place to celebrate. You will not want to miss this fun evening of activities.

Looking for your Chanukah raffle tickets? We are changing up TBS' annual Chanukah raffle tradition this year. Instead of the traditional Chanukah raffle, we have very exciting news. We will be having an entire night dedicated to a new type of raffle - a reverse raffle! The event will take place during the last weekend of February at TBS. The event consists of hors d'oeuvres and drinks coupled with an extended drawing where the numbers drawn essentially eliminate the ticket unless the buyer purchased "insurance". It will be a fun-filled evening with eating and schmoozing with friends while tracking what is going on during the drawing. Further details will follow.

In both of our households, another Chanukah tradition has always been to give "gifts" back to our community, especially our beloved Temple. As we approach the end of 2018, there are many creative ways to give. As a reminder, its never too late to give to the Annual Appeal! Other ways to give are: cash donations (including honoring someone special or memorializing someone who has passed), recommended grants through donor advised funds, gifts of stock, gifts from a retirement plan or life insurance policy, inclusion of Temple in your will, and extended IRA rollovers.

A little more about the extended IRA rollovers: if you are 70.5 or older you must begin taking the required minimum distribution form your IRA. If you do not need the income for your day-to-day expenses, you can make an IRA rollover gift to a public charity, like TBS. You can give up \$100,000 annually from your IRA. Since this transfer does not produce taxable income or a tax deduction, you benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions. However, you must act now, before December 31 in order to receive the maximum benefits for 2018.

Please contact Bonnie Abramowitz or your financial advisor to ensure that your generosity not only takes advantage of all of the available tax incentives, but also builds a lasting legacy here at Temple. We are thankful for all of your support!

Although you may feel like you are spinning like a dreidel through these last few weeks of the year, we hope that you will take the time from your busy lives to make sure you celebrate Chanukah at TBS and also your own family Chanukah traditions.

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.

#### **BUILDING MAINTENANCE/LAWN FUND**

Miriam & Ken Siegfried

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- Joel & Gerry Kent, in memory of Jean Stepp

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- Richard & Linda, in memory of James Feibel
- Renee Siegel (Jan Krosin's cousin), in memory of James Feibel
  Randy & Joni Rosen, in memory of Jim Feibel & in honor of Rabbi Benjy's Services for Mara & Jordan Meyer's wedding
  David & Rita Cohen, in memory of Jim Feibel
  Miriam & Ken Siegfried, in memory of Jim Feibel

- Janyce Katz & Mark Glazman, in memory of Jim Feibel
- Cindy & Jan Cohen, in memory of Jim Feibel Suzanne Pliskin, in memory of Jim Feibel
- Dick & Denise Kohn, in memory of James Feibel
- Jan & Ben Krosin, in memory of James Feibel
- Barbara & Ron Robins, in memory of James Feibel

#### **GENERAL FUND**

- Allison & Eric Kahn, in memory of James Feibel,
  - "Uncle Jimmy was a great man who made a lasting impression on many people. He will be missed."
- Joel & Gerry Kent, in memory of Sol Sacks
- Richard & Arlene Headlee, in memory of Jonas Rosenthal
- Madalyn & Roger Benjamin, in memory of Ronald M. Benjamin
- Nyusya Skorokhodov, in memory of Gitlia Shteingolts
- Nancy Krasa, in memory of Helen & George Krasa
- Tammie & Dick Golden, donation for security
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#### HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

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Dorothy & Paul Schwebel, in honor of Paul Been's birthday

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- Eugene Shifrin, donation to the music fund
- Dawn & Steve Schneir, in memory of Max Pearlstein

#### **ONEG FUND**

Steve & Joy Seeskin, on the occasion of donating to the Oneg Fund

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Jane & Ben Krosin & Family, donation for two prayers books in honor of Babette Feibel's special honor

