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4 Upcoming Events

2/1 - 2/8

Friday, Feb. 2	4th Grade Shabbat (Chag HaSiddur) & First Friday Dinner, 6:30 pm
Saturday, Feb. 3	Simchat Shabbat Services, 10:00 am; Quiz Night, 7:00 pm
Sunday, Feb. 4	KT Religious School, 9:00 am; WBS Board Meeting, 9:30 am
Tuesday, Feb. 6	Spiel Practice, 7:00 pm; Supermensch Class, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Feb. 7	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm

2/9 - 2/15

Friday, Feb. 9	Erev Shabbat Services, 6:30 pm
Saturday, Feb. 10	5th & 6th Grade Shabbat Services, 10:00 am
Sunday, Feb. 11	KT Religious School, 9:00 am; Library Comm. Meeting, 10:00 am; TBS Board Meeting, 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 13	Spiel Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm

2/16 - 2/22

Friday, Feb. 16	Shabbat Chai, 6:30 pm
Saturday, Feb. 17	Tot Shabbat, 10:00 am
Sunday, Feb. 18	No KT Religious School
Tuesday, Feb. 20	Spiel Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Feb. 21	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew, 4:00 pm
Thursday, Feb. 22	Lunch Bunch, 12:00 pm; Spiel Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

2/23 - 2/28

Friday, Feb. 23	Erev Shabbat Services, 7:30 pm
Saturday, Feb. 24	Simchat Shabbat Services, 10:00 am; Purim Spiel, 4:28 pm; Purim Lock-In, 7:30 pm
Sunday, Feb. 25	KT Religious School, 9:00-11:00 am; Purim Carnival, 11:15 am
Wednesday, Nov. 29	Mah Jongg at TBS, 1:00 pm; Midweek Hebrew,



**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 24TH
4:28 PM**



PURIM SPIEL 2018

6 The Buzz with Rabbi B



Removing Our Masks

One day, during my Sabbatical this past month, I was working to organize our basement play room with the “help” of Sammie, our 4-year-old. As we were opening boxes we haven’t touched in years, we came across a big box that seemed lighter than it should have. I opened it up and to Sammie’s delight, it was full of costumes. Some of them were costumes I acquired throughout the years doing various schticks and skits at camp and Religious School. Some of them were costumes that had been handed down to us just after Sammie was born. As you might imagine, she was very excited at this found box of costumes. And as you also might imagine, I was very excited to use that as a chance to remind my kids about a holiday coming up at the end of this month, Purim! You’re likely already familiar with the Purim story based on the biblical book of Esther. You may remember the exciting and juicy story of political intrigue and rivalry, love, loyalty, and deceit. One of the story’s major protagonists, Esther, ends up revealing her hidden Jewish identity to her husband, King Ahashverosh, in order to save the Jewish people of Shushan from the hands of Haman, their would-be killer. When Haman is identified as having plotted to kill the Jews, King Ahashverosh has him killed, and the people of Shushan are saved.

There are a number of explanations as to why we wear costumes on Purim. First, there is the idea that various characters in the Purim story hid their true character, and wore a “costume” instead. This is certainly true for Haman, the villain who disguised himself as acting in Shushan’s best interest, when he was really just concerned with himself. And the hero of the story, Esther, had to hide her Judaism from everyone, including her own husband until the time was right. Another explanation is that we wear costumes to disguise ourselves, much like the miracle of Purim was disguised as regular events. When we think of the miracles that happen in other biblical stories, they are often big, blockbuster scenes (parting of the Sea, giving of the Law at Sinai). The Purim story’s miracles revolved around a few people deciding to do what was right, even if it was not easy. Certainly we could think of that as a miracle in disguise.

So many of us go through our day to day lives in costume as well. We mask who we really are. We present a façade and let few people see who we really are. Perhaps on Purim we can take some of those barriers down, put our masks aside. One of my favorite weird stories from the Talmud is about two rabbis who join each other to celebrate Purim.

