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## Announcements!

☆ Are you interested in receiving a box of organic, freshly picked, and delicious vegetables from June through October? Please contact the temple office for more information!



# THE TBS REVERSE RAFFLE IS BACK!

**FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

Doors Open: 2pm | Drawing Begins: 3pm

**GRAND PRIZE:  
\$7,500!**

## WHAT IS A REVERSE RAFFLE?

In a reverse raffle, only 500 tickets will be sold. There is a 1 in 20 chance to win part of the \$18,600 in total prize money. There are 24 winners leading up to the Grand Prize drawing. The last ticket drawn wins the Grand Prize worth \$7,500!

Tickets cost \$100 each, and there is an option to purchase insurance for an additional \$25. You don't have to be present to win.



# 4 February Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 10am— Shabbat Torah Study
<b>2</b> 9am— Religious School 9:15am— Yiddish Club @ JCCNA	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6pm— Green Team Meeting 7pm— Purim Spiel Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 1pm— Mah Jongg 4pm— Hebrew Enrichment	<b>6</b> 6:30pm— Yalla @ COSI After Dark	<b>7</b> 6:30pm— 1st Friday Shabbat & Dinner (1st Grade Shabbat)	<b>8</b> 10am— First Aliyah of Abbie Bates
<b>9</b> 9am— Religious School 4pm— Board Meeting	<b>10</b> Tu Bishvat	<b>11</b> 7pm— Purim Spiel Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 1pm— Mah Jongg 4pm— Hebrew Enrichment	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10am— TBS Around Town @ Ballet- Met 6:30pm— Hebrew Name Shabbat	<b>15</b> 10am— Shabbat Torah Study
<b>16</b> 9:15am— Yiddish Club @ TBS	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 11:30am— WBS Lunch & Learn 7pm— Purim Spiel Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 1pm— Mah Jongg	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30pm— Shabbat Chai 8pm— Yalla Dinner & Kingmakers	<b>22</b> 10am— 5th & 6th Grade Shabbat
<b>23</b> 9am— Religious School 2pm— Reverse Raffle Drawing Party	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7pm— Purim Spiel Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 1pm— Mah Jongg	<b>27</b> 12pm— Lunch Bunch	<b>28</b> 6:30pm— Erev Shabbat Services	<b>29</b> 10am— Tot Shabbat

What do Stephen Colbert, Tina Fey,  
Jerry Stiller, and John Belushi have in common?

## THE SECOND CITY!

Chuckle along with us at TBS as we  
welcome Chicago's  
Second City Improv All-Stars!

at the

## TBS ANNUAL GALA

April 25th, 2020



We will have food, drinks, a silent  
auction, and great entertainment!

Look for an invitation in the mail or buy  
your tickets online at [tbsohio.org](http://tbsohio.org)!

# 6 The Buzz with Rabbi B



## A Guest Article By Lesley Thompson: Affinity Groups

Hello, my name is Lesley Thompson and I am the new Engagement Coordinator here at TBS. While Rabbi Benjy is enjoying his sabbatical he asked me to explain what an affinity group is and how you can participate.

Affinity groups have one simple purpose, to bring people together! Sharing life through community is part of our design, but meaningful relationships are sometimes hard to find. Affinity groups exist, to make life changing relationships relevant and accessible to you. Our groups allow you to find others in our community who have shared interests and passions in order to SEEK, ENGAGE, and TRANSFORM caring and supportive relationships.

Affinity groups and the Torah have more in common than you think. The Torah is a path and a cycle, offering a continuum of change and growth for our personal journey and that of the group. When an affinity group begins, the people in that group start on a journey.

The first book Genesis, the story of creation, is the start of your group's journey and members are beginning to connect with each other. In Exodus, just like the Israelites who leave Egypt in many tribes but arrive at Mt. Sinai as one unified people, they define themselves as a group. The next step is similar to the book of Leviticus. Groups in this stage have rituals and a common culture that they share. In the book of Numbers this is the part of the group life cycle in which each affinity group begins to take on a life of its own. This stage represents a group's ability to make choices together like when the Israelites are attempting to live into the norms they have created. In the last book of the Torah, Deuteronomy, this is the end of the groups life for the year. Some groups may decide to continue to get together knowing that new members or a new year will mean change and regeneration.