#### RABBI BAR-LEV'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Neal & Maureen Handler, in memory of Jim Feibel
- Susie & Gary Rozanczyk, in honor of Gil Feiertag's special birthday Jordan Meyers & Mara Rosen, in honor of Rabbi Benjy's performing our wedding ceremony
- Leah Levinson & Family, in memory of Brenner Levinson Drs. Harriet & Milton Parker Endowment Fund, donation to Rabbi Benjy

#### RABBI HERZOG'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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#### SECURITY FUND

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#### (((SEMITISM))): Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump

By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson



(((SEMITISM))), published in March of 2018, some perhaps prophetic seven months prior to the horrific events at The Tree of Life Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill suburb of Pittsburgh, is a must read for American Jews regardless of their own respective political persuasion. The author of this book is Jonathan Weisman, a self-professed secular Jew and a professional journalist currently employed as the Deputy Washington Editor at the New York Times.

Before discussing anything else, what is the meaning behind the three sets of parentheses around the title word "SEMITISM?" I was naively unaware of the meaning, as was Weisman on his first encounter of this strange punctuation. It works out modern day search engines ignore punctuation placed in a search term. However, alt-right anti-Semites have been using the triple set of parentheses to identify individuals having Jewish sounding names and have also de-

vised a downloadable Google plug-in to identify such instances so that the individuals thusly marked can be the target of anti-Semitic bigots. This is very similar to Hitler's Nazi Party forcing Jews to wear yellow "Jude" Stars of David affixed to their outer garments -- one of the early steps to roundup and mass extermination. Putting the word "SEMITISM" inside this strange punctuation is Weisman's way of calling the public's and especially the American Jewish public's attention to the seriously dangerous rise in anti-Semitism abroad and here in the USA. It is an alert to political and social structures changing in a negative manner; to be on our guard and take proactive measures to resist anti-Semitism as well as protect ourselves and our property from this scourge, if it is left to fester. Yes folks, this is a wakeup call! If left unheeded, the circumstances could, may God forbid, be another holocaust. Keep in mind every citizen has legal rights to bear high caliber semi-automatic weapons with large capacity magazine clips. Make no mistake, anti-Semites are building an arsenal of such weapons – for what purpose, I leave up to you to determine. Clue: it is not game hunting.

Why is this happening? Weisman carefully lays out the case for the rise in American-brand anti-Semitism, something that thankfully has not been a major concern since WWII and which up until recently seemed to be more of a European problem. In the United States, hate groups (white supremacist, alt-righters, neo-Nazis, skin heads, Ku Klux Klan, etc.) have learned to take advantage of certain constitutionally protected rights in order to promote their cause:

- Right of free speech (including the Internet) has been exploited to get out the hateful message and instill fear in the masses.
- Right of free press (including radio and television) has been exploited as an extension of free speech as a
  way of getting their bigoted message out to the public.
- Right to assemble has been exploited to demonstrate their force and unity, as well as be in the public's eye.
- **Right to bear arms** has been exploited to allow cowardly terrorist attacks on innocent people and so called "soft targets."

Make no mistake, these cherished rights have been weaponized by the various hate groups. The Jewish people have once again been falsely and maliciously blamed for the ills of society. Anti-Semitism is statistically on the rise in America and the prejudice we have been witnessing in Europe has now fully manifested itself here in the USA. We must arm ourselves with knowledge to identify and resist all forms of hate.

Please consider reading Weisman's (((SEMITISM))). It could well be the most important book you read concerning current events and affairs.