“Rabbah and Rabbi Zeira once joined together in a Purim feast, and they became intoxicated. [During the evening] Rabbah arose, and killed [slew] Rabbi Zeira. The next day, Rabbah [awoke, saw what he had done and] implored for God’s mercy, and Rabbi Zeira was revived. The next year, Rabbah said to Rabbi Zeira, “Sir, let us join together for the Purim feast.” But Rabbi Zeira answered him, “Miracles do not happen on every occasion.” (Rabbi B translation: Oh heck no, I think I’ll go to TBS’ Moana Purim Spiel instead! The only thing they kill is boredom). One of the things we might learn from this bizarre story, other than don’t get drunk with potential killers, is the importance that our tradition places on being our authentic selves. They go on to say that if your insides and outsides don’t match, it might not be a good idea to drink on Purim, or anytime. But they acknowledge that our world isn’t black and white, we aren’t either good or evil. We are all constantly battling to do the right thing, for our good inclination to overtake our inclination toward evil. This takes work every day, and it’s never too late to start.

So as we don our costumes this Purim, and celebrate the life that we have been given, let us work to take down our daily masks, to reencounter the essential goodness that is in each of us.

Lauren, Sammie, Jake and I wish you a very Happy Purim, and look forward to seeing you at all the Temple Purim festivities.

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8 CHAI-er Learning with Rabbi Lenette Herzog



Shalom! It has been a blast sharing my love of superheroes and comic books in our Super-mensch class over the past couple of weeks. This February, as we look forward to the joy-filled Hebrew month of Adar, and our fun-filled holiday Purim, I wanted to share with you an unlikely but meaningful connection between Purim and the Jewish history of superheroes.

Superman is easily the most iconic superhero, and famously stands for “Truth, Justice and the American Way!”, but many people are unaware that he is the creation of two Jews, Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, from Cleveland, Ohio. Jerry and Joe were first-generation Americans who met working for the high school newspaper. After graduating they came up with the idea of Superman, and were rejected by many newspapers. They finally brought Superman to a comic strip company (that would become DC Comics), also run by Jews, gave them a chance. The first appearance of Superman in 1938 on the cover of Action Comics #1 was a wild success, and the superhero genre was born.

Many superheroes are a persona to hide their true identity - for example, Spider-Man is simply a costume and a name that protects Peter Parker. However, Superman’s alter ego, Clark Kent, is really the costume, allowing him to hide in plain sight until he is needed. Clark Kent’s true self is Kal-El, from the planet Krypton, and those abilities are what save the American people again and again.

Several Jewish readers and historians note that Superman’s origin story closely resembles that of Moses’ - sent from his home in the hopes of a better life, to be adopted and raised by a new family. But I also think Superman shares much in common with the hero of our Purim story, Queen Esther.

Both Esther and Superman have a hidden Hebrew name - Esther’s is Haddasah, and Superman’s, Kal-El, can mean vessel or voice of God. Both Esther and Superman need to hide their true identities in order to fully participate in their worlds - for Esther, to marry the king and become queen, and for Superman, to become Clark Kent and work at the Daily Planet. Both Esther and Superman use cleverness and strategic planning to accomplish their goals. And both Esther and Superman reveal their hidden (and either subtly or explicitly Jewish) selves in order to save others - Esther, to expose Haman’s plot and save the Jewish people, and Superman to help all Americans in need.

There is one more similarity that I find particularly striking. In later Superman comics, Lois Lane finally learns the truth: Clark Kent and Superman are one and the same. This only makes her realize that she loves him more, and they eventually get married. Similarly, when Esther reveals she is Jewish, King Ahashverus does not banish her like he did Vashti. Rather he helps Esther save the Jewish people and remains, as far as we know, in a happy marriage with her.

Of course, we’ll never fully know if Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster intended these connections to exist. Both our ancient and modern superheroes, Queen Esther and Kal-El, have very important lessons to teach us this month of Adar. There are times when we might feel that we have to hide parts of our true selves, but we are at our best when we share our differences and our unique abilities and talents with the world. Like many superheroes as well as our Biblical heroes, they are motivated by a deep sense of tzedakah, pursuing justice. On that same note, we are also reminded by Lois and King Ahashverus that it is also our responsibility to help create a world in which those differences are accepted, celebrated, and loved.