**How do I find the affinity group that is right for me?** There are group's based on interests, needs, and stages of life. Current groups range from the baking club to people with four legged friends. Other types of groups include affinity discussion groups which are based on where you live, work, and if you would like to meet people in your demographic. These groups will discuss curriculum specifically curated to facilitate transformative conversations among group members. Supportive affinity groups are designed to be a place in which you can move through life transitions together with others going through the same stages of life.

Any temple member can form a group. If you have a small Chavurah or group of friends already meeting, your group can be an affinity group and we want to support you. If you want help forming a Temple Affinity Group or help matching you to a group contact Lesley Thompson at [lthompson@tbsohio.org](mailto:lthompson@tbsohio.org) or 614.665.9726.

*Thank You!*

## Volunteer Recognition Shabbat

March 13,  
2020  
5:30pm

*We would like to honor all of our volunteers who generously devote their time to TBS. All are invited to a special pre-neg! Enjoy appetizers, drinks, and dessert before Shabbat services.*

# TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

PRESENTS

## UP, UP, AND OY VEY

*A SUPERHERO PURIM*

**MONDAY, MARCH 9TH**  **6:30PM**

**JOIN IN THE DARING OF RETELLING THE  
PURIM STORY!**

**Watch all of your favorite superheros,  
and some villains, act out brand new  
Purim hi-jinks!**

**WRITTEN BY: SEAN SILVER**

**DIRECTED BY: PAM SCHEER**

**CHOREOGRAPHY BY: DEBBIE COSTA & GAIL ROSE**



# 8 CHAI-er Learning with Rabbi Lenette Herzog



## What We Plant For Our Community

On a brisk and surprisingly cloudless day in January, I made a spontaneous decision to take a walk and enjoy the rare sunshine during this winter season. Even though I was bundled up, breathing the cold air and feeling the wind on my face woke up my senses. Even though it was the middle of winter, I could hear birds chirping and squirrels scurrying through the dry leaves. And even though the trees and bushes were devoid of color and foliage, their bark and branches were still beautiful, and held the promise of spring to come.

On February 10th we celebrate Tu Bishvat, whose name is the holiday's month and day on the Hebrew calendar, the 15th ("Tu") of ("Bi") the month Shvat. The ancient rabbis designated Tu Bishvat as the "New Year of the Trees," though it might seem a bit odd for us to celebrate nature in the middle of winter! But just as a new moon is marked by the absence of the moon, and therefore the beginning of its next phase, Tu Bishvat is the beginning of the trees' next cycle of blossoming leaves, fruit and nuts. Today, Tu Bishvat is considered "Jewish Earth Day," and communities celebrate by planting trees, holding Tu Bishvat seders, and enjoying fruits and nuts that come from trees, as well as the seven "species" of foods native to Israel.

Our tradition holds trees in such importance that they get their own holiday, and also asserts that trees are like humans! A verse in Deuteronomy, compares fruit trees to humans, asserting they must be spared during wartime. 10th century commentator Rashi writes, "Like humans, trees have the power to grow. And as humans have children, so do trees bear fruit. And when a human is hurt, cries of pain are heard throughout the world, so when a tree is chopped down, its cries are heard throughout the world."

Tu Bishvat gives us an opportunity to appreciate trees, and nature overall, as beings very similar to us. Science even agrees with Rashi, with studies showing that plants and trees "breathe in" carbon dioxide and "exhale" oxygen through photosynthesis and respiration. Plants and trees even feel pain and emit inaudible cries when they are trimmed or cut down. According to a New Yorker article, one study showed fir trees communicating through root systems to share nutrients and feed nearby seedlings, until their "children" were tall enough to take in light for themselves.