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



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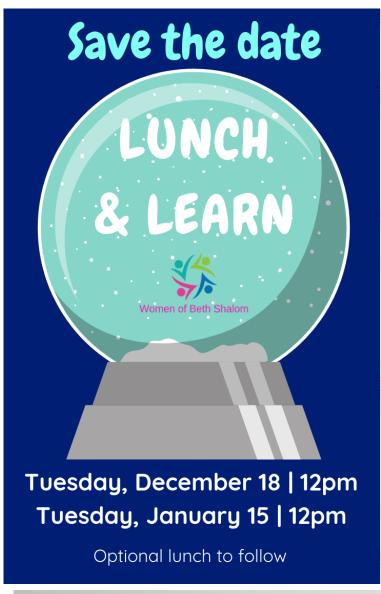
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## 26 December & January Yahrzeits

#### December 7th

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#### December 14th

Jacob Abramovitz Betty Adelstein Elliot Bain Florence Becker Brenda Eisenberg Gordon Fliegel Morris Gerson Joy Goldman Robert Goldstein Sam Harris Cornelia Hersch John Jarvis **Edward Kauffman** Samuel Kool Charles Levine Abraham Lichtblau Garry Mentser Dora Pearlman Harry Rappaport Ralph Rothschild Ruth Rubinstein Ben Schwartz Abe Senser Betty Silver Rosalind Weisz Sol Wise

#### December 21st

Ilene Becker Abe Berky Rose Block Jessie Bondy Goldie Cohen Frances Freed Anastasia Horowitz George Krasa Samuel Milstein Leo Reifel Douglas Richardson Noel Romanoff Jack Roth Paul Schneider E. Robert Schwartz Harry Solomon Jerome Steinman Irving Suszner Henry Wilson Earl Yaillen

#### December 28th

**Emmons Abeles** Nathaniel Adelstein Barnet Alpert Isaac Barnett Maryn Been Rose Blotner Sarah Ciranni Benjamin Cohen Irvin Cohen Ira Cooper Pearl Feibel Lillian Halperin Lee Hinton **Ernest Jaros** W. Jarvis Gene Jenny Joel Salon Miriam Schwartz Dan Teitel Robert Williams

#### January 4th

Julia Bar-lev Leon Beck Alice Bering Fannie Cohen Gabriel Cuenot **Doris Dreifus** Matilda Dreyfuss Dorothy Dubin Shirley Feuer Harry Jaffe Sidney Kleiman Dave Lurie Jay Mills Jack Nedelman Stanley Norton Paul Phalen **Betty Pinsky** Gerald Schwartz Cheryl Sokol Harry Topolosky Leo Weinberg

#### **January 11th**

Mark Amdursky Sam Block Jerry Cohen Sol Danchik Abraham Estren Adolf Freed Cele Friedman Joseph Goldenberg Margaret Hirschfeld Irving Lazerwitz Marian Lefton Adam Malinger Elmore Miles Freida Minkin Gary Naiman Rose Prystowsky **Edward Schneir Betty Schuster** Isabelle Seligson David Shapiro Bruce Siegel Jack Stearn Jack Taub Joseph Treger Judy Wiedenthal

#### January 18th

Sidney Berg Tillie Chait Orlando Ciranni Ralph Cobey Marceline Creve Rae Edelsberg Rose Erlanger Jenny Finkelstein Barbara Fox Leonard Goldman Myron Golin Leonard Jobrack Leonhard Katz Sanford Koppelman Doby Lakin **Bernard Linder Howard Mason** Inabeth Miller Lillian Ostroff Herb. Pearlman Linda Portigal Merle Rabstein Manny Reiss **Nettie Reiss** Selma Ringelheim Charles Seeskin Shirley Seeskin Allan Singer Richard Solove Roz Sonenstein Cecil Taylor Sally Wasserstrom Joseph Weinberg Bernard Weisz

#### January 25th

Henry Applebaum Sally Blatt Steven Blum Charles Edelsberg Richard Fey Myrtle Friedson Robert Herold Paul Jacobs Herman Katz David Lynn Sr. Barbara Mendel Emil Pabian Frank Perry Malcolm Schwartz Stanley Schwartz Jr. Lee Singer Cecelia Snider **Dorothy Weiss Irving Yaross** 



#### December Monthly Mitzvah - Gently Used Adult & Children's Coats, Winter Clothes & Shoes Collection For Joseph's Coat

Did you know that Joseph's Coat doesn't just take donated Coats!? Joseph's Coat seeks to help others by connecting people, sharing resources, strengthening families and building stronger community. They do this by offering stepping stones of free clothing, furniture and household items to families in need. We would like to focus on gently used adult and children's coats, winter clothes and shoes. They desperately need sizes 6-

16 and juniors in both boys and girls winter clothing and kids shoes! Drop off items at TBS and we will take them to Joseph's Coat for you.