Up, up and away! Happy Purim!



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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND | 12:00 PM | TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

Join us for a new TBS tradition, the monthly Lunch Bunch! This month Columbus folksinger, Bill Cohen, will lead us in singing songs like "Puff the Magic Dragon," "If I Had a Hammer," "We Shall Overcome," and "Charlie on the MTA."

Bring your toes for tappin', your voices for singing, and your memories that these songs are sure to rekindle!

**February
Featured
Performer**



Bill Cohen

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

A Message from Seth Becker, VP of Finance II

Hello Everyone. My name is Seth Becker and I am the “new” Vice President of Finance.

In my role, I am constantly thinking about how to lower expenses (along with our treasurer, Walter Hirschberg) and how to increase the financial security of Temple Beth Shalom. I would like to use my first article to remind the congregation of two major financial accomplishments and to let you know about a new opportunity.

The first major accomplishment was paying off the mortgage (thank you to Steve Herman, Michael Rothstein and all of the congregants who contributed to the campaign). This ended a significant financial burden on the TBS community.

The second important financial accomplishment was the creation and on-going contribution to a maintenance reserve fund. It is inevitable that the air conditioning, windows, etc. will need to be repaired or even replaced. With this in mind, we are using some of the facility fee dollars collected each year to provide for these eventualities. This may sound like a boring detail, but it is vital to the financial stability of our congregation. The lack of an adequately maintenance reserve fund has been one of TBS’s significant challenges, and we are working hard to save the needed funds.

It is said that life is the opportunity to change. In the past, we have often come to you, our congregants, asking for money, or help, but have done so in a general way. In the coming months, I hope to talk with you about TBS, with my goal being to learn how you see TBS developing in the coming years. This is the opportunity I spoke of earlier, a new opportunity, to understand what our congregation means to you. To see your contribution go from concept to completion, in support of a specific project or objective. As I meet with you in the coming months, I hope to find out where your TBS passion lies and how we can help you realize that passion. We will of course continue to accept and encourage unrestricted gifts, and sincerely appreciate them!

Please email our Executive Director Bonnie if you would like me to contact you.

Thank you to all who contributed to the High Holiday Prayer Book Fund!

We are happy to announce that thanks to the enormous generosity of our congregants TBS has raised the funds necessary to purchase 450 sets of *Mishkan HaNefesh*, the new prayer book set for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur!



12 Celebrations

February Birthdays

- February 1st — Ariel Benzakein, Corey Dubin, Marci Carron,
Jessica Meizlish, Sandra Flaherty
- February 2nd — Steven Altschuld
- February 4th — Herb Shnider, Seth Seibold
- February 5th — David Lefton
- February 6th — Neila Lieberman
- February 7th — Michael Griffaton
- February 8th — Sheryl Angart, Don Barger
- February 9th — Zachary Austin, Jessica Scheer
- February 10th — Becca Foskuhl, Janice Silver
- February 11th — Suzanne Hirsh
- February 12th — Jonathan Bleiweiss, Lance Shnider,
Aaron Friedberg, Brian Mason, Michael Weisel,
Jonathan Wolman
- February 13th — Barry Turner, Stephen Brooks, Robert Berky,
Laura Weinberg, Kim Dobres, Robert Basista
- February 14th — Alan Meizlish, Monica Katz, Jeff Waltman
- February 15th — Roger Goldberg
- February 16th — Steve Loewengart, Leon Friedberg,
Steve Sferrella, Deborah Batres, Jenna Schultz
- February 17th — John Kobacker
- February 19th — Richard Saltzman, Randolph Schultz
- February 20th — Scott Roth, Pam Miller-Meizlish,
Catherine Michael, Melissa Goldblatt
- February 21st — Mark Dornfeld, Michael Kaufman, David Lynn
- February 22nd — Howard Apothaker, Janet Brand,
Manette Sandor, Rachel Dolsky
- February 23rd — Lisa Spector, M.J. Benzakein, Michael Piccerello
- February 24th — Sheila Torch
- February 25th — Jill Barnett, Gene Shuman, Timothy Westrick,
Aaron Gilbert
- February 26th — Matthew Minkin, Ann Perelstein, Wendy Weiler
- February 27th — Mitch Miller, Todd Sandler
- February 28th — Elizabeth Cohen, Amy Dubin, Linda Mendel,
Michael Roads, Aaron Lynn, Marisa Weisel,
Alan Weisenberg