We also depend on trees for the air we breathe, recycling our carbon dioxide into oxygen, for our food, and for their role in natural ecosystems that we and all life relies on. As Jonny Keeling, executive producer of the BBC nature documentary Seven Worlds, One Planet says, "Every single mouthful of food that you take, and every single breath of air that you breathe, depends on a healthy, natural world."

Tu Bishvat also allows us to reaffirm the Jewish value ba'al tashchit, that we should not destroy nature or be wasteful of our earth's resources. With the climate crisis affecting the entire planet, from our own neighborhoods to the horrific brush fires in Australia, we can all do our part to make sure our planet is livable and thriving, for animals, plants and humans alike, not only now but for generations to come. It may have been nice to take a walk on a warm January day - but it's also evidence of the global crisis at hand.

I am thrilled that many of our congregants share this value and have helped kickstart our brand new TBS Green Team! The Green Team is a friendly and enthusiastic affinity group focusing on the mitzvah ba'al tashchit as well as enjoying nature. Our goals are to recommend how TBS go greener, and further support TBS' overall mission to form connections and community by planning educational and social programs about nature and the environment.

During our first meetings, we identified and begun pursuing several aspects to our building and programming that could be more energy efficient and environmentally friendly, such as switching some lighting to LED bulbs and using biodegradable plates for events. We have also reached out to All Saints across the street to explore environmental efforts we can pursue together.

We are also thrilled that a Green Team Fund has been established at TBS to help fund green initiatives. A huge thank you to generous TBS members for providing a seed contribution to this new fund. I would also like to thank all of our members for their hard work, especially our chair Debbie Leasure for leading our group, as well as Joanne & Steve Grossman and Rick & Tirtzah Sandor who have taken extra time and effort to help make all of the estimates and collaboration possible.

Our next Green Team meeting is on Tuesday February 4th, 6pm at the TBS library. All are welcome, including youth members - we hope you can make it!

In the meantime, here are a few things you can do to help celebrate Tu Bishvat and the value of Jewish environmentalism this month:

- ◆ Download the Ecosia search engine as a Chrome or Safari extension or on your phone. Every 45 searches plants a tree in conservation efforts around the world - their goal is 100 million trees this year!
- ◆ In your home, set your thermostat to 68 degrees this winter and turn off lights, conserve water, and unplug underutilized appliances.
- ◆ Check out AEP Ohio and other Columbus utility companies' many energy efficiency programs including lighting discounts, appliance recycling, and rebates.
- ◆ Save trees by purchasing paper towels, toilet paper, stationery, and other paper products made from recycled material or bamboo, a more renewable plant source than trees.
- ◆ Support our youth who are passionate about climate change and environmentalism
- ◆ As the weather gets warmer, plant flowers, shrubs, and trees, especially those native to Ohio

I hope this Tu Bishvat, February 10, we all enjoy some produce, take a walk outside if it's warm enough, and take a moment to appreciate the trees and the beautiful, diverse nature that we are lucky to be a part of.

TBS GREEN TEAM

**FEBRUARY 4TH | 6PM | TBS LIBRARY**

**Join our new committee to help make TBS a greener place for our community!**





## REVERSE RAFFLE: HOW DO I GET A TICKET?

\$100 - Ticket

\$125 - Ticket with Insurance

\$500 Gala Sponsorship - 1 Ticket with DOUBLE Insurance

\$1,000 Gala Sponsorship - 2 Tickets with DOUBLE Insurance

\$2,500 Gala Sponsorship - 4 Tickets with DOUBLE insurance

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE  
TEMPLE OFFICE OR ON THE TBS WEBSITE!**

### WHAT IS INSURANCE?

Insurance is a 2nd chance at winning for only \$25 more if your number is initially not drawn as a winner. Insurance places your ticket back in the drawing one time.

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SPONSORSHIP COMMITTED BEFORE FEBRUARY 17TH! DON'T  
MISS THIS EXCLUSIVE 3RD CHANCE TO WIN!



**HEBREW NAME SHABBAT**

Friday, February 14th | 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 12th to participate!