You can also call them directly to arrange furniture pick-up! Visit **Josephs-Coat.org** to arrange a pick-up or to see a full list of volunteer opportunities and items they accept for donations.

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Friday, December 7th - Ner Shel Tzedekah Project during the TBS Chanukah Celebration

We will have a mitzvah project set up for families to work on together during dinner after services.

#### Sunday, December 16th 3:00pm - 5:00pm @ Bonnie Abramowitz's Home - Tzedakah Collective Meeting

Please mark your calendars as this is the day we will vote on the Grant recipient(s)! It will be an exciting and rewarding time to discuss the groups we have heard from and to express our Jewish values through our philanthropy. Tzedakah Collective members come from Temple Israel, Temple Beth Shalom and Congregation Beth Tikvah. It is a testament to our shared values, as Reform Jewish women, that we can collectively make a difference in people's lives through learning about the needs in our community and supporting worthy non-profit organizations that address those needs. We can provide volunteer support as well as financial support. Our goal this year was to focus on non-profit organizations in Central Ohio that work to restore human dignity. We have heard from three that do just that, each in their unique way of lifting people up. A brief summary of their work will be distributed at the meeting and by email.

We will meet at the home of Bonnie Abramowitz. Thank you so much, Bonnie, for offering to host this special meeting. We are very grateful. Bonnie's address is 1599 Oxbow Drive, Blacklick 43004.

We will have fun too! Please bring a snack to make it a potluck to help celebrate our accomplishment and the end of Chanukah. For purposes of planning for food, seating, handouts and voting, please RSVP to Marsha Pond at marshapond@msn.com.

#### Monday, January 21st - Martin Luther King Jr Day Family Service Project

Do something awesome on your day off. Bring your family, friends or come alone to work on a community service project. Details to come!

#### Sunday, January 27th @ 9:15am at JCC New Albany - Mitzvah Day Planning Meeting

We need to start planning Mitzvah Day 2019. Come to our first meeting to get in on the fun! Anyone is welcome. Mitzvah Day will be April 14th this year.

#### Monday, January 28, 2019 - Serve lunch at the YWCA Family Center

The YWCA Family Center provides emergency shelter, meals and critical support services to stabilize homeless families in central Ohio. Contact Laurel Zulliger at 614-323-6419 or Lzulliger@gmail.com if you can help serve lunch or provide food for the meal.

#### B.R.E.A.D. Annual Assembly Update

Thirteen TBS members attended the B.R.E.A.D. Annual Assembly in November and everyone who was present was able to cast a vote to determine the issue B.R.E.A.D. will be working on. The selected issue was Eldercare, such as supporting grandparents who are taking care of their grandchildren impacted by the opioid crisis. There's still time to make your donation in support of B.R.E.A.D. so send your check made out to B.R.E.A.D., c/o TBS, 5089 Johnstown Road, New Albany, OH 43054

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

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



#### The Caring Circle Needs YOU!

The Temple Beth Shalom Caring Circle helps congregational members with everything from organizing rides for those who 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 <a href="mailto:tbscaringcircle@gmail.com">tbscaringcircle@gmail.com</a>.































Saturday, December 15 at 9:30am Friday, January 25 at 6:30pm

## Meditation & Healing Shabbat

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



## We're the perfect place to shop for your Hanukkah Goodie Bags!

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Sunday, December 25th Tuesday, January 1st Monday, January 21st

Happy 2019!

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#### Our 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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