February Anniversaries

- February 3rd — Martin & Randi Lewis
- February 18th — Aaron & Shawna Garry
Susie & Gary Rozanczyk
- February 19th — Ruth & Randy Bank
- February 22nd — Moshe & Linda Rubin

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Make Way for MOANA—Saturday, February 24th

“It is the obligation of each person to be so drunk as not to be able to tell the difference between “Blessed be Mordecai” and “Cursed be Haman””. This quote is from: (choose one)

- A. The Temple Beth Shalom Purim Spiel Cast
- B. The Talmud
- C. Rabbi Bar-Lev’s diary

To maintain a frivolous spirit during the holiday of Purim while we read the Megilla (the book of Esther) we twirl groggers, wear costumes, shout boo and consume all of our daily calories by overeating hamantaschen.

The true essence of Purim is not about being so inebriated that we cannot distinguish between friend and foe. The holy day hopes that we recognize our enemy and are aware of the presence of adversaries in our lives.

The Torah portion that we read on the Shabbat before Purim, and the Haftarah read on the holiday itself both link Haman to Amalek, the archetypal enemy of the Jewish people. When we sound our groggers when we hear Haman’s name, we are following an instruction, “May his name be erased”.

Mordecai challenges Queen Esther, who has hidden her Jewish identity, in words that could be meant for every Jew who ever thought assimilation meant safety: “Do not imagine you, of all the Jews, will escape with your life by being in the king’s palace.”

Moana (have you seen this terrific Disney movie?) and Queen Esther have a lot in common. Like Esther, Moana honored her ancestors and knew that she was chosen to save her people. Both heroines listened to their voice within and discovered the courage that they needed to perform brave tasks.

Why am I comparing Moana to Esther, you ask? Because Moana is the theme of this year’s Purim Spiel!!!


Please join us at **4:28 PM on Saturday, February 24th** as we joyfully and musically retell the story of Esther, MOANA style!

Please have children come in costume (any costume). All children will be invited to participate in the show’s costume parade and will be given a gift acknowledging their participation. Children may eat as much hamantaschen as their parents will allow.

Coming Soon to TBS...The OSU Men’s Glee Club

Yes, for the first time ever, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY’S MEN’S GLEE CLUB will be singing at the February 2nd 6:30 Shabbat Service! Under the direction of Dr. Robert Ward, the Glee Club will be singing a set of songs that include two Hebrew songs written specifically for Dr. Ward’s Men’s Choir plus other genres of music including OSU spirit songs.

Please invite your families for this very special musical Shabbat!



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Rabbi B for Purim songs,
stories, snacks, crafts, and a ton
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As Tevye the Milkman and Lazar Wolf the Butcher sang:

“To life, to life, l’chaim!”

It’s 2018, a “chai” year. The number 18 has become part of our everyday lives. For a child’s B’Nai Mitzvah, we’ll write a check for an amount in a multiple of 18. We’ll do the same for a wedding couple. If someone we know has recently passed away, we’ll donate to their organization of choice in the same manner.

“Life has a way of confusing us, blessing and bruising us, drink l’chaim to life!”

A “chai” year only happens once a century. In 1918, World War I finally ended but the Spanish Flu began. But that’s life, just like the song says.

“God would like us to be joyful, even when our hearts lie panting on the floor.
But how much more can we be joyful when there's really something to be joyful for?
To life, to life, l'chaim.”

At Temple Beth Shalom, we make a special effort every third Friday when we celebrate Shabbat Chai, embracing the joyous sounds of the Shabbband. But, we embrace life every day as well. Every time we connect with a friend; light Shabbat candles or a memorial candle; try our hand at making challah or hamentashen, we are connecting with our Jewish selves and our Jewish lives.