# TBS AROUND TOWN

GOES TO

# ALICE

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH | 10AM | \$21**

Enjoy a special performance of BalletMet's newest production, ALICE based off of Lewis Carroll's famous stories!

Please arrive early. Bus leaves TBS at 10am, ballet begins at 11am.

RSVP to [lthompson@tbsohio.org](mailto:lthompson@tbsohio.org)

# 12 Cantorial Corner with Gail Rose



## Purim is Almost Here!

Purim, the loudest of all Jewish Holidays, will be celebrated on **Monday, March 9th at 6:30 PM**. It has been a tradition at Temple Beth Shalom to celebrate this holiday with a fun-filled, humorous and musical version of the story of how Esther, a Jewish queen in ancient Persia, risked her life to save all the Jews in the land. Many Temple Beth Shalom members will be dressed in costume and will act, sing and dance their way into your hearts as we present this story in spiel form. (*Spiel* is the Yiddish word for play).

This year is certainly a Year of Heroes in the theatrical world. Nine movies or plays will be introduced in the Columbus area. They are: *Birds of Prey*, *Bloodshot*, *The New Mutants*, *Black Widow*, *Wonder Woman*, *Morbius*, *Venom 2*, *Eternals*, and most importantly...

## *Up, Up, and Oy Vey, a Superhero Purim*

The author of the spiel is **Sean Silver** and the lyric writers are **Joel Kent, Michael Berman, and Sean Silver**. In this spiel only, Marvel and DC heroes and villains are on the same bima as we present this spiel in typical zany TBS fashion.

Children will be invited to join in a costume parade that will be held during the show and will be awarded a special prize for their participation. Any costume is great!

Groggers will be provided to blot out the name Hamen and delicious hamantaschen will be served.

Autographs from Wonder Woman (Queen Esther), Batman (King Ahashverosh), Thanos (Haman), Superman (Mordechai), plus others will be available after the spiel!

# Tot Shabbat Purim Party!

**Saturday, February 29 | 10 AM**

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



# The Directive with Bonnie Abramowitz 13



## Creating Community Through Temple Beth Shalom

Did you know loneliness and social isolation can be as damaging to your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day? This information is according to researchers at Brigham Young University.

TBS can help those who feel alone by creating connections to an interest group, a volunteer opportunity, or through a conversation with our clergy. Do you like to bake? Do you enjoy creative writing? How about a visit to a landmark around Columbus? Interested in "green" initiatives? Each of these opportunities are available via a TBS affinity group. The goal of these groups is to bring like-minded people together outside of our sanctuary. New affinity groups continue to evolve as ideas are suggested.

Volunteering is another way to feel connected to others. The weekend of March 13-15 we have multiple opportunities to give back. On March 13th after Friday evening services, we are hosting a VOLUNTEER FAIR. Explore options in our Columbus Community to donate your time and/or resources. If you have a 4th - 6th grader, this is a great time for your child to research their B'nei Mitzvah Project. On Sunday March 15th, we will celebrate Mitzvah Day here at TBS with volunteer opportunities both in our building and at various locations around town. Check our website for more details.

Have a friend who is newly single? Know someone who just moved to the community? Please invite them to join you for services. As you already know, when you walk inside our doors, you find a deep commitment to anyone searching for connection.

## Giving to TBS: Qualified Charitable Distribution

**Many of our families have taken advantage of donating to Temple Beth Shalom through their IRA Accounts without the gift counting as income. This provision is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), and it might be a good option for you.**

**A QCD counts towards your Required Minimum Distribution. A recent change in law raises the RMD age from 70 1/2 to 72.**

**Check with your Financial Advisor to see how this change impacts you.**

## Have you heard about our NEW Legacy giving campaign?



Planning a charitable gift to Temple Beth Shalom is a meaningful way to leave a permanent legacy connecting you and your family to your spiritual home. Having a conversation to learn more is the first step.

Please reach out to our Executive Director Bonnie Abramowitz to learn more.

# TBS Youth Events

## Club Chaverim: 3rd & 4th Grades



**2/9**

Rockin' Jump



**3/1**

Westerville Watering Hole Swimming



**4/19**

After School Party



**5/3**

Lag B'Omer Camp Fire & Temple

## Club 56: 5th & 6th Grades



**2/23**

Rockin' Jump



**3/22**

Westerville Watering Hole Swimming



**4/26**

After School Party



**5/3**

Lag B'Omer Camp Fire & Temple

## JuBeSTY: 7th & 8th Grades



**2/2**

Scene 75



**3/7**

Purim Lock-In



**4/26**

Easton Scavenger Hunt



**5/3**

Clippers Baseball Game

## BeSTY: 9th - 12th Grades



**2/2**

Scene 75



**3/7**

Purim Lock-In



**4/11**

Service Project & COSI



**5/3**

Clippers Baseball Game

# MITZVAH DAY 2020

Spend the morning with the TBS congregation doing good deeds for our community.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH | 9AM | TBS**

## On-Site Activities:

Shabbat Trays for Bikur Cholim

Bags of Hope for YWCA

Red Cross Blood Drive

Making Dog Treats

Therapy Dog Visits

Make a donation, take a challah!

AND MORE!

## Off-Site Activities:

Buddy Boxes

Build-a-Bear for Foster Kids

New Albany Food Pantry

Ronald McDonald House

Gahanna Animal Medical Center

AND MORE!

## Mitzvah Day 2020 Collection:

Gently Used Children's Books

Travel-size toiletries

## Mitzvah Project Showcase:

Email Rabbi Lenette if your 6th or 7th grader would like to participate. We also welcome past B'nai Mitzvah students!

For off-site activity sign-up, link to our Amazon wish-list, and more information please visit [tbsohio.org](http://tbsohio.org) and click the Mitzvah Day button

# 16 Simcha Station

## February Birthdays

- February 1st — Marci Carron, Jennifer Cohen, Corey Dubin  
February 2nd — Steven Altschuld, Paula Bernard, Joel Kent  
February 4th — Herb Shnider  
February 5th — David Lefton  
February 6th — Neila Lieberman  
February 7th — Michael Griffaton  
February 8th — Don Barger  
February 10th — Jacki Blackstone, Becca Foskuhl, Janice Silver  
February 11th — Suzanne Hirsh  
February 12th — Jonathan Bleiweiss, Brian Mason, Lance Shnider, Michael Weisel, Jonathan Wolman  
February 13th — Bob Berky, Stephen Brooks, Amanda Cohen, Kim Dobres, Barry Turner  
February 14th — Jeff Waltman  
February 15th — Jeri Kerns  
February 16th — Debbie Bates, Leon Friedberg, Steve Loewengart, Jenna Schultz, Steve Sferrella  
February 17th — Pamela Feldman-Hill, John Kobacker  
February 19th — Dustin Goldman, Randolph Schultz  
February 20th — Missy Goldblatt, Pam Miller-Meizlish  
February 21st — Mark Dornfeld, David Lynn  
February 22nd — Rabbi Howard Apothaker, Janet Brand, Rachel Dolsky  
February 23rd — M.J. Benzakein, Michael Piccerello, Lisa Spector  
February 24th — Sheila Torch  
February 25th — Aaron Gilbert, Gene Shuman, Tim Westrick  
February 26th — Ann Perelstein  
February 27th — Mitch Miller, Todd Sandler  
February 28th — Amy Dubin, Linda Mendel, Michael Roads, Alan Weisenberg

## February Anniversaries

- February 3rd — Martin & Randi Lewis  
February 15th — DJ & Becky Scherzer  
February 18th — Aaron & Shawna Garry, Susie & Gary Rozanczyk  
February 19th — Ruth & Randy Bank  
February 22nd — Moshe & Linda Rubin

## Abbie Bates



On Saturday, February 8 at 10 o'clock in the morning Abigail Bates, daughter of Deborah and Steven Bates, sister of Leah, Jonathan, and Sarah, granddaughter of Daniel and Ann Lang is called to the Torah for her First Aliyah.