All of this gives life to TBS and we hope you will spend time in 2018 being a part of the life of our wonderful congregation. The best part is that you don’t have to do or be anything special. Or, maybe the fact is that we consider every member special. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, you bring life to Temple Beth Shalom. This “chai” year will fly by. Please make the most of it.

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 - ◆ Eric Naiman & Mindy Agin, in honor of Rabbi Benjy
 - ◆ Bernard & Lajune Cohen, in honor of Rabbi Benjy
 - ◆ Dawn & Steve Schneir, in memory of Edward Schneir
 - ◆ Merle & Ron Schwartz, in honor of Dr. David Cantor's special birthday
 - ◆ Susie & Gary Rozanczyk, in memory of Bernard Linder
 - ◆ Roberta Kauffman
 - ◆ Melissa & Amiel Mansur, in honor of Rabbi Benjy
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RABBI HERZOG'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- ◆ Shelly & Brian Goodman, in honor of Grace Goodman's Bat Mitzvah
 - ◆ The Abramowitz Family
 - ◆ Eric Naiman & Mindy Agin, in honor of Rabbi Lenette
 - ◆ Maxine Weinberg, in memory of Jack Nedelman
 - ◆ Melissa & Amiel Mansur, in honor of Rabbi Lenette
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RABBI APOTHAKEK'S EMERITUS DISCRETIONARY FUND

- ◆ David & Kathy Segal, donation to Rabbi Apothaker
 - ◆ Suzanne Segal, in honor of Rabbi Apothaker officiating Mike's unveling
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ROLF KAUFMAN FUND

- ◆ Barbara & Marty Schuster, in honor of Lindsay Altschuld being accepted in the Honors Program at The Ohio State University
 - ◆ Ellie Kaufman, wishing Philip Edelsberg a very happy birthday
-

SOCIAL ACTION/B.R.E.A.D. FUND

- ◆ Joel & Ada Kent, in memory of Henry Wilson
 - ◆ David & Karen Cohn
-

TORAH AURA FUND

- ◆ Daniel & Paula Dreyfuss, in honor of Steve Grossman's retirement
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WILLIAM J. BELFORD RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

- ◆ Friends of Debbie Levine, in memory of Debbie Levine
- ◆ Len & Janice Brillson, in memory of Debbie Levine

I8 WBS & Men's Club

Women of Beth Shalom

The Women of Beth Shalom have been very busy with social action projects and fun nights out. We had a well attended mahjong night and we hope to see many more of you there, you do not have to be a mahjong expert to come and play. Don't forget to mark your calendars for **TBS quiz night Feb 3rd**, RSVP to mcsfried@gmail.com and **March 11th is our Annual Women's Seder**. If you have any suggestions or questions feel free to reach out to Lesley Thompson-lesleyt72@gmail.com or Rachel Westrick-rheleenp@gmail.com.

Join the ladies on WBS for a **happy hour at Firefly Cafe in New Albany on Wednesday, February 21!** Please see Evite for more information or contact Michelle Waltman at Mwaltman14@gmail.com!

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Save the Date

20th Annual WBS Women's Seder

Sunday, March 11, 2018

4:30 p.m. at TBS

Led by Rabbis Lenette Herzog and Leigh Ann Kopans and Cantorial Soloist Gail Rose

We hope that you will join us for this celebration which will include a catered meal and an enjoyable Seder of prayer and song creating a special place for the women in our congregation.

Look for RSVP information in the eWindow.

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

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We had a BLAST at your b'nai mitzvah celebration

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**The nominating committee is seeking
folks that are interested!**

**Please contact the Temple Office for more
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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 beautification 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.