Abigail is a 7th grader at Canal Winchester Middle School and she attends the Temple Beth Shalom Kehillat Torah Religious School. She plays travel soccer and does club swim.

For her mitzvah project she was a junior swim coach for the Canal Winchester Dolphins where she worked with the younger swimmers to help them improve with their swimming.

# Mazel tov



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## MAZEL TOV!

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*Alli Scolnick  
Josh Berzow  
Isabel Goldstein  
Aiden Shnider*

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Mobile DJ Entertainment

# February Yahrzeits 17

## February 7th

Rose Abeles  
Tillie Chait  
William Duchon  
Leonard Goldman  
Leonhard Katz  
Lee Kent  
Bernard Linder  
Mildred Lorber  
Bertha Meisterman  
Linda Portigal  
Joseph Regueiro  
Claudia Rinkov  
Frank Scheer  
Allan Singer  
Eric Smerekanich  
Dora Staman  
Evelyn Steinberg  
Martin Voronkov  
Sally Wasserstrom  
Sam Weinstein  
Joshua Weisel  
Marion Zulliger

## February 14th

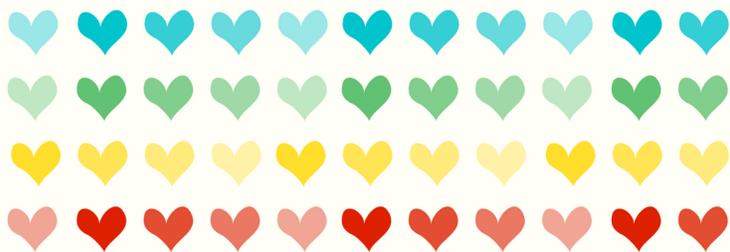
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Mollie Blank  
Sandrea Chait  
Mark Feinknopf  
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Janet Lynn  
Armond Mears  
Hayward Miller  
Anna Poppendieck Gainer  
Bernard E. Rosenberg  
Helen Skilken  
Florence Suszner  
Irene Telford  
Marjorie Tenney  
Dorothy Weiss  
Irving Yaross

## February 21st

Allen Bondy  
Haim Leib Buium  
George Cobern  
Morris Garek  
Edwin Helburn  
Lawrence Hoff  
Evelyn Katz  
Murray Kessler  
Harry Kohn, Jr.  
Ida Lichtblau  
Martin Masser  
William Maxman  
Malcolm Robbins  
Robert Sanders  
Robert Segal  
Edith Shapiro Brody  
Rhonda Silverman  
Joseph Slotin  
Donald Snider  
Ann Spolter  
Lottie Stern  
Sophie Treger

## February 28th

Mary Austin  
Lea Bank  
Samuel Brandt  
Revekka Glazman  
Leah Golin  
Yetta Jobrack  
Gertrude Lazerwitz  
Bruno Levenbach  
Sam Levin  
Devorah Perelstein  
Charles Polacheck  
Murray Rubin  
Pauline Stein  
Joan Steinberg  
Janet Yailen



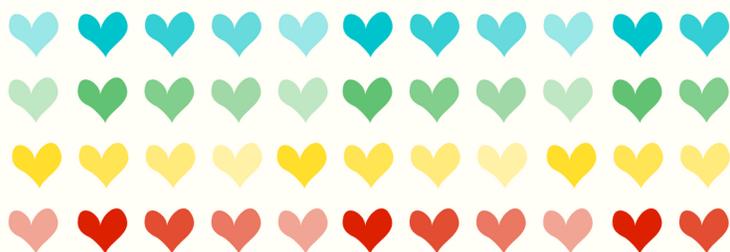
## Lunch & Learn

February 18th | 11:30am

Join Rabbi Lenette as we  
explore great stories of  
romance in the Torah!



Women of Beth Shalom



## LUNCH BUNCH

February 27 | 12pm | \$10/person



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## Assuring the Future of TBS

"I found a fruitful world, because my ancestors planted it for me. Likewise, I am planting for future generations."

- Talmud, Ta'anit 23

"If 20% of your religious institution's operating budget is not coming from your endowment by 2030, your organizations will be in fiscal crisis."

- Current Philanthropic Advisors

"In order to assure that we are planting for future generations, it is important for Jewish or-

ganizations, including TBS, to tap into the \$59,000,000,000 in generational wealth transfer that is currently ongoing in the United States." - Harold Grinspoon Foundation

In recognition that most local Jewish organizations do not have sufficient endowments to meet this long term need, Jewish Columbus has organized an effort, known as the Life and Legacy program, for all of Central Ohio's Jewish organizations to assure their continued viability.

TBS has elected to participate in this program, which will receive substantial guidance and support from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, that was established by Mr. Grinspoon to assure the continuing existence of thriving Jewish organizations. This endeavor is its eighth year of conducting such programs across the United States. In each of the seven prior years the Foundation has started the program in four or five cities, with great success. It provides proven methods, professional assistance and financial incentives over several years that should allow the overall Jewish community and its individual organizations to maintain the program on an ongoing basis.

This program does not seek immediate financial payments, but donations made through wills, trusts, life insurance policies or similar types of estate planning and deferred giving. Such donations are not necessarily large, but if provided by a broad base of members, who have an interest in perpetuating TBS for future generations, when pooled together they can have a tremendous affect, not immediately but in the long term.

In order to navigate the next five years, TBS has developed its five year strategic plan, which, among other things, includes a five year financial plan. The financial plan is intended to set forth how TBS would cover its financial needs over that period including general operating costs as well as immediate upkeep of the building.

The plan lays out the Above and Beyond program being led by Phil Goldstein, as previously discussed, which includes appeals to those who are willing to give at a higher level, to raise their dues above the standard level and/or to make contributions toward specific projects which addresses their specific interests as well as TBS needs. We believe this effort is off to a good start. In addition, we are attempting to supplement this with event fund raising, specifically with the second reverse raffle and our annual spring event, which this year is built around a performance by the Second City comedy troupe. Both of these events serve a dual purpose of raising funds for TBS (a significant part of which will come from non-members, thereby reducing the financial burden for members) and providing an opportunity for social engagement amongst our members.

Our vision is that if this program is successful, TBS will be able to fund yearly operating requirements, make immediate needed repairs and build and maintain the TBS maintenance reserve with consistent annual funding through the operating budget. WE BELIEVE THAT, if successful, THEREAFTER TBS WILL BE ABLE TO FUND PERIODIC MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS, such as HVAC repair and replacement, parking lot maintenance and sanctuary chair and carpet replacement, FROM THE MAINTENANCE RESERVE SO THAT FUTURE APPEALS TO MEMBERS TO PAY FOR SPECIFIC REPAIRS/REPLACEMENTS WILL NOT BE NECESSARY.

The strategic plan, including the Above and Beyond program are intended to guide TBS through the next five years. It will take 15 -20 years to start to significantly benefit from the Life and Legacy program. There will need to be further consideration of the intermediate 10 or so years. However, it is critical that we start to think beyond just getting through the next year or two.

We recognize, and do not expect, that members will be able to participate in every part of Above and Beyond, fund raising events and Life and Legacy. We are offering a variety of options to allow members to select what appeals to them and what fits their individual financial circumstances.

We are pleased to have been accepted into the Life and Legacy program and excited that Pam Scheer, one of our immediate past co-presidents, has volunteered to lead this effort. We look forward to obtaining membership support for this project, as well as the Above and Beyond initiative. Such support will allow TBS to flourish both now and in the future.

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- ◆ Richard & Denise Kohn in memory of Donald Snider & Harry Kohn Jr.