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February 2nd

Rose Abeles
Leonard Goldman
Michael Green
Charlotte Harris
Ethel Masser
Norman May
Bertha Meisterman
Joseph Perlmutter
Jean Polacheck
Roslyn Pariser
Claudia Rinkov
Anne Sapadin
Allan Singer
Eric Smerekanich
Evelyn Steinberg
Martin Voronkov
Jack Waltman
Sally Wasserstrom
A. Weiler
Nina Weinstein
Sam Weinstein
Dorothy Weiss
Irving Yaross
Lee Yassenoff

Mildred Lorber
Armond Mears
Hayward Miller
Joseph Regueiro
Frank Scheer
Dora Staman
Estelle Steinman
Florence Suzner
Joshua Weisel

February 16th

Maryleone Basch
Harold Becker
Rosalind Donziger
Mark Feinknopf
Anna Poppendieck Gainer
Revekka Glazman
Iser Goldberg
Herman Kastner
Evelyn Katz
Harry Kohn
Janet Lynn
Bernard Rosenberg

February 9th

Edith Shapiro Brody
Sandrea Chait
William Duchon
Jerome Freundlich
Lee Kent
Murray Kessler

Donald Snider
Ann Spolter
Marjorie Tenney
Elizabeth Tishler
Jean Torch
Joseph Torch

February 23rd

Allen Bondy
Haim Leib Buim
Jack Cobern
Jack Daner
Morris Garek
Edwin Helburn
Helene Klein
Gertrude Lazerwitz
Ida Lichtblau
Martin Masser
William Maxman
Marvin Mentser
Goldie Prizant
Pearl Saltzman
Robert Segal
Rhonda Silverman
Joseph Slotin
Pauline Stein
Joan Steinberg
Lottie Stern
Sophie Treger

SCRIP Anyone?

Did you know that TBS members may purchase Scrip cards (similar to gift cards) through the Temple, and TBS

earns an average of about 4% of each dollar spent? There are more than 400 participating merchants, including Giant Eagle, Meijer, CVS, Lowes, Home Depot, and Staples, as well as restaurants and even cruises. For more info and to download an order form, visit TBS website's Scrip page at www.tbsohio.org/scrip-fundraising.html. When you're ready to order, contact Bonnie Abramowitz at (614) 855-4882 or email her at babramowitz@tbsohio.org.



TBS collected \$2,500 in FREE MONEY last year!



Thank you to all our Kroger shoppers!

Did you know you can support Temple Beth Shalom just by shopping at Kroger? The Kroger Community Rewards program was designed to make fund-raising for TBS the easiest in town...and all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! In fact, TBS averages \$2,000 per year from Kroger through this program.

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.



Featured Organization: Love Without Hurt

Workshop at TBS on March 4th, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Created in response to the epidemic of teen dating abuse, the professionals of Love Without Hurt are dedicated to empowering teens with the skills and information they need to build healthy relationships in their lives. In addition, they offer education, support and services to parents, educators and professionals who work with teens.

We are so very excited to be bringing Love Without Hurt to Temple Beth Shalom on **Sunday, March 4th from 11am - 12:45pm** for an interactive and informative workshop geared toward our high schoolers and their parents. On this amazing opportunity to learn and grow as a community Rabbi Lenette said, "At the very beginning of Creation, God says, 'It is not good for a person to be alone.' From this profound statement we learn the foundational Jewish value of fostering healthy relationships with family, friends and romantic partners. We are thrilled to bring this Love Without Hurt workshop to our teens and their families to engage with this value in an engaging and meaningful way."

Did you know?

- 1 in 3 high school girls have experienced some form of dating abuse
- 1 in 5 high school boys have experienced some form of dating abuse

Come to the Love Without Hurt Workshop and learn how to recognize signs of abuse, what to do if you are a bystander, how to recognize healthy relationships and more. Attendees can earn community service hours, if needed.

If you and/or your teen would like to attend, please RSVP to rabbilh@tbsohio.org. For more information about Love Without Hurt, please visit <http://www.lovewithouthurt.org>

Did you know that BREAD is actively working on four issues? QUESTIONS?

- 1) Youth and Family Concerns (new)
- 2) "Hire and Better Pay! Don't Throw Away!" (jobs)

- 3) "Fewer Suspensions! Effective Interventions!" (Juvenile Justice)
- 4) "Welcome Columbus" (local ID campaign)

Did you know that for every \$1 invested in BREAD, they have leveraged \$53 back into our local community?

Did you know that B.R.E.A.D. stands for Building Responsibility, Equality And Dignity?

Did you know that being involved in BREAD is the perfect way to show your concern for Social Justice?