## CARING CIRCLE FUND

- ◆ Tim & Beth Gerber, donation to Julie Dunkle
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## COHEN-FEIBEL FUND

- ◆ Rob & Naomi Cohen, in honor of Rabbi Benjy for his kindness, phone calls, and visits

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- ◆ Richard & Sheila Abramowitz, in honor of our daughter doing an "awesome" job during High Holidays in organizing a smooth & beautiful experience for all congregants.
- ◆ Paul Gross, we were very happy to spend the holiday with you. I enjoyed the services at your temple. Hopefully, we'll be able to do this again next year.
- ◆ Adelaide Mentser & Barry Mentser, in memory of Garry Ira Mentser
- ◆ Dan & Ann Lang, in honor of Bonnie Abramowitz being a difference maker

## GENERAL FUND

- ◆ Rita Cohen & I. David Cohen, in memory of Alfred Spiegler
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  - ◆ Jacky Philips, in memory of Randie Sass, a wonderful person and good friend
  - ◆ Steve & Theresa Belford
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- ◆ Andy Kool-Tucker
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  - ◆ Bea Gardner, in memory of Dan Teitel
  - ◆ Steve & Theresa Belford, in honor of Ellie's Bat Mitzvah
  - ◆ Alan Klodell, thank you for the yahrzeit memorial service for Alexandria
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  - ◆ Bernard & LaJune Cohen
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- ◆ Janet Brand, in memory of, Dora Levinstein, an extraordinary and wonderful person who made a great difference to our family
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# 22 Mitzvah Corps Central



## Continuing Monthly Mitzvah: Collection for NCJW Back to School Store

NCJW is excited to announce that the 2nd annual NCJW Back to School Store has been scheduled for July 26th, 2020.

The NCJW Columbus Back-to-School Store assists elementary school children from low-income families in the Columbus area. We work with social service agencies, churches, temples, schools, and community service organizations to help select the qualifying service organizations to help select the qualifying children. The 2020 store will focus on serving boys

and girls going into 1st through 5th grade. Each child receives a new outfit of clothing, underwear, socks, winter coat, hat, gloves, backpack, personal care items, school supplies and a book.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We are collecting **NEW winter gloves and hats** for boys and girls - youth sizes & adult smalls

**\*\*Drop off items at TBS through the end of February\*\***

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, February 23rd @ 3pm: Tzedakah Collective Meeting at Beth Tikvah

The Tzedakah Collective will focus on mental health illness at our first meeting of the year. We will hear from Melissa's House, a Columbus non-profit that was founded by Elaine and Nate Goldberg whose daughter struggled with mental health illness and spent years in and out of mental health facilities. In 2006, she died young before ever finding a suitable treatment residence that was safe, welcoming, comfortable and supportive. The family was determined to help others in similar circumstances. The speaker will explain the history, mission, funding, activities, projects, planning, and volunteer opportunities. You and all other Reform Jewish Women from Temple Israel, Temple Beth Shalom, Beth Tikvah and those who are unaffiliated are welcome. Questions? RSVP? Contact Marsha Pond, Tzedakah Collective Coordinator 614-468-1728 [marshapond@msn.com](mailto:marshapond@msn.com)

#### Friday, March 13th @ 7:30pm: Volunteer Fair at TBS

Stay after services to explore volunteer opportunities in the community. There will be non-profits from all over the city to share their organizations and how you can get involved. This event is open to the public! Please spread the word. If you would like to help or know of an organization that would like to be involved, please reach out to [rachel.murray26@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.murray26@gmail.com)

#### Sunday, March 15th @ 9am: Mitzvah Day at TBS

Join us for a morning filled with community service projects for all ages. We will be packing sack lunches, making Bags of Hope for the homeless, braiding challah, baking dog treats for local shelters, and much more! Interested in off-site activities? Be on the look out for a Sign-Up Genius coming out soon! Want to get involved in the planning? Email [rachel.murray26@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.murray26@gmail.com)

### 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. 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](mailto: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 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.

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Friday	Time	Theme
First Friday	6:30pm	Family oriented service with music & story followed by dinner in the social hall.
Second Friday	6:30pm	Focus on Life-long learning with text study. Standard TBS music.
Third Friday	6:30pm	Shabbat Chai - All music service with the Shabband!
Fourth Friday	7:30pm	Traditional Shabbat Service with a sermon and traditional TBS music.
Fifth Friday	6:30pm	Traditional Shabbat Service with a sermon and traditional TBS music.

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