Did you mark your calendar for **Monday, May 7, 2018** so that you can attend the Nehemiah Action?

MITZVAH DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE - MEMBERS NEEDED!

The Mitzvah Day Planning Committee has started working on details for **Mitzvah Day 2018, which will be April 22nd**. We could still use a few more volunteers to help. Please email rachel.murray26@gmail.com if you are interested. Thank you!

DELIVER KOSHER MEALS TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL — SO IMPORTANT AND SUCH A MITZVAH!

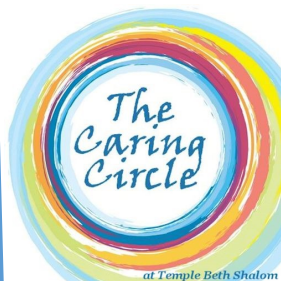
Bikur Cholim translates to "visiting the sick," but the newly formed Bikur Cholim Society of Columbus does much more than visit. The society provides kosher meals to observant families who come from around the world to Nationwide Children's Hospital for treatment. We operate solely through donations and volunteers who pick up meals (already prepared) and deliver them to Children's and/or Ronald McDonald House.

WANT TO FEEL INCREDIBLE?

Volunteer to deliver a meal(s) a day or two per month. Better yet, gather up some friends and commit to deliver meals the same day each week for a month! Do this mitzvah in honor/memory of someone you love. Signing up is easy—just follow this link to the sign-up Google doc for details.

<https://tinyurl.com/yd4ulho2>

Contact TBS Member Deb Rycus at deb.rycus@gmail.com or 614.561.4346



The Caring Circle Needs YOU!

Did you know 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.

The True Jewish Story of Saving Thomas Jefferson's Monticello

By Steve Seeskin, TBS Library Committee Chairperson

This month, The Kosher Bookworm will review the book, *The Levy Family and Monticello, 1834-1923: Saving Thomas Jefferson's House* by Melvin I. Urofsky.



Thomas Jefferson is famously known as the statesman who penned the Declaration of Independence, went on to become the Governor of the Virginia Colony during the Revolutionary War and the young country's third president. He founded the University of Virginia among other notable things. He could look out from the magnificent plantation home he architected and built in the mountains -- Monticello -- and see the university and the city of Charlottesville.

What is less known is Jefferson assumed large debts during his retirement years. He allowed Monticello to go into disrepair due to his poor cash flow position. His heirs had no choice but to sell Monticello to raise cash to settle with his creditors. Enter Commodore Uriah Phillips Levy, a Sephardic Jew, who had made a small fortune in New York City real estate and is of historical significance for his ending the U.S. Navy practice of flogging to maintain order and discipline at sea. The Commodore held Jefferson in the highest esteem for the latter's position of religious freedom where there would be no official church of state and where a member of any or no religion was eligible to hold high office.

It is a long story, but the Commodore purchased Monticello, even when over the years the property had gone into further disrepair due almost complete of neglect. The Commodore went about the business of restoring the mansion to its former grandeur. Eventually, the Commodore's nephew, Jefferson Monroe Levy, purchased Monticello from his Uncle's estate, which had again fallen into disrepair.

Jefferson Monroe Levy took on the business again of restoring the mansion. He even took on the effort to locate Thomas Jefferson's furniture pieces, so Levy could purchase the items and restore the interior as well as the building's structure and grounds. When Thomas Jefferson's pieces could not be located, Levy would purchase high quality period pieces.

Due to anti-Semitism, the Levy family role of saving Monticello from complete ruination was not mentioned to visitors neither in brochures nor in guided tour talks. Thankfully, this is not the case today and Urofsky's book is an attempt to set the record right.

Borrow this fascinating read and many other books from the TBS Library!

Temple Beth Shalom Reader's Circle Book Club welcomes new members:

We meet downtown at 6 p.m. every 4 - 6 weeks usually on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 6, and we are reading "Lilac Girls: A Novel" by Martha Hall Kelly.

If you'd like to join us for a potluck dinner and a lively discussion, contact Laurel Zulliger at 614-323-6419 Lzulliger@gmail.com

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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